



Exit code.

Command test.

Flow Control.

Loops.

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- Every process returns exit code during termination.
- **Exit code = integer 0, 1, ... ,255**
 - 0 success,
 - 1,...,255 error.
- **Exit code of the last foreground command** is saved in variable **?**
- **Shell script can be terminated with exit code n** by command
`exit [n]`
- **Shell function can be terminated with exit code n** by command
`return [n]`



Exit code - examples

```
$ grep 'root' /etc/passwd
root:x:0:1:Super-User:/root:/sbin/sh

$ echo $?
0

$ grep 'xxx' /etc/passwd
$ echo $?
1

$ grep 'root' /xxx
grep: can't open /xxx
$ echo $?
2

$ XXXgrep 'root' /etc/passwd
-bash: XXXgrep: command not found
$ echo $?
127
```



- Test exits with the exit status determined by expression.
- Arguments are analyzed by shell, therefore
 - they must be separated by spaces,
 - use symbol '\ ' before special character.

- **Compound expressions**

\ (A \)

Define priority of the expression **A**.

A -a **B**

Logical conjunction: the expression is true if both **A** and **B** are true.

A -o **B**

Logical disjunction: the expression is true if either **A**, **B**, or both, are true.

! **A**

Logical negation: the expression is true if **A** is false and false if **A** is true.



Command test and its synonyms

`test expression`

- The test utility evaluates the condition and indicates the result of the evaluation by its exit status.
- The command `test` is built-in command in ksh and bash (faster).

`[condition]`

- synonym of command `test výraz`

`[[condition]]`

- only in ksh and bash, built-in command
- `-a` is replaced by `&&` and `-o` is replaced by `||`

`((expression))`

- only in ksh and bash
- returns true if expression is not equals to zero



File attributes

Option	Example	Meaning
<code>-f</code>	<code>[-f file]</code>	True if <code>file</code> exists and is a regular file.
<code>-d</code>	<code>[-d file]</code>	True if <code>file</code> exists and is a directory.
<code>-s</code>	<code>[-s file]</code>	True if <code>file</code> exists and has a size greater than zero.
<code>-e</code>	<code>[-e file]</code>	True if <code>file</code> exists.
<code>-L</code>	<code>[-L file]</code>	True if <code>file</code> exists and is a symbolic link.
<code>-r</code>	<code>[-r file]</code>	True if <code>file</code> exists and is readable.
<code>-w</code>	<code>[-w file]</code>	True if <code>file</code> exists and is writable.
<code>-x</code>	<code>[-x file]</code>	True if <code>file</code> exists and is executable.

- See: `man sh`, `man ksh`, `man bash`, `man test`.



File attributes - examples

```
$ test -f /etc/passwd ; echo $?
```

```
0
```

```
$ [ -f /etc/passwd ] ; echo $?
```

```
0
```

```
$ name="/etc/passwd"
```

```
$ if [ -f "$name" ]; then echo "$name is file"; fi
```

```
/etc/passwd is file
```

```
$ name="/etc/xxx"
```

```
$ if [ -f "$name" ]; then echo "$name is file"; fi
```

```
$ if [ -f "$name" ]; then echo "$name is file"; \
```

```
> else echo "$name is not file" ; fi
```

```
/etc/xxx is not file
```



File attributes - examples

```
$ name="/etc/passwd"
```

```
$ if [ -f "$name" -a -r "$name" ]; then cat "$name"; fi
```

```
at:x:25:25:Batch jobs daemon:/var/spool/atjobs:/bin/bash
```

```
avahi:x:497:496:User for Avahi:/var/run/avahi-daemon:/bin/false
```

```
...
```

```
$ name="$HOME/muj file.txt"
```

```
$ if [ -d "$HOME" -a -w "$HOME" ]; then echo "Hello" > "$name"; fi
```

```
$ if [ -f $name -a -r $name ]; then cat $name; fi
```

```
bash: [: too many arguments
```

```
$ if [-f "$name" -a -r "$name"]; then cat "$name"; fi
```

```
If '['-f' is not a typo you can use command-not-found to lookup ...
```

```
$ if [ -f "$name" -a -r "$name" ]; then cat "$name"; fi
```

```
Hello
```




String comparison

Test	Meaning
[s1 = s2]	Is string s1 equal to string s2 ?
[s1 != s2]	Isn't string s1 equal to string s2 ?
[s1 \< s2]	Is string s1 less than string s2 ? (in alphabetical order)
[s1 \> s2]	Is string s1 greater than string s2 ? (in alphabetical order)
[-z s1]	Has string s1 zero length?
[-n s1]	Hasn't string s1 zero length?

- Note
 - If shell variable is used as argument, then put quotes around the variable to avoid error.



String comparison - examples

```
$ test "John" \< "Petr" ; echo $?
```

```
0
```

```
$ [ "John" \< "Petr" ] ; echo $?
```

```
0
```

```
$ A=Alex ; B=John ; C="Good Morning"
```

```
$ test $A \< $B ; echo $?
```

```
0
```

```
$ test $A = $B ; echo $?
```

```
1
```

```
$ test $B \< $C ; echo $?
```

```
-bash: test: too many arguments
```

```
2
```

```
$ test "$B" \< "$C" ; echo $?
```

```
1
```



Integer comparison

Test	Meaning
[n1 -eq n2]	Is number n1 equal to number n2 ?
[n1 -ne n2]	Isn't number n1 equal to number n2 ?
[n1 -lt n2]	Is number n1 less than number n2 ?
[n1 -gt n2]	Is number n1 greater than number n2 ?
[n1 -le n2]	Is number n1 less than or equal to number n2 ?
[n1 -ge n2]	Is number n1 greater than or equal to number n2 ?



Integer comparison - examples

```
$ test 2 -lt 7 ; echo $?
```

```
0
```

```
$ [ 2 -lt 7 ] ; echo $?
```

```
0
```

```
$ test 2 -gt 7 ; echo $?
```

```
1
```

```
$ [ 2 -gt 7 ] ; echo $?
```

```
1
```

```
$ A=10 ; B=7
```

```
$ test $A -eq $B || echo "$A is not equal to $B"
```

```
10 is not equal to 7
```

```
$ [ $A -gt $B ] && echo "$A > $B"
```

```
10 > 7
```



Command if / then / else

```
if list1; then list2; [ else list3; ] fi
```

```
if list1
then
    list2
[ else
    list3 ]
fi
```

- The **list1** is executed.
- If its exit status is zero, the **list2** is executed.
- Otherwise, the **list3** is executed, if present.
- Line with **fi** must end by newline character!!!



Command if / then / else - example

```
#!/bin/sh

name="$1"

if [ -f "$name" ]
then
    echo "$name is file"
else
    if [ -d "$name" ]
    then
        echo "$name is directory"
    else
        if [ -b "$name" -o -c "$name" ]
        then
            echo "$name is special file"
        else
            echo "$name is not file/directory/special file"
        fi
    fi
fi
```

if-cmd-01.sh





Command if / then / else - example

```
#!/bin/sh

name="$1"

if [ -f "$name" ]
then
    echo "$name is file"
elif [ -d "$name" ]
then
    echo "$name is directory"
elif [ -b "$name" -o -c "$name" ]
then
    echo "$name is special file"
else
    echo "$name is not file, nor directory"
fi
```

if-cmd-02.sh





Command if / then / else - example

```
#!/bin/sh

# Check the input parameters
if [ $# -ne 2 ]
then
    echo "Usage: $0 number1 number2" >&2
    exit 2
fi

# Find the maximum
if [ "$1" -gt "$2" ]
then
    echo $1
else
    echo $2
fi
```

if-cmd-03.sh





Command case - example

```
#!/sbin/sh

case "$1" in
'start')
    [ -x /usr/lib/lpsched ] && /usr/lib/lpsched
    ;;

'stop')
    [ -x /usr/lib/lpshut ] && /usr/lib/lpshut
    ;;

*)
    echo "Usage: $0 { start | stop }" >&2
    exit 1
    ;;
esac
```



Command case

```
case word in [ [()] pattern [ | pattern ] ... )list ;; ] ... esac
```

```
case word in
```

```
    [ [()] pattern [ | pattern ] ... ) list ;; ]
```

```
    ...
```

```
esac
```

- A case command first expands **word**.
- Then it tries to match **word** against each **pattern** in turn, using the same matching rules as for pathname expansion.
- If the operator **;;** is used, no subsequent matches are attempted after the first pattern match.



Command case - example

```
#!/bin/sh

export LANG="en_US.utf8"
export LC_ALL="en_US.utf8"

case "$(date '+%a')" in
    'Mon' | 'Tue' | 'Wed' | 'Thu' | 'Fri' )
        echo "Today is working day."
        ;;

    'Sat' | 'Sun' )
        echo "Today is weekend."
        ;;

    *)
        echo "Something is wrong." >&2
        exit 2
        ;;

esac
```

case-cmd-01.sh





Loop while

```
while list1; do list2; done
```

```
while list1
```

```
do
```

```
    list2
```

```
done
```

- The while command continuously executes the list **list2** as long as the last command in the list **list1** returns an exit status of zero.





Loop while - example

```
#!/bin/bash

MAX="$1"
I="1"

while [ "$I" -le "$MAX" ]
do
    echo "Value of I is $I"
    I=$((I + 1))
done
```

while-cmd-01.sh



Loop until

```
until list1; do list2; done
```

```
until list1
```

```
do
```

```
    list2
```

```
done
```

- The until command is identical to the while command, except that the test is negated.
- List **list2** is executed as long as the last command in **list1** returns a non-zero exit status.





Loop until - example

```
#!/bin/bash

MAX="$1"
I="1"

until [ "$I" -gt "$MAX" ]
do
    echo "Value of I is $I"
    I=$((I + 1))
done
```

until-cmd-01.sh



Loop for

```
for name [ [ in [ word ... ] ] ; ] do list ; done
```

```
for name [ [ in [ word ... ] ] ; ]
```

```
do
```

```
    list
```

```
done
```

- The list of words following **in** is expanded, generating a list of items.
- The variable name is set to each element of this list of items in turn, and list **list** is executed each time.
- If the **in word ...** is omitted, the for command executes list **list** once for each positional parameter that is set.



Loop for - example

```
#!/bin/sh

for I in 1 2 3 4 5
do
    echo "Value of I is $I"
done
```

for-cmd-01.sh





Loop for - example

```
#!/bin/sh

for (( I=1; I<=5; I++))
do
    echo "Value of I is $I"
done
```

for-cmd-02.sh



Loop for - example

```
#!/bin/sh

for name in "$@"
do

    if [ -f "$name" ]
    then
        echo "$name is file"
    else
        if [ -d "$name" ]
        then
            echo "$name is directory"
        else
            echo "$name is not file, nor directory"
        fi
    fi
fi
done
```

for-cmd-03.sh





Loop for - example

```
#!/bin/sh

# For all files in the current directory
for name in *
do
    echo "File: $name"
done
```

for-cmd-04.sh