

Array in Shell Scripting

An array is a systematic arrangement of the same type of data. But in Shell script Array is a variable which contains multiple values may be of same type or different type since by default in shell script everything is treated as a string. An array is zero-based ie indexing start with 0.

How to Declare Array in Shell Scripting?

We can declare an array in a shell script in different ways.

1. Indirect Declaration

In Indirect declaration, We assigned a value in a particular index of Array Variable. No need to first declare.

```
ARRAYNAME[INDEXNR]=value
```

2. Explicit Declaration

In Explicit Declaration, First We declare array then assigned the values.

```
declare -a ARRAYNAME
```

3. Compound Assignment

In Compound Assignment, We declare array with a bunch of values. We can add other values later too.

```
ARRAYNAME=(value1 value2 .... valueN)
```

or

```
[indexnumber=]string
```

```
ARRAYNAME=( [1]=10 [2]=20 [3]=30 )
```

To Print Array Value in Shell Script?

To Print All elements

[@] & [*] means All elements of Array.

```
echo ${ARRAYNAME[*]}
```

```
1.#! /bin/bash
```

```
# To declare static Array
```

```
arr=(prakhar ankit 1 rishabh manish abhinav)
```

```
# To print all elements of array
```

```
echo ${arr[@]}
```

```
echo ${arr[*]}
```

```
echo ${arr[@]:0}
```

```
echo ${arr[*]:0}
```

```
2. # To print first element
```

```
echo ${arr[0]}
```

```
echo ${arr}
```

```
3. # To print particular element
```

```
echo ${arr[3]}
```

```
echo ${arr[1]}
```

```
4. # To print elements from a particular index
```

```
echo ${arr[@]:0}
```

```
echo ${arr[@]:1}
```

```
echo ${arr[@]:2}
echo ${arr[0]:1}
```

5. # To print elements in range

```
echo ${arr[@]:1:4}
echo ${arr[@]:2:3}
echo ${arr[0]:1:3}
```

6. # Length of Particular element

```
echo ${#arr[0]}
echo ${#arr}
```

7. # Size of an Array

```
echo ${#arr[@]}
echo ${#arr[*]}
```

o Search in Array

arr[@] : All Array Elements.

/Search_using_Regular_Expression/ : Search in Array

Search Returns 1 if it found the pattern else it return zero. It does not alter the original array elements.

8. # Search in Array
echo \${arr[@]/*[aA]*/}

9. # Replacing Substring Temporary

```
echo ${arr[@]//a/A}
echo ${arr[@]}
echo ${arr[0]//r/R}
```

To delete Array Variable in Shell Script?

To delete index-1 element

```
unset ARRAYNAME[1]
```

To delete the whole Array

```
unset ARRAYNAME
```

while loop

10. # !/bin/bash

```
# To declare static Array
arr=(1 12 31 4 5)
i=0
```

```
# Loop upto size of array
# starting from index, i=0
while [ $i -lt ${#arr[@]} ]
do
```

```
    # To print index, ith
    # element
    echo ${arr[$i]}
```

```
    # Increment the i = i + 1
```

```
        i=`expr $i + 1`  
done
```

For Loop

```
11.# !/bin/bash  
# To declare static Array  
arr=(1 2 3 4 5)  
  
# loops iterate through a  
# set of values until the  
# list (arr) is exhausted  
for i in "${arr[@]}"  
do  
    # access each element  
    # as $i  
    echo $i  
done
```

To Read the array elements at run time and then Print the Array.

1. Using While-loop

```
12.# !/bin/bash  
  
# To input array at run  
# time by using while-loop  
  
# echo -n is used to print  
# message without new line  
echo -n "Enter the Total numbers :"  
read n  
echo "Enter numbers :"  
i=0  
  
# Read upto the size of  
# given array starting from  
# index, i=0  
while [ $i -lt $n ]  
do  
    # To input from user  
    read a[$i]  
  
    # Increment the i = i + 1  
    i=`expr $i + 1`  
done  
  
# To print array values  
# starting from index, i=0  
echo "Output :"  
i=0  
  
while [ $i -lt $n ]  
do  
    echo ${a[$i]}
```

```
        # To increment index
        # by 1, i=i+1
        i=`expr $i + 1`
done
```

using for loop

13. # !/bin/bash

```
# To input array at run
# time by using for-loop
```

```
echo -n "Enter the Total numbers : "
read n
echo "Enter numbers:"
i=0
```

```
# Read upto the size of
# given array starting
# from index, i=0
while [ $i -lt $n ]
do
```

```
    # To input from user
    read a[$i]
```

```
    # To increment index
    # by 1, i=i+1
    i=`expr $i + 1`
done
```

```
# Print the array starting
# from index, i=0
echo "Output :"
```

```
for i in "${a[@]}"
do
    # access each element as $i
    echo $i
done
```