

Bash Shell Scripting

What's Shell?

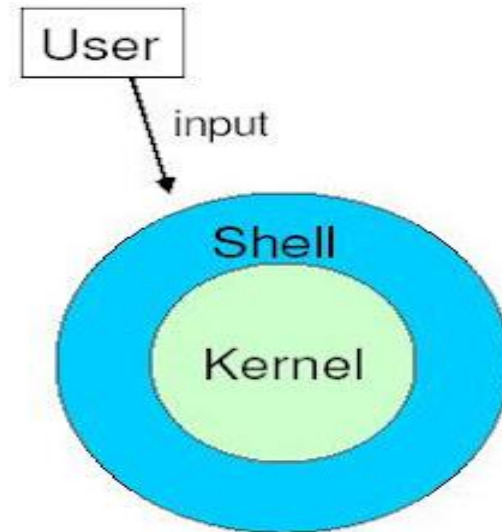
It's acts an interface between the user and OS (kernel).It's known as “ command interpreter”.

When you type ls :

shell finds cmd (/usr/bin).

shell runs cmd.

you receive the output.



Unix Shell

- The Bourne shell `/bin/sh` (written by S. R. Bourne).
- Along came the people from UCB and the C-shell `/bin/csh` was born. Into this shell they put several concepts which were new, (the majority of these being job control and aliasing) and managed to produce a shell that was much better for interactive use.
- Eventually David Korn from AT&T had the bright idea to sort out this mess and the Korn shell `/bin/ksh` made its appearance. The Korn shell became part of System V but had one major problem; unlike the rest of the UNIX shells it wasn't free, you had to pay AT&T for it.

Unix Shell

- Also at about this time the GNU project was underway and they decided that they needed a free shell, they also decided that they wanted to make this new shell POSIX compatible, thus bash (the Bourne again shell) was born.
- Like the Korn shell bash was based upon the Bourne shells language and like the Korn shell, it also pinched features from the C shell and other operating systems.
- **The Bourne Shell**
- The Bourne shell is the original UNIX shell program. It is very widely used. You can start the Bourne shell—if it hasn't been set as your default startup shell—by typing "sh" or "/bin/sh" at the command prompt. This will not spawn a new shell window, but rather will just change your current shell to the Bourne shell

Unix shell

- The Bourne shell supports conditional branching in the form of if/then/else statements. In addition, the Bourne shell supports case statements and loops (for, while, and until).
- The Bourne shell uses the \$ as a prompt.

Unix Shell

- **The C shell**

- The C shell is a very commonly used shell. Its programming structure closely resembles that of the programming language "C."
- The C shell uses the "%" as a prompt.
- The C shell supports all of the features that the Bourne shell supports, and has a more natural syntax for programming.
- The C shell is more interactive than the Bourne shell, with additional features that aren't available in older shells.
- The configuration of the C shell is controlled by the .rc and the .login files.

Unix Shell

- **The Bourne-Again shell**

- The Bourne-Again shell is a variation of the Bourne shell.
- It is commonly used in Linux, but is widely available in other standard UNIX distributions.
- The Bourne Again shell is another modification of the Bourne shell, and uses the \$ as a prompt.
- To start the Bourne Again shell, type "bash" at the shell prompt.

Basic Shell Programming

- A script is a file that contains shell commands
 - data structure: variables
 - control structure: sequence, decision, loop

- Shebang line for bash shell script:

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

```
#! /bin/sh
```

- to run:
 - make executable: `% chmod +x script`
 - invoke via: `% ./script`

Bash shell programming

- Input
 - prompting user
 - command line arguments
- Decision:
 - if-then-else
 - case
- Repetition
 - do-while, repeat-until
 - for
 - select
- Functions

User input

- shell allows to prompt for user input

Syntax:

```
read varname [more vars]
```

- or

```
read -p "prompt" varname [more vars]
```

- words entered by user are assigned to

varname and **"more vars"**

User input example

```
#!/bin/sh
```

```
read -p "enter your name: " first last
```

```
echo "First name: $first"
```

```
echo "Last name: $last"
```

Special shell variables

Parameter	Meaning
\$0	Name of the current shell script
\$1-\$9	Positional parameters 1 through 9
\$#	The number of positional parameters
\$*	All positional parameters, “\$*” is one string
@\$	All positional parameters, “@\$” is a set of strings
\$?	Return status of most recently executed command
\$\$	Process id of current process

Examples: Command Line Arguments

```
% set tim bill ann fred
```

```
    $1  $2  $3  $4
```

```
% echo $*
```

```
tim bill ann fred
```

```
% echo $#
```

```
4
```

```
% echo $1
```

```
tim
```

```
% echo $3 $4
```

```
ann fred
```

The 'set' command can be used to assign values to positional parameters

bash control structures

- if-then-else
- case
- loops
 - for
 - while
 - until
 - select

if statement

```
if command
then
  statements
fi
```

- statements are executed only if **command** succeeds, i.e. has return status "0"

The simple if statement

```
if [ condition ]; then  
  statements  
fi
```

- executes the statements only if **condition** is true

The if-then-else statement

```
if [ condition ]; then
    statements-1
else
    statements-2
fi
```

- executes statements-1 if condition is true
- executes statements-2 if condition is false

The if...statement

```
if [ condition ]; then
    statements
elif [ condition ]; then
    statement
else
    statements
fi
```

- The word **elif** stands for “else if”
- It is part of the if statement and cannot be used by itself

Relational Operators

Meaning	Numeric	String
Greater than	-gt	
Greater than or equal	-ge	
Less than	-lt	
Less than or equal	-le	
Equal	-eg	= or ==
Not equal	-ne	!=
str1 is less than str2		str1 < str2
str1 is greater str2		str1 > str2
String length is greater than zero		-n str
String length is zero		-z str

Compound logical expressions

! not

&& and

|| or

} and, or
must be enclosed within
[[]]

Example: Using the ! Operator

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

```
read -p "Enter years of work: " Years
if [ ! "$Years" -lt 30 ]; then
    echo "You can retire now."
else
    echo "You need 30+ years to retire"
fi
```

Example: Using the && Operator

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

```
Bonus=500
```

```
read -p "Enter Status: " Status
```

```
read -p "Enter Shift: " Shift
```

```
if [[ "$Status" = "H" && "$Shift" = 3 ]]
```

```
then
```

```
    echo "shift $Shift gets \$$Bonus bonus"
```

```
else
```

```
    echo "only hourly workers in"
```

```
    echo "shift 3 get a bonus"
```

Example: Using the || Operator

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

```
read -p "Enter calls handled:" CHandle
```

```
read -p "Enter calls closed: " CClose
```

```
if [[ "$CHandle" -gt 150 || "$CClose" -gt 50 ]]
```

```
then
```

```
    echo "You are entitled to a bonus"
```

```
else
```

```
    echo "You get a bonus if the calls"
```

```
    echo "handled exceeds 150 or"
```

```
    echo "calls closed exceeds 50"
```

File Testing

Meaning

-d file	True if 'file' is a directory
-f file	True if 'file' is an file
-r file	True if 'file' is readable
-w file	True if 'file' is writable
-x file	True if 'file' is executable
-s file	True if length of 'file' is nonzero

Example: File Testing

```
#!/bin/bash
echo "Enter a filename: "
read filename
if [ ! -r "$filename" ]
then
    echo "File is not read-able"
    exit 1
fi
```

Example: File Testing

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

```
if [ $# -lt 1 ]; then
```

```
    echo "Usage: filetest filename"
```

```
    exit 1
```

```
fi
```

```
if [[ ! -f "$1" || ! -r "$1" || ! -w "$1" ]]
```

```
then
```

```
    echo "File $1 is not accessible"
```

```
    exit 1
```

Example: if... Statement

```
# The following THREE if-conditions produce the same result
```

```
* DOUBLE SQUARE BRACKETS
```

```
read -p "Do you want to continue?" reply
if [[ $reply = "y" ]]; then
    echo "You entered " $reply
fi
```

```
* SINGLE SQUARE BRACKETS
```

```
read -p "Do you want to continue?" reply
if [ $reply = "y" ]; then
    echo "You entered " $reply
fi
```

```
* "TEST" COMMAND
```

```
read -p "Do you want to continue?" reply
if test $reply = "y"; then
    echo "You entered " $reply
```

Example: if..elif... Statement

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

```
read -p "Enter Income Amount: " Income
```

```
read -p "Enter Expenses Amount: " Expense
```

```
let Net=$Income-$Expense
```

```
if [ "$Net" -eq "0" ]; then
```

```
    echo "Income and Expenses are equal - breakeven."
```

```
elif [ "$Net" -gt "0" ]; then
```

```
    echo "Profit of: " $Net
```

```
else
```

```
    echo "Loss of: " $Net
```

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The case Statement

- use the case statement for a decision that is based on multiple choices

Syntax:

```
case word in
    pattern1) command-list1
    ;;
    pattern2) command-list2
    ;;
    patternN) command-listN
    ;;
```

case pattern

- checked against word for match
- may also contain:
 - *
[...]
[:**class**:]
- multiple patterns can be listed via:
 - |

Example 1: The case Statement

```
#!/bin/bash
echo "Enter Y to see all files including hidden files"
echo "Enter N to see all non-hidden files"
echo "Enter q to quit"

read -p "Enter your choice: " reply

case $reply in
  Y|YES) echo "Displaying all (really...) files"
         ls -a ;;
  N|NO)  echo "Display all non-hidden files..."
         ls ;;
  Q)     exit 0 ;;
```

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```
*) echo "Invalid choice!"; exit 1 ;;
```

Example 2: The case Statement

```
#!/bin/bash
ChildRate=3
AdultRate=10
SeniorRate=7
read -p "Enter your age: " age
case $age in
  [1-9]|[1][0-2])    # child, if age 12 and younger
    echo "your rate is" '$' "$ChildRate.00" ;;
  # adult, if age is between 13 and 59 inclusive
  [1][3-9]|[2-5][0-9])
    echo "your rate is" '$' "$AdultRate.00" ;;
  [6-9][0-9])       # senior, if age is 60+
    echo "your rate is" '$' "$SeniorRate.00" ;;
```

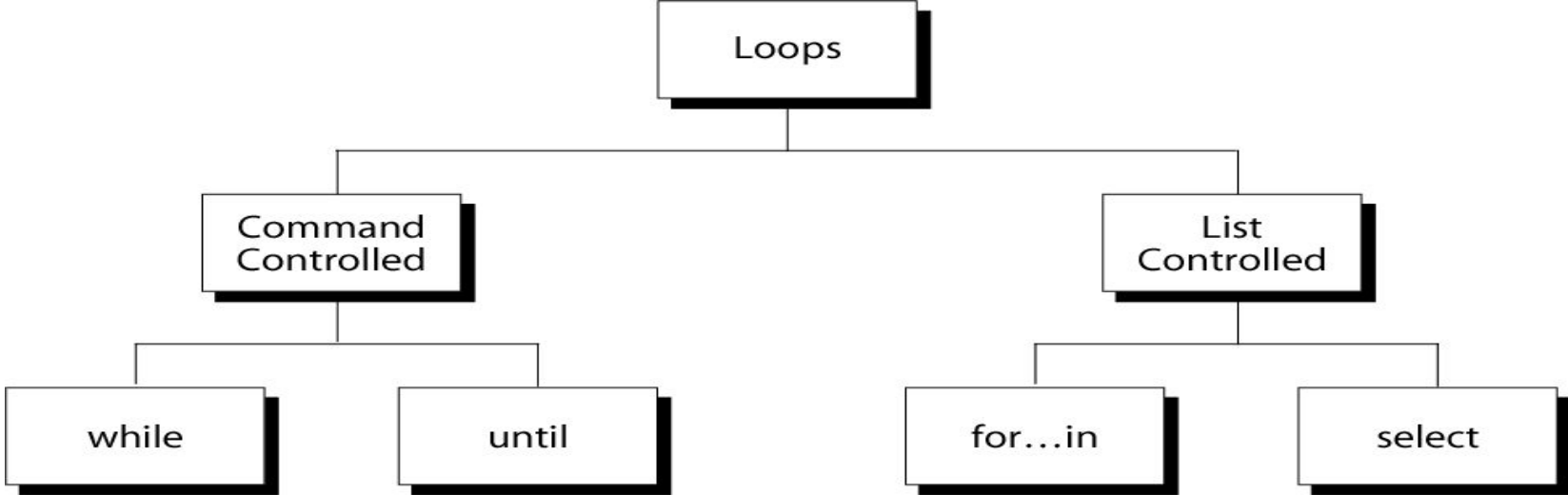

Bash programming: so far

- Data structure
 - Variables
 - Numeric variables
 - Arrays
- User input
- Control structures
 - if-then-else
 - case

Bash programming: still to come

- Control structures
 - Repetition
 - do-while, repeat-until
 - for
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Repetition Constructs



The while Loop

- Purpose:

To execute commands in “command-list” as long as “expression” evaluates to true

Syntax:

```
while [ expression ]  
do  
    command-list  
done
```

Example: Using the while Loop

```
#!/bin/bash
COUNTER=0
while [ $COUNTER -lt 10 ]
do
    echo The counter is $COUNTER
    let COUNTER=$COUNTER+1
done
```

Example: Using the while Loop

```
#!/bin/bash
# copies files from home- into the webserver- directory
# A new directory is created every hour

PICSDIR=/home/carol/pics
WEBDIR=/var/www/carol/webcam
while true; do
    DATE=`date +%Y%m%d`
    HOUR=`date +%H`
    mkdir $WEBDIR/"$DATE"
    while [ $HOUR -ne "00" ]; do
        DESTDIR=$WEBDIR/"$DATE"/"$HOUR"
        mkdir "$DESTDIR"
        mv $PICSDIR/*.jpg "$DESTDIR"/
        sleep 3600
        HOUR=`date +%H`
```

The until Loop

- Purpose:

To execute commands in “command-list” as long as “expression” evaluates to false

Syntax:

```
until [ expression ]  
do  
    command-list  
done
```

The for Loop

- Purpose:

To execute commands as many times as the number of words in the “argument-list”

Syntax:

```
for variable in argument-list
```

```
do
```

```
    commands
```

```
done
```


Example 1: The for Loop

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

```
for i in 7 9 2 3 4 5
```

```
do
```

```
    echo $i
```

```
done
```

Example 2: Using the for Loop

```
#!/bin/bash
# compute the average weekly temperature

for num in 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
do
    read -p "Enter temp for day $num: " Temp
    let TempTotal=TempTotal+Temp
done

let AvgTemp=TempTotal/7
```

Select command

- Constructs simple menu from word list
- Allows user to enter a number instead of a word
- User enters sequence number corresponding to the word

Syntax:

```
select WORD in LIST  
do  
    RESPECTIVE-COMMANDS  
done
```

Select example

```
#!/bin/bash
select var in alpha beta gamma
do
    echo $var
done
```

- Prints:

```
1) alpha
2) beta
3) gamma
#? 2
beta
#? 4
#? 1
```

```
alpha
```

Select detail

- PS3 is select sub-prompt
- \$REPLY is user input (the number)

```
#!/bin/bash
PS3="select entry or ^D: "
select var in alpha beta
do
    echo "$REPLY = $var"
done
```

```
Output:
select ...
1) alpha
2) beta
? 2
2 = beta
? 1
1 = alpha
```

Select example

```
#!/bin/bash
echo "script to make files private"
echo "Select file to protect:"

select FILENAME in *
do
    echo "You picked $FILENAME ($REPLY) "
    chmod go-rwx "$FILENAME"
    echo "it is now private"
done
```

Bash shell programming

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DONE !

Shell Functions

- A shell function is similar to a shell script
 - stores a series of commands for execution later
 - shell stores functions in memory
 - shell executes a shell function in the same shell that called it
- Where to define
 - In .profile
 - In your script
 - Or on the command line
- Remove a function
 - Use unset built-in

Shell Functions

- must be defined before they can be referenced
- usually placed at the beginning of the script

Syntax:

```
function-name () {  
    statements  
}
```

Example: function

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

```
funky () {  
    # This is a simple function  
    echo "This is a funky function."  
    echo "Now exiting funky function."  
}
```

```
# declaration must precede call:
```

Example: function

```
#!/bin/bash
fun () { # A somewhat more complex function.
    JUST_A_SECOND=1
    let i=0
    REPEATS=30
    echo "And now the fun really begins."
    while [ $i -lt $REPEATS ]
    do
        echo "-----FUNCTIONS are fun----->"
        sleep $JUST_A_SECOND
        let i+=1
    done
}
fun
```

Function parameters

- Need not be declared
- Arguments provided via function call are accessible inside function as \$1, \$2, \$3, ...

\$# reflects number of parameters

\$0 still contains name of script
(not name of function)

Example: function with parameter

```
#!/bin/sh
testfile() {
    if [ $# -gt 0 ]; then
        if [[ -f $1 && -r $1 ]]; then
            echo $1 is a readable file
        else
            echo $1 is not a readable file
        fi
    fi
}
```

testfile

Example: function with parameters

```
#!/bin/bash
checkfile() {
    for file
    do
        if [ -f "$file" ]; then
            echo "$file is a file"
        else
            if [ -d "$file" ]; then
                echo "$file is a directory"
            fi
        fi
    done
}
```

Local Variables in Functions

- Variables defined within functions are global,
i.e. their values are known throughout the entire shell program
- keyword “local” inside a function definition makes referenced variables “local” to that function

Example: function

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

```
global="pretty good variable"
```

```
foo () {  
    local inside="not so good variable"  
    echo $global  
    echo $inside  
    global="better variable"  
}
```

```
echo $global
```

```
foo
```

```
echo $global
```

```
echo $inside
```


Debug Shell Programs

- Debugging is troubleshooting errors that may occur during the execution of a program/script
- The following two commands can help you debug a bash shell script:
 - echo
use explicit output statements to trace execution
 - set

Summary: Bash shell programming

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