

Introduction to Linux Scripting (Part 2)

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Overview

- Advanced Scripting
- Compiling Code

Getting the exercise files

- For today's exercises, open a session to one of the cluster interactives and run the following commands:

```
cp ~u0253283/Talks/LinuxScripting2.tar.gz .
```

```
tar -zxvf LinuxScripting2.tar.gz
```

```
cd LinuxScripting2/
```

Commands to string

- The output of a string can be put directly into a variable with the backtick: `
- The backtick is not the same as a single quote:

` |

- Bash form: `VAR=`wc -l $FILENAME``
or `VAR=$(wc -l $FILENAME)`
- Tcsh form: `set VAR="`wc -l $FILENAME`"`

String replacement

A neat trick for changing the name of your output file is to use string replacement to mangle the filename.

```
#!/bin/bash
IN="myfile.in"
#changes myfile.in to myfile.out
OUT=${IN/.in/.out}
./program < $IN > $OUT
```

```
#!/bin/tcsh
set IN = "myfile.in"
#changes myfile.in to myfile.out
set OUT="$IN:gas/.in/.out/"
./program < $IN > $OUT
```

- In tcsh the 'gas' in "\$VAR:gas/search/replace/" means to search and replace all instances ("global all substrings"); there are other options (use "man tcsh").
- In bash, \${VAR/search/replace} is all that is needed.
- You can use 'sed' or 'awk' for more powerful manipulations.

Dates and Times

- Date strings are easy to generate in Linux
 - “date” command gives the date, but not nicely formatted for filenames
 - `date --help` will give format options (use +)
- A nice formatted string format (ns resolution):

```
date +%Y-%m-%d_%k-%M-%S_%N
```

```
"2014-09-15_17-27-32_864468693"
```
- For a really unique string, you can use the following command to get a more or less unique string (not recommended for cryptographic purposes)

```
$(cat /dev/urandom | tr -dc 'a-zA-Z0-9' | fold -w 32 | head -n 1)
```

Exercise 2.1

Modify your previous script so that instead of writing to an output file with a fixed name, the output filename is derived from the input file (e.g., ‘file.out’ becomes ‘file.date’). Don’t forget to copy your script in case you make a mistake!

Command execution to string - **VAR=`command`** (use the backtick)

Bash replacement – **\${VAR/search/replace}**

Tcsh replacement – **“\$VAR:gas/search/replace/”**

Dates - **date +%Y-%m-%d_%k-%M-%S_%N** (or pick your own format)

Solution to Exercise 2.1

```
#!/bin/bash
INPUT=$1
DATE=`date +%Y-%m-%d_%k-%M-%S_%N`
OUT=${INPUT/out/}$DATE
grep '\!' $INPUT > $OUT
wc -l $OUT
```

```
#!/bin/tcsh
set INPUT = $1
set DATE = "`date +%Y-%m-%d_%k-%M-%S_%N`"
set OUT = "$INPUT:gas/out//"$DATE
grep '\!' $INPUT > $OUT
wc -l $OUT
```

Every time you run the script, a new unique output file should have been generated.

Conditionals (If statements)

```
#!/bin/bash
VAR1="name"
VAR2="notname"
if [[ $VAR1 == $VAR2 ]]; then
    echo "True"
else
    echo "False"
fi
if [[ -d $VAR ]]; then
    echo "Directory!"
fi
```

```
#!/bin/tcsh
set VAR1="name"
set VAR2="notname"
if ($VAR1 == $VAR2) then
    echo "True"
else
    echo "False"
endif
if ( -d $VAR ) then
    echo "Directory!"
endif
```

- The operators ==, !=, &&, ||, <, > and a few others work.
- You can use if statements to test two strings, or test file properties.

Conditionals (File properties)

Test	bash	tcsh
Is a directory	-d	-d
If file exists	-a , -e	-e
Is a regular file (like .txt)	-f	-f
Readable	-r	-r
Writable	-w	-w
Executable	-x	-x
Is owned by user	-O	-o
Is owned by group	-G	-g
Is a symbolic link	-h , -L	-l
If the string given is zero length	-z	-z
If the string is length is non-zero	-n	-s

- The last two flags are useful for determining if an environment variable exists.
- The rwx flags only apply to the user who is running the test.

Loops (for/foreach statements)

```
#!/bin/bash
for i in 1 2 3 4 5; do
    echo $i
done
for i in *.in; do
    touch ${i/.in/.out}
done
for i in `cat files`; do
    grep "string" $i >> list
done
```

```
#!/bin/tcsh
foreach i (1 2 3 4 5)
    echo $i
end
foreach i ( *.in )
    touch "$i:gas/.in/.out/"
end
foreach i ( `cat files` )
    grep "string" $i >> list
end
```

- Loops can be executed in a script --or-- on the command line.
- All loops respond to the wildcard operators *,?,[a-z], and {1,2}
- The output of a command can be used as a for loop input.

Exercise 2.2

Run the script called ex2.sh. This will generate a directory "ex2" with 100 directories and folders with different permissions. Write a script that examines all the directories and files in "ex2" using conditionals and for loops. For each iteration of the loop:

1. Test if the item is a directory. If it is, delete it.
2. If the file is not a directory, check to see if it is executable.
 - A. If it is, then change the permissions so the file is not executable.
 - B. If the file is not executable, change it so that it is executable and rename it so that it has a ".script" extension.
3. After all the files have been modified, execute all the scripts in the directory.

For loops - Bash : **for VAR in *; do ... done**

Tcsh : **foreach VAR (*) ... end**

If statements - Bash : **if [[condition]]; then ... elif ... else ... fi**

Tcsh : **if (condition) then ... else ... else if ... endif**

Useful property flags - **-x** for executable, **-d** for directory

-You can reset the directory by re-running the script ex2.sh

-Make sure that you do not write your script in the ex2 directory, or it will be deleted!

Solution to Exercise 2.2

```
#!/bin/bash
for i in ex2/*; do
  if [[ -d $i ]]; then
    rm -rf $i
  else
    if [[ -x $i ]]; then
      chmod u-x $i
    else
      chmod u+x $i
      mv $i $i.script
    fi
  fi
done
for i in ex2/*.script; do
  ./$i
done
```

```
#!/bin/tcsh
foreach i ( ex2/* )
  if ( -d $i ) then
    rm -rf $i
  else
    if ( -x $i ) then
      chmod u-x $i
    else
      chmod u+x $i
      mv $i $i.script
    endif
  endif
end
foreach i ( ex2/*.script )
  ./$i
end
```

Basic Arithmetic

```
#!/bin/bash
#initialization
i=1
#increment
i=$(( i++ ))
#addition, subtraction
i=$(( i + 2 - 1 ))
#multiplication, division
i=$(( i * 10 / 3 ))
#modulus
i=$(( i % 10 ))
#not math, echo returns "i+1"
i=i+1
```

```
#!/bin/tcsh
#initialization
@ i = 1
#increment
@ i++
#addition, subtraction
@ i = i + 2 - 1
#multiplication, division
@ i = i * 10 / 3
#modulus
@ i = i % 10
#not math, echo returns "i+1"
set i="i+1"
```

- Bash uses `$(())`, whereas tcsh uses `@`
- Important! This only works for integer math. If you need more, use python.

Interpreted vs. Compiled code

- Source := collection of **human-readable** computer instructions written in a programming language
(e.g. C, C++, Fortran, Python, R, Java,...)
- Executable := **binary** program that can be directly executed on a computer
- **Interpreted** languages: the interpreter parses the source code & executes it immediately
- **Compiled** languages: the source code needs to be transformed into an executable through a chain of compilation & linking
- A few examples of both approaches:
 - a. interpreted languages: Python, R, Julia, Bash, Tcsh,...
 - b. compiled languages: C, C++, Fortran, ...

Creating an executable (Low level)

- For compiled languages, the creation of an executable goes through the following steps:
 - *Preprocessing*: the pre-processor takes the source code (.c,.cc,.f90) and “deals” with special statements e.g. #define, #ifdef, #include (C/C++ case)
 - *Compilation*: takes the pre-processor output and transforms it into assembly language (*.s)
 - *Assembly*: converts the assembly code (*.s) into machine code/object code (*.o)
 - *Linking*: the linker takes the object files (*.o) and transforms them into a library (*.a, *.so) or an executable

- Example : simple.c (C source file)
- Pre-processing:
 - `cpp simple.c -o simple.i` **or**
 - `gcc -E simple.c -o simple.i`
- Compilation:
 - `gcc -S simple.i [-o simple.s]`
can also use `gcc -S simple.c [-o simple.s]`
- Assembly phase: creation of the machine code
 - `as simple.s -o simple.o` **or**
 - `gcc -c simple.c [-o simple.o]`
can also use `gcc -c simple.s [-o simple.o]`
- Linking: creation of the executable
 - `gcc simple.c [-o simple]` **or**
use `ld` (the linker as such) -> complicated expression

Regular way (cont.)

- Either in 1 step:
 - a. `gcc -o simple simple.c`
 - Or in 2 steps:
 - a. `gcc -c simple.c`
 - b. `gcc -o simple simple.o`
- or more **generally (C, C++, Fortan)**:
- 1-step:
 - a. `$COMPILER -o $EXE $SOURCE_FILES.{f90,c,cpp}`
 - 2-step:
 - a. `$COMPILER -c $SOURCE.{f90,c,cpp}`
 - b. `$COMPILER -o $EXE $SOURCE.o`

Compilers

- Compilers are system-specific, but, there are quite a few vendors (CHPC has all three):
- GNU: `gcc`, `g++`, `gfortran` – open source, free
- Intel: `icc`, `icpc`, `ifort` – commercial but free for academia
- PGI: `pgcc`, `pgCC`, `pgf90` – commercial

Optimization and debugging

- The compiler can perform optimizations that improve performance.
 - common flags `-O3` (GNU), `-fast` (Intel), `-fastsse` (PGI)
 - Beware! `-O3`, etc can sometimes cause problems (solutions do not calculate properly)
- In order to debug program in debugger, symbolic information must be included
 - flag `-g`
 - The easiest debugging is to just add `printf` or `write` statements (like using `echo`)

Exercise 2.3

Go to the subdirectory "ex3". There are a few source files in this directory. Compile these programs using the following steps:

1. Compile `cpu_ser.c` using `gcc`. Perform the compilation first in **2** steps i.e. create first an object file & then an executable.
Perform the same compilation in **1** step.
2. Try the same for `pi3_ser.f`. Does it work?
3. Create the object file of `ctimer.c` with `gcc`. Then link both object file `ctimer.o` and `pi3_ser.o` into an executable using `gfortran`.
4. Try compiling `cpu_ser.c` with the optimization flag: `-O3`
Compare the timings with the result obtained under 1.

1-step: Compilation + linking:

```
gcc hello.c -o hello.x           (C source code)  
gfortran hello.f -f hello.x     (Fortran source code)
```

2-step process:

```
Object compilation: gcc -c hello.c       (Creates hello.o)  
Linking:            gcc hello.o -o hello.x (Links hello.o with sys. libraries into an executable)
```

Using optimization: **gcc -O3 hello.c -o helloFast.x**

Solutions to Exercise 2.3

1. Compiling a C program:

1-step:

```
gcc cpi_ser.c -o cpi_ser.x (Time: ~1.625 s)
```

2-step:

```
gcc -c cpi_ser.c
```

```
gcc -o cpi_ser.x cpi_ser.o
```

2. Compiling a Fortran program:

2-step:

```
gfortran -c pi3_ser.f
```

```
gfortran -o pi3_ser.x pi3_ser.o -- Errors (Missing dependencies)
```

3. Compiling the missing dependency + linking:

```
gcc -c timer.c # (creates ctimer.o)
```

```
gfortran ctimer.o pi3_ser.o -o pi3_ser.x
```

4. Compiling with `-O3`:

```
gcc -O3 cpi_ser.c -o cpi_ser.fast.x
```

or:

```
gcc -c -O3 cpi_ser.c
```

```
gcc -o cpi_ser.fast.x cpi_ser.o
```

Compiling serious packages

- Some packages are far more complicated than one or two source files.
 - Many packages use gnu config/make
 - Others use cmake (useful for cross-platform)
 - Others of less repute
- You will almost certainly encounter a package like this if you continue in scientific computing
 - CHPC can help compile programs (can be hard) but knowing how to do it yourself is useful.

GNU config and make

- **Configure:** A scripting utility that checks for certain libraries and applications, as well as compiler capabilities, and building makefiles.
 - Executed by the **./configure** script in the package directory.
 - You can use **./configure --prefix=<PATH>** to decide where to install the package, otherwise it will install in the same location as the package source.
- **Make:** Takes instructions from a makefile (a special script) to compile source in order to make a program.
 - As simple as executing **make** in a folder with a Makefile (or specifying the makefile with **-f**)
 - Sometime you need to use **make install** to finish the compilation process.

Exercise 2.4

You will download and compile the zlib library in this exercise. zlib is used by many programs for file compression.

1. Make a directory called "ex4" and cd to it.
2. Download and untar the zlib library with the following :
 - **wget http://zlib.net/zlib-1.2.11.tar.gz**
 - **tar -zxvf zlib-1.2.11.tar.gz**
3. Enter the newly created dir. + configure zlib so that it installs in the dir. \$HOME/myzlib and not the source directory (zlib-1.2.11).
 - **./configure --prefix=\$HOME/myzlib**
 - Compile using **make** and then **make install**.
4. Check to see if the library was installed properly in \$HOME/myzlib/lib (the files libz.so, libz.a should exist).

Solutions for Exercise 2.4

1. `mkdir ex4`
2. `cd ex4`
3. `wget http://zlib.net/zlib-1.2.11.tar.gz` *# Retrieve the src. code*
4. `tar -zxvf zlib-1.2.11.tar.gz` *# Unzip + extract the src. code*
5. `cd zlib-1.2.11` *# Enter the newly created dir.*
6. `./configure --prefix=$HOME/myzlib`
7. `make` *# Compile + link the code*
8. `make install` *# If step 7. was OK => install the library*
9. `ls -la $HOME/myzlib/lib` *# You should see libz.a & libz.so*

Questions?

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