

Shell Scripting



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
$ VALORE=$[123+20]
$ echo $[123*$VALORE]
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.



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
    evaluate if string length is greater than zero
    evaluate if string length is equal to zero
```

Examples:



Expressions

Examples: String Comparisons:

```
$ cat exp3
#!/bin/bash
s1=: s2=UG1:s3=UG1
[ "$s1" = "$s2" ]; echo $?
                            #(true if s1 same as s2, else false)
[ "$s2" = "$s3" ]; echo $?
                            #(true if s2 same as s3, else false)
[ "$s1" != "$s2" ]; echo $? #(true if s1 not same as s2, else false)
[ "$s2" != "$s3" ]; echo $?
                            #(true if s2 not same as s3, else false)
[ "$s2" ]; echo $?
                            #(true if s2 is not empty, else false)
[ -n "$s2" ]; echo $?
                            #(true if s2 has a length greater than 0, else false)
[ -z "$s2" ]; echo $?
                            #(true if s2 has a length of 0, otherwise false)
[ "$s1" ]; echo $?
                            #(true if s1 is not empty, else false)
[-n "$s1"]; echo $?
                            #(true if s1 has a length greater than 0, else false)
[ -z "$s1" ]; echo $?
                            #(true if s1 has a length of 0, otherwise false)
```



Examples

```
$ 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 $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:



Examples

```
$ cat exp5
#!/bin/bash
 echo -n 'Enter a number 1 <= x <= 10:'
 read num
 if [ $num -le 10 ]; then
        if [$num -ge 1]; then
                echo $num*$num=$(($num*$num))
                echo $num*$num=$[$num*$num]
        else
                echo 'Wrong insertion! You have entered x < 1'
                exit 1
        fi
 else
        echo 'Wrong insertion! You have entered x > 10'
        exit 1
 fi
```



Expressions

• Files operators:

```
    check if path given is a directory
    check if path given is a file
    check if file name exists
    check if a file has a length greater than 0
    check if read permission is set for file or directory
    check if write permission is set for a file or directory
    check if execute permission is set for a file or directory
```

Examples:

```
[-d fname]
[-f fname]
[-e fname]
[-e fname]
[-s fname]
[-s fname]
[-r fname]
[-r fname]
[-w fname]
[-w fname]
[-x fname]
[-x fname]
(true if fname has the read permission, else false)
(true if fname has the write permission, else false)
(true if fname has the execute permission, else false)
```



Expressions

Examples: File operators:

```
$ cat exp6
#!/bin/bash
touch xz1;mkdir xz2
[-d xz1]; echo -n $?; [-d xz2]; echo $?
[ -f xz1 ]; echo -n $?; [ -f xz2 ]; echo $?
[ -e xz1 ]; echo -n $?; [ -e xz2 ]; echo -n $?; [ -e xz3 ]; echo $?
[-s xz1]; echo $?
echo do not give up > xz1
[ -s xz1 ]; echo $?
[-r xz1]; echo $?
[-w xz1]; echo $?
[-x xz1]; echo $?
```



Example

```
$ cat exp7 (Copy the 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
       logically AND two logical expressions
-a
       logically OR two logical expressions
-O
Example:
            (Compute the square of any number from 1 to 10)
$ cat exp8
#!/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:
            (Compute the square of any number from 1 to 10)
$ cat exp9
#!/bin/bash
 echo -n 'Enter a number 1 < x < 10:'; read num
 if [ $num -gt 1 ] && [ $num -lt 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;;
```



Example (case.bash)

```
$ cat exp10
#!/bin/bash
 echo -n Enter a number 1 \< 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
```



Iteration Statements

•The for structure is used when you are looping through a range of variables.

```
for var in list
do
statements
done
```

•statements are executed with var set to each value in the list.



Iteration Statements: Examples

```
$ cat exp11
#!/bin/bash
sum=0
for num in 1 2 3 4 5
   do
      sum=$[$sum + $num]
   done
echo $sum
```



Iteration Statements: Examples

```
$ cat exp12
#!/bin/bash
for x in paper pencil pen
do
echo Value of variable x is: $x
sleep 1
done
```



Iteration Statements

•if the list part is left off, var is set to each parameter passed to the script (\$1, \$2, \$3,...)

```
$ cat exp13
#!/bin/bash
for x
do
echo Value of variable x is: $x
sleep 1
done
```



Example (old.bash): Move the command line arg files to old directory

```
$ cat exp14
#!/bin/bash
if [$# -eq 0] #check for command line arguments
then
 echo "Usage: $# file ..."
 exit 1
if [!-d "$HOME/old"]
then
 mkdir "$HOME/old"
echo The following files will be saved in the old directory:
echo $*
for file in $* #loop through all command line arguments
do
 mv $file "$HOME/old/"
 chmod 400 "$HOME/old/$file"
done
Is -I "$HOME/old"
```



Using Arrays with Loops

```
pet[0]=dog
pet[1]=cat
pet[2]=cow
or
pet=(dog cat cow) #1024 elements can be used.
```

•To extract a value, type \${arrayname[i]}

```
$ echo ${pet[0]} dog
```

•To extract all the elements, use an asterisk as:

```
echo ${arrayname[*]}
dog cat cow
```



Using Arrays with Loops: Example

```
$ cat exp15
#!/bin/bash
pet[0]=dog
pet[1]=cat
pet[2]=cow
echo Your pet animal is: ${pet[0]}
echo Your pet animal is: ${pet[1]}
echo Your pet animal is: ${pet[2]}
sleep 1
for x in ${pet[*]}
 do
  echo My pet animal is: $x
  sleep 1
done
```



Using Arrays with Loops: Example

```
$ cat exp16
#!/bin/bash
pet=(dog cat cow)
echo Your pet animal is: ${pet[0]}
echo Your pet animal is: ${pet[1]}
echo Your pet animal is: ${pet[2]}
sleep 1
for x in ${pet[*]}
 do
  echo My pet animal is: $x
  sleep 1
done
```



A C-like for loop

An alternative form of the for structure is

```
for (( EXPR1 ; EXPR2 ; EXPR3 ))
do
statements
done
```

- •First, the arithmetic expression EXPR1 is evaluated.
- •EXPR2 is then evaluated repeatedly until it evaluates false.
- •Each time EXPR2 is evaluates to true, statements are executed and EXPR3 is evaluated.



A C-like for loop: Example

```
$ cat exp17  #add first x numbers
#!/bin/bash
echo -n Enter a number: ; read x
sum=0
for (( i=1 ; $i<$x+1 ; i=$i+1 )) ; do
    sum=$[$sum + $i]
done
echo The sum of the first $x numbers is: $sum</pre>
```



While Statements

- •The while structure is a looping structure.
- Used to execute a set of commands while a specified condition is true.
- •The loop terminates as soon as the condition becomes false.
- •If condition never becomes false, loop will never exit.

```
while expression do statements done
```



While Statements

```
$ cat exp18  #add first x numbers
#!/bin/bash
echo -n Enter a number: ; read x
sum=0; i=1
while [$i -le $x ]; do
    sum=$[$sum + $i]
    i=$[$i+1]
done
echo The sum of the first $x numbers is: $sum
```



Example: Menu

```
$ cat exp19
#!/bin/bash
 loop=y
 while [ "$loop" = y ];
 do
  echo "Menu"; echo "===="
  echo "D: print the date"
  echo "W: print the users who are currently log on."
  echo "P: print the working directory"
  echo "Q: quit."
  echo ;echo -n Enter your choice:
  read choice
                           # silent mode: no echo to terminal
  case "$choice" in
         D | d) date ;;
         W | w) whoami ;;
         P | p) pwd ;;
         Q | q) loop=n ;;
         *) echo "Illegal choice." ;;
  esac
  echo
 done
```



Continue Statements

• The continue command causes a jump to the next iteration of the loop, skipping all the remaining commands in that particular loop cycle.

Example: Continue

```
$ cat exp20
                      Printing Numbers 1 through 20 (but not 3 and 11)
#!/bin/bash
 LIMIT=20
 echo
 echo "Printing Numbers 1 through 20 (but not 3 and 11)"
 a=1
 while [ "$a" -le "$LIMIT" ]; do
  if [ "$a" -eq 3 ] || [ "$a" -eq 11 ]
  then
    a=\$((\$a+1))
     continue
  fi
  echo "$a"
  a=\$((\$a+1))
 done
```



Break Statements

•The break command terminates the loop (breaks out of it).

```
$ cat exp21
#!/bin/bash
 echo
echo "Printing Numbers; Stop at 20 ... "
 a=1
 while TRUE
 do
  if [ "$a" -gt 20 ]
  then
     a=\$((\$a+1))
     break
  echo "$a"
  a=\$((\$a+1))
done
```



Until Statements

•The until structure is very similar to the while structure. The until structure loops until the condition is true. So basically it is "until this condition is true, do this".

```
until [expression]
do
statements
done
```



Until Statements

Example: countdown

```
$ cat exp22
#!/bin/bash
echo -n "Enter a number: "; read x
echo; echo Count Down
until [ "$x" -le 0 ]; do
  echo $x
  x=\$((\$x-1))
  sleep 1
done
echo; echo GO!
```



Manipulating Strings

Bash supports a number of string manipulation operations.

```
${#string} gives the string length
${string:position} extracts sub-string from $string at $position
${string:position:length} extracts $length characters of sub-
string from $string at $position
```

Example

```
$ cat exp23
st=0123456789
echo ${#st}
echo ${st:6}
echo ${st:6:2}
```



Functions

• Functions make scripts easier to maintain. Basically it breaks up the program into smaller pieces. A function performs an action defined by you, and it can return a value if you wish.

```
$ cat exp24
#!/bin/bash
hello()
{
    echo "You are in function hello() "; sleep 2
}
echo "Calling function hello()... "; sleep 2
hello
echo "You are now out of function hello()"
```

• In the above, we called the hello() function by name by using the line: hello. When this line is executed, bash searches the script for the line hello(). It finds it right at the top, and executes its contents.



Debugging

- Bash provides two options which will give useful information for debugging
- -x: displays each line of the script with variable substitution and before execution
- -v : displays each line of the script as typed before execution
- Usage:

```
$ cat exp25
#!/bin/bash -x
echo -n Enter a number: ; read x
sum=0
for (( i=1 ; $i<$x+1 ; i=$i+1 )) ; do
    sum=$[$sum + $i]
done
echo The sum of the first $x numbers is: $sum</pre>
```

#!/bin/bash -v or #!/bin/bash -x or #!/bin/bash -xv



Debugging (Output)

```
$ exp25
+ echo -n Enter a number:
Enter a number:+ read x
5
+ sum=0
+ (( i=1 ))
+ (( 1<5+1 ))
+ sum=1
+ (( i=1+1 ))
+ (( 2<5+1 ))
+ sum=3
+ (( i=2+1 ))
+ (( 3<5+1 ))
+ sum=6
+ (( i=3+1 ))
+ (( 4<5+1 ))
+ sum=10
+ (( i=4+1 ))
+ (( 5<5+1 ))
+ sum=15
+ (( i=5+1 ))
+ ((6<5+1))
+ echo The sum of the first 5 numbers is: 15
The sum of the first 5 numbers is: 15
```