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Administrivia

- Homework solutions on Web soon.

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Minute Essay From Last Lecture

- Question: What command could you use to find all aliases defined in your `.bashrc` file and print them out in sorted order?
- Answer?

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Shell Input as a Programming Language

- What `bash` understands is in a sense a programming language, with the shell as its interpreter:
  - Variables (untyped).
  - Expressions (arithmetic and logical).
  - Conditionals (if/then/else) and loops.
  - Functions.
- Can be used interactively, or collected into "scripts".
- I will talk about `bash`, but most shells provide similar functionality, just sometimes with different syntax. If you want to write scripts portable to most Unix systems, probably best to stick to `sh` subset of `bash`.

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Shell Scripts

- A "shell script" is just a sequence of things you could type at the shell prompt, collected in a (text) file.
- Normally, first line of script is `#!` followed by path for shell (`/bin/bash`, e.g.), and the file is marked "executable" (with `chmod`). But you can also execute commands in file `anyfile` via `bash anyfile`.
- With the exception of the first line, lines starting with `#` are comments.

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Shell Variables

- Define/assign variables with, e.g., `myvar="hello"`. (Notice absence of spaces.)
- Reference with, e.g., `$myvar`.

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Quoting and Escape Characters

- Normally `bash` breaks input into "words" based on whitespace, expands wildcards, performs variable substitutions (e.g., `$HOME`), and a fair amount of other stuff.
- When that's not what you want:
  - Precede "special" characters with escape character (backslash).
  - Use double quotes to inhibit all of the above except variable substitution.
  - Use single quotes to inhibit all of the above.

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Command Substitution

- Can "inline" output of one command as parameters of another using backquotes. Example:

```
vim `find .  -name "*.c"`
```

- The "inlined" command can even be a pipeline. Example:

```
ls -ld `echo $PATH | sed 's/:/ /g'`
```

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Shell Functions and Parameters

- Define functions as described last time — `function` followed by name, parentheses, then function definition in curly brackets. Separate/end commands with `;` or newlines.
- Parameters for functions and shell scripts are positional — `$0` for function name, then `$1`, etc. `$*` is a list of all parameters; `$#` is the count of parameters, not including `$0`.
- Call functions or shell scripts by giving name and then parameters, separated by whitespace. (If a parameter should include whitespace, use quoting or escape characters.)

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Conditionals and Loops

- Basic syntax for if/then/else:

  `if` command

  `then` list-of-commands

  `else` list-of-commands

  `fi`

  Which branch is taken depends on return code from command after `if` — 0 considered "true", other values "false".

- Basic syntax for while loops:

  `while` command

  `do` list-of-commands

  `done`

  Continues until return code from command after `while` is non-zero.

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Conditionals and Loops, Continued

- Basic syntax for `for` loops:

  `for` var `in` list-of-values

  `do` list-of-commands

  `done`

- Other constructs include `case` (like C `switch`), `until`.

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Useful Commands for Conditions, Loops, Etc.

- Probably the most common for conditions is `test`. Many options. Example:

```
if [ -z "$1" ]
then echo Usage:  `basename $0` someparameter; exit
fi
```

- For lists/loops, `seq`, wildcards, and command substitution are good. Examples:

```
for n in `seq -w 0 21`
do echo Xena$n
done

for f in `ls $HOME`
do du -sh $HOME/$f
done
```

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Arithmetic

- Most basic/portable way probably `expr`. Example: `n=`expr $n + 1``.
- In `bash`, can also use double parentheses. Example: `n=$((n + 1))`.

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Reading from Standard Input

- To read from shell's / script's standard input: `read`. Example:

```
echo "Do you really want to do this?  (y/n)"
read ans
if [ ".$ans" = ".y" ] ....
```

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"Here" documents

- We talked about redirecting input and output. One more option for input, useful in scripts, is to get it from the script itself — "here" document. Example:

```
#!/bin/sh
mail -s "a subject" bmassing << EOF
hello
I am here
who are you?
is this fun?
EOF
```

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A Few More Useful Things

- `pushd / popd`
- `getopt`

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Minute Essay

- The command `ping -c 1 Janus00` will test to see if `Janus00` is network-reachable. Write a few lines of `bash` input that would let you "ping" all the `Janus` machines.