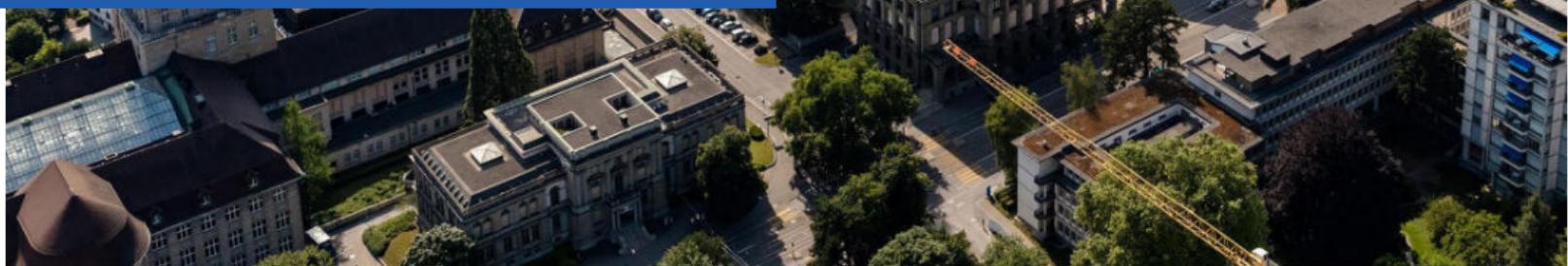




Linux Basics II

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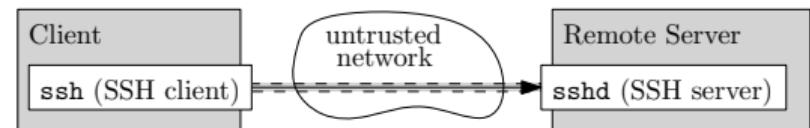
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SSH (Secure Shell)

SSH is network protocol with strong encryption used to provide logins and a shell on a remote system

- Asymmetric cryptography
 - Client/Server
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- SSH Server ([/usr/sbin/sshd](#)) on remote system
 - always running, waiting for incoming connections
 - SSH client ([/usr/bin/ssh](#)) on local system
 - run on demand by user
 - SYNOPSIS: `ssh [OPTIONS] LOGIN_NAME@DESTINATION [COMMAND]`
 - DESTINATION: DNS name a remote machine with an SSH server
 - LOGIN_NAME: username on the remote machine
 - COMMAND: single command to run on the remote machine



First Login / Server Fingerprint

```
[alice@laptop: ~]$ ssh asmith@login.phys.ethz.ch
The authenticity of host 'login.phys.ethz.ch (129.132.89.195)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:upncE1in1QVEyXEEafC/WOPpK8QtZ/skpxU7GwTlpUk.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
asmith@login.phys.ethz.ch's password: asmith's-D-PHYS-password

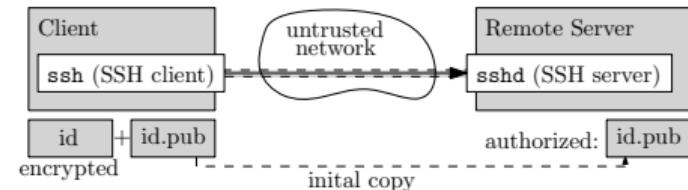
[asmith@phd-login1: ~]$ exit
```

SSH

SSH Key Generation

SSH Keys

- SSH keys are a replacement for passwords (i.e. authentication)
 - `~/.ssh/id`: Private key
 - Stays local and secret
 - Should be protected by a password
 - `~/.ssh/id.pub`: Public key
 - Has to be configured on the remote system
 - Only the private key holder can prove, that he knows the corresponding private key (*digital signature*)



Public Key Example:

```
ssh-ed25519 AAAAC3NzaC1lZDI1NTE5AAAAIG5
                     Csv7paLFNcTTIry5jMX/4JK20mD
                     3sUEUNm2I6pt1w alice@laptop
```

Generating SSH Keys

```
[alice@laptop: ~]$ ssh-keygen -t ed25519
Generating public/private ed25519 key pair.
Enter file in which to save the key (/home/alice/.ssh/id_ed25519):
Enter passphrase (empty for no passphrase): private-key-password
Your identification has been saved in id_ed25519
Your public key has been saved in id_ed25519.pub
The key fingerprint is:
SHA256:KsXhkRCJFq17V5hwgiQx+Wt/gbv40gxmbovNim1fTEM alice@laptop
```

SSH Key Types

- RSA keys
 - based on prime factoring
 - use at least 4094 bit as key size
 - `ssh-keygen -t rsa -b 4096`
- ed25519 keys
 - based on discrete logarithms
 - fixed key length
 - `ssh-keygen -t ed25519`

SSH

Distributing SSH Keys

Authorized Keys on the SSH Server

- On the remote machine: `sshd` reads `~/.ssh/authorized_keys`
 - List of public keys (user identities), one per line
 - May be edited or filled by hand
- Everybody with a corresponding private key is granted a login
 - Everybody who can cryptographically sign an authentication request

Copying Keys with ssh-copy-id

```
# on the local system
ssh-copy-id -i /ssh/id_ed25519.pub asmith@login.phys.ethz.ch
ssh-copy-id: INFO: 1 key(s) remain to be installed
if you are prompted now it is to install the new keys
(asmith@login.phys.ethz.ch) Password: D-PHYS-password

Number of key(s) added: 1
```

Copying Keys Manually

```
# on the remote system
cd
mkdir -p .ssh
echo "ssh-ed25519 AAAAC3NzaC1lZDI1NTE5AAAA
IG5Csv7paLFNcTTIry5jMX/4JK20mD3sUEUNm2I6
pt1w" >> .ssh/authorized_keys
chmod 700 .ssh
chmod 600 .ssh/authorized_keys
```

Key Management with ssh-agent

- Daemon process on the client side
- Caches key passphrases - unlock only once
 - Start with `eval $(ssh-agent)`, if not automatically started

SSH Extras

X-Forwarding with SSH

```
[alice@laptop: ~]$ ssh -Y asmith@login.phys.ethz.ch  
[asmith@phd-login1: ~]$ mathematica &
```

- SSH option `-Y` enables X-forwarding
- The program runs on the remote machine, just graphics are forwarded
- `&` = run in "background", keeping the shell available

Agent Forwarding

- Use `ssh -A` to enable agent forwarding
 - Simulate the presence of an `ssh-agent` on a remote server
- Allows "multi-ssh": `local` → `server1` → `server2`
 - `server1` requires the private key to login to `server2`
 - The `ssh-agent` on `local` forwards responses to `server2`

SSH Jumping

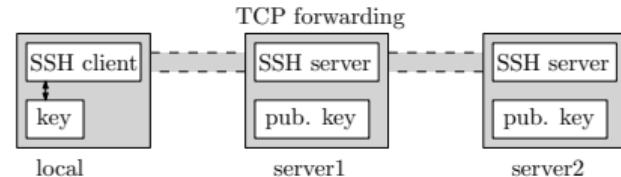
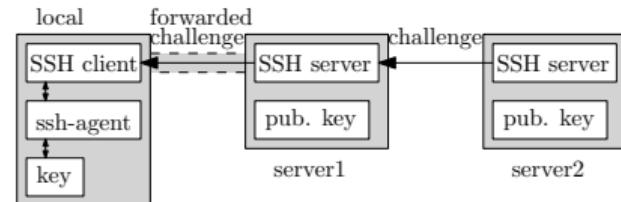
```
ssh -J server1 server2
```

- `server1` establishes a TCP forwarding to `server2`
- No agent needed

Secure Copy

SYNOPSIS: `scp [OPTION]... SOURCE TARGET`

- Semantics like `cp`
- Either SOURCE or TARGET can be remote
 - `[user@]host:path`
- Copy a remote file to the local directory:
`scp asmith@login.phys.ethz.ch:/home/asmith/book.pdf .`



Terminal Multiplexing

tmux: Terminal Multiplexer

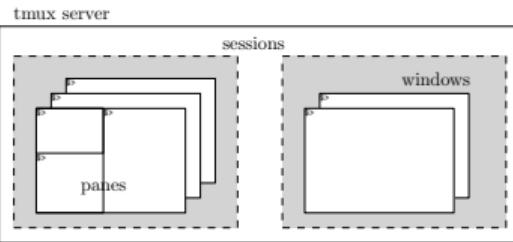
- Session and windows management of shells
- Can be used to keep sessions alive
 - Start a tmux server on a remote system
 - All sessions stay alive and can be reattached:

Outside a Session

- `tmux new-session -s NAME`: Create new named session
- `tmux attach-session -t NAME`: Attach to session NAME
- `tmux kill-session -t NAME`: Kill session NAME
- `tmux list-sessions`: List existing sessions

Inside a Session

- **[CTRL]** + **b** **d** : Detach session
- **[CTRL]** + **b** **s** : Show session selector
- **[CTRL]** + **b** **c** : Create new window
- **[CTRL]** + **b** **?** : Show command help



Example

```
[alice@laptop ~]$ ssh -J asmith@login.phys.ethz.ch labpc
[asmith@lappc ~]$ tmux new-session -s alice_ethz
[asmith@lappc ~]$ python big_job
      starting calculation..
[CTRL] + b  d
[asmith@lappc ~]$ logout
```

Everything continues in the detached session as in an active terminal, even after logging out.

```
[alice@laptop ~]$ ssh -J asmith@login.phys.ethz.ch labpc
[asmith@lappc ~]$ tmux list-sessions
  alice_ethz: 1 windows (created Mon Oct 18 06:46)

[asmith@lappc ~]$ tmux attach-session -s alice_ethz
[asmith@lappc ~]$ python big_job
      starting calculation..
```

Input/Output Redirection

Guiding Principles

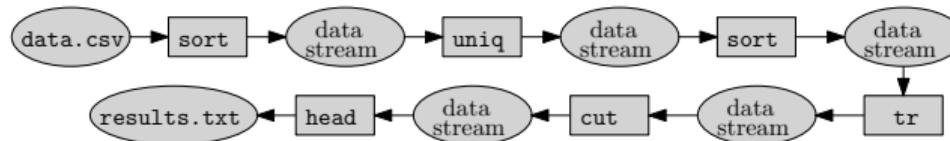
- "Less is More" & "Everything is a file"
 - Simple tools
 - All operate on files
 - Many things can be used as files
 - Ability of combining tools

Simple Tools

sort: Sort lines in a file
tr: Replace characters in a file
uniq: Find double lines in a file
cut: Split lines in a file
head: Retrieve first lines in a file
tail: Retrieve last lines in a file
wc: Count lines in a file
nl: Number lines in a file

- Find the five 5 most common values in `data.csv` and store them in `results.txt`:

```
sort data.csv | uniq -c | sort -rn | tr -s "" | cut -d"" -f 3 | head -n 5 > results.txt
```



Input/Output Redirection

File descriptors

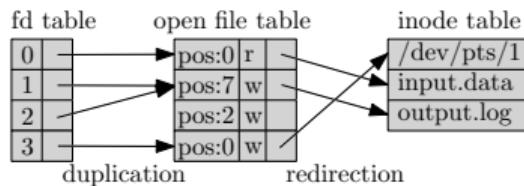
- An open file is represented as *file descriptor* (fd)
- Numbered 0,1,2,3, ...

0 stdin input for that process
1 stdout normal output
2 stderr errors and extra output

- Usually connected to (pseudo-)terminal device in [/dev/pts/](#)

Redirection & Duplication

- `n> file`: Let fd **n** write to file (truncate)
- `n>> file`: Let fd **n** write to file (append)
- `n< file`: Let fd **n** read from file
- `n>&m`: Make (the writable) fd **n** a duplicate of fd **m**



Examples

- Inspecting all file descriptors of process with **pid** 153442:

```
ls -og /proc/153442/fd
lrwx-----. 1 64 0 -> /dev/pts/3
lrwx-----. 1 64 1 -> /dev/pts/3
lrwx-----. 1 64 2 -> /dev/pts/3
```

- Redirecting stdin, stdout, stderr:

```
./my_script <input.data >output.log 2>/dev/null
- stdin reads from input.data
- stdout writes to output.log
- stderr writes to /dev/null (discard)
```

- Duplicate file descriptors:

```
./my_script >output.log 2>&1
- stdout writes to output.log
- stderr becomes a duplication of stdout
- NOT: ./my_script >output.log 2>output.log
```

- "Swap" stdout and stderr:

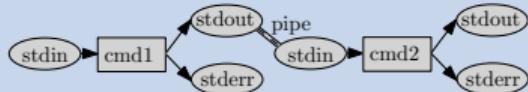
```
./my_script 3>&1 1>&2 2>&3-
- fd 3 becomes a duplication of stdout
- stdout becomes a duplication of stderr
- stderr becomes a duplication of fd 3
```

Input/Output Redirection

Pipes

Redirection with Pipes

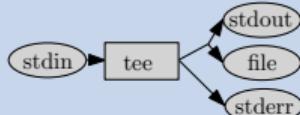
- `cmd1 | cmd2`: redirect `cmd1`'s stdout to `cmd2`'s stdin
- Typical filter idoms:
 - `... | less`: read output in a pager
 - `... | grep`: filter output with regular expressions
 - `... | awk`: mangle output
 - `curl ... | bash`: remote code execution vulnerability
- `cmd1 |& cmd2`: short for `cmd1 2>&1 | cmd2`



Splitting Output

- `tee [OPTION]... [FILE]...`

Read from stdin and write to stdout and FILE



Examples

- Inspecting file descriptors of `cmd1 |& cmd2`:
`ls -og /proc/@{pidof -x cmd1}|${pidof -x cmd2})/fd`
`/proc/189796/fd:`
`lrwx-----. 1 64 0 -> /dev/pts/0`
`l-wx-----. 1 64 1 -> 'pipe:[2141860]'`
`l-wx-----. 1 64 2 -> 'pipe:[2141860]'`

`/proc/189797/fd:`
`lr-x-----. 1 64 0 -> 'pipe:[2141860]'`
`lrwx-----. 1 64 1 -> /dev/pts/0`
`lrwx-----. 1 64 2 -> /dev/pts/0`
- Process json from a REST api:
`curl -X GET "https://example.org/api/foo" | jq keys`
[
 "info",
 "data",
]
- See stdout on the terminal and store in a file:
`sudo dnf update | tee output.log`
Resolving dependencies
Update:
chromium 94.0.4606.81-1.fc34
chromium-common 94.0.4606.81-1.fc34

Regular Expressions

How to write regular Expressions

Overview

- Specify or find textual pattern
- A lot of different languages (flavours) to write regular expressions
 - POSIX extended regular expressions (ERE)
 - Perl compatible regular expressions (PCRE)
 - Most programming languages, have their own regex engine
 - Bash globbing

Matching

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| a | Single regular character a, analogous for others |
| . | Any character, but newline |
| ^, \$ | The beginning(^) or end(\$) of a line |
| [a-f] | One character from a to f |
| [:digit:] | A single digits, i.e. (mostly) equivalent to [0-9] |
| [^>] | Any character except < and > |
| expr _A expr _B | Matches expr _A or expr _B |

Quantifiers / Repitions

| | |
|-------|--|
| {m,n} | at least n times and at most m times |
| {n} | exactly n times |
| * | arbitrarily often, may be not at all |
| + | arbitrarily often, but at least one time |
| ? | at most one time |

Examples

- All last words on a line which start with a:
`a[[[:alpha:]]]*$`
 - It is almost time to eat an apple
- Any "hex-number": 0x[0-9a-f]+:
`0x01bf, 0x0, 0x, 0xBAD`
- Script names of length 5: [A-Za-z0-9._-]{5}\.(py|sh)
`Run_3.py, setup.sh`
- Integers 0-255:
`^[0-9]$|^1?[0-9]{2}$|^2[0-4] [0-9]$|^25[0-5]$`
NOT: ^[0-255]\$
- Greedy matches: ".*"
`"Run!", she said, "I know regular expressions"`
- Multiple matches: "[^"]*":
`"Run!", she said, "I know regular expressions"`
`"Run!", she said, "I know regular expressions"`

grep & sed

Regular Expressions on the Commandline

grep: global/regular expression/print

- SYNOPSIS: `grep [OPTION...] PATTERN [FILE...]`
Print lines in FILE which match PATTERN
- Usually `grep -E` or `egrep` for POSIX-ERE
- Most common options:
 - `-o`: only show matching part
 - `-v`: invert, show not matching lines
 - `-i`: match case-insensitive
 - `-r`: recursively search directory

sed: stream editor

- SYNOPSIS: `sed [OPTION...] SCRIPT [FILE...]`
Perform transformation on each line in FILE
- Most common usages:
 - `sed 's/EXPR/STRING/g'` Replace EXPR by STRING
 - `sed '/EXPR/d'` Delete all lines with pattern
 - `sed -i` Inplace, edit file
- Delimiters can be changed: `sed 's!EXPR!STRING!g'`

Examples

- Is a process `cmd` running?

```
ps aux | grep cmd1
```

alice 24592 0.0 pts/4 S+ /bin/bash ./cmd1
alice 24895 0.0 pts/1 S+ grep cmd1
- Filter `cmd`'s output, show only lines which not contain "debug", but do contain "info":

```
./cmd | grep -v debug | grep info
```
- Find all occurrences of "todo" or "fixme" in the `slide` directory:

```
grep -Eri "fixme|todo" slides/
```

main.tex: \begin{block}{Example:} %Fixme: spacing
animals.txt: mastodons are even bigger than elephants
- Remove all empty lines from `config.json`:

```
sed -i '/^[:space:]*$/d' config.json
```
- Parse and extract "bar" from "foo=bar" in `config.ini`:

```
grep -Eo "^\w+=[\w\w:]*" config.ini | sed 's/\w+=//'
```

Shell Globbing

Globbing

Bash expands or replaces certain expressions to file names, this is called *File name expansion or globbing*.

- Similar syntax to regular expressions
- "Matches" against valid filenames
- Expressions are expanded before command execution, e.g. (`ls *txt` is replaced by `ls fileA.txt fileB.txt`)

Matching

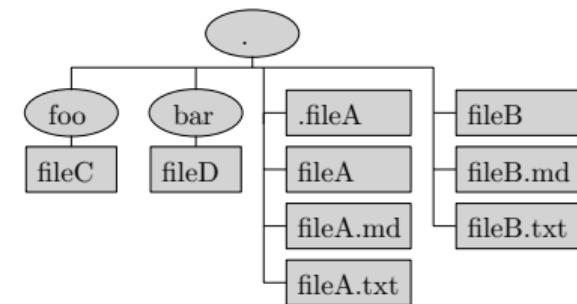
| | |
|----------------------|---|
| <code>a</code> | single regular characters <code>a</code> |
| <code>\?</code> | single meta-character <code>?</code> |
| <code>?</code> | wildcard, single character, except <code>/</code> |
| <code>*</code> | string of any length, not containing <code>/</code> |
| <code>[class]</code> | just as POSIX regular expressions classes |
| <code>[^...]</code> | <i>negation</i> , any character except ... |

Quantifiers

| | |
|------------------------------|--|
| <code>expr_A expr_B</code> | list of alternatives |
| <code>?(list)</code> | at most one match from <code>list</code> |
| <code>+(list)</code> | one or more matches from <code>list</code> |
| <code>*(list)</code> | zero or more matches from <code>list</code> |
| <code>@(list)</code> | exactly one match from <code>list</code> |
| <code>!(list)</code> | match anything <i>not</i> in <code>list</code> |

Examples

- `*` expands to all file names, including directories, excluding hidden files
- `.*` expands to `... .fileA`
- `!(fileA|*?.?)` expands to `bar, fileA.txt, fileB, fileB.txt, foo`
- `*/file[A-Z]` expands to `foo/fileC, bar/fileD`
- `@(fileA|fileB.txt)` expands to `fileA, fileB.txt`
- `*.mp3` expands to `*.mp3`



Shell Variables

Bash: Variables

- Assignment: `VAR=value`
 - No declaration necessary
 - Names start with a letter, usually all uppercase
 - Values are handled as strings
- Reference: `$VAR` or `${VAR}`
 - Undefined variables evaluate to an empty string
- `unset VAR`: Undefine a variable
- `set`: List all variables

Bash: Environment Variables

- *environment variables* \subseteq (*local*) *variables*
- Used as process environment / configuration
 - Python virtual environments
- `export VAR`: Make `VAR` an environment variable
 - `export VAR=foo`
 - `VAR=foo command`
- `env`: List all environment variables

Examples

- Basic usage:

```
B=123  
echo "The values of A and B are $A and $B!"  
The values of A and B are and 123!
```

- Run a variable as a command:

```
CMD=du ; OPTIONS=-hs ; FILE=/home/alice/*  
$CMD $OPTIONS $FILE  
68K  /home/alice/Documents  
1.2G /home/alice/Downloads
```

- Assign command output to a variable:

```
LAST_COMMIT=$(git rev-parse --short HEAD)  
# LAST_COMMIT=c54b91a61
```

Important Environment Variables

- `PATH`: A colon-separated list of paths to look for executable files
- `HOME`: Current user's home directory
- `LANG`: Preferred language for user interfaces
- `EDITOR`: Preferred text editor

Shell Variables

Process Locality of Variables

- Every process has its own copy of variables
 - Changes in one process do not alter other processes
- Variables are inherited to new processes
 - Child processes inherit only the environment (fork + exec)
 - Subshells inherit everything (fork)

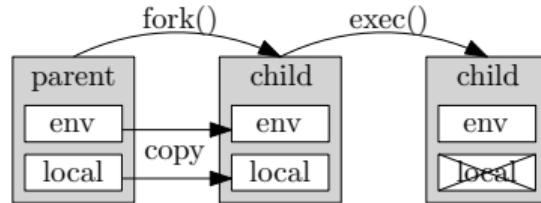
Sourcing scripts

- `source FILE`: Run script in current shell
 - Used to modify current environment
 - Alternative Syntax: `. FILE`
- `eval CMD`: Run command in the current shell

Permanent Changes to the Environment

- `~/.profile` Sourced by every login shell (new SSH)
- `~/.bashrc` Sourced by every new shell (new terminal)
- `/etc/profile`
- `/etc/bashrc`

`fork` copies all variables, `exec` clears local variables



Examples

- Inject `LD_PRELOAD` into `my_program`'s environment:
`LD_PRELOAD=mylib.so ./my_program`
- Setup a *Python virtual environment*:
`source bin/activate # OK, modifies the current env`
`bin/activate # NO, modifies the child's env`
- Aliases in `~/.bashrc` (top 10 cpu consuming processes):
`alias cpu10="ps -Ao pid,%cpu,comm --sort -%cpu | head -n11"`
- Setup permanent environment in `~/.bashrc` (SSH agent):
`eval $(ssh-agent)`

Shell Scripting

Interpreter

Script Interpreter

- First bytes must be `#!` followed by an interpreter
 - `#!/bin/bash`
 - `#!/usr/bin/python`
 - `#!/bin/bin/awk -f`
- Don't forget `chmod u+x`
- Script file becomes the 1st argument to interpreter:
`./script.sh` → `/bin/bash ./script.sh`

Example: Simple Script

```
cat script.sh
#!/bin/bash
echo "Hello I am $0 with pid $$"
echo "I have $# args, 1st: $1"
exit 4

./script.sh foo bar
Hello I am ./cmd3 with pid 229051
I have 2 args, 1st: foo

echo $?
4
```

Special Variables

- `$?:` Exit code of the last program
 - 0: Success / non-zero: Error
- `$$:` pid of the current process
- `$N:` Arguments to a shell script
 - `$0:` Script name
 - `$1:` 1st argument
- `$#:` Number of arguments to a shell script

Boolean Operators

`cmd1 && cmd2:` Exit code 0 iff `cmd1` AND `cmd2` successful
`cmd1 || cmd2:` Exit code 0 iff `cmd1` OR `cmd2` successful
`! cmd1 :` Exit code 0 iff `cmd1` NOT successful

- Lazy evaluation:
`cmd && echo "SUCCESS" || echo "ERROR"`

Shell Scripting

Conditions

If-Then-Else

```
if cmd1 ; then
    # ...
elif cmd2 ; then
    # ...
else
    # ...
fi
```

- Exit code from `cmd` is evaluated (`0 == true`)
- Write test conditions with `/usr/bin/[` or `[[` (bash built-in)

Writing Tests with [[

- `[[$A -eq 123]]` Numerical (integer) conditions:
 `-eq` (=), `-ne` (\neq), `-ge` (\geq), `-gt` ($>$), `-le` (\leq), `-lt` ($<$)
- `[[$A = foobar]]` String conditions:
 `=` equality, rhs supports shell globbing
 `==` equality, rhs supports regular expressions
 `!=` not-equal
- `[[-f FILE]]` File conditions:
 `-f` (is regular file), `-x` (is executable), `-e` (exists)

Examples

- Error handling:

```
tar -czf archive.tgz ${FILES}
if [[ $? -ne 0 ]] ; then
    echo "Could not create archive"
fi
```

- Run command only, if it is executable:

```
[[ -x foo.sh ]] && ./foo.sh
```

- Only start `ssh-agent` on specific host:

```
if [[ $HOSTNAME = "labpc" ]] ; then
    eval $(ssh-agent)
fi
```

- Parameter sanity checks:

```
if [[ $# -ne 1 ]] ; then
    echo "Error: Need an argument" 1>&2
    exit 1
elif ! [[ $1 =~ ^[+-]?[0-9]+$ ]] ; then
    echo "Error: arg is not an integer" 1>&2
    exit 2
fi
```

Shell Scripting

Loop

Classic Loops

```
while cmd ; do    # loop when cmd exits with 0
    # ...
done

until cmd ; do   # loop when cmd exits with non-zero
    # ...
done
```

For Loop

```
for ITEM in LIST ; do
    # do something with $ITEM
done
```

- LIST is shell expanded, loop execution for each member

Loops

- Loops are (compound) commands:
 - Redirection applies
 - Exit-code is the exit code of the last inner command

Examples

- Loop over all lines in a file data.txt:

```
while IFS="" read LINE ; do
    youtube-dl "$LINE"
done < data.txt
```

IFS (Internal Field Separator) Environment variable

SYNOPSIS: `read [OPTION]... [VAR]...`

Read line from stdin and assign words to variables

- Convert all .jpg to smaller .png:

```
for FILE in *.jpg ; do
    BASE=$(echo $FILE | sed 's/.jpg$//')
    echo "$FILE -> $BASE"
    convert $FILE -resize 50% $BASE.png
done
```

- Loop over Integers:

```
for N in $(seq 1 99) ; do
    echo "I got $N problems"
done
```

SYNOPSIS: `seq FIRST LAST`

Print numbers from FIRST to LAST

THANK YOU

Schedule

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