EECS 2031 E 3.0

Software Tools

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Arrays

• Array elements can be null (so they will not print)

echo "\${foo[@]}"

- Unset foo[2]
- #!/bin/bash
 foo=(monday tuesday wednesday thursday friday saturday sunday)
 echo "\${foo[@]}"
 unset foo[1]
 echo "\${foo[@]}"
 foo[@]=

Arrays

- · Infrequently used, but they exist in bash
- · Can declare them explicitly

#!/bin/bash
foo=(monday tuesday wednesday thursday friday saturday sunday)
echo "s{foo[0]}"
echo "s{foo[1]}"
echo "s{foo[2]}"
echo "s{foo[0]}"
echo "s{foo[0]}"
echo "s{foo[0]}"
echo "s{foo[0]}"

• foo=(a b c)

• \${foo[2]} - element 2 wanderereecsyorkuca:t jenkin\$./a.sh

• \${foo[@]} - all of foo tuesday wednesday thursday

thursday monday tuesday wednesday thursday friday saturday sunday

· Arrays are 0 offset

• \${#foo[@]} - size of foo

Arrays

- · Can create arrays from arrays
- · Can select parts of arrays
 - \${foo[@]:2:1}

```
#!/bin/bash
foo=(monday tuesday wednesday thursday friday saturday sunday)
echo "$foo[@]"
foo=($foo[@]"
foo=($foo[@]"
foo=($foo[@]:3:2})
echo "$foo[@]"

wanderereecsyorkuca:t jenkin$ ./a.sh
monday tuesday wednesday thursday friday saturday sunday
monday tuesday wednesday thursday friday saturday sunday holiday extraday
thursday friday
```

Bash and subshells

- It is easy (too easy) to generate subshells in bash
 - Invoke another command
 - Use a programming construct which bash implements by using subshells
- In either event you need to be aware that the (sub) shell will have its own local variables that will vanish when the sub-shell is exited

Bash and sub-shells

• If you put a command in () it is executed in a subshell.

```
#!/bin/bash
x=7
echo before $x
(echo "in parenthesis $x";x=8;echo "in parenthesis $x")
echo "after $x"

wanderereecsyorkuca:t jenkin$ ./d.sh
before 7
in parenthesis 7
in parenthesis 8
after 7
```

Bash and sub-shells

 You can cause Bash to spawn subshells whenever you pipe the output of a command

```
#!/bin/bash
                                                     before 7
                                                     inside 8
                                                     inside 9
 echo before $x
                                                     inside 10
 for i in 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8; do
                                                     inside 11
   let "x=$x+1"
                                                     inside 12
   echo "inside $x"
                                                     inside 14
                                                     inside 15
 echo "after $x"
                                                     after 15
wanderereecsyorkuca:t jenkin$ cat d.sh
#!/bin/bash
                                                      ./d.sh
                                                      before 7
echo before $x
for i in 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8; do
                                                      after 7
 let "x=$x+1"
 echo "inside $x"
done | cat >/dev/null
echo "after $x"
```

Bash and subshells

```
#!/bin/bash
x=7
echo before $x
for i in 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8; do
    let "x=$x+1"
    echo "inside $x"
    done >/dev/null
    echo "after $x"
wanderereecsyorkuca:t jenkin$ ./d.sh
before 7
after 15
```

Summary

- · Bash a CLI (shell) based on sh before it
 - There are other shells. Bash is free so commonly used.
- Supports standard programming language constructs, untyped variables (int, string) and arrays
- Supports functions and the ability to invoke other programs (including other bash programs)
- Utilizes value of exit (very unix-friendly) to pass a single small value integer between processes
- Variables are 'complex' in that different programming features can lead to the spawning/use of subshells or separate processes with their own namespace.

Rest of the course

- Advanced topics the rest of today
- Lab 10 next week (labs)
- Next week, last quiz, the entire course in 2 hours
- Lab 10 cannot be handed in during the lab test. But at the last office hours the following week.

Advanced topics in Bash

- Yes, on the last lab test.
- · Yes, on the final.

read

- read is a builtin command that (d'oh) reads from the standard input.
- It has a large number of options
 - RTFM

snafu:t jenkin\$ read z all this and heaven too snafu:t jenkin\$ echo \$z all this and heaven too snafu:t jenkin\$ read a b all this and heaven too snafu:t jenkin\$ echo \$a all snafu:t jenkin\$ echo \$b this and heaven too

read variable - reads the next line into variable read v1 v2 v3 - reads the next line into v1 v2 and v3. Puts word 1 in v1, word 2 in v2, everything else in v3. If there is not enough input, extra variables are null

read -r

- 'raw' disables interpretation of special characters, line continuation, etc.
- · Great for reading from files

```
snafu:t jenkin$ cat file.txt
1 this is line 1
2 this is line 2 it has stuff
3 this is line 3 it has stuff 2
4 no more
6 last line
snafu:t jenkin$ cat readtxt.sh
#!/bin/bash
while read -r id line; do
  echo "id $id"
  echo "line $line"
done
snafu:t jenkin$ !.
./readtxt.sh <file.txt</pre>
 id 1
 line this is line 1
 line this is line 2 it has stuff
line this is line 3 it has stuff 2 id 4
 line no more
 id 5
line
id 6
line last line
```

read -a

- read -a z
 - reads the entire line into the array z
 - elements are separated by the usual field separator

```
./readtxt.sh <file.txt
                                                                           there were 5 tokens
                                                                           line
snafu:t jenkin$ cat readtxt.sh
#!/bin/bash
                                                                           there were 8 tokens
while read -r -a tokens; do
 echo "there were ${#tokens[@]} tokens" for z in ${tokens[@]}; do
                                                                           this
   echo "$z"
                                                                           line
  done
done
                                                                           there were 9 tokens
                                                                           this
                                                                           line
                                                                           it
   snafu:t jenkin$ cat file.txt
   1 this is line 1
   2 this is line 2 it has stuff
   3 this is line 3 it has stuff 2
                                                                           there were 3 tokens
   4 no more
   6 last line
                                                                           there were 1 tokens
                                                                           there were 3 tokens
```

IFS

- IFS is the Internal field separator. Its how Bash recognizes the boundaries between fields
 - Normally its white space (tabs, blanks, new lines)
- But we can set it to other things to modify the way in which the shell works
- · So lets play with read and IFS

Comma separated files

- Common way of turning spreadsheets into text
- If we could only take text files and turn them into things separated by comma's we'd be good to go, but that's difficult to do.
- Easier get read to treat the separator as a , rather than a white space

```
snafu:t jenkin$ ./readcsv.sh <foo.csv</pre>
snafu:t jenkin$ cat readcsv.sh
                                            Line a b c 123
#!/bin/bash
                                            item a
                                            item b
IFS=,
                                            item c
while read -r -a x; do
                                            item 123
 echo "Line" \{x[@]\}
                                            Line 4 5 6 123
  for z in ${x[@]}; do
                                            item 4
item 5
   echo "item " $z
                                            item 6 123
  done
                                            Line all this
done
                                            item all this
                                            Line too
                                            item too
 a,b,c,123
 4, 5,6 123,
 all this
 too
```

Setting IFS

- You can do it anywhere (and live with the consequences).
- If you want to set it and unset it
 - Spawn a sub shell
 - Save the old value and restore it afterwards

Another example

- Randomizing lines in a file
- Given a printable text file, generate another text file such that
 - Both files contain the same set of lines
 - The orders are different (2nd is randomized, permuted version of first)
- To make it easier, assume | does not appear in the file

```
#!/bin/bash
function shuf() {
  local x
  while read -r x; do
    echo $RANDOM'|'$x
  done | sort | while IFS='|' read -r x y; do
    echo $y
  done
}
shuf
```

```
snafu:t jenkin$ cat file.txt
1 this is line 1
2 this is line 2 it has stuff
3 this is line 3 it has stuff 2
4 no more
6 last line
snafu:t jenkin$ !.
./randomize.sh <file.txt
6 last line
4 no more
1 this is line 1
2 this is line 2 it has stuff
3 this is line 3 it has stuff 2
snafu:t jenkin$ !.
./randomize.sh <file.txt
1 this is line 1
6 last line
2 this is line 2 it has stuff
4 no more
3 this is line 3 it has stuff 2
snafu:t jenkin$
```

Debugging bash scripts

- /bin/bash -x foo.sh
- set -x and set +x

```
snafurt jenkins /bin/bash -x ./randomize.sh <file.txt

+ shuf
+ local x
+ read -r x
+ read -r x
+ read -r x
+ echo '7980|1' this is line 1
+ echo '7980|1' this is line 2 it has stuff
+ read -r x
+ echo '22174|2' this is line 3 it has stuff 2
+ read -r x
+ echo '32180|3' this is line 3 it has stuff 2
+ read -r x
+ echo '32368|4' no more
+ read -r x
+ echo '32368|4' no more
+ read -r x
+ echo '28754|6' last line
+ read -r x
+ echo '28754|6' last line
+ 1FS-|1'
+ read -r x y
+ echo 2 this is line 2 it has stuff
2 this is line 3 it has stuff
+ 1FS-|1'
+ read -r x y
+ echo 3 this is line 3 it has stuff 2
3 this is line 3 it has stuff 2
+ read -r x y
+ echo 4 no more
4 read -r x y
+ echo 1 this is line 1
+ read -r x y
+ echo 1 this is line 1
+ tria this is line 1
+ read -r x y
+ echo 1 this is line 1
+ read -r x y
+ echo 1 this is line 1
+ read -r x y
+ read -r x y
+ echo 1 this is line 1
+ read -r x y
+ read -r x y
+ echo 1 this is line 1
+ read -r x y
+ read -r x y
+ echo 1 this is line 1
+ read -r x y
+ read -r x y
+ echo 1 this is line 1
+ read -r x y
+ read -r x y
+ echo 1 this is line 1
+ read -r x y
+ read -r x y
+ echo 1 this is line 1
+ read -r x y
+ read
```

```
#!/bin/bash
function shuf() {
    local x
    set -x
    while read -r x; do
    echo sRANDOM'|'sx
    done | sort | while IFS='|' read -r x y; do
    echo sy
    done
    set +x
}

shuf
```

Chaining commands

```
indigo 305 % false && echo "hello"
indigo 306 % true && echo "hello"
hello
indigo 307 % false||echo "hello"
hello
indigo 308 % true||echo "hello"
indigo 309 %
```

source and.

```
#!/bin/bash
echo "in A"
#!/bin/bash
echo "in A"
y=hello
                                           y=hello
x=world
                                           x=world
echo "before x is $x"
                                           echo "before x is $x"
echo "before y is $y"
                                          echo "before y is $y"
echo "after x is $x"
echo "after y is $y"
                                          echo "after x is $x"
echo "after y is $y"
indigo 342 % cat b.sh
#!/bin/bash
echo "in B"
y=hello
x=moon
echo "in b x is $x"
echo "in b y is $y"
indigo 343 % a.sh
                                          indigo 350 % a.sh
in A
                                          in A
before x is world
                                          before x is world
before y is hello
                                          before y is hello
in B
                                          in B
in b x is moon
                                          in b x is moon
                                          in b y is hello
in b y is hello
after x is world
                                          after x is moon
after y is hello
                                          after y is hello
```

So lets look at something more complex

- When linux boots, it must configure the system and people (administrators) must be able to do that configuration.
- At a point a fair way along the process, linux looks in /etc/ rc.* directories and executes things there.
- · Almost all are shell scripts.
- Lets look at one

```
#!/bin/sh -e
# rc.local
# This script is executed at the end of each multiuser runlevel.
# Make sure that the script will "exit 0" on success or any other
# value on error.
# In order to enable or disable this script just change the execution
# bits.
# By default this script does nothing.
# Print the IP address

IP=$(hostname -I) || true

If [-s] print; then printf "My IP address is %s\n" "$_IP"

Execute hostname -I and set value to _IP
fi
```

Export

- · Builtin function of bash
 - Exports variables from one instance of bash to another
 - Variable is available to any process you run from this shell
- · Normally used for 'global' state variables

Export usage

- · export variable
 - Exports the variable
- export
 - · Displays all exported variables

```
declare -x GRUDE="faculary"
de
```

Partial list

C, Bash and embedded systems

- Perhaps most common place that you end up needing languages like C is when you interact with low level infrastructure.
- Large number of commercial and recreational systems like this.

PC104

- Refers to a form factor (104).
- Very much like traditional computer (Intel) hardware.
- Additional support for hardware.



In the 'hobby' space

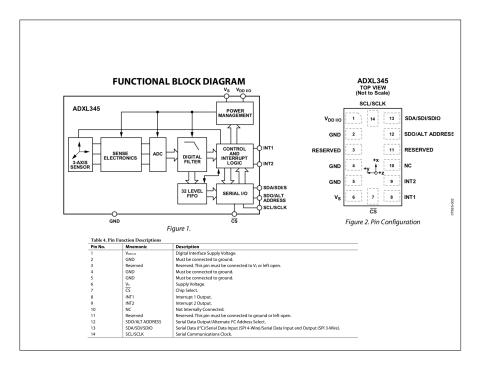
- Raspberry Pi <- you know all about this now
- Beagleboard
- Others
- Typically designed (initially) for the hobby market but have been re-purposed elsewhere.

All run C, all have Bash

- Almost all have reasonably high level libraries to access output pins on the device.
- WiringPi/GPIO provides low level access

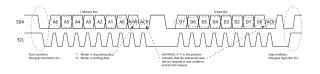
At a higher level

- Almost all devices speak a protocol at a higher level than just turning a wire on or off.
- There are a number of standard protocols for talking to external devices



So wiring

- I2C devices need power and GND (3.3V, usually)
- Have a serial protocol (I2C) running over two lines SDA and SCL.
- Sophisticated protocol allowing multiple units to communicate on the same bus.



But generally you don't have to care

- People have written libraries that talk to the devices
- People have written standard tools to interact with devices.

Software development

- C is but one of a number of potential programming languages.
 - "Every tool is a hammer, except a screwdriver. Its a chisel."
- Choose the right tool for the right job.



C

- Low memory footprint
- Close to the hardware
- Very strong control over actions in the language
- Poor set of standard libraries
- Poor set of standard datatypes
- No support for non-ascii languages

So you decide C is the right choice

- "Unix is user friendly. Its just particular about who its friends are"
- It lacks support to prevent you from making silly and sometimes catastrophic errors.



Moog Bug

- Moog speaks through a network interface
- Expects packets in real time representing (x,y,z,p,q,r) state.
- Moves there as fast as possible from its current state.
- Wrote a library (in C) to provide support from another machine

Moog Bug

- Code had a timer loop, estimated desired (x,y,z,p,q,r) and output them.
- · Tested in simulation good
- Run no motion at all.
- Killed program moved at blinding speed through a complex motion.
- Cause identified -> buffering in network code caused data to be buffered at the Unix side.

Moog Bug

- Run again
 - Robot moved, but moved very very quickly from its starting state to some random state.
- Cause turned out to be a bigendian/littleendian number format difference between the Moog computer and the host.

C

- There exist many IDE's (OSX, Windows, etc.)
- Often one of the reasons you choose C as the implementation language was due to hardware requirements
 - Often implies poor support for IDE's
- The command line tools (almost) always work, (almost) always work in the same way.

So some basic tools

- gcc -Wall your friend
- make standard mechanism to automate the process of building images
- git standard tool for version control, and with tools like GitHub also a standard mechanism for supporting off-site backup and storage.
- vi/emacs programmers editors. (Almost) always available.
- adb, gdb, dbx command line debugging tools
- prof, gprof profiling tools
- ar make static libraries (.a)
- · gcc make shared libraries

Typical gotcha's

- Unix (Linux) assumes things go in specific places
 - /include /usr/include /lib /usr/lib others
- If you are writing code for non-unix machines this may not be so true.

But for many environments & tasks, C is the right tool for the job





Brian Kernighan

- Controlling complexity is the essence of computer programming.
 - Software Tools (1976), p. 319 (with P. J. Plauger).
- The most effective debugging tool is still careful thought, coupled with judiciously placed print statements.
 - "Unix for Beginners" (1979).
- Everyone knows that debugging is twice as hard as writing a program in the first place. So if you're as clever as you can be when you write it, how will you ever debug it?
 - "The Elements of Programming Style", 2nd edition, chapter 2.

Bash (or any shell)

- Typically built for programmers, for programmers.
- Designed to make your task easier (not harder)
- •

What's left

- Lab10 (next week), Last quiz (next week), Lab test (the week afterwards), final exam.
- Final exam is set by the registrar.
- Unofficial grades will appear on Moodle, likely before Christmas, but if not, before the new year.

Questions?