

## Shell Scripting (Continued)

More Linux Commands to learn:

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tr  -- transliterate files with a pattern
sort -- sort lines of text files
head -- display first lines of a file
tail -- display the last part of a file
comm -- select or reject lines common to two files
cmp  -- compare two files byte by byte
ln   -- make links
grep -- print lines matching a pattern
```

How to execute a shell script?

Two options:

- 1) Make the file executable by adding "+x" attribute (chmod +x file\_name)
- 2) Call the bash interpreter directly (bash file\_name)

Running in the background

& at the end of the command/line of code

Shell doesn't wait for the command to finish if the program is running in the background.

Shell parameters

The first parameter to the shell is known as \$1, the second as \$2, etc.

The collection of ALL parameters is known as \$\*.

Sample code 4:

```
#!/bin/bash
printf "the first parameter is: %s\n" $1
printf "the second parameter is: %s\n" $2
printf "echo the collection of ALL parameters is: %s\n" $*
```

Note:

There is something \*WRONG\* within the piece of code shown above.

More Linux Commands

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grep: [g]lobal [r]egular [e]xpression [p]rint
-- print lines matching a pattern
http://www.panix.com/~elflord/unix/grep.html
eg 1. cat file_1.txt | grep set
      print out lines with string "set" in file_1.txt
eg 2. ls -l | grep 'o'
      print out files or directories whose name contains character o
eg 3. ps ax | grep chrome
      print out processes whose name contains the string "chrome"
```

sed -- Read and modify the input line by line

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sed>

<http://www.grymoire.com/Unix/Sed.html>

Search and replace using sed

option: -n, --quiet, --silent

suppress automatic printing of pattern space

Pick out line using line number

eg 1. `cat sample.txt | sed -n 1p`

print out the same line

eg 2. `cat sample.txt | sed -n 1~2p`

(first~step)

print all the odd-numbered lines in the input stream

Search and replace

NOTE: The input could be a file or standard input (stdin)

eg 1. `sed s/bad/good/ < sample.txt` (the content of a file as stdin)

eg 2. `sed s/bad/good/ sample.txt` (the file name as a parameter)

eg 3. `cat sample.txt | sed s/bad/good/` (using pipeline)

NOTE: By doing this, it only replace the first occurrence

NOTE: Global replacement

`sed s/bad/good/g --` make changes to every occurrence

NOTE: sed in Mac OS's behaviour is really different

`cmp --` Compare two files byte by byte

option: `-s --quiet --silent`

Output nothing; yield exit status only.

Exit status is 0 if inputs are the same,

1 if different,

2 if trouble.

NOTE: exit code can be accessed via two approaches

1) `echo $?`

2) in shell script, use 'if clause'