

Shell Scripting

Programming or Scripting ?

- Shell scripting allows us to **automate a lot of tasks** that would otherwise require a lot of commands.
 - Programming languages:
 - **more powerful and a lot faster** than scripting languages
 - compiled into an **executable**
 - executable is **not easily ported** into different operating systems
 - Scripting languages:
 - **generally slower** than compiled programs
 - **interpreter** reads the instructions and **execute**
 - source files **easily portable** to any operating system

The first bash script

```
$ cat > hello.bash
#!/bin/bash
echo "Hello World!!!"
^D

$ chmod 700 hello.bash

$ hello.bash
Hello World
```

SHELL PROGRAMS: SCRIPTS

- The system decides **which shell the script is written for** by examining the first line of the script.
- Here are the rules that it uses to make this decision:
 - 1) If the first line of the script is just **a pound sign(#)**, then the script is interpreted by the shell from which you executed this script as a command.
 - 2) If the first line of the script is of **the form #! path name**, then **the executable program pathName** is used to interpret the script.
 - 3) If neither rule1 nor rule2 applies, then the script is interpreted **by a Bourne shell (sh)**.

SHELL PROGRAMS: SCRIPTS

- Here is an example that illustrates the construction and execution of two scripts, one for the Bash shell and the other for the Korn shell.

\$ cat > script1 ---> create the bash script.

#!/bin/bash

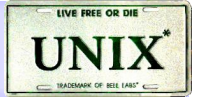
This is a sample bash script.

echo -n "the date today is " # in bash, -n omits new line

date # output today's date.

^D ---> end of input.

Bash Shell



- several common built-in variables that have special meanings:

Name	Meaning
\$\$	The process ID of the shell.
\$#	The number of parameters passed.
\$0	The name of the shell script (if applicable).
\$1..\$9	\$n refers to the nth command line argument (if applicable).
\$*	A list of all the command-line arguments.
@	Array of words containing all the parameters passed to the script

Example:

\$ **cat script2** ---> list the script.

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
echo the name of this script is $0
```

```
echo the first argument is $1
```

```
echo a list of all the arguments is $*
```

```
echo this script places the date into a temporary file called $1.$$
```

```
date > $1.$$ # redirect the output of date.
```

```
ls $1.$$ # list the file.
```

\$ **script2 paul ringo george john** ---> execute the script.

```
the name of this script is script3
```

```
the first argument is paul
```

```
a list of all the arguments is paul ringo george john
```

```
this script places the date into a temporary file called paul.24321
```

```
paul.24321
```

```
$ _
```

Read command

- The read command allows to prompt for input and store it in a variable.

- Example:

```
$ cat exp1
```

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
echo -n "Enter name of file to delete: "
```

```
read file
```

```
echo "Type 'y' to remove it, 'n' to change your mind ... "
```

```
rm -i $file
```

```
echo "That was YOUR decision! "
```


Arithmetic Evaluation

- The **let** statement can be used to do **mathematical functions**:

```
$ let X=10+2*7
```

```
$ echo $X
```

```
24
```

```
$ let Y=X+2*4
```

```
$ echo $Y
```

```
32
```

- An **arithmetic expression** can be evaluated by **\$((expression))**
or **#[expression]**

```
$ echo $((123+20))
```

```
143
```

```
$ abc=$[123+20]
```

```
$ echo $[123*abc]
```

```
17589
```

Arithmetic Evaluation

- Available operators: $+$, $-$, $/$, $*$, $\%$

- Example

```
$ cat exp2
#!/bin/bash
echo -n "Enter the first number: "; read x
echo -n "Enter the second number: "; read y
add=$((x+y))
sub=$((x-y))
mul=$((x*y))
div=$((x/y))
mod=$((x%y))
# print out the answers:
echo "Sum: $add"
echo "Difference: $sub"
echo "Product: $mul"
echo "Quotient: $div"
echo "Remainder: $mod"
```

Conditional Statements

- **Conditionals** let us decide whether to perform an action or not, this decision is taken by evaluating an expression. The most basic form is:

```
if [ expression ];  
then  
    statements  
elif [ expression ];  
then  
    statements  
else  
    statements  
fi
```

- the **elif** (else if) and **else** sections are optional
 - Put **spaces** after **[** and **before]**, and **around the operators** and **operands**.
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Expressions

- An **expression** can be: **String comparison**, **Numeric comparison**, **File operators** and **Logical operators** and it is represented by **[expression]**:

- String Comparisons:

= compare if two strings are **equal**
!= compare if two strings are **not equal**

- Examples:

[\$s1 = \$s2] (true if **s1** same as **s2**, else false)
[\$s1 != \$s2] (true if **s1** not same as **s2**, else false)
[\$s1] (true if **s1** is not empty, else false)

Expressions

- Examples: String Comparisons:

```
$ cat exp3
```

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
s1="ITWS1";s2="UG1";s3="UG1";s4=" ";
```

```
if [ $s1 = $s2 ]; then echo True ; else echo false ; fi
```

```
if [ $s2 = $s3 ]; then echo True ; else echo false ; fi
```

```
if [ $s1 != $s2 ]; then echo True ; else echo false ; fi
```

```
if [ $s2 != $s3 ]; then echo True ; else echo false ; fi
```

```
if [ $s3 ]; then echo True ; else echo false ; fi
```

```
if [ $s4 ]; then echo True ; else echo false ; fi
```

Expressions

- Examples: String Comparisons:

Make errors

```
s1="ITWS1"; s2="UG1";s3="UG1";
```

```
if[ $s2 = $s3 ]; then echo True ; else echo false ; fi
```

```
if [$s2 = $s3 ]; then echo True ; else echo false ; fi
```

```
if [$s2 = $s3]; then echo True ; else echo false ; fi
```

```
if [ $s2= $s3 ]; then echo True ; else echo false ; fi
```

```
if [ $s2=$s3 ]; then echo True ; else echo false ; fi
```

```
if [ $s1=$s3 ]; then echo True ; else echo false ; fi
```

```
if [ $s2 -eq $s3 ]; then echo True ; else echo false ; fi
```

```
if ( $s2 = $s3 ); then echo True ; else echo false ; fi
```

Examples - Check the login name

```
$ cat exp4
#!/bin/bash
echo -n "Enter your login name: "
read name
if [ $name ]; then
    if [ $name = $USER ]; then
        echo "Hello, $name. How are you today?"
    else
        echo "You are not the actual user, so who are you?"
    fi
else
    echo "Username can not be empty!"
fi
```

Expressions

- Number Comparisons:

- eq compare if two numbers are equal
- ge compare if one number is greater than or equal to a number
- le compare if one number is less than or equal to a number
- ne compare if two numbers are not equal
- gt compare if one number is greater than another number
- lt compare if one number is less than another number

- Examples:

- [n1 -eq n2] (true if n1 same as n2, else false)
- [n1 -ge n2] (true if n1 greater than or equal to n2, else false)
- [n1 -le n2] (true if n1 less than or equal to n2, else false)
- [n1 -ne n2] (true if n1 is not same as n2, else false)
- [n1 -gt n2] (true if n1 greater than n2, else false)
- [n1 -lt n2] (true if n1 less than n2, else false)

Expressions

- Examples: Number Comparisons:

```
num1=10; num2=25;
```

```
if [ $num1 -eq $num2 ]; then echo True ; else echo false ; fi
```

```
if [ $num1 = $num2 ]; then echo True ; else echo false ; fi
```

```
if [ $num1 -ne $num2 ]; then echo True ; else echo false ; fi
```

```
if [ $num1 != $num2 ]; then echo True ; else echo false ; fi
```

```
if [ $num1 -gt $num2 ]; then echo True ; else echo false ; fi
```

```
if [ $num1 -lt $num2 ]; then echo True ; else echo false ; fi
```

Make errors

```
if[ $num1 -lt $num2 ]; then echo True ; else echo false ; fi
```

```
if [$num1 -lt $num2 ]; then echo True ; else echo false ; fi
```

```
if [ $num1-lt $num2 ]; then echo True ; else echo false ; fi
```

Examples - Compute square of numbers [0, 10]

```
$ cat exp5
#!/bin/bash
echo -n "Enter a number 0 <= x <= 10: "
read num
if [ ! $num ]; then
    echo "You have not entered any number!"
elif [ $num -le 10 ]; then
    if [ $num -ge 0 ]; then
        echo "$num*$num=$[num*num]"
    else
        echo "Wrong insertion! You have entered x < 0"
        exit 1
    fi
else
    echo "Wrong insertion! You have entered x > 10"
    exit 1
fi
```

Expressions

- Files operators:

- d check if path given is a **directory**
- f check if path given is a **file**
- e check if file name **exists**
- s check if a file has a **length greater than 0**
- r check if **read permission** is set for file or directory
- w check if **write permission** is set for a file or directory
- x check if **execute permission** is set for a file or directory

- Examples:

- [-d fname] (true if **fname is a directory**, otherwise false)
- [-f fname] (true if **fname is a file**, otherwise false)
- [-e fname] (true if **fname exists**, otherwise false)
- [-s fname] (true if **fname length is greater than 0**, else false)
- [-r fname] (true if **fname has the read permission**, else false)
- [-w fname] (true if **fname has the write permission**, else false)
- [-x fname] (true if **fname has the execute permission**, else false)

Expressions

\$ cat exp6 Examples: File operators

#!/bin/bash

touch xz1;mkdir xz2

if [-d xz1]; then echo True; else echo False; fi

if [-d xz2]; then echo True; else echo False; fi

if [-f xz1]; then echo True; else echo False; fi

if [-f xz2]; then echo True; else echo False; fi

if [-e xz1]; then echo True; else echo False; fi

if [-e xz2]; then echo True; else echo False; fi

if [-e xz3]; then echo True; else echo False; fi

if [-s xz1]; then echo True; else echo False; fi

echo do not give up > xz1

if [-s xz1]; then echo True; else echo False; fi

if [-r xz1]; then echo True; else echo False; fi

if [-w xz1]; then echo True; else echo False; fi

if [-x xz1]; then echo True; else echo False; fi

Example

\$ cat exp7 (Copy a file to a directory)

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
echo -n "Enter the file name: "; read f1
```

```
echo -n "Enter the directory name: "; read d1
```

```
if [ -f $f1 ]; then
```

```
    if [ ! -d $d1 ]; then
```

```
        echo "The $d1 directory does not exist, creating it."
```

```
        mkdir $d1
```

```
    fi
```

```
    cp $f1 $d1
```

```
    echo Done.
```

```
else
```

```
    echo "This file does not exist."
```

```
    exit 1
```

```
fi
```

Expressions

- Logical operators:

! negate (**NOT**) a logical expression
-a logically **AND** two logical expressions
-o logically **OR** two logical expressions

Example:

\$ cat exp8 (Compute the square of any number from 1 to 10)

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
echo -n "Enter a number 1 <= x <= 10: "; read num
```

```
if [ $num -ge 1 -a $num -le 10 ];
```

```
then
```

```
    echo "$num*$num=$[num*num]"
```

```
else
```

```
    echo "Wrong insertion!"
```

```
    exit 1
```

```
fi
```

Expressions

- Logical operators:

&& logically **AND** two logical expressions
|| logically **OR** two logical expressions

Example:

\$ cat exp9 (Compute the square of any number from 1 to 10)

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
echo -n "Enter a number 1 <= x <= 10: "; read num
```

```
if [ $num -ge 1 ] && [ $num -le 10 ];
```

```
then
```

```
    echo "$num*$num=$[num*num]"
```

```
else
```

```
    echo "Wrong insertion!"
```

```
    exit 1
```

```
fi
```

Case Statement

- Used to execute statements based on specific values. Often used in place of an if statement if there are a large number of conditions.
- Value used can be an **expression**
- each set of statements must be ended by a **pair of semicolons**;
- a *****) is used to accept any value not matched with list of values

```
case $var in
    val1)
        statements;;
    val2)
        statements;;
    *)
        statements;;
esac
```


Example (case)

```
$ cat exp10
#!/bin/bash
echo -n "Enter a number 0 < x < 10:"
read x
case $x in
    1) echo "Value of x is 1.>";
    2) echo "Value of x is 2.>";
    3) echo "Value of x is 3.>";
    4) echo "Value of x is 4.>";
    5) echo "Value of x is 5.>";
    6) echo "Value of x is 6.>";
    7) echo "Value of x is 7.>";
    8) echo "Value of x is 8.>";
    9) echo "Value of x is 9.>";
    10 | 0) echo "wrong number.>";
    *) echo "Unrecognized value.>";
esac
```