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Shell Scripting

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Why Shell Scripting?

- Shell scripts can be used to prepare input files, job monitoring, and output processing.
- Useful to create own commands.
- Save lots of time on file processing.
- To automate some task of day to day life.
- System Administration part can be also automated.

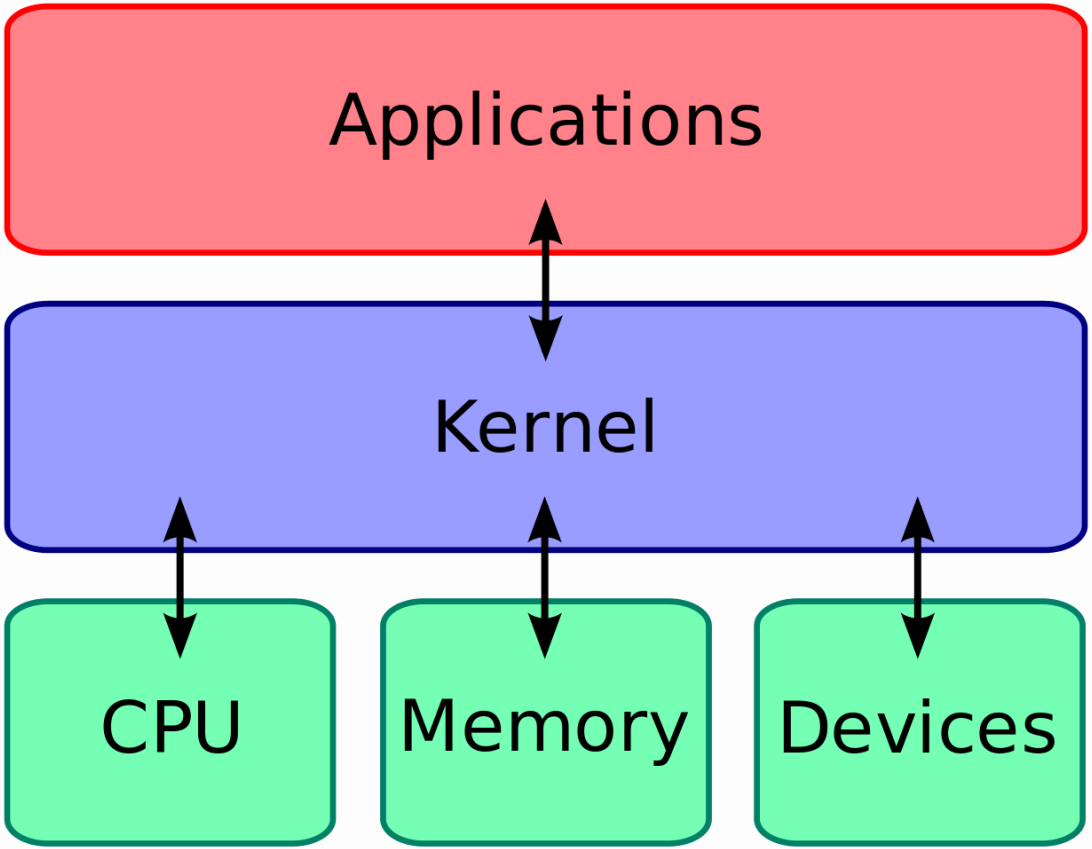
History of UNIX/Linux

- Unix is a command line operating system developed around 1969 in the Bell Labs
- Originally written using C
- Unix is designed so that users can extend the functionality
  - To build new tools easily and efficiently
  - To customize the shell and user interface.
  - To string together a series of Unix commands to create new functionality.
  - To create custom commands that do exactly what we want.
- Around 1990 Linus Torvalds of Helsinki University started off a freely available academic version of Unix
- Linux is the Antidote to a Microsoft dominated future

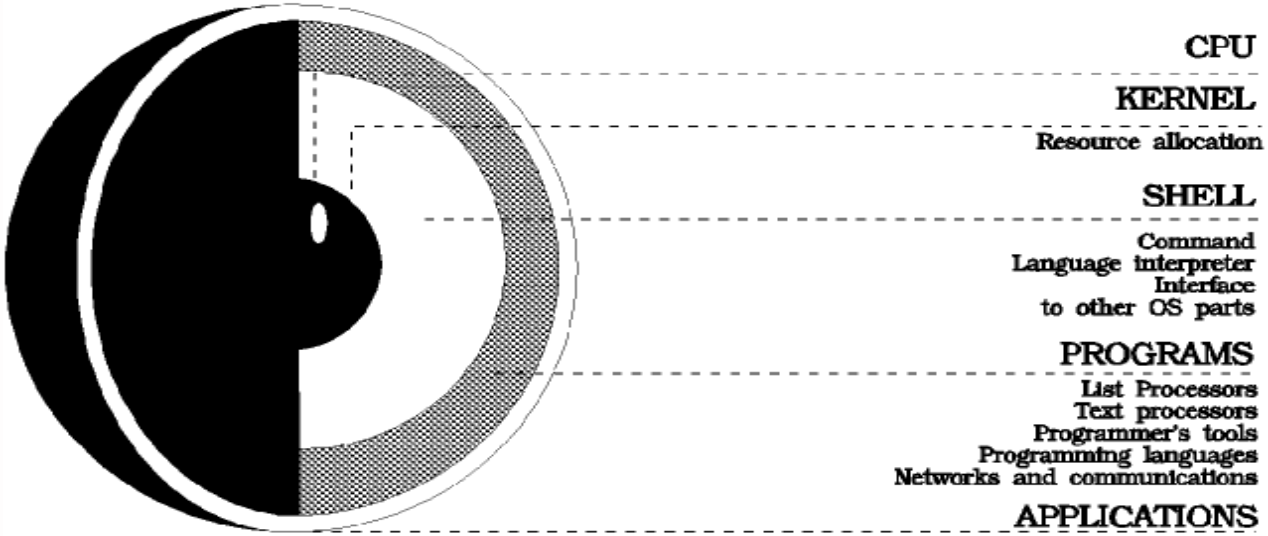
What is UNIX/Linux ?

- **Simply put**
- Multi-Tasking O/S
- Multi-User O/S
- Available on a range of Computers

SunOS	Sun Microsystems
IRIX	Silicon Graphics
HP-UX	Hewlett Packard
AIX	IBM
Ubuntu	Canonical



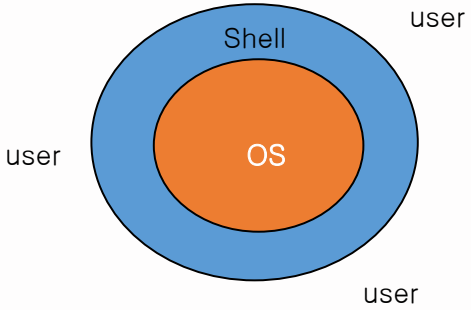
UNIX/LINUX Architecture



What is a “Shell”?

- The “Shell” is simply *another program* on top of the kernel which provides a basic human-OS interface.
  - It is a command interpreter
    - Built on top of the kernel
    - Enables users to run services provided by the UNIX OS
  - In its simplest form, a series of commands in a file is a shell program that saves having to retype commands to perform common tasks.

- How to know what shell you use
  - echo $SHELL



UNIX Shells

- sh Bourne Shell (Original Shell) (*Steven Bourne of AT&T*)
- bash Bourne Again Shell (*GNU Improved Bourne Shell*)
- csh C-Shell (C-like Syntax)(*Bill Joy of Univ. of California*)
- ksh Korn-Shell (Bourne+some C-shell)(*David Korn of AT&T*)
- tcsh Turbo C-Shell (More User Friendly C-Shell).

- To switch shell:
  - $ exec shellname (e.g., $ exec bash or simply type $ bash)
  - You can switch from one shell to another by just typing the name of the shell. exit return you back to previous shell.

Which Shell to Use?

- **sh** (Bourne shell) was considered better for programming
- **csh** (C-Shell) was considered better for interactive work.
- **tcsh** and **korn** were improvements on c-shell and bourne shell respectively.
- **bash** is largely compatible with sh and also has many of the nice features of the other shells
- On many systems such as our LINUX clusters sh is symbolically linked to bash, /bin/sh -> /bin/bash
- We can use sh/bash for writing new shell scripts but learn csh/tcsh to understand existing scripts.
- Mostly scientific applications require csh/tcsh environment (GUI, Graphics Utility Interface)
- **All Linux versions use the Bash shell (Bourne Again Shell) as the default shell**
  - **Bash/Bourn/ksh/sh prompt: $**
- **All UNIX system include C shell and its predecessor Bourne shell.**
  - **Csh/tcsh prompt: %**

What is Shell Script?

- A **shell script** is a script written for the shell

- Two key ingredients
  - UNIX/LINUX commands
  - Shell programming syntax

UNIX/LINUX Commands

- File Management and Viewing
- Filesystem Mangement
- Help,Job/Process Management
- Network Management
- System Management
- User Management
- Printing and Programming
- Document Preparation
- Miscellaneous

- To understand the working of the command and possible options use (man command)
- Using the GNU Info System (info, info command)
- Listing a Description of a Program (whatis command)
- Many tools have a long−style option, `−−help', that outputs usage information about the tool, including the options and arguments the tool takes. Ex: *whoami --help*

File and Directory Management

- **cd** Change the current directory. With no arguments "cd" changes to the users home directory. (cd <directory path>)
- **chmod** Change the file permissions.
- Ex: chmod 751 myfile : change the file permissions to rwx for owner, rx for group and x for others (x=1,r=4,w=2)
- Ex: chmod go=+r myfile : Add read permission for the group and others (character meanings u-user, g-group, o-other, + add permission,-remove,r-read,w-write,x-exe)

  Ex: chmod +s myfile - Setuid bit on the file which allows the program to run with user or group privileges of the file.
- **chown** Change owner.
- Ex: chown <owner1> <filename> : Change ownership of a file to owner1.
- **chgrp** Change group.
- Ex: chgrp <group1> <filename> : Change group of a file to group1.
- **cp** Copy a file from one location to another.
- Ex: cp file1 file2 : Copy file1 to file2; Ex: cp –R dir1 dir2 : Copy dir1 to dir2

File and Directory Management

- **ls** List contents of a directory.
- Ex: ls, ls –l , ls –al, ls –ld, ls –R
- **mkdir** Make a directory.
- Ex: mkdir <directory name> : Makes a directory
- Ex *mkdir –p /www/chache/var/log* will create all the directories starting from www.
- **mv** Move or rename a file or directory.
- Ex: mv <source> <destination>
- **find** Find files (find <start directory> -name <file name> -print)
- Ex: *find /home –name readme -print*
- Search for readme starting at home and output full path, “/home" = Search starting at the home directory and proceed through all its subdirectories; "-name readme" = Search for a file named readme "-print" = Output the full path to that file
- **locate** File locating program that uses the slocate database.
- Ex: locate –u to create the database,
- locate <file/directory> to find file/directory

File and Directory Management

- **pwd** Print or list the present working directory with full path.
- **rm** Delete files (Remove files). (rm –rf <directory/file>)
- **rmdir** Remove a directory. The directory must be empty. (rmdir <directory>)
- **touch** Change file timestamps to the current time. Make the file if it doesn't exist. (touch <filename>)
- **whereis** Locate the binary and man page files for a command. (whereis <program/command>)
- **which** Show full path of commands where given commands reside. (which <command>)

- **File viewing and editing**

  - **emacs** Full screen editor.
  - **pico** Simple text editor.
  - **vi** Editor with a command mode and text mode. Starts in command mode.
  - **gedit** GUI Text Editor
  - **tail** Look at the last 10 lines of a file.
  - Ex: tail –f <filename> ; Ex: tail -100 <filename>
  - **head** Look at the first 10 lines of a file. (head <filename>)

File and Directory Management

- **File compression, backing up and restoring**
- **compress** Compress data.
- **uncompress** Expand data.
- **cpio** Can store files on tapes. to/from archives.
- **gzip** - zip a file to a gz file.
- **gunzip** - unzip a gz file.
- **tar** Archives files and directories. Can store files and directories on tapes.
- Ex: tar -zcvf <destination> <files/directories> - Archive copy groups of files. tar –zxvf <compressed file> to uncompress
- **zip** – Compresses a file to a .zip file.
- **unzip** – Uncompresses a file with .zip extension.
- **cat** View a file
- Ex: cat filename
- **cmp** Compare two files.
- **cut** Remove sections from each line of files.

File and Directory Management

- **diff** Show the differences between files.

  Ex: diff file1 file2 : Find differences between file1 & file2.
- **echo** Display a line of text.
  - **grep** List all files with the specified expression.
    (*grep pattern <filename/directorypath>*)

    Ex: ls –l |grep sidbi : List all lines with a sidbi in them.
  - Ex: grep " R " : Search for R with a space on each side
- **sleep** Delay for a specified amount of time.
- **sort** Sort a file alphabetically.
- **uniq** Remove duplicate lines from a sorted file.
- **wc** Count lines, words, characters in a file. (wc –c/w/l <filename>).
- **sed s**tream **ed**itor, extremely powerful!
- **awk** an extremely versatile programming language for working on files

Useful Commands in Scripting

- grep
  - Pattern searching
  - Example: grep ‘boo’ filename
- sed
  - Text editing
  - Example: sed 's/XYZ/xyz/g' filename
- awk
  - Pattern scanning and processing
  - Example: awk ‘{print $4, $7}’ filename

Shell Scripting

- Start vi scriptfilename.sh with the line #!/bin/sh
- All other lines starting with # are comments.
  - make code readable by including comments
- Tell Unix that the script file is executable
  - $ chmod u+x scriptfilename.sh
  - $ chmod +x scriptfilename.sh
- Execute the shell-script
  - $ ./scriptfilename.sh

My First Shell Scripting

$ vi myfirstscript.sh

```
#! /bin/sh

# The first example of a shell script
directory=`pwd`
  echo Hello World!
  echo The date today is `date`
  echo The current directory is $directory
```

$ chmod +x myfirstscript.sh

$ ./myfirstscript.sh

Hello World!

The date today is Mon Mar 8 15:20:09 EST 2010

The current directory is /netscr/shubin/test

Shell Scripts

- Text files that contain sequences of UNIX commands , created by a text editor
- No compiler required to run a shell script, because the UNIX shell acts as an interpreter when reading script files
- After you create a shell script, you simply tell the OS that the file is a program that can be executed, by using the chmod command to change the files' mode to be executable
- Shell programs run less quickly than compiled programs, because the shell must interpret each UNIX command inside the executable script file before it is executed

Commenting

- Lines starting with # are comments except the very first line where #! indicates the location of the shell that will be run to execute the script.
- On any line characters following an unquoted # are considered to be comments and ignored.
- Comments are used to;
  - Identify who wrote it and when
  - Identify input variables
  - Make code easy to read
  - Explain complex code sections
  - Version control tracking
  - Record modifications

Quote Characters

There are three different quote characters with different behaviour. These are:

“ : double quote, weak quote. If a string is enclosed in “ ” the references to variables (i.e *$variable*) are replaced by their values. Also back-quote and escape \ characters are treated specially.

‘ : single quote, strong quote. Everything inside single quotes are taken literally, nothing is treated as special.

` : back quote. A string enclosed as such is treated as a command and the shell attempts to execute it. If the execution is successful the primary output from the command replaces the string.

Example: echo “Today is:” `date`

Echo

Echo command is well appreciated when trying to debug scripts.

Syntax : echo {options} string

Options: -e : expand \ (back-slash) special characters

-n : do not output a new-line at the end.

String can be a “weakly quoted” or a ‘strongly quoted’ string. In the weakly quoted strings the references to variables are replaced by the value of those variables before the output.

As well as the variables some special backslash_escaped symbols are expanded during the output. If such expansions are required the –e option must be used.

User Input During Shell Script Execution

- As shown on the hello script input from the standard input location is done via the read command.
- Example
  - echo "Please enter three filenames:”
  - read filea fileb filec
  - echo “These files are used:$filea $fileb $filec”
- Each read statement reads an entire line. In the above example if there are less than 3 items in the response the trailing variables will be set to blank ‘ ‘.
- Three items are separated by one space.

Hello script exercise continued…

- The following script asks the user to enter his name and displays a personalised hello.

```
#!/bin/sh
echo “Who am I talking to?”
read user_name
echo “Hello $user_name”
```

Debugging your shell scripts

- Generous use of the echo command will help.
- Run script with the –x parameter.
  - E.g. sh –x ./myscript
  - or set –o xtrace before running the script.
- These options can be added to the first line of the script where the shell is defined.
  - e.g. #!/bin/sh -xv

Shell Programming

- **Programming features of the UNIX/LINUX shell:**
  - ***Shell variables***: **Your scripts often need to keep values in memory for later use. Shell variables are symbolic names that can access values stored in memory**
  - ***Operators***: **Shell scripts support many operators, including those for performing mathematical operations**
  - ***Logic structures***: **Shell scripts support sequential logic (for performing a series of commands), decision logic (for branching from one point in a script to another), looping logic (for repeating a command several times), and case logic (for choosing an action from several possible alternatives)**

Variables

- **Variables are symbolic names that represent values stored in memory**
- **Three different types of variables**
  - Global Variables**: Environment and configuration variables, capitalized, such as HOME, PATH, SHELL, USERNAME, and PWD.**
  - When you login, there will be a large number of global System variables that are already defined. These can be freely referenced and used in your shell scripts.
  - Local Variables
  - Within a shell script, you can create as many new variables as needed. Any variable created in this manner remains in existence only within that shell.
  - Special Variables
  - Reversed for OS, shell programming, etc. such as positional parameters $0, $1 …

A few global (environment) variables

SHELL	Current shell
DISPLAY	Used by X-Windows system to identify the display
HOME	Fully qualified name of your login directory
PATH	Search path for commands
MANPATH	Search path for <man> pages
PS1 & PS2	Primary and Secondary prompt strings
USER	Your login name
TERM	terminal type
PWD	Current working directory

Referencing Variables

Variable contents are accessed using '$':

e.g. $ echo $HOME

$ echo $SHELL

To see a list of your environment variables:

$ printenv

or:

$ printenv | more

Defining Local Variables

- As in any other programming language, variables can be defined and used in shell scripts.
- Unlike other programming languages, variables in Shell Scripts are not typed.
- Examples :

```
a=1234   # a is NOT an integer, a string instead
b=$a+1 # will not perform arithmetic but be the string '1234+1'
b=`expr $a + 1 `   will perform arithmetic so b is 1235 now.
Note : +,-,/,*,**, % operators are available.
b=abcde  # b is string
b='abcde' # same as above but much safer.
b=abc  def # will not work unless 'quoted'
b='abc def'  # i.e. this will work.
```

IMPORTANT NOTE: DO NOT LEAVE SPACES AROUND THE =

Referencing variables—curly bracket

- Having defined a variable, its contents can be referenced by the $ symbol. E.g. ${variable} or simply $variable. When ambiguity exists $variable will not work. Use ${ } the rigorous form to be on the safe side.

Example:

```
a='abc'
b=${a}def # this would not have worked without the{ } as
                #it would try to access a variable named adef
```

Variable List/Arrary

- **To create lists (array) – round bracket**
  $ set Y = (UNL 123 CS251)

- **To set a list element – square bracket**
  $ set Y[2] = HUSKER

- **To view a list element:**
  $ echo $Y[2]

- **Example:**

```
#!/bin/sh
a=(1 2 3)
echo ${a[*]}
echo ${a[0]}
```

Results: 1 2 3

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Positional Parameters

- When a shell script is invoked with a set of command line parameters each of these parameters are copied into special variables that can be accessed.
- $0 This variable that contains the name of the script
- $1, $2, ….. $n 1st, 2nd 3rd command line parameter
- $# Number of command line parameters
- $$ process ID of the shell
- $@ same as $* but as a list one at a time (see for loops later)
- $? Return code ‘exit code’ of the last command
- Shift command: This shell command shifts the positional parameters by one towards the beginning and drops $1 from the list. After a shift $2 becomes $1 , and so on … It is a useful command for processing the input parameters one at a time.

- Example:
- Invoke : ./myscript one two buckle my shoe
- During the execution of myscript variables $1 $2 $3 $4 and $5 will contain the values *one, two, buckle, my, shoe* respectively.

Variables

- **vi myinputs.sh**

```
#! /bin/sh
echo Total number of inputs: $#
echo First input: $1
echo Second input: $2
```

- **chmod u+x myinputs.sh**

- **myinputs.sh HUSKER UNL CSE**

```
Total number of inputs: 3
First input: HUSKER
Second input: UNL
```

Shell Programming

- **programming features of the UNIX shell:**
  - ***Shell variables***
  - ***Operators***
  - ***Logic structures***

Shell Operators

- **The Bash/Bourne/ksh shell operators are divided into three groups: defining and evaluating operators, arithmetic operators, and redirecting and piping operators**

Defining and Evaluating

- **A shell variable take on the generalized form variable=value (except in the C shell).**

```
$ set x=37; echo $x
37
$ unset x; echo $x
x: Undefined variable.
```

- **You can set a pathname or a command to a variable or substitute to set the variable.**

```
$ set mydir=`pwd`; echo $mydir
```

Pipes & Redirecting

- **Piping: An important early development in Unix , a way to pass the output of one tool to the input of another.**

$ who | wc –l

By combining these two tools, giving the wc command the output of who, you can build a new command to list the number of users currently on the system

- **Redirecting via angle brackets:** Redirecting input and output follows a similar principle to that of piping except that redirects work with files, not commands.

tr '[a-z]' '[A-Z]' < $in_file > $out_file

The command must come first, the *in_file* is directed in by the less_than sign (<) and the *out_file* is pointed at by the greater_than sign (>).

Arithmetic Operators

expr supports the following operators:

- **arithmetic operators: +,-,*,/,%**
- **comparison operators: <, <=, ==, !=, >=, >**
- **boolean/logical operators: &, |**
- **parentheses: (,)**
- **precedence is the same as C, Java**

Arithmetic Operators

vi math.sh

- #!/bin/sh
- count=5

count=`expr $count + 1 `

echo $count

chmod u+x math.sh

math.sh

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Arithmetic Operators

vi real.sh

- #!/bin/sh
- a=5.48
- b=10.32
- c=`echo “scale=2; $a + $b” |bc`
- echo $c

chmod u+x real.sh

./real.sh

- 15.80

Arithmetic operations in shell scripts

var++ ,var-- , ++var , --var	post/pre increment/decrement
+ , -	add subtract
* , / , %	multiply/divide, remainder
**	power of
! , ~	logical/bitwise negation
|	bitwise AND, OR
||	logical AND, OR

Shell Programming

- **programming features of the UNIX shell:**
  - ***Shell variables***
  - ***Operators***
  - ***Logic structures***

Shell Logic Structures

- **The four basic logic structures needed for program development are:**
  - **Sequential logic: to execute commands in the order in which they appear in the program**
  - **Decision logic: to execute commands only if a certain condition is satisfied**
  - **Looping logic: to repeat a series of commands for a given number of times**
  - **Case logic: to replace “if then/else if/else” statements when making numerous comparisons**

Conditional Statements (if constructs)

The most general form of the if construct is;

```
if command executes successfully
then
execute command
elif this command executes successfully
then
execute this command
and execute this command
else
execute default command
fi
```

However- elif and/or else clause can be omitted.

Examples

SIMPLE EXAMPLE:

```
if date | grep “Fri”
then
        echo “It’s Friday!”
fi
```

FULL EXAMPLE:

```
if  [ “$1” == “Monday” ]
then
        echo “The typed argument is Monday.”
elif [ “$1” == “Tuesday” ]
 then
        echo “Typed argument is Tuesday”
 else
        echo “Typed argument is neither Monday nor Tuesday”
fi
```

Note: = or == will both work in the test but == is better for readability.

String and numeric comparisons used with test or [[ ]] which is an alias for test and also [ ] which is another acceptable syntax

- string1 = string2 — True if strings are identical
- String1 == string2 — …ditto….
- string1 !=string2 — True if strings are not identical
- string — Return 0 exit status (=true) if string is not null
- -n string — Return 0 exit status (=true) if string is not null
- -z string — Return 0 exit status (=true) if string is null

- int1 –eq int2 — Test identity
- int1 –ne int2 — Test inequality
- int1 –lt int2 — Less than
- int1 –gt int2 — Greater than
- int1 –le int2 — Less than or equal
- int1 –ge int2 — Greater than or equal

Combining tests with logical operators II (or) and && (and)

Syntax: if cond1 && cond2 || cond3 …
An alternative form is to use a compound statement using the –a and –o keywords, i.e.

if cond1 –a cond22 –o cond3 …

Where cond1,2,3 .. Are either commands returning a a value or test conditions of the form [ ] or test …

Examples:

```
if  date | grep “Fri”  &&  `date +’%H’` -gt 17
then
   echo “It’s Friday, it’s home time!!!”
fi


if [ “$a” –lt 0 –o “$a” –gt 100 ]     # note the spaces around ] and [
then
   echo “ limits exceeded”
fi
```

File enquiry operations

-d file	Test if file is a directory
-f file	Test if file is not a directory
-s file	Test if the file has non zero length
-r file	Test if the file is readable
-w file	Test if the file is writable
-x file	Test if the file is executable
-o file	Test if the file is owned by the user
-e file	Test if the file exists
-z file	Test if the file has zero length

All these conditions return true if satisfied and false otherwise.

Decision Logic

Another example:

```
#! /bin/sh
#  number is positive, zero or negative
echo –e "enter a number:\c"
read number
if [ “$number” -lt 0 ]
then
echo "negative"
elif [ “$number” -eq 0 ]
then
echo zero
else
     echo positive
fi
```

Loops

Loop is a block of code that is repeated a number of times.

The repeating is performed either a pre-determined number of times determined by a list of items in the loop count (for loops) or until a particular condition is satisfied (while and until loops)

To provide flexibility to the loop constructs there are also two statements namely break and continue are provided.

For loops

Syntax:

```
for  arg in list
do
    command(s)
  ...
done
```

Where the value of the variable ***arg*** is set to the values provided in the list one at a time and the block of statements executed. This is repeated until the list is exhausted.

Example:

```
for i in 3 2 5 7
do
     echo " $i times 5 is  $((  $i  * 5 ))  "
done
```

The while Loop

- A different pattern for looping is created using the while statement
- The while statement best illustrates how to set up a loop to test repeatedly for a matching condition
- The while loop tests an expression in a manner similar to the if statement

As long as the statement inside the brackets is true, the statements inside the do and done statements repeat

While loops

Syntax:

```
while this_command_execute_successfully
  do
        this command
        and this command
  done
```

EXAMPLE:

```
while test "$i" -gt 0     # can also be  while  [ $i > 0 ]
do
        i=`expr $i - 1`
done
```

Looping Logic

Example:

```
#!/bin/sh
for person in Bob Susan Joe Gerry
do
    echo Hello $person
done
```

Output:

- Hello Bob
- Hello Susan
- Hello Joe
- Hello Gerry

Adding integers from 1 to 10

```
#!/bin/sh
i=1
sum=0
while [ "$i" -le 10 ]
 do
echo Adding $i into the sum.
sum=`expr $sum + $i `
                    i=`expr $i + 1 `
 done
echo The sum is $sum.
```

Until loops

The syntax and usage is almost identical to the while-loops.

Except that the block is executed until the test condition is satisfied, which is the opposite of the effect of test condition in while loops.

Note: You can think of *until* as equivalent to *not_while*

Syntax:

```
until test
do
  commands ….
done
```

Switch/Case Logic

- **The switch logic structure simplifies the selection of a match when you have a list of choices**
- **It allows your program to perform one of many actions, depending upon the value of a variable**

Case statements

The case structure compares a string ‘usually contained in a variable’ to one or more patterns and executes a block of code associated with the matching pattern. Matching-tests start with the first pattern and the subsequent patterns are tested only if no match is not found so far.

```
case argument in
        pattern 1) execute this command
                   and this
                   and this;;
        pattern 2) execute this command
                   and this
                   and this;;
        esac
```

Functions

- Functions are a way of grouping together commands so that they can later be executed via a single reference to their name. If the same set of instructions have to be repeated in more than one part of the code, this will save a lot of coding and also reduce possibility of typing errors.

SYNTAX:

```
functionname()
{
    block of commands
 }
```

```
#!/bin/sh
 sum() {
      x=`expr $1 + $2`
      echo $x
      }

sum 5 3
echo "The sum of 4 and 7 is `sum 4 7`"
```

Let's Review

- Shell script is a high-level language that must be converted into a low-level (machine) language by UNIX Shell before the computer can execute it
- UNIX shell scripts, created with the vi or other text editor, contain two key ingredients: a selection of UNIX commands glued together by Shell programming syntax
- UNIX/Linux shells are derived from the UNIX Bourne, Korn, and C/TCSH shells
- UNIX keeps three types of variables:
  - Configuration; environmental; local
- The shell supports numerous operators, including many for performing arithmetic operations
- The logic structures supported by the shell are sequential, decision, looping, and case

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