



# Shell Programming

# Shell Commands

## ◆ General Purpose Utilities

- cal
- date
- echo
- bc
- who
- uname

## ◆ File System Commands

- pwd
- cd
- mkdir
- rmdir
- ls

## ◆ Handling Ordinary Files

- cat
- cp
- rm
- mv
- WC

## ◆ Basic File Attribute

- chmod
- Find

## ◆ Shell

- tee
- touch

## ◆ Simple Filters

- head
- tail
- cut
- sort
- uniq

## ◆ Filters using Regular Expression

- grep
- sed

# grep: Searching for a Pattern

grep options pattern filename(s)

Ex:

grep "sales" emp.lst

Options	Significance
-i	Ignores case for matching
-v	Doesn't display lines matching expression
-n	Displays line nos along with lines
-c	Displays count of no of occurrences
-l	Displays list of filenames only
-e	Specifies expression with this option. Can be used multiple times.
-f	Takes pattern from file, one per line.
-E	Treats pattern as Extended Regular Expression (ERE)
-x	Matches pattern with entire line.

# Wild-Cards

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\*

?

[ijk]

[x-z]

[!ijk]

[!x-z]

## Matches

Any number of characters including none

A single character

A single character – either i, j, or k.

A single character within the ASCII range of x and z

A single character that is not an i, j, or k

A single character that is not within the ASCII range of x and z



Symbols or Expression	Matches
*	Zero or More occurrences of the previous character
g*	Nothing or g, gg, ggg etc
.	A Single character
.*	Nothing or any number of Characters
[pqr]	A single character p, q or r
[c1-c2]	A character within ASCII range represented by c1 & c2
[1-3]	A digit between 1-3
[^pqr]	A single character which is not p, q or r
[^a-zA-Z]	Non-alphabetic character
^pat	Pattern pat at beginning of line
pat\$	Pattern pat at end of line
^bash\$	Bash as the only word in the line
^\$	Lines containing nothing

# Shell Programming

◆ A Shell Program runs in Interpretive Mode. It is not compiled to a separate executable file as a C program is. Each statement is loaded into memory when it is to be executed.

◆ When a group of command have to be executed regularly the should be stored in a file, and the file itself is executed as a shell script or a shell program.

# Example

```
#!/bin/sh
# Sample Shell Script
echo "Today's Date: date"
echo "This Month's Calendar:"
cal `date "+%m 20%y"`
echo "My Shell: $SHELL"
```

## **# - Comment Character:**

The Shell ignores all characters placed on its right.

# Contd...

- ◆ Shell scripts are executed in a separate child shell process. This is done by providing special interpreter line at the beginning (starting with #!).
- ◆ To run the script we make it executable and then invoke the script name.

```
$ chmod +x script.sh      or      $ chmod 755 script.sh  
$ script.sh
```

- ◆ User can explicitly spawn a child shell of his choice with the script name as argument. In this case it is not mandatory to include the interpreter line.

# read: Making Scripts Interactive

- ◆ The read statement is the shell's internal tool for taking inputs from the user, i.e., making scripts interactive.
- ◆ It is used with one or more variable. When we use a statement like

**read name**

the script pauses at that point to take i/p from the keyboard. Since this is the form of assignment, no \$ is used before name.

# Example

```
#!/bin/sh
echo "Enter the pattern to be searched: \c"
read pname
echo "Enter the file to be used: \c"
read fname
echo "Searching for $pname from file $fname"
grep "$pname" $fname
echo "Selected records shown above"
```

# Using Command-Line Arguments

- ◆ The shell script accepts arguments from the command line. The first argument is read by shell into parameter \$1, second into \$2, and so on.
- ◆ Special Parameter used by Shell:
  - \$\* - It stores complete set of positional parameters as a single string.
  - \$# - It is set to number of arguments specified. Used to check whether right number of argument have been entered.
  - \$0 - Holds the command name itself.
  - "\$@" - Each Quoted string treated as a separate argument.
  - \$? - Exit Status of Last Command.



# Example

```
#!/bin/sh
```

```
echo "Program: $0"
```

```
The number of arguments specified is
```

```
$#
```

```
The arguments are $*
```

```
grep "$1" $2
```

```
echo "\n Job Over"
```



# exit and EXIT STATUS OF COMMAND

exit - Command to terminate a program.

This command is generally run with numeric arguments.

- exit0 - When everything went fine
- exit1 - When something went wrong
- exit2 - Failure in opening a file.

Example:

```
$ grep "director" emp.lst >/home/vishal; echo$?
```

**"All command return an exit Status"**

## Logical Operators && and || - Conditional Execution

- ◆ *Cmd1 && Cmd2*: The Cmd2 will execute only when Cmd1 is succeeds.
- ◆ *Cmd1 || Cmd2*: The Cmd2 will execute only when Cmd1 is fails.

Example:

```
$ grep "director" emp.lst >/home/vishal && echo  
"Pattern found in file"
```

```
$ grep "manager" emp.lst >/home/vishal || echo  
"Pattern not found in file"
```

# THE if CONDITIONAL

```
if command is successful
then
    execute command
else
    execute command
fi
```

Form 1

```
if command is successful
then
    execute command
fi
```

Form 2

```
if command is successful
then
    execute command
elif command is
successful
then ....
else .....
fi
```

Form 3

**if command is successful ; then**

# Using **test** and **[]** to evaluate expressions

- ◆ When we use **if** to evaluate expressions, we require the **test** statement because the true or false values returned by expressions can't be directly handled by **if**.
- ◆ **test** uses certain operators to evaluate the condition on its right and returns either true or false exit status, which is then used by **if** for making decisions.

**test** works in 3 ways:

- Compare two numbers
- Compare two strings or a single string for a null value
- Check a file attribute

# Numeric Comparison

◆ The numeric comparison operators always begin with a `-` (hyphen), followed by two character word, and enclosed either side by a whitespace.

Example:

```
$ x=5; y=7; z=7.2
```

```
$test $x -eq $y; echo $?
```

```
1
```

```
$test $z -eq $y; echo $?
```

```
0
```

◆ Numeric comparison is restricted to integers only.

◆ Operators: `-eq`, `-ne`, `-gt`, `-ge`, `-lt`, `-le`.

# Example

```
#!/bin/sh
if test $# -ne 2; then
    echo "You did not enter 2 arguments"
else
    grep "$1" $2 || echo "$1 not found in $2"
fi
```

## Shorthand for test

**test \$x -eq \$y is same as [ \$x -eq \$y ]**

# String Comparison

- ◆ Another set of operator is used for string comparison.

String tests used by test

Test

True if

S1 = S2

String S1 is equal to String S2

S1 != S2

String S1 is not equal to String S2

-n stg

String stg is not a null String

-z stg

String stg is a null String

stg

String stg is assigned and not a null

String



# Example

```
#!/bin/sh
if [ $# -eq 0 ] ; then
echo "Enter the string to be searched: \c" ; read pname
if [ -z "$pname" ] ; then
echo "You have not entered the string" ; exit 1
fi
echo "Enter the file to be used: \c" ; read flname
if [ ! -n "$flname" ] ; then
echo "You have not entered the filename" ; exit 2
fi
demo.sh "$pname" "$flname"
else
demo.sh $*
fi
```



# Contd...

**test** also permits the checking of more than one condition in the same line using the **-a** (AND) and **-o**(OR) operators.

Example:

```
if [ -n "$pname" -a -n "$fname" ] ; then
demo.sh "$pname" "$fname"
else
echo " At least one input was null string " ; exit 1
fi
```

# File Tests

**test** can be used to test various file attributes like its type or permissions.

Example:

```
#!/bin/sh
if [ ! -e $1 ] ; then
    echo " File does not exists "
elif [ ! -r $1 ] ; then
    echo " File is not readable "
elif [ ! -w $1 ] ; then
    echo " File is not writable "
else
    echo " File is both readable and writable "
fi
```

# Contd...

## File – Related Tests with test

### Test

-f *file*

-r *file*

-w *file*

-x *file*

-d *file*

-s *file*

### true if

*file* exists and is a regular file

*file* exists and is a readable

*file* exists and is a writable

*file* exists and is a executable

*file* exists and is a directory

*file* exists and has a size greater  
than zero

# THE case CONDITIONAL

***case*** statement matches an expression or string for more than one alternative, in more efficient manner than if.

## Form:

```
case expr in
    pattern 1) cmd1 ;;
    pattern 2) cmd2 ;;
    pattern 3) cmd3 ;;
esac
```

# Example

```
#!/bin/sh
echo "          MENU\n1.List of files\n2. Processes of user\n3. Today's Date\n4. Users of System\n5. Quit to UNIX\nEnter your option: \"c\"
read choice
case \"$choice\" in
1) ls -l ;;
2) ps -f ;;
3) date ;;
4) who ;;
5) exit ;;
*) echo \" Invalid Option\"
esac
```

The last option (\*) matches any option not matched by the previous options.

# Contd...

It is very effective when string is fetched by command substitution.

Example:

```
case `date | cut -d " " -f1` in
  Mon) Command1;;
    Tue) Command2 ;;
    Wed) Command3 ;;
      *) ;;
esac
```

Matching Multiple Patterns:

```
echo " do you wish to continue? (y/n) \c "
read answer
case "$answer" in
  y|Y) ;;
  n|N) exit;;
esac
```

# Contd...

## Matching the DOT

The \* does not match all file beginning with the a . (dot) or the / of a pathname.

Example: `$ ls .???`

## The Character Class

The character class comprises of set of characters enclosed of rectangular brackets [ and ], but it matches a single character in a class.

Example:

```
case "$answer" in
[yY][eE]*) ;;
[nN][oO]) exit;;
*) echo " Invalid Response"
esac
```



# **expr** : Computation and String Handling

The shell relies on external **expr** command for computing features.

## Functions of **expr**:

- o Perform arithmetic operations on integers
- o Manipulate strings

## Computation

**expr** can perform four basic arithmetic operation as well as modulus function



# Examples

```
$x=3; y=5  
$expr 3 + 5  
$expr $x - $y  
$expr 3 \* 5  
$expr 3 / 5  
$expr $y % $x
```

Command substitution:

```
z = `expr $x + $y`
```

Incrementing value of a variable

```
x = `expr $x + 1`
```

# String Handling

expr can perform 3 important string functions

- o Determine the length of the string.
- o Extract a sub-string.
- o Locate the position of a character in a string

# Contd...

## Length of the string

```
$ expr "abcdefgh" : \.*'
```

The regular expression `\.*` signifies to `expr` that it has to print the number of characters matching the pattern

## Extracting a sub-string

`Expr` can extract a string enclosed by escaped character `\(` and `\)`

```
$ stg = 2003
```

```
$ expr "$stg" : '..\(..\)'
```

## Locating the position of a character

```
$ stg = abcdefgh
```

```
$ expr "$stg" : '[^d]*d'
```

# while loop

Format:

```
while cmd is successful  
do  
  cmd1  
  cmd2  
done
```

# Assignments

1. Use a script to take two numbers as arguments and output their sum using

i) `bc`      ii) `expr`.

Include error checking to test if two arguments were entered.

2. Write a shell script that uses `find` to look for a file and echo a suitable msg if the file is not found. You must not store the `find` output in a file.





