Linux Shell Scripts

Fundamental

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Course Objectives

- To be familiar with the shell environment
- To develop shell scripts (bash style)
- To understand useful Linux commands

Chapter 1

Introduction to shell

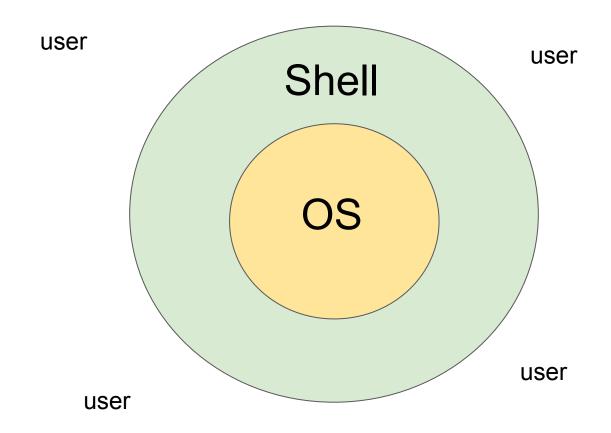
Linux & Family



What is "the shell?"

- A program
- /bin/sh
- or maybe /bin/bash or /bin/csh or /bin/zsh
- Command line interface between the user and Linux Kernel
- When the user logs in to the system the shell program is automatically executed

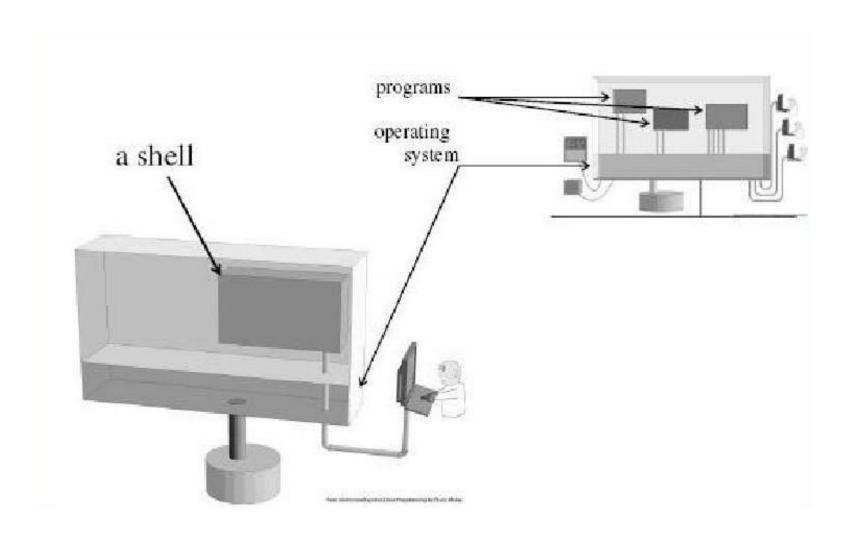
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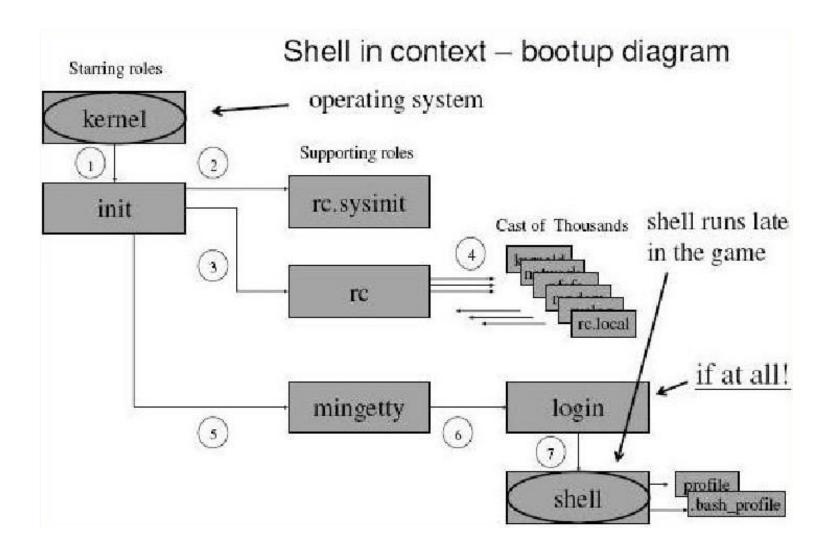
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Where is "the shell?"



Where is "the shell?"



Shell - Features

- Command interpreter (parse and execute)
- Piping
- Environment control
- Background Processing
- Shell scripts

Shell Flavors



What is your shell flavor?

- When the user logs in to Linux, he gets a shell prompt, e.g ~\$
- To identify the current shell flavor:
 - ~\$ echo \$SHELL
- If you want to change your current shell to bash shell, type
 - ~\$ bash
- The user default shell flavor is defined inside the /etc/passwd

Chapter 2

Shell Basics

Chapter 2: Outline

- man is the bible
- Wild Cards (Is, find...)
- Redirecting I/O
- Pipes and Filters
- Basic commands (head, tail, sort, e\grep)
- Command Listing
- Process Control (ps, kill, bg, fg, \$\$)
- Exercising

man - is the bible (1)

- \$ man Is
- \$ man -k "system disk space"

```
df (1) - report file system disk space
Command name Man section Command description
```

\$ whatis du

du (1) - estimate file space usage

man - is the bible (2)

What is the difference?

```
$ man 1 passwd
```

\$ man 5 passwd

whatis passwd

```
passwd (1) - update a user's authentication tokens(s) passwd (5) - password file
```

How to build the whatis database?

\$ makewhatis

pwd - where am I

This command returns the path to your current location (the current directory) (and this the command that is used to construct your prompt)

\$ pwd /home/btpn

Basic commands

\$ pwd

/home/btpn

This command returns the path to your current location (the current directory) (and this the command that is used to construct your prompt)

\$ mkdir newdir

Make new directories with name **newdir**.

Basic commands

\$ Is

What is in this directory

Examples:

Is short listing of current directory (a directory is often called a folder in windows)

Is .. short listing of directory below current directory - ".." means one directory down "../.." is

two directories down

Is data short listing mail directory (equivalent to ls ./data - "." means here)

Is -I data detailed listing of projects directory

Is -Itr data long listing sorted by time (t) and reversed (r): newest files last (essential for old

bioinformaticians who can not remember what they just did)

Is /usr/bin/ list programs in "/usr/bin/" directory.

Basic commands

\$ cd

The **cd** command is used to move around in the file system. Examples:

```
    cd .. up one level
    cd /usr/local/bin/ go to absolute (not relative) address
    cd go to my home directory
```

\$ cp

Copying one or more files. Examples:

```
cd test
cp ../data/Intro/test.dat .
cp ../data/Intro/* .
cp -R ../data/Intro .
```

Wild Cards

Wild card /Shorthand	Meaning		Examples
*	Matches any string or group of characters.	S ls *	will show all files
		S Is a*	will show all files whose first name is starting with letter 'a'
		S ls *.c	will show all files having extension .c
		S ls ut*.c	will show all files having extension .c but file name must begin with 'ut'.
?	Matches any single character.	S Is ?	will show all files whose names are 1 character long
		S Is fo?	will show all files whose names are 3 character long and file name begin with fo
[]	Matches any one of the enclosed characters	S ls [abc]*	will show all files beginning with letters a,b,c

Wild Cards - Examples

\$ ls /bin/[a-c]*

/bin/aa-enabled	/bin/cat	/bin/col
/bin/aa-exec	/bin/catchsegv	/bin/col1
/bin/add-apt-repository	/bin/catman	/bin/col2
/bin/addpart	/bin/cautious-launcher	/bin/col3
/bin/apport-bug	/bin/cftp3	/bin/col4

\$ ls /bin/[^a-o]*

if the first character following the [is a ^ then any character not enclosed is matched

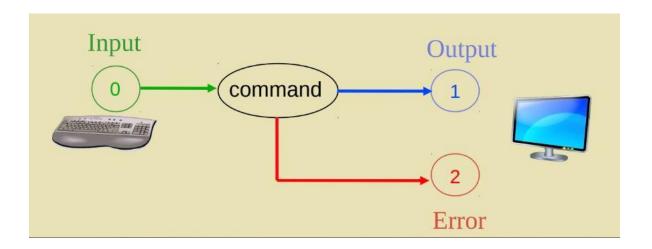
```
/bin/NF
                     /bin/yes
                                          /bin/zcmp
                                                        /bin/zegrep
                                                                      /bin/zgrep
                                                                                         /bin/zmore
 /bin/VGAuthService
                      /bin/ypdomainname
                                           /bin/zdiff
                                                         /bin/zfgrep
                                                                       /bin/zipdetails
                                                                                          /bin/znew
'/bin/['
                       /bin/zcat
                                           /bin/zdump
                                                         /bin/zforce
                                                                       /bin/zless
```

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Standard Input/Output/Error (1)

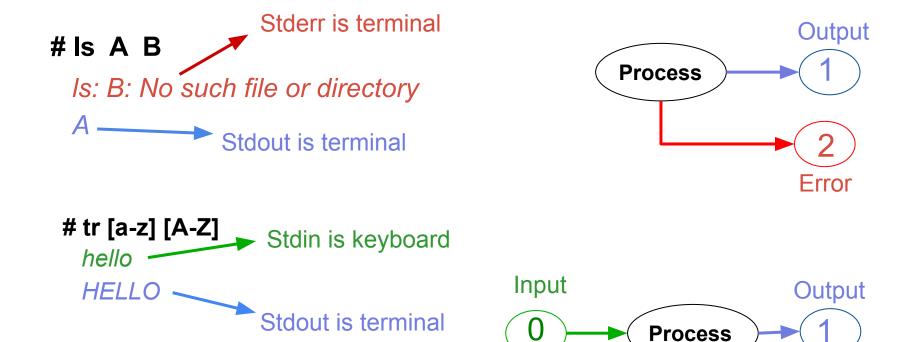
- Each process/command in the system has:
 - Standard input
 - Standard output
 - Standard error



Standard Input/Output/Error (2)

The file A exist
The file B is not exist

cat



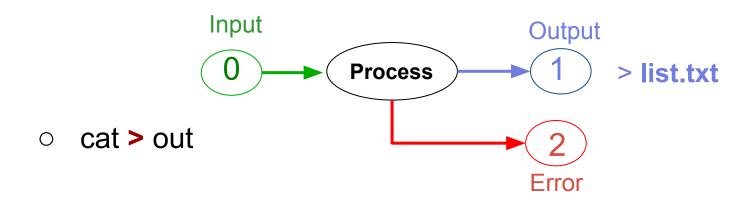
Redirection (1)

What is redirection?

- Change the command stdin, stdout or stderr.
- Can be changed to file or device (in UNIX devices are files anyway)

Redirection (2)

- Redirecting output
 - Is > list.txt
 Redirects output of Is to the file list.txt (overwrite)
 - Is >> list.txt
 Redirects output of Is to file list.txt (append)



Redirection (3)

Redirecting input

- command [opt] < file1
- Input comes from file1 and not from stdin
- E.g:
 - cat file.txt file.txt is an argument to cat.
 - cat < file.txt print the same BUT the cat redirects input to be from file.txt(the file.txt is not a parameter to the cat command)
 - Normally cat takes input from stdin and waits for

Redirection (4)

I/O redirection can be combined

\$ cat < file.txt > newfile.txt

Reads input from file.txt and writes the output to newfile.txt

stderr redirection to a file

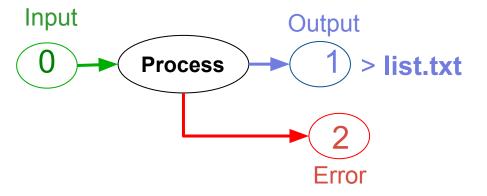
\$ Is -I /tmp/not_exist 2> /tmp/ls_error

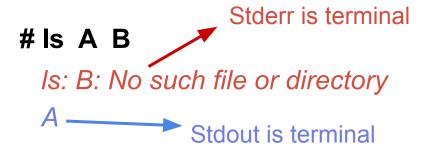
stderr redirection to stdout which is a file

\$ Is -I /tmp/not_exist > /tmp/out 2>&1

Redirection (5)

```
# touch A B
# rm B
```





#Is A B

Is: B: No such file or directory

Redirection (6)

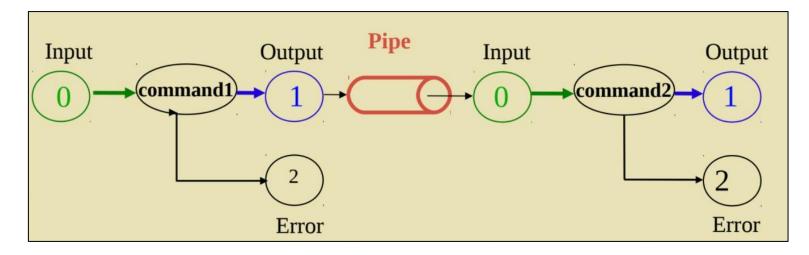
Summary:

Command	Description
command 1>file command >file	The Standard Output of the command is sent to a file instead of the terminal screen.
command 2>file	The Standard Error of the command is sent to a file instead of the terminal screen.
command 1>fileA 2>fileB command >fileA 2>fileB	The Standard Output of the command is sent to fileA instead of the terminal screen, and the Standard Error of the command is sent to fileB instead of the terminal screen.
command 1>file 2>&1 command >file 2>&1 command 1>&2 2>file command >&2 2>file	Both the Standard Output and the Standard Error are sent to the same file instead of the terminal screen.
command 1>>file command >>file	The Standard Output of the command is appended to a file instead of being sent to the terminal screen.
command 2>>file	The Standard Error of the command is appended to a file instead of being sent to the terminal screen.
command 0 <file command <file< td=""><td>The Standard Input of a command is taken from a file.</td></file<></file 	The Standard Input of a command is taken from a file.

Pipes and Filters (1)

- What are Pipes ?
 - Pipes are mechanisms to connect the stdout of one command to the stdin of another.





Pipes and Filter (2)

How to use a pipe ?

```
#> ls /bin | more
```



Using redirection, we will have:

```
#> ls /bin > tempfile
#> more tempfile
#> rm tempfile
```

Pipes and Filters (3)

Another example:

```
#> ls -l /bin/ | grep bash
ls -l gives a listing of the files, while piping it to 'grep
filename' makes sure that we get the listing of only the files
that we want.
```

#> find / | more

Show all the files in the systems screen by screen.

Pipes and Filters (4)

Another example:

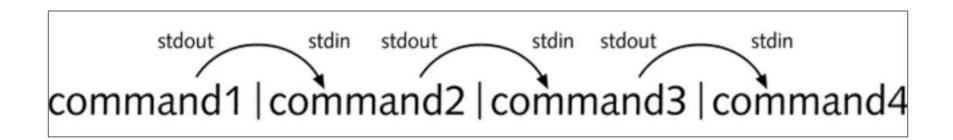
```
#> ls -l /bin/ | tee /tmp/file_list
```

The tee command useful for printing the output of the last command and also save the output to a file

```
#> tar cvf - /data | gzip -c > /tmp/data.tar
Without pipes:
    #> tar cvf /tmp/data.tar /bin/
    #> gzip /tmp/data.tar
```

Pipes and Filters (5)

- What is a filter ??
 - A command that processes and input stream to produce a modified output stream.
 - Filters are commands connected to other commands with pipes:



Pipes and Filters (6)

• Another example:

- \$ cat /var/log/dpkg.log | grep install | grep gcp
 - Show all the error lines in the log file.
- \$ who | sort | more
 - Produces a sorted listing of the users logged on to the system.
- \$ ps -ef | grep loop | grep -v grep
 - Show loop process

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head \ tail

• \$ head -2 /proc/meminfo # get first 2 lines

MemTotal: 1545360 kB

MemFree: 27912 kB

- \$ cat /proc/meminfo | head -2 # success
- \$ cat < /proc/meminfo | head -2 # error
- \$ ls -lrt /tmp | tail -3 # 3 updated files
- \$ tail -f /var/log/syslog # watch the file

Sort (1)

Show processes sorted by name:

Show processes sorted by id:

```
$ ps -ef | sort -k 2 _____numerical sorting
$ ps -ef | sort -k 2 -n
```

Sort (2)

```
Only unique lines

# cat > /tmp/myfile
b
b
a
a
b
c
Ctrl-d
```

```
# sort -u /tmp/myfile
a
b
c
```

grep - Pattern Matching (1)

```
# cat >myfile
# Test file for grep
root is the best user
many users in /etc/passwd
# The tree have many roots
I am not a root user.
Ctrl-d
```

grep root myfile

root is the best user# The tree have many rootsI am not a root user.

grep -n root myfile

2:root is the best user
4:# The tree have many roots
5:I am not a root user.

grep -w root myfile

root is the best user.

grep -v root myfile

Test file for grep many users in /etc/passwd

grep 1 myfile

I am not a root user.

grep s\$ myfile

The tree have many roots

grep -i test myfile

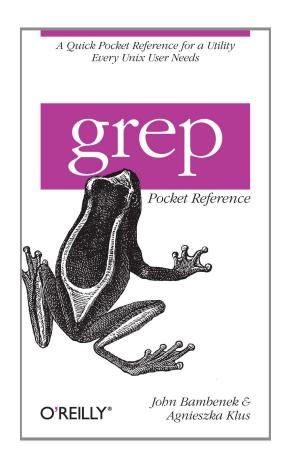
Test file for grep

grep - Pattern Matching (2)

A useful command:

```
# cat /etc/hosts | grep -v "^#" | sort -u
```

References (O'reilly books):



Cut

- Cut is a tool to cut sections from file.
- Examples

```
# echo "XIV System" | cut -d' ' -f1
XIV

# echo "XIV System" | cut -d' ' -f2
System

# echo "XIV:System" | cut -d: -f2
System
# grep bash /etc/passwd | cut -d: -f1
```

ssh (1)

 ssh is a command for logging or execute commands on remote machine.

(It based on secure data communication protocol named SSH.)

- How to use it:
 - #> ssh user@host
 - Login into a remote machine
 - #> ssh user@host "command"
 - Execute commands on a remote machine

ssh (2) Password-less ssh login

In order to SSH password-less from user@host1 ==> user@host2 Login to host1 with user and run the following:

```
$ ssh-keygen -t rsa
$ ssh-copy-id -i ~/.ssh/id rsa.pub user@host2
```

Note:

The first command create public\private keys.

The second command copy the public key to user@host2.

Now the SSH commands will not require password.

ssh (3)

How to backup directory?

Local backup

tar cvf - /oracle | **gzip -c** | cat > oracle.**tar.gz**

O Remote backup ?
tar cvf - /oracle | gzip -c | ssh host1 "cat > oracle.tar.gz"

tar.gz stream

Local host

redirect to file

Remote host

SSH tunnel

Commands Listing (1)

\$ cmd1; cmd2; ...
 Execute sequentially e.g:
 \$./installOracle; echo "installation finished ok?"

• \$ cmd1 && cmd2

Execute cmd2 if cmd1 has exit successfully e.g:

\$ /installOracle && echo "installation finished ok!"

• \$ cmd1 || cmd2

Execute cmd2 only if cmd1 has non-zero exit status.

\$ /installOracle || echo "installation failed!"

Commands Listing (2)

• \$ cmd1 && cmd2 || cmd3

Execute Combinations

\$ /installOracle && echo "OK" || echo "FAILED"

\$ Is file && echo "found" || echo "not found" not found

\$ touch file

\$ Is file && echo "found" || echo "not found" found

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Process Control (1)

- A program in execution is called a process.
- Shell is a processes as well as Oracle and login sessions.
- Processes run in a hierarchical structure.
 - Root process (called init) -> parent -> child.
 - Parent process forks a child process.
 - Since the **shell** is a process, it executes a command by forking a new process.

Process Control (2)

- Each process is assigned a unique Process ID (PID)
 by UNIX.
- Scheduling algorithms are used by the kernel to decide which process to run next.

Process Control (3)

- Processes can be run either in the foreground or the background.
- When a process is in the foreground, the shell is waiting for the process to finish.
- When a process is in the background, the shell is immediately available to the user.
- Adding the "&" to the end of the command executes it in the background.

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Process Control (4)

```
$ gunzip routing.ps.gz
$
$ gunzip routing.ps.gz &
[1] 2703
$
```

Notes:

- [1] indicates the job number of the job and
- 2703 is the PID of the job.
- It's better to redirect the output of background processes to a file or /dev/null.

Process Control (5)

How do we know which processes are running?

```
$ ps [-aflu...] [PID] [UID]
```

w/o PID display all user processes by default.

Options

a: show all processes in the system.

f: full list, medium info.

I: long list, detailed info.

u: list processes belonging to UID.

Process Control (6)

```
• Eg:
  $ ps
     PID TTY
                       TIME CMD
     57963 pts/2 00:00:01 zsh
     67817 pts/2 00:00:00 ps
   Important:
      $ps -H
      $ps -fH
      $ps -efH
```

Process Control (7)

How do we show all background jobs?

```
$ jobs [-l...] jobid
```

w/o jobid displays all background and suspended jobs.

Example:

\$ jobs

[1]- Running gunzip public/html/routing.ps.gz &

Process Control (8)

- Moving jobs foreground and background.
 - If in foreground, suspend executing using ctrl-z.
 - Restart in background with bg %jobnumber (if % alone is used, then default is last job).
 - Restart in foreground with fg %jobnumber. (if % alone is used, then default is last job).

Process Control (9)

- How do we terminate a process ?
 - If job is in foreground, use ctrl-c
 - If job is in the background, bring to the foreground and then use ctrl-c
 - If ctrl-c does not work, then suspend the process with ctrl-z
 - Use ps to obtain the PID. Use the kill command to kill the process

Process Control (10)

For example:

Ctrl-c

```
$ gzip /tmp/oracle
Ctrl-z
[1]+ Stopped
                         gzip /tmp/oracle
$ bg
[1]+ gzip /tmp/oracle &
$ fg
gzip /tmp/oracle
```

Process Control (11)

- Kill command
 - Send a signal to process.
 - kill [-signal] PID
 - Possible kill signals (> 30) include 3:quit,
 9:absolute termination.
 - The most famous signal is -9, which kill the process for sure! \$kill -9 <PID>

Process Control (12)

Signal list

\$ kill -l

1) SIGHUP	10) SIGBUS	19) SIGPWR	28) SIGVTALRM
2) SIGINT	11) SIGSEGV	20) SIGWINCH	29) SIGPROF
3) SIGQUIT	12) SIGSYS	21) SIGURG	30) SIGXCPU
4) SIGILL	13) SIGPIPE	22) SIGIO	31) SIGXFSZ
5) SIGTRAP	14) SIGALRM	23) SIGSTOP	32) SIGWAITING
6) SIGABRT	15) SIGTERM	24) SIGTSTP	33) SIGLWP
7) SIGEMT	16) SIGUSR1	25) SIGCONT	34) SIGFREEZE
8) SIGFPE	17) SIGUSR2	26) SIGTTIN	35) SIGTHAW
9) SIGKILL	18) SIGCHLD	27) SIGTTOU	36) SIGCANCEL

Process Control (13)

Kill example:

```
$ sh

$ ps

PID TTY TIME CMD

57963 pts/2 00:00:02 zsh

72053 pts/2 00:00:00 sh

72056 pts/2 00:00:00 ps

$ kill -9 72053

Killed

$
```

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Chapter 2: Excersice

- On your working directory, create directory with name chapter2 and change your directory to chapter2
- 2. create file q1, q2, q3, q4, q5, q6
- 3. Use echo to put a line of text into q2.
- 4. Copy the contents of q2 into q1.
- 5. Append new string to q2
- List directory chapter2 and sort files based on size

Chapter 3

Shell Environments

Chapter 3: Outline

- Shell environment
- Variables (export, env)
- Startup .bashrc
- Source a file (.)
- Shell quotes (" ' `)
- Bash shortcuts

Shell Environment

- Shell environment
 - Consists of a set of variables with values.
 - These values are important information for the shell and the programs that run from the shell.
 - You can define new variables and change the values of the variables.

Shell Environment (1)

- Built-in shell variables:
 - PATH: The list of directories searched to find executables to execute.
 - PS1 : The current shell prompt.
 - SHELL: The name of the login shell of the user.
 - MANPATH: Where man looks for man pages.
 - LD_LIBRARY_PATH: Where libraries for executables exist.

Shell Environment (2)

- Built-in shell variables...
 - USER: The user name of the user who is logged in to the system.
 - HOME: The user's home directory.
 - TERM: The kind of terminal the user is using .
 - DISPLAY: Where X program windows are shown.

Shell Environment (3)

- How do we use the values in the shell variables?
 - Put a \$ in front of their names to get the value inside.
 - o For example:

```
$ echo $SHELL
```

/bin/bash

\$ echo \${SHELL}

/bin/bash

Shell Environment (4)

- Two kinds of shell variables:
 - Local variables

Not available in programs invoked from this shell.

Environment variables

Available in the current shell and the programs invoked from the shell

Shell Environment (5)

- Declaring local variables in bash:
 - varname=varvalue
 - No space between varname and varvalue.
 - Sets the variable varname to have value varvalue.

Shell Environment (6)

• Example:

```
$ test="this is a test"
$ echo $test
this is a test
$ echo test
test
```

Shell Environment (7)

Example with space b/w varname and varvalue. :-(

```
$ val = "this is a test"
bash: val: command not found
$ val= "this is a test"
bash: this is a test:
command not found
$
```

Shell Environment (8)

- Remove declaration of local variables:
 - Use the unset command
 - Works for both the C shell and bash :-)
 - unset varname
 - Once a variable is unset, the value that previously was assigned to that variable does not exist anymore

Shell Environment (9)

• Example:

```
$ var="this is a test"
$ echo $var
this is a test
$ unset var
$ echo $var
```

Shell Variables (9)

- Declaring environment variables in bash:
 - Using the export command.
 - To change a local variable to an environment variable, we need to *export* them.
 - varname=varvalue
 - export varname
 - Sets the environment variable varname to have value varvalue.

Example

```
# test="this is a test"
# export test
OR
# export test="this is a test"
```

NOTE: The declaration with the *export* command can be combined into one statement as shown

Shell Variables (10)

- Remove declaration of environment variables in bash:
 - Use the unset command.
 - unset varname
 - Once variable is unset, the value that previously was assigned to that variable does not exist anymore.

Shell Variables (11)

```
# var="this is a test"
# export var
# echo $var
this is a test
#
# unset var
# echo $var
# echo $var
```

Shell Variables (12)

- We can use local variables, just like environment variables, so why we have environment variables?
 - Local variables are only available to the current shell.
 - Environment variables are accessible across shells and to all running programs.
 - What does this mean ? ... examples follow.

Example (1)

```
# var="testing the variables"
# echo $var
testing the variables
#
# bash
# echo $var
#
```

NOTE: with the command *bash*, I invoke a new shell (*bash*) and in this shell, *var* is not accessible anymore.

Example (2)

```
# var="testing the variables"
# export var
# echo $var
testing the variables
# bash
# echo $var
testing the variables#
```

NOTE: the environment variable is accessible even when I invoke another shell using the command *bash*.

Shell Variables (13)

 How to see all the environment variables in your shell:

env

Shell Startup (1)

- Where to define the variables permanently (for every login)?
 - Many are defined in .cshrc and .login for the C shell and in .bashrc and .bash_profile for bash.
 - Inside shell scripts (later)

Shell Startup (2)

- When csh and tcsh are executed, they read and run certain configuration files:
 - ~/.login:run once when you log in
 - Contains one time initialization, like TERM, HOME etc.
 - ~/.cshrc: run each time another csh/tcsh process is invoked.
 - Sets lots of variables, like PATH, HISTORY, etc.
 - Aliases are normally written in this file.

Shell Startup (3)

- When bash is executed, it reads and runs certain configuration files:
 - ~/.bash_profile(~/.profile): runs when you log in.
 - Contains one time initialization, like TERM,
 HOME etc.
 - ~/.bashrc: run each time another bash process is invoked.
 - Sets lots of variables, like PATH, HISTORY, etc.

Shell Startup (4)

• Example ~/.bashrc file:

```
export PATH=${PATH}:/usr/oracle/scripts

admin="root"
BOLD='\e[1m'
UNBOLD='\e[m'
PS1="[\u@\h:$BOLD\w$UNBOLD]# "
```

e.g: [xavi@Barcelona:/tmp]#

Shell Startup (5)

- These files can be used for writing very useful commands.
 - Setting environment variables
 - Setting aliases
 - And more

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- Source a file (.)
- Shell quotes (" ' `)
- Bash shortcuts
- Exercising

Source a File (1)

- It is also possible to define **variables inside a file** and source it in your shell (or in the .bashrc).
- Sourcing the file by running the command dot.

Example :

```
#> cat > my_envs
myname="XAVI"
PS1='XXX> '
Cntl-D
#> echo $myname
#
#> . my_envs
XXX>
XXX> echo $myname
XAVI
```

Source a File (2)

In a sourcing file you can also define aliases and functions (later).

Shell Quotes (1)

- Quotes in UNIX have a special meaning
 - Double quotes: "\$myname"Shell variable expansion.
 - Single quotes: '\$myname'
 Stops shell variable expansion.
 - O Back quotes: 'command'

Replace the quotes with the result of the execution of the command.

Shell Quotes (2)

Double and Single quotes:

```
# echo "Welcome $USER"
Welcome axgopala

# echo 'Welcome $USER'
Welcome $USER
#
```

Shell Quotes (3)

Back quotes:

```
# var=`hostname`
# echo $var
nimni
#
```

```
# echo "HostName is
`hostname`"
HostName is nimni
#
```

NOTE: The *hostname* command returns the name of the machine, which in this case is *nimni*

Bash Shortcuts

Command\file completions:

First TAB -> Command completion

Second TAB -> File name completion

Line movement

Cntl-a -> Move to the beginning of the line

Cntl-e
 Move to the end of the line

History commands search

Cntl-r -> search commands in history

!! -> Run the last command

!refix>Run the last prefix command

Chapter 3: Outline

- Shell environment
- Variables (export, env)
- Startup .bashrc
- Source a file (.)
- Shell quotes (" ' `)
- Bash shortcuts
- Exercising (Chapter 3)

Chapter 3: Excersice

- 1. Create local variable var1 with value 1000
- 2. Create file envs
- 3. Use echo to put a line of declaration environment variable var2 that has value var1 to file envs.
- 4. Source file envs
- 5. echo your local variable **var1** and environment variable **var2**

Chapter 4:

Advanced Editing Tools (sed/awk)

Chapter 4: Outline

- Regular Expressions
- grep
- sed
- awk
- Exercising

Regular Expressions (regex)

- Pattern matching rules
- Used in grep, sed, awk , (everywhere?)
- Basic regex : ^\$.*+?[]

```
^<string> Match <string> in the beginning of the line.
<string>$
    Match <string> in the end of the line
    Matches any character, include newline
<string>*
    Matches a zero or more. e.g. a*=,a,aa,aaa,etc
<string>\+ Matches a one or more. e.g. a+=a,aa,aaa,etc
\?
    Matches only a zero or one
[string] Matches any single character in <string>
```

Note: Regex is much more powerful than Wild Cards.

grep - examples

```
cat > file
```

The good

The bad

And The ugly

```
# cat file | grep "good"
The good

# cat file | grep "^The"
The good
The bad

# cat file | grep "d$"
The good
The bad
```

```
# cat file | grep "o*"
The good
The bad
And The ugly
# cat file | grep "o\+"
The good

# cat file | grep "[au]"
The bad
```

And The ugly

sed (1)

- sed is a utility for Editing file\streams
 without using editor.
- For example, apply same changes to lots of source files.
- Not really a programming language.

sed (2)

How to replace text in file?#> sed [-i] 's/regex/replacement/g' <file>

For example: #> cat teaORmilk India's milk is good. tea Red-Lable is good.(tea?) tea is better than the coffee. #> sed 's/tea/milk/g' teaORmilk > /tmp/result.tmp.\$\$ #> cat /tmp/result.tmp.\$\$ India's milk is good. milk Red-Lable is good.(milk?) **milk** is better than the coffee

sed - Examples

```
Replace all digits: sed 's/[0-9]/X/g' file 13 => XX

Replace all full num: sed 's/[0-9]\+/X/g' file 13 => X

Replace in many files

sed -i 's/X/Y/g' *.sh

find . -name *.sh -type f -exec sed -i 's/X/Y/g' {} \;

find . -name *.sh -type f | xargs sed -i 's/X/Y/g'

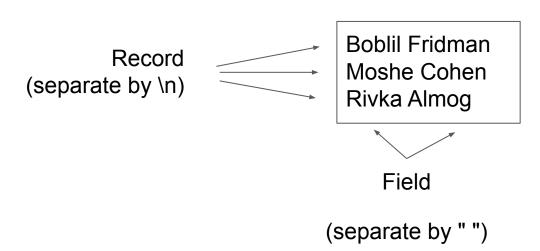
Delete lines 1-3: cat /etc/hosts | sed '1,3d'

Delete comments: sed '/^#/d' /etc/hosts
```

awk (1)

- awk is a programming language that is designed for processing text-based data, either in files or data streams.
- awk reads from a file or from its standard input, and outputs to its standard output.
- awk recognizes the concepts of "file", "record" and "field".

Input file e.g /tmp/worker



awk (2)

/tmp/workers file for some awk example

```
Boblil Fridman
Moshe Cohen
Rivka Almog
```

Prints the last name only

```
#> awk '{ print $2 }' /tmp/workers
Fridman
Cohen
Almog
#> cat /tmp/workers | awk '{ print $2 }'
```

awk - Examples (1)

/etc/passwd file for some awk example

```
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
bin:x:1:1:bin:/bin:/sbin/nologin
daemon:x:2:2:daemon:/sbin:/sbin/nologin
adm:x:3:4:adm:/var/adm:/sbin/nologin
```

Prints all the lines in /etc/passwd

```
#> awk '{ print $0 }' /etc/passwd
```

 Prints the 1st and 3rd fields of each line in /etc/passwd:

```
#> awk -F":" '{ print "username: " $1 "\t\t uid:"
$3 }' /etc/passwd
```

awk - Examples (2)

Print the size of all the files in /etc/* (only if it bigger then 5MB)

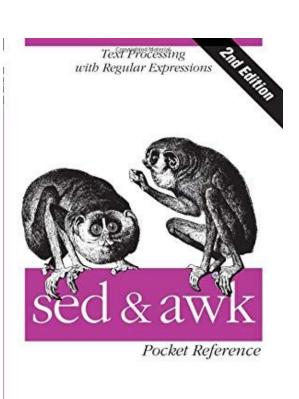
Same same but with awk file

```
#> du -ks /etc/* | awk -f /tmp/awk_file
```

```
#> cat /tmp/awk_file
BEGIN{count=0}
{count=count+$1}
END{
size=count/1024;
if (size>5) {print size
"MB"}
}
```

sed and awk

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Scripting

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Shell Scripts (1)

- A shell script is a text file with UNIX commands in it.
- The first script is /tmp/hello.sh which contain two lines:

```
#!/bin/bash
echo "Hello world"
```

Shell Scripts (2)

- Shell scripts usually begin with a #! and a shell name.
 - Pathname of shell be found using the which command.
 - The shell name is the shell that will execute this script.
 - For example, #!/bin/bash
- If no shell is specified in the script file, the current shell will be chosen.

Shell Scripts (3)

- Any UNIX command can go in a shell script
 - Commands are executed in order or in the flow determined by control statements.

- Different shells have different control structures
 - We will focus on bash.

Shell Scripts (4)

How to run shell scripts

- Shell script should be with executable permissions
 - Must use chmod to change the permissions of the script to be executable.
 - For example, #> chmod u+x /tmp/hello.sh
- Execute the script by absolute path:

```
#> /tmp/hello.sh
Hello world
```

Or by relative path:

```
#> cd /tmp
#> ./hello.sh
Hello world
```

Shell Scripts (5)

- It is also possible to execute the script by specifying the shell name.
 - For example, \$ bash hello.sh
 - For example, \$ csh hello.csh

Note: We use this way mostly during debug of a script (later)

Shell Scripts (6)

- Why write shell scripts?
 - To avoid repetition:
 - If you do a sequence of steps with standard UNIX commands over and over, why not do it all with just one command?
 - Or in other words, store all these commands in a file and execute them one by one.

Shell Scripts (7)

- Why write shell scripts?
 - To automate difficult tasks:
 - Many commands have subtle and difficult option that you do not want to figure out or remember every time.

For example:

Simple Example (1)

 Assume that I need to execute the following commands once in a while when I run out of disk space:

```
#> rm -rf $HOME/.netscape/cache
#> rm -f $HOME/.netscape/his*
#> rm -f $HOME/.netscape/cookies
#> rm -f $HOME/.netscape/lock
#> rm -f $HOME/.netscape/.nfs*
#> rm -f $HOME/.netscape/.nfs*
#> rm -f $HOME/.pine-debug*
#> rm -fr $HOME/nsmail
```

Simple Example (2)

 We can put all those commands into a shell script, called myscript.

```
#! /bin/bash
rm -rf $HOME/.netscape/cache
rm -f $HOME/.netscape/his*
rm -f $HOME/.netscape/cookies
rm -f $HOME/.netscape/lock
rm -f $HOME/.netscape/.nfs*
rm -f $HOME/.netscape/.nfs*
rm -f $HOME/.pine-debug*
rm -fr $HOME/nsmail
```

Sample Example (3)

- To run the script:
 - Step 1:
 - #> chmod u+x myscript(Only once)
 - Step 2:
 - Run the script:
 - #> ./myscript
- Each line of the script is processed in order.

Shell Scripts (8)

Common editors for writing shell scripts:

vi - Text editor

vim - Enhanced text editor

gedit - GUI editor

nedit - GUI editor

editPlus - Windows GUI (edit remote files)

Shell Scripts (9)

- Shell variables:
 - Declared by:

varname=varvalue

To make them an environment variable, we export it.

export varname=varvalue

Shell Scripts (10)

- Assigning the output of a command to a variable:
 - Using back-quotes, we can assign the output of a command to a variable:

```
#! /bin/bash
filelist=`ls`
echo $filelist
```

Shell Scripts (11)

■ Example:

```
#ls
a b c html/
# filelist=`ls`
# echo $filelist
a b c html/
#
```

Shell Scripts (12)

- The **expr** command:
 - Calculates the value of an expression.
 - For example:

```
# value=`expr 1 +
2`
# echo $value
3
#
```

Notes on expr (1)

- Why do we need the expr command?
 - For example:

```
# file=1+2
# echo $file
1+2
#
```

NOTE: 1+2 is copied as it is into val and not the result of the expression, to get the result, we need **expr**.

Notes on expr (2)

Variables as arguments:

```
# count=5
# count=`expr $count + 1`
# echo $count
6
#
```

NOTE:

- count is replaced with its value by the shell!
- Another why: count=\$((\$count +1))

Notes on expr (3)

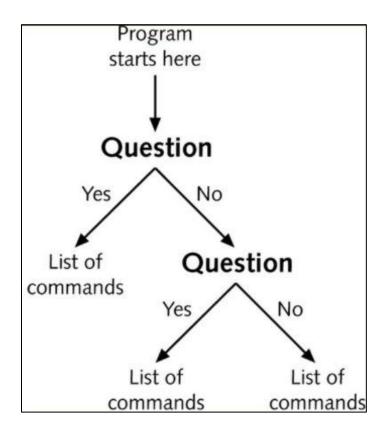
- expr supports the following operators:
 - Arithmetic operators: +,-,*,/,%
 - Comparison operators: <, <=, ==, !=, >=, >
 - Boolean/logical operators: &, |
 - Parentheses: (,)
 - Precedence is the same as C, Java

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Control Statements (1)

Control statements control the flow of programs (script)



Control Statements (2)

- The most common types of control statements:
 - o conditionals: if / else / elseif, case, ...
 - loop statements: for, while, until, do, ...

The if condition (1)

Simple form:

```
if [ test ]; then
    command1
    command2
    ...
fi
```

There are 4 test types:

- 1. Numeric tests: e.g [\$num -eq 4]
- 2. string tests : e.g ["\$name" = "yosi"]
- 3. file tests : e.g [-f /tmp/log]
- 4. variable tests : e.g [-n \$var]

The if condition (2)

The simplest flow control statement is the if condition

#> age=29 #> if [\$age -1t 30]; then >echo "You are under 30 years." > fi You are under 30 years.

If, elseif and else (1)

is like AND operation. test AND test

```
#!/bin/bash
age=60
if [ $age -lt 30 ]; then
    echo "You are under / 30"
elseif [ $age -gt 30 -a $age -le 40 ]; then
    echo "You are in your 30s"
else
    echo "You are 40 or over"
fi
```

If, elseif and else (2)

Few syntax to the same script

```
#!/bin/bash

myvar="myvalue"
if [ "$myvar" = "" ]; then
    echo "nothing!";
else
    echo "got $myvar"
fi
```

```
#!/bin/bash

myvar="myvalue"
if [ "$myvar" = "" ]
then
    echo "nothing!";
else
    echo "got $myvar"
fi
```

```
#!/bin/bash

myvar="myvalue"
[ "$myvar" = "" ] && echo "nothing" || echo "got
$myvar"
```

If, elseif and else (3)

Few syntax to the same script

```
#!/bin/bash
myvar="myvalue"
if [ "$myvar" = "" ];
then
echo "nothing!";
else
echo "got $myvar"
fi
```

```
#!/bin/bash
myvar="myvalue"
if [ -z "$myvar" ]; then
echo 'nothing!";
else
echo "got $myvar"
fi
```

Variable test

Summary of Test Types

string, numeric and files

Test Statement	Returns true if
[A = B]	String A is equal to string B
[A != B]	String A is not equal to string B
[A -eq B]	A is numerically equal to B
[A -ne B]	A is numerically not equal to B
[A -lt B]	A is numerically less than B
[A -gt B]	A is numerically greater than B
[A -le B]	A is numerically less than or equal to B
[A -ge B]	A is numerically greater than or equal to B
[-r A]	A is a file/directory that exists and is readable (r permission)
[-w A]	A is a file/directory that exists and is writeable (w permission)
[-x A]	A is a file/directory that exists and is executable (x permission)
[-f A]	A is a file that exists
[-d A]	A is a directory that exists

Test Special Operations

Test Statement	Returns true if
[A=B-oC=D]	String A is equal to string B OR string C is equal to string D
[A=B-aC=D]	String A is equal to string B AND string C is equal to string D
[!A=B]	String A is NOT equal to string B

To see more tests example

#> man bash

And then search for : /-a file

Exit Code (1)

- Every well behaved command returns back a exit code.
 - 0 => successful
 - 1..255 => unsuccessful
 - This is different from C \ Java.
 - The exit code of the last command is stored in the \$? Environment variable.

Exit Code (2)

□ For example:

```
#> ls /tmp/file_exist >/dev/null 2>&1
#> echo $?
0
#> ls /tmp/file_not_exist >/dev/null
2>&1
#> echo $?
2
#> echo $?
```

Exit Code (3)

For example:

```
#!/bin/bash
# script name : check_httpd_alive.sh
ps -ef | grep httpd |grep -v grep > /dev/null 2>&1
if [ $? -ne 0 ]; then
    echo "httpd is NOT running"
    echo "call 911 !"
    else
    echo "httpd is running"
fi
The grep commands
return O(success) if it find
httpd in the output of the
```

ps command. If not then

it return with non-zero.

Exit Code (4)

 Also your script should return an exit code which indicates if it finished OK or not.

```
#!/bin/bash
# script name : check_httpd_alive.sh
ps -ef | grep httpd > /dev/null 2>&1
                                                  exit 1 means that the
if [ $? -ne 0 ]; then
                                                  script
    echo "httpd is NOT running"
                                                  failed to find the httpd
                                                  process. So the script will
    echo "call 911 !"
                                                  exit at this point.
    exit 1_
fi
                                                  The script will exit
echo "httpd is running"
                                                  successfully.
exit 0 _____
```

Exit Code (5)

```
#> check_httpd_alive.sh
httpd is running
#> echo $?
0
#> check_httpd_alive.sh > /dev/null 2>&1 && kill -9
`ps -eHf | grep
httpd| grep -v grep |awk '{print $2}'`
#> check_httpd_alive.sh
httpd is NOT running
call 911!
#> echo $?
```

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Chapter 5: Excersice A

- 1. Write a shell script that prints "Shell Scripting is Fun!" on the screen
- Modify the shell script from exercise 1 to include a variable. The variable will hold the contents of the message "Shell Scripting is Fun!"
- 3. Store the output of the command "hostname" in a variable. Display "This script is running on _." where "_" is the output of the "hostname" command
- 4. Write a shell script to check to see if the file "file_path" exists. If it does exist, display "file_path passwords are enabled." Next, check to see if you can write to the file. If you can, display "You have permissions to edit "file_path." If you cannot, display "You do NOT have permissions to edit "file_path"

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for loops

 for loops allow the repetition of a command for a specific set of values

Syntax:

```
for var in value1 value2 ...; do
   command_set
done
```

 command_set is executed with each value of var (value1, value2, ...) in sequence

Notes on for (1)

Example: Listing all files in a directory

```
#! /bin/bash
for i in *; do
  echo $i
done
```

NOTE: * is a wild card that stands for all files in the current directory, and *for* will go through each value in *, which is all the files and \$i has the filename.

Notes on for (2)

• Example output:

```
# chmod u+x
listfiles
# ./listfiles
a
b
c
html
listfiles
#
```

Notes on for (3)

Another example: square.sh

```
#!/bin/bash
for i in 1 2 3 4 5; do
    echo "square of $i =
    `expr $i \* $i`"
done
```

```
#> chmod u+x
square.sh
#> square.sh
square of 1 = 1
square of 2 = 4
square of 3 = 9
square of 4 = 16
square of 5 = 25
```

```
#!/bin/bash
for i in `seq 5`; do
    echo "square of $i =
    `expr $i \* $i`"
done

#> tmp=`seq 5`
#> echo $tmp
1 2 3 4 5
```

The while loop

- While loops repeat statements as long as the next UNIX command is successful.
- Works similar to the while loop in C.

Example (1)

```
#!/bin/bash
i=1
sum=0
while [ $i -le 100 ]; do
    sum=`expr $sum + $i`
    i=`expr $i + 1`
done
echo The sum is $sum.
```

NOTE: The value of i is tested in the while to see if it is less than or equal to 10.

Example (2)

```
#!/bin/bash
line_num=0
while read line; do
    line_num=`expr $line_num+1`
    echo "$ line_num: $line"
done < "/etc/hosts"
echo "Final line count is:
$line_num"</pre>
```

NOTE: This script do the operation of

```
#> cat -n /etc/hosts
```

The *case* Statement

- Falls into the category of conditional statements
- Allows the user to branch depending on the outcome of a string

Notes on case (1)

Syntax:

```
case string in
   pattern1)
      command_set_1
   ;;
pattern2)
   command_set_2
   ;;
...
esac
```

Example

```
#!/bin/bash
echo -n 'Choose option [y\n] > '
read reply
case $reply in
   "y")
       echo "the choice was y"
       echo "the choice was n"
       , ,
   echo Illegal choice!
   , ,
   esac
```

Provide a default case when no other cases are matched.

Notes on *case* (2)

- We can combine two outcomes into one.
 - Using the logical OR in shell.
 - E.g:

```
case $reply in
   "y" | "n")
      echo "The choice is either y
      or n"
      ;;
   *)
   echo "wrong choice"
   ;;
esac
```

Notes on case (3)

- The outcome is always checked as a string.
- The ';;' are necessary to tell the shell that this option to the case is over.
- Every case statement must be terminated with an esac.

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Command Line (1)

- Parameters to any program.
 - o For example:
 - \$ Is -I foo
 - '-I' and foo are parameters to the programIs.
 - The command line for Is now consists of these three parameters: **Is, -I and foo**.

NOTE: command is also part of the command line

Command Line (2)

- Shell script arguments are "numbered" from left to right.
 - \$1 first argument after command.
 - \$2 second argument after command.
 - ... up to \$9.
 - **\${10}**
 - They are called "positional parameters".
- E.g: #> ./CheckDirSize ~/mydir 100



Command Line (3)

- Example: find out if string appears in file.
 - Run command as: #> mystr string file

```
#! /bin/bash
grep $1 $2
```

```
#> ./mystr root
/etc/passwd
root:x:0:0:root:/ro
ot:/bin/bash
#>
```

NOTE: \$1 has value root and \$2 has value /etc/passwd

Command Line (4)

- Other variables related to arguments:
 - \$0 Name of the command running.
 Tip: Usage of the script can use \$0.
 - \$* → All the arguments (even if there are more than
 9).
 - \$# → The number of arguments.

Tip : Arguments validation in the beginning of the script.

Command Line (5)

Example to use these special variables

```
./cmd_line.sh
```

```
#! /bin/bash
echo "$0 is the name of the command"
echo "$* is the list of arguments"
echo "$# is the total number of
arguments"
#
```

Command Line (6)

Example output:

```
#> ./cmd_line
./cmd_line is the name of the command
is the list of arguments
0 is the total number of arguments

#< ./cmd_line 1 2 3 4 5
./cmd_line is the name of the command
1 2 3 4 5 is the list of arguments
5 is the total number of arguments
#>
```

Command Line (7)

- Another special variable (Not an argument)
 - \$\$ → This variable holds the PID of your current process. Example :

```
#> csh
#> echo $$
1730
#> kill -9 1730
Killed
#>
```

Reading Input

- All this while, we have talked about shell scripts that do useful work and write some output.
 - What about reading input ?
 - Done using the read command.
 - Reads one line of input and assigns it to variables given as arguments.
 - Data type of variable does not matter, as shell has no concept of data types.

Notes on read (1)

- Syntax:
 - read var1 var2 var3
 - Reads a line of input from standard input.
 - Assigns first word to var1, second word to var2, ...
 - The last variable gets any excess words on the line.

Notes on read (2)

• Example:

```
# read var1 var2 var3
this is to test the read
# echo $var1
this
# echo $var2
is
# echo $var3
to test the read
#
```

NOTE: var3 has the rest of the string "to test the read"

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Bash Functions

- Function is series of instruction/commands which performs specific activity.
- Function will make your code more modular and flexible.
- Function reduce code duplication.

Bash Functions

• Simple form of function :

```
function-name ()
{
    command1
    command2
    ....
    commandN
    return
}
```

- To call function just type the function name.
- Function must be define before you call it.

Bash Script Example (1)

```
#!/bin/bash
# Description : The script count cpus or processes in the
system.
usage ()
   abort "Usage : $0 cpus|processes"
abort ()
   echo $1
   exit 1
count_cpu ()
    if [ -f /proc/cpuinfo ]; then
       cpus_num=`cat /proc/cpuinfo | grep "processor" |wc -1`
       echo "Number of cpus : $cpus_num"
   else
       abort "Error checking cpus"
fi
return
```

Bash Script Example (2)

```
count_active_processes ()
ps_current=`ps -ef|wc -1`
echo "Number of processes : $ps_current"
return
# ---- Main of the script ----
if [ $# -ne 1 ]; then
   usage
fi
if [ "$1" = "cpus" ]; then
   count_cpus
elif [ "$1" = "processes" ]; then
   count_active_processes
else
   usage
fi
exit 0
```

Chapter 5: Outline

- What is a script?
- How to run scripts
- Variables
- Shell arithmetic's (expr)
- Controls (for, if, test, files\string\num)
- Exercising A
- Controls cont... (for, while, case)
- Arguments (\$0, \$*, \$?, \$\$)
- Reading input (read)
- Functions
- Traps (trap "" SIGINT)
- Debug a script (bash -x \ set -x)
- Exercising B

Chapter 5: Excersice B

- 1. Write a shell script that displays "man","bear","pig","dog","cat",and "sheep" on the screen with each appearing on a separate line. Try to do this in as few lines as possible.
- 2. Write a shell script that displays, "This script will exit with 0 exit status." Be sure that the script does indeed exit with a 0 exit status.
- 3. Write a shell script that accepts a file or directory name as an argument. Have the script report if it is reguler file, a directory, or another type of file. If it is a directory, exit with a 1 exit status. If it is some other type of file, exit with a 2 exit status.

Chapter 6:

Useful Commands

Chapter 6: Outline

- find
- file
- s\diff
- screen
- alias
- script
- Exercising

find

- Finding files in your system.
- Examples:

file

- Find out the file type
- Examples:

diff (1)

- File comparing
- Without any options, it produces a series of lines containing Add (a), Delete (d), and Change © instructions
- The sdiff utility is similar to diff but display the output in a side-by-side format

Usage:

- diff [options] file1 file2
- diff [options] file1 directory
- diff [options] directory file2
- diff [options] directory1 directory2

diff (2)

• Example:

```
#> cat /tmp/filea
a
b
c
```

```
#> cat /tmp/fileb
a
X
c
```

```
#> diff /tmp/filea /tmp/fileb
2c2
< b
---
> X
```

```
#> sdiff /tmp/filea /tmp/fileb
a a
b | X
c c
```

screen

- Two uses can share the same terminal!
- Useful for solving problem together.
- How to use it:
 - Person1
 - 1. Log in to serverA with username.
 - 2. Execute the command: screen -S user1term.
 - 3. Wait for other users to contact my "user1term"
 - Person2
 - 1. Log in to serverA with the same username.
 - 2. Execute the command: screen -x user1term.
 - 3. Now both of the users can share the same terminal

Alias (1)

Aliases:

- A substitution of one symbol for another.
- Time saving tool by reducing key strokes for "common" commands.
- Lifetime is the current session unless created in configuration files.

Alias (2)

Creating:

```
Usage: alias aliasname='command'
#> alias ls='ls -l'
#> alias rm='rm -i'
#> alias h='history'
#> alias ..='cd ..'
```

Deleting:

```
Usage : unalias aliasname
#> unalias Is
```

script Command (1)

- The script command is used to make a record of an interactive session.
 - script [-a] [file]
 - -a option is used to record actions to file by appending contents to file.
 - When script command is started, it starts a new shell and once you type exit, you return to your original shell.

script Command (2)

```
#> script /var/tmp/file.log
Script started, file is test
erase ^? intr ^C kill ^U
#> pwd
/afs/cs.pitt.edu/usr0/axgopala
#> exit
exit
Script done, file is test
#>
```

Note: All the typing saved into the /var/tmp/file.log

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Appendix:

Enhanced Commands

Appendix: Outline

- rpm query
- netstat
- Isof
- chkconfig
- nslookup
- wget
- dos2unix
- crontab

rpm -q

e.g.

- Is a query command for rpms,
- Examples:

```
// show all installed rpms
  rpm -qa
                                 // show if rpm installed
  rpm -q <rpm>
  rpm -ql <rpm>
                                 // list the files in the installed rpm
  rpm -qf <file>
                                 // show the rpm that brouth the
   file
                                 // show details of the installed
o rpm -qi <rpm>
   rpm
  rpm -q --scripts <rpm> // show the pre\post scripts
   rpm2cpio <rpm> | cpio -ivd // extract files from the
   rpm(not installing them)
  rpm -q kernel --qf '%{NAME} - %{VERSION} - %{RELEASE} . %{ARCH}\n'
```

kernel

- 2.6.18 - 53.1.13.el5 . i686

netstat

- Shows connections, routing information, statistics
- Possible uses:
 - find systems that your system has recently talked to, find recently used ports

Examples:

- netstat -rn // routing tables
- netstat // open sockets, etc.
- netstat -s // summary statistics
- netstat -p // programs

Isof

- Lists open files on your system
- Useful to see what processes are working with what files and ports
- Usage: Isof

#> Isof -c bash // List all files by processes name

#> **Isof -i tcp:ssh** // What process has the port

#> Isof -i tcp:22

Note: /etc/services

Linux Run-Levels

- 0 Halt
- 1 Single user mode
- 2 Multiuser, w/o NFS
- 3 Full multiuser mode
- 4 unused
- 5 X11
- 6 reboot

Chkconfig (1)

- How can you control what programs will start up and shut down and find out what is actually running?
- The chkconfig command is used to activate and deactivate services.
- #> chkconfig --list:
 list of the services and their run-level activation.
- Example :

```
#> chkconfig --list | egrep "crond|nfs"
crond
         0:off 1:off
                       2:on
                             3:on
                                    4:on
                                           5:on
                                                  6:off
       0:off 1:off 2:off 3:off 4:off 5:off
nfs
                                                  6:off
                1:off 2:off
nfslock
         0:off
                             3:on
                                    4:on
                                           5:on
                                                  6:off
```

chkconfig (2)

- Examples:
 - List all the services and their init levels:#> chkconfig --list
 - Forces httpd service to run for levels 3,4,5.
 #> chkconfig --level 345 httpd on
 - Disable the httpd service to run at all.
 #> chkconfig httpd off

nslookup

- Potential Uses:
 - Query internet name servers
 - Find name for IP address, and vice versa
- Usage:
 - o nslookup <ip> | <hostname>
 - E.g. nslookup data.cs.uwec.edu

wget

- The non-interactive network downloader (http\s,ftp)
 - GNU Wget is a free utility for non-interactive download of files from the Web.
- Usage:
 - o wget <url>

dos2unix

DOS/MAC to UNIX text file format converter.

When to use it?

If you create a text file in DOS it has **other line endings** than if you create it on a Linux/UNIX system.
Where DOS appends a RETURN and a NEW LINE at the end, Linux just uses the NEW LINE character. You use dos2unix to convert these to the Linux format.

- What happened when you trying to run script from dos in Unix -> you may get the error : "Bad interpreter".
- How to use it?

#> dos2unix dos-script-file > unix-script-file
Now you can run safely the script unix-script-file.

cron - deamon (1)

- UNIX's answer to automated job scheduling.
- Used to schedule jobs to run at particular time or at a particular frequency.
- Useful to automate system administration tasks.
- Is actually a background system process -crond (the cron daemon) is started at boot time from rc scripts.

crontab - files (2)

 Configuration files defining scheduled jobs are stored in multiple locations on some systems:

-/var/spool/cron

The mail Cron directory, where jobs defined according to username. These definition files are called crontab files.

crontab - Format File (3)

- Each line in crontab has five fields:
 - Minute (0-59)
 - o Hour (0-23)
 - Day of the month (1-31)
 - Month of the year (1-12)
 - Day of the week (0-6) (Sunday is 0)
 - Command line executed command
- Example:
 - 0 8 * * 2 echo "Happy Monday Morning"
 - * * * * * echo "One Minute Passed > /tmp/log
 - 0 1,2,3 1 1 0 /bin/cleanOldFiles /tmp

crontab - command (4)

- View crontab information: crontab -l
- Editing crontab file: crontab -e

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