

ATMS 305 WEEK 3: INTRODUCTION TO UNIX/LINUX

Lecture 2: more bash scripting (yay!)

MORE BASH SCRIPTING TOOLS AND TIPS

Today, we will introduce some more advanced bash scripting techniques that you can use to make scripts more powerful.

INTERACTIVITY

Interactive scripts ask the user for input, and then use that input in the script for something.

In bash, it is easy to generate a prompt in a script.

The read command does the job.

read varname

will insert the user input into the variable name given

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introduction.sh

1. #!/bin/bash
2. # Ask the user for their name
3.
4. echo Hello, who am I talking to?
5.
6. read varname
7.
8. echo It\'s nice to meet you $varname
```

Terminal

- 1. user@bash: ./introduction.sh
- 2. Hello, who am I talking to?
- 3. Ryan
- 4. It's nice to meet you Ryan
- 5. user@bash:

FANCIER READ COMMANDS

```
login.sh

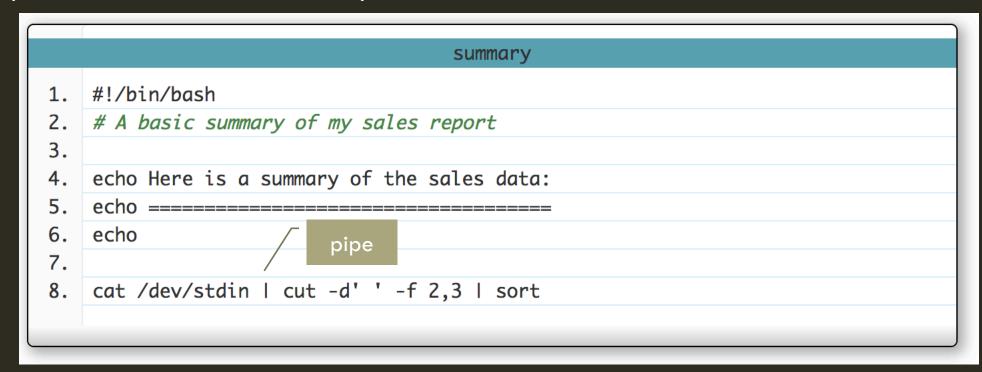
1. #!/bin/bash
2. # Ask the user for login details
3.
4. read -p 'Username: ' uservar
5. read -sp 'Password: ' passvar input for security
6. echo
7. echo Thankyou $uservar we now have your login details
```

READING MORE THAN ONE VARIABLE AT A TIME

```
cars.sh
   #!/bin/bash
   # Demonstrate how read actually works
3.
   echo What cars do you like?
5.
   read car1 car2 car3
7.
   echo Your first car was: $car1
   echo Your second car was: $car2
   echo Your third car was: $car3
```

STANDARD INPUT

Standard input is another way to pass information into a script. It uses part of the operating system, and can be used send information in and out of commands and scripts. It is accessible in the filesystem at the location /dev/stdin.



```
Terminal
    user@bash: cat salesdata.txt
    Fred apples 20 February 4
    Susy oranges 5 February 7
    Mark watermelons 12 February 10
    Terry peaches 7 February 15
    user@bash:
    user@bash: cat salesdata.txt | ./summary
    Here is a summary of the sales data:
10.
11.
    apples 20
    oranges 5
13.
    peaches 7
    watermelons 12
14.
```

INPUT INTO SCRIPTS

So we now have 3 methods for getting input from the user:

- Command line arguments (\$1, \$2, \$3, etc.)
- Read input during script execution (read varname1)
- Accept data that has been redirected into the Bash script via STDIN

```
if_example.sh
    #!/bin/bash
    # Basic if statement
3.
    if [ $1 -gt 100 ]
    then
       echo Hey that's a large number.
       pwd
    fi
9.
10.
    date
```

CONTROL STATEMENTS

Scripts can be set up to perform larger tasks using control statements that allow for decisions to be made based on values of variables or specified numbers of repetitions.

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This is done with statements such as if/then/else while for
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IF/THEN SYNTAX

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OPERATORS USEFUL IN BASH IF STATEMENTS

Operator	Description
! EXPRESSION	The EXPRESSION is false.
-n STRING	The length of STRING is greater than zero.
-z STRING	The lengh of STRING is zero (ie it is empty).
STRING1 = STRING2	STRING1 is equal to STRING2
STRING1 != STRING2	STRING1 is not equal to STRING2
INTEGER1 -eq INTEGER2	INTEGER1 is numerically equal to INTEGER2
INTEGER1 -gt INTEGER2	INTEGER1 is numerically greater than INTEGER2
INTEGER1 -It INTEGER2	INTEGER1 is numerically less than INTEGER2
-d FILE	FILE exists and is a directory.
-e FILE	FILE exists.
-r FILE	FILE exists and the read permission is granted.
-s FILE	FILE exists and it's size is greater than zero (ie. it is not empty).
-w FILE	FILE exists and the write permission is granted.
-x FILE	FILE exists and the execute permission is granted.

```
if_elif.sh
    #!/bin/bash
    # elif statements
3.
4. if [ $1 -ge 18 ]
    then
     echo You may go to the party.
    elif [ $2 == 'yes' ]
    then
       echo You may go to the party but be back before midnight.
    else
10.
11.
       echo You may not go to the party.
    fi
12.
```

MULTIPLE CONDITIONS

AND &&

```
and.sh

1. #!/bin/bash
2. # and example
3.
4. if [ -r $1 ] && [ -s $1 ]
5. then
6. echo This file is useful.
7. fi
```

```
OR | |
```

```
or.sh

1. #!/bin/bash
2. # or example
3.
4. if [ $USER == 'bob' ] || [ $USER == 'andy' ]
5. then
6. ls -alh
7. else
8. ls
9. fi
```

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WHILE LOOPS — FOR COUNTING WITH ARITHMETIC

```
while_loop.sh
    #!/bin/bash
    # Basic while loop
 3.
    counter=1
    while [ $counter -le 10 ]
    do
       echo $counter
       ((counter++))
    done
10.
    echo All done
```

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 8.
    done
10.
    echo All done
11.
```

Terminal 1. user@bash: ./while_loop.sh 2. 1 3. 2 4. 3 5. 4 6. 5 7. 6 8. 7 9. 8 10. 9 11. 10 12. All done 13. user@bash:

FOR LOOPS — FOR LOOPING OVER LISTS

```
for_loop.sh
     #!/bin/bash
     # Basic for loop
                                           lists are separated by spaces
 3.
     names='Stan Kyle Cartman'
 5.
     for name in $names
     do
       echo $name
     done
10.
     echo All done
```

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    do
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    done
10.
11.
    echo All done
```

Terminal

- 1. user@bash: ./for_loop.sh
- 2. Stan
- 3. Kyle
- 4. Cartman
- 5. All done
- 6. user@bash:

OTHER FOR LOOP CONTROLS

RANGES

FILE LISTINGS

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for_loop_stepping.sh

1. #!/bin/bash
2. # Basic range with steps for loop
3.
4. for value in {10..0..2}
5. do
6. echo $value
7. done
8.
9. echo All done
```

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convert_html_to_php.sh

1. #!/bin/bash
2. # Make a php copy of any html files
3.
4. for value in $1/*.html
5. do
6. cp $value $1/$( basename -s .html $value ).php
7. done
```

SUMMARY

Getting user inputs:

- Command line arguments (\$1, \$2, \$3, etc.)
- Read input during script execution (read varname1)
- Accept data that has been redirected into the Bash script via STDIN

Control statements:

if do elseif done – decision based on condition

while do done - loop as long as condition is true

for do done – loop over a specified list or range of integers