



The Shell: The Most Powerful GUI

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About the Course

- Introduction of Software Systems: CS6.201
 - Lectures/Tutorials on Tuesdays and Fridays: 8:30AM 10AM
 - Labs on Fridays: 2pm onwards
 - Lectures will end soon after Mid-Term
- Course webpage: https://courses.iiit.ac.in/
 - All details, resources, assignments are posted there
- Pre-requisites: C-Programming, Basics of Linux
- Textbooks: None
 - Lots of resources online.
 - Python documentation



- Tentative Weightage:
- Attendance
- Tutorials
- Project
- Academic Honesty

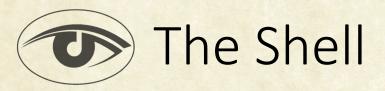
Head	% of Grade
Quiz 1	10
Lab Exam	10
Mid-Term/Final	15
Hackathon (Final Lab Exam)	15
Project	25
Assignments	10
Labs	15



- Before the Lecture
 - This is a short course and we have lots to learn
 - Watch any videos / read any material given for preparation
 - We will start sharp at 8:30pm; Do not be late
- During the Class
 - Please pay attention in the class
 - Keep your cell phones muted
 - If you have a doubt, ask. Others are likely to have the same doubt.
 - Take notes: Not every topic discussed in the class comes from a textbook; Not everything is on the slides.



Questions?



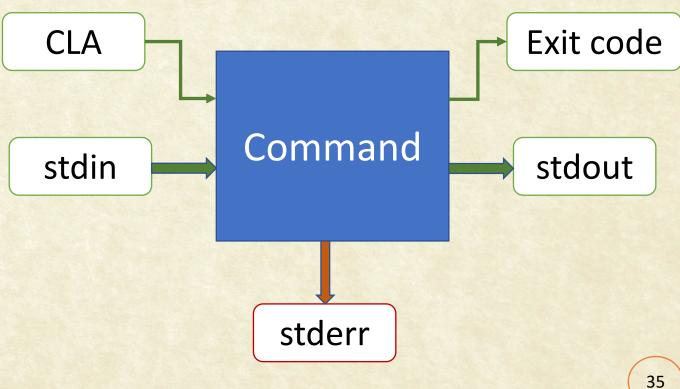
- Your interface to the OS
 - Command Line Interface
- Different Shells:
 - sh, ksh, bash, zsh

- anoop@MBA ~ % ls
 Applications Library
 CLionProjects Movies
 Desktop Music
 Documents Pictures
 Downloads Public
 Dropbox
 anoop@MBA ~ %
- Far more powerful that GUI to control the computer
 - Doing a set of commands repeatedly; and more.
- Commands, Permission and Path
- Complex commands:
 - Pipes, Redirection
- anoop—-zsh—102×6
 anoop@MBA ~ % cat /etc/services | grep nntps | grep tcp | cut −w −f2 | cut −d "/" −f1 > portNumber
- Commands and Processes



Extending Your Command Tools

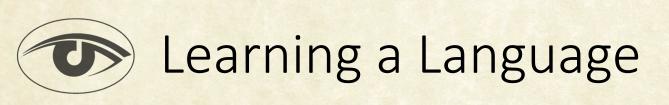
- Any C-program can be a command
- Unix Philosophy: [Eric Raymond's 17 Unix Rules]
 - Do one thing and do it well
 - Work well with others
 - Handle text streams
- Stick to conventions
 - Read only from stdin
 - Output only to stdout
 - Errors only to stderr
 - Use CLA to alter behavior
 - Use exit status properly



A Shell Script

- A sequence of commands in a file
- The 'shell' will read and execute them one-by-one
 - Compiler vs. Interpreter
- The script:
 - The shell specification
 - The script, comments
 - File permission
 - File name
- The scripting language
 - Programming constructs

```
01_Shell-Scripting — vi hello.sh — 45×12
#!/bin/bash
echo "Hello World!" # Just print Hello
echo "The current directory is: "
        #print the present working directory
pwd
"hello.sh" 7L, 131B
```



- Input-Output
- Variables, Data Structures
- Operators
- Conditional Statements
- Loops
- Functions
- Classes

Bash Scripting

- Simple, strict syntax
- Large number of functions

Additional Topics

Command-line arguments

```
#!/bin/bash
echo "Hello World"
```

```
#!/bin/bash
echo "Hello World!"  # Just print Hello
echo "The current directory is: "
pwd  #print the present working directory
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Variables, Input, Operators

#!/bin/bash STRING="Hello World" echo \$STRING

```
#!/bin/bash
bkf=Backup_$(date +%Y%m%d).tar.gz
tar -czf $bkf ~/Documents
```

- declare
- let
- factor

```
#!/bin/bash
echo "Hi, What is your name? !"
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read name

echo "Hello \$name, Good to hear from you!!"

#!/bin/bash

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read -p "Input two numbers: " num1 num2
res=$((num1+num2)) # arithmetic expansion
echo "The sum is: $res"
```

Operators [let, declare, \$(())]



Conditional Statements

```
#!/bin/bash
num=30
if [ $num -eq 30 ]
then
    echo "num is correct"
else
    echo "num is incorrect"
fi
```

Conditional Operators

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-eq, -ne, -gt, -lt, -ge, le-f myFile: if myFile exists
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-d myDir: if myDir exists see man test for more.

```
#!/bin/bash
#Declare an array with 5 elements
ARRAY=( Red Green Blue Yellow Orange )
ELEMENTS=${#ARRAY[@]} #number of elements in array
# loop over each element in array
for (( i=0;i<$ELEMENTS;i++)); do</pre>
    echo ${ARRAY[${i}]}
done
```

Other Loops

```
for var in list; do
    commands
done

while [ ]; do
    commands
done

Until [ ]; do
    commands
```

done

Command Line Arguments

```
#!/bin/bash
# passing values as command line arguments
echo '$1 $2 $3': $1 $2 $3
args=("$@")
echo 'Printing as Array: ' ${args[0]} ${args[1]} ${args[2]}
#Use $@ to print out all arguments at once
echo 'Printing $@: ' $@
# $# gives the number of arguments
echo Number of arguments passed: $#
```



Extending your Scripting Toolset

- Text/table processing
 - cut: split a string
 - sed: stream editor
 - awk: table processing
 - grep/egrep: pattern matching
 - sort: what it says
 - wc: word count
 - tee: fork the output
 - xargs: feed input as arguments
- time: time to execute a command
- date: current time, date, day, year

- File operations
 - touch : create/update a file
 - diff: changes between files
 - head/tail: lines from a file
 - cat/tac: concatenate files
 - split: split a file
 - which/locate/find: find a file
- du/df: Disk operations
- bc: command line calculator
- trap: capture interrupts
- select, case, printf



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