

## Bash Script Examples

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### Check if a file exists in specific directory.

#### File Operations:

- s file exists and is not empty
- f file exists and is not a directory
- d directory exists
- x file is executable
- w file is writable
- r file is readable

```
#!/bin/bash
if [[ -f /home/user/example_file ]]
then
    echo "File exist"
else
    echo "File does not exist"
fi
```

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### Schedule BASH script file in CRONTAB

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Make sure the script is executable:

```
chmod +x /home/username/scripts/myscript.sh
```

Open the crontab file for the current user by running:

```
crontab -e
```

This will open the crontab file in the default text editor.

Schedule the Script - Add a line in the crontab file to specify when you want the script to run. The general format is:

```
* * * * * /path/to/your/script
Or
* * * * * bash /path/to/your/script
```

Here's what each field represents:

- minute (0 - 59)
- hour (0 - 23)
- day of month (1 - 31)
- month (1 - 12)
- day of week (0 - 7) (Sunday can be 0 or 7)

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#### Ping whether website/IP is responsive or not

```
#!/bin/bash

ping -c 1 www.abv.bg

if [ $? -eq 0 ]
then
    echo "abv.bg е достъпен."
else
    echo "abv.bg не е достъпен."
fi
```

Специалната променлива `$?` съдържа статус кода на последната изпълнена команда, който се използва за проверка на резултата от `ping`.

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#### List all users one by one from /etc/passwd file

```
#!/bin/bash

i=1
for username in `awk -F: '{print $1}' /etc/passwd`
do
    echo "Username $((i++)) : $username"
done
```

- **awk**: A powerful text processing tool in Unix/Linux that scans and processes lines in files based on the given program/script.
- **-F:** This option sets the field separator to a colon (:). In the `/etc/passwd` file, each field in a record (line) is separated by a colon. So, this tells **awk** to treat the colon as the delimiter between fields.
- **'{print \$1}'**: This is the **awk** program/script itself, enclosed in single quotes to be treated as a single argument. **{print \$1}** tells **awk** to print the first field of each record it processes. In the context of `/etc/passwd`, the first field is the username.
- **/etc/passwd**: This specifies the input file for **awk** to process. `/etc/passwd` is a standard Unix file that contains information about user accounts on the system.

So, what this script does is:

- Use `awk` to extract the first field (username) from each line in the `/etc/passwd` file.
- Iterate over this list of usernames with the `for` loop.
- For each username, execute the body of the loop (which is not shown in your snippet).

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**Script that backup all the files in example directory and save them all in a .tar archive**

```
#!/bin/bash

# Author:

# Created:

# Last Modified:

# Description:

# Creates a backup in the current directory of

# all files in the home directory

currentdir=$(pwd)

echo "Backup file creation in $currentdir"

tar -cf "$currentdir/my_backup_$(date +%d-%m-%Y_%H-%M-%S)".tar $currentdir 2>/dev/null

# tar -cf "path where to store and what will be the name".tar "path - target backup directory" 2>/dev/null

echo "Backup completed successfully"

exit 0
```

In Bash, `2>/dev/null` is used to redirect the standard error (stderr) output to `/dev/null`, effectively discarding any error messages generated by the command. Here's a breakdown of the components:

- `2`: This represents the file descriptor for standard error (stderr). In Unix-like operating systems, each open file is assigned a file descriptor. By convention, 0 is stdin (standard input), 1 is stdout (standard output), and 2 is stderr.
- `>`: This is the redirection operator. It is used to redirect the output from the command on its left to the file or device on its right.
- `/dev/null`: This is a special file that discards all data written to it. Think of it as a black hole for data. When you redirect output to `/dev/null`, you're essentially telling the system to throw it away.

So, when you see a command like this in Bash:

```
some-command 2>/dev/null
```

It means "execute `some-command` and discard any error messages it produces." This is often done in scripts or command lines where error messages from certain commands are not important or where you want to prevent error messages from cluttering the output.

## Adding scripts to your PATH so that are accessible from any folder.

Edit your ~/.profile file to add a custom folder to your PATH

- vi ~/.bashrc

Add this line command at the bottom of the file.

- export PATH="\$PATH:/path/to/script\_directory

Reload the ~/.profile file

- source ~/.bashrc

Add your scripts to the new folder and run like normal commands!

- mv my\_script script\_directory

You can now run your scripts like regular commands!

- my\_script

Note: Scripts must have execute permissions to run.

## Script for start|stop|restart iptables

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
start_iptables() {  
    echo "start iptables rules"  
    iptables -P INPUT DROP  
    iptables -P FORWARD DROP  
    iptables -A INPUT -m conntrack --ctstate ESTABLISHED,RELATED -j ACCEPT  
    iptables -A INPUT -i lo -j ACCEPT  
    iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 22 -j ACCEPT  
    iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 80 -j ACCEPT  
    iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 443 -j ACCEPT  
}  
  
stop_iptables() {  
    echo " stop iptables rules"  
    iptables -F  
    iptables -t nat -F  
    iptables -t mangle -F  
    iptables -X  
}
```

```

restart_iptables() {
    echo " restart iptables rules"
    stop_iptables
    start_iptables
}

case "$1" in
    start) start_iptables;;
    stop) stop_iptables;;
    restart) restart_iptables;;
    *) echo "Please use: $0 {start|stop|restart}"
        exit 1
esac

exit 0

```

### Cleaning files in folders not used last 30 days

```

#!/bin/bash

# Author: Rosen

echo "Available folders for cleaning are:"

ls -d /*/

# extract all folders into array from the output of a command ls
readarray -t dirs < <(ls -d /*/)

#set 'a' variable for while-loop check of correct folder entered
a=0

while [ $a = 0 ]; do

    read -r -p "Enter folder name in format '/folder/': " folder

    # check whether user input(read command) match an 'item' in the folder array
    for item in "${dirs[@]}"; do

        if [ "$item" = "$folder" ]; then

            echo "You've selected : $folder"

            # collect all suspect files in array 'files'
            readarray -t files < <(find "$folder" -maxdepth 2 -mtime -30 -type f)

            # check for empty array
            if [ "${files}" != "" ]; then

                echo "Files to be removed are:"

```

```

        for rmfile in "${files[@]}"; do

            rm -i "$rmfile"

        done

    else

        echo "No files for cleaning in this folder!"

    fi

    a=1

fi

done

done

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#!/bin/bash
# Author: Ziyad Yehia
# Created: 8th February 2021
# Last Modified: 8th February 2021

# Description:
# Prompts you to remove all files in a specified folder that have not
# been modified within a given number of days

# Usage: ./cruft_remover.sh

read -p "Which folder do you want to remove unmodified files from?: " folder
read -p "How many days is too old?: " days

readarray -t files < <(find $folder -maxdepth 1 -type f -mtime "+$days")

for file in "${files[@]}"; do
    rm -i "$file"
done

```

### Organize files or folders per file type into dedicated folders

```

#!/bin/bash

# declare folder with all types of files for the script
folder_path="/home/root/scripts/organiser"

while read -r line; do

    case "$line" in

        *.jpeg | *.png | *.jpg)

            if [ -d "$folder_path"/images ]; then

                mv "$folder_path"/"$line" "$folder_path"/images/

            else

```

```

        mkdir "$folder_path"/images

        mv "$folder_path"/"$line" "$folder_path"/images/

    fi ;;

*.doc | *.docx | *.txt | *.pdf)

    if [ -d "$folder_path"/documents ]; then

        mv "$folder_path"/"$line" "$folder_path"/documents/

    else

        mkdir "$folder_path"/documents

        mv "$folder_path"/"$line" "$folder_path"/documents/

    fi ;;

*.xls | *.xlsx | *.csv)

    if [ -d "$folder_path"/spreadsheets ]; then

        mv "$folder_path"/"$line" "$folder_path"/spreadsheets/

    else

        mkdir "$folder_path"/spreadsheets

        mv "$folder_path"/"$line" "$folder_path"/spreadsheets/

    fi ;;

*.sh)

    if [ -d "$folder_path"/scripts ]; then

        mv "$folder_path"/"$line" "$folder_path"/scripts/

    else

        mkdir "$folder_path"/scripts

        mv "$folder_path"/"$line" "$folder_path"/scripts/

    fi ;;

*.zip | *.tar | *.tar.gz | *.tar.bz2)

    if [ -d "$folder_path"/archives ]; then

        mv "$folder_path"/"$line" "$folder_path"/archives/

    else

        mkdir "$folder_path"/archives

        mv "$folder_path"/"$line" "$folder_path"/archives/

    fi ;;

*.ppt | *.pptx)

```



```

if [ -d "$folder_path"/presentations ]; then
    mv "$folder_path"/"$line" "$folder_path"/presentations/
else
    mkdir "$folder_path"/presentations
    mv "$folder_path"/"$line" "$folder_path"/presentations/
fi ;;
*.mp3)
    if [ -d "$folder_path"/audio ]; then
        mv "$folder_path"/"$line" "$folder_path"/audio/
    else
        mkdir "$folder_path"/audio
        mv "$folder_path"/"$line" "$folder_path"/audio/
    fi ;;
*.mp4)
    if [ -d "$folder_path"/video ]; then
        mv "$folder_path"/"$line" "$folder_path"/video/
    else
        mkdir "$folder_path"/video
        mv "$folder_path"/"$line" "$folder_path"/video/
    fi ;;
*) echo "Left in $folder_path" ;;
esac
done <<(ls "$folder_path")

```

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```
#!/bin/bash
```

```

# Author: Ziyad Yehia
# Created: 8th February 2021
# Last Modified: 8th February 2021

```

```

# Description:
# Keeps a folder specified by the user clean by moving files into
# folders based on their file extensions

```

```
# Usage: ./folder_organiser.sh

read -p "Which folder do you want to organise?: " folder

while read filename; do
    case "$filename" in
        *.jpg|*.jpeg|*.png)
            subfolder="images" ;;
        *.doc|*.docx|*.txt|*.pdf)
            subfolder="documents" ;;
        *.xls|*.xlsx|*.csv)
            subfolder="spreadsheets" ;;
        *.sh)
            subfolder="scripts" ;;
        *.zip|*.tar|*.tar.gz|*.tar.gz.bz2)
            subfolder="archives" ;;
        *.ppt|*.pptx)
            subfolder="presentations" ;;
        *.mp3)
            subfolder="audio" ;;
        *.mp4)
            subfolder="video" ;;
        *)
            subfolder="." ;;
    esac

    if [ ! -d "$folder/$subfolder" ]; then
        mkdir "$folder/$subfolder"
    fi

    mv "$filename" "$folder/$subfolder"
done < <(ls "$folder")
```

### Server Monitor Script – SSH and SCP

```
#!/bin/bash

# performance_checker.sh

date >> performance.log

ping -c 1 google.com &> /dev/null

if [ "$?" -eq 0 ]; then
    echo "Internet: Connected" >> performance.log
else
    echo "Internet: Disconnected" >> performance.log
fi

echo "RAM Usages :" >> performance.log
```

```
free -h | grep "Mem" >> performance.log
```

```
echo "Swap Usages :." >> performance.log
```

```
free -h | grep "Swap" >> performance.log
```

```
echo "Disk Usages :." >> performance.log
```

```
df -h >> performance.log
```

```
echo ""
```

```
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```

Automate the script on the remote server:

```
crontab -e
```

```
15 * * * * ~/performance_checker.sh
```

Automate the downloading of the data to your local system by adding ssh password in the command.

Note: sshpass must be installed / > sudo apt install sshpass

```
Crontab -e
```

```
25 * * * * sshpass 'remote-user-password' scp root@server-ip:file-location local-file-location-for-storage-remote-file
```

```
25 * * * * sshpass 'Asdgg!22' scp root@192.168.0.126:~/performance.log ~/remote_data/localdir/
```

Syntax to transfer from remote system to local system

```
cp user@ip:/path/to/file /path/to/destination
```

Syntax to transfer file from local system to remote system

```
scp /path/to/file user@ip:/path/to/destination
```