

# Bourne-Again SHell and Linux CLI

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Set interpreter: #!/bin/bash Remarks: # this is comment

## 1. Interactive control

Action	set -o vi	set -o emacs
vi-command mode (C)	ESC	—
Previous/next command in history	↑ / ↓	CTRL+P / CTRL+N PAGEUP / PAGEDOWN
Automatic fill of file name	ESC ESC	TAB
List of all matches	ESC	Tab Tab
Horizontal move in command line	← / →	CTRL+D / CTRL+T ← / →
Jump to line begin/end	↑ / ↓	CTRL+A / CTRL+E
Backward/forward history search	↑ / ↓	CTRL+P / CTRL+S
Delete word to the end/begin	DEL / DBL	ESC D / ESC B
Delete text from cursor to the line end/begin	DEL / DBL	CTRL+K / CTRL+U

## 1.1. Command line history

- history, fc -l – display numbered history of commands
- !n – run command number n
- !p – run last command beginning by p
- !! – repeat last entered command
- !!:n – expand n-th parameter of last command
- !\$ – expand the last parameter of last command
- fc – run defined \$EDITOR wit last command
- fc -e vim z – open vim editor with commands from z to k
- ~old~new – substitute old with new in last command
- !n:s/old/new/ – substitute old in command number n
- program `!!` – use output of last command as input

## 1.2. Help and manuals

- type -a command – information about command
- help command – brief help on bash command
- man command, info command – detailed help
- man -k key, apropos key, whatis key – find command

## 2. Debugging

Run a script as: bash option script and its parameters

- bash -x – print commands before execution
- bash -u – stop with error if undefined variable is used
- bash -v – print script lines before execution
- bash -n – do not execute commands

## 3. Variables, arrays and hashes

- NAME=10 – set value to variable \$NAME, \${NAME}
- export NAME=10, typedef -x NAME – set as environment variable
- D=\$(date); D='date` – variable contains output of command date
- env, printenv – list all environment variables
- set – list env. variables, can set bash options and flags shopt
- unset name – destroy variable of function
- typeset, declare – set type of variable
- readonly variable – set as read only
- local variable – set local variable inside function
- \${!var}, eval \$\${!var} – indirect reference
- \${parameter-word} – if parameter has value, then it is used, else word is used
- \${parameter+=word} – if parameter has no value assing word. Doesn't work with \$1, \$2, etc.
- \${parameter:-word} – works with \$1, \$2, etc.
- \${parameter?word} – if parameter has value, use it; if no display word and exit script.
- \${parameter+word} – if parameter has value, use word, else use empty string
- array=( b c ); echo \${array[1]} – print 'b'
- array+=( d e f ) – append new item/array at the end
- \${array[\*]}, \${array[@]} – all items of array
- \${#array[\*]}, \${#array[@]} – number of array items
- declare -A hash – create associative array (from version)
- hash=( [key1]=value ["other key2"]="other value") – store items
- \${hash["other key2"]}, \${hash[key2]} – access
- \${hash[@]}, \${hash[\*]} – all items
- \${!hash[@]}, \${!hash[\*]} – all keys

## 3.1. Strings

- STRING="Hello" – indexing: H<sub>0</sub> e<sub>1</sub> l<sub>2</sub> l<sub>3</sub> o<sub>4</sub>
- STRING+=" world!" – concatenate strings
- \${#string}, expr length \$string – string length
- \${string:position} – extract substring from position
- \${string:position:length} – extract substr. of length from position
- \${string:substring:substitution} – substitute first occurrence
- \${string//substring:substitution} – substitute all
- \${string%substring:substitution} – substitute last occurrence
- \${string#substring} – erase shortest substring
- \${string##substring} – erase longest substring

## 3.2. Embedded variables

- ~, \$HOME – home directory of current user
- PS1, PS2 – primary, secundary user prompt
- \$PWD, ~+ / \$OLDPWD, ~– – actual/previous directory
- \$RANDOM – random number generator, 0 – 32,767
- \$? – return value of last command
- \$\$ – process id. of current process
- #! – process id. of last background command
- \$PPID – process id. of parent process
- \$– – display of bash flags
- \$LINENO – current line number in executed script

- SPATH – list of paths to executable commands
- \$IFS – Internal field separator. List of chars, that delimiter words from input, usually space, tabulator \$'\t' and new line \$'\n'.

## 4. Script command line parameters

- \$0, \${0} – name of script/executable
- \$1 to \$9, \${1} to \${255} – positional command line parameters
- PAR=\${1:?Missing parameter"} – error when \${1} is not set
- PAR=\${1:-default} – when \${1} is not set, use default value
- #\$ – number of command line parameters (argc)
- \${!#} – the last command line parameter
- \${\*} – expand all parameters, "\$\* = "\$1 \$2 \$3..."
- \${@} – expand all parameters, "\$@" = "\$1" "\$2" "\$3..."
- \${\_} – last parameter of previous command
- shift – rename arguments, \${2} to \${1}, \${3} to \${2}, etc.; lower counter \${#}
- xargs command – read stdin and put it as parameters of command

## 4.1. Read options from command line

```
while getopts "a:b:" opt; do case $opt in
    a) echo a = $OPTARG ;;
    b) echo b ;;
    *) echo "Unknown parameter!" ;;
esac; done
shift $(($OPTIND - 1)); echo "Last: $1"
```

## 5. Control expressions

- (commands), \${commands}, `commands` , {commands;} – run in subshell
- \$(program), `program` – output of program replaces command
- test, [ ] – condition evaluation:
  - numerical comparison: a -eq b ...a = b, a -ge b ...a ≥ b, a -gt b ...a > b, a -le b ...a ≤ b, a -lt b ...a < b
  - file system: -d file is directory, -f file exists and is not dir., -r file exists and is readable, -w file exists and is writable, -s file is non-zero size, -a file exists
  - logical: -a and, -o or, ! negation
- [[ ]]] – comparison of strings, equal =, non-equal !=, -z string is zero sized, -n string is non-zero sized, <, > lexical comparison
- [ condition ] && [ condition ]
- true – returns 0 value
- false – returns 1 value
- break – terminates executed cycle
- continue – starts new iteration of cycle
- eval parameters – executes parameters as command
- exit value – terminates script with return value
- . script, source script – reads and interprets another script
- : argument – just expand argument or do redirect
- alias name='commands' – expand name to commands
- unalias name – cancel alias
- if [ condition ]; then commands;
- elif [ condition ]; then commands;
- else commands; fi
- for variable in arguments; do commands; done
  - {a..z} – expands to a b c ...z
  - {i..n..s} – sequence from i to n with step s
  - \"{a,b,c}\"] – expands to "a" "b" "c"
  - {1,2}{a,b} – expands to 1a 1b 2a 2b
- seq start step end – number sequence
- for((i=1; i<10; i++)); do commands; done
- while returns true; do commands; done
- until [ test returns true ]; do commands; done
- case \$prom in value1) commands ;;
- value2) commands ;;
- \*) implicit. commands ;;
- esac

Function definition: function name () {commands; }

return value – return value of the function

declare -f function – print function declaration

## 6. Redirections and pipes

- 0 stdin/input, 1 stdout/output, 2 stderr/error output
- > file – redirection, create new file or truncate it to zero size
- >> file – append new data at the end of file
- command1<<<command2 – output from 2<sup>nd</sup> to stdin of 1<sup>st</sup>
- command < file – read stdin from file
- tee file – read stdin, writes to file and to stdout
- command 2> file – redirect error messages to file
- exec 1>(tee -a log.txt) – redirect stdout also to file
- 2>&1 – merge stderr and stdout
- exec 3>/dev/tcp/addr/port – create descriptor for network read/write
- exec 3>& – close descriptor
- command >/dev/null 2>&1 – suppress all output
- n>n>&m – operation redirect for descriptors n, m
- mkfifo name – make a named pipe, it can be written and read as file
- command1 | command2 – pipe, connection between processes
- command 2>&1 – can be shortened to command | & ...
- \${PIPESTATUS[0]}, \${PIPESTATUS[1]} – retvals before and after pipe
- read parameters – read input line and separate it into parameters

## 6.1. Input for interactive programs (here documents)

```
./program << EOF      ./program <<-EOF' # suppress tabulators
```

```
Input1          Input1
```

```
Input2          Input2
```

```
EOF            EOF
```

## 6.2. Process file line by line

```
cat file.txt | (while read L; do echo "$L"; done)
```

## 7. Evaluating mathematical expressions

- let expression, expr expression, \$((expression)), \${((expression1, expres-

sion2))), \$[expression]

- Numeric systems: base#number; hexa 0xABCD, octal 0253, binary 2#10101011
- Operators: i++, ++i, i--, --i, +, -; \*\* power, \*, /, % remainder; logical: ! neg., && and, || or; binary: ~, &, |, <<, >>; shifts; assignment: == /= %= += -= <= >= &= ^= |= |= >= <=; relations: <= >=
- factor n – factorize n into primes
- Floating point operations: echo "scale=10; 22/7" | bc

## 8. Screen output

- echo "text" – print text, echo \* print all files in current dir
- echo -e "text" – interpret escape-sequences (\t tab, \a beep, \f new page, \n new line), -n, -c suppressing \n, \xHH hex-byte, \mn oct. byte, \u03B1 „α” (U+03B1) in UTF-8
- stty – change and print terminal line settings
- tty – print name of terminal connected to stdout
- printf format values – format output
- printf -v variable form. val. – form. output into variable
  - %[flags][width][precision][length]specifier
  - Specifier: %u, %d, %i decimal; %E, %F float, %x, %X hex; %o octal, %s string, %% char %
  - Width: n prints at least n chars, spaces from right, 0n print at least n chars, zeros from left, \* width specified in preceding parameter
  - Precision: min. number of digits, digits after decimal point, number of printed chars, \* number of chars given by preceding parameter
  - Flags: - left-justify, + prints number with sign +/-
- printf "%d" '\A – display ASCII code of char “A” (65)
- printf \\\$(printf '%03o' 65) – print char given by ASCII code
- tput action – terminal dependent action
- reset, tput sgr0, tset – reset terminal, cancel attributes
- clear, tput clear – clear screen

## 9. Process management

- command & – run command in background
- prog1 && prog2 – run prog2, if prog1 ends with success
- prog1 || prog2 – rub prog2, if prog1 ends with error
- CTRL+Z – stop process (SIGSTOP)
- bg / fg – run last stopped process in background/foreground
- jobs – list processes running in background
- exec command – shell is replaced by command
- wait – wait for end of background tasks
- top – watch CPU, memory, system utilization
- ps -xau – list processes and users, ps -xaf, pstree tree listing
- pgrep process, pidof process – get PID by name of process
- nice -n p command – priority p od -20 (max.) to 19 (min.)
- renice -n p -p pid – change priority of running process
- kill -s n k – send signal k to proces id. n, 0, 1 SIGHUP; 2 SIGINT; 3 SIGQUIT; 9 SIGKILL; 15 SIGTERM; 24 SIGSTOP
- trap 'command' signals – run command when signal received
- killall name – send signals to process by name
- nohup command & – command will continue after logout
- time command – print time of process execution
- times – print user and system time utilization in current shell
- watch -n s command – every s seconds run command
- timeout N command – quit command after N seconds

## 10. Time and process planning

- date – print date, date --date=@umix\_time
- date +"%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S %Z" – format to 20130610 13:39:02 CEST
- printf '%(%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S)T\n' – format date via printf %T
- cal – display calendar
- crontab -e – edit crontab, -1 list, format min hour date month day command, \* \* \* \* \* command run every minute, 1 \* \* \* \* command 1<sup>st</sup> min of every hour
- at, batch, atq, atm – queue, examine or delete jobs for later execution

## 11. File operations

- File name wildchars: ? a char; \* zero or more chars; [set] one or more given chars, interval [0-9] [a-z], [A-Z]; [!set], [^set] none of chars.
- ls – list directory, ls -la, vdir all files with info
  - tree – display hierarchy tree of directories
  - file file – determine file by its magic number
  - lsattr, chattr – list and change file attributes for ext2,3
  - umask – define permission mask for new file
  - pwd (-P) – logical (physical) path to current directory
  - cd directory – change directory, cd jump to \$HOME, cd - to \$OLDPWD
  - dirs – list stack of directories
  - pushd directory – store directory to stack
  - popd – set top stack directory as actual directory
  - cp source target – copy file
  - ln -s source link – create a symbolic link
  - mkdir, rmdir – create, remove directory
  - rm file, rm -r -f directory, unlink – delete
  - touch file – create file, set actual time to existing file
  - du -h – display space usage of directories
  - stat file – file statistics, stat --format=%s size
  - basename name suffix – remove path or suffix
  - dirname /path/to/file – print only path
  - repquota – summarize quotas for a filesystem
  - mktemp – create file with unique name in /tmp

## 12. Work with file content

- cat – concatenate files and print them to stdout
- cat > file – create file, end with CTRL+D
- mapfile A < file – store stdin into array \$A
- tac – like cat, but from bottom to top line
- more, less – print by pages, scrollable
- od, hexdump -C, xxd – print in octal, hex dump
- wc – get number of lines -l, chars -n, bytes -c, words -w
- head/tail – print begin/end, tailf, tail -f wait for new lines

- split, csplit – split file by size, content
- sort -n numerical, -r reverse, -f ignore case
- uniq – omit repeated lines, -d show only duplicates
- sed -e 'script' – stream editor, script y/ABC/abc/ replaces A, B, C for a, b, c; s/regexp/substitution/
- tr a b – replace char a for b
- tr '[a-z]' '[A-Z]' < file.txt – change lowercase to uppercase
- awk '/pattern/ {action}' file – process lines containing pattern
- cut -d delimiter -f field – print column(s)
- cmp file1 file2 – compare files and print first difference
- diff, diff3, sdiff, vimdiff – compare whole files
- dd if=in of=out bs=k count=n – read n blocks of k bytes
- strings – show printable strings in binary file
- paste file1 file2 – merge lines of files
- rev – reverse every line

## 13. Search

- whereis, which – find path to command
- grep – -i ignore case, -n print line number, -v display everything except pattern, -E extended regexp
- locate file – find file
- find path -name 'file\*' – search for file\*
- find path -exec grep text -H {} \; – find file containing text

## 14. Users and permissions

- whoami, who am i – tell who I am :)
- w, who, users, pinky, finger – list connected users
- last / lastb – history successful / unsuccessful logins
- logout, CTRL+D – exit shell
- su login – change user to login
- sudo – run command as other user
- su - login -c 'command' – run one command as login
- id login, groups login – show user details
- useradd, userdel, usermod – create, delete, edit user
- groupadd, groupdel, groupmod – create, delete, edit group
- passwd – change password
- pwck – check integrity of /etc/passwd
- chown user:group file – change owner, -R recursion
- chgrp group file – change group of file
- chmod permissions file – change permissions in octal of user, group, others; 444=r--r--r--, 700=rwx----, 550=r-xr-x--
- runuser login -c "command" – run command as user

## 15. System utilities

- uname -a, cat /proc/version – name and version of operating system
- uptime – how long the system has been running
- fuser – identify processes using files or sockets
- lsof – list open files
- sync – flush file system buffers
- chroot dir command – run command with special root directory
- strace, ltrace program – show used system/library calls
- ldd binary – show library dependencies

## 15.1. Disk partitions

- df – display free space
- mount, findmnt – print mounted partitions
- mount -o remount -r -n / – change mount read only
- mount -o remount -w -n / – change mount writeable
- mount -t iso9660 cdmrom.iso /mnt/dir -o loop – mount image
- mount -t cifs \\\\server\\ftp /mnt/adr -o user=a,passwd=b