

Shell Basics

What is shell?

• A software that acts as an interface between user and OS.

Types of Shell

• Bash (Bourne Again Shell), zsh(on mac)

Basic commands

• ls, cd ... etc

Shell Profile -

• /etc/profile, followed by /etc/bash.bashrc, ~/.profile and finally ~/.bashrc

Variables in bash -

• focus on syntax

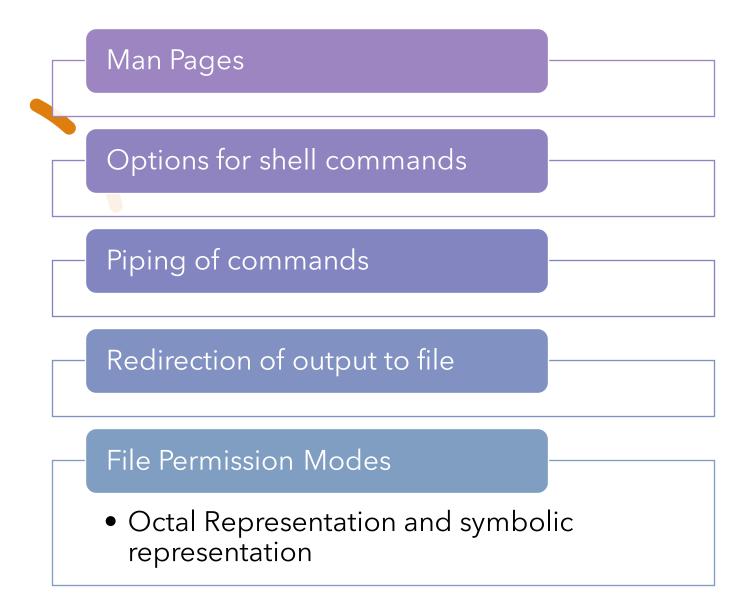
Passing Arguments to shell scripts

- \$0 name of script
- \$# number of arguments of script (does not count \$0)
- Defined only upto \$9

Environment variables

- PS1
- PATH

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whereis

Searches for binary/source and manual section for files

Supplied names are stripped of leading path extensions and trailing file extensions

The resultant name is searched for in the standard linux places

Syntax

• whereis [options] [-BMS directory... -f] name...

grep

grep stands for Global Regular Expression Print

Syntax -

- grep [OPTION...] PATTERNS [FILE...]
- grep [OPTION...] -e PATTERNS ... [FILE...]
- grep [OPTION...] -f PATTERN_FILE ... [FILE...]

Regular Expressions

- <u>Content link https://www.man7.org/linux/man-pages/man1/grep.1.html</u>
- Fundamental Blocks Single characters
- Bracket Expression [...], match any character in between
- Range Expression consists of two characters seperated by '-'. Note that many locales do not sort based on code points
- Predefined classes [:alnum], [:alpha], [:blank]
- ^ and \$ match empty strings at beginning and end of line respectively
- \< and \> match empty string at beginning and end of a word.
 Word is defined as an alphanumeric string that may contain underscore '_'.

grep (contd)

Meta characters - ?, +, *, {, |, (,)

Repetition

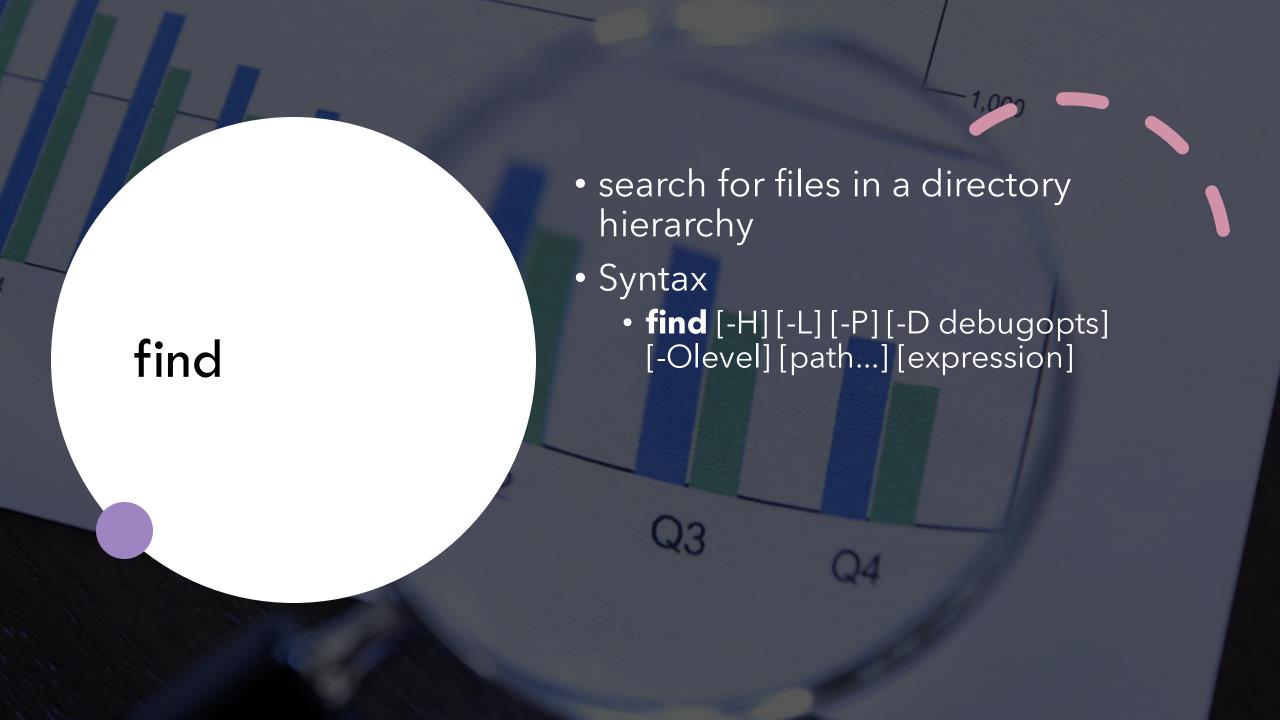
- ? preceding item is optional and matches atmost once.
- * preceding item will be matched 0 or more times
- + preceding item will be matched 1 or more times
- {n} preceding item will be matched exactly n times
- {n,} preceding item is matched n or more times
- {,m} preceding item is matched atmost one time
- {n, m} preceding item is matched atleast n times but not more than m times.

Concatenation - The concatenation of two regular expression results in a regular expression that matches any string that is formed by concatenating two substrings that respectively match the concatenated expressions.

grep(contd)

- **Alteration** May match either of the expressions seperated by '|'.
- Precedence Repetition > Concatenation > Alteration
- fgrep = grep -F
 - Interprets pattern as a list of fixed strings,
- egrep = grep -E





- shows the full path of (shell) commands.
 - Syntax **which** [options] [--] programname [...]

which

