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### Administrivia

- Reminder: Homework 2 due today.
- Homework 3 (text editors) on Web. Due next Wednesday. Should be quick to do and help you with next homework.
- Homework 4 (shell scripts). Due a week from Monday. Submit by e-mail, and please mention course name in subject line!
- "Sample programs" and "useful links" pages updated.

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### Shell Programming — Review

- Input to many/most shells forms a programming language, with variables and constructs for selection and repetition.
- Can type these on the fly, or save in file as "shell script".

### Arithmetic

- Most basic/portable way probably `expr`. Example: `n=`expr $n + 1``.
- In `bash`, can also use double parentheses. Example: `n=$(( n + 1 ))`.
- (But if you're doing significant calculations, you should probably be using some other tool — `awk`, `bc`, `dc`, or a program in a “real” programming language.)

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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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## Other Useful Things

- `getopt` — process command-line options (to help you write scripts that accept options in any order, in the same way most UNIX commands do).
- Remember `pushd` and `popd`, for temporarily changing to another directory and coming back.

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## Shell Script Examples

- (We'll write these in class.)
- Script to rename all `.htm` files to `.html` (or something similar).  
`basename` may be helpful.
- Script with a recursive function to compute factorial.
- Other examples as time permits — something else you would find useful . . . ?

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## Minute Essay

- Tell me something you've learned from this class so far that was useful and/or interesting.

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