Bash Tutorials - A Personalized Echo



Problem Statement

Write a bash script which accepts as input, a name, and displays a greeting: "Welcome (name)"

Input Format

One line, containing a name

Output Format

One line: "Welcome (name)" (quotation marks excluded)

The evaluation will be case sensitive.

Dan			

Sample Output 0

Welcome Dan

Sample Input 1

Prashant

Sample Output 1

Welcome Prashant

A quick introduction to 'Echo'

This is the equivalent of common output commands in most programming language (print or puts statements).

For Example:

echo "Greetings"

This outputs just one word "Greetings" (without the quotation marks).

echo "Greetings `\$USER, your current working directory is \$`PWD"

This picks up the values of the environment variables USER and PWD and displays something like:

Greetings prashantb1984, your current working directory is /home/prashantb1984

The above message, of course, will vary from system to system, depending on the setting of environment variables.

Accepting Inputs

This can be accomplished using the 'read' statement.

read number echo "The number you have entered is \$number"

If the user provides an input "4" (quotation marks excluded), the output is:

The number you have entered is 4

Consider this snippet:

read name

echo "The name you have entered is \$name"

If the user provides an input "Max" (quotation marks excluded), the output is: The name you have entered is Max

Recommended Resources

A quick but useful tutorial for bash newcomers is here. Handling input is documented and explained quite well on this page.