

Quick Announcements

- Feedback on Virtual Box

- cut & paste → Guest Additions
- folder sharing → Extension pack
- Come to office hours (TAs or mine) for help with this

<https://ubuntu.com/tutorials/how-to-run-ubuntu-desktop-on-a-virtual-machine-using-virtualbox>

- Feedback on exam:

- Some stuff unclear → Review solutions together (end of session)

- Feedback on the slides

- Level of details insufficient → working on it
- Book recommendations? → see next slide



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Bash Initialization Files



<https://youtu.be/DDYw1b29wk8>

Before we get started....

Whose shell are we running?

→ you can have **multiple** bash shells running **for any** given **user**

Where are the configuration files located?

- ~/ → specific to a given user
- /etc/ → affect all users

What **kind of shell** are we running?

- Interactive vs. non-interactive bash shells
- Login s. non-login bash shell

How to identify the different types of shells

Type of Shell	How to identify it
Interactive	You can type commands
Non-Interactive	You cannot (You read commands from a file (script))
Login	You had to provide credentials when starting the shell
Non-Login	You did not

How to **start** the different types of shells

Type of Shell	Interactive	Non-Interactive
Login	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTRL + ALT + F3 to virtual console (then CTRL + ALT + F2 to go back to the GUI) • Bash --login does not prompt credentials but follows all other steps • ssh alessio@penguin.edu 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • echo "ls -l ~/" ssh alessio@penguin.edu • bash --login -c 'ls -l /'
Non-Login	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type bash in another shell • Open new terminal window • Open new tab in terminal window 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bash myscript.sh • ./myscript.sh

FROM → <https://askubuntu.com/questions/879364/differentiate-interactive-login-and-non-interactive-non-login-shell>

How to tell if a shell is interactive?

- Check the contents of the `$-` variable.
 - For interactive shells, it will include `i`
- **Interactive shell**, just running a command in a terminal
 - `echo $- himBHs`
- **Non-interactive shell**
 - `bash -c 'echo $-' hBc`

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More About `$-` at <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/42757236/what-does-mean-in-bash>

How to tell if the shell is a login shell?

- There is no portable way of checking this but, for bash, you can check if the `login_shell` option is set:
- Normal shell, just running a command in a terminal: interactive
 - `shopt login_shell`
`login_shell off`
- Login shell;
 - `ssh localhost`

`or`
 - `bash --login`
 - `shopt login_shell`
`login_shell on`

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Putting it all together....

Type of Shell	Interactive	Non-Interactive
Login	<pre>bash -l echo \$- himBHs shopt login_shell login_shell on</pre>	<pre>echo 'echo \$-;shopt login_shell' ssh 127.0.0.1 (Pseudo-terminal not allocated since stdin is not a terminal.) hBs login_shell on</pre>
Non-Login	<pre>echo \$- himBHs shopt login_shell login_shell off</pre>	<pre>bash -c 'echo \$-; shopt login_shell' hBc login_shell off</pre>

Back to looking up initialization files in the Bash manpage

- Focus on **INVOCATION** section
- Let's clarify it a bit what the manpage says:

Type of Shell	Interactive
Login	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. /etc/profile2. 1st of the following that exists:<ul style="list-style-type: none">~/ .bash_profile~/ .bash_login~/ .profile
Non-Login	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. /etc/bash.bashrc2. ~/ .bashrc

A little experiment

```
sudo gedit /etc/profile /etc/bash.bashrc ~/.profile  
~/.bashrc &
```

- Add echo commands to each of them, start with /etc/profile
- Enter bash to a bash prompt → not triggered
- `bash --login` → triggers it

...and so on so forth...

What the manpage says... vs our experiment

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/etc/profile calls
./etc/bash.bashrc

Hard to introduce configurations that affect **only non-login shells**, as long as the profile files can call the local ones too

Remember that users can do what they want in their ~/.profile e.g., loading ~/.bashrc or even /etc/bash.bashrc

IE1 Solutions

Q1 – Magical Touch

We want to create the following empty files in the current working directory. Please note that, before we create the files, the current working directory is completely empty.

- | | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| • file_blue_cat | file_green_cat | file_red_cat |
| • file_blue_dog | file_green_dog | file_red_dog |
| • file_blue_panther | file_green_panther | file_red_panther |
| • file_blue_wolf | file_green_wolf | file_red_wolf |

Provide a single shell line, that invokes the touch command one time only, with parameters that expand to all these filenames.

```
touch file_{blue,green,red}_{cat,dog,panther,wolf}
```

Q2 – Conditional ls

We want to use the `ls` command to list all the files from the current working directory which names match the following pattern:

- if the filename starts with a letter (lower or upper case)
 - it is followed by 3 characters: a digit, an uppercase letter, and a lowercase letter.
- Else
 - it is followed by 5 characters: a digit, any character, an uppercase letter, any character, and a lowercase letter.

Provide a single `ls` command that will list the above-described files in the current working directory.

```
ls @( [a-zA-Z][0-9][A-Z][a-z] | [^a-zA-Z][0-9][0-9]?[A-Z]?[a-z] )
```


Q3 – Invisible Touch

We want to use the touch command in order to set the time of last modification of all the files in our current working directory to the current time.

To this end, we issue the following command:

```
touch *
```

However, we realize that hidden files are not affected.

How do we change that without having to modify the "touch *" command that we are using?

```
shopt -s dotglob
```

Q4 – Unknown File formats Folder

- We have a folder named `"/home/tux/pictures"` that contains all our photos. Over the years, we have imported them from various sources and various formats. We want to move out of this folder all the photos who are not of a well-known format like gif jpg or jpeg, and put them into a subfolder name `"/home/tux/pictures/unknown_formats/"`.
- Provide one line of shell that will move these files in the appropriate subfolder, regardless of what our current working directory is.
- Along with this one line of shell, provide any command to set specific options of the shell so that your solution works regardless of the default options being turned on right now.

```
shopt -s extglob  
mv /home/tux/pictures/!(*.gif,*.jpg,*.jpeg)  
/home/tux/pictures/unknown_formats/
```

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Q5 – Folders, all the way down...

We want to setup the following hierarchy of folders in our home directory (/home/tux/):

This could take a lot of shell commands. Try to obtain the same results with as small of an effort as possible. Your grade will be commensurate to how much your solution uses the shell syntax to avoid repetitive work. You will also make sure that your command works when invoked from any current working directory.

```
mkdir -p /home/tux/EDU/  
{CIS4930,CEN6084,COP{4610,3515,2512,2513}}  
/{slides,videos,exercises}
```

Q6 – RTFM --ps

We want to list all the processes running on our system but, instead of displaying the default information on each, we want to display the following columns (in that specific order):

- Username of the user who started the process
- Niceness level of the process
- Process Identifier
- Start time of the process
- Name of the command that was issued to start it (along with its arguments)

Please note:

It is part of this exercise to have you search through the ps manpage for some of the necessary syntax if it has not all been introduced in the slides examples.

```
ps -e -o ruser,nice,pid,start,command
```

Q7 – Rogue Background Process

I have a process with job ID 1 running in the background. It is draining the CPU usage on the shared server on which I am logged in so I would like to pause its execution for now.

Provide all the different syntaxes and ways to do so that you can think of.

```
kill -19 %1  
kill -STOP %1  
kill -s STOP %1  
fg %1 then ^Z
```

Q8 – Data Science CPU Usage

I just logged remotely to a Linux server on which I want to run a program named `/home/tux/bin/sat_brute_force` that will do some computations for a very long time. Since I share access to that Linux server with other users, I want to run the program as follows:

- It must run in the background
- It must use the lowest priority that I can set
- It must keep running in the background after I logout of the remote server
- Its output must be preserved in a file

Provide the command line that you would use to start this program.

```
nohup nice -n 19 /home/tux/bin/sat_brute_force
```

Q9 - mkcd

We want to create a folder name `/home/tux/EDU/CIS4930/case_studies/` using a single command line and regardless of what our current working directory is.

If, for some reason, the creation of the folder did not work, we want to display a message saying “Sorry, something went kablemo.”. On the other hand, if the creation of the folder went well, we want to `cd` into it. All this as part of the one command line.

```
mkdir something/else && cd something/else || echo "FAILED"
```

Q10 – Two Commands, Two Failure Messages

Consider the 4 following commands:

- `{ echo "one" ; true;} && { echo "two" ; true; } || echo "one or two FAILED"`
- `{ echo "one" ; true;} && { echo "two" ; false; } || echo "one or two FAILED"`
- `{ echo "one" ; false;} && { echo "two" ; true; } || echo "one or two FAILED"`
- `{ echo "one" ; false;} && { echo "two" ; false; } || echo "one or two FAILED"`

Using the built-in true and false, as well as by grouping them with an echo, we are able to simulate the success or failure of a command displaying one word on the screen.

Right now, our solution is able to execute echo “one” and, if it is followed by true, execute echo “two”. If one of the two echo commands is followed by false, then we display the message “one or two FAILED”.

Improve the above so that we are able to display instead a specific error message indicating which of the two echo commands failed.

For example:

- One FAILED
- One worked but two FAILED

```
{ echo "one" ; false;} && { { echo "two" ; false; } || echo "two FAILED"; } || echo "one FAILED"
```


Interlude: PA2a

These Practice Exercises are meant to help you review for Intermediary Exam: IE2.

Bash Quoting Revisited

Provide the *echo* command you would type in your shell to display each of the following outputs;

- The dog & the cat; a tale of getting along just fine I remember now...
- "Bash is fun", they said. Liars!
- It's rather annoying (and even at times infuriating) to see quoting fail
- Why are we using \\ when we want just a \ to be displayed

You will provide **2 more solutions**, each one using only one of the following;

- Single quotes ' '
- Double quotes " "

What will the following display & why?

Command	Output
<code>echo "\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ "</code>	
<code>echo '\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ '</code>	
<code>echo "\$HOMEr"</code>	
<code>echo "\${HOME}r"</code>	
<code>echo '\$HOMEr'</code>	
<code>echo '\${HOME}r'</code>	

Command Substitution

The commands `whoami` and `date` are quite handy. We want to display with a single `echo` command the following message;

```
Hello, tux. Today is Tue May 8 17:20:40 EDT 2018  
what do you want to do?
```

Obviously, we want "tux" to be replaced by the name of the user you are logged as, and the date by the current date of the system.

There are two syntaxes that will allow to specify what part of an *echo* statement you want the shell to actually execute and substitute by its output. Use both to achieve the above goal.

Dynamical PS1

- The above message would be a nice personalized prompt for a shell. How would we go about telling our current shell to use it as such for the rest of the session?
- Do you notice something strange about the so-called current date that is now being displayed in your prompt for each line?
- How would you fix this? This question is tricky. Do not simply try things at random and make sure you understand why things are working, or not.

It's meta.

- We want to assign to a variable called `META` the value `$RANDOM`. Please note, we don't want to assign a random number but the value `$RANDOM` as a string. How do you do that?
- We then want to display a message that states: Your luck number is 112233. The value 112233 will be a random number, different every time we re-execute the line, and generated by using the variable `META`
- Why doesn't the following work?
- Hint: check out the doc for the `eval` builtin

```
ash-3.2$ echo $( echo $var)
$RANDOM
bash-3.2$ echo $(echo $( echo $var))
$RANDOM
bash-3.2$
```