

WOMEN WHO CODE

INSPIRING women to EXCEL in technology careers

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“We connect amazing women with like-minded women leaders around the globe who unite under one simple notion – the world of technology is much better with women in it.”

-Alaina Percival, WWCode CEO



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LEARN TO BASH!

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INTRO!

- I'm a Data Insights Engineer at **Flatiron Health**
 - We're hiring :)
- **Plan for today:**
 - Some background and terminology
 - Basic navigation, file manipulation, searching
 - Environment variables and `.bash_profile`
 - Your first bash script!
- Follow along by typing the **bold commands**
- The **DIY blocks** are mini-exercises!

BACKGROUND & TERMINOLOGY

WHAT ARE ALL THESE WORDS?

- **Shell** = user interface (command-line or graphical)
 - Usually shell = command-line user interface
- **Bash** = a type of shell (“**B**ourne-**A**gain **S**hell”)*
 - There are others: zsh, ksh...
 - macOS is switching from bash to zsh in 10.15
 - Don’t worry, the basics are all the same :)
- **Terminal** = the program than runs a shell

* Read the Wikipedia pages on “Unix shell” and “Bash (Unix shell)” for some history

WHY USE THE TERMINAL/SHELL/BASH?

- **It's often faster or more flexible**
 - Bulk operations on files
 - Searching for files/text in files
 - ...
- **Sometimes you have to**
 - Connecting to a server via ssh
 - Setting aliases or environment variables
 - ...

NAVIGATING THE FILE SYSTEM

LET'S GET STARTED!

- Some basics for orientation:
 - **pwd** = path of current working directory
 - **ls** = list files in the directory
 - **ls -l** = add a “long format” flag
 - **ls -la** = add long format + “all” flag
- How do we know what flags are available?
 - **man ls** = man(ual) pages
 - **<space bar>** = navigate down
 - **q** = get out of man!
- DIY: check **man** and try out different flags for **ls**

SOME HELPFUL SHORTCUTS

- **clear** = refresh your terminal window
- **<Up arrow>** = cycle through previous commands
- **<Tab>** = bash will tab-complete file/dir paths
- **<CTRL+c>** = exit pretty much any process
- **<CTRL+a>/<CTRL+e>** = go to start/end of line
- **<CTRL+w>** = delete word before the cursor
- **<CTRL+r>** = incremental reverse search through previous commands, keep hitting **<CTRL+r>** to cycle
- DIY: use **<CTRL+r>** to find and run your first **pwd**

NAVIGATING THE FILE SYSTEM

- **cd (directory)** = go to (directory)
 - Use **pwd**, **tab-complete** and **ls** for orientation!
- Example:
 - **pwd**
 - **ls Documents**
 - **cd Documents**
 - **pwd**
- **~** = your home directory (/Users/<name>)
- **.** = the current directory
- DIY: go back to your home directory using **~**

BASIC FILE OPERATIONS

FILE OPERATIONS (1)

- **touch (filename)** = create an empty file
 - **touch hello.txt**
- **mkdir (directory)** = make a directory
 - **mkdir some_dir**
- **open (filename)** = open file in default text editor
 - **open hello.txt**
 - Type some text and save the file
- **DIY: create a directory “wwc_workshop”, cd into it, and create a file hello.txt**
 - **Open hello.txt, write some random text into it, save**

FILE OPERATIONS (2)

- **cp (file1) (file2)** = copy file1 to file2
 - **cp hello.txt hello2.txt**
 - **ls**
- **mv (file1) (file2)** = rename file1 to file2
 - **mv hello2.txt hello3.txt**
 - **ls**
- **rm (file)** = remove file (irreversibly!)
- Use wildcard ***** in filenames for any operation
 - **ls hello*.txt**

LOOKING AT FILE CONTENT (1)

- Download the **permits.csv** file from here:
 - <https://github.com/spbail/bash-workshop>
 - Hit download, then “save as” into your **wwc_workshop** directory
 - This is an NYC OpenData file with locations and types of film permits in the city (pretty cool!)
- Make sure you’re in the right directory
 - **cd ~/wwc_workshop**
 - **ls** (should show permits.csv)



LOOKING AT FILE CONTENT (2)

- **cat** = print content of file
 - **cat permits.csv**
- **head** = cat, but only show the top n rows of a file
 - **head permits.csv**
 - **head -n 2 permits.csv**
- **tail** = like head, but shows bottom n rows
 - **tail permits.csv**
 - **tail -n 2 permits.csv**



LOOKING AT FILE CONTENT (3)

- **less** = interactive text reader
 - **less permits.txt**
 - Navigate through pages with **<space bar>**
 - Exit with **q**
 - (What does this remind you of?)

SEARCHING TEXT IN FILES

FINDING TEXT IN FILES (1)

- Option 1: **less** has a built-in search
 - **less permits.csv**
 - **/** (this gets you the search prompt)
 - **film (enter)**
 - This will say “Pattern not found”
 - Type **-I** to make the search case insensitive
 - Try searching again!
 - **p/n** = jump to previous/next occurrence of “television”

FINDING TEXT IN FILES (2)

- Option 2: use **grep**
 - **grep (search word) (file)**
 - **grep film permits.csv**
 - No results! `grep` is case sensitive, too!
 - **grep -i film permits.csv**
- **grep** returns the line with the search word
 - Works best with line-based files, e.g. CSV
- DIY: `grep` for the word “theater”

CHAINING COMMANDS USING A PIPE

- **wc -l (file)** = count lines in file
 - **wc -l permits.csv**
- The pipe **|** chains commands, e.g.
 - **grep -i film permits.csv | wc -l**
 - This pipes the output of **grep** as input to **wc**
- Pipes can be chained: **cmd_a | cmd_b | cmd_c...**
 - Output of **cmd_a** = input to **cmd_b**
 - Output of **cmd_b** = input to **cmd_c**
 - etc.

DIY: MINI-PROJECT 1

- Go to the directory with `permits.csv`
- Look at the file using **head**, **tail**, and **less**
- Get some counts using **grep** and **wc**:
 - How many lines are in the file?
 - How many lines contain the word “Television”?
 - How many lines contain the word “Television” and your own ZIP code? (Hint: remember you can chain pipes!)
- **Take a break :)**

FINDING FILES

FINDING FILES

- **find (directory) -name "(search word)"**
- I mostly use it to find filenames, e.g.
 - **cd ~/wwc_workshop**
 - **find . -name "per*"**
 - **find . -iname "Per*"** (case insensitive)
 - **find . -name "*.csv"** (search for file type)
- You can also specify a directory to search in:
 - **find ~/wwc_workshop -name "*.csv"**

ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES AND .BASH_PROFILE

ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES

- Environment variables are system-wide global variables that your shell knows about
- **env** = show all environment variables
- You can access any variable using the \$ sign
 - **echo \$USER** (your username)
 - **echo \$HOME** (your home directory)
- We also just learned about **echo** (print statement)
 - **echo "hello"**
 - **echo "hello \$USER"**

SETTING AN ENVIRONMENT VARIABLE

- **export (varname)=(value)** = sets an environment var
 - **export myvar=42**
 - Spaces and quote types matter in bash!
 - **echo \$myvar**
- Setting environment vars is often done for software to know where to find stuff, e.g. \$PYTHONPATH
- DIY: open a new terminal tab with **<CMD+t>** and check if it knows about myvar

YOUR .BASH_PROFILE (1)

- Every terminal window/tab only knows about its own environment variables
- Variables that are needed everywhere need to be exported at startup
- Your terminal reads a “profile” file at startup
 - ~/.bash_profile
 - ~/.profile
 - ~/.bashrc
- We’ll be using ~/.bash_profile, feel free to read up on differences :)

YOUR .BASH_PROFILE (2)

- Let's export a new environment variable
 - **open ~/.bash_profile**
 - Add this line: **export anothervar="hello"**
 - Save the file
 - **echo \$anothervar**
- Your open shell doesn't know about changes to .bash_profile automatically!
 - Either: open a new terminal tab
 - Or: **source ~/.bash_profile**

YOUR FIRST BASH SCRIPT!

BASH SCRIPTING 101

- Instead of typing commands, you can also add them to a file and execute the file
- There are several options to execute a script:
 - `./samscript.sh`
 - `bash samscript.sh`
 - `sh samscript.sh`
- DIY: create a new file **myscript.sh** and add a line to echo “Hello \$USER!”, save the file, and execute
 - You’ll get a “permission denied” error – **stop here!**

FILE PERMISSIONS 101

- Files in your file system have permissions
 - `ls -l myscript.sh`
- The permissions are as follows:
 - R=read, W=write, X=execute, -=no permission
 - 3-letter-blocks each for owner/user, group, other
- In order to execute a script, it needs to be set to “executable” (duh.) at least for yourself (user)
- **chmod** changes the “mode” (permissions) of a file
 - `chmod u+x myscript.sh`
 - `ls -l myscript.sh`

DIY: MINI PROJECT 2 (OPTIONAL)

- Create a new bash script
- Add at least 2 commands you've learned
- Save the file
- Set the right permissions
- Execute the script
- **Congratulations, you're done for today!**



WRAP-UP

- We've covered:
 - Directory navigation and file manipulation
 - Searching for text and finding files
 - Environment variables and `.bash_profile`
 - Your first bash script
- Other fun bash stuff to look up (e.g. `man`):
 - The **sudo** command
 - Setting an **alias** (shortcut) for bash commands
 - Using **vim** as text editor
 - Other ways to exit and kill processes (**CTRL+z**, **CTRL+d**...)
 - Utilities like **cal**, **date**, disk space checking, **cowsay**...

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Python and PuLP workshop @ Dataminr 6/13

Algorithms @ Betterment 6/18

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