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- Used to group a set of UNIX commands in a file.
- These commands are typed and edited using the vi editor.
- A shell variable can contain alphabets numbers and underscore with the first letter being an alphabet or an underscore.

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- **VALID SHELL VARIABLE:**

*n

*area

*a1

*_account

*a_count

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- **ASSIGNING VALUES TO VARIABLE:**

Variable=value

Ex: n=10

- **DISPLAYING VALUES OF VARIABLES:**

\$ echo value of n is \$n

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- **ARITHMETIC OPERATIONS:**

+	Addition
-	Subtraction
*	Multiplication
/	Division
%	Modulo

COMPARISON OPERATORS

- NUMERICAL:

-eq	equals to
-gt	greater than
-lt	lesser than
-ge	greater than or equal to
-le	lesser than or equal to
-ne	not equal to

- STRING:

=	equal to
!=	not equal to

- **LOGICAL OPERATORS:**

- a** and

- o** or

- !** Not

- **READ COMMAND:**

Used to read the value of the shell variable from a user.

- **COMMENT STATEMENT:**

#this is a text program.

- **IF STATEMENT:**

if condition

then

<block of commands>

fi

- **ELSE CLAUSE IN IF STATEMENT:**

if condition

then

<block of commands>

else

<block of commands>

fi

- **ELIF CONSTRUCT:**

if condition

then

<block of commands>

elif condition2

then

<block of commands>

else

<block of commands>

fi

TEST COMMAND:

- Used to test for equality and it returns a true or false as a result.

Syntax: **test condition**

- **CASE STATEMENT:**

Used to execute a block of commands based on a value.

Case value in

V1)command1

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Command n

V2)command1

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Command n

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Vn) command1

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Command n

esac

- **FOR STATEMENT:**

Used to execute a block of commands based on a list of values for a variable.

for variable in list
do

<block of commands>

done

- **WHILE STATEMENT:**

Used to execute and to repeat a command depending upon a condition.

while condition
do

<block of commands>

done

- **UNTILL CONDITION:**

Similar to the while statement used to execute a block of commands based upon the condition.

until condition
do

<block of commands>

done

Example

```
echo sum and product  
echo enter the value of a  
read a  
echo enter the value of b  
read b  
c=`expr $a + $b`  
echo the sum is $c  
d=`expr $a '*' $b`  
echo the product is $d
```