

Week 5 - More On Regular Expressions; Pathname Expansion; Named Character Classes

More On Regular Expressions

awk Arithmetic

- examples, using the file `cars`
 - `awk 'inventory+=5' END {print "Our total inventory has a value of $" inventory}' cars`
 - `awk 'inventory+=5' END {print "The average cost of a car on our lot is $" inventory/NR}' cars`
 - note that awk handles decimal arithmetic and format specifications, with a default of 2 decimal places:
 - `awk 'inventory+=5' END {printf "The average cost of a car on our lot is $%.3f\n", inventory/NR}' cars`
 - `awk '$5 > price {price=$5} END {print "Our most expensive car has a price of $" price}' cars`
 - `awk '$5 <=$price' {quantity++} END {print "We have " quantity " cars under $" $price}' cars`
 - `sort -rnk5 cars | awk 'NR==1 {price=$5} price==$5' - display all records with maximum 5th field`
 - `awk '$5 > price {price=$5} END {print price}' cars | xargs -lxxx awk '$5 == xxx' cars`
 - `awk '$5 == $(awk '$5 > price {price=$5} END {print price}' cars) cars`

Comparing sed And awk

- equivalent examples, using the file `cars`
 - `sed -r 's/([]+)([]+)([]+)([]+)([]+)/\2\1/' cars` - swap first two fields
 - `awk '{printf "%-8s%-8s%-8s%-8s%-8s\n", $2, $1, $3, $4, $5}' cars`
 - `sed -r 's/([]+)([]+)([]+)([]+)([]+)/We have a \1 \2 at only $5/' cars`
 - `awk '{printf "We have a %-8s %-8s at only $%s\n", $1, $2, $5}' cars`
 - `sed -nr '/ford/ s/([]+)([]+)([]+)([]+)([]+)/We have an amazing \1 for the low price of $2! What a steal!/ p' cars`
 - `awk '/ford/ {print "We have an amazing " $2 " for the low price of $" $5 "! What a steal!"}' cars`
 - `sed -nr '/$1/" s/([]+)([]+)([]+)([]+)([]+)/We have an amazing \1 for the low price of $2! What a steal!/ p' cars`
 - `awk '/$1/" {print "We have an amazing " $2 " for the low price of $" $5 "! What a steal!"}' cars`
 - `sed -r 's/([]+)*([]+)*([]+)*\3 \2 \1/' cars` - display 3rd, 2nd, and 1st fields
 - `awk '{print $3, $2, $1}' cars`
 - `sed 's/a/A/g' cars` - capitalize all letter a's
 - `awk '{ for (i = 1; i <= length($0); i++) {
 c = substr($0, i, 1);
 if (c == "a")
 printf("A");
 # or: printf "A";
 else
 printf("%c", c) # or: printf c
 }
 printf "\n"
}' cars`

- awk is better for field manipulation and arithmetic, sed is better for character manipulation and editing

Pathname Expansion

- also called globbing, ambiguous file references, metacharacters, wild card characters, and filename generation characters
- used to find filenames that match a pattern
- globbing is performed by the shell, not by commands, so globbing may be used with any command
- globbing does not match a dot at the beginning of a filename (hidden file) or a slash (directory level), by default
- if a glob doesn't match a filename it remains unchanged, by default
- run these commands to try the examples in this section:
 - `mkdir testdir`
 - `cd testdir`
 - `touch .file .file{1..10} .pic{1..5}.gif cars FiLe25 file fileX 'fil 25' 'file(1234)' file1 file{3..100} gile7 pic27 pic38 pic.gif pic{21..40}.gif pic.jpeg pic{41..60}.jpeg pic.jpg pic{1..20}.jpg video{1..40}.mpeg xxxfile23`
 - `?` matches any single character
 - `ls file?2`
 - `ls pic??gif`
 - `*` matches any number of characters, including none
 - `ls file*`
 - `ls *10*`
 - a leading period (hidden file) must be explicitly specified
 - `ls .file*`
 - `ls .*10*`
- `[]` matches any single character in included list
 - `ls file[135]`
 - `ls file[135][123]`
- within `[]` between two characters represents a range
 - `ls file[0-47-9]`
 - `ls p*[1-3]*[d-g]`
- if `!` is first character within `[]`, then any character not in list is matched
 - `ls file[!0-47-9]`
 - `ls p*[1-3]*[!d-g]`

Globbing Shell Options (bash only)

- shell options may be set using shopt -s and unset using shopt -u
- without the -s or -u options, shopt will show if the option is on or off
- nullglob - non-matching globs are removed, instead of preserved

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echo [0-9]
shopt -s nullglob
echo [0-9]
```
- failglob - non-matching globs cause an error, command is not executed

```
echo [0-9]
shopt -s failglob
echo [0-9]
```
- nocaseglob - matches are done ignoring case

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echo file*5
shopt -s nocaseglob
echo file*5
```

dotglob - wildcards will match hidden filenames

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echo *5
shopt -s dotglob
echo *5
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Extended Globbing (bash only)

- extended globbing may be enabled via a shell option: shopt -s extglob, but is on by default
- a pattern-list is a list of items separated by a vertical bar
 - ?(pattern-list) - matches zero or one occurrence of the given patterns
 - ls pic*.jp?(e)g
 - ls file4?(3|5)
 - echo pic?([0-9]).*
 - *(pattern-list) - matches zero or more occurrences of the given patterns
 - ls pic*(3).*
 - ls file*(1|3|5)
 - +(pattern-list) - matches one or more occurrences of the given patterns
 - ls pic+(3).*
 - ls file+(1|3|5)
 - @(pattern-list) - matches one of the given patterns
 - ls pic*@(jpg|gif)
 - ls pic*@(jp?(e)g|gif)
 - ls pic@(1|2|33|66).*
 - !(pattern-list) - matches anything except one of the given patterns
 - ls pic!(*jpg|*gif)
 - ls pic*!(jpg|gif)
 - does NOT work, because "!(jpg|gif)" matches a null at the end of the matched string

Named Character Classes

- named character classes are useful, ensuring that collating sequences are correct regardless of the locale
 - [:alnum:] - alphanumeric - same as [:alpha:] and [:digit:]
 - [:alpha:] - alphabetic - same as [:lower:] and [:upper:]
 - [:blank:] - spaces and tabs
 - [:cntrl:] - control characters
 - [:digit:] - digits 0 to 9
 - [:graph:] - alphanumerics and punctuation - same as [:alnum:] and [:punct:]
 - [:lower:] - lower-case alphabetic
 - [:print:] - printable characters - same as [:alnum:], [:punct:], and spaces
 - [:punct:] - punctuation - eg. ! " # \$ % & ' () * + , - . / : ; < = > ? @ [\] ^ _ ` { | } ~
 - [:space:] - space characters - eg. tab, newline, vertical tab, form feed, carriage return, and space
 - [:upper:] - upper-case alphabetic
 - [:xdigit:] - hex digits - 0 to 9, a to f, A to F
- can be used with "tr" command:
 - `tr "[:lower:]" "[:upper:]" < cars`
- can be used within regular expressions, including within the "[[...]]" structure (must be enclosed within a second set of square brackets):
 - `echo $1 | grep "^[:digit:]*$" >/dev/null || { echo "First argument must be numeric" >&2; exit 2; }`
 - `echo $1 | grep "[^[:digit:]]" >/dev/null && { echo "First argument must be numeric" >&2; exit 2; } || exit 4`
 - `[[$1 =~ [^[:digit:]]]] && { echo "First argument must be numeric" >&2; exit 2; } || exit 4`
- can be used within globs, including within the "[[...]]" structure, extended globbing does NOT need to be enabled (must be enclosed within a second set of square brackets):
 - `ls pic[:digit:].*`
 - `[[$1 = *[^[:digit:]]*]] && { echo "First argument must be numeric" >&2; exit 2; } || exit 4`