CS 340 – Operating Systems

HOP04 - Input, Output and Throughput

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Before You Start

- This exercise assumes that the user is working with a Linux virtual machine in virtualbox.
- All commands and code discussed in this exercise will run in the Ubuntu console.
- The directory path shown in screenshots may be different from yours.
- Some steps are not explained in the tutorial. If you are not sure what to do:
 - 1. Consult the resources listed below and experiment in the Ubuntu console and try to solve the problem yourself.
 - 2. If you cannot solve the problem after a few tries, ask a TA for help.

Resources

- Linux command line: bash + utilities https://ss64.com/bash/
- Nano/Basics Guide https://wiki.gentoo.org/wiki/Nano/Basics_Guide

Preparation

- Connect to your Ubuntu instance Using parameters and variables
- 1. Type the following command to reuse HelloWorld.sh file:

2. Update the file content as below:

```
#! /bin/bash
printf "Hello %s!\n" "$1"
printf "Value of all the positional parameters: %s\n" "$*"
printf "The number of positional parameters: %s\n" "$#"
printf "The name of the current running script: %s\n" "$0"
printf "The process identification number (PID): %s\n" "$$"
printf "The exit code of the last-executed command: %s\n" "$?"

# Define a varialbe and use it
newName="Arthur Wang"
printf "I have a cool name which is %s\n" "$newName"
```

- Note: A positional parameter is an argument specified on the command line. Positional parameter values are stored in a special set of variables that can be accessed via positional parameters. For example, the first, second, and third positional parameter values can be retrieved via the positional parameter \$1, \$2, and \$3, respectively. Parameters greater than 9 can be accessed by using curly braces around the number; for instance, \${10} would be the tenth parameter. Besides positional parameters, there are other special parameters to retrieve other information, such as PID and exit code of the last executed command, as shown in the first part of the script.
- 3. Click the control + x key to quit

```
Save modified buffer? (Answering "No" will DISCARD changes.)

Y Yes

N No. AC Cancel most impor
```

4. Type the y key and then hit the enter key to save the file

```
File Name to Write: HelloWorld.sh

AG Get Help

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M-A Append

MOS Format

M-B Proposed

MOS Format
```

5. Type the following command to see the result (please change the name to your name) Note: the command below has 3 parts: interpreter (i.e. bash shell); command name (i.e. HelloWorld.sh); and arguments (i.e. Kevin Wang). bash HelloWorld.sh YourName

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-25-112:~/CS120/Module2$ bash HelloWorld.sh Kevin Wang
Hello Kevin!
Value of all the positional parameters: Kevin Wang
The number of positional parameters: 2
The path to the current running script: HelloWorld.sh
The process identification number (PID): 15611
The exit code of the last-executed command: 0
I have a cool name which is Arthur Wang
```

The basic syntax for printf command is: printf format arg1 arg2 ... You can find all escape codes and format specifiers here: https://wiki-dev.bash-hackers.org/commands/builtin/printf

1. Create a TestPrintf.sh by typing the following command in the console command line:

```
nano TestPrintf.sh
```

2. Type scripts in the file as below:

```
# ! /bin/bash
printf "Two tabs after me\t\tA new line after me\nThe hexadecimal digits X42
represents \x42\n"

printf "%s\n" Print in separated lines "Print in one line"
printf "%b\n" "%b tells printf to escape sequences. Two tabs after me\t\t ."
printf "%s%d\n%s%f\n%s%e\n" "%d prints integer such as: " 25 "%f prints
float numbers such as: " 25.5 \ "%e prints with the exponential notation
such as: " 25. 5
printf "%s#%02x%02x%02x\n" "%x prints in hexadecimal. Here is an example to
convert a RGB color 82 185 225 to a hex notation: " \ 82 185 255

# Use width specification
header="\n %-10s %-18s %8s\n"
format=" %-10d %-18s %8.2f\n"
printf "$header" Id Name "Order price"
printf "$header" Id Name "Order price"
printf "$format" 1 "Kevin Wang" 234.30 2 "Arthur B" 332.23 3 "Evan A" 525.32
```

- 3. Hit the control + x key to quit and save the file
- 4. Execute the file to see the result by typing following command:

```
bash TestPrintf.sh
```

Input and Output

1. Create a file by using the standard output operation >

Type the following command in the console command line:

```
printf "%s\n" "My text in the file" > test
```

2. Check the file content by typing the following command:

```
cat test
```

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-25-112:~/CS12@/Module2$ printf "%s\n" "My text in the file" > test
ubuntu@ip-172-31-25-112:~/CS12@/Module2$ cat test
My text in the file
```

3. Read data from a file to a variable by using the standard input operation <

```
read content < test
```

4. Check the variable value by typing the following command:

```
echo $content
```

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-25-112:~/CS120/Module2$ read content < test ubuntu@ip-172-31-25-112:~/CS120/Module2$ echo $content My text in the file
```

Using pipelines and command substitution

- A pipeline can help users to take one command's output as another command's input
 - 1. Save top command result to a file by typing the following command in the console command line:

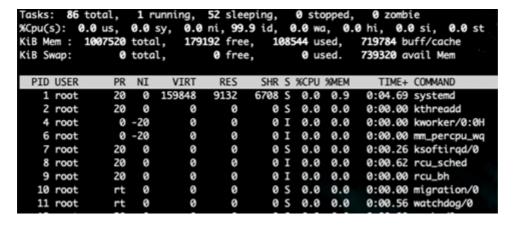
```
top -n 1 | tee result
# You will see the result from top command
```

2. Clear the screen by typing the following command:

```
clear
```

3. Check the result file:

cat result



4. We also can use the command substitution to store the command output to a variable:

```
lsResult=$(ls)
# We are saving the ls command's output to the lsResult variable
```

5. Check the variable value by typing the bash command:

echo \$lsResult

Take a screenshot of your printf commands as well as your pipelines and substitutions.

What commands did you have to substitute? Were there any challenges you faced with the instructions vs. what your OS had in its environment?

I didn't have any issues besides my shared folder not sharing with my instance otherwise it was fine.

Submit your Work to Brightspace

Please upload all your files for this hands-on practice to the HOP assignment on Brightspace.

Shell Scripts

TestPrintf.sh HelloWorld.sh

Screenshots

