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## Cyber Security Tools: Bash Scripting

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## Cyber Security Session Housekeeping cont.

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# CoGrammar

## Cyber Security Tools: Bash Scripting

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# Learning Objectives & Outcomes

**By the end of the lecture, everyone should be able to:**

- Explain the functionality and purpose of Bash scripting in Linux-based systems.
- Write a script that automates tasks like renaming files, managing directories, or processing user input.
- Define key components of a Bash script, such as the shebang, loops, and conditional statements.
- Create Bash scripts that combine multiple commands and logic structures to solve complex problems.



# Learning Objectives & Outcomes

Can you think of any repetitive tasks or processes in your current work or personal life that could be simplified or automated?

# Polls

Please have a look at the poll notification and select an option.

How familiar are you with Bash Scripting

- A. I use it regularly for automation
- B. I've tried it a few times
- C. I'm aware of it but haven't used it
- D. This is my first time exposure to bash scripting

# Polls

Please have a look at the poll notification and select an option.

What is your preferred text editor for writing Bash Scripts?

- A. Nano
- B. Vi/Vim
- C. Other
- D. I haven't used a text editor for Bash Scripting yet

# BASH SCRIPTING

- **Definition:** A series of commands executed line by line to automate tasks in the Bash shell.
- **Why Bash?**
  - Default shell in most linux distributions
  - Direct interaction with the system kernel
  - Faster and more versatile than GUI for many tasks

# Setting Up For Bash Scripting

- **Shebang**
  - First line of a script to specify the interpreter
  - Example: `#!/bin/bash`
- **Make the script executable:**
  - **Command:** `chmod +x script_name.sh`
- **Run the script:**
  - **Command:** `./script_name.sh`

# Text Editors for Bash Scripting

- **Nano:**

- Simple, user-friendly
- Example Commands:
  - Save: Ctrl + O
  - Confirm: Enter
  - Exit: Ctrl + X

- **Vi/Vim:**

- Powerful but steeper learning curve
- Example Commands:
  - Insert mode: i
  - Save and exit: wq



# Variables in Bash

- **Syntax:** variable\_name=value
- **Example:**

```
#!/bin/bash

fact="Linux is awesome!"
echo "Fact:" $fact

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```

# Conditional Statements

- **Syntax:**

```
if [ condition ]; then
```

```
    statement
```

```
fi
```

# Conditional Statements

```
#!/bin/bash

echo "How old are you?"
read age

if [ $age -le 13 ]; then
    echo "You are a child."
elif [ $age -le 18 ]; then
    echo "You are a teenager."
else
    echo "You are an adult."
fi

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```

# Iterations in Bash

- Using a for loop:

```
#!/bin/bash

for i in {1..5}; do
    echo "Number: $i"
done
```

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```

# Arrays in Bash

- Application: Process list of files, tasks, or other objects.

```
#!/bin/bash

my_array=("item1" "item2" "item3")

for element in ${my_array[@]}; do
    echo $element
done
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```

# Advantages of Bash Scripting

- **Automation:** Save time on repetitive tasks
- **Integration:** Combine commands into cohesive workflows
- **Portability:** Works across most unix-like systems
- **Ease of use:** Write scripts with basic text editors



# Practical Example: Batch File renaming

1. **Prompt for Input:** The script prompts the user to enter a prefix to prepend to filenames.
2. **Loop Through Files:** It uses a `for` loop to iterate over all files in the current directory (\*).
3. **Rename Files:** Each file is renamed using the `mv` command, with the prefix added to its original name.
4. **Skip the Script:** The script ensures it doesn't rename itself by comparing filenames.

# Practical Example: Batch File renaming

```
#!/bin/bash

# Prompt the user for a prefix
echo "Enter the prefix to add to files:"
read prefix

# Check if the user provided a prefix
if [[ -z "$prefix" ]]; then
    echo "No prefix provided. Exiting script."
    exit 1
fi

# Loop through all files in the current directory
for file in *; do
    # Skip the script file itself
    if [[ "$file" == "${0##*/}" ]]; then
        continue
    fi

    # Rename the file by adding the prefix
    mv "$file" "${prefix}_${file}"
done

echo "All files have been renamed with the prefix '$prefix'."

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```

# Polls

Please have a look at the poll notification and select an option.

What is the purpose of the shebang (`#!/bin/bash`) in a Bash Script

- A. To specify the script's file extension
- B. To make the script executable
- C. To indicate the interpreter to be used
- D. To add a comment at the start of the script

# Polls

Please have a look at the poll notification and select an option.

What operator is used in Bash scripting to represent "less than or equal to"?

- A. `-lt`
- B. `-le`
- C. `-eq`
- D. `-ge`

# Questions and Answers



# Thank you for attending



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