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What is Bash Scripting?



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What is Bash scripting and how does it work?

- Bash, short for Bourne-Again Shell, is a Unix shell and a command language interpreter. It interprets a shell scripting language and executes the commands.
- Bash scripting can be used to automate linux tasks (automate means instead of executing individual commands to perform a specific task, simply run the bash file which can automate the same process).

How to create a bash file?

to create a bash file , type the command given below \rightarrow

```
sayam@sayam-VirtualBox:~/Desktop

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sayam@sayam-VirtualBox:~$ cd Desktop
sayam@sayam-VirtualBox:~/Desktop$ nano automate.sh
```

bash script to perform auto update of installed linux packages.

```
#! /bin/bash

echo "Do you want to upgrade" //asking user choice
echo "1. yes"
echo "2. no"
read n
if(($n==1))
then
sudo apt-get upgrade -y // command to update
elif(($n==2))
then
exit
else
echo "Wrong choice entered"
fi
```

```
sayam@sayam-VirtualBox: ~/Desktop

GNU nano 4.8 automate.sh Modified

#! /bin/bash

echo "Do you want to upgrade"
echo "1. yes"
echo "2. no"

read n

if(($n==1))
then

Sudo apt-get upgrade -y
elif(($n==2))
then
exit
else
echo "Wrong choice entered"
fi
```

How to run a bash file?

In order to run a bash file, firstly add executable permissions to bash file. To make
a bash file executable follow the command given below

```
chmod +x filename.sh

sayam@sayam-VirtualBox:~/Desktop

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sayam@sayam-VirtualBox:~/Desktop$ chmod +x automate.sh
sayam@sayam-VirtualBox:~/Desktop$
```

After adding executable permissions, run the bash file follow the below command

```
./filename.sh

sayam@sayam-VirtualBox:-/Desktop

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sayam@sayam-VirtualBox:-/Desktop$ ./automate.sh

Do you want to upgrade
1. yes
2. no
```

Bash Script to install and configure git

• Bash Script to automate the process of installation of git and configure it.

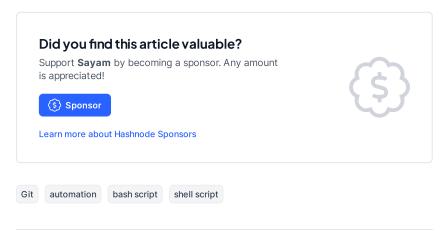
```
echo "-----"
echo "Git has been configured!"
git config --list
else
echo "Git is already installed in your system"
fi
```

```
sayam@sayam-VirtualBox:~/Desktop$ ./install.sh
Git is already installed in your system
sayam@sayam-VirtualBox:~/Desktop$
```

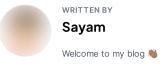
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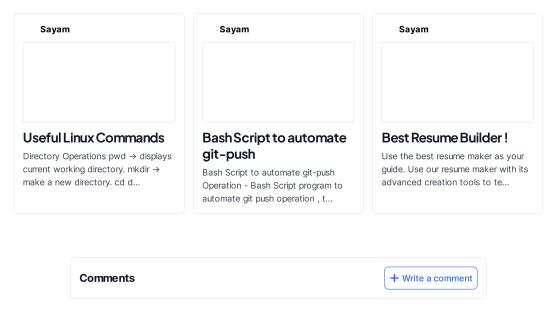
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