

# Shell Programming

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# Why Shell Programming

- Just like coding in C/C++
  - Variables
  - If-else
  - Loop
  - Read from keyboard
  - Output to screen
  - Execute other commands
    - In C/C++: `system()`
- Using shell syntax

# Outline

- Variable pre-operations
- args, argc in Shell Scripts
- Arithmetic and Logics
  - Test commands
- Control Structures: if-else, switch-case, for/while loops
- Input/output: Read from screen
- Defining Functions & Parsing Arguments
- Error Handling and Debug tool (sh -x)
- Regular Expression
- Advanced scripting: sed and awk
- A Shell Script Sample: Failure Detection on Servers

# Bourne Shell

- We use Bourne Shell in this slide
- Check your login shell

```
$ echo $SHELL  
/bin/tcsh
```

- Print the current shell

```
$ ps -p $$  
3463  0  S      0:00.01 tcsh  
$ sh  
$ ps -p $$  
3474  0  S      0:00.00 sh
```

# Sample script

- Print "Hello World" 3 times

```
#!/bin/sh
# ^ shebang: tell the system which interpreter to use

for i in `seq 1 3` ; do
    echo "Hello world $i" # the body of the script
done
```

- Output

```
$ chmod +x test.sh # grant execution permission
$ ./test.sh      # execute the script. Must specify the directory(.)
```

# Executable script

- Shebang (#!), or called Shabang
  - Sharp (#) + Bang (!)
    - or Hash Bang
  - Specify which interpreter is going to execute this script
  - Many interpreted language uses # as comment indicators
  - The first widely known appearance of this feature was on BSD

# Executable script

- Shebang examples
  - `#!/bin/sh`
  - `#!/bin/sh -x`
  - `#!/bin/bash`
  - `#!/usr/local/bin/bash`
  - `#!/usr/bin/env bash`
  - `#!/usr/bin/env python`
- Execution
  - `$ sh test.sh`
    - **Can execute without shebang**
  - `$ chmod a+x test.sh`
  - `$ ./test.sh`

# Shell variables (1)

- Assignment

	Syntax	Scope
Variable	my=test	Process
Local variable	local my=test	Function
Environment variable	export my	Process and sub-process

- Example

```
$ export PAGER=/usr/bin/less  
$ current_month=`date +%m`  
$ myFun() { local arg1="$1" }
```

# Shell variables (2)

- There are two ways to call variable
  - \$ echo "\$PAGER"
  - \$ echo "\${PAGER}" <= Why?
    - Use {} to avoid ambiguity
- Example

```
$ temp_name="haha" && temp="hehe" # No Space Beside "="  
$ echo $temp  
hehe  
$ echo ${temp}_name  
haha  
$ echo ${temp}_name  
hehe_name  
$ echo ${temp_name}  
haha
```

# Quotation marks

Quotes	Description	Example
' '	Single quote, Preserves the literal value of each character within the quotes	\$ echo 'echo \$USER' echo \$USER
""	Double quote, Parse special character, like: \$ ` \	\$ echo "echo \$USER" echo lctseng
` `	Back quotes, The stdout of the command	\$ echo `echo \$USER` lctseng \$ echo now is `date` now is Sat Jun 15 03:56:54 CST 2019

# Shell variable operator (1)

- sh(1): Parameter Expansion

Operator	Description
<code>\$ {var:=value}</code>	If "Bad", use the <b>given value</b> and assign to var.
<code>\$ {var:+value}</code>	If "Good", use the <b>given value</b> . Otherwise, <b>null is used but not assign to var</b> . => Replace if "Good", not assign to var.
<code>\$ {var:-value}</code>	If "Good", use the <b>value of var</b> . Otherwise, use the <b>given value but not assign to var</b> => Replace if "Bad", not assign to var.
<code>\$ {var:?value}</code>	If "Bad", <b>print given value (stderr)</b> and <b>shell exits</b> (The command stops immediately).

- Good: var is set and is not null.
- Bad: var is not set or the value is null.
  - Bad == not Good

# Shell variable operator (2)

- Script

```
#!/bin/sh
var1="haha"
echo "01" ${var1:+hehe"}
echo "02" ${var1}
echo "03" ${var2:+hehe"}
echo "04" ${var2}
echo "05" ${var1:="hehehe"}
echo "06" ${var1}
echo "07" ${var2:="hehehe"}
echo "08" ${var2}
echo "09" ${var1:-"he"}
echo "10" ${var1}
echo "11" ${var3:-"he"}
echo "12" ${var3}
echo "13" ${var1:?hoho"}
echo "14" ${var1}
echo "15" ${var3:?hoho"}
echo "16" ${var3}
```

- Result

```
01 hehe
02 haha
03
04
05 haha
06 haha
07 hehehe
08 hehehe
09 haha
10 haha
11 he
12
13 haha
14 haha
hoho
(program exited)
```

# Shell variable operator (3)

Operator	Description	
<code> \${#var}</code>	String <u>length</u>	These operators do not change the value of var
<code> \${var#pattern}</code>	Remove the <u>smallest prefix</u>	
<code> \${var##pattern}</code>	Remove the <u>largest prefix</u>	
<code> \${var%pattern}</code>	Remove the <u>smallest suffix</u>	
<code> \${var%%pattern}</code>	Remove the <u>largest suffix</u>	

- Script

```
#!/bin/sh
var="Nothing happened end closing end"
echo ${#var}
echo ${var#*ing}
echo ${var##*ing}
echo ${var%end*}
echo ${var%%end*}
```

- Result

```
32
happened end closing end
end
Nothing happened end closing
Nothing happened
```

# Predefined shell variables

- Environment Variables
- Other useful variables
  - Similar to C program's "int main(argc, argv)" – arguments of program
  - e.g. ls -a ~

# Predefined shell variables

- Example:

- `ls -a ~`

sh	Description
<code>\$#</code>	<u>Number</u> of positional arguments (start from 0)
<code>\$0</code>	Command name (Ex: What command user exec your script)
<code>\$1, \$2, ..</code>	Positional <u>arguments</u>
<code>\$* / \$@</code>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <u>List of positional arguments</u> (useful in for loop)</li><li>● <code> \${*:2}</code> : Get the list of argument after \$2</li></ul>
<code>\$?</code>	<u>Return code</u> from <u>last command</u>
<code>\$\$</code>	<u>Process number</u> of <u>current command</u> (pid)
<code>\$!</code>	<u>Process number</u> of <u>last background command</u>

# Usage of \$\* and \$@

- The difference between \$\* and \$@
  - \$\* : all arguments are formed into a long string
  - \$@ : all arguments are formed into separated strings
- Examples: test.sh

```
for i in "$*" ; do
    echo "In loop: $i"
done

% test.sh 1 2 3
In loop: 1 2 3
```

```
for i in "$@" ; do
    echo "In loop: $i"
done

% test.sh 1 2 3
In loop: 1
In loop: 2
In loop: 3
```

# The "test" command

- Checking file status, string, numbers, etc
- test(1)
  - test expression
  - [ expression ]
- Test and **return 0 (true) or 1 (false)** in \$?
  - test -e News ; echo \$?
    - If there exist the file named "News"
  - test "haha" = "hehe" ; echo \$?
    - Whether "haha" **equal** "hehe"
  - test 10 -eq 11 ; echo \$?
    - Whether 10 **equal** 11

# Test command - File test

- **-e file**
  - True if file exists (regardless of type)
- **-s file**
  - True if file exists and has a size greater than zero
- **-d file**
  - True if file exists and is a directory
- **-f file**
  - True if file exists and is a regular file

# Test command - File test

- `-L file`
  - True if file exists and is a symbolic link
- `-r file`
  - True if file exists and is readable
- `-w file`
  - True if file exists and is writable
- `-x file`
  - True if file exists and is executable

# Test command - File test

- file1 -nt file2
  - True if file1 exists and is newer than file2
- file1 -ot file2
  - True if file1 exists and is older than file2
- file1 -ef file2
  - True if file1 and file2 exist and refer to the same file

# Test command – String test

- `-z string`
  - True if the length of string is zero
- `-n string`
  - True if the length of string is nonzero
- `string`
  - True if string is not the null string
- `s1 = s2` (though some implementation recognize `==`)
  - True if the strings `s1` and `s2` are identical
- `s1 != s2`
  - True if the strings `s1` and `s2` are not identical
- `s1 < s2`
  - True if string `s1` comes before `s2` based on the **binary value of their characters (lexicographical order)**
- `s1 > s2`
  - True if string `s1` comes after `s2` based on the **binary value of their characters**

# Test command – Number comparison

- Number comparison with “>”

```
$ test 14 > 123 ; echo $?
0 # True
```

- The correct way is to use “-gt” (greater-than)

```
$ test 14 -gt 123 ; echo $?
1 # False
```

# Test command – Number test

- $n1 \text{-eq } n2$  ==, !=, >, <, >=, <= **fashion does not apply here**
    - True if the integers  $n1$  and  $n2$  are algebraically equal
  - $n1 \text{-ne } n2$ 
    - True if the integers  $n1$  and  $n2$  are not algebraically equal
  - $n1 \text{-gt } n2$ 
    - True if the integer  $n1$  is algebraically greater than the integer  $n2$
  - $n1 \text{-ge } n2$ 
    - True if the integer  $n1$  is algebraically greater than or equal to the integer  $n2$
  - $n1 \text{-lt } n2$ 
    - True if the integer  $n1$  is algebraically less than the integer  $n2$
  - $n1 \text{-le } n2$ 
    - True if the integer  $n1$  is algebraically less than or equal to the integer  $n2$

# Test Command – Combination

- ! expression
  - True if expression is false.
  - \$ [ ! A == B ] => Test expression, invert the internal result
  - \$ ! [ A == B ] => Invert the whole test command result
- expression1 -a expression2
  - True if both expression1 and expression2 are true.
  - \$ [ A == B -a C == D ]
- expression1 -o expression2
  - True if either expression1 or expression2 are true.
  - The -a operator has higher precedence than the -o operator.
  - \$ [ A == B -o C == D ]

# Test Command – Combination Example

- `! [ "A" = "A" -o 1 -eq 1 ]`
  - false
- `[ ! "A" = "A" -o 1 -eq 1 ]`
  - true

# Test Command - In Script

- Add space beside = <= != [ ]...
  - \$ [A=B] # error
  - \$ [ A=B ] # error
  - \$ [A = B] # error
- If the var may be null or may not be set, add ""
  - \$ [ \$var = "A" ] may be parsed to [ = "A" ] and cause syntax error!!
  - \$ [ "\$var" = "A" ] become [ "" = "A" ]

```
if [ "$var" = "hehe" ] ; then
    echo '$var equals hehe'
else
    echo '$var doesn't equal hehe'
fi
```

# expr command (1)

- Another way to combine test results
- AND, OR, NOT (&&, ||, !)

```
[ 1 -eq 2 ] || [ 1 -eq 1 ] ; echo $?
0
[ 1 -eq 1 ] || [ 1 -eq 2 ] ; echo $?
0
[ 1 -eq 1 ] && [ 1 -eq 2 ] ; echo $?
1
```

```
[ 1 -eq 2 ] && [ 1 -eq 1 ] ; echo $?
1
! [ 1 -eq 2 ] ; echo $?
0
$ [ 1 -eq 2 ] ; echo $?
1
```

# expr command (2)

- \$ expr1 && expr2
  - if expr1 is false then expr2 won't be evaluate
- \$ expr1 || expr2
  - if expr1 is true then expr2 won't be evaluate
- Ex:
  - \$ [ -e SomeFile ] && rm SomeFile
  - \$ checkSomething || exit 1

# Arithmetic Expansion

```
echo $(( 1 + 2 ))  
a=8  
a=$(( $a + 9 ))  
a=$(( $a + 17 ))  
a=$(( $a + 9453 ))  
echo $a
```

```
3  
// a=8  
// a=17  
// a=34  
// a=9487  
9487
```

# if-then-else structure

```
if [ test conditions ] ; then
    command-list
elif [ test conditions ] ; then
    command-list
else
    command-list
fi
# Or in one line
if [ a = a ]; then echo "Yes"; else echo "No"; fi
```

# switch-case structure (1)

```
case $var in
    value1)
    action1
    ;;
    value2)
    action2
    ;;
    value3|value4)
    action3
    ;;
    *)
    default-action
    ;;
esac
```

```
case $sshd_enable in
    [Yy][Ee][Ss])
    action1
    ;;
    [Nn][Oo])
    action2
    ;;
    *)
    ???
    ;;
esac
```

# For loop

```
for var in var1 var2 ...; do  
    action  
done
```

```
a=""  
for var in `ls` ; do  
    a="$a $var"  
done  
echo $a
```

```
for i in A B C D E F G; do  
    mkdir $i;  
done
```

# While loop

```
while [ expression ] ; do  
    action
```

```
done
```

```
break
```

```
continue
```

```
while read name ; do
```

```
    echo "Hi $name"
```

```
done
```

# Read from stdin

```
#!/bin/sh
echo -n "Do you want to 'rm -rf /' (yes/no)? "
read answer # read from stdin and assign to variable
case $answer in
    [Yy][Ee][Ss])
        echo "Hahaha"
        ;;
    [Nn][Oo])
        echo "No~~~"
        ;;
    *)
        echo "removing..."
        ;;
esac
```

# Create tmp file/dir

- TMPDIR=`mktemp -d tmp.XXXXXX`
- TMPFILE=`mktemp \${TMPDIR}/tmp.XXXXXX`
- echo "program output" >> \${TMPFILE}

# functions (1)

- Define function

```
function_name () {  
    command_list  
}
```

- Removing function definition

```
unset function_name
```

- Function execution

```
function_name
```

- Function definition is local to the current shell
- Define the function before first use

# functions (2) - scoping

```
func() {  
    # global variable  
    echo $a  
    a="bar"  
}  
  
a="foo"  
  
func  
  
echo $a
```

```
func() {  
    # local variable  
    local a="bar"  
    echo $a  
}  
  
a="foo"  
  
func  
  
echo $a
```

```
foo  
bar
```

```
bar  
foo
```

# functions (3) - arguments check

```
func() {  
    if [ $# -eq 2 ] ; then  
        echo $1 $2  
    else  
        echo "Wrong"  
    fi  
}  
  
func  
func hi  
func hello world
```

```
Wrong  
Wrong  
hello world
```

# functions (4) - return value

```
func() {  
    if [ $# -eq 2 ] ; then  
        return 0  
    else  
        return 2  
    fi  
}  
  
func  
echo $?  
func hello world  
echo $?
```

```
2  
0
```

# Scope

- Local var can only be read and written inside the function.
- Subprocess can **only read** the environment variable, the modification of the variable will **NOT** be effective to the current process. (Subprocess may include some PIPE execution)
- If something wrong, try to print every variable.

```
#!/bin/sh
a=10
export b=20
cat test.sh | while read line; do
    echo "$a $b $line"
    b=$((b+1))
done
echo b is $b # b is 20
```

test.sh

```
10 20 #!/bin/sh
10 21 a=10
10 22 export b=20
10 23 cat test.sh | while read line; do
10 24 echo "$a $b $line"
10 25 b=$((b+1))
10 26 done
10 27 echo b is $b
b is 20
```

# Parsing arguments

- Use getopt

```
#!/bin/sh
echo "Initial OPTIND: $OPTIND"
while getopt abcf: op ; do
    echo "${OPTIND}-th arg"

    case $op in
        a|b|c)
            echo "one of ABC" ;;
        f)
            echo $OPTARG ;;
        *)
            echo "Default" ;;
    esac
done
```

```
$ ./test.sh -a -b -c -f hi
Initial OPTIND: 1
2-th arg
one of ABC
3-th arg
one of ABC
4-th arg
one of ABC
6-th arg
hi
```

- ":" means additional arg.
- \$OPTARG: content of additional arguments
- \$OPTIND: index of the **next** argument
  - Need **manually reset** for the second call

# Handling Error Conditions

- Internal error
  - Program crash
  - Failing to perform sub commands
  - Invalid input
  - Syntax error
- External error
  - Signal from OS
    - The system telling you that some system-level event has occurred
  - Ctrl+C
    - SIGINT

# Handling Error Conditions – Internal Error

- Example:
  - Handling the errors by yourself

```
#!/bin/sh
UsageString="Usage: $0 -man=val1 -woman=val2"
```

```
if [ $# != 2 ] ; then
    echo "$UsageString"
else
    echo "ok!"
    man=`echo $1 | cut -c 6-`
    woman=`echo $2 | cut -c 8-`
    echo "Man is ${man}"
    echo "Woman is ${woman}"
fi
```

program name

How about c but not -c?

# Handling Error Conditions – External Error (1)

- Using trap in Bourne shell
  - To handle events like Ctrl+C (SIGINT, signal number is 2)
  - trap [command-list] [signal-list]
    - Perform command-list when receiving any signal in signal-list

```
trap "rm tmp*; exit 0" 1 2 3 14 15
trap "" 1 2 3 # Ignore signal 1 2 3
```

# Handling Error Conditions –

## External Error (2)

Catch: perform something when trapped  
 Block: prevent system actions

#	Name	Description	Default	Catch	Block	Dump Core
1	<b>SIGHUP</b>	Hangup	Terminate	✓	✓	✗
2	<b>SIGINT</b>	Interrupt (^C)	Terminate	✓	✓	✗
3	<b>SIGQUIT</b>	Quit	Terminate	✓	✓	✓
9	<b>SIGKILL</b>	Kill	Terminate	✗	✗	✗
10	<b>SIGBUS</b>	Bus error	Terminate	✓	✓	✓
11	<b>SIGSEGV</b>	Segmentation fault	Terminate	✓	✓	✓
15	<b>SIGTERM</b>	Soft. termination	Terminate	✓	✓	✗
17	<b>SIGSTOP</b>	Stop	Stop	✗	✗	✗
18	<b>SIGTSTP</b>	Stop from tty (^Z)	Stop	✓	✓	✗
19	<b>SIGCONT</b>	Continue after stop	Ignore	✓	✗	✗

# Debugging Shell Script

## — Debug tools in sh

- Example:

```
#!/bin/sh -x
Debug Mode

var1="haha"
echo "01" ${var1:+hehe"}
echo "02" ${var1}
echo "03" ${var2:+hehe"}
echo "04" ${var2}
echo "05" ${var1}:="hehehe"
echo "06" ${var1}
echo "07" ${var2}:="hehehe"
echo "08" ${var2}
echo "09" ${var1}:-"he"
echo "10" ${var1}
echo "11" ${var3}:-"he"
echo "12" ${var3}
echo "13" ${var1}?:?"hoho"
echo "14" ${var1}
echo "15" ${var3}?:?"hoho"
echo "16" ${var3}
```

Print out the substitution results

- Result:

```
+ var1=haha
+ echo 01 hehe
01 hehe
+ echo 02 haha
02 haha
+ echo 03
03
+ echo 04
04
+ echo 05 haha
05 haha
+ echo 06 haha
06 haha
+ echo 07 hehehe
07 hehehe
+ echo 08 hehehe
08 hehehe
+ echo 09 haha
09 haha
+ echo 10 haha
10 haha
+ echo 11 he
11 he
+ echo 12
12
+ echo 13 haha
13 haha
+ echo 14 haha
14 haha
hoho
```

# ShellCheck

- Find potential bugs in your shell scripts
  - <https://www.shellcheck.net/>
- In FreeBSD
  - devel/hs-ShellCheck
  - pkg install hs-ShellCheck

# Regular Expression

Pattern Matching

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# Regular Expression (1)

- Informal definition
  - Basis:
    - A single character "a" is a R.E.
  - Hypothesis
    - If r and s are R.E.
  - Inductive
    - Union:  $r + s$  is R.E
      - Ex:  $a + b$
    - Concatenation:  $rs$  is R.E.
      - Ex:  $ab$
    - Kleene closure:  $r^*$  is R.E.
      - Ex:  $a^*$

# Regular Expression (2)

- Pattern-matching
  - Special operators

operator	Description
.	Any single character
[]	Any character in []
[^]	Any character not in []
^	<u>start</u> of a line
\$	end of a line
*	zero or more
?	zero or one
+	one or more
{m,n}	At least m times and at most n times
{m,}	At least m times.
{m}	Exactly m times.
\	Escape character

# Regular Expression (3)

- Examples
  - r.n
    - Any 3-character string that start with r and end with n
      - r1n, rxn, r&n will match
      - r1xn, axn will not match
  - ..Z..
    - Any 5-character strings that have Z as 3rd character
      - aeZoo, 12Zos will match
      - aeooZ, aeZoom will not match
  - r[a-z]n
    - Any 3-character string that start with r and end with n and the 2nd character is an alphabet
      - rxn will match
      - r1n, r&n will not match

# Regular Expression (4)

- Examples
  - `^John`
    - Any string starts with John
      - John Snow -> will match
      - Hi John -> will not match
  - `[Ee][Nn][Dd]$`
    - Any string ends with any combination of "end"
  - `[A-Za-z0-9]+`
    - String of characters

# Regular Expression (5)

- Utilities using RE
  - grep
  - awk
  - sed
  - find
- Different tools, different RE
  - BRE (Basic)
  - ERE (Extended)
  - PCRE (Perl Compatible)
  - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regular\\_expression#Standards](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regular_expression#Standards)

# Advanced scripting

## - sed and awk

Details on using sed and awk...

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# sed – Stream EDitor (1)

- sed(1)
  - sed -e "command" -e "command"... file
  - sed -f script-file file
    - Sed will (1) read the file line by line and (2) do the commands, then (3) output to stdout
    - e.g. `sed -e '1,10d' -e 's/yellow/black/g'` yel.dat
- Command format
  - [address1[,address2]]function[argument]
    - From address 1 to address 2
    - Do what action
- Address format
  - n → line number
  - /R.E./ → the line that matches R.E

# sed – Stream EDitor (2)

- Address format
  - Example of address format
    - sed -e 10d
    - sed -e /man/d
    - sed -e 10,100d
    - sed -e 10,/man/d
      - Delete line from line 10 to the line contain "man"

# sed – Stream Editor

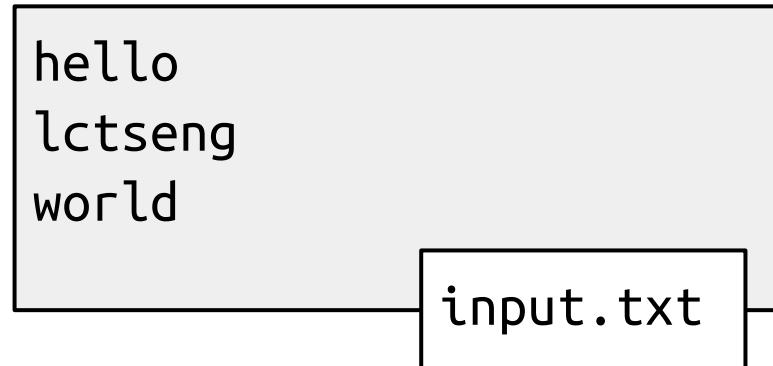
## Function: print (1)

- print
  - Syntax:
    - [addr1, addr2]p
  - Ex:
    - sed -n -e '/^lctseng/p' # Print out the lines that begins with lctseng

-n: By default, each line of input is echoed to the standard output after all of the commands have been applied to it. The -n option suppresses this behavior.

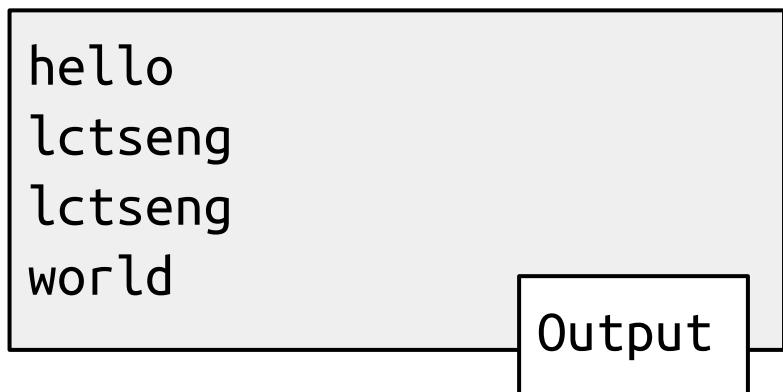
# sed – Stream Editor

## Function: print (2)



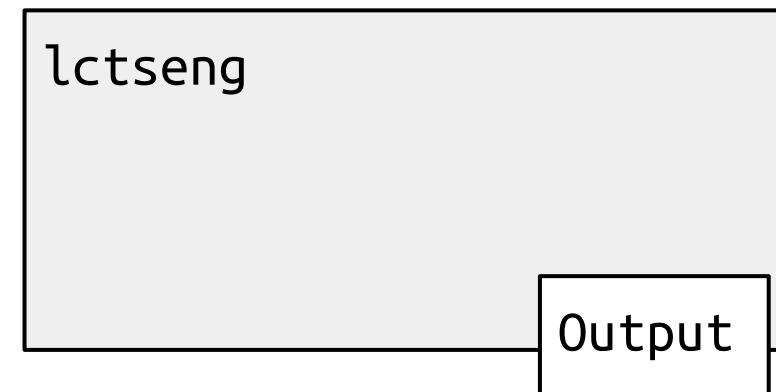
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sed -e '/^lctseg/p' input.txt
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sed -n -e '/^lctseg/p' input.txt
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## Function: substitution (1)

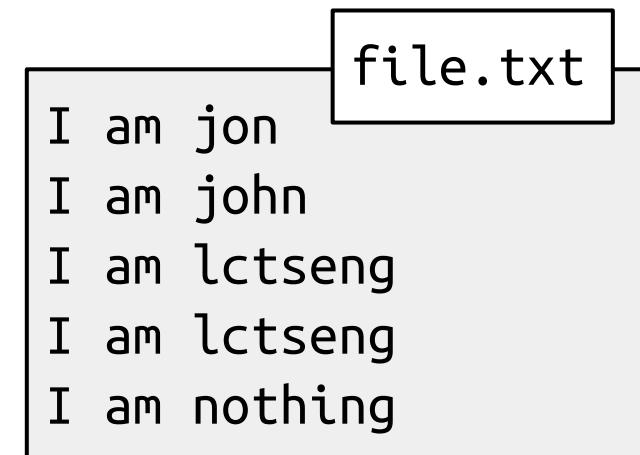
- substitution
  - Syntax
    - s/pattern/replace/flags
  - Flags
    - N: Make the substitution only for the N'th occurrence
    - g: replace all matches
    - p: print the matched and replaced line
    - w: write the matched and replaced line to a file

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## Function: substitution (2)

- Example:

- `sed -e 's/lctseng/LCTSENG/2' file.txt`
- `sed -e 's/lctseng/LCTSENG/g' file.txt`
- `sed -e 's/lctseng/LCTSENG/p'` file.txt
- `sed -n -e 's/lctseng/LCTSENG/p'` file.txt
- `sed -e 's/lctseng/LCTSENG/w wfile'` file.txt



I am jon  
I am john  
I am lctseng  
I am lctseng  
I am nothing

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## Function: delete

- delete
  - Syntax:
    - [address]d
- Ex:
  - sed -e 10d
  - sed -e /man/d
  - sed -e 10,100d
  - sed -e 10,/man/d

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## Function: append, insert, change

- Function
  - append
    - append after the line
  - insert
    - insert before the line
  - change
    - replace whole line
- Example:
  - sed -f sed.src file.txt

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/lctseng/i \  
sed.src  
Meet lctseng, Hello
```

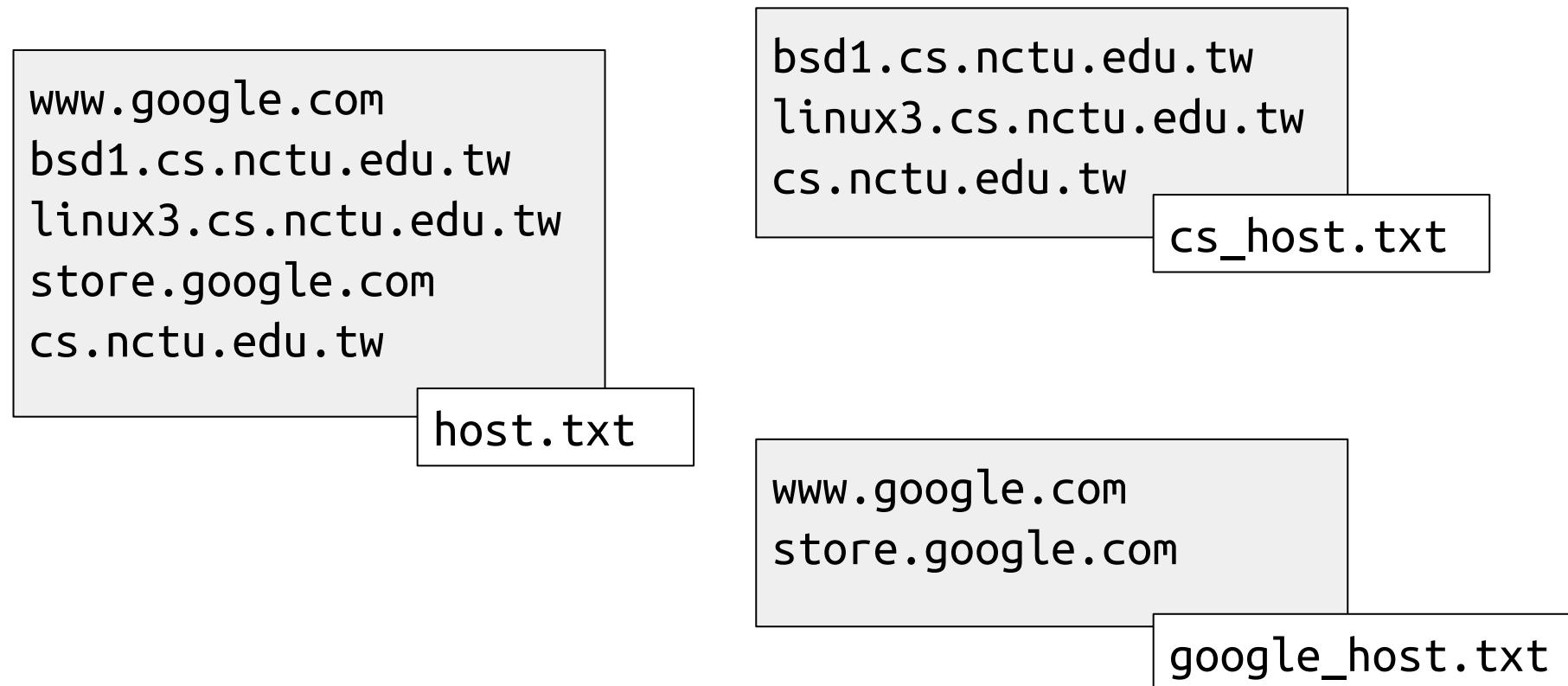
```
I am jon  
I am john  
I am lctseng  
I am lctseng  
I am nothing  
file.txt
```

```
I am jon  
I am john  
Meet lctseng, Hello  
I am lctseng  
Meet lctseng, Hello  
I am lctseng  
I am nothing  
Result
```

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## Example: split lines into multiple files

- `cat host.txt | sed -e '/cs/w cs_host.txt' -e '/google/w google_host.txt'`



# awk

- awk(1)
  - awk [-F fs] [ 'awk\_program' | -f program\_file ] [data\_file .....]
    - awk will read the file line by line and evaluate the pattern, then do the action if the test is true
    - Ex:
      - awk '{print "Hello World"}' file
      - awk '{print \$1}' file
- Program structure
  - pattern { action }
  - missing pattern means always matches
  - missing { action } means print the line

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\$1	\$2	\$3	\$4

# awk – Pattern formats

- pattern formats
  - Regular expression
    - `awk '/[0-9]+/ {print "This is an integer" }'`
    - `awk '/[A-Za-z]+/ {print "This is a string" }'`
    - `awk '/^$/ {print "this is a blank line."}'`
  - BEGIN
    - before reading any data
      - `awk 'BEGIN {print "Nice to meet you"}'`
  - END
    - after the last line is read
      - `awk 'END {print "Bye Bye"}'`

# awk – action format

- Actions
  - Print
    - Assignment
    - if( expression ) statement [; else statement2]
      - awk ' { if( \$2 ~ /am/ ) print \$1}' file
    - while( expression ) statement
      - awk 'BEGIN {count=0} /lctseng/ {while (count < 3) {print count;count++}}' file
      - awk 'BEGIN {count=0} /lctseng/ {while (count < 3) {print count;count++}};count=0'' file
    - for ( init ; test ; incr ) action
      - awk '{for (i=0;i<3;i++) print i}' file

variable usage: no need for "\$"

reset count after printing

# awk – built-in variables (1)

- \$0, \$1, \$2, ...
  - Column variables
- NF
  - Number of fields in current line
- NR
  - Number of line processed
- FILENAME
  - the name of the file being processed
- FS
  - Field separator, set by **-F**
- OFS
  - Output field separator

# awk – built-in variables (2)

- Ex:
  - awk 'BEGIN {FS=":"} /lctseng/ {print \$3}' /etc/passwd
    - 1002
  - awk 'BEGIN {FS=":"} /^lctseng/{print \$3 \$6}' /etc/passwd
    - 1002/home/lctseng
  - awk 'BEGIN {FS=":"} /^lctseng/{print \$3 " " \$6}' /etc/passwd
    - 1002 /home/lctseng
  - awk 'BEGIN {FS=":" ;OFS="==" } /^lctseng/{print \$3 ,\$6}' /etc/passwd
    - 1002==/home/lctseng

```
lctseng:*:1002:20:Liang-Chi Tseng:/home/lctseng:/bin/tcsh
```

# Shell Script Examples

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# check alive(1)

- ping

```
$ /sbin/ping -c 3 bsd1.cs.nctu.edu.tw

PING bsd1.cs.nctu.edu.tw (140.113.235.131): 56 data bytes
64 bytes from 140.113.235.131: icmp_seq=0 ttl=64 time=0.044 ms
64 bytes from 140.113.235.131: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.068 ms
64 bytes from 140.113.235.131: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.056 ms

--- bsd1.cs.nctu.edu.tw ping statistics ---
3 packets transmitted, 3 packets received, 0.0% packet loss
round-trip min/avg/max/stddev = 0.044/0.056/0.068/0.010 ms
```

# check alive(2)

```
#!/bin/sh
# [Usage] isAlive.sh bsd1.cs.nctu.edu.tw

Usage="[Usage] $0 host"
temp="$1.ping"
Admin="lctseng"
count="3"

if [ $# != 1 ] ; then
    echo $Usage
else
    /sbin/ping -c ${count:=10} $1 | /usr/bin/grep 'transmitted' > $temp
    Lost=`awk -F" " '{print $7}' $temp | awk -F"." '{print $1}' `

    if [ ${Lost:=0} -ge 50 ] ; then
        mail -s "$1 failed" $Admin < $temp
    fi
    /bin/rm $temp
fi
```

default 10 times

Grep "tran..."  
write to the temp file

- awk on \$temp using space as delimiter
- How many % packet loss?

Mail and del. \$temp

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