

Boosted Bespoke

Bare Bones Bash

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Make sure to cd back to ~/BareBonesBash now!



Outline

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- How to rename stuff
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- While loop: to infinity and beyond!
- Conditionals: IF/ELSE
- Modifying files: SED, PASTE



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```
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How can you search for files and directories hidden in layers and layers (of your very organised 😊) directories?



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- **Finally** after `-name` we give the the 'strings' to search for
 - Use wildcards (*) for maximum laziness!



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- rev: reverses a character string
- cut: cuts a string into multiple pieces



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cut needs some arguments.

- -d specifies the field **d**elimiter we are using. Here it is space (" ") .
- -f specifies which **f**ield we wish to cut out (the second one).

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$ echo "aBcDeF 654321" | cut -d " " -f 2
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- Regex is an important concept. You will find them in most programming languages.
- Syntax can vary from language to language, but here's how they work in bash.



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Let's also look at the contents.

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$ cat regex.txt
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| Finds strings containing: any character + ear

- . : match any character

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Lines starting with one or multiple of: r or b

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Lines ending with r

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pear
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This can be intimidating, however there are lots of resources on the internet (reminder: Google everything!) to help, such as:

<https://regex101.com/>. Note that regex's can be slightly different per shell and language!



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> done < File_names.txt
```

When you're ready, uncomment the `mv` command to move each file from the original location into the new location!

Question: in this context, why do you have to use 'basename' for the target directory?



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We have previously seen the concept of for loop:

```
$ for file in file1 file2 file3 file4; do  
> echo "${file}"  
> done
```

For loops repeat a set of code for a set of items, by changing the value of a variable in each iteration.



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Disclaimer: literally pastes columns, no matching done. Only works if both

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sed can edit a file **i**n place, with the `-i` option.



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You can have sequential conditions too with `elif`, short
for `else if`.

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*Play around with the variables
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>  
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>   if [[ ${animal} == "cat" ]]; then  
>     mv ${image_name} images/cat/  
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Good! Everything moved into the correct subfolder!



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A screenshot of a terminal window showing the beginning of a scroll script. The code is as follows:

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window.scroll(0, scrollHeight);
```



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The first thing you almost always need to do with any script is to specify which language the script is using. This is done with a 'shebang'



It consists of a `#!` to indicate it's a shebang, then a path to a list that *unix stores locations of all programs in.

On the first line of your text editor window, type:

```
#! /usr/bin/env bash
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How did we told bash to print something in screen?

```
#!/usr/bin/env bash  
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```

save the file by presing **Ctrl+X**, press **"Y"** to confimr you want to save and press enter to save it as `first_script.sh`.

That's it! You've made your first script!



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You will often go back to old scripts and
not remember the options and
arguments they need.

Having help text will make it easier to
remember.



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- Explain your code to someone else!
Talking through the logic of it will often make the problem obvious.
 - This is called the Rubber ducky approach, as many programmers have a rubber duck on their desk to explain their code to.



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Quiz time!



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You are set up to start now!



Today I learned...

- find to locate files or directories
- What is a for loop
- Regular expressions for weird and wonderful pattern matching
- rename for renaming files
- While loops (reading contents of files)
- sed for on-the-fly string manipulation *within* files
- If statements and conditionals (if this, then do that, else do this)
- Scripts and arguments (now you're a programmer! Yes, you!)



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There is more!

- This was a reduced version of previous BBB series
- You can find all the slides and walkthroughs here:
<https://barebonesbash.github.io/#/>



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