



# CS 35L

## Discussion 1A

### Week 1

More in Linux and Shell Scripting



# Reminds

- Assignment 1!
  - 4 Oct 2022 - **11:55** pm UCLA Time
- Midterm
  - **24 Oct** 2022 - **In-class** midterm
  - The date on class website will be corrected soon

# Last Week

1. Environment Setup for Assignments
  - a. Connect to the SEASNet
2. Linux Basics
  - a. The Unix File System
  - b. Command to navigate through the file system
3. Some Useful Shell Commands/Tricks
  - a. `man` command
  - b. Other useful commands
  - c. `chmod` command

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# 1. Emacs - Why?

- Editor
  - VSCode, Sublime, notepad++ ...
  - Emacs, Vim ...
  - All of them:
    - Provide some highlight for files in different format
    - Provide some commands for easier editing
  - So why Emacs??
    - Why bother with those complex commands!!

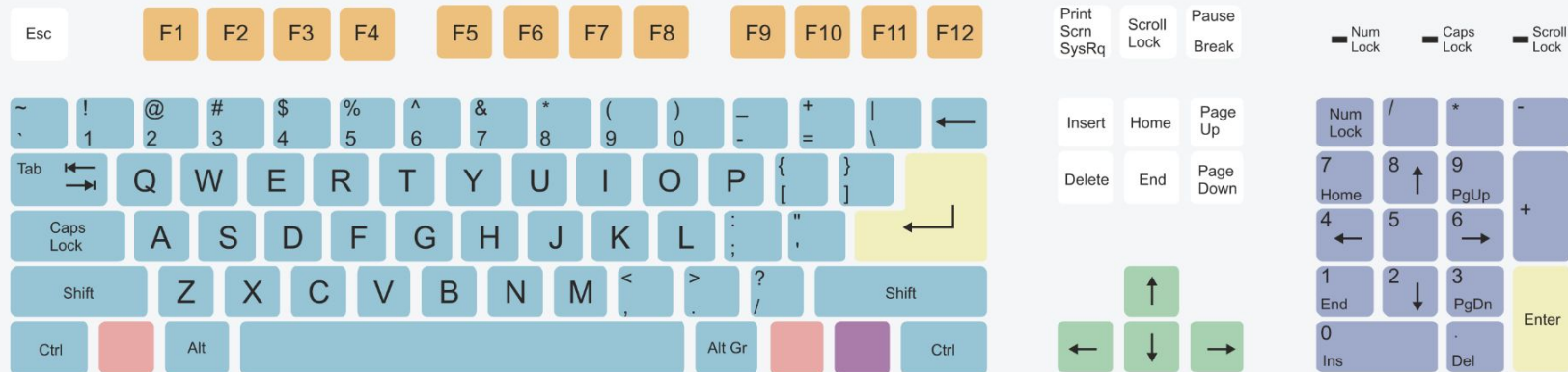
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# 1 Emacs \_w/hv?



- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
|  Typewriter keys |  Function keys       |  Enter keys |
|  System keys     |  Numeric keypad      |  Other      |
|  Application key |  Cursor control keys |   |



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- For better efficiency
  - Focus your hand on the left part of your keyboard
    - Increase the max speed limit of typing
  - Move cursors in almost anyway you want
    - Better functionality compared to arrow keys
- Other advantages
  - [Link](#)
- Editor is to make our life easier but not harder!
- Our goal is always: easy + fast!

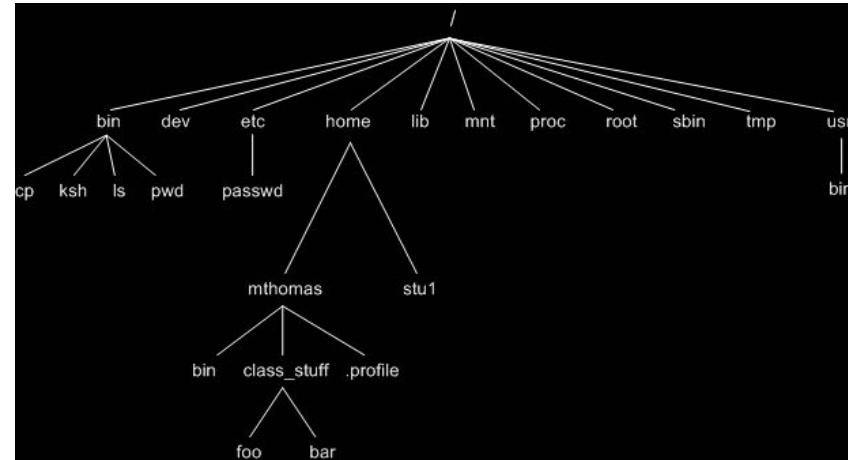
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## 2. Last Week - Unix File System

- The Unix File System: Tree structure
  - *bin*: short for binaries; the directory for commonly used executable commands
  - *home*: contains user directories and files
- Navigate through the system

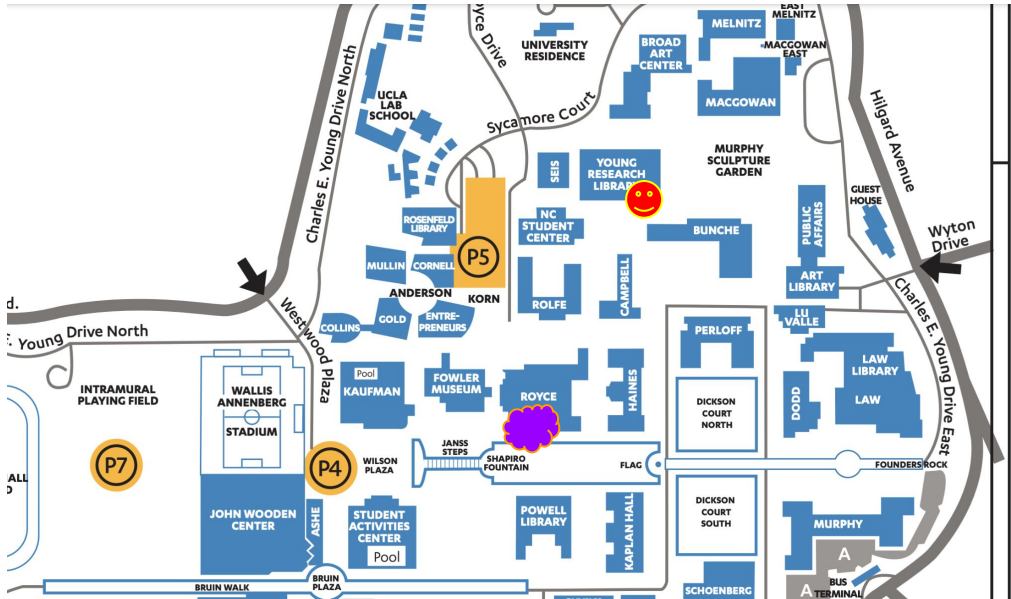
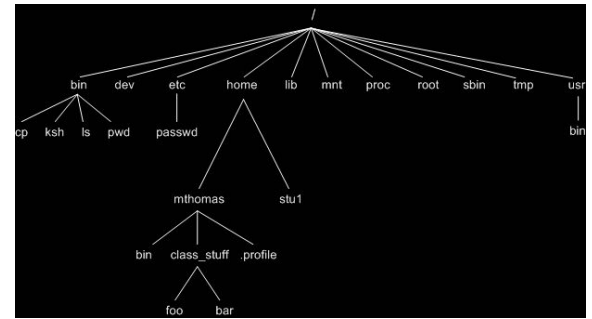
<code>pwd</code>	Print working directory
<code>ls [directory]</code>	List directory contents; <code>-l</code> for long format; <code>-a</code> for list all ...
<code>cd [directory]</code>	Change directory
<code>.</code>	Current directory
<code>..</code>	Parent directory
<code>mkdir [directory]</code>	Make a new directory
<code>touch [file]</code>	Create a file
<code>rm [file]   rm -r [directory]</code>	Remove a file / directory
<code>cp [source] [destination]</code>	Copy files; Copy directories (with <code>-r</code> )
<code>mv [source] [destination]</code>	Move/rename a file



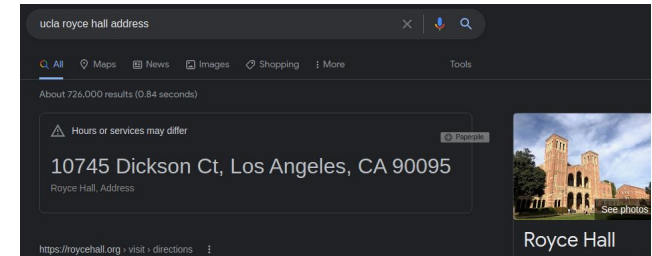
[https://homepages.uc.edu/~thomam/Intro\\_Unix\\_Text/File\\_System.html](https://homepages.uc.edu/~thomam/Intro_Unix_Text/File_System.html)

## 2. Path

- Locate a file/folder in your File System



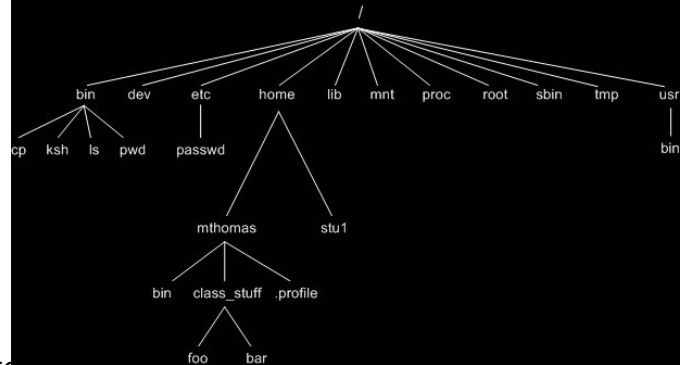
- Absolute Address



- Relative Way
  - Start from Young Research Lib
  - Head South for xx miles
  - Head West for xxx miles
  - (Go straight, turn right...)

## 2. Absolute / Relative Path

- Path
  - Unique location to a file or a folder in a file system
  - A combination of / and alphanumeric characters (/ after every directory name)
  - E.g.: `"/usr/bin"` `"/home/mthomas"` `"./class_stuff/foo"`
- Absolute path
  - Always starts from the root directory `"/"`
  - E.g.: `"/usr/bin"` `"/home/mthomas/class_stuff/foo"`
- Relative path
  - The path related to the present working directory (the output of `"pwd"`, default starting point)
  - Never starts with a `"/"`
  - There are "infinite" number of relative paths to a file
  - Use `.(`the current directory) and `..`(parent directory)
  - E.g.: (current dir: `/home/mthomas/`) goto `"class_stuff/foo"`: `cd class_stuff/foo`
  - E.g.: (current dir: `/home/mthomas/class_stuff/foo`) goto `"../../../../stu1"`: `cd ../../../../stu1`
- Other tricks
  - `~`: home directory (the directory when you first login, in this case `/home/mthomas/`)
    - (e.g.: `"cd ~"` `"cd ~username"`)
  - `-`: the last directory you just visited



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# 3. Soft and Hard Links

- Link (Two types: Hard link v.s Soft link)
  - A pointer to a file
  - Allow more than one file name to refer to the same file
- Inode:
  - A **data structure** in a Unix file system that describes a **file-system object** such as a **file** or a **directory**
  - Stores the disk block locations of the object's data, and attributes (ownership, access, times of last change, ...)
  - Identified by an integer (i.e. **i-number** or **inode number**)
  - Show the inode number index: `ls -li`
- Hard link v.s Soft link (Symbolic link)
  - Basic difference:
    - Hard link file: the **same** Inode (index node) value as the original
    - Soft link file: **separate** Inode value, stores a path string that points to the original file

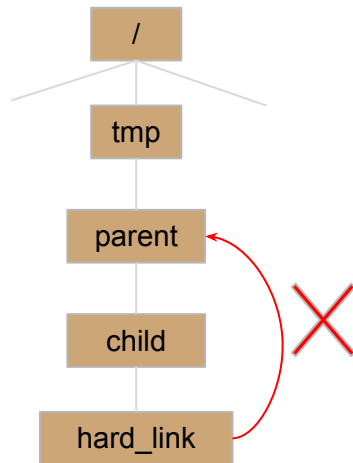
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    - Hard link file: the **same** Inode (index node) value as the original
    - Soft link file: **separate** inode value that points to the original file
  - Behave differently when the source of the link is moved or removed
    - Hard link:
      - Always refer to the source, even if moved or removed
      - Increase the reference count of a location in memory
    - Symbolic link:
      - Not updated (merely contain a string which is the pathname of its target)
      - Work as a shortcut (like in Windows), stores a path string
  - Link to directories
    - Next slide



# 3. Soft and Hard Links -- For Dirs

- Hard link v.s Soft link (Symbolic link)
  - Link to directories
    - Hard link:
      - We CANNOT do that to avoid recursive loops
      - Unix file systems are tree-structured
      - Suppose we can create hard link to directories
        - `"cd /tmp/parent/child/"; "ln /tmp/parent hard_link"`
        - Recursive loop and ambiguity! `/tmp/parent → /tmp/parent/child/ → /tmp/parent`
    - Soft link:
      - Can link to a directory
      - Just a shortcut **string**
  - Command to create hard/soft links:
    - Hard link: `ln [original_filename] [hard_link_name]`
    - Soft link: `ln -s [original_filename] [soft_link_name]`



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# 4. Shell Operators

- Pipe operator `|`: passes the output of one command as input to another
  - E.g.: `ls . | grep "a"`
  - More control operators: [https://pubs.opengroup.org/onlinepubs/9699919799/basedefs/V1\\_chap03.html#tag\\_03\\_113](https://pubs.opengroup.org/onlinepubs/9699919799/basedefs/V1_chap03.html#tag_03_113)
- Redirection operator: <https://www.gnu.org/savannah-checkouts/gnu/bash/manual/bash.html#Redirections>
  - **stdin**, **stdout** and **stderr**: data streams created when you launch a Linux command
    - 0: stdin, 1: stdout, 2:stderr
  - `command < :` gives input to a command, e.g.: `grep "int" -n < hello.c`
  - `command > out.txt` : Directs the output of a command into a file out.txt
  - E.g.: `command 0<&- >out.txt 2>error.txt`
    - `# turn off the stdin, redirect the stdout to out.txt, stderr to error.txt`
  - `>` V.S. `>>`:
    - `>` : overwrite the file (erase previous contents)
    - `>>` : append to the file (preserve contents, write new things to the end of the file)

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# 5. Shell Script

- Shell script
  - Create a file
    - With extension `.sh` (not required)
  - Add 1st line `#!/bin/bash` or `#!/usr/bin/bash`
  - Edit your script
  - Add execute permission with `chmod +x myscript`
  - Run your script!
    - `[dir]/[script]` E.g.: `./filename.sh`
- `#!` In the first line
  - Tell the shell what program to interpret the script with, when executed
  - When the shell runs a program, it asks the kernel to start a new process and run the given program in that process. It knows how to do this for compiled programs. But for a script, we should tell the OS how to run the file. With `#!/usr/bin/bash`, the shell knows to use the bash interpreter to run the file.
  - Normally `#` starts a comment line

# 5. Shell Script -- Variables

- Shell variables
  - Assign variables by assignments
    - `a=1`
    - `a=test` #no space between =
    - `a="test test test"` #we want our variable to contain whitespaces, we need to use quotes
  - Show values of a variable
    - `echo $a` ("`echo a`" will not work)
  - Shell variables disappear once log off, they are specified to the current session

```
~/Desktop/junk > a=test
~/Desktop/junk > echo a
a
~/Desktop/junk > echo $a
test
~/Desktop/junk > a=test test test
~/Desktop/junk > echo $a
test
~/Desktop/junk > a="test test test"
~/Desktop/junk > echo $a
test test test
```

# 5. Shell Script -- Variables Continue

- Shell variables

- Parameter Expansion

- `$x` and `${x}` are mostly equivalent
    - `{}` gives less ambiguity
    - `$xx$y` and `${x}$y` are not the same

```
❯ ~/Desktop/junk > xx=1
❯ ~/Desktop/junk > x=2
❯ ~/Desktop/junk > y=3
❯ ~/Desktop/junk > echo $xx
1
❯ ~/Desktop/junk > echo $x
2
❯ ~/Desktop/junk > echo $y
3
❯ ~/Desktop/junk > echo $xx$y
13
❯ ~/Desktop/junk > echo ${x}$y
2x3
```

- Type of your variables

- Bash variables are **untyped**
    - No need to declare type for bash variables
    - Default type: **string**
    - Depending **on the context**, **arithmetic** operations and comparisons are allowed

```
❯ ~/Desktop/junk > xy=$x+$y
❯ ~/Desktop/junk > echo ${xy}
2+3
```

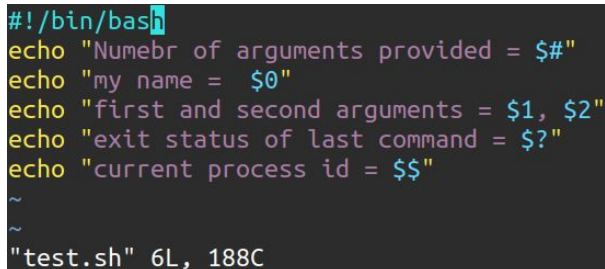
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❯ ~/Desktop/junk > let "x = x+1"
❯ ~/Desktop/junk > echo ${x}
3
```

# 5. Shell Script -- Built-in Variables

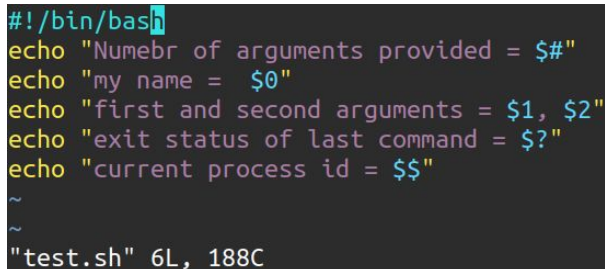
- Shell variables
  - Built-in shell variables (can be accessed in the **shell script**)

<code>\$#</code>	Number of arguments provided to script
<code>\$0</code>	Name of script
<code>\$1, \$2, etc</code>	1st and 2nd argument, etc
<code>\${15}, \${23}, etc</code>	For arguments greater than 9
<code>\$?</code>	Exit status of last command
<code>\$\$</code>	Current running process ID

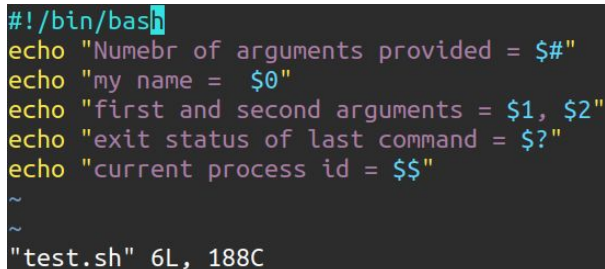
```
#!/bin/bash
echo "Numebr of arguments provided = $#"
```



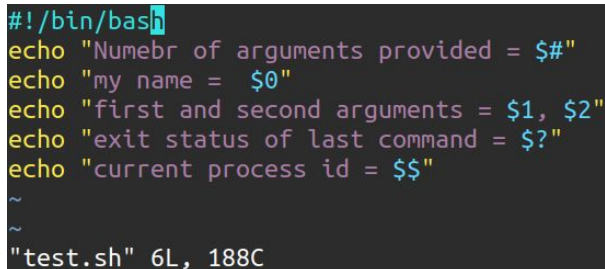
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echo "my name = $0"
```



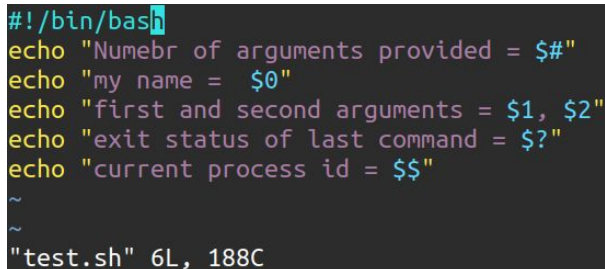
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echo "first and second arguments = $1, $2"
```



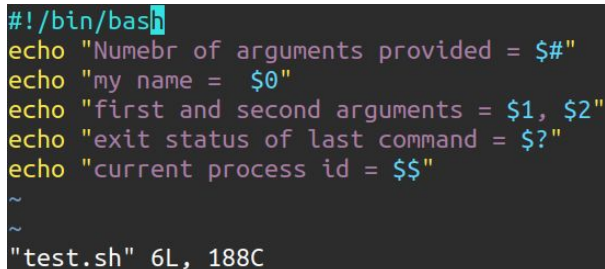
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echo "exit status of last command = $?"
```



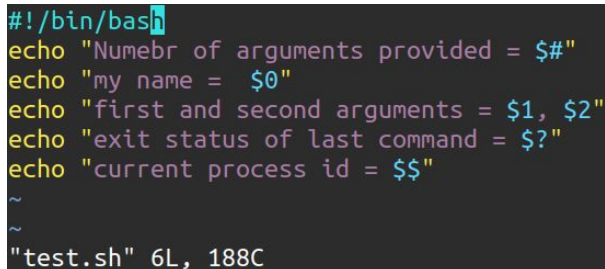
```
echo "current process id = $$"
```



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```
"test.sh" 6L, 188C
```

```
~/Des/junk > ./test.sh hello world 3rd 4th
Numebr of arguments provided = 4
my name = ./test.sh
first and second arguments = hello, world
exit status of last command = 0
current process id = 2057
```



# 5. Shell Script -- If Statement

- if Statement

```
if [conditions]
then
    [commands]
elif [conditions]
then
    [commands]
elif [conditions]
then
    [commands]
...
else
    [commands]
fi
```

```
vim fooif.sh 48x25
#!/bin/bash
# Basic if statement
if [ $1 -eq 0 ]
then
    echo "Zero"
elif [ $1 -gt 0 ]
then
    echo "Positive Number"
else
    echo "Negative Number"
fi
~
```

```
Q ~/Des/junk > ./fooif.sh 3
Positive Number
Q ~/Des/junk > ./fooif.sh -3
Negative Number
Q ~/Des/junk > ./fooif.sh 0
Zero
```

Operator	Description
! EXPRESSION	The EXPRESSION is false.
-n STRING	The length of STRING is greater than zero.
-z STRING	The length of STRING is zero (ie it is empty).
STRING1 = STRING2	STRING1 is equal to STRING2
STRING1 != STRING2	STRING1 is not equal to STRING2
INTEGER1 -eq INTEGER2	INTEGER1 is numerically equal to INTEGER2
INTEGER1 -gt INTEGER2	INTEGER1 is numerically greater than INTEGER2
INTEGER1 -lt INTEGER2	INTEGER1 is numerically less than INTEGER2
-d FILE	FILE exists and is a directory.
-e FILE	FILE exists.
-r FILE	FILE exists and the read permission is granted.
-s FILE	FILE exists and its size is greater than zero (ie. it is not empty).
-w FILE	FILE exists and the write permission is granted.
-x FILE	FILE exists and the execute permission is granted.

# 5. Shell Script -- For Loop

- For Loop

```
for [xx] in [xxx]
do
    [commands]
done
```

- Range-based for loop

- Works for bash version 3.0+

- for i in {start .. end .. increment}

- Default increment: 1

```
3 ~/Des/junk > ./foofor.sh
test for-i loop
hello
world
!
test range-based for loop {1..5}
bash version = 4.4.20(1)-release
Welcome 1 times
Welcome 2 times
Welcome 3 times
Welcome 4 times
Welcome 5 times
test range-based for loop {1..10..2}
Welcome 1 times
Welcome 3 times
Welcome 5 times
Welcome 7 times
Welcome 9 times
```

```
vim foofor.sh 48x25
#!/bin/bash

phrase="hello world !"
echo "test for-i loop"
#for-in loop
for word in $phrase
do
    echo "${word}"
done

echo "test range-based for loop {1..5}"
echo "bash version = ${BASH_VERSION}"
#range-based for loop (for bash version 3.0+)
for i in {1..5}
do
    echo "Welcome ${i} times"
done

echo "test range-based for loop {1..10..2}"
for i in {1..10..2}
do
    echo "Welcome ${i} times"
done

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