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- **CONDITIONAL EXPRESSIONS**

- The control structures often branch **based on the value of a logical expression**-that is, an expression that evaluates to true or false.

Utility: **\$ test expression**

test returns a **zero** exit code if **expression** evaluates to **true**; otherwise, it returns a **nonzero** exit status.

```
$ test 3 -eq 3 ; echo $?    0 true
$ test 3 -eq 33 ; echo $?  1 false
```

The exit status is typically used by shell control structures for branching purposes. `$ if test $x -eq 3`

Some **Bourne shells** supports **test** as a built-in command, in which case they support the second form of evaluation as well.

```
$ [ 3 -eq 3 ]    $ if [ 3 -eq 3 ]
```

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Conditions

- Test/check **files/directories** (easier)
- Compare **strings** (easier)
- Compare **integers**
- *Note:* in shells all user inputs are treated as strings.


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- The brackets of the second form must be surrounded by spaces in order for it to work. `$ [3 -eq 4]` ⇔ `$ test 3 -eq 4`
Space!

A `test` expression may take the following forms:

Form	Meaning
<code>-b filename</code>	True if filename exists as a block special file.
<code>-c filename</code>	True if filename exists as a character special file. Space!
<code>-d filename</code>	True if filename exists as a directory.
<code>-f filename</code>	True if filename exists as an ordinary file [-d classlist]
<code>-g filename</code>	True if filename exists as a "set group ID" file. test -f classlist
<code>-h filename</code>	True if filename exists as a symbolic link.
<code>-k filename</code>	True if filename exists and has its sticky bit set.
<code>-p filename</code>	True if filename exists as a named pipe.
<code>-u filename</code>	True if filename exists as a "set user ID" file.
<code>-s filename</code>	True if filename file contains at least 1 char (none empty)
<code>-r filename</code>	True if filename exists as a readable file. test -s emptyF
<code>-w filename</code>	True if filename exists as a writeable file.
<code>-x filename</code>	True if filename exists as an executable file. 
<code>-e filename</code>	True if filename exists as file or dir bash

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Form	Meaning
<code>-n string</code>	True if string contains at least one character.
<code>-z string</code>	True if string contains no characters. empty string
<code>str1 = str2</code>	True if str1 is equal to str2. <code>str1 == str2</code> bash
<code>str1 != str2</code>	True if str1 is not equal to str2.
<code>int1 -eq int2</code>	True if integer int1 is equal to integer int2. test 4 -eq 5
<code>int1 -ne int2</code>	True if integer int1 is not equal to integer int2. [4 -ne 5]
<code>int1 -gt int2</code>	True if integer int1 is greater than integer int2. [4 -gt 5]
<code>int1 -ge int2</code>	True if integer int1 is greater than or equal to integer int2.
<code>int1 -lt int2</code>	True if integer int1 is less than integer int2.
<code>int1 -le int2</code>	True if integer int1 is less than or equal to integer int2. ((4 <= 5)) bash
<code>! expr</code>	True is expr is False
<code>expr1 -a expr2</code>	True if expr1 and expr2 are both true logical AND
<code>expr1 -o expr2</code>	True if expr1 or expr2 are true logical OR
<code>&& </code> bash	one test
	multiple tests

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Argument	Test is true if . . .		
-d <i>file</i>	<i>file</i> is a directory	test -d classlist	[-d classlist]
-f <i>file</i>	<i>file</i> is an ordinary file	test -f classlist	[-f classlist]
-r <i>file</i>	<i>file</i> is readable		
-s <i>file</i>	<i>file</i> size is greater than zero	test -s classlist	[-s classlist]
-w <i>file</i>	<i>file</i> is writable		
-x <i>file</i>	<i>file</i> is executable	Bash: -e <i>file</i>	True if file exists as file or dir
! -d <i>file</i>	<i>file</i> is not a directory		
! -f <i>file</i>	<i>file</i> is not an ordinary file		
! -r <i>file</i>	<i>file</i> is not readable		
! -s <i>file</i>	<i>file</i> size is not greater than zero	empty file	
! -w <i>file</i>	<i>file</i> is not writable		
! -x <i>file</i>	<i>file</i> is not executable		
			Memorize?
			Bash:
<i>n1</i> -eq <i>n2</i>	integer <i>n1</i> equals integer <i>n2</i>	test \$n1 -eq \$n2	((n1==n2))
<i>n1</i> -ge <i>n2</i>	integer <i>n1</i> is greater than or equal to integer <i>n2</i>	[\$n1 -ge \$n2]	((n1 >= n2))
<i>n1</i> -gt <i>n2</i>	integer <i>n1</i> is greater than integer <i>n2</i>	[\$n1 -gt \$n2]	((n1 > n2))
<i>n1</i> -le <i>n2</i>	integer <i>n1</i> is less than or equal to integer <i>n2</i>	[\$n1 -le \$n2]	((n1 <= n2))
<i>n1</i> -ne <i>n2</i>	integer <i>n1</i> is not equal to integer <i>n2</i>	[\$n1 -ne \$n2]	((n1 != n2))
<i>n1</i> -lt <i>n2</i>	integer <i>n1</i> is less than integer <i>n2</i>	[\$n1 -lt \$n2]	((n1 < n2))
<i>s1</i> = <i>s2</i>	string <i>s1</i> equals string <i>s2</i>	\$, space	
<i>s1</i> != <i>s2</i>	string <i>s1</i> is not equal to string <i>s2</i>		s1 == s2

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• CONTROL STRUCTURES

- **The Bourne shell** supports a wide range of control structures that make it suitable as a high-level programming tool.

Shell programs are usually stored in scripts and are commonly used to automate maintenance and installation tasks.

Branch: if then elif else fi case..in..esac

Loop: while do done for do done until do done

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• if...then...fi

The *if* command supports **nested conditional branches** and has the following syntax:

```
if list1
then
    list2
elif list3
then
    list4
else
    list5
fi
```

optional,
the elif part may be repeated several times

optional,
the else part may occur zero times or one time.

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- Here's an example of a script that uses an *if* control structure:

```
$ cat numberScript.sh
echo -n "enter a number: "
read num
if test $num -lt 0
then
    echo "$num is a negative number"
elif [ $num -eq 0 ]
then
    echo "zero"
else
    echo $num is a positive number
fi
```

Bash:

```
if (( num < 0))
elif (( num == 0))
```

```
$ numberScript.sh
enter a number: 1
1 is a positive number
$ numberScript.sh
enter a number: -2
-2 is a negative number
$ numberScript.sh
enter a number: 0
zero
$
```

Read as string but can
compare directly

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- Another example of a script that uses an *if* control structure:

```
$ cat week.sh # version 1
echo -n "enter a date: "
read dat
if test $dat = "Fri" # if [ $dat = Fri ] compare string is easy
then
    echo "Thank God it is Friday"
elif [ $dat = Sat ]
then
    echo "You should not be here working, go home!!!"
elif [ $dat = "Sun" ]
then
    echo "You should not be here working, go home!!!"
else
    echo "Not weekend yet. Get to work"
fi
```

Comparing strings is easier
than comparing integers

```
$ week.sh
enter a date: Wed
Not weekend yet. Get to work
$
```



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- Another example of a script that uses an *if* control structure:

```
$ cat week.sh # version 3
echo -n "enter a date: "
read dat
if test $dat = "Fri" # if [ $dat = Fri ] compare string easy
then
    echo "Thank God it is Friday"
elif [ $dat = Sat -o $dat = "Sun" ] # if test $dat = sat -o $dat = Sun
then
    echo "You should not be here working, go home!!!"
else
    echo "Not weekend yet. Get to work"
fi
```

one test

```
$ week.sh
enter a date: Wed
Not weekend yet. Get to work
$ week.sh
enter a date: Fri
Thank God it is Friday
$
```



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- Another example of a script that uses an *if* control structure:

```
$ cat week.sh # version 2
echo -n "enter a date: "
read dat
if test $dat = "Fri"          # if [ $dat = Fri ] compare string easy
then
    echo "Thank God it is Friday"
elif [ $dat = Sat ] || [ $dat = "Sun" ]
then                          # if test $dat = sat || test $dat = Sun
    echo "You should not be here working, go home!!!"
else
    echo "Not weekend yet. Get to work"
fi
```

two tests

```
$ week.sh
enter a date: Wed
Not weekend yet. Get to work
$ week.sh
enter a date: Fri
Thank God it is Friday
$
```



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- Here's another example of a script that uses an *if* control structure:
- If a file empty, echo, else ls it

```
$ cat if.sh
echo -n "enter a file name: "
read name
if [ ! -s $name ]          # if test ! -s $name
then
    echo "File $name is empty"
    exit 1
else
    ls -l $name
fi
```

Argument	Test is true if ...
-d file	file is a directory
-f file	file is an ordinary file
-r file	file is readable
-s file	file size is greater than zero
-w file	file is writable
-x file	file is executable

```
$ cat > emptyF
^D
$ touch emptyF2
```

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- Here's another example of a script that uses an *if* control structure

```
$ cat if2.sh
```

```
echo -n "enter a file name: "  
read name  
if [ -d $name ]    # if test -d $name  
then  
    echo $name is a directory  
    ls -ld $name  
elif [ -x $name ]  
then  
    echo "File $name is executable"  
else  
    echo "File $name is not executable"  
    chmod u+x $name  
    echo "File $name is executable now"  
fi
```

Argument	Test is true if . . .
-d file	file is a directory
-f file	file is an ordinary file
-r file	file is readable
-s file	file size is greater than zero
-w file	file is writable
-x file	file is executable

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- Here's an example of a script that uses an *if* control structure:
improved version of *grep*

```
$ cat mygrepNotFound.sh  
echo -n "Please enter file to search: "  
read file          # read two variables.  
echo -n "Please enter search key: "  
read pattern  
egrep $pattern $file
```

Q: How to check if *grep* found or not programmatically

A: Exit Code of *egrep* execution!



```
$ mygrepNotFound.sh Leung classlist  
pattern Leung not found in file classlist, try another
```



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```
$ cat mygrepNotFound.sh
echo -n "Please enter file to search: "
read file                # read two variables.
echo -n "Please enter search key: "
read pattern
egrep $pattern $file
if [ $? -ne 0 ]          # not 0 --- not successful [ $? -gt 0 ]
then
    echo pattern $pattern not found in file $file, try another
else
    echo pattern $pattern is found in file $file
fi
```

```
$ mygrepNotFound.sh Leung classlist
pattern Leung not found in file classlist, try another
```



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- Here's an example of a script that uses an *if* control structure: improved version of *grep*

```
$ cat mygrepNotFound.sh      # list the script.
echo -n "Please enter file to search: "
read file                    # read two variables.
echo -n "Please enter search key: "
read pattern
egrep $pattern $file
if [ $? -eq 0 ]              # 0 --- successful
then
    echo pattern $pattern is found in file $file
else
    echo pattern $pattern not found in file $file, try another
fi
```

```
$ mygrepNotFound.sh Leung classlist
pattern Leung not found in file classlist, try another
```

Turn off
Raw output?

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Loop: `while do done` `for do done` `until do done`

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- **while...do...done**

- The *while* command executes one series of commands as long as another series of commands succeeds.

Here's its syntax:

```
while list1
do
    list2
done
```

The *while* command executes the commands in *list1* and ends if the last command in *list1* fails; otherwise, the commands in *list2* are executed and the process is repeated.

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- If `list2` is empty, the `do` keyword should be omitted.
A **break** command causes *the loop to end immediately*,
and a **continue** command causes *the loop to immediately jump to the next iteration*.
- Here's an example of a script that uses a `while` control structure to generate hello several times:

```
$ cat repeat0.sh
```

```
count=0
while [ $count -lt 5 ]
do
    echo Hello $count
    count=`expr $count + 1`
done
```

```
$ repeat0.sh
Hello 0
Hello 1
Hello 2
Hello 3
Hello 4
$
```

```
115 Bash: ((count < 5))
count=$((count+1)) or ((count=count+1)) or ((count++))
```

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```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    printf("Hello, world\n");
    int max = atoi(argv[1]);
    int count = 1;
    int sum = 0;
    while( count <= max){
        sum = sum + count;
        count = count + 1;
    }
    printf("Sum of 0 to %d is %d", max, sum);
}
```

```
$ cat mySum.sh
```

```
max=$1
count=1
sum=0
while [ $count -le $max ]
do
    sum=`expr $sum + $count`
    count=`expr $count + 1`
done
echo Sum of 0 to $max is $sum.
```

```
while (( count <= max))
sum=$(( sum + count))
count=$(( count+1)) (( count++ ))
```

```
$ mySum.sh 4
Sum of 0 to 4 is 10
$ mySum.sh 6
Sum of 0 to 6 is 21
```

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- Here's an example of a script that uses a [while control structure](#) to generate hello several times:

```
$ cat repeat.sh
read word
while [ $word != "quit" ]
do
    echo $word
    read word    # read again
done
```

```
$ repeat.sh
Hello
Hello
The
The
World
World
quit
$
```

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Terminate at EOF?



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Example: Loop + branch

```
#!/bin/sh
echo -n "enter a number or 'quit': "
read num

while [ $num != "quit" ]
do
    if [ $num -lt 0 ]
    then
        echo "$num is a negative number"
    elif [ $num -eq 0 ]
    then
        echo "this is zero"
    else
        echo "$ num is a positive number"
    fi

    # read again
    echo -n "enter a number or 'quit': "
    read num
done
```

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```
if ((num < 0))
```

```
elif ((num == 0))
```

```
$ loopbranch.sh
enter a number or 'quit': 1
1 is a positive number
enter a number or 'quit': -2
-2 is a negative number
enter a number or 'quit': 0
this is zero
enter a number or 'quit': quit
$
```



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Write a script `matrix.sh` to generate a matrix

```
$ matrix.sh 7
1-1 1-2 1-3 1-4 1-5 1-6 1-7
2-1 2-2 2-3 2-4 2-5 2-6 2-7
3-1 3-2 3-3 3-4 3-5 3-6 3-7
4-1 4-2 4-3 4-4 4-5 4-6 4-7
5-1 5-2 5-3 5-4 5-5 5-6 5-7
6-1 6-2 6-3 6-4 6-5 6-6 6-7
7-1 7-2 7-3 7-4 7-5 7-6 7-7
$
$ matrix.sh 4
1-1 1-2 1-3 1-4
2-1 2-2 2-3 2-4
3-1 3-2 3-3 3-4
4-1 4-2 4-3 4-4
```

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```
C, Java, C++:
a = atoi(argv[1])
x = 1
while (x < a)
{
    y = 1
    while (y < a)
    {
        printf ("%d-%d",x,y)
        y = y+1
    }
    x = x + 1
}
```

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```
$ cat matrix.sh
```

or, if `## -eq 0`
better `## -ne 1`

```
if [ -z $1 ]; then # if $1 is empty string -z
    echo "Usage: matrix number"
    exit
fi
```

```
x=1
```

```
while [ $x -le $1 ] # outer loop
do
```

```
    y=1
```

```
    while [ $y -le $1 ]
```

```
    do
```

```
        echo -n "$x-$y"
```

```
        y=`expr $y + 1`
```

```
    done
```

```
    echo
```

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

```
done
```

For your information

```
$ matrix.sh 4
```

```
1-1 1-2 1-3 1-4
2-1 2-2 2-3 2-4
3-1 3-2 3-3 3-4
4-1 4-2 4-3 4-4
```

```
x = 1
while (x < 7){
    y = 1
    while (y < 7){
        printf( "%d-%d", x,y)
        y = y+1
    }
    x = x + 1
}
```

Indent not mandatory

y++ update inner-loop count

x++ update inner-loop count

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- while true, break, continue, and :

```
#!/bin/sh
echo menu test program

while : # while true
do
    echo -n 'your choice? ' # prompt.
    read reply             # read response.
    if [ $reply = q ]
    then
        break
    fi
    .....
done
```

```
#!/bin/sh
x=0
while true
do
    x=`expr $x + 1`
    if [ $x -eq 100 ]
    then
        break
    else
        : # continue
    fi
done
echo $x
```

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- read files

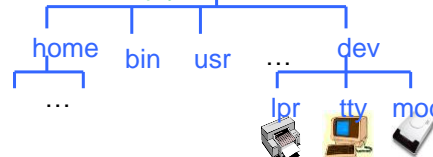
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Last topic: enhanced I/O redirection, /dev/null - bit bucket, black hole, Dave Null

- Special file found in device directory (**/dev**)
- Discard data written to (but report writing succeed)
 - Write to it: everything disappears (absorbed)
- Provide no data to reading process (EOF immediately)
 - Read from it: get nothing

```
ls -l > /dev/null      # standard output suppressed
who > /dev/null
cat /dev/null > emptyF # create an empty file / clear a file
cat < /dev/null > emptyF # create an empty file / clear a file
```



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read file                    # read two variables.
echo -n "Please enter search key: "
read pattern
egrep $pattern $file
if [ $? -ne 0 ]               # not 0 --- not successful [ $? gt 0 ]
then
  echo pattern $pattern not found in file $file, try another
else
  echo pattern $pattern is found in file $file
fi
```

```
$ mygrepNotFound.sh Wang classlist
pattern Wang is found in file classlist
```



How to turn off
row output from
egrep

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- Here's an example of a script that uses an *if* control structure: improved version of *grep*

```
$ cat mygrepNotFoundDavNull.sh      # list the script.
echo -n "Please enter file to search: "
read file                          # read two variables.
echo -n "Please enter search key: "
read pattern
egrep $pattern $file > /dev/null
if [ $? -ne 0 ]                    # not 0 --- not successful [ $? gt 0 ]
then
    echo pattern $pattern not found in file $file, try another
else
    echo pattern $pattern is found in file $file
fi

$ mygrepNotFoundDavNull.sh Wang claslist
pattern Wang is found in file claslist
```



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This concludes the topics on Unix

SUMMARY

- These utilities/commands constitutes basic components for a programming language
 - variable (set / get) `x=4 x=hello echo $x`
 - read from the user `read x`
 - command line arguments `$0, $1-9, $#, $*`
 - arithmetic operation `x=`expr 3 + 4` x=$((3 + 4))`
 - branching -- if then else fi `if test $x -lt 4 then if [$x -lt 4] then`
 - looping -- while / for loop `while .. do .. done`
 - enhanced I/O redirection `> /dev/null 2>&1`
 - parameter shifting `shift shift 3`
 - functions, recursions ...

Now see 2 examples

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