UNIX/Linux Operating System

Bash script exercises

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Exercise

- Write a bash script that computes the values of a function f(x) for all the triples of integer values stored in a file
  - $f(x) = 3 \cdot x^2 + 4 \cdot y + 5 \cdot z$
  - Example

```
1   1   2   17
2   1   3   31
1   3   4   35
```

File content

Output values

  - The name of the file must be passed from command line
  - Write two versions of the script using **while** and **for** statements, respectively

Solution 1

Using a **for** loop

Reads from file **one value at a time** because the output of the command goes in a list of strings

```
#!/bin/bash

flag=1
for val in $(cat $1)
do
    if [ $flag -eq 1 ]
    then
      let f=3*val*val
    elif [ $flag -eq 2 ]
    then
      let f=f+4*val
    elif [ $flag -eq 3 ]
    then
      let f=f+5*val
      flag=0
      echo -n "$f "
    fi
    let flag=flag+1
done

exit 0
```

Solution 2

Using the **while** loop (reads a line at a time)

Reads a line and the string is assigned to variable **line**

```
#!/bin/bash

while read line
do
    flag=1
    for val in $line
    do
        if [ $flag -eq 1 ]
        then
          let f=3*val*val
        elif [ $flag -eq 2 ]
        then
          let f=f+4*val
        elif[ $flag -eq 3 ]
        then
          let f=f+5*val
        fi
        let flag=flag+1
    done
    echo -n "$f "
done < $1
```

Parsing the line

Loop on file lines

Solution 3

Using the while loop
(reads three values at a time)

Values read from
file three at a time!

```
#!/bin/bash

while read x y z
do
  let f=3*x*x+4*y+5*z
  echo -n "$f "
done < $1

exit 0
```

Loop on file lines

Exercise

- Write a bash script that displays the content of
  - All files of the current directory
  - With "`.c`" extension
  - That include string "`POSIX`"

Solution

```
#!/bin/bash
for file in $(ls *.c); do
  grep --quiet "POSIX" $file
  if [ $? -eq 0 ]
  then
    more $file
  fi
done
exit 0

# Alternative (single command):
# more $(grep  POSIX *.c -l)
# Notice the difference !!:
# grep -l POSIX *.c | more
```

grep
1) -q, --quiet, avoids printing the found line
2) If a file is found, returns (echo $?) 0 i.e., the condition is TRUE

grep -l
displays only the filenames matching the string POSIX

Exercise

- Write a bash script that
  - Takes a filename from command line
  - The file contains two columns of data
  - Example

    7 3

    2 23

    5 0
  - The script must overwrite the file swapping the two columns
  - Note that output and input files are the same

Solution

```
#!/bin/bash

file="tmp"

while read var1 var2
do
  echo $var2 $var1
done <$1 >$file

mv -f $file $1

exit 0
```

Uses a temporary file ...

... renamed at the end of the script

Exercise

- Write a bash script that
  - Takes a filename from command line
  - Displays the file content
    - A line at a time, prepending the line number
    - A string at a time, prepending the string number

Solution

```
#!/bin/bash
n=1
while read line          # read a line
do
  echo "$n: $line"
  let n=n+1
done < $1                # Redirection !
n=1
for str in `cat $1`      # read a word
do
  echo "$n: $str"
  let n=n+1
done
```

Exercise

- Write a bash script that
  - Takes a filename from command line
  - Reads a sequence of integer number from the file
  - Each number represents a histogram bin value
  - Displays a horizontal histogram using '*'
  - Example

File content

```
1
3
5
4
2
```

Output

```
*
***
*****
****
**
```

Solution

```
#!/bin/bash

for n in $(cat $1)
do
  i=1
  while [ $i -le $n ]
  do
    echo -n "*"
    let i=i+1
  done
  echo
done

exit 0
```

Reads a number at a time

Prints without newline

Prints a newline

Exercise

- Write a bash script that
  - Takes a set of strings from command line
  - The first string is a directory name
  - The others are filenames
    - `$ myScript dir file1 file2 ... filen`
- The script
  - Creates the directory if it does not exist
  - For each file, ask the user if the file should be copied in the destination directory **`dir`**
  - Copy only files confirmed by the user

Solution

```
#!/bin/bash

if [ $# -le 1 ]
then
  echo "Run: $0 dir file1 file2 ..."
  exit 1
fi

if [ ! -d $1 ]
then
  echo "Create directory $1"
  mkdir $1
fi
```

Solution 1

```
for i in $*
do
  if [ $i != $1 ]
  then
    echo -n "$i in $1 (y/n)? "
    read choice
    if [ $choice = "y" ] ; then
      cp $i $1
      if [ $? ]
      then
        echo "Copy done for $1/$i"
      else
        echo "Error for $1"
      fi
    fi
  fi
done

exit 0
```

P.S.: $* does not include the name of the program

Skip the first parameter

Solution 2

```
dir=$1
shift
for i in $*
do
  echo -n "$i in $dir (y/n)? "
  read choice
  if ["$choice" = "y" ] ; then
    if cp $i $dir
    then
      echo "Copy done for $dir/$i"
    else
      echo "Error copying $i"
    fi
  fi
done
exit 0
```

The command line arguments are shifted to the left

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Exercise: from exam

- The **df** file command shows the disk space available on the file system containing files
- Example

```
df /data/backup
Fifesystem 1K-blocks Used Avaifable Use% Mounted on
/dev/sda7 41L1A492 5881472 33174616 16% /data
```

  - The second, third and fourth fields show the total space used and available on the flle system containing /data/backup
  - Fields are separated with spaces
  - Suppose no other separating character is used and spaces do not appear anywhere else

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Exercise: from exam

- Write a script that receives the path of a source file and a destination path, and
  - Check the correct passage of the parameters to the script
  - Make in background a copy of the source file in the destination path
  - Analyze the space occupied on the destination path at regular intervals of one second, displaying on the screen the percentage of progress of the copy operation

The command **sleep n** can be used to block the script for **n** seconds

Solution

```
#!/bin/bash
if [ $# -ne 2 ]; then
  echo "Usage $0 <source> <destination>"
  exit 1
fi
if [ ! -f $1 ]; then
  echo "Source is not a valid file."
  exit 1
fi
if [ ! -d $2 ]; then
  echo "Destination is not a valid directory."
  exit 1
fi
source=$1
destination=$2
```

Check the number of parameters

Check the validity of the parameters

Solution

```
size=$(ls -l $source | cut -d " " -f 5)
let "size=size/1024"

startUsed = $(df $destination | \
              tail -n 1 | \
              tr -s " " | \
              cut -d " " -f 3)

cp $source $destination &

transferred=0
percentage=0
```

Calculate file size in 1KB blocks

Calculate destination file system size

Copy in background

Solution

```
while [ $transferred -lt $size ]; do
  currentUsed = $(df $destination | \
                  tail -n 1 | \
                  tr -s " " | \
                  cut -d " " -f 3)
  let "transferred=currentUsed-startUsed"
  let "percentage=transferred*100/size"
  echo "Progress: $percentage%"

  sleep 1
done
```

Check the state of the copy in background

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Exercise: from exam

- A script receives the following parameters
  - the name of a file (fn) and three integers (n1, n2, and n3)
  - The file (fn) specifies a path on each line
- The script must
  - Verify that the 4 parameters are correct, i.e., integer numbers must be positive, and $n1 \leq n2$
  - For each row of the file (fn)
    - Check that each string refers to a regular file

Exam Italian course: 2018/02/22

Exercise: from exam

- If the dimension of the file (fn) is
  - Smaller than n1 bytes, delete it
  - Between n1 and n2 bytes, ignore it
  - Greater than n2 bytes, compress it. Compress a file means
    - Make a copy in a file with the same path but with the additional extension (e.g., .compressed)
    - Modify the contents by copying only one string every n3 strings (ie just copy strings in position 0, 1 * n3, 2 * n3, etc.). Consider strings separated by spaces or by "newline" characters

Solution

```
#!/bin/bash
if [ $# -ne 4 ]; then
  echo "Usage $0 <list> <n1> <n2> <n3>"
  exit 1
fi
if [ ! -f $1 ]; then
  echo "List is not a valid file."
  exit 1
fi
if [ $2 -lt 0 ] || [ $3 -lt 0 ] || [ $4 -lt 0 ]; then
  echo "Values n1, n2 and n3 should be non-negative integers."
  exit 1
fi
if [ $2 -gt $3 ]; then
  echo "Values n1 should be non-greater than n2."
  exit 1
fi
```

Check the number of parameters

Check the validity of the parameters

Solution

```
while read file; do

  if [ ! -f "$file" ]; then
    echo "Invalid file: $file"
    continue
  fi

  size=$(cat $file | wc -c)

  if [ $size -lt $2 ]; then
    rm -f $file
```

For each path read from file

Skips paths not associated to regular files

Computes the dimension of the file

Removes small files

Solution

```
  elif [ $size -gt $3 ]; then
    i=1
    for word in $(cat $file); do
      let "i--"
      if [ $i -eq 0 ]; then
        echo $word >> $file".compressed"
        i=$4
      fi
    done
  fi
done < $1
```

Compresses big files

Exam Italian course: 2013/01/28

Exercise

- Write a bash script that
  - Takes a filename (of a text file) from command line
  - **Copy** the file with the same filename, but with extension **`xyx`**
  - **Modifies** the original file
    - Adding at the beginning of each line the number of words in the line, and the total number of lines of the file
    - Sorting the lines according to their number of words

basename command

- **Syntax:**
  - `basename NAME [SUFFIX]`
  - Prints **`NAME`** with **any leading directory** components **removed**. If specified, it will also remove a trailing **`SUFFIX`** (typically a file extension)

```
> name=$(basename /home/user/current/file.txt)
> echo $name
file.txt

> name=$(basename /home/user/current/file.txt ".txt")
> echo $name
file
```

Solution

```
#!/bin/bash
if [ $# -ne 1 ]
then
  echo "usage $0 file.txt"
  exit 1
fi
newfilename=$(basename $1 ".txt")
newfilename=$newfilename".xyz"
cat $1 > $newfilename
nlines=$(cat $1 | wc -l)
rm -f tmp1.txt
while read line
do
  nwords=$(echo $line | wc -w)
  echo $nwords $nlines $line >> tmp1.txt
done < $1
cat tmp1.txt | sort -k 1 -n > $1
rm tmp1.txt
exit 0
```

Filename without extension

".txt"="*.txt"=.txt

Copy file. Also:
`cp $1 $newfilename`

Also:
`nlines=$(wc -l < $1)`

Add information on a temporary file

Sort and overwrite the original file

Clean-up

Exam Italian course: 2014/02/03

Exercise

- Write a bash script that
  - Takes 4 arguments (**`dir1`**, **`dir2`** e **`dir3`**, directory names, and **`n`**, an integer number)
  - Finds in **`dir1`** and **`dir2`** all files that have the same name, extension **`txt`** and more than **`n`** lines
  - Creates in directory **`dir3`** a version of these files with extension
    - **`eq`** save the lines that are equal in both files
    - **`dif`** save the lines that differ in the two files
    - **`cat`** concatenates the content of the two files

Control the number of parameters.
Create directory **dir3** if it does not exist

Solution

```
#!/bin/bash

if [ $# -ne 4 ]
then
  echo "usage: $0 dir1 dir2 dir3 n"
  exit 1
fi
if [ ! -d $3 ]
then
  mkdir $3
fi

for file in $(ls $1/*.txt); do
  name=$(basename $file ".txt")
  if [ -f "$2/$name.txt" ]; then
    n1=$(cat $file | wc -l)
    n2=$(wc -l < "$2/${name}.txt")
    if [ $n1 -gt $4 -a $n2 -gt $4 ]; then
```

find rather than ls
`find $1 -maxdepth 1 -type f -name "*.txt"`

It was enough to remove the path

For each .txt file in the first directory, generate the corresponding name in the second directory

Counts and controls the number of lines

Solution

```
        while read line; do
          grep -q -e "^$line$" "$2/$name.txt"
          if [ $? -eq 0 ]; then
            echo $line >> "$3/${name}.eq"
          else
            echo $line >> "$3/${name}.dif"
          fi
        done < $file
        while read line; do
          grep -q -e "^$line$" "$3/${name}.eq"
          if [ $? -eq 1 ]; then
            echo $line >> "$3/${name}.dif"
          fi
        done < "$2/$name.txt"
        cat $file "$2/${name}.txt" > "$3/${name}.cat"
      fi
    fi
done
```

Lines in file1 and file2 go in eq, lines not in file2 go in dif

Control on the result of grep $?=0 (true or find)

Inverse control for lines potentially in dif

File concatenation

More exercises...

- Other examples and small exercises about bash
  - https://www.skenz.it/cs/bash_language