



System Programming

Advanced Shell Scripting



Creating and Using Functions

- The formal definition of a shell function is as follows:

```
name () { list ; }
```

- Valid and invalid function definitions:

```
lsl() { ls -l ; }    # valid
```

```
lsl { ls -l ; }      # invalid
```

- Aliases definition for `sh`:

```
$> cat mycd
```

```
cd () { chdir ${1:-$HOME} ; PS1="`pwd`$ " ;  
export PS1 ; }
```

- `$> source mycd`



Function Examples

- Listing the current value of `PATH`, with each directory listed on a single line.

```
lspath() {  
    OLDIFS="$IFS"  
    IFS=:  
    for DIR in $PATH ; do echo $DIR ; done  
    IFS="$OLDIFS"  
}
```

- `$> lspath | grep "/usr/dt/bin"`



Function Examples (Cont.)

- Tailoring Your Path

```
setPath() {  
    PATH=${PATH:= "/sbin:/bin"};  
    for _DIR in "$@"  
    do  
        if [ -d "$_DIR" ] ; then  
            PATH="$PATH": "$_DIR" ; fi  
        done  
    export PATH  
    unset _DIR  
}
```



Function Examples (Cont.)

- An example invocation:

```
$> setPath /sbin /usr/sbin /bin /usr/bin  
/usr/ccs/bin
```
- It checks to see whether each of its arguments is a directory, and if a directory exists, it is added to **PATH**.



Function parameter passing

- A parameter is passed to a function as it is passed to shell script.

- The syntax to define function:

```
function function-name( )  
{  
    statement1  
    statement2  
    statementN  
}
```

- This function is called from command line or within the shell script as follows:

```
function-name arg1 arg2 arg3 argN
```

Parameter passing

example

- \$ vi pass
function demo()
{
 echo "All Arguments to function demo(): \$*"
 echo "First argument \$1"
 echo "Second argument \$2"
 echo "Third argument \$3"
 return
}
Call the function
demo -f foo bar



Return Value

- Example definition

```
function add_two {  
    (( sum=$1+$2 ))  
    return $sum  
}
```

- Invoking the function

```
add_two 1 3  
echo $?
```

- \$? value returned by last function call or command
- Function definition must occur before the function is called in the script



Sharing Data Between Functions

- The C shell, `cs``h`, provides three commands for quickly moving around in the UNIX file system:

`popd` `pushd` `dirs`

- These commands maintain a stack of directories internally and enable the user to add and remove directories from the stack and list the contents of the stack.



Implementing dirs

```
dirs() {  
    # save IFS, then set it to : to access the  
    # the items in _DIR_STACK individually.  
    OLDIFS="$IFS"  
    IFS=:  
    # print each directory followed by a space  
    for i in $_DIR_STACK  
    do  
        echo "$i \c"  
    done  
  
    ...  
}
```



Implementing dirs (Cont.)

...

```
# add a new line after all entries in  
# _DIR_STACK have been printed  
echo  
# restore IFS  
IFS="$OLDIFS"  
}
```



Implementing pushd

```
pushd() {  
    # set the requested directory, $REQ, to the first  
    # argument  
    # If no argument is given, set REQ to .  
    REQ="$1";  
    if [ -z "$REQ" ] ; then REQ=. ; fi  
    # if $REQ is a directory, cd to the directory  
    # if the cd is successful update $_DIR_STACK  
    # otherwise issue the appropriate error messages  
    if [ -d "$REQ" ] ; then  
        cd "$REQ" > /dev/null 2>&1  
    ...  
}
```



Implementing pushd (Cont.)

...

```
if [ $? -eq 0 ] ; then
```

```
    _DIR_STACK=`pwd`:$ _DIR_STACK" ;  
    export _DIR_STACK ; dirs
```

```
else
```

```
    echo "ERROR: Cannot change to  
directory          $REQ." >&2  
fi
```

```
else
```

```
echo "ERROR: $REQ is not a directory." >&2  
fi
```

```
unset REQ
```

```
}
```



Implementing popd

```
_popd_helper() {  
    # set the directory to pop to the first argument, if  
    # this directory is empty, issue an error and return 1  
    # otherwise get rid of POPD from the arguments  
    POPD="$1"  
    if [ -z "$POPD" ] ; then  
        echo "ERROR: The directory stack is empty."  
        >&2  
        return 1  
    fi  
    shift  
    ...  
}
```



Implementing popd (Cont.)

...

if any more arguments remain, reinitialize the directory

stack, and then update it with the remaining items,
otherwise set the directory stack to null

if [-n "\$1"] ; then

 _DIR_STACK="\$1" ;

 shift ;

 for i in \$@ ; do

 _DIR_STACK="\$_DIR_STACK:\$i" ; done

else

 _DIR_STACK=

fi



Implementing popd (Cont.)

...

```
# if POPD is a directory cd to it, otherwise issue
```

```
# an error message
```

```
if [ -d "$POPD" ] ; then
```

```
    cd "$POPD" > /dev/null 2>&1
```

```
    if [ $? -ne 0 ] ; then
```

```
        echo "ERROR: Could not cd to $POPD."
```

```
>&2
```

```
    fi
```

```
    pwd
```

```
else
```

```
    echo "ERROR: $POPD is not a directory." >&2
```

```
fi
```




Implementing popd (Cont.)

```
...  
export _DIR_STACK  
unset POPD  
}  
popd() {  
    OLDIFS="$IFS"  
    IFS=:  
    _popd_helper $_DIR_STACK  
    IFS="$OLDIFS"  
}
```



echo command

- **echo** display text or value of variable.
echo [options] [string, variables...]
- Options
 - n Do not output the trailing new line.
 - e Interpret the following escaped chars.
 - \c** suppress trailing new line
 - \a** alert (bell) **\b** backspace
 - \n** new line **\r** carriage return
 - \t** horizontal tab **** backslash
- **\$ echo -e "An apple a day keeps away
\a\t\tdoctor\n"**



Displaying colorful text

- There are some control chars used with **echo**
- This command prints message in Blue color.

```
$> echo "\033[34m Hello Colorful World!"
```

Hello Colorful World!
- This uses ANSI escape sequence (`\033[34m`).
 - **\033**, is escape character, takes some action
 - **[34m** escape code sets foreground color to Blue
 - **[** is start of CSI (Command Sequence Introduction).
 - **34** is parameter.
 - **m** is letter (specifies action).
- General syntax

```
echo -e "\033[escape-code your-message"
```



Displaying colorful text

- A list of *escape-code/action letter or char.*

Char. Use in CSI

- h** Set the ANSI mode
- l** Clears the ANSI mode
- m** Show characters in different **colors** or effects such as **BOLD** and Blink
- q** Turns keyboard num lock, caps lock, scroll lock LED on or off
- s** Stores the current cursor x, y position (col , row position) and attributes
- u** Restores cursor position and attributes



Displaying colorful text

- m understands following parameters.

Param. Meaning

0 Sets default color scheme (White foreground and Black background), normal intensity, no blinking etc.

1 Set **BOLD** intensity

```
$> echo -e "I am \033[1m BOLD \033[0m Person"
```

I am **BOLD** Person

2 Set dim intensity

```
$> echo -e "\033[1m BOLD \033[2m DIM \033[0m"
```

BOLD DIM



Displaying colorful text

5 Blink Effect

```
$> echo -e "\033[5m Flash! \033[0m"
```

Flash!

7 Reverse video effect i.e. Black foreground and white background by default

```
$> echo -e "\033[7m Linux OS! Best OS!! \033[0m"
```

Linux OS! Best OS!



Displaying colorful text

25 Disables blink effect

27 Disables reverse effect

30 – 37 Set foreground color

31->Red, 32->Green, ...

```
$> echo -e "\033[31m I am in Red"
```

I am in Red

40 – 47 Set background color

```
$> echo -e "\033[44m Wow!!!"
```

Wow!!!



Displaying colorful text

- q understand following parameters

Param. Meaning

0	Turns off all LEDs on Keyboard
1	Scroll lock LED on and others off
2	Num lock LED on and others off
3	Caps lock LED on and others off



Script execution

- Provide script as an argument to the shell program (e.g. `bash my_script`)
- Or specify which shell to use within the script
 - First line of script is `#!/bin/bash`
 - Make the script executable using `chmod`
 - Make sure the `PATH` includes the current directory
 - Run directly from the command line
- No compilation is necessary!