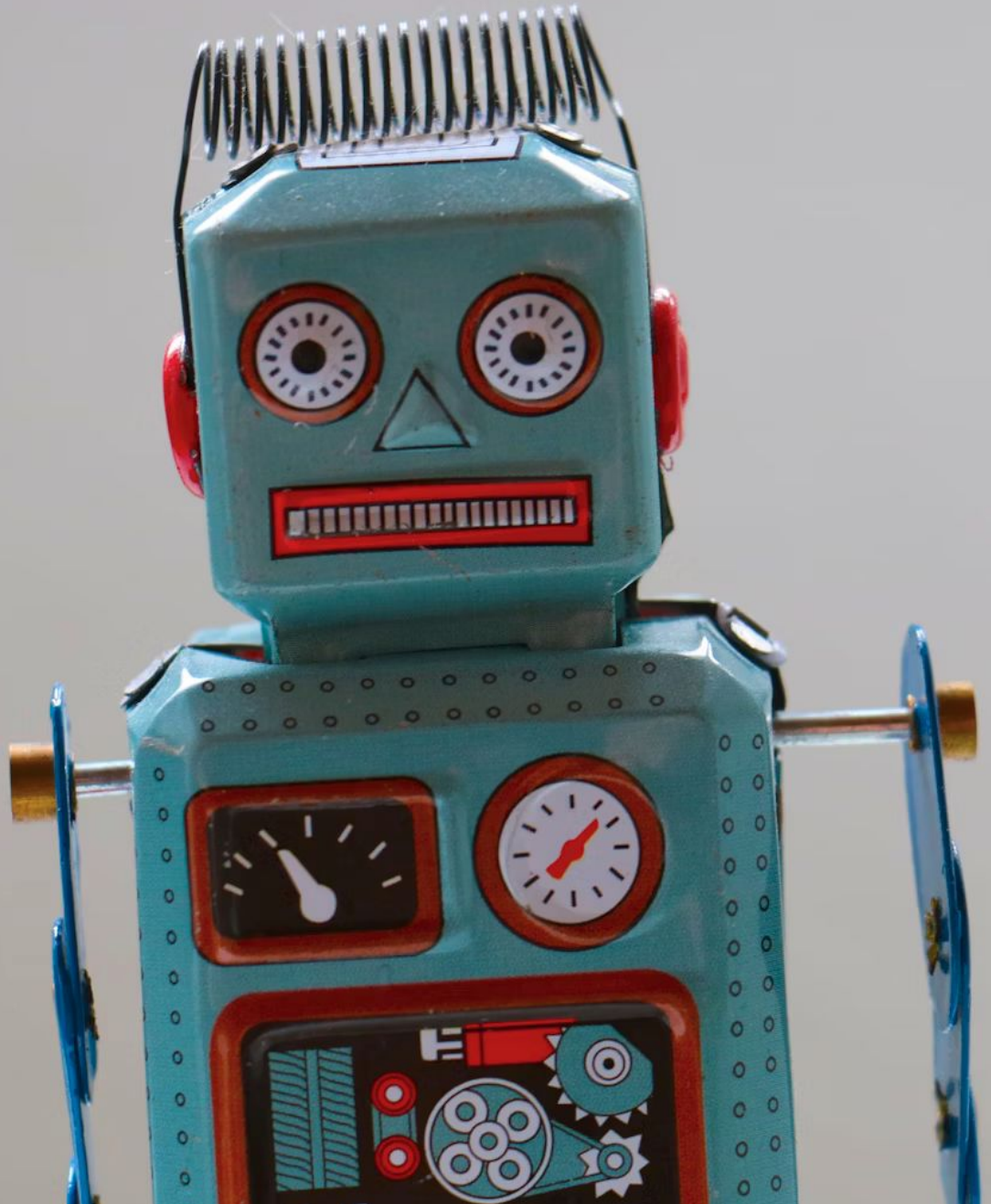


bash scripting – intro

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Quick note

Bash script != batch script

Batch scripts are a windows thing (similar idea)

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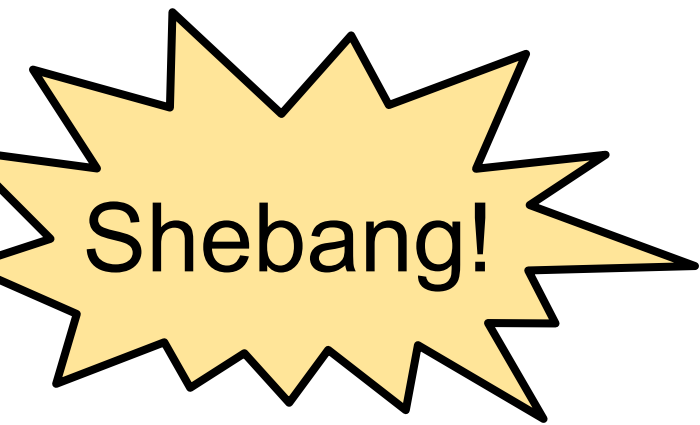
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To run:

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./file.sh
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- Portability - User just executes file, doesn't need to know what other command to use
- Running bash scripts from other shells



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Not just limited to bash!

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#!/usr/bin/env python3
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A note for Mac users

You probably want to update bash

```
brew install bash
```

You'll have a different path from before

Example: `#!/usr/local/bin/bash`

Leaving notes

Even in simple scripts, it can be useful to leave comments

Comments here start at a `#` and continue to the end of the line

- Shebang is an exception