

# Session 10: Bash Shell Scripting

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# Command Execution

- ◆ Sometimes we need to combine several commands.
- ◆ There are several formats for combining commands into one line: *sequenced, grouped, and conditional*.
- ◆ A sequence of commands can be entered on one line. Each command must be separated from its predecessor by semicolon.
- ◆ There is no direct relationship between the commands.

**command1 ; command2 ; command3**

- Parallel execution? Using &.

# Grouped Commands

- Commands are grouped by placing them into parentheses
- Commands are run in a subshell
  - Subshell: a clone/child of current shell

Example:

```
echo "Month" > file; cal 10 2000 >> file  
(echo "Month" ; cal 10 2000 ) > file
```

- What about { ... } ?



# Conditional Expressions

- ◆ To perform *ifs* and *whiles* we need to be able to construct conditional expressions.
- ◆ A conditional expression is one that evaluates to true or false depending on its operands
- ◆ A process' return value of 0 is taken to be *true* ; any nonzero value is *false*

# test – Conditional Expressions

- ◆ [ is just shorthand
- ◆ Provides for a great many tests
- ◆ Is available to all shells

`test expression`

*Or*

`[ expression ]`

Spaces between expression and brackets are mandatory.

# Conditional Expressions (cont)

- ◆ *test* returns an exit status of zero (success) if the expression evaluates to true.
- ◆ *test* uses a variety of operators
  - Unary file operators can test various file properties. Here are just a few:
    - ◆ -e True if file exists
    - ◆ -f True if file is a regular file
    - ◆ -d True if file is a directory
    - ◆ -w True if file exists and is writable
    - ◆ -O True if I own the file
  - E.g.

```
if [ -e ~kschmidt/public_html ] ; then
    echo "Kurt has a public web directory"
fi
```



# [] – file and string operators

- Binary file operators "*file1 op file2*"
  - ◆ -nt True if *file1* is newer than *file2*
  - ◆ -ot True if *file1* is older than *file2*
  - ◆ -ef True if *f1* and *f2* refer to the same inode
- Unary string operators "*op string*"
  - ◆ -z True if string is of zero length
  - ◆ -n True if string is not of zero length

## ■ E.g.

```
if [ -z "$myVar" ] ; then
    echo "\$myVar has null length"
fi
```



# [] – string operators

- These compare lexical order

- ◆ ==   !=   <   >   <=   >=

- ◆ Note, < > are file redirection. Escape them

- E.g.

```
if [ "abc" != "ABC" ] ; then
    echo 'See. Case matters.' ; fi
if [ 12 \< 2 ] ; then
    echo "12 is less than 2?" ; fi
```

# [] – arithmetic operators

- ◆ Only for integers

- ◆ Binary operators:

-lt -gt -le -ge -eq -ne

- ◆ E.g.

```
if [ 2 -le 3 ] ; then ;echo "cool!" ; fi
x=5
if [ "$x" -ne 12 ] ; then
    echo "Still cool" ; fi
```

# [] – Logical Operators

## ■ Logical expression tools

- ♦ *! expression* Logical not (I.e., changes sense of expression)
- ♦ *e1 -a e2* True if both expressions are true.
- ♦ *e1 -o e2* True if *e1* or *e2* is true.
- ♦ *\( expression \)* Works like normal parentheses for expressions; use spaces around the expression.

### **Examples:**

```
test -e bin -a -d /bin is true
```

```
[ -e ~/.bashrc -a ! -d ~/.bashrc ] && echo  
true
```



# [[ *test* ]]

- ◆ Bash added [[]] for more C-like usage.

- ◆ More operators, but less portable.

```
if [[ -e ~/.bashrc && ! -d ~/.bashrc ]]
then
    echo "Let's parse that puppy"
fi
```

```
if [[ -z "$myFile" || ! -r $myFile ]]
...

```

- ◆ It's a built-in

- ◆ Why sometimes quote \$myFile, sometimes not (it's usually a good idea to do so)?

# Arithmetic Expressions

- Bash usually treats variables as strings.
- You can change that by using the arithmetic expansion syntax: `(( arithmetic expression ))`
- `(( ))` shorthand for the **let** built-in statement
  - `let x=x+1` OR `((x=x+1))`
- Arithmetic Expansion/Substitution:
  - `var1=$((var2+var3-var4))`
- Caution -> just integer calculations
- Use ``bc'` for floating point math:
  - `echo "scale=3; $x/($y*$z)" | bc`
  - `bc <<< "scale=3; $x/($y*$z)"`

# if-then-else

```
if [ "$var" == "str" ]
```

```
then
```

```
    echo OK
```

```
fi
```

```
if [ "$var" == "str" ]
```

```
then
```

```
    echo "Value of var is str"
```

```
else
```

```
    echo "Value of var is not str"
```

```
fi
```

else if -> **elif**

Always quote variables in scripts!

How to rewrite in a single line?



# Checking return value of a command

```
if diff "$fileA" "$fileB" > /dev/null
then
    echo "Files are identical"
else
    echo "Files are different"
fi
```

Exit status, \$?

/dev/null, -q or -s

# Conditional Commands: using && and ||

- We can combine two or more commands using conditional relationships AND (&&) and OR (||).
- If we AND two commands, the second is executed only if the first is successful.
- If we OR two commands, the second is executed only if the first fails.
- `cp file1 file2 && echo "Copy successful"`
- `cp file1 file2 || echo "Copy failed"`
- `cp file1 file2 || echo "Copy failed" && exit 1`

# Case Statement

```
case $opt in
    a ) echo "option a";;
    b ) echo "option b";;
    c ) echo "option c";;
    \? ) echo \
        'usage: alice [-a] [-b] [-c] args...'
        exit 1;;
esac
```



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اسکرپتی بنویسید که:

1. تعداد فایل های واقع در دایرکتوری جاری را بدست آورده و در صورتی که این عدد کمتر از 5 باشد خروجی Less than 5، بیشتر از 5 خروجی More than 5 و برابر 5 خروجی Equal to 5 تولید کند.

1. در صورت وجود فایل /var/log/syslog پیغام Log file exists را نمایش دهد. با استفاده از هر دوی if-then و && یا || این کار را انجام دهید.

2. در صورت وجود رشته 127.0.0.1 در فایل /etc/hosts پیغام Loopback is OK و در غیر این صورت Loopback not configured را نمایش دهد.

3. در صورتی که تعداد رخداد های رشته ی authentication failure در فایل /var/log/auth.log بیشتر از 5 باشد، این فایل را به دایرکتوری /tmp/ کپی کرده و پیغام زیر را به انتهای فایل failed\_logins.log اضافه کند:

<DATE>: Number of failed logins: <N>

با استفاده از هر دوی if-then و && یا || این کار را انجام دهید.



# Loops: for and while

# For samples

```
for x in 1 2 a
do
    echo $x
done
```

```
for x in *
do
    echo $x
done
```

```
for x in {1..4} {5..20..3}
do
    echo -n "$x "
done
```

```
1 2 3 4 5 8 11 14 17 20
```



# For samples

```
for i in $(cat list.txt) ; do  
    echo item: $i  
done
```

```
for (( i=0; i<10; ++i )) ; do  
    echo item: $i  
done
```

# While sample

```
COUNTER=0
```

```
while [ $COUNTER -lt 10 ] ; do
```

```
    echo The counter is $COUNTER
```

```
    let COUNTER=COUNTER+1
```

```
done
```

# Iterate over Lines of a File

```
while read $Line  
do  
    # do sth with line  
done <filename
```

# Loop Control

- ◆ `break` terminates current loop
- ◆ `continue` causes a jump to the next iteration of the current loop
- ◆ `break n`: break n levels
- ◆ `continue n`: resume at the nth enclosing loop



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- برای نوشتن اسکریپت‌های زیر از حلقه استفاده کنید.

اسکریپتی بنویسید که:

1. تعداد فایل‌های واقع در مسیر `/usr/bin/` را که با هر یک از حروف شروع می‌شود در فایل `/tmp/letter-no` قرار دهد؛ یعنی به صورت زیر:

a: 50

b: 38

c: 32

...

2. تعداد فایل‌های واقع در مسیر `/usr/bin/` که از اندازه‌ی آنها از 1MB بیشتر است را در خروجی چاپ کند.

○ راهنمایی: دستور `du` با آپشن `-s` اندازه‌ی فایل داده شده برحسب کیلوبایت را به همراه نام فایل نمایش می‌دهد. برای استخراج اندازه از خروجی `du` از دستور `awk '{print $1}'` استفاده کنید.

# Functions

- As in almost any programming language, you can use functions to group pieces of code in a more logical way or practice the divine art of recursion.
- Declaring a function is just a matter of writing function `my_func { my_code }`.
- Calling a function is just like calling another program, you just write its name.

# Local variables

```
#! /bin/bash
```

```
HELLO=Hello
```

```
function hello {
```

```
    local HELLO=World
```

```
    echo $HELLO
```

```
}
```

```
$ echo $HELLO
```

```
$ hello
```

```
$ echo $HELLO
```

# Functions with parameters sample

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
function quit {  
    echo 'Goodbye!'  
    exit  
}  
function hello {  
    echo "Hello $1"  
}
```

```
for name in Vera Kurt ;  
do  
    hello $name  
  
done  
  
quit
```

## Output:

Hello Vera

Hello Kurt

Goodbye!



# Scripts and Arguments

- ◆ Scripts can be started with parameters, just like commands

*aScript arg1 arg2 ...*

- ◆ The scripts can access these arguments through shell variables:
  - "\$n" Is the value of the n<sup>th</sup> parameter.
    - ◆ The command is parameter zero
  - "\$#" Is the number of parameters entered.
  - "\$\*" Expands as a list of all the parameters

# Some Special Variables

◆ \$#

the number of arguments

◆ \$\*

all arguments

◆ \$@

all arguments (quoted individually)

◆ \$?

return value of last command executed

◆ \$\$

process id of shell

# Handle User Input

- Use `read` command:
  - `read VAR1`
  - `read VAR1 VAR2`

# Debugging Tip

- ◆ If you want to watch the commands actually being executed in a script file, insert the line `"set -x"` in the script.

```
set -x
for n in *; do
    echo $n
done
```

- ◆ Will display the expanded command before executing it:

```
+ echo bin
bin
+ echo mail
mail
```



# Parameter Expansion

◆ `${parameter:-word}`

- Use Default Values.

◆ `${parameter:=word}`

- Assign Default Values.

◆ `${parameter:?word}`

- Display Error if Null or Unset.

# More Parameter Expansion

◆ We can remove parts of a value:

- `${param#pattern}`
- `${param##pattern}`
  - removes shortest (#) or longest (##) leading pattern, if there's a match
- `${param%pattern}`
- `${param%%pattern}`
  - removes shortest(%) or longest (%%) trailing pattern, if match

◆ *pattern* is expanded just as wildcards - \*, ?, [] – (not regexes).

# More Parameter Expansion

## ◆ Find the length of a string:

- `echo ${#foo}`

## ◆ Extract substrings

- `echo ${foo:2:3}`

## ◆ Regex search and replace

## ◆ There are more. See the Bash manpage

# Example – Parameter Expansion

```
$ foo=j.i.c
$ echo ${foo#*.}
i.c
$ echo ${foo##*.}
c
$ echo ${foo%.*}
j.i
$ echo ${foo%%.*}
j
```



## دستور کار: shell scripting - 4

1. اسکریپتی بنویسید که دو عدد را به عنوان پارامتر گرفته، که اولی باید کوچکتر یا مساوی دومی باشد، و در خروجی فهرست اعداد بین این دو را (شامل دو عدد ورودی) چاپ کند.
2. یک دایرکتوری ایجاد کرده و به آن وارد شوید. چند فایل در آن ایجاد کنید. اسکریپتی بنویسید که دو رشته را از ورودی گرفته و همه ی فایل های واقع در دایرکتوری جاری را با استفاده از دو رشته ی ورودی تغییر نام دهد. رشته ای اول را پیشوند و رشته ی دوم را پسوند در نظر بگیرید؛ مثلاً:  

```
./myrename.sh trip jpg  
file1,file2, ... becomes trip1.jpg, trip2.jpg,...
```

اسکریپت قبل از انجام کار باید به کاربر هشدار داده و از وی تایید بگیرد.

# Last Note: Text Processing Tools

awk, cut, tr, sed, grep, sort, wc, ...