

UNIX Shell Scripting

TLS

Rewards and Recognition



Agenda – Day2

- Understand Positional Parameters
- Understand function
- Understand array
- Understand sed Command
- Able to connect to Database through shell script
- Use the crontab Command

Positional Parameters (command line arguments)

- One can pass the command line arguments to shell script while execution
- When arguments are specified with a shell script, they are assigned to variables called positional parameters
- The first argument is read by the shell into the parameter \$1, the second into the parameter \$2, and so on
- The \$# represents total number of arguments passed to the script
- The command is assigned to a variable \$0
- You can use these variables up to \$9, further positional parameters can be access with {} e.g \${10}

Positional Parameters (command line arguments)

- The `$*` indicates all arguments, in a single variable, separated by the first character in the environment variable IFS
- The `$@` is same as `$*` except when enclosed in double quotes
- The `"$@"` works with string input

set

- **set** command assigns values to positional parameters:

```
$ set 23 532
```

- The command assigns value 23 to the positional parameter \$1, and 532 to \$2
- It also sets \$#, \$*

shift

- **shift** command shifts command line arguments to left
- The **shift** command copies the contents of a positional parameter to its immediate lower numbered positional parameter. When called once, contents of \$2 are copied to \$1, \$3 to \$2 and so on.

\$ shift 2

- The command does two shifts i.e. \$1=\$3, \$2=\$4, and so on.
- Using shift command we can pass more than 9 command line parameters to shell script

Functions

- The bigger script can be divided into small modules/ functions, this will give us more readability and easy maintenance.
- A function consists of a group of statements which are executed together as a bunch.
- A shell function(s) must precede the statements that call it.
- The 'return' statement, when present, returns a value representing the success or failure of a function. This is optional.

Functions

- The syntax for function definition:

```
function_name()  
{  
  Command1  
  Command2  
  Command3  
  [ return value ]  
}
```

- When function is invoked it executes all the commands enclosed by the curly braces
- Call a function by its name only

Functions

- Shell functions can be defined at a number of places:
 - At the beginning of script
 - In a separate file, so that other scripts can also use them
 - In the .profile(.bash_profile for Linux), so that they are available in the current session
- If we store the functions in a file called function_library, we must include this file in the script using dot command as follows:
.
function_library

Functions

- The positional parameters made available to shell scripts externally are not available directly to a shell function
- We have to store these parameters in the shell variables and then pass them to the function
- The parameters are passed on the function call statement itself
- Parameters passed to function are accessed inside function body in the same way we access positional parameters in a shell script

Functions

- Shell functions can change the variables of the shell, so one has to be careful while using a variable name in a function
- To return a value from a function, we have to use the echo command example:

```
func_name ()  
{  
-----  
-----  
        echo result  
}
```

- Now comes the function call
var=`func_name para1 para2`
- The result will be stored in var variable

Arrays

- Unix provides one-dimensional array variables
- Any variable may be used as an array
- There is no maximum limit on the size of an array, nor any requirement that members be indexed or assigned contiguously

Arrays (Contd.)

- Syntax to create an array:
 - (i) `arrayname[subscript]=value`
OR
 - (ii) `arrayname=(values)`
- In first method, the subscript is treated as an arithmetic expression that must be evaluate to a number greater than or equal to zero
- In second method, the values needs to be separated by a space

Arrays (Contd.)

- Element of an array may be referenced using

`${array_name[subscript]}`

- Referencing an array variable without a subscript is equivalent to referencing the element zero
- The unset command is used to destroy complete array or individual array element

`unset array_name[subscript]`

- Used to destroy the array element at the specified index subscript

`unset array_name`

- Used to remove the entire array

Arrays (Contd.)

- Example:

```
area[11]=23
```

```
area[13]=37
```

```
area[51]=UFOs
```

```
echo -n "area[11] = ${area[11]} "
```

```
echo -n "area[13] = ${area[13]} "
```

```
echo "Contents of area[51] are ${area[51]}."
```

```
# Contents of uninitialized array variable print blank (null  
# variable)
```

```
echo -n "area[43] = ${area[43]} "
```

```
fruits=(Apple Mango Banana)
```

```
echo ${fruits[1]}
```

```
echo ${fruits[@]}
```

Introduction to sed

- It is a non-interactive stream editor used to perform repetitive tasks
- Stream oriented input flows through the program and is directed to std output

sed can be used to :

- Search and replace globally to a single file or a group of files
- Replace text, delete lines, insert new text
- Specify all editing in one place

The sed command

- Syntax :

- `sed -option '[address action]' [files/s]`
- `sed -option sed-script-file [data-file]`

sed

- Syntax to insert the text in a file

```
$ sed '<Line Number>i\ <Text1>\
      <Text2>\
      ... \ <Input File> [ > <Temporary
File> ]
```

- Example:

```
$ sed '1i\ Tech Mahindra\
      TLS \ Guidelines > Temp
```

- The above command is used to concatenate the two lines of inserted text and prints all lines to standard output and then we redirect it to a temporary file
- Note: Option i stands for insertion

sed (Contd.)

- Syntax to copy the contents of the file to another file

```
$ sed -n '/<Search Pattern1>/w <New File Name1>  
/<Search Pattern2>/w <New File  
Name2>  
... -n <Input File>
```

- Example:

```
i. $ sed -n '/ELITE/w ELITE_Participant  
/CEP/w CEP_Participant'  
Training
```

- The above command is used to search for the patterns **ELITE** and **CEP** from the file named **Training** and copies all the lines which matches the pattern **ELITE** into the file named **ELITE_Participant** and similarly for the pattern **CEP**

sed (Contd.)

- Example:

```
ii. $ sed -n '1,5w SplitDemo1  
        6,15w SplitDemo2' Training
```

- The above command is used to split the content of the training file into two different files one will have the lines from 1 to 5 and the other will have the line numbers from 6 to 15.
- Note: Option n is required with w command to suppress printing all the lines on the standard output device.

sed (Contd.)

- Syntax to find and replace a particular pattern in a file

```
$ sed 's /<Find Pattern1>/<Replace String>/'  
      <Input File>
```

- Example:

```
i. sed 's/TLS/Tech Learning Services/' TechM
```

- Reads the content of the file TechM and replaces TLS with Tech Learning Services

sed (Contd.)

- Syntax to delete lines in a file

```
$ sed '/ <Search Pattern 1>/d'   
      <Input File> [ > <Temporary File> ]
```

- Example

```
$ sed '/ELITE/d' Training > Temp
```

- The above command is used to select all the lines from the file named Training except ELITE and redirects it to the file named Temp
- Note:
 - Option **d** stands for deletion.
 - Option **n** not to be used with **d**.

sed (Contd.)

- Syntax to invoke the script files

```
$ sed -f <Script File> <Input File>
```

- Example:

```
$ sed -f sedscript.sed Training
```

- The above command is used to read the contents of the file named sedscript.sed and apply those commands to the file named Training and retrieve the contents.
- Note: Option f directs to take its instructions from the file

sed examples

sed s/hr/mkt/ emp.dat

It will replace all occurrences of **hr** to **mkt** in emp file.

sed "s/ john smith/jonathan gonsalvis/" emp.dat

It will replace all occurrences of **john smith** to **jonathan gonsalvis** since the pattern contains a space, command is enclosed in double quotes.

sed /edu/s/computer/system/ emp.dat

It will replace all occurrences of **computer** to **system** on all records containing **edu**.

sed /henry/d emp.dat

It will delete all records of **henry**.

sed -e s/hr/mkt/ -e /edu/d emp.dat

It will first replace all occurrences of **hr** with **mkt** and then delete all records containing the pattern **edu**.

here Document

- It allows a shell script to get its input from the same file that holds the script
- Data used this way is said to be in a here document
- To create a 'here document', we use the << operator
- Any command using standard input can also have the input from a 'here document'
- The 'here document' symbol (<<) followed by the data, and a delimiter (the termination string)

here Document (Contd.)

- `$ wc << EOF`

- >This is for testing the here document.

- >It will give us the count of lines, words and characters

- > till the terminator given after here document symbol,

- > the terminator which is the

- `EOF`

- We will get output of the command as number of lines, words, characters till first occurrence of the EOF symbol in the script
- We can use any string as a terminator

Shell Debugging

- Used to trace the script and correct the errors line by line
- Syntax

sh [options] <Name of the Shell Script>

| Options | Functionality |
|---------|--|
| v | Prints the shell input lines as they are read by the system |
| x | Prints the commands and their arguments as they are executed |

Shell Debugging (Contd.)

Example:

- (i) `sh -v WhileDemo.sh`
- (ii) `sh -x WhileDemo.sh`

Database Connectivity through shell script

- Connection to mysql database can be done using the echo command or using the here << document in the script as follows :

eg:

```
echo "use menagerie;select * from pet;" | mysql
```

Or

```
mysql << EOF  
>use menagerie;  
>select * from pet;  
>EOF
```

Job scheduling using crontab

- **cron** is a unix, solaris utility that allows tasks to be automatically run in the background at regular intervals by the cron daemon
- These tasks are often termed as cron jobs in unix, solaris
- Crontab (CRON TABLE) is a file which contains the schedule of cron entries to be run and at specified times

Crontab Syntax

- crontab file has five fields for specifying day, date and time followed by the command to be run at that interval

```
* * * * * command to be executed
- - - - -
| | | | |
| | | | +----- day of week (0 - 6) (Sunday=0)
| | | +----- month (1 - 12)
| | +----- day of month (1 - 31)
| +----- hour (0 - 23)
+----- min (0 - 59)
```

Crontab examples

- remove the tmp files from /home/someuser/tmp each day at 6:30 PM
- `30 18 * * * rm /home/someuser/tmp/*`
- `30 0 1 1,6,12 * -- 00:30 Hrs on 1st of Jan, June & Dec.`
- `0 20 * 10 1-5 --8.00 PM every weekday (Mon-Fri) only in Oct.`
- `0 0 1,10,15 * * -- midnight on 1st ,10th & 15th of month`
- `5,10 0 10 * 1 -- At 12.05,12.10 every Monday & on 10th of every month`

Summary

In this session, we covered:

- Positional Parameters
- Function
- Array
- sed Command
- Database connectivity through shell script
- crontab Command

Thank You

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