# **Shell Scripting and Regular Expression**

Week 2

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#### Review

- These symbols indicate the start and the end of a string, respectively.
- '\*', '+', and '?'
- The symbols '\*', '+', and '?', denote the number of times a character or a sequence
  of characters may occur. What they mean is: "zero or more", "one or more", and
  "zero or one."
- Braces { }
   Bounds, which appear inside braces, indicate ranges in the number of occurrences

'|' OR operator:

- Works as an OR operator:
- A period ('.') stands for any single character:
- Bracket [] expressions
   specify which characters are allowed in a single position of a string:

#### Review

- Environmental Variables (LC\_\*)
- Text Processing Tools (sort, wc, head, tail)
- Basic I/O Redirection (<, >, >>, 2>) and pipeline (|)
- Search for text (grep)
- File comparison (diff, comm, cmp)
- File Processing: tr, sed

#### Shell

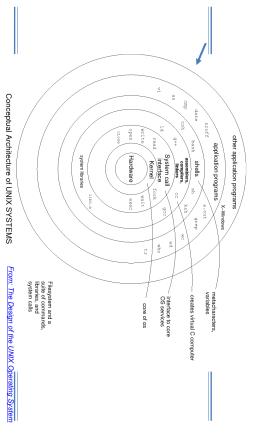
- The shell is the user's interface to the OS
- From it you run programs.
- Example of shells
- bash, zsh, csh, sh, tcsh
- Allow more complex functionality then interacting with OS directly
- Tab complete, easy redirection

#### Outline

- Advanced Linux Commands
- Regular Expression
- The Shell Scripting

### **Shell Scripting**

- The ability to enter multiple commands and combine them logically
- Must specify the shell you use in the first line
- #!/bin/bash
- (# itself can lead comments)
- You can create easiest shell script by listing commands in separate lines
- (shell will process commands in order)



### Why Shell

- Simplicity
- Far easier to write and debug a shell script than a C/C++ program. Especially for system administration tasks which include execution of external commands, creating and removing files and directories, redirecting output, etc.
- C/C++ programs are better for a much lower level of operation, such as invoking system calls, manipulating data structures, etc.
- Portability
- A shell script can be transferred to other Unix and Unix-like operating systems and executed (if the shell itself is present).
- Even when transferring a shell script from different architectures such as x86, MIPS, shell scripts are much more portable than C/C++ programs.

# **Scripting Languages VS. Compiled Languages**

- Compiled Languages (e.g. C++, Java)
- Programs are translated from their original source code into object code that is executed by hardware [human-readable -> machine-readable]
- Ellicielle
- Work at low level, dealing with bytes, integers, floating points, etc
- Scripting languages (e.g. Ruby, Perl)
- Interpreted
- Interpreter reads program, translates it into internal form, and execute programs
- Relatively inefficient (translation on the fly)

#### Example

#### Run it:

who | grep john

# finduser --- see if user named by john is logged in

john pts/3 Dec 27	\$ ./finduser	\$ chmod +x findus
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### Example:

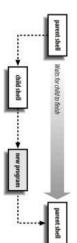
- How to write a shell script that can find the logged in user with username "john"?
- What command to use
- How to write and run the script

### **Variables**

- Allows you to temporarily store info and use it later
- Two general types
- Environment variables
- User defined variables (UDV)
- **Environment variables**
- Created and maintained by Linux itself
- Track specific system info
- defined in CAPITAL LETTERS
- ex: \$PATH, \$PWD
- Created and maintained by user
- defined in lower letters

### The #! First Line

- A shell script is just a file with shell commands.
- "Child process" and run the given program in that process
- First line is used to state which "child shell" to use:
- #! /bin/sh
- #! /bin/csh –f
- #! /bin/ah



### **Variables**

 When refer a variable to assign a value to it, do not use dollar sign (no space around =)

myvar=helloworld

- export:
- puts variables into the environment. Environment is a list of name-value pairs that is available to every running program
- env:
- Displays the current environment
- unset:
- remove variable and functions from the current shell

### **Variables**

- Start with a letter or underscore and may contain any number of following letters, digits, or underscores
- Declared/assigned using =
- Var='hello world'
- Referenced with \$
- echo \$PATH
- Reminder echo prints to screen

# **Example with Command Line Parameters**

### Special Variables

- \$0 The filename of the current script.
- \$n The input arguments. the first is \$1, the second is \$2, etc
- \$? Show exit status of previous command
- 0 means exit normally
- Otherwise exit with some errors
- SPATH
- Other: see supplement materials

## **POSIX Built-in Shell Variables**

### **Exit: Return value**

#### Value Meaning

- Command exited successfully.
- Failure during redirection or word expansion (tilde, variable, command, and arithmetic expansions, as well as word splitting).
- Command exited unsuccessfully. The meanings of particular exit values are defined by each individual command.
- 126 Command found, but file was not executable.
- Command not found.
- 128 Command died due to receiving a signal.

## **Arithmetic Operators**

=+=.= *= /= %= &= ^=	.9	=	&&	_	>	œ	=======================================	<==>>=	*	*	*/%	+ - ~	‡	Operator
Assign ment opera tor s	Conditional expression	Logical OR (short-circuit)	Logical AND (short-circuit)	Bitwise OR	Bitwise Exclusive OR	Bitwise AND	Equal and not equal	Comparisons	Bit-shift left and right	Addition and subtraction	Multiplication, division, and remainder	Unary plus and minus; logical and bitwise negation	Increment and decrement, prefix and postfix	Meaning
Right to left	Right to left	Left to right	Left to right	Left to right	Left to right	Left to right	Left to right	Left to right	Left to right	Left to right	Left to right	Right to left	Left to right	Associativity

## **Arithmetic expression**

- Let
- (( math expression ))

- let z=5; echo \$z let z=z+5; echo \$z ((z = z + 5)); echo \$z

• (()) also used as numerical Boolean expression in control constructs

- If ((z > 0)); then

echo "\$z is positive"

<u>.</u> ⇒:

## Structured command

- Alter the flow of operations based conditions
- If statement
- For statement
- While loops
- Case statement
- Break statement
- Continue statement

#### Quote

```
- echo "the current directory is $PWD"
                                                 Literal meaning of everything except $\`\`
                                                                                                       echo '$PATH'
                                                                                                                                - Literal meaning of everything within '
                                                                                                                                                              Single quote '
The backtick `
                                                                             Double quote "
                                                                      $ echo "this is $PATH"
$ echo 'this is $PATH'
$ echo `ls`
```

- Execute the command
- Allow you to assign the output of a shell command to a variable
- testing `date`

### **IF-THEN Statement**

 If the exit status of command is zero (complete successfully), the command listed under then then section are executed

```
#!/bin/bash if grep pattern myfile > /dev/null
# testing the if statement then
if date
... Pattern is there
echo "it worked"
... Pattern is not there
fi
```

### if-elif-else-fi

```
if command
then
    statements-if-true-1
[ elif command
then
    statements-if-true-2
... ]
[ else
    statements-if-all-else-fails ]
fi
```

### Test command

- Three classes of conditions
- Numeric comparisons
- String comparisons
- File comparisons

### Test command

 The ability to evaluate any condition other than the exit code of a status (i.e. evaluate true/false)

If the condition listed in the test command is true, the test command exits with 0

# **Test command: String comparisons**

- The greater-than and less-than symbols must be escaped (otherwise will be interpreted as redirection)
- The greater-than and less-than order is not the same as sort (ASCII vs. locale
- Ex: \$USER = \$testuser

Comparison	Description
str1 = str2	Check if $str1$ is the same as string $str2$ .
str1 != str2	Check if $str1$ is not the same as $str2$ .
str1 < str2	Check if str1 is less than str2.
str1 > str2	Check if str1 is greater than str2.
-n strI	Check if $str1$ has a length greater than zero
-z strl	Check if str1 has a length of zero.

# Test command: Numeric comparisons

- Evaluate both numbers and variables
- Ex: \$var -eq 1; \$var1 -ge \$var2

n1 -ne n2	n1 -1t n2	n1 -le n2	n1 -gt n2	n1 -ge n2	n1 -eq n2	Comparison
Check if $n1$ is not equal to $n2$ .	Check if n1 is less than n2.	Check if $n1$ is less than or equal to $n2$ .	Check if $n1$ is greater than $n2$ .	Check if $n1$ is greater than or equal to $n2$ .	Check if n1 is equal to n2.	Description

## **Conditions Example**

- Comparison
- eq equal to

usage: if ["\$x" -eq "1"] In C++, it is: if(x == 1)

usage: if ((x > 1))

• File

-f is a file

usage: if [ -f "\$dir" ] if variable \$dir is a file

Other notations: see supplement materials

# **Test command: File comparisons**

Test the status of files and directories in linux file system

Comparison	Description
-d file	Check if file exists and is a directory.
-e file	Checks if file exists.
-f file	Checks if file exists and is a file.
-r file	Checks if file exists and is readable.
-s file	Checks if file exists and is not empty.
-w file	Checks if file exists and is writable.
-x file	Checks if file exists and is executable.
-O file	Checks if file exists and is owned by the current user.
-G file	Checks if $file$ exists and the default group is the same as the current user.
file1 -nt file2	Checks if file1 is newer than file2.
file1 -ot file2	Checks if $file1$ is older than $file2$ .

### for Loops

```
for i in atlbrochure*.xml
do
   echo $i
   mv $i $i.old
   sed 's/Atlanta/&, the capital of the South/' < $i.old > $i
   done
```

### case Statement

```
case $1 in
-f)
... Code for -f option
;; -directory) # long option allowed
... Code for -d option
;;
echo $1: unknown option >&2
exit 1 # ;; is good form before 'esac', but not required
esac
```

## while and until loops

```
while condition
do
statements
done
until condition
do
statements
done
```

# Q: how does computer know how to split the list?

- \$IFS Internal field separator
- Define a list of characters the bash shell uses as field separators
- Default values: space, tab, newline
- Can change value of \$IFS to split list in different ways
- Better store original values and restore later

```
IFS.OLD=$IFS
IFS=$'\n'
<use the new IFS value in code>
IFS=$IFS.OLD
```

### **Functions**

- Must be defined before they can be used
- Can be done either at the top of a script or by having them in a separate file and source them with the "dot" (.) command.

## break and continue

- Pretty much the same as in C/C++
- Break: jump out of a loop
- Continue: jump to the beginning of a loop

#### **Example**