Running a bash script on a remote machine and interacting with it

This document shows how to run a script on a remote server.

Step-1: Connecting to remote server with ssh

```
ssh bekir<u>@ec2-54-183-161-159.us-west-1.compute.amazonaws.c</u>om
```

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SHELL — bekir(
                                             - ssh bekir@ec2-54-183-161-159.us-west-1.compute.amazona
[(base) bekir@Bekirs-MacBook-Pro SHELL % ssh bekir@ec2-54-183-161-159.us-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com
[bekir@ec2-54-183-161-159.us-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 20.04.3 LTS (GNU/Linux 5.11.0-1020-aws x86_64)
 * Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com
 * Management: https://landscape.canonical.com
 * Support:
                  https://ubuntu.com/advantage
  System information as of Wed Nov 10 06:45:47 UTC 2021
                                  Processes:
  System load: 0.01
                                                         106
  Usage of /: 17.2% of 11.57GB Users logged in:
                                 IPv4 address for eth0: 172.31.13.193
  Memory usage: 27%
  Swap usage: 0%
8 updates can be applied immediately.
To see these additional updates run: apt list --upgradable
*** System restart required ***
Last login: Wed Nov 10 05:51:12 2021 from 24.6.241.252
To run a command as administrator (user "root"), use "sudo <command>".
See "man sudo_root" for details.
bekir@ip-172-31-13-193:~$
```

Step-2: Testing the connection by copy a file to remote desktop

I copied a bash file by using scp to test the connection.

Command:

```
scp interactiveCalc.sh
bekir@ec2-5-18-161-159.us-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com:/home/
bekir
```

Local Machine:

```
SHELL — -zsh - ssh — 111×24

(base) bekir@Bekirs-MacBook-Pro SHELL % scp interactiveCalc.sh bekir@ec2-54-183-161-159.us-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com:/home/bekir

[bekir@ec2-54-183-161-159.us-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com's password:
interactiveCalc.sh
/s 00:00
(base) bekir@Bekirs-MacBook-Pro SHELL %
```

Remote Machine:

```
SHELL — bekir@i

: ~ — ssh bekir@ec2-54-183-161-159

[bekir@ip-172-31-13-193:~$ pwd
/home/bekir
[bekir@ip-172-31-13-193:~$ ls
interactiveCalc.sh
bekir@ip-172-31-13-193:~$ |
```

Step-3: Calculator Script

InteractiveCalc.sh:

```
((result = N1 - N2))
  else
     ((result = N2 - N1))
     result="-${result}"
  fi
then
  ((result = N1 * N2))
elif [ "$Operation" = "/" ]
then
  ((result1 = N1 / N2))
  ((result2 = N1 * 100 / N2))
  result="${result1}.${result2}"
else
  echo "Error: wrong operation $Operation"
  exit 1
fi
echo $result
```

Testing the InteractiveCalc.sh on the local machine:

```
SHELL — -zsh — 80×24

[(base) bekir@Bekirs-MacBook-Pro SHELL % ./interactiveCalc.sh
N1:10
N2:20
Operation(+, -, *, /):+
30
```

Step-4: Making Calculator Script Interactive by using Expect Script

In this step, I created two files on the local machine. One file called ServerTriger.sh for generating random numbers and operations. Then called runScriptOnServer.exp that sends a command to the remote machine and provides credentials to ssh to the remote machine. Also interact with the calculator.

ServerTriger.sh

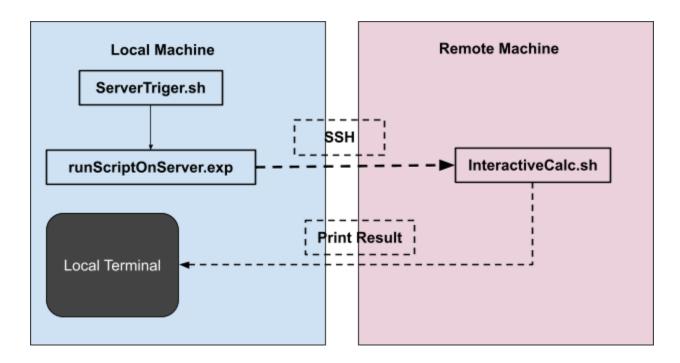
```
#!/bin/bash
N1=$(shuf -i 1-1000 -n 1)
N2=$(shuf -i 1-1000 -n 1)
ans=$(shuf -i 1-4 -n 1)
if [ "$ans" -eq 1 ]
then
 operation="+"
elif [ "$ans" -eq 2 ]
then
operation="\-"
elif [ "$ans" -eq 3 ]
then
 operation="\*"
else
 operation="/"
fi
```

runScriptOnServer.exp

```
set timeout -1
set N1 [lindex $argv 0]
set N2 [lindex $argv 1]
set operation [lindex $argv 2]
spawn ssh bekir@ec2-5-13-161-159.us-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com
./interactiveCalc.sh
expect "bekir@ec2-5-13-161-159.us-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com's
password:" { send "Password\r" }

expect "N1:" { send "$N1\r" }
expect "N2:" { send "$N2\r" }
expect "Operation(+, -, *, /):" { send "$operation\r" }
interact
```

System looks like the figure below:



Here is the result if we run ./ServerTriger.sh manually on local machine:

```
SHELL — -zsh — 80×24

[(base) bekir@Bekirs-MacBook-Pro SHELL % ./ServerTriger.sh
spawn ssh bekir@ec2-54-183-161-159.us-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com ./interactive Calc.sh
bekir@ec2-54-183-161-159.us-west-1.compute.amazonaws.com's password:
N1:157
N2:823
Operation(+, -, *, /):+
980
(base) bekir@Bekirs-MacBook-Pro SHELL %
```

Step-5: Setting up a cron job to automate the process

Cron job is needed to be created to automate the process at 1 am everyday and send an email notice.

Creating a cron job command:

```
crontab -e
```

Listing the current cron jobs command:

```
crontab -1
```

Creating cron job at 1 am everyday and send mail to a local user

```
0 1 * * * Documents/NPU_Repo/FALL/CS522/SHELL/ServerTriger.sh
| mail bekir
```

Creating a cron job:

```
bekir — vi < crontab — 80×24

0 1 * * * Documents/NPU_Repo/FALL/CS522/SHELL/ServerTriger.sh | mail bekir
```

Listing cron jobs:

```
bekir — -zsh — 80×24

[(base) bekir@Bekirs-MacBook-Pro ~ % crontab -1

0 1 * * * Documents/NPU_Repo/FALL/CS522/SHELL/ServerTriger.sh | mail bekir
(base) bekir@Bekirs-MacBook-Pro ~ %
```

After the job ran. It will send an email to the user.

```
bekir — -zsh — 80×24

Last login: Wed Nov 10 13:17:11 on ttys002

You have new mail.
(base) bekir@Bekirs-MacBook-Pro ~ %
```

Command mail will bring all system mails. If we want to read the content of the mail we need to type -t after mail command:

```
🛅 bekir — mail — 80×23
[(base) bekir@Bekirs-MacBook-Pro ~ % mail
Mail version 8.1 6/6/93. Type ? for help.
"/var/mail/bekir": 35 messages 35 new
>N 1 bekir@Bekirs-MacBook Wed Nov 10 13:02
                                                                    13/502
 N 2 bekir@Bekirs-MacBook Wed Nov 10 13:02
                                                                    13/502
 N 3 bekir@Bekirs-MacBook Wed Nov 10 13:03
N 4 bekir@Bekirs-MacBook Wed Nov 10 13:04
N 5 bekir@Bekirs-MacBook Wed Nov 10 13:05
N 6 bekir@Bekirs-MacBook Wed Nov 10 13:05
N 7 bekir@Bekirs-MacBook Wed Nov 10 13:07
N 9 bekir@Bekirs-MacBook Wed Nov 10 13:07
N 10 bekir@Bekirs-MacBook Wed Nov 10 13:07
                                                                    13/502
                                                                    13/502
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                                                                    13/502
                                                                    13/502
 N 10 bekir@Bekirs-MacBook Wed Nov 10 13:08
                                                                    13/502
 N 11 bekir@Bekirs-MacBook Wed Nov 10 13:08
                                                                    13/502
 N 12 bekir@Bekirs-MacBook Wed Nov 10 13:09
 N 13 bekir@Bekirs-MacBook Wed Nov 10 13:10
 N 14 bekir@Bekirs-MacBook Wed Nov 10 13:11
                                                                    13/502
 N 15 bekir@Bekirs-MacBook Wed Nov 10 13:12
                                                                    13/502
 N 16 bekir@Bekirs-MacBook Wed Nov 10 13:13
                                                                    13/502
 N 17 bekir@Bekirs-MacBook Wed Nov 10 13:13 13/502
N 18 bekir@Bekirs-MacBook Wed Nov 10 13:14 13/502
N 19 bekir@Bekirs-MacBook Wed Nov 10 13:15 13/502
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```
bekir — mail — 80×24
 N 9 bekir@Bekirs-MacBook Wed Nov 10 13:07 13/502
 N 10 bekir@Bekirs-MacBook Wed Nov 10 13:08 13/502
 N 11 bekir@Bekirs-MacBook Wed Nov 10 13:08 13/502
 N 12 bekir@Bekirs-MacBook Wed Nov 10 13:09 13/502
 N 13 bekir@Bekirs-MacBook Wed Nov 10 13:10 13/502
 N 14 bekir@Bekirs-MacBook Wed Nov 10 13:11 13/502
 N 15 bekir@Bekirs-MacBook Wed Nov 10 13:12 13/502
 N 16 bekir@Bekirs-MacBook Wed Nov 10 13:13 13/502
 N 17 bekir@Bekirs-MacBook Wed Nov 10 13:13 13/502
 N 18 bekir@Bekirs-MacBook Wed Nov 10 13:14 13/502
 N 19 bekir@Bekirs-MacBook Wed Nov 10 13:15 13/502
 N 20 bekir@Bekirs-MacBook Wed Nov 10 13:16 13/502
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Message 1:
From bekir@Bekirs-MacBook-Pro.local Wed Nov 10 13:02:02 2021
X-Original-To: bekir
Delivered-To: bekir@Bekirs-MacBook-Pro.local
To: bekir@Bekirs-MacBook-Pro.local
Date: Wed, 10 Nov 2021 13:02:01 -0800 (PST)
From: bekir@Bekirs-MacBook-Pro.local (Bekir Dabanoglu)
```

Deleting specific message:

```
d [message number]
```