~/bin/ there, done that!



A gentle guide to working with Bash

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Roadmap

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Part I: Introductions

Who am I?

- BS in math from UGA
- 1 year of Apache Spark and Python
- 2.5 years of LAMP among other things
- https://github.com/scrooloose/nerdtree
- 21+ patches to the Vim core
- I love bash

This talk IS NOT ...

- ... about POSIX
- ... a how-to lesson
- ... a list of "bash tricks to blow your mind!"

This talk IS ...



You have a problem.



Part II: Tools

Tools Overview

- Git (never forget!)
- Make
- Snippets
 - https://github.com/SirVer/ultisnips
- Shellcheck
 - https://www.shellcheck.net/
- Your prompt!

Git and Make

- When you learn something cool, never forget
- Automate the installation of your scripts
- Fork this repository to get started:
 - https://github.com/lifecrisis/scripts
- The README.md file explains it all!

demo-snippets

demo-shellcheck

https://raw.githubusercontent.com/git/git/master/contrib/git-jump/git-jump

... or locate git-jump

demo of prompt

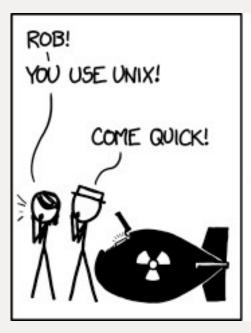
Bonus: demo of Vim!

Part III: An Example

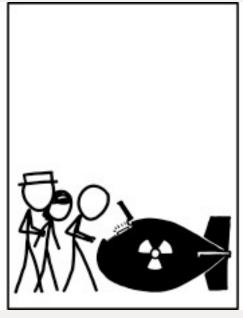
Our example: tip

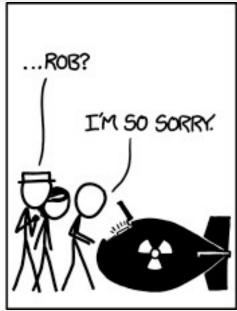
Repository: https://github.com/lifecrisis/bash-tip

See also: https://github.com/cheat/cheat









demo of "tip"

Initialization

```
# The "TIP_DIR" environment variable tells us where tips are kept.
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    if [[ -z "${TIP_DIR+x}" ]]; then
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      echo 'tip: not configured' >&2 && exit 2
13
    fi
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    # Remove trailing slash.
16
    TIP_DIR="${TIP_DIR%/}"
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18
    # Default behavior is to print the tip.
19
    EDIT=0
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```

Usage function

```
usage() {
  cat <<EOF

Usage: tip [-e] [-h] [--] COMMAND

Print tips on the usage of the given COMMAND. Use the "-e" option to edit
  the named tip file.

EOF

}</pre>
```

Option processing

```
while getopts ':eh' opt; do
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     if [[ "$opt" = '?' ]]; then
31
32
        echo "${0##*/}: invalid option -- '$OPTARG'" >&2 && exit 2
      fi
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35
    test "$opt" = 'e' && EDIT=1
      test "$opt" = 'h' && usage && exit
37
    done
    shift $((OPTIND - 1))
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```

Argument processing

```
40
    case $# in
41
       0)
42
         echo 'tip: argument required' >&2 && exit 2
       ;;
43
      1)
44
         file="$TIP_DIR/$1"
45
        ;;
46
      *)
47
         echo 'tip: too many arguments' >&2 && exit 2
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49
         ;;
50
     esac
51
```

Edit tip

```
52
    edit_tip() {
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54
      if [[ -f "$file" ]]; then
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56
        if [[ ! -r "$file" || ! -w "$file" ]]; then
          echo 'tip: cannot edit tip file' >&2 && exit 1
57
58
      fi
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      fi
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61
      ${VISUAL:-vi} "$file"
62
    }
63
```

Print tip

```
64
    print_tip() {
      local tip_lines
65
66
      if [[ ! -f "$file" ]]; then
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68
        echo 'tip: not found' >&2 && exit 1
      fi
69
70
71
      if [[ ! -r "$file" ]]; then
72
        echo 'tip: cannot read tip file' >&2 && exit 1
73
      fi
74
75
      tip_lines=$(wc -1 <"$file")
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77
      if [[ $tip_lines -ge $(tput lines) ]]; then
78
        less -X <"$file"
        return
79
      fi
81
      cat "$file"
82
83
84
```

Take action!

```
85  if [[ $EDIT -eq 1 ]]; then
86   edit_tip
87   exit
88  fi
89
90  print_tip
91  exit
```

Part IV: Learning Materials

Learning Materials List

- The Unix Programming Environment (ch. 1-5)
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Unix_Prog ramming_Environment
- BashFAQ
 - https://mywiki.wooledge.org/BashFAQ
- "man bash" and "help bash"
 - Seriously.

Part V: Closing Comments

Please...

... leave this talk/conference with the resolve to **do something** for free software.

Inspiration.