```
#include <string.h>
#define MAXPAROLA 30
#define MAXRIGA 80
   int freq[MAXPAROLA]; /* vettore di contatori
delle frequenze delle lunghezze delle parole
   f = fopen(argv[1], "rf");
if(f==NULL)
```

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Shell scripts

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Introduction to shell scripts

- Shell languages are interpreted languages
 - > There is no explicit compilation
- Pros & Cons
 - > Shell available in every UNIX / Linux environment
 - > Faster production cycle
 - Lower run-time efficiency
 - > Fewer debugging possibilities
- Used to write software
 - "Quick and dirty"
 - Sometimes a prototype, which is then translated into a low-level language such as C

Introduction to scripts

BASH vs. Python (and other)

- Choice
 - The main strength of BASH with respect to other languages (python, ruby, lua, etc.) is its ubiquity
 - If the number of code lines is less than 100, it is better to choose BASH, otherwise Python

Introduction to scripts

BASH vs. Python (and other)

Performance

- To have high performance write a program not a script
- The BASH interpreter is very fast to start (starting phase)
- If you need to manipulate ASCII files, or heavily use shell commands or filters like sort, uniq, etc., BASH is more suitable and faster ("will smoke Python performance wise")
- If you need to manipulate floating point numbers
 Python is convenient ("will win hands down")

Introduction to shell scripts

- Scripts
 - Are normally stored in files with .sh extension (or .bash)
 - But recall that the extensions are not used UNIX/Linux to determine the file type
- They can be executed using two techniques
 - Direct execution
 - Indirect execution

Direct execution

```
./scriptname args
```

- The script is executed from the command line as a normal executable file
 - > The script file must have the execute permission
 - chmod +x ./scriptname
 - ➤ The first line of the script can specify the name of the script interpreter
 - #!/bin/bash Or #!/bin/sh
 - It is possible to execute the script using a specific shell
 - bin/bash ./scriptname args

Direct execution

./scriptname args

- The script is executed by a sub-shell
 - > i.e., by a new shell process
 - Environment (variables) of the original process and of the new one are not the same
 - Changes to the environment variables made by the script, and used within the script, are lost at exit

Indirect execution

source ./scriptname args

- The source command executes the script given as its argument
 - > It is the current shell to run the script
 - "The current shell sources the script"
 - ➤ It is not necessary that the script is executable
 - ➤ The changes made by the script to environment variables remain in effect in the current shell

Example: direct and indirect execution

Direct execution:

> scriptName.sh<return>
The shell executes the script as a sub-shell. Executing exit the subshell terminates. The initial process resumes control.

```
#!/bin/bash
# NULL Script
exit 0
```

indicates a comment

Indirect execution:

> source scriptName.sh<return>
The shell executes the script. Executing
exit the shell process terminates
(i.e., you kill the starting/original shell)

Script debugging

- There are not specific tools to debug bash scripts
 - ➤ It is obviously always possible to add explicit "echo"
- However, it is possible to "debug" a script in the following way
 - Full (the whole script)
 - It is obtained by indicating a "debug" option at the level of the entire script
 - Partial (only a few lines of the script)
 - It is obtained by indicating a "debug" option at the level of some lines of the script using the set command

Script debugging

- Possible options for both partial and full debug
 - > -o noexec, -n
 - Executes a syntactic check, but the script is not executed
 - > -o verbose, -v
 - Displays the executed commands
 - > -o xtrace, -x
 - Displays the execution trace of the entire script
 - > -o nounset, -u
 - Prints a error for undefined variables

Script debugging

Fully debug

- > From a shell command
 - /bin/bash -n ./scriptname args
- > Inside the script
 - #!/bin/bash -v
 - #!/bin/bash -x
 - ...

Partial debug

- set -o verbose ... set +o verbose
- set -v ... set +v
- set -x ... set +x

Syntax: general rules

- The bash language is relatively "high level", and it allows to mix
 - > Standard shell commands
 - ls, wc, find, grep, ...
 - > Standard constructs of the shell language
 - Input and output variables and parameters, operators (arithmetic, logic, etc.), control constructs (conditional, iterative), arrays, functions, etc.
- Often instructions/commands are written in separate lines
 - > on the same line, they must be separated by ';'

Syntax: general rules

Comments

- Character # indicates the presence of a comment on the line
- ➤ A comment begins by character # and terminates at the end of line
- exit allows terminating a script returning an error code
 - > exit
 - > exit [0|1|2|3|...]
 - In shell, 0 means TRUE

Example of shell commands

Absolute path

```
#!/bin/bash
# This line is a comment
rm -rf ./../newDir/
                         ';' superfluous
mkdir ./../newDir/
cp * ../newDir/
ls ../newDir/ ;
# 0 is TRUE in shell programming
exit 0
                      From the calling shell:
                            echo $?
                           returns 0
```

Arguments

the parameters to the left

(\$0 remains unchanged)

- The arguments of the command line passed to the script are identified by \$
 The shift command shifts
- Positional parameters
 - > \$0 is the script name
 - > \$1, \$2, \$3, ... indicate the arguments passed to the script on the command line
- Special parameters
 - > \$* Is the entire list (string) of arguments (excluding the script name)
 - > \$# Is the number of parameters (excluding the script name)
 - > \$\$ Is the process PID

Argument passing example

```
#!/bin/bash
# Using command line parameters
echo "Running process is $0"
echo "Parameters: $1 $2 $3 etc."
echo "Number of parameters $#"
echo "List of parameters $*"
shift
echo "Parameters: $1 $2 $3 etc."
shift
echo "Parameters: $1 $2 $3 etc."
exit 0
```

The "..." (double quotes) expand the variables

\$0, \$1, etc. can also be written outside

\$0 remains unchanged; consequently \$1=\$2, \$2=\$3, etc.

Again \$0 remains unchanged; consequently \$1=\$2, \$2=\$3, etc.

Variables

- Variables can be
 - Local (shell variables)
 - Available only in the current shell
 - Global (environment variables)
 - Available in all sub-shells
 - Are exported by the current shell to all the process executed by the shell

Variables

- Main features of shell variables
 - Are not declared
 - A variable is created by assigning a value to the variable name
 - > Are case sensitive
 - Var, VAR, and var are different variables
 - > Some names are reserved for special purposes
- The list of all defined variables and associated value is displayed by command set
- The unset command clears the value of a variable
 - unset name

Local (shell) variables

- Characterized by a name and associated content
 - > The content specifies the type
 - Constant, string, integer, vector or matrix
 - The contents associated to a name are strings (even if a string can be interpreted as a numeric value)
 - Setting
 - name="value"
 - Usage
 - \$name

No blanks around '='

Double quotes are mandatory if the string includes blank characters

Examples

```
> var=Hello
> echo $var
Hello
> var=7+5
> echo $var
7+5
> i="Hello world!"
> echo $i
Hello world!
> i=$i" Bye!!!"
> echo $i
Hello world! Bye!!!
> i=Hello world
> world: command not found
```

Variables are strings!!

Strings concatenation

Assign an arithmetic expression to a variable (more details later)

Assignment is incorrect (do to the blank)
Use quotes

```
> let var=7+5
> echo $var
12
```

Global (environment) variables

- The export command allows creating an environment variable visible by other processes
 - export name
- Notice that
 - Some environment variable names are predefined and reserved
 - When a shell is executed these variables are automatically initialized starting from "environment" values
 - > These variable names are typically uppercase
 - Can be displayed by means of the printerv (or env) command

Example: local and global variable

```
> v=one
> echo $v
one
> bash
> ps -l
... Two bashes running
> echo $v

> exit
> echo $v
one
```

This variable is not set

```
Current shell local variable
```

```
> v=one
> echo $v
one
> export v
> bash
> ps -l
... Two bashes running
> echo $v
one
> exit
> echo $v
one
```

Global variable because it has been exported by the sub-shell

Example: variables

Clear video

```
#!/bin/bash
clear
echo "Hello, $USER!"
echo
echo "List logged users"
w #or who
echo "Set two local variables"
COLOR="black"; VALUE="9"
echo "String: $COLOR"
echo "Number: $VALUE"
echo
echo "Completed"
#exit
```

w: shows the logged users

Set commands on the same line

Also without explicit exit

Partial list

Predefined variables

Variable	Meaning
\$?	Stores the return value of the last process: 0 on success, other than 0 (between 1 and 255) on error. Value 0 corresponds to the TRUE value (unlike in C language)
\$SHELL	Current shell
\$LOGNAME	Username used for login
\$HOME	User home directory
\$PATH	List of the directories, delimited by ':' used for searching the executable files and commands
\$PS1 \$PS2	Main prompt (usually '\$' for users, '#' for root) Auxiliary prompt (usually '>')
\$IFS	Lists the characters that delimits the "words" in an input string (see read shell command)

Examples

```
$ PS1="> "
> echo $HOME
...
> v=$PS1
> echo $PS1
...
> PS1="myPrompt > "
myPrompt > echo $v
...
```

shell prompt modifications

Return value of a command (0=TRUE)

```
> myExe
myExe: command not found
> PATH=$PATH:.
> myExe
... myExe running ...
```

PATH modification, adding current directory

```
> ls foo
ls: cannot access foo:
No such file or directory
> echo $?
2
> ls bar*
bar.txt
> echo $?
0
```

Read from stdin

- The read function allows reading a line from standard input
- Syntax
 - read [options] var₁ var₂ ... var_n
 - read can be possibly followed by a list of variables
 - The "words" of the read line will be assigned in turn to each variable
 - Possible excess words are all stored (as a string) in the last variable
 - If no variables are specified, the complete input string is stored in variable REPLY

Read from stdin

Supported options

- -n nchars
 - Returns after reading nchars characters without waiting for newline
- -t timeout
 - Timeout on reading
 - Returns 1 if a string is not typed within timeout seconds
- etc.

Examples: read from stdin

> read v
input line string
> echo \$v
input line string

Input string assigned to variable **v**

2 variables, but input string includes 3 words

Input string assigned to the default variable REPLY

> read v1 v2
input line string
> echo \$v1
input
> echo \$v2
line string

- > read
- > One two three
- > echo \$REPLY

One two three

> read

One two three

- > v=\$REPLY
- > echo \$v

One two three

Exercise

Write a bash script that takes two integer numbers and prints their sum and product

```
-n no newline
```

from stdin

Arithmetic expression (more detail later)

```
#!/bin/bash
# Sum and product
echo -n "Reading n1:
read n1
echo -n "Reading n2: "
read n2
let s=n1+n2
let p=n1*n2
echo "Sum: $s"
echo "Product: $p"
exit 0
```

No blanks around =, +, *

exit 0

Exercise

- Write a bash script that reads a username, and displays her/his number of logins
 - The list of logged users is produced by command who or w

 Use of shell

Exercise

Write a bash script that reads a string, and displays its length

```
#!/bin/bash
# String length
                                   echo -n = no new line
echo "Type a word: "
read word
# echoing without newline | word count chars
l=\$(echo -n \$word | wc -c)
                                       --chars = -c = # of chars
                                       --bytes = -b = # of bytes
echo "Word $word is $1 characters long"
exit 0
```

Write to stdout

- Output on stdout can be performed using
 - > echo
 - > printf
- Function printf syntax is similar to C language printf
 - Uses escape characters
 - It is not necessary to delimit fields by ","

Write to stdout

echo

- Displays its arguments, delimited by blank, and terminated by newline
- Options
 - -n eliminates the newline
 - -e interprets escaped (\...) characters
 - \b backspace
 - \n newline
 - \t tab
 - \\ backslash
 - etc.

Examples: I/O

```
echo "Printing with a newline"
echo -n "Printing without newline"
echo -e "Deal with \n escape \t\t characters"
printf "Printing without newline"
printf "%s \t%s\n" "Hello. It's me:" "$HOME"
```

Output: Hello. It's me: /home/scanzio

I & O together inside the same script

```
#!/bin/bash
# Interactive input/output
echo -n "Insert a sentence: "
read w1 w2 others
echo "Word 1 is: $w1"
echo "Word 2 is: $w2"
echo "The rest of the line is: $others"
exit 0
```

Arithmetic expressions

- Several notations can be used for defining arithmetic expressions
 - Command let "..."
 - Double parentheses ((...))
 - Square parentheses [...]
 - Syntactic statement expr
 - Evaluates an expression by means of a new shell
 - Less efficient
 - Normally not used

Notice that an arithmetic expression is evaluated as TRUE (exit status) IFF it is not 0 expression $!=0 \rightarrow FALSE$ exit status= $0 \rightarrow TRUE$

Examples

Alternative syntaxes for arithmetic expressions

Use of ((e))

Use of let

```
> i=1
> let v1=i+1
> let "v2 = i + 1"
> let v3=$i+1
> echo $i $v1 $v2 $v3
1 2 2 2
```

```
> i=1
> ((v1=i+1))
> ((v2=$i+1))
> v3=$(($i+1))
> v4=$((i+1))
> echo $i $v1 $v2 $v3 $v4
1 2 2 2 2
```

Use of [e]

```
> i=1
> v1=$[$i+1]
> v2=$[i+1]
> echo $i $v1 $v2
1 2 2
```

If it is not between "..." the expression **cannot** include blanks

- The conditional statement if-then-fi
 - Checks if the exit status of a sequence of commands is equal to 0
 - Recall: 0=TRUE in UNIX shell
 - > If so, it executes one or more commands
- The statement can also include an else condition statement
 - if-then-else-fi
 - which allows also performing nested checks
 - if-then-...-if-then-...-fi-fi
 - if-then-elif-...-fi

```
# Syntax 1
if condExpr
then
   statements
fi
```

Statement on a single line: ';' is mandatory

```
# Syntax 2
if condExpr ; then
   statements
fi
```

Standard format

With else

```
# Syntax 3
if condExpr
then
   statements
else
   statements
fi
```

Nested

if-then-else-fi
can be written as
if-then-elif-fi

```
# Syntax 4
if condExpr
then
   statements
elif condExpr
then
   statements
else
   statements
fi
```

condExpr

Conditional expressions can use two syntactic flavors

```
# Syntax 1
test param op param
```

Different operators for

- Numbers
- Strings
- Logical values
- Files and directories

```
# Syntax 2
[ param op param ]
```

Square parentheses must be **delimited by a blank**

Operators for numbers	
-eq	==
-ne	!=
-gt	>
-ge	>=
-lt	<
-le	<=
!	! (not)

Operators for files and directories		
-d	Argument is a directory	
-f	Argument is a regular file	
-е	Argument exists	
-r	Argument has read permission	
-w	Argument has write permission	
-X	Argument has execution permission	
-S	Argument has non-null dimension	

Operators for strings		
=	strcmp	
!=	!strcmp	
-n string	non NULL string	
-z string	NULL (empty) string	

Logical operators		
!	NOT	
-a	AND (inside [])	
-0	OR (inside [])	
&&	AND (in a sequence of commands)	
11	OR (in a sequence of commands)	

Examples

```
if [ 0 ] # true, interpreted as a string
if [ 1 ] # true
if [ -1 ] # true
if [ ] # NULL is false
if [ str ] # a random string is true,
# e.g., "abc" or abc is true Test on numbers
```

```
if [ $v1 -eq $v2 ]
then
  echo "v1==v2"
fi
```

```
or
if test $v1 -eq $v2
```

```
if [ $v1 -lt 10 ]
then
  echo "$v1 < 10"
else
  echo "$v1 >= 10"
fi
```

Examples: file check

```
if [ "$a" -eq 24 -a "$s" = "str" ]; then
...
fi
```

AND of conditions

```
Equivalent format ([ = test command)

if [ "$a" -eq 24 ] && [ "$s" = "str" ]

if [[ "$a" -eq 24 && "$s" = "str" ]]
```

```
if [ $recursiveSearch -eq 1 -a -d $2 ]
then
  find $2 -name *.c > $3
else
  find $2 -maxdepth 1 *.c > $3
fi
```

Examples: string check

```
if [ $string = "abc" ]; then
  echo "string \"abc\" found"
fi
```

Test on strings

```
If $string is null (e.g., return from input) the syntax is
incorrect because is evaluated as: [ = "abc" ]

Use double quotes for a error resistant syntax:
   if [ "$string" = "abc" ]; then
which would be evaluated as: [ "" = "abc" ]
```

```
if [ -f foo.c ]; then
  echo "foo.c is in this directory"
fi
```

Test on file

Examples: whole script

#!/bin/sh

Reading string from stdin
Check the string
Display of the output

```
echo -n "Is it morning (yes/no)? "
read string
if [ "$string" = "yes" ]; then
  echo "Good morning"
else
  echo "Good afternoon"
fi
exit 0
```

Examples: whole script

#!/bin/sh

Reading string from stdin
Check the string
Display of the output
Use of elif

```
echo -n "Is it morning (yes/no)? "
read string
if [ "$string" = "yes" ]; then
  echo "Good morning"
elif [ "$string" = "no" ]; then
  echo "Good afternoon"
else
  echo "Sorry, wrong answer"
fi
exit 0
```

Iterative statement for-in

- Statement for-in (for var in list)
 - Executes the commands, for each value taken by variable var
 - > The list of values can be given
 - Explicitly (list)
 - Implicitly (result of shell commands di shell, wildcards, etc.)

```
# Syntax 1
for var in list
do
    statements
done
```

```
# Syntax 2
for var in list; do
   statements
done
```

Remark: definite construct, i.e., iterates a **predefined** number of times

Examples: for with list

```
for foo in 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 do echo $foo done
```

Displays a list of "numbers"

```
for str in foo bar echo charlie tango do echo $str
```

done

Displays a list of strings

```
num="2 4 6 9 2.3 5.9"
for file in $num
do
   echo $file
done
```

Displays a list of numbers using a variable (arrays, see later)

Examples: for and wild-chars

```
Iterates on the parameter
    of the scripts

for i in $*; do
    echo "par #" $n = $i
    let n=n+1
    done
```

for f in \$(ls | grep txt); do
 chmod g+x \$f
done

```
rm -f number.txt
for i in $(echo {1..50})
do
   echo -n "$i " >> number.txt
done
```

Displays all the parameters received on the command line

Change privileges to specific files

Append the numbers from 1 to 50 to file number.txt, in the same line and separated by a space

'>' would overwrite
number.txt at every
iteration

Examples: for and wild-chars

Remove files with name beginning by a OR b

```
for file in [ab]*; do
  rm -fr $file
  echo "Removing file $file"
done
```

Changes the privileges of files with name including digit 7

for f in \$(ls | grep 7); do chmod g+x \$f; done

Iterative statement while-do-done

- Iterates while the condition is true
 - > the number of iterations is unknown

```
# Syntax 1
while [ cond ]
do
    statements
done
```

```
# Syntax 2
while [ cond ] ; do
   statements
done
```

exit 0

Example

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

Displays 10 times a message

```
limit=10
var=0
while [ "$var" -lt "$limit" ]
do
    echo "Here var is equal to $var"
    let var=var+1
done
```

Example

```
Displays a message
#!/bin/bash
                                         until the correct
                                          string is given
echo "Enter password: "
read myPass
while [ "$myPass" != "secret" ]; do
  echo "Sorry. Try again."
  read myPass
done
exit 0
```

Example of read with stdin redirection

#!/bin/bash

Reads complete lines from stdin

n=1
while read row
do

echo "Row \$n: \$row"

let n=n+1

done < in.txt > out.txt

exit 0

writing
echo ... > out.txt
implies to rewrite file out.txt
at any iteration. You can use:
echo ... >> out.txt

Writing
while read row < in.txt
will always re-read the first
line of the file

Constant filenames.

Possibility to use parameters or variables: ... <\$1 > \$var

Since the while-do-done statement is considered to be unique, the redirection (of I/O) must be done at the end of the statement

Exercise

- Write a bash script that
 - Takes two integers n1 and n2 from command line, otherwise reads them from stdin (if not present)
 - Display a matrix of n1 rows and n2 columns of increasing integer values starting from 0
 - > Example

```
> ./myScript 3 4
0 1 2 3
4 5 6 7
8 9 10 11
```

Solution

```
#!/bin/bash
if [ $# -lt 2 ] ; then
  echo -n "Values: "
  read n1 n2
else
  n1=$1
  n2=$2
fi
```

Double loop for displaying the values

Reads input data

```
n=0
r=0
while [ $r -lt $n1 ] ; do
  c=0
  while [ $c -lt $n2 ] ; do
    echo -n "$n "
    let n=n+1
    let c=c+1
  done
  let r=r+1
  echo
done
exit 0
```

Break, continue and ':'

- break and continue statements have the same meaning in shell and in C language
 - break: unstructured exit from the cycle
 - > continue: skip to the next iteration of the cycle
- Character ':' can be used
 - For creating "null instructions"

```
■ if [ -d "$file" ]; then
```

- # Empty instruction
- fi
- For indicating a TRUE condition
 - while :
 - equivalent to while [0]

Arrays

- bash define also one-dimensional arrays
 - Any variable can be defined as an array
 - Explicit declaration is not required (but possible with the declare construct)
 - No restriction
 - On the dimension of the array
 - On the use of contiguous indices
 - Indices usually start from 0
 - Zero-base indexing, as in C language

Arrays in shell are **not** associative (no hashing)

Arrays

Suppose name is the name of a vector

- Definition
 - Element-wise

A new element can be created at any time

- name[index]="value"
- By means of a list of values
 - name = (list of values separated by blanks)
- > Reference
 - A single element
 - \$ {name[index]}
 - All elements
 - \${name[*]}

The use of {} is mandatory

* or @

Arrays

- Number of elements
 - \$ \$ { #name [*] }
- Length of the i-th element (number of characters)
 - \$ \$ { #name [i] }
- Statement unset eliminates
 - > an element
 - unset name[index]
 - > an array
 - unset name

Examples: arrays

Initialized by a list

```
> vet=(1 2 5 hello)
> echo ${vet[0]}
1
> echo ${vet[*]}
1 2 5 hello
> echo ${vet[1-2]}
2 5
> vet[4]=bye
> echo ${vet[*]}
1 2 5 hello bye
```

Elimination

Non contiguous

indexes

```
> unset vet[0]
> echo ${vet[*]}
2 5 hello bye
> unset vet
> echo ${vet[*]}
> vet[5]=100
> vet[10]=50
> echo ${var[*]}
100 50
```

Exercise

Write a bash script that

- Reads a sequence of numbers, one per line, ending by 0
- > Displays the values read in inverse order
- > Example

```
Input n1: 14
...
Input n10: 123
Input n11: 0
Output: 123 ... 14
```

Solution

```
or:
#!/bin/bash
i=0
while [ 0 ]; do
  echo -n "Input $i: "
  read v
  if [ "$v" -eq "0" ] ; then
    break;
  fi
  vet[$i]=$v
  let i=i+1
done
```

Output in inverse order

Input

echo \$ {vet [*]}
would display the
elements in the same
order and separated
by a space

```
echo
let i=i-1
while [ "$i" -ge "0" ]
do
   echo "Output $i: ${vet[$i]}"
   let i=i-1
done
exit 0
```