

Decision Making & Loop Control



Example

```
#!/bin/bash
if [ -f /etc/fstab ];
then
    cp /etc/fstab .
    echo "Done."
else
    echo "This file does not exist."
    exit 1
fi
```

Exercise.

- Write a shell script which:
 - accepts a file name
 - checks if file exists
 - if file exists, copy the file to the same name + the current date (if the backup file already exists ask if you want to replace it).
- When done you should have the original file and one with a current date at the end.

Expressions

- Logical operators:

! negate (**NOT**) a logical expression
-a logically **AND** two logical expressions
-o logically **OR** two logical expressions

Example:

```
#!/bin/bash
echo -n "Enter a number 1 < x < 10:"
read num
if [ "$num" -gt 1 -a "$num" -lt 10 ];
then
    echo "$num*$num=$((($num*$num))"
else
    echo "Wrong insertion !"
fi
```

Expressions

- Logical operators:

&& logically **AND** two logical expressions
|| logically **OR** two logical expressions

Example:

```
#!/bin/bash
echo -n "Enter a number 1 < x < 10: "
read num
if [ "$number" -gt 1 ] && [ "$number" -lt 10 ];
then
    echo "$num*$num=$(($num*$num))"
else
    echo "Wrong insertion !"
fi
```

Example

```
$ cat iftrue.sh
```

```
#!/bin/bash
echo "Enter a path: "; read x
if cd $x; then
    echo "I am in $x and it contains"; ls
else
    echo "The directory $x does not exist";
    exit 1
fi
```

Shell Parameters

- **Positional parameters** are assigned from the shell's argument when it is invoked. Positional parameter "N" may be referenced as "\${N}", or as "\$N" when "N" consists of a single digit.

- Special parameters

\$# is the **number of parameters** passed

\$0 returns the **name of the shell script** running as well as its location in the file system

\$* gives a single word containing **all the parameters** passed to the script

\$@ gives an **array of words** containing all the parameters passed to the script

```
$ cat sparameters.sh
```

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

```
echo "$#; $0; $1; $2; $*; $@"
```

```
$ sparameters.sh arg1 arg2
```

```
2; ./sparameters.sh; arg1; arg2; arg1 arg2; arg1 arg2
```

Trash

```
$ cat trash.sh
#!/bin/bash
if [ $# -eq 1 ];
then
    if [ ! -d "$HOME/trash" ];
    then
        mkdir "$HOME/trash"
    fi
    mv $1 "$HOME/trash"
else
    echo "Use: $0 filename"
    exit 1
fi
```

Case Statement

- Used to execute statements based on specific values. Often used in place of an if statement if there are a large number of conditions.
- Value used can be an [expression](#)
- each set of statements must be ended by a [pair of semicolons](#);
- a `*`) is used to accept any value not matched with list of values

```
case $var in
  val1)
    statements;;
  val2)
    statements;;
  *)
    statements;;
esac
```


Example 1 (case.sh)

```
$ cat case.sh
#!/bin/bash
echo -n "Enter a number 1 < x < 10: "
read x
case $x in
    1) echo "Value of x is 1.";;
    2) echo "Value of x is 2.";;
    3) echo "Value of x is 3.";;
    4) echo "Value of x is 4.";;
    5) echo "Value of x is 5.";;
    6) echo "Value of x is 6.";;
    7) echo "Value of x is 7.";;
    8) echo "Value of x is 8.";;
    9) echo "Value of x is 9.";;
    0 | 10) echo "wrong number.";;
    *) echo "Unrecognized value.";;
esac
```

Example 2: The case Statement

```
#!/bin/bash
echo "Enter Y to see all files including hidden files"
echo "Enter N to see all non-hidden files"
echo "Enter q to quit"

read -p "Enter your choice: " reply

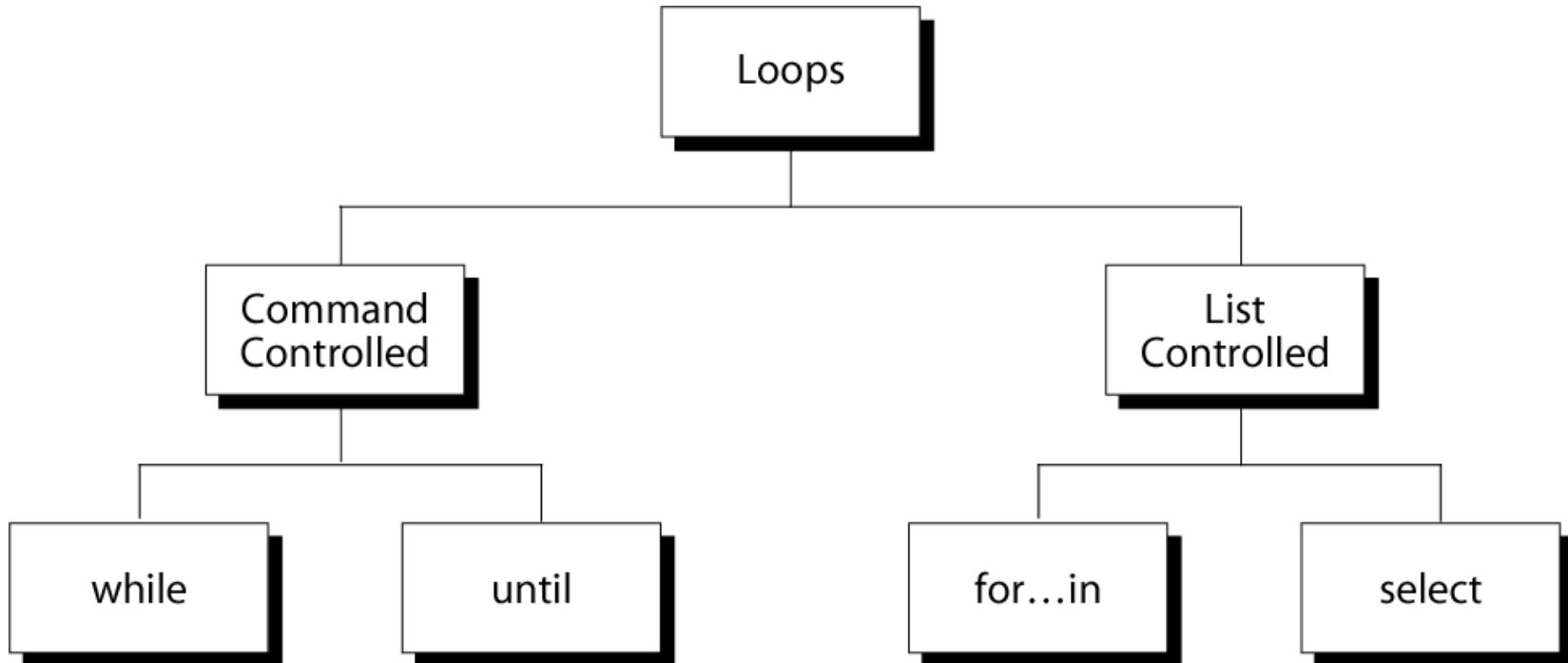
case $reply in
  Y|YES) echo "Displaying all (really...) files"
         ls -a ;;
  N|NO)  echo "Display all non-hidden files..."
         ls ;;
  Q)     exit 0 ;;

  *)    echo "Invalid choice!"; exit 1 ;;
esac
```

Example 3: The case Statement

```
#!/bin/bash
ChildRate=3
AdultRate=10
SeniorRate=7
read -p "Enter your age: " age
case $age in
    [1-9]|[1][0-2])    # child, if age 12 and younger
        echo "your rate is" '$'$ChildRate.00" ;;
    # adult, if age is between 13 and 59 inclusive
    [1][3-9]|[2-5][0-9])
        echo "your rate is" '$'$AdultRate.00" ;;
    [6-9][0-9])        # senior, if age is 60+
        echo "your rate is" '$'$SeniorRate.00" ;;
esac
```

Repetition Constructs



Iteration Statements

- The `for structure` is used when you are looping through a range of variables.

```
for var in list
do
  statements
done
```

- statements are executed with `var` set to each value in the list.
- Example

```
#!/bin/bash
let sum=0
for num in 1 2 3 4 5
do
  let "sum = $sum + $num"
done
echo $sum
```

Iteration Statements

```
#!/bin/bash
for x in paper pencil pen
do
    echo "The value of variable x is: $x"
    sleep 1
done
```

- if the list part is left off, var is set to each parameter passed to the script (\$1, \$2, \$3,...)

```
$ cat for1.sh
#!/bin/bash
for x
do
    echo "The value of variable x is: $x"
    sleep 1
done
```

```
$ for1.sh arg1 arg2
The value of variable x is: arg1
The value of variable x is: arg2
```

Example (old.sh)

```
$ cat old.sh
#!/bin/bash
# Move the command line arg files to old directory.
if [ $# -eq 0 ] #check for command line arguments
then
    echo "Usage: $0 file ..."
    exit 1
fi
if [ ! -d "$HOME/old" ]
then
    mkdir "$HOME/old"
fi
echo The following files will be saved in the old directory:
echo $*
for file in $* #loop through all command line arguments
do
    mv $file "$HOME/old/"
    chmod 400 "$HOME/old/$file"
done
ls -l "$HOME/old"
```

Example (args.sh)

```
$ cat args.sh
#!/bin/bash
# Invoke this script with several arguments: "one two three"
if [ ! -n "$1" ]; then
    echo "Usage: $0 arg1 arg2 ..." ; exit 1
fi
echo ; index=1 ;
echo "Listing args with \"\$*\":"
for arg in "$*" ;
do
    echo "Arg $index = $arg"
    let "index+=1" # increase variable index by one
done
echo "Entire arg list seen as single word."
echo ; index=1 ;
echo "Listing args with \"\$@":"
for arg in "$@" ; do
    echo "Arg $index = $arg"
    let "index+=1"
done
echo "Arg list seen as separate words." ; exit 0
```


Logic: for

```
for i in /*
do
    echo "Listing $i:"
    ls -l $i
    read
done
```

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

```
for i in 7 9 2 3 4 5
do
    echo $i
done
```

Example 2: Using the for Loop

```
#!/bin/bash
# compute the average weekly temperature

for num in 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
do
    read -p "Enter temp for day $num: " Temp
    let TempTotal=TempTotal+Temp
done

let AvgTemp=TempTotal/7
echo "Average temperature: " $AvgTemp
```

A C-like for loop

- An **alternative** form of the **for** structure is

```
for (( EXPR1 ; EXPR2 ; EXPR3 ))  
do  
    statements  
done
```

- First, the arithmetic expression EXPR1 is evaluated. EXPR2 is then evaluated repeatedly until it evaluates to 0. Each time EXPR2 is evaluates to a non-zero value, statements are executed and EXPR3 is evaluated.

```
$ cat for2.sh  
#!/bin/bash  
echo -n "Enter a number: "; read x  
let sum=0  
for (( i=1 ; $i<$x ; i=$i+1 )) ; do  
    let "sum = $sum + $i"  
done  
echo "the sum of the first $x numbers is: $sum"
```

While Statements

- The while structure is a looping structure. Used to **execute a set of commands while a specified condition is true**. The loop terminates as soon as the condition becomes false. If condition never becomes false, loop will never exit.

```
while expression
do
    statements
done
```

```
$ cat while.sh
#!/bin/bash
echo -n "Enter a number: "; read x
let sum=0; let i=1
while [ $i -le $x ]; do
    let "sum = $sum + $i"
    i=$((i+1))
done
echo "the sum of the first $x numbers is: $sum"
```

Example: Using the while Loop

```
#!/bin/bash
COUNTER=0
while [ $COUNTER -lt 10 ]
do
    echo The counter is $COUNTER
    let COUNTER=$COUNTER+1
done
```

Menu

```
$ cat menu.sh
#!/bin/bash
clear ; loop=y
while [ "$loop" = y ] ;
do
  echo "Menu"; echo "===="
  echo "D: print the date"
  echo "W: print the users who are currently log on."
  echo "P: print the working directory"
  echo "Q: quit."
  echo
  read -s choice          # silent mode: no echo to terminal
  case $choice in
    D | d) date ;;
    W | w) who ;;
    P | p) pwd ;;
    Q | q) loop=n ;;
    *) echo "Illegal choice." ;;
  esac
  echo
done
```

Find a Pattern and Edit

```
$ cat grepedit.sh
#!/bin/bash
# Edit argument files $2 ..., that contain pattern $1
if [ $# -le 1 ]
then
  echo "Usage: $0 pattern file ..." ; exit 1
else
  pattern=$1           # Save original $1
  shift               # shift the positional parameter to the left by 1
  while [ $# -gt 0 ]  # New $1 is first filename
  do
    grep "$pattern" $1 > /dev/null
    if [ $? -eq 0 ] ; then # If grep found pattern
      vi $1                # then vi the file
    fi
    shift
  done
fi
$ grepedit.sh while ~
```

Example: Using the while Loop

```
#!/bin/bash
# copies files from home- into the webserver-
# directory
# A new directory is created every hour

PICSDIR=/home/carol/pics
WEBDIR=/var/www/carol/webcam
while true; do
    DATE=`date +%Y%m%d`
    HOUR=`date +%H`
    mkdir $WEBDIR/"$DATE"
    while [ $HOUR -ne "00" ]; do
        DESTDIR=$WEBDIR/"$DATE"/"$HOUR"
        mkdir "$DESTDIR"
        mv $PICSDIR/*.jpg "$DESTDIR"/
        sleep 3600
        HOUR=`date +%H`
    done
done
```


Continue Statements

- The `continue` command causes a jump to the next iteration of the loop, skipping all the remaining commands in that particular loop cycle.

```
$ cat continue.sh
```

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

```
LIMIT=19
```

```
echo
```

```
echo "Printing Numbers 1 through 20 (but not 3 and 11)"
```

```
a=0
```

```
while [ $a -le "$LIMIT" ]; do
```

```
    a=$((a+1))
```

```
    if [ "$a" -eq 3 ] || [ "$a" -eq 11 ]
```

```
    then
```

```
        continue
```

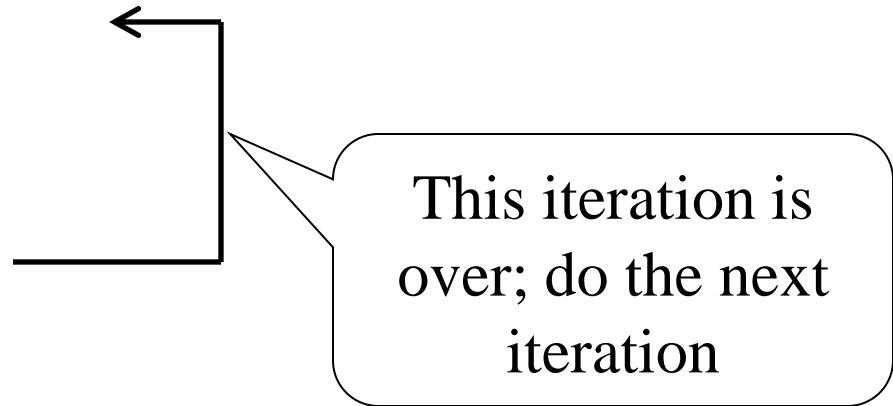
```
    fi
```

```
    echo -n "$a "
```

```
done
```

The continue

```
while [ condition ]  
do  
    cmd-1  
    continue  
    cmd-n  
done  
echo "done"
```



Break Statements

- The `break` command **terminates the loop** (breaks out of it).

```
$ cat break.sh
```

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

```
LIMIT=19
```

```
echo
```

```
echo "Printing Numbers 1 through 20, but something happens after 2 ... "
```

```
a=0
```

```
while [ $a -le "$LIMIT" ]
```

```
do
```

```
  a=$((a+1))
```

```
  if [ "$a" -gt 2 ]
```

```
  then
```

```
    break
```

```
  fi
```

```
  echo -n "$a "
```

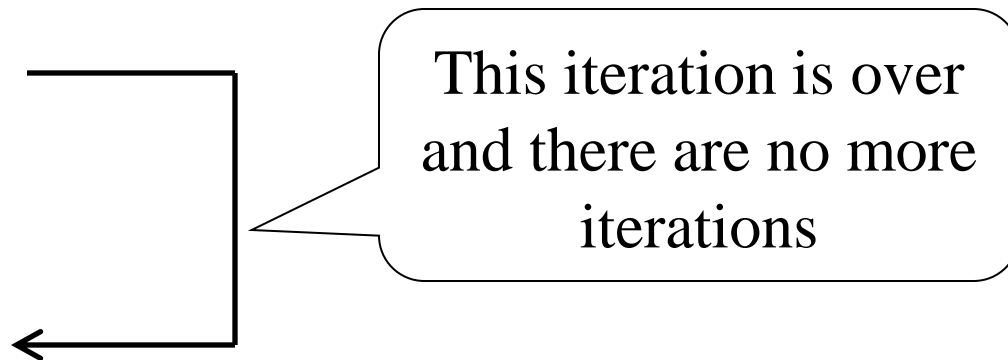
```
done
```

```
echo; echo; echo
```

```
exit 0
```

The break

```
while [ condition ]  
do  
    cmd-1  
    break  
    cmd-n  
done  
echo "done"
```



Example:

```
for index in 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
do
    if [ $index -le 3 ]; then
        echo "continue"
        continue
    fi
    echo $index
    if [ $index -ge 8 ]; then
        echo "break"
        break
    fi
done
```

Until Statements

- The `until` structure is very similar to the `while` structure. The `until` structure **loops until the condition is true**. So basically it is “until this condition is true, do this”.

```
until [expression]
do
    statements
done
```

```
$ cat countdown.sh
#!/bin/bash
echo "Enter a number: "; read x
echo ; echo Count Down
until [ "$x" -le 0 ]; do
    echo $x
    x=$(( $x - 1 ))
    sleep 1
done
echo ; echo GO !
```

Example: Using the until Loop

```
#!/bin/bash

Stop="N"
until [ $Stop = "Y" ]; do
    ps -A
    read -p "want to stop? (Y/N)" reply
    Stop=`echo $reply | tr [:lower:] [:upper:]`
done
echo "done"
```

Manipulating Strings

- Bash supports a number of **string manipulation operations**.

`${#string}` gives the string **length**

`${string:position}` extracts **sub-string** from \$string at \$position

`${string:position:length}` extracts **\$length characters of sub-string** from \$string at \$position

- Example

```
$ st=0123456789
```

```
$ echo ${#st}
```

```
10
```

```
$ echo ${st:6}
```

```
6789
```

```
$ echo ${st:6:2}
```

```
67
```


Parameter Substitution

- Manipulating and/or expanding variables

`${parameter-default}`, if parameter not set, use default.

```
$ echo ${username-`whoami`}
alice
$ username=bob
$ echo ${username-`whoami`}
bob
```

`${parameter=default}`, if parameter not set, set it to default.

```
$ unset username
$ echo ${username=`whoami`}
$ echo $username
alice
```

`${parameter+value}`, if parameter set, use value, else use null string.

```
$ echo ${username+bob}
bob
```

Parameter Substitution

`${parameter?msg}`, if parameter set, use it, else print msg

```
$ value=${total?'total is not set'}
total: total is not set
$ total=10
$ value=${total?'total is not set'}
$ echo $value
10
```

Example

```
#!/bin/bash
OUTFILE=symlinks.list           # save file
directory=${1-`pwd`}
for file in “$( find $directory -type l )”
                                # -type l == symbolic links
do
    echo “$file”
done | sort >> “$HOME/$OUTFILE”
exit 0
```