

14.1 Bash Shell Scripting

As you study this section, answer the following questions:

- What is the purpose of the shell declaration (the shebang)?
- How can you comment out lines in a shell script?
- Which methods can you use to run a script from the command line?
- Why might you need to use the **declare** command in a script?

In this lesson, you will learn to:

- Create a simple bash script.
- Execute and source a script.
- Use variables within a script.

Key terms for this section include the following:

| Term | Definition |
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| Shell declaration | The first line in a script that holds the path to the bash interpreter. |
| Comment | A line in a bash shell script that helps a script writer understand how the script is constructed, but is ignored when the script is run. |
| Variable | A key-value pair that maps a variable name to a value. |

This section helps you prepare for the following certification exam objectives:

| Exam | Objective |
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| CompTIA Linux+ | <p>5.1 Given a scenario, deploy and execute basic BASH scripts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shell environments and shell variables<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Local• <code>#!/bin/bash</code>• Sourcing script• Commenting<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ <code>#</code> |

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