CSc 352 Shell Scripting

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Shell Scripts

Many cases where it is useful to string together multiple bash commands to complete a task

This: NBA and Currency examples from last class!

Can write bash scripts.

Programs written in bash

Shell Scripts

- Shell scripts typically use the .sh extension, but ultimately, as with many file types, they're just text file behind-the-scenes
- The first line should always be of the form:

#! /path/to/interpreter

More specifically:

#! /bin/bash

See: <u>https://stackoverflow.com/questions/8967902/</u> and <u>https://linux.die.net/man/2/execve</u>

Shell Scripts

```
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4
5 cat roster | sed 's/[{}]/\n/g' > roster2
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7 echo "Suns player names sorted:"
8
9 sed -n -E 's/Person", "name":"([A-Za-z ]+)"/\1/p' roster2 | cut -d '"' -f 4
```

Shell Scripting Variables

Shell scripts support variables

```
name="Ben"
occupation=Lecturer
echo "${name} is a ${occupation}"
```

By default, the "type" of all variables are basically just strings

- There are attributes, but for now just expect that every variables is just a string
- <u>https://stackoverflow.com/questions/29840525</u>

Command Line Arguments

Special variables for the command line arguments:

```
#! /bin/bash
echo "Your name is: ${1}"
echo "Your occupation is: ${2}"
echo "The command line arguments: ${@}"
```

Activity

Modify the script

How could this script be modified to allow the user to specify the team to get the roster for as a command line argument?

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Command Substitution

Storing the standard out that a command produces in a variable is useful when scripting with bash

Use command substitution with \$(command)

```
temp_files=$(ls /tmp/)
username=$(whoami)
search_results=$(cat roster.txt | grep [A-Z])
```



Can loop through a sequence of tokens with a for loop

```
for VARIABLE in X Y Z;
do
    echo ${VARIABLE}
done
```

Announcements

- Back to normal!
- PA 9

Activity

Rewrite SBT as a shell script (simplified)

Re-implement the SBT script as a shell script The script should:

- Run make to build a program
- Iterate through test directories
- Check if output matches expected
- Run make clean at the end

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

code_dir=\${1}
test_dir=\${2}

cd \${code_dir}
make > /dev/null

```
test_dir_names=$(ls ${test_dir})
```

```
for directory in ${test_dir_names};
do
    echo "Testing the directory ${directory}"
    cat ${test_dir}/${directory}/input.txt | ${code_dir}/a.out > /tmp/actual.txt
    diff ${test_dir}/${directory}/output.txt /tmp/actual.txt
done
```

Activity

Kill Processes

- Write a bash script that accepts one command-line argument
- Scrip should search for all processes that match the argument, and kill each one
- Kill by PID using the kill command
- \$./kill_processes.sh hithere
- 2 Processes Killed
- \$

```
to_kill=${1}
ps_results=$(ps -e | grep ${to_kill})
pids=$(printf "${ps_results}" | cut -d ' ' -f 2)
counter=0
for pid in ${pids} ;
do
  kill -9 ${pid}
  counter=$((counter+1))
done
```

#!/bin/bash

echo "\${counter} processes were killed"