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Bash compound commands

The main part of Bash's syntax are the so-called **compound commands**. They're called like that because they use "real" commands (simple commands or lists) and knit some intelligence around them. That is what the essential "Bash language" is made of.

Command grouping

- grouping: command grouping
- grouping again: command grouping in a subshell

Conditional reactions

Note that conditionals can also be scripted using list, which are syntax elements, not commands.

- the "new" test command: conditional expression
- if-clause: conditional branching
- case statement: pattern-based branching

Loops

- classic for-loop
- C-style for-loop
- while loop
- until loop

Misc

- math: arithmetic evaluation
- menus: user selections

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