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# Topic 2: Bash Shell Scripting

# Bash shell scripting

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- ◆ Considered easier than C shell
  - Inherits many features from C & Korn shells
  - Most popular shell on Linux systems
  - Linux most popular “Unix” system
- ◆ Sequence of commands carrying out a specific task
- ◆ # indicates a comment
- ◆ First line tells us which shell is to be used
  - #!/bin/bash
  
- ◆ Arguments can be passed to scripts
- ◆ Variables and conditions
- ◆ Basic control statement (loops for, while, until)
- ◆ Numeric and alphanumeric operations
- ◆ ...
- ◆ Can do complicated things effectively

Download [bash-scripts.tar](#) from class web site

# A small script about input parameters

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

```
# all scripts start like this
```

```
#This is a comment
```

```
#will give 11 arguments to this program
```

```
# a b c d e f g h i j k
```

```
echo Number of input parameters = $# # 11
```

```
echo Program Name = $0 # ./parameters
```

```
echo Other Parameters = $1 $2 $3 $4 $5 $6 $7 $8 $9 $10 $11
```

```
#Other Parameters = a b c d e f g h i a0 a1
```

```
echo Other Parameters = $1 $2 $3 $4 $5 $6 $7 $8 $9 ${10} ${11}
```

```
#Other Parameters = a b c d e f g h i j k
```

```
echo All Arguments = $*
```

```
#All Arguments = a b c d e f g h i j k
```

Bash script must be executable to run. Use `chmod +x shell_script_name`.

```
mema@browser> ./parameters a b c d e f g h i j k
```

```
Number of input parameters = 11
```

```
Program Name = ./parameters
```

```
Other Parameters = a b c d e f g h i a0 a1
```

```
Other Parameters = a b c d e f g h i j k
```

```
All Arguments = a b c d e f g h i j k
```

```
mema@browser>
```

# Using variables - *read*-ing from the shell

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

```
# Erwthsh: Pote DEN bazoume to '$' mprosta se mia metablhth?
```

```
# Apantshh: Otan ths ana8etoume timh
```

---

```
#NEVER USE SPACES BEFORE AND AFTER = IN ASSIGNMENTS
```

```
a=2334      # Integer - Only digits
```

```
echo a      # a
```

```
echo $a     # 2334
```

```
hello="A B C D"
```

```
echo $hello # A B C D
```

```
echo "$hello" # A B C D
```

```
# Ta dipla eisagwgika diathroun ta polla kena
```

```
echo '$hello' # $hello [Note the right-leaning direction of the quotes!]
```

```
# Ta mona eisagwgika apenergopoion thn anafora timhs me $
```

```
# Try using left-leaning single quotes to see what you get.
```

```
echo -n "Enter \"b\" " # Grafw hey there
```

```
read b
```

```
echo "The value of \"b\" is now $b"
```

```
# The value of "b" is now hey there
```

\$PATH or \${PATH}  
if it is easier to read

```
echo ${PATH} # SWSTO - Metablhth periballontos PATH
```

```
mema@bowser> ./variables
```

```
a
```

```
2334
```

```
A B C D
```

```
A B C D
```

```
$hello
```

```
Enter "b" hey there
```

```
The value of "b" is now hey there
```

```
/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin:/usr/bin/X11
```

```
mema@bowser>
```

# Some numeric operations

---

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

```
a=2334
```

```
let b=a+3 # isxyei kai to let b=$a+3
```

```
let "c = a+3"
```

```
let "d = a+ 3" #eite me eite xwris kena
```

```
z=$((a+3))
```

```
y=$((a+3)) # Epishs swsto
```

```
k=`expr $a + 3` # Xrhsh entolhs expr
```

```
echo $a $b $c $d $k $z $y
```

```
#2334 2337 2337 2337 2337 2337 2337
```

- For simple integer arithmetic use `let` and `expr`.
- For decimal arithmetic use the system program `bc`

```
mema@browser> ./arithmetics  
2334 2337 2337 2337 2337 2337 2337  
mema@browser>
```

# More arithmetic

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

```
# PROSOXH: APAITOYNTAI KENA
```

```
a=`expr 3 + 5`; echo $a    # 8
```

```
a=`expr 5 % 3`; echo $a    # 2
```

```
a=`expr 5 / 3`; echo $a    # 1
```

```
# a=`expr 1 / 0` # Epistrefei sfalma
```

```
a=`expr 5 \* 3`; echo $a # 15. Me to expr, ston pollaplasiasmo \*
```

```
a=`expr $a + 5`; echo $a # Idio me let a=a+5
```

```
string=EnaMegaloString
```

```
echo "String is: ${string}"
```

```
position=4
```

```
length=6
```

```
z=`expr substr $string $position $length`
```

```
#E3agei length xarakthres apo to string.
```

```
#3ekinaei apo th 8esh position
```

```
echo "Substring is: $z" # Megalo
```

```
mema@browser> myexpr
8
2
1
15
20
String is: EnaMegaloString
Substring is: Megalo
mema@browser>
```

# bc: A general and versatile purpose calculator

---

```
mema@browser> bc
```

```
bc 1.06.94
```

```
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```

```
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```

```
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```

```
1
```

```
1
```

```
0
```

```
0
```

```
1 > 0
```

```
1
```

```
0 > 1
```

```
0
```

```
12 > 8
```

```
1
```

```
8 > 12
```

```
0
```

```
123^23
```

```
1169008215014432917465348578887506800769541157267
```

```
quit
```

```
mema@browser>
```

# bc

---

mema@browser> bc

bc 1.06.94

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12+23

35

45 -456

-411

34+ 67/2

67

34+(67/2)

67

67/2

33

8%3

2

24.5^35

41765044911842686789344028906393526046326553

mema@browser>



# bc: working with different scales

---

```
mema@browser> bc
```

```
bc 1.06.94
```

```
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```

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```

```
21/2
```

```
10
```

```
scale =4
```

```
21/2
```

```
10.5000
```

```
scale =8
```

```
193/32.23456
```

```
5.98736263
```

```
19/3
```

```
6.33333333
```

```
scale =0
```

```
19/3
```

```
6
```

```
mema@browser>
```

# bc: working the binary input base (ibase)

```
mema@browser> bc
```

```
bc 1.06.94
```

```
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```

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```

```
ibase =16
```

```
1A
```

```
26
```

```
10 * 10
```

```
256
```

```
ibase =8
```

```
10
```

```
8
```

```
10 * 11
```

```
72
```

```
ibase =2
```

```
1111
```

```
15
```

```
111 * 111
```

```
49
```

```
mema@browser>
```

# bc: using a different output base (obase)

```
mema@browser> bc
```

```
bc 1.06.94
```

```
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```

```
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```

```
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```

```
obase =2
```

```
5
```

```
101
```

```
15/3
```

```
101
```

```
obase =8
```

```
9
```

```
11
```

```
99/10
```

```
11
```

```
obase =16
```

```
26
```

```
1A
```

```
256
```

```
100
```

```
16 * 16
```

```
100
```

```
mema@browser>
```

# Decimal arithmetic in *bash*

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

```
# EPITREPEI ARI8MHTIKES PRA3EIS SE DEKADIKOUS
```

```
a=100.19
```

```
b=$(echo "scale=3; $a/100" | bc)
```

```
# scale καθορίζει dekadika pshfia
```

```
echo b = $b # b = 1.001
```

```
#perform inequality tests
```

```
A=0.04
```

```
B=0.03
```

```
let "comp=`echo $A-$B\>0 | bc`"
```

```
echo $comp # 1
```

```
let "comp=`echo $B-$A\>0 | bc`"
```

```
echo $comp # 0
```

Με την echo στέλνουμε ως όρισμα στη bc:  $0.04-0.03>0$  και επιστρέφει 1/0.

```
mema@bowser> ./mybc
```

```
b = 1.001
```

```
1
```

```
0
```

```
mema@bowser>
```

# Getting the return value of a program

---

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

```
# To $? epistrefei ton kwdiko e3odou ths teleytaias  
# entolhs pou ektelesthke
```

```
echo hello
```

```
echo $? # 0 : epityxhmenh ektelesh
```

```
lsdlsd # agnwsth entolh
```

```
echo $? # 127 - genikws mh mhdenikh se sfalma
```

```
echo
```

```
exit 113 # Prepei na einai 0-255
```

```
mema@browser> ./exitStatus  
hello  
0  
./exitStatus: line 8: lsdlsd: command not found  
127  
mema@browser> echo $?  
113  
mema@browser>
```

# Conditionals

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- ◆ Conditionals let you decide whether to perform an action
- ◆ The decision is taken by evaluating an expression. Conditions are of the form [...]; for example:
  - [ “foo” = “foo” ]

The base for the if construction in bash is:  
if [expression]; then  
code if 'expression' is true.  
fi

Example:  
#!/bin/bash  
if [ "foo" = "foo" ]; then  
echo expression evaluated as true  
fi

# Construct (( ))

---

- ◆ The construct (( )) evaluates numerical expressions and returns exit code:
  - 0 or TRUE when the value inside the parentheses (( )) evaluates to non-zero
  - 1 or FALSE when the value inside the parentheses (( )) evaluates to zero
  - Opposite from C convention!!

# Arithmetic Tests

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

```
# Arithmetic tests.
```

```
# The (( ... )) construct evaluates and tests
```

```
# numerical expressions.
```

```
# Exit status opposite from [ ... ] construct!
```

```
(( 0 ))
```

```
echo "Exit status of \"(( 0 ))\" is $?." # 1
```

```
(( 1 ))
```

```
echo "Exit status of \"(( 1 ))\" is $?." # 0
```

```
(( 5 > 4 )) # true
```

```
echo "Exit status of \"(( 5 > 4 ))\" is $?." # 0
```

```
(( 5 > 9 )) # false
```

```
echo "Exit status of \"(( 5 > 9 ))\" is $?." # 1
```

```
(( 5 - 5 )) # 0
```

```
echo "Exit status of \"(( 5 - 5 ))\" is $?." # 1
```

```
(( 5 / 4 )) # Division o.k. Result > 1.
```

```
echo "Exit status of \"(( 5 / 4 ))\" is $?." # 0
```

```
(( 1 / 2 )) # Division result <1. Division is rounded off to 0
```

```
echo "Exit status of \"(( 1 / 2 ))\" is $?." #1
```

```
(( 1 / 0 )) 2>/dev/null # Illegal division by 0.
```

```
# ^^^^^^^^^^^^^
```

```
echo "Exit status of \"(( 1 / 0 ))\" is $?." # 1
```

```
# What effect does the "2>/dev/null" have?
```

```
# What would happen if it were removed?
```

```
# Try removing it, then rerunning the script.
```

```
exit 0
```



# Output

---

```
mema@browser> ./arithmeticTests
Exit status of "(( 0 ))" is 1.
Exit status of "(( 1 ))" is 0.
Exit status of "(( 5 > 4 ))" is 0.
Exit status of "(( 5 > 9 ))" is 1.
Exit status of "(( 5 - 5 ))" is 1.
Exit status of "(( 5 / 4 ))" is 0.
Exit status of "(( 1 / 2 ))" is 1.
Exit status of "(( 1 / 0 ))" is 1.
mema@browser>
```

# Checking Files/Directories with flags `-e`, `-d`, `-r`

---

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

```
if [ -e $1 ] # exists file  
  then if [ -f $1 ] # is a regular file  
    then echo Regular File  
  fi  
fi
```

```
fi
```

```
# Omoia, to -d elegxei an prokeitai gia katalogo
```

```
if [ -r $1 ] # have read rights  
  then echo I can read this file!!!  
fi
```

```
# Omoia to -w kai -x
```

```
mema@browser> ls moreExpr  
moreExpr*  
mema@browser> ./fileTests moreExpr  
Regular File  
I can read this file!!!  
mema@browser> ls -l moreExpr  
-rwxr-xr-x 1 mema mema 440 Oct 11 09:37 moreExpr*  
mema@browser>
```

# Forming Conditions with *Integers*

---

<code>-eq</code> if [ "\$a" -eq "\$b" ]	equal (( "\$a" = "\$b" ))
<code>-ne</code> if [ "\$a" -ne "\$b" ]	not-equal (( "\$a" <> "\$b" ))
<code>-gt</code> if [ "\$a" -gt "\$b" ]	greater than (( "\$a" > "\$b" ))
<code>-ge</code> if [ "\$a" -ge "\$b" ]	greater or equal (( "\$a" >= "\$b" ))
<code>-lt</code> if [ "\$a" -lt "\$b" ]	less than (( "\$a" < "\$b" ))
<code>-le</code> if [ "\$a" -le "\$b" ]	less or equal (( "\$a" <= "\$b" ))

# Forming Conditions involving *Strings*

- always use quotes
- even more confusing: the spaces in [ ... ] are important

<code>=</code> <code>if [ "\$a" = "\$b" ]</code>	equal
<code>==</code> <code>if [ "\$a" == "\$b" ]</code>	equal
<code>!=</code> <code>if [ "\$a" != "\$b" ]</code>	not-equal
<code>&lt;</code> <code>if [ "\$a" \&lt;&lt; "\$b" ]</code>	alphanumerically less
<code>&gt;</code> <code>if [ "\$a" \&gt; "\$b" ]</code>	alphanumerically greater
<code>-n</code> <code>if [ -n "a" ]</code>	not- null
<code>-z</code> <code>if [ -z "a" ]</code>	Null (size 0)

# Logical Conditions

---

<p>!</p> <p>if [ ! -f "file" ]</p>	<p>Logical NOT</p>
<p>-a</p> <p>if [ "\$a" -a "\$b" ]</p>	<p>Logical AND</p>
<p>-o</p> <p>if [ "\$a" -o "\$b" ]</p>	<p>Logical OR</p>

# The `if then; elif; else fi;` control statement

---

```
if [expression1];  
    then statement1  
elif [expressions2];  
    then statement2  
elif [expression3];  
    then statement3  
else  
    statement4  
fi
```

The sections “else if” and “else” are optional

# The case control statement

---

```
case $variable in
$condition1)
    statements1;;
$condition2)
    statements2;;
$condition3)
    statements3;;
    ....
esac
```

# Example

---

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

```
echo -n "Enter the name of an animal: "
```

```
read ANIMAL
```

```
echo -n "The $ANIMAL has "
```

```
case $ANIMAL in
```

```
  horse | dog | cat | donkey) echo -n "four";;
```

```
  woman | man | kangaroo | chicken) echo -n "two";;
```

```
  *) echo -n "an unknown number of";;
```

```
esac
```

```
echo " legs."
```

```
mema@bowser> ./animal
```

```
Enter the name of an animal: cat
```

```
The cat has four legs.
```

```
mema@bowser> ./animal
```

```
Enter the name of an animal : pig
```

```
The pig has an unknown number of legs.
```

```
mema@bowser>
```



# Example script: math

```
#!/bin/bash
# Usage: math n1 op n2
#
case "$2" in
+)    echo "Addition requested."
      echo "$1 + $3 = `expr $1 + $3`" ;;
-)    echo "Substraction requested."
      echo "$1 - $3 = `expr $1 - $3`" ;;
\*)   echo "Multiplication requested."
      echo "$1 * $3 = `expr $1 \* $3`" ;;
/)    echo "Division requested."
      echo "$1 / $3 = `expr $1 / $3`" ;;
%)    echo "Modulo arithmetic requested."
      echo "$1 % $3 = `expr $1 % $3`" ;;
*)    echo "Unknown operation specified." ;;
esac
```

```
mema@browser> ./math 34 + 56
Addition requested.
34 + 56 = 90
mema@browser> ./math 34 - 23.3
Substraction requested.
Expr: non-numeric argument Γιατί;
34 - 23.3 =
mema@browser> ./math 34 -23
Unknown operation specified.
mema@browser> ./math 34 - 23
Substraction requested.
34 - 23 = 11
mema@browser> ./math 34 * 2
Unknown operation specified. Γιατί;
mema@browser> ./math 34 \* 2
Multiplication requested.
34 * 2 = 68
```

# for Loops

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

```
for koko in 1 2 3 4 5
do
    echo $koko
#Ektypwsh se diaforetikes grammes
done
```

```
for koko in "1 2 3 4 5"
do
    echo $koko
#Ektypwsh se mia grammh
done
```

```
NUMS="1 2 3 4 5"
for koko in $NUMS
do
    echo $koko
#Ektypwsh se diaforetikes grammes
done
```

```
for koko in `echo $NUMS`
do
    echo $koko
#Ektypwsh se diaforetikes grammes
done
```

```
LIMIT=8
#Diples parentheseis, LIMIT xwris $
for ((koko=1; koko <= LIMIT; koko++))
do
    echo $koko "loop me limit"
#Ektypwsh se diaforetikes grammes
done
```

```
mema@browser> ./forLoops
```

```
1
```

```
2
```

```
3
```

```
4
```

```
5
```

```
1 2 3 4 5
```

```
1
```

```
2
```

```
3
```

```
4
```

```
5
```

```
1
```

```
2
```

```
3
```

```
4
```

```
5
```

```
1 loop me limit
```

```
2 loop me limit
```

```
3 loop me limit
```

```
4 loop me limit
```

```
5 loop me limit
```

```
6 loop me limit
```

```
7 loop me limit
```

```
8 loop me limit
```

```
mema@browser>
```

## Another example

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

```
#Xwris lista timwn epe3ergazetai tis parametrous  
#tou programmatos
```

```
for koko  
do echo -n $koko;  
done  
echo
```

```
#how to parse some arguments from $2 until the end
```

```
for j in ${*:2}  
do  
    echo -n $j;  
done  
echo
```

```
#$2 to $4 - start at position 2 and use 3 args
```

```
for j in ${*:2:3}  
do  
    echo -n $j  
done  
echo
```

```
mema@browser> ./forLoops2 aa bb cc dd ee ff gg  
aabbccddeeffgg  
bbccddeeffgg  
bbccdd  
mema@browser>
```

# while [] do done loop example

---

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

```
var0=0
```

```
LIMIT=10
```

```
while [ "$var0" -lt "$LIMIT" ]
```

```
do
```

```
echo -n "$var0 "
```

```
var0=`expr $var0 + 1`
```

```
# var0=$(( $var0 + 1 )) also works.
```

```
# var0=$(( var0 + 1 )) also works.
```

```
# let "var0 += 1" also works.
```

```
done
```

```
echo
```

```
exit 0
```

```
mema@browser> ./whileLoops
```

```
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
```

```
mema@browser>
```

## Example: breakCont

```
#!/bin/bash
LIMIT=19 # Upper limit
echo
echo "Numbers 1 through 20 (but not 3 and 11)."  
a=0
while [ $a -le "$LIMIT" ]
do
a=$((a+1))
#Agnohse ta 3, 11
if [ "$a" -eq 3 ] || [ "$a" -eq 11 ]
    then continue; # Move on to next iteration of loop
fi
echo -n "$a " # Den ekteleitai gia ta 3 and 11.
done

echo
a=0
while [ "$a" -le "$LIMIT" ]
do
a=$((a+1))
if [ "$a" -gt 2 ]
    then break; # Skip entire rest of loop.
fi
echo -n "$a "
done

echo
```

```
mema@browser> ./breakCont
```

```
Numbers 1 through 20 (but not 3 and 11).
```

```
1 2 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20
```

```
1 2
```

```
mema@browser>
```

The command: set -- \$myvar”

**#!/bin/bash**

---

```
echo Input parameters = $#  
myvar="one two three four five six"
```

```
#split based on blank chars  
#assign to input parameters!!  
set -- $myvar
```

```
echo Input parameters = $#  
#Now prints 6
```

```
for koko  
do  
  echo $koko  
done
```

```
mema@browser> ./setProg ena dio tria tessera  
Input parameters = 4  
Input parameters = 6  
one  
two  
three  
four  
five  
six  
mema@browser>
```

# A script that prints strings in reverse

```
#!/bin/bash
# Usage: revstrs [string1 [string2 ...]]
#
for str
do
  strlen=`expr length "$str"`
  # 8a arxhsoume ektypwsh apo to telos - Prepei na
  # 3eroume mhkos
  chind=$strlen
  while [ $chind -gt 0 ]
  do
    echo -n "`expr substr \"$str\" $chind 1`"
    chind=`expr $chind - 1`
  done
  echo -n " --> "
  echo -n "$strlen"
  echo " character(s)."
done
```

```
mema@browser> ./revstrs mitsos kitsos aap fitsos pitsos paaa
sostim --> 6 character(s).
sostik --> 6 character(s).
paa --> 3 character(s).
sostif --> 6 character(s).
sostip --> 6 character(s).
aap --> 4 character(s).
mema@browser>
```



# Listing of Regular Files

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

```
OUTFILE=files.lst
```

```
dirName=${1-`pwd`} # To - dhlwnei default timh
```

```
# An den dw8ei onoma katalogou apo xrhsth
```

```
echo "The name of the directory to work in: ${dirName}"
```

```
echo "Regular files in directory ${dirName}" > $OUTFILE
```

```
# -type f means regular files
```

```
for file in "$( find $dirName -type f )"
```

```
do
```

```
  echo "$file"
```

```
done | sort >> "$OUTFILE"
```

```
# ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^
```

```
# Anakateu8ynsh ta3inomhmenou stdout
```

```
mema@browser> cd dirFoo/
```

```
mema@browser> ls
```

```
bla1 bla2 files.lst kk1
```

```
mema@browser> ../listRegFiles /home/mema/k24/bash-scripts/dirFoo/
```

```
The name of the directory to work in: /home/mema/k24/bash-scripts/dirFoo/
```

```
mema@browser> cat files.lst
```

```
Regular files in directory /home/mema/k24/bash-scripts/dirFoo/
```

```
/home/mema/k24/bash-scripts/dirFoo/bla1
```

```
/home/mema/k24/bash-scripts/dirFoo/bla2
```

```
/home/mema/k24/bash-scripts/dirFoo/files.lst
```

```
/home/mema/k24/bash-scripts/dirFoo/kk1
```

```
mema@browser>
```

## Shifting parameters in a shell script

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

```
# call with > 5 arguments
```

```
echo "All args are = $*"
for str # prints OK even with change
do
echo "The value of the iterator is: ${str} "
var=$1
shift
echo "var = $var and args = $*"
done
```

```
mema@browser> ./shiftCommand ena \
? dio tria tesera pente exi
All args are = ena dio tria tesera pente exi
The value of the iterator is: ena
var = ena and args = dio tria tesera pente exi
The value of the iterator is: dio
var = dio and args = tria tesera pente exi
The value of the iterator is: tria
var = tria and args = tesera pente exi
The value of the iterator is: tesera
var = tesera and args = pente exi
The value of the iterator is: pente
var = pente and args = exi
The value of the iterator is: exi
var = exi and args =
```

# Computing the factorial

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

```
# Usage: factorial number
```

```
if [ "$#" -ne 1 ]  
then echo "Just give one numeric argument"  
exit 1  
fi
```

```
if [ "$1" -lt 0 ]  
then echo Please give positive number  
exit 1  
fi
```

```
fact=1  
for ((i = 1; i <= $1; i++))  
do  
fact=`expr $fact \* $i`  
done  
echo $fact
```

```
mema@browser> ./factorial  
Just give one numeric argument  
mema@browser> ./factorial -2  
Please give positive number  
mema@browser> ./factorial 4  
24  
mema@browser> ./factorial 14  
87178291200  
mema@browser> ./factorial 24  
expr: *: Numerical result out of range  
expr: syntax error  
expr: syntax error  
expr: syntax error  
  
mema@browser>
```

## Size of directories

---

```
#!/bin/bash
# Usage: dirSize dirName1 ... dirNameN
#
max=0; maxdir=$1; dirs=$*;
for dir do
if [ ! -d $dir ]
    then echo "No directory with name $dir"
else
    size=`du -sk $dir | cut -f1`
    echo "Size of dir $dir is $size"
    if [ $size -ge $max ]
        then max=$size ; maxdir=$dir
    fi # if size...
fi # if directory
done
echo "$maxdir $max"
```

```
mema@browser> ./dirSize dirFoo ~/
Size of dir dirFoo/ is 8
Size of dir /home/mema/ is 19410624
/home/mema/ 19419624
```

# Print out the content of a file (in unusual ways)

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

```
# Loads this script into an array and prints array to stdout
```

```
text=( $(cat "$0" )
```

```
echo ${text}
```

```
echo " "; echo " "; echo "*****";
```

```
for ((i=0; i <= ${#text[@]} - 1; i++))
```

```
do
```

```
    # ${#text[@]}
```

```
# gives number of elements in the array
```

```
# prints on a single line separated by "..."
```

```
echo -n "${text[$i]}"
```

```
echo -n " ... "
```

```
done
```

```
echo " "; echo " "; echo "*****";
```

```
for i in `cat "${0}"`
```

```
do
```

```
#each field of the script separated by "...."
```

```
echo -n "${i}"
```

```
echo -n " .... "
```

```
done
```

```
echo " "; echo " "; echo "*****";
```

- An array is a variable containing multiple values.
- To initialize/assign elements to an array variable named text:  
text = (value1 value2 value3...)
- \${text[3]} is the value of element #3 in text array
- \${text} is same as \${text[0]} which is the value of element #0
- If index number is @ or \*, all members of an array are referenced. i.e., \${text[@]} or \${text[\*]}

# Output

```
mema@browser> ./printContents
#!/bin/bash
```

```
*****
```

```
#!/bin/bash ... # ... Loads ... this ... script ... into ... an ... array. ... text=( ...
$(cat ... "$0") ... ) ... echo ... ${text} ... echo ... " ... "; ... echo ... " ... "; ...
echo ... "*****"; ... for ... ((i=0; ... i ... <= ... ${#text[@]} ... - ... 1; ... i++)) ...
do ... # ... ${#text[@]} ... # ... gives ... number ... of ... elements ... in ... the
... array ... # ... prints ... on ... a ... single ... line ... each ... field ... separated
... by ... "..." ... echo ... ... "${text[$i]}" ... echo ... ... " ... done ... echo
... " ... "; ... echo ... " ... "; ... echo ... "*****"; ... for ... i ... in ... `cat ... "$0"` ...
do ... #each ... field ... of ... the ... script ... separated ... by ... "..." ... echo ...
... "${i}" ... echo ... ... " ... done ... echo ... " ... "; ... echo ... " ... ";
... echo ... "*****"; ...
```

```
*****
```

```
#!/bin/bash .... # .... Loads .... this .... script .... into .... an .... array. .... text=( ....
$(cat .... "$0") .... ) .... echo .... ${text} .... echo .... " .... "; .... echo .... " .... "; ....
echo .... "*****"; .... for .... ((i=0; .... i .... <= .... ${#text[@]} .... - .... 1; .... i++)) ....
do .... # .... ${#text[@]} .... # .... gives .... number .... of .... elements .... in .... the
.... array .... # .... prints .... on .... a .... single .... line .... each .... field .... separated
.... by .... "..." .... echo .... .... "${text[$i]}" .... echo .... .... " .... done .... ec
.... " .... "; .... echo .... " .... "; .... echo .... "*****"; .... for .... i .... in .... `cat .... "$0"` .
do .... #each .... field .... of .... the .... script .... separated .... by .... "..." .... echo ....
.... "${i}" .... echo .... .... " .... done .... echo .... " .... "; .... echo .... " .... ";
.... echo .... "*****"; ....
```

```
*****
```

```
mema@browser>
```

# Reading a file line by line

---

```
#!/bin/bash  
exec < "$1" #Take input from this file
```

```
while read line  
do  
  echo $line  
done
```

```
echo "All done with this file!"  
exit 0
```

# Output

```
mema@browser> ./readFile printContents
#!/bin/bash
# Loads this script into an array and prints array to stdout

text=( $(cat "$0") )

echo ${text}
echo " "; echo " "; echo "*****";

for ((i=0; i <= ${#text[@]} - 1; i++))
do
    # ${#text[@]}
    # gives number of elements in the array
    # prints on a single line separated by "..."
    echo -n "${text[$i]}"
    echo -n " ... "
done
echo " "; echo " "; echo "*****";

for i in `cat "${0}"`
do
    #each field of the script separated by "...."
    echo -n "${i}"
    echo -n " .... "
done
echo " "; echo " "; echo "*****";
```

All done with this file!



Listing of all \*.h files in a directory and output to a file

---

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

```
#search for .h files in a specific directory
```

```
#For each file in this dir, list first 3 lines in the
```

```
# file into the file "myout"
```

```
FILE_LIST=`ls /usr/include/c++/5/parallel/*.h`
```

```
touch myout; rm myout; touch myout;
```

```
for file in ${FILE_LIST}
```

```
do
```

```
echo FILE = ${file}
```

```
head -3 "${file}" >> myout
```

```
done
```

# Output

```
mema@browser> ./listAndCopy
FILE = /usr/include/gnutls/compat4.h
FILE = /usr/include/gnutls/compat8.h
FILE = /usr/include/gnutls/extra.h
FILE = /usr/include/gnutls/gnutls.h
FILE = /usr/include/gnutls/openssl.h
FILE = /usr/include/gnutls/x509.h
mema@browser> cat myout
/* defines for compatibility with older versions.
*/

#ifndef GNUTLS_COMPAT8_H
# define GNUTLS_COMPAT8_H

/*
 * Copyright (C) 2002 Nikos Mavroyanopoulos
 *
/*
 * Copyright (C) 2000,2001,2002,2003 Nikos Mavroyanopoulos
 *
/*
 * Copyright (c) 2002 Andrew McDonald <andrew@mcdonald.org.uk>
 *
/*
 * Copyright (C) 2003 Nikos Mavroyanopoulos
 *
mema@browser>
```

# Read a file and report contiguous appearances of the same word

<b>Reporting occurrences</b>	<b>format:</b>	<b>word/#of</b>	<b>contiguous</b>
------------------------------	----------------	-----------------	-------------------

```
#!/bin/bash
prev=""; cons=1;

for str in `cat ${1}`
do
  if [ "${str}" != "$prev" ]
  then
    if [ ! -z $prev ]
    then
      echo "${prev}/${cons} "
    fi
    prev=${str}
    cons=1
  else
    let "cons = cons + 1"
  fi
done
if [ ! -z prev ]
then
  echo "${prev}/${cons}"
fi
```

# Output

```
mema@browser> more test-file
```

```
this is is a test file
```

```
another example
```

```
example example of a
```

```
test test test
```

```
test file file
```

```
mema@browser> ./countword test-file
```

```
this/1
```

```
is/2
```

```
a/1
```

```
test/1
```

```
file/1
```

```
another/1
```

```
example/3
```

```
of/1
```

```
a/1
```

```
test/4
```

```
file/2
```

```
mema@browser>
```

# A small guessing game

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

```
echo -n "Enter a Number:";
```

```
read BASE;
```

```
# date +%N returns nanoseconds as output
```

```
myNumber=$(( ((`date +%N` / 1000) % ${BASE}) + 1 )
```

```
guess=-1
```

```
while [ "$guess" != "$myNumber" ];
```

```
do
```

```
echo -n "I am thinking of a number between 1  
and "${BASE}". Enter your guess:"
```

```
read guess
```

```
if [ "$guess" = "" ]; then
```

```
echo "Please enter a number."
```

```
elif [ "$guess" = "$myNumber" ]; then
```

```
echo -e "\a Yes! $guess is the correct answer!"
```

```
elif [ "$myNumber" -gt "$guess" ]; then
```

```
echo "Sought number is larger than your  
guess. Try once more."
```

```
else
```

```
echo "Sought number is smaller than your  
guess. Try once more."
```

```
fi
```

```
done
```

# Output

---

```
mema@browser> ./game.sh
```

```
Enter a Number:34
```

```
I am thinking of a number between 1 and 34. Enter your guess:17
```

```
Sought number is larger than your guess. Try once more.
```

```
I am thinking of a number between 1 and 34. Enter your guess:25
```

```
Sought number is larger than your guess. Try once more.
```

```
I am thinking of a number between 1 and 34. Enter your guess:30
```

```
Sought number is larger than your guess. Try once more.
```

```
I am thinking of a number between 1 and 34. Enter your guess:32
```

```
Yes! 32 is the correct answer!
```

# Using the exec builtin

---

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

```
exec echo "Exiting \"${0}\"."; # Exit from script here.
```

```
# -----
```

```
# The following lines never execute.
```

```
echo "This echo will never echo."
```

```
exit 99          # This script will not exit here.  
                # Check exit value after script terminates  
                # with an 'echo $?'.  
                # It will *not* be 99.
```

```
mema@browser> ./goalone  
Exiting "./goalone".  
mema@browser> echo $?  
0
```

# Spawning in-place a process with exec

---

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

```
echo
```

```
echo "This line appears ONCE in the script, yet it  
keeps echoing."
```

```
echo "The PID of this instance of the script is  
still $$."
```

```
# Demonstrates that a subshell is not forked off.
```

```
echo "===== Hit Ctl-C to exit ====="
```

```
sleep 1
```

```
exec $0 # Spawns another instance of this same script  
# that replaces the previous one.
```

```
echo "This line will never echo!" # Why not?
```

```
exit 99 # Will not exit here!  
# Exit code will not be 99!
```



# Output

```
mema@browser> ./gorepeated.sh
```

```
This line appears ONCE in the script, yet it keeps echoing.  
The PID of this instance of the script is still 21072.
```

```
===== Hit Ctl-C to exit =====
```

```
This line appears ONCE in the script, yet it keeps echoing.  
The PID of this instance of the script is still 21072.
```

```
===== Hit Ctl-C to exit =====
```

```
This line appears ONCE in the script, yet it keeps echoing.  
The PID of this instance of the script is still 21072.
```

```
===== Hit Ctl-C to exit =====
```

```
This line appears ONCE in the script, yet it keeps echoing.  
The PID of this instance of the script is still 21072.
```

```
===== Hit Ctl-C to exit =====
```

```
^C
```

```
mema@browser> echo $?
```

```
130
```

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

```
# Redirecting stdin using 'exec'.
```

```
exec 6<&0 # Link file descriptor #6 with stdin.  
# Saves stdin.
```

```
exec < data-file # stdin replaced by file "data-file"
```

```
read a1 # Reads first line of file "data-file".
```

```
read a2 # Reads second line of file "data-file."
```

```
echo
```

```
echo "Following lines read from file."
```

```
echo "-----"
```

```
echo $a1
```

```
echo $a2
```

```
echo; echo; echo
```

```
exec 0<&6 6<&-
```

```
# Now restore stdin from fd #6, where it had been saved,
```

```
# and close fd #6 ( 6<&- ) to free it for other processes to use.
```

```
# <&6 6<&- also works.
```

```
echo -n "Enter data "  
read b1 # Now "read" functions as expected,  
# reading from normal stdin.  
echo "Input read from stdin."  
echo "-----"  
echo "b1 = $b1"  
  
echo  
  
exit 0
```

# Output

---

```
mema@browser> ./goredirection.sh
```

```
Following lines read from file.
```

```
-----
```

```
today will be sunny.
```

```
let's go to the park.
```

```
Enter data tomorrow will be rainy
```

```
Input read from stdin.
```

```
-----
```

```
b1 = tomorrow will be rainy
```