

Shell and Bash Script

What is Shell?

- User Interface
 - command-line interface (CLI)
 - graphical user interface (GUI)
- It is called shell because it is outermost layer around the OS kernel.



What is Bash?

- Bash is a Unix Shell.
- Command-line Language
- It can be executed from script files (bash script)
- chmod +x script.sh

Like Programming languages ...

- Variables
- Arguments
- Array
- Operator
- If ... else ...
- Loop
- Pipelines
- Regex
- ...

HelloWorld

- Every Bash Script should start with
 - o #!/bin/bash
- Comments in Bash Script starts with #
- A simple HelloWorld!

#!/bin/bash

echo "Hello World!"

>> Hello World!

Variables

- Define Variables
 - o name="Vahid"
 - notice that there is no space among variable name and equal sign and its value and !
 - std_no=94521207
- Using variables with \$ before the name

echo Name: \${name}, ID: \$std no

>> Name: Vahid, 94521207

echo Name: name , ID: std no

>> Name: name , ID: std no

Arrays

```
my_array=(apple banana "Fruit Basket" orange)
```

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echo ${#my_array[@]} # 4
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```
echo ${my_array[@]} #(apple banana "Fruit Basket" orange)
```

```
my array[4]="carrot"
```

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echo ${#my_array[@]} # 5
```

```
echo ${my array[${#my array[0]}-1]} # carrot
```

Operators

- **a** + **b** addition (a plus b)
- **a b** substraction (a minus b)
- **a * b** multiplication (a times b)
- **a / b** division (integer) (a divided by b)
- **a % b** modulo (the integer remainder of a divided by b)
- **a** ** **b** exponentiation (a to the power of b)

if ... elif ... else ...

```
NAME="George"
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if [ "$NAME" = "John" ]; then
```

```
echo "John Lennon"
```

```
elif [ "$NAME" = "George" ]; then
```

```
echo "George Harrison"
```

else

echo "This leaves us with Paul and Ringo"

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if ... elif ... else ...

• for numeric comparison

comparison	Evaluated to true when
\$a -lt \$b	\$a < \$b
\$a -gt \$b	\$a > \$b
\$a -le \$b	\$a <= \$b
\$a -ge \$b	\$a >= \$b
\$a -eq \$b	\$a is equal to \$b
\$a -ne \$b	\$a is not equal to \$b

• for string comparison

comparison	Evaluated to true when
"\$a" = "\$b"	\$a is the same as \$b
"\$a" == "\$b"	\$a is the same as \$b
"\$a" != "\$b"	<pre>\$a is different from \$b</pre>
-z "\$a"	\$a is empty

switch case

mycase=1

case \$mycase in

- 1) echo "You selected bash";;
- 2) echo "You selected perl";;
- 3) echo "You selected python";;
- 4) echo "You selected c++";;

5) exit

esac

Loops

• For loop

```
NAMES=(Joe Jenny Sara Tony)
for N in ${NAMES[@]} ; do
    echo "My name is $N"
done
for f in $( ls prog.sh /etc/localtime ) ; do
    echo "File is: $f"
done
```

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- While loop

```
COUNT=4
while [ $COUNT -gt 0 ]; do
echo "Value of count is: $COUNT"
COUNT=$(($COUNT - 1))
done
```

Functions

```
function function_B {
    echo "Function B."
}
function function_A {
    echo "$1"
}
function adder {
    echo "$(($1 + $2))"
}
function_A "Hello!" # Hello!
function_B
           # Function B.
# Pass two parameters to function adder
adder 12 56
                     # 68
```

Special Variables

- **\$0** The filename of the current script.
- **\$n** The Nth argument passed to script was invoked or function was called.
- **\$#** The number of argument passed to script or function.
- **\$**@ All arguments passed to script or function.
- **\$*** All arguments passed to script or function.
- **\$?** The exit status of the last command executed.
- **\$\$** The process ID of the current shell. For shell scripts, this is the process ID under which they are executing.
- **\$!** The process number of the last background command.

Pipelines

command1 | command2 | command3 | ...

#!/bin/bash

cat /proc/cpuinfo | grep processor | wc -1



- man command
 - shows documentation about the command
 - its description
 - its arguments
 - \circ its flags

Class Assignment

Write a bash script with 3 functions and it takes your birthdate (day, month, year) and weekday of birth as inputs which:

The first function should validate the weekday of birth is True or not.

The second function should calculate the number of passed days after your birthday if less than 6 months is passed; otherwise, the number of remaining days to your birthday.

The third function should calculate the days' difference between your birthdate and any other date.