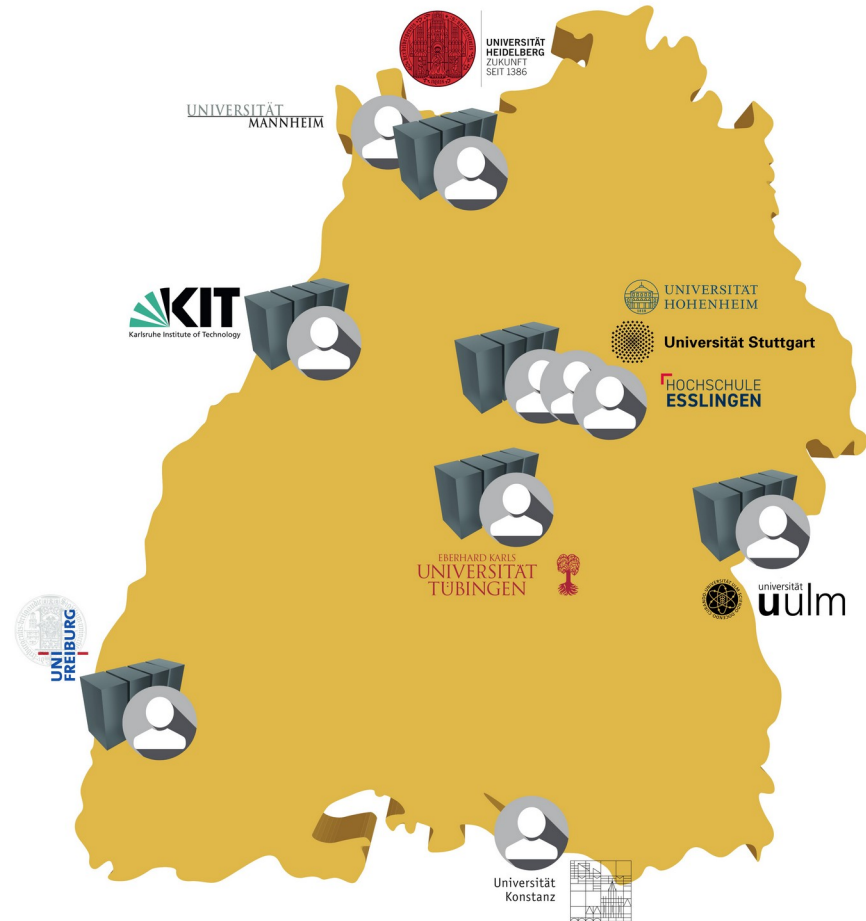


Advanced Bash Scripting

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How to read the following slides

Abbreviation	Full meaning
<code>\$ command -opt value</code>	<code>\$</code> = prompt of the interactive shell The full prompt may look like: <code>user@machine:path \$</code> The <code>command</code> has been entered in the interactive shell session
<code><integer></code> <code><string></code>	<code><></code> = Placeholder for integer, string etc
<code>foo, bar</code>	Metasyntactic variables
<code>\${WORKSHOP}</code>	@uc2:/opt/bwhpc/common/workshops/2024-04-10 @hk:/software/all/workshops/2024-04-10

Sources of this slides?

- <https://tldp.org/HOWTO/Bash-Prog-Intro-HOWTO.html> (intro)
- <https://tldp.org/LDP/abs/html> (advanced)
- `$ man bash`

Where to get the slides/exercises/reservation?

- https://indico.scc.kit.edu/e/hpc_course_2024-04-10 or

bwUniCluster: /opt/bwhpc/common/workshops/2024-04-10

horeka:/software/all/workshops/2024-04-10

- exercises
- slides

- Workshop reservation – mult inode:

- bwUniCluster 2.0

```
sbatch --reservation=ws
```

- HoreKa

```
sbatch --reservation=ws
```

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How to do exercises?

- Login to cluster & Generate workspace „bwhpc-course“

```
$ ws_allocate bwhpc-course 30
Info: creating workspace
/pfs/work7/workspace/scratch/ab1234-bwhpc-course
remaining extensions : 3
remaining time in days: 30
```

- Copy examples to your workspace

```
$ WORKSHOP=/opt/bwhpc/common/workshops/2024-04-10
$ cd $(ws_find bwhpc-course)
$ mkdir -v 2024-04-10; cd 2024-04-10
$ cp -vpr ${WORKSHOP}/exercises/01 ./
```

- Submit jobs from your workspace

```
$ cd $(ws_find bwhpc-course)/2024-04-10/01
$ sbatch -p {single|cpuonly} --reservation=ws <jobscript>
```

Why (**not**) Bash?!

■ **Great at:**

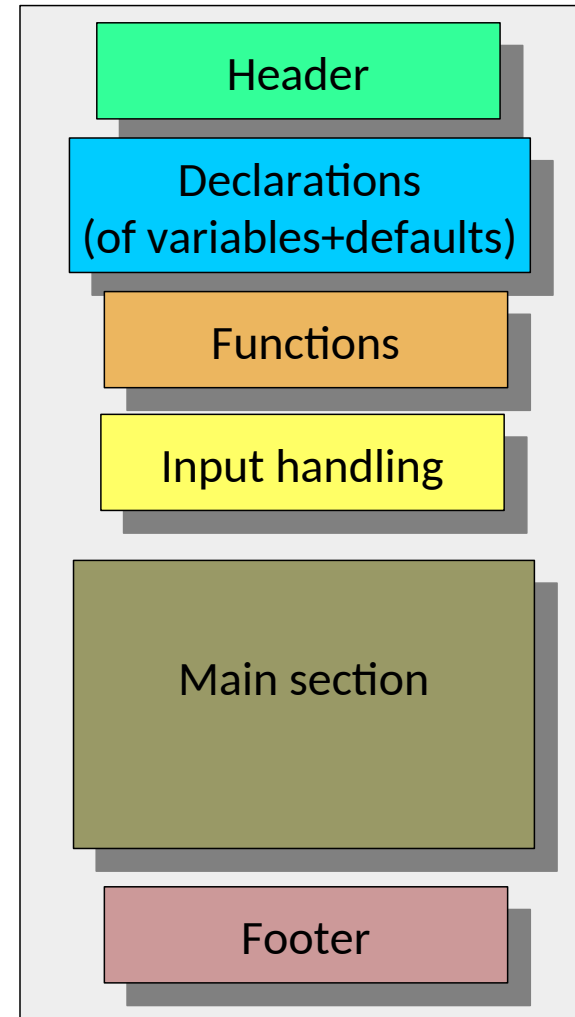
- **managing batch jobs**
- managing external programs
- invoking entire UNIX command stack & many builtins
- Powerful scripting language
- Portable and version-stable
- almost everywhere installed

■ **Less useful** when:

- Resource-intensive tasks (e.g. sorting, recursion, hashing)
- **Heavy-duty math operations**
- Extensive file operations
- Need for native support of **multi-dimensional arrays**

Goal

- Be descriptive!
 - **Comment your code**
 - e.g. via headers sections of script and functions.
 - **Decipherable names** for variables and functions
- Organise and structure!
 - Break complex scripts into **simpler blocks**
e.g. use functions
 - Use exit codes
 - Use **standardized parameter flags** for script invocation.



Header & Line format

- Hash-bang = '#!' (= activates interpreter directive)

→ at head of file = 1. line only!

```
#!/bin/bash
```

- Options: e.g. *debugging shell*):

```
#!/bin/bash -x
```

- `#!/bin/sh` → invokes default shell interpreter → mostly Bash

- If path of bash shell varies:

```
#!/usr/bin/env bash
```

- Line ends with no special character!

- But multiple statements in one line to be separated by:

```
;
```

Semicolon

```
$ echo hello; echo World; echo bye
```

- Group commands

- In current shell:

```
$ echo $BASHPID; { echo $BASHPID; sleep 10; }
```

- In subshell:

```
$ echo $BASHPID; ( echo $BASHPID; sleep 10 )
```

Bash Output

■ echo

- by default, trails every output with a „newline“
- prevent newline with -n:
- parsing „escape sequences“ with -e:

```
$ echo hello; echo World
hello
World
```

```
$ echo -n hello; echo World
helloWorld
```

```
$ echo -e "hello\nWorld"
hello
World
```

■ printf = „enhanced“ echo

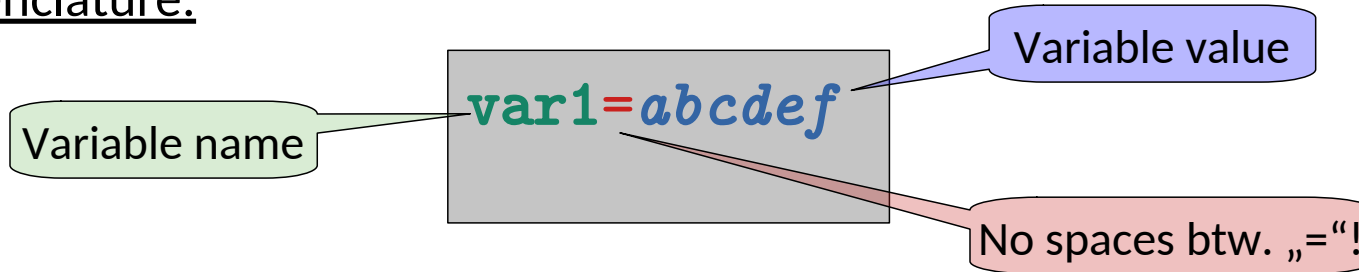
- by default no „newline“ trailing
- formatted output

```
$ printf hello; printf World
helloWorld$
```

```
$ printf "%-9.9s: %03d\n" "Integer" "5"
Integer : 005
```


Variables (1)

■ Nomenclature:



■ Brace protect your variables!

→ check difference:

```
var2=01_${var1}_gh
vs
var3=01_${var1}_gh
```

```
$ echo ${var2}
01_abcdef_gh
$ echo ${var3}
01_
```

■ Values can be generated by commands:

```
var4=$(date)
```

■ Variables are untyped

→ essentially strings,

→ depending on content arithmetics permitted

```
$ a=41; echo $((a+1))
42
```

```
$ a=BB; echo $((a+1))
1
```

→ string has an integer value of 0

Variables (2)

■ Declare

- Set variable to integer, readonly, **array** etc.

```
$ declare -r a=1
$ let a+=1
bash: a: readonly variable
```

```
$ declare -a arr=( '1 2' 3) ← space is
$ echo ${arr[0]}           separator
1 2
```

- Arrays: e.g. store file content in array:

a) 1 element per string

```
a=( $(< file) ) = a=( $(cat file) )
```

b) 1 element for whole file

```
a=( "$(cat file)" )
```

c) 1 element per line

```
while read -r line; do
  a+=( "${line}" )
done < file
```

■ Usage only **without \$** when:

assign
declare
export
unset

```
a="value"
declare -i a=41
export a
unset a
```

Special bash characters (1)

Chars with meta-meaning

Comments

- at beginning
- at the end
- **exception:** escaping, quotes, substitution

```
# This line is not executed
```

```
echo 'something' # Comment starts here
```

\ Escape = Quoting mechanism for single characters

```
echo \#
```

' Full Quotes = Preserves all special characters within

```
echo '#'
```

" Partial Quotes = Preserves some of the special characters, but not `${var}`

```
var=42  
echo "\${var} = ${var}"; echo '\${var} = ${var}'
```

Special bash characters (2)

Chars with meta-meaning

`$()`

Command substitution

old version: `` `` (backticks) → do not use anymore

```
$ echo "today = $(date)"  
today = Wed Oct 11 02:03:40 CEST 2017
```

`()`

*Group commands in a subshell
(or creates an array)*

```
$ (ls -l; date)  
$ arr=(1 2 3)
```

`(())`

Double-parentheses construct

→ arithmetic expansion and evaluation

```
$ echo $((1 + 3))  
4
```

\$ prefixing of `(())` to return the value it holds

`[]`

Test builtin (cf. slide 25)

or

Array element (cf. slide 12)

Globbering (pathname expansion)

- → recognizes and expands „wildcards“
- but this is **not** a Regular Expression interpreter (for such use awk/sed/[[

■ wildcards:

- * = any multiple characters
- ? = any single character
- [] = to list specific character
e.g. list all files starting with a or b
- ^ = to negate the wildcard match
e.g. list all files not starting with a

```
$ ls [a,b]*
```

```
$ ls [^a]*
```

Manipulation of Variables (parameter expansion)

Syntax	Does?	Examples
<code>\${#var}</code>	String length	<code>\$ A='abcdef_abcd'; echo \${#A}</code> 11
<code>\${var:pos:len}</code>	Substring extraction:	
	a) via Parameterisation	<code>\$ POS=3; echo \${A:\${POS}:2}</code> de
	b) Indexing from right	<code>\$ echo \${A:(-2)}</code> cd
<code>\${var#sstr}</code>	Strip shortest match of \$sstr from front of \$var	<code>\$ sstr=a*b; echo \${A#\${sstr}}</code> cdef_abcd
<code>\${var%sstr}</code>	Strip shortest match of \$sstr from back of \$var	<code>\$ sstr=c*d; echo \${A%\${sstr}}</code> abcdef_ab
<code>\${var/sstr/repl}</code>	Replace first match of \$sstr with \$repl	<code>\$ sstr=ab; rp=AB; echo \${A/\${sstr}/\${rp}}</code> ABcdef_abcd
<code>\${var//sstr/repl}</code>	Replace all matches of \$sstr with \$repl	<code>\$ echo \${A//\${sstr}/\${rp}}</code> ABcdef_ABcd
<code>\${var/#sstr/repl}</code>	If \$sstr matches front-end, replace by \$repl	<code>\$ sstr=a; rp=z_; echo \${A/#\${sstr}/\${rp}}</code> z_bcdef_abcd
<code>\${var/%sstr/repl}</code>	If \$sstr matches back-end, replace by \$repl	<code>\$ sstr=d; rp=_z; echo \${A/%\${sstr}/\${rp}}</code> abcdef_abc_z

Manipulation of Arrays (including parameter expansion)

Syntax	Does?	Examples
<code>\${#array[@]}</code>	Number of elements	<pre>\$ dt=(\$(date)); echo \${#dt[@]} 6</pre>
<code>\${array[@]:start:n}</code>	Print n elements starting from start :	<pre>\$ echo \${dt[@]:1:2} Feb 25</pre>
<code>\${array[@]#sstr}</code>	Strip shortest match of <code>\$sstr</code> from front of all elements of Array	<pre>\$sstr=W*d; echo \${dt[@]#\${sstr}} Feb 25 10:18:22 CET 2015</pre>

■ Adding elements to an array:

a) at the end:

```
$ dt+=( "AD" )  
$ echo ${dt[@]}  
Wed Feb 25 17:18:22 CET 2015 AD
```

b) in-between

```
$ dt=( ${dt[@]:0:2} ':-)' ${dt[@]:2} )  
$ echo ${dt[@]}  
Wed Feb 25 :-) 17:18:22 CET 2015
```

Exercise 1: Variables and Arrays

- Write a bash script that:
 - Has a **variable** named **outputfile** which:
 - Is readonly and consists of 3 strings:
 1. Environment variable \$LOGNAME
 2. Arbitrary string of 4 characters generated in subshell via:
`mktemp -u XXXX`
 3. First 2 characters of the current month (→ use „date“) using a bash array
- Hint:
- ```
array=$(date))
```



# Exercise 1: Variables and Arrays - Solution

- Write a bash script that:
  - Has a **variable** named **outputfile** which:
    - Is **readonly** and consists of 3 strings:
      1. Environment variable **\$LOGNAME**
      2. **Arbitrary string** generate in subshell via: (use „mktemp -u XXXX“)
      3. **First 2 characters** of the **current month** (→ use „date“) using a bash array

```
#!/bin/bash
${WORKSHOP}/solutions/01/exercise_1.sh

in case language is en_us.utf8, month is 2.element in "date"
array=$(date)
month=${array[1]:0:2}

declare -r outputfile="${LOGNAME}_$(mktemp -u XXXX)_${month}.log"
echo ${outputfile}

Try changing output file
outputfile="new"
```

# Output & Input Redirection (1)

| Syntax                                    | Does?                                                                                                             | Examples                                                                                                                   |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>exe &gt; log</code>                 | Standard output ( <b>stdout</b> ) of application <code>exe</code> is (over)written to file <code>log</code>       | <code>\$ date &gt; log; cat log</code>                                                                                     |
| <code>exe &gt;&gt; log</code>             | Standard output ( <b>stdout</b> ) of application <code>exe</code> is append to file <code>log</code>              | <code>\$ date &gt;&gt; log; cat log</code>                                                                                 |
| <code>exe 2&gt; err</code>                | Standard output ( <b>stderr</b> ) of application <code>exe</code> is (over)written to file <code>err</code>       | <code>\$ date 2&gt; err; cat err</code>                                                                                    |
| <code>exe 2&gt;&gt; log</code>            | Standard output ( <b>stderr</b> ) of application <code>exe</code> is append to file <code>log</code>              | <code>\$ date 2&gt;&gt; err; cat err</code>                                                                                |
| <code>exe &gt;&gt; log 2&gt;&amp;1</code> | Redirects <b>stderr</b> to <b>stdout</b>                                                                          | <code>\$ date &gt;&gt; log 2&gt;&amp;1</code>                                                                              |
| <code>exe1   exe2</code>                  | Passes <b>stdout</b> of <code>exe1</code> to standard input ( <b>stdin</b> ) of <code>exe2</code> of next command | <i># Print stdout &amp; stderr to screen and then append both to file</i><br><code>\$ date 2&gt;&amp;1   tee -a log</code> |
| <code>exe &lt; inp</code>                 | Accept <b>stdin</b> from file <code>inp</code>                                                                    | <code>\$ wc -l &lt; file</code>                                                                                            |

# Output & Input Redirection (2)

- **Bonus:** Take care of order when using redirecting

- e.g:

```
(ls -yz; date) >> log 2>&1
```

≠

```
(ls -yz; date) 2>&1 >> log2
```

→ Stdout (date) redirected to file „log“  
→ Stderr (invalid option of ls) redirected to file pointed to by stdout

→ Stderr (invalid option of ls) redirected to stdout (channel), but not written file  
→ Stdout (date) redirected to file

- Suppressing stderr

```
ls -yz >> log 2>/dev/null
```

Usage? Keep variable empty when error occurs

→ e.g. list of files with extension log

```
list_logs="$(ls *.log 2>/dev/null)"
```

→ if no files with extension log exist, \$list\_logs is empty

## Bonus: Output & Input Redirection (3)

- Redirection of „all“ output in shell script to one user file

→ generalise = define variable

```
#!/bin/bash
log="blah.log"
err="blah.err"

echo "value 1" >> ${log} 2>> ${err}
command >> ${log} 2>> ${err}
```

→ or use exec

```
#!/bin/bash

exec > "blah.log" 2> "blah.err"

echo "value 1"
command
```

→ all stdout and stderr after 'exec' will be written to blah.log and blah.err resp.

# Output & Input Redirection (4)

- Reading input e.g. file line by line

```
#!/bin/bash

declare -i i=1
while read -r line ; do
 echo "line ${i}: ${line}"
 let i+=1
done < 01_input_file
```

```
${WORKSHOP}/exercises/01/01_read_input.sh
```

- Reading output of other commands line by line, e.g. „ls -l”

```
#!/bin/bash

declare -i i=1
while read -r line ; do
 echo "line ${i}: ${line}"
 let i+=1
done < <(ls -l *)
```

```
${WORKSHOP}/exercises/01/02_read_input.sh
```

## Process substitution:

a form of redirection;  
input/output of process = temp file

# Manipulation of Variables (2)

## ■ Example:

```
#!/bin/bash ${WORKSHOP}/exercises/01/03_var_manipulation.sh

Purpose: Define automatic output names for executables

exe="03_binary.x"

Assume: $exe contains extension .x or .exe etc
sstr=".*" ## substitution string
log="${exe%${sstr}}.log" ## replace extension with .log
err="${exe%${sstr}}.err" ## replace extension with .err

Define command: echo and run
echo "${exe} >> ${log} 2>> ${err}"
${exe} >> ${log} 2>> ${err}
```

## Bonus: Expansion of Variables

| Syntax                        | Does?                                                                                    | Examples                                                                                                |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>\${var-\${def}}</code>  | If \$var not set, set value of \$def                                                     | <pre>\$ unset var; def=new; echo \${var-\${def}} new</pre>                                              |
| <code>\${var:-\${def}}</code> | If \$var not set or <i>is empty</i> , set value of \$def                                 | <pre>\$ var=''; def=new; echo \${var:-\${def}} new</pre>                                                |
|                               |                                                                                          | <pre># Job Id for interactive and Slurm runs jobID=\${SLURM_JOB_ID:-\${BASHPID}}</pre>                  |
| <code>\${var:?\${err}}</code> | If \$var not set or <i>is empty</i> , print \$err and abort script with exit status of 1 | <pre>\$ var=''; err='ERROR - var not set' \$ echo \${var:?\${err}} bash: var: ERROR - var not set</pre> |

# Exit & Exit Status

- Exit: terminates a script

```
#!/bin/bash
echo "printed line"
exit
echo "not printed line"
```

- Every command returns an exit status

- successful = 0
- non-successful > 0 (max 255)

**\$?** = the exit status of last command executed (of a pipe)

```
ls -xy 2>/dev/null; echo $?
2
```

Special meanings (avoid in user-specified definitions):

- 1 = Catchall for general errors
- 2 = Misuse of shell builtins
- 126 = *Command invoked cannot execute (e.g. /dev/null)*
- 127 = *"command not found"*
- 128 + n = *Fatal error signal "n" (e.g. kill -9 of cmd in shell returns 137)*



# (Conditional) Tests

```
if condition1 ; then
 do_if_cond1_true/0
elif condition2 ; then
 do_if_cond2_true/0
else
 do_the_default
fi
```

| Condition | Does?                                                                                              | Examples                                                                                                              |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (( ))     | Arithmetic evaluation                                                                              | <pre>\$ if (( 2 &gt; 0 )) ; then echo yes ; fi yes</pre>                                                              |
| [ ]       | Part of (file) test builtin,<br>arithmetic evaluation only<br>with -gt, -ge, -eq,<br>-lt, -le, -ne | <pre>\$ if [ 2 -gt 0 ] ; then echo yes ; fi yes \$ # existence of file \$ if [ -e "file" ] ; then echo yes ; fi</pre> |
| [[ ]]     | Extended test builtin;<br>allows usage of<br>&&,   , <, >                                          | <pre>\$ a=8; b=9 \$ if [[ \${a} &lt; \${b} ]]; then echo \$? ; fi 0</pre>                                             |

# Typical File Tests (see man [ ])

- (not) exists:

```
if [! -e "file"]; then echo "file does not exist" ; fi
```

- file is not empty:

```
if [-s "file"]; then echo "file size > zero" ; fi
```

- file is directory:

```
if [-d "file"]; then echo "This is a directory" ; fi
```

- readable:

```
[-r "file"]
```

- writable:

```
[-w "file"]
```

- executable:

```
[-x "file"]
```

- newer than file2:

```
["file" -nt "file2"]
```

- Pitfalls when using variables:

wrong:

```
$ unset file_var; if [-e ${file_var}] ; then echo "yes" ; fi
yes
```

right:

```
$ unset file_var; if [-e "${file_var}"] ; then echo "yes" ; fi
```

# for Loops

```
for arg in list
do
 command
done
```

- Iterates command(s) until all arguments of *list* are passed
- list* may contain globbing wildcards

## Example 1

```
#!/bin/bash
Example 1: Loop over generated integer sequence
counter=1
for i in {1..10} ; do
 echo "loop no. ${counter}: ${i}"
 let counter+=1
done
```

## Example 2

```
Example 2: Loop over space separated list of strings
list="file_1,file_2,file_3"
for x in ${list//,/ " "} ; do
 echo ${x}
done
```

## Bonus: while Loops

```
while condition
do
 command
done
```

- Iterates command(s) as long as *condition* is **true** (or exit status 0)
- Allows indefinite loops

### Example

```
#!/bin/bash

Purpose: Loop until max is reached
max=10
i=1
while ((${max} >= ${i})) ; do
 echo "${i}"
 let i+=1
done
```

# Positional parameters (1)

= Arguments passed to the script from the command line

| Special variable | Meaning, notes                                                    |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| \$0              | Name of script itself                                             |
| \$1, \$2, \$3    | First, second, and third argument                                 |
| \${10}           | 10th argument, <b>but if not brace protected</b> : \$10 = \$1 + 0 |
| \$#              | Number of arguments                                               |
| \$*              | List of all arguments as one single string                        |
| @                | List of all arguments, each argument separately quoted            |

## Example:

Show differences between "\$\*" and "@"

```
echo "Number" "${WORKSHOP}/exercises/01/04_special_var.sh"
i=1
for PP in "${@}" ; do
 printf "%3.3s.PP: %s\n" "${i}" "${PP}"
 let i+=1
done
i=1
for PP in "$*" ; do
 printf "%3.3s.PP: %s\n" "${i}" "${PP}"
 let i+=1
done
```

## Positional parameters (2)

= Arguments passed to the script from the command line

| Special variable | Meaning, notes                                            |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| \$0              | Name of script itself                                     |
| \$1, \$2, \$3    | First, second, and third argument                         |
| \${10}           | 10th argument, but if not brace protected: \$10 = \$1 + 0 |
| \$#              | Number of arguments                                       |
| \$*              | List of all arguments as one single string                |
| @                | List of all arguments, each argument separately quoted    |

### Shifting positions:

**shift**

Drops \$1 → shifts \$2 to \$1 → \$3 to \$2 and so → \$# is reduced by 1

# Bonus: conditional evaluation and pattern matching - case

```
case var in
 pattern1)
 do_if_var_matches_pattern1
 ;;
 *)
 do_the_default
 ;;
esac
```

- analog to switch in C/C++
- **to simplify multiple if/then/else**
- each condition block ends with double semicolon
- If a condition tests true:
  - a) commands in that block are executed
  - b) case block terminates

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
${WORKSHOP}/exercises/01/05_case.sh
```

```
Purpose: Color output red or blue
e0="\033[0m";eR="\033[31;1m";eB="\033[34;1m"
case ${1} in
 red)
 echo -e "${eR}This line is red${e0}"
 ;;
 blue)
 echo -e "${eB}This line is blue${e0}"
 ;;
 *)
 echo -e "Line wo color" ;;
esac
```

## Bonus: Exercise 2

- Write Script that processes options:

-h

-i <integer>

without shell build getopt combining „positional parameter“, „shift“, „tests“, „case“ and „while“

Template: `${WORKSHOP}/exercises/01/06_proc_input.sh`

→ Replace everything between ... and ... by code

```
#!/bin/bash

while ...test total num_positional parameter (PP) greater zero... ; do
 case "PP1" in
 ## script option: -h
 ...PP is option1...) ...echo something...
 ;;
 ...PP is option2...) ...echo PP2...
 ...do PP shift...
 ;;
 esac
 ...do PP shift...
done
```



# Bonus: Solution of Exercise 2

## Processing Input without `getopts`

- Combining: **Positional parameter** + **shift** + **tests** + **case** + **while**

```
#!/bin/bash
Purpose: Processing positional parameters

while ((${#} > 0)) ; do
 case "${1}" in

 ## script option: -h
 -h) echo "${1}: This option is for HELP" ;;

 ## script option: -i + argument
 -i) echo "${1}: This option contains the argument ${2}"
 shift ;;

 ## default
 *) echo "${1}: This is non-defined PP" ;;

 esac
 ## Shifting positional parameter one to the left: $1 <-- $2 <-- $3
 shift
done
```

`${WORKSHOP}/solutions/01/06_proc_input.sh`

# awk & sed: Command substitution

## ■ awk

→ full-featured text processing language with a syntax reminiscent of C

→ use for complicated arithmetics or text or *regular expression* processing

### ■ Examples:

a) logarithm of variable:

```
a=10; echo ${a} | awk '{print log($1)}'
```

b) **print first col. reformated:**

```
awk '{printf "%20.20s\n", $1}' file
```

■ One-liners: <https://github.com/jweslley/dotfiles/blob/master/docs/awk1line.txt>

## ■ sed

→ non-interactive stream editor

→ use for deleting blank or commented lines etc

■ Example: **delete all blank lines of a file:**

```
sed '/^$/d' file
```

■ One-liners: <http://sed.sourceforge.net/sed1line.txt>

# Functions (1)

```
function my_name ()
{
 commands
}
```

- Stores a series of commands for **later** or **repetitive** execution
- Functions are called by writing the **name**
- Functions also process positional parameters
- Example:

```
#!/bin/bash

Purpose: Demonstrating features of functions
Add to printf command the date string
function my_printf ()
{
 printf "${0}: $(date): ${@}"
}

my_printf "Hello World\n"
```

```
./10_fct.sh: Mon Oct 25 11:57:40 CEST 2021: Hello World
```

# Functions (2)

- **local** variables: values do not exist outside function, example:

```
#!/bin/bash
Purpose: Demonstrating features of functions

var1="global value"

Function: assign to global var1 temporarily a local value
function locally_mod_var ()
{
 local var1=${1}
 if [-z "${var1}"] ; then
 return 1
 fi
 echo "fct: local \${var1} = ${var1}"
 var1="new value in fct"
 echo "fct: local \${var1} = ${var1}"
}

echo "main: global \${var1} = ${var1}"
locally_mod_var "${var1}"
echo "main: global \${var1} = ${var1}"
```

`${WORKSHOP}/exercises/01/11_fct.sh`

- **return**: Terminates a function, optionally takes integer = „exit status of the function“, do not use „exit“ integers above 255 (cf. slide 24).

# Trap

- Catch abort signals, e.g.
  - SIGHUP = Hangup
  - SIGINT = Interrupt (Ctrl + C)
  - SIGTERM = Termination signal (kill -15)

and typically do something (e.g. cleanup) before abort

- Example:

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
`${WORKSHOP}/exercises/01/12_trap.sh
```

```
cleanup(){
 echo "Cleanup before interrupt and exit"
 exit 0
}
```

```
Trap interrupt with funtion cleanup
trap "cleanup" SIGINT
```

```
Loop forever doing not really anything
while true ; do
 echo "sleep 10"; sleep 10
done
```

# Lifetime of Variables (1)

- During **script** execution:

- assigned variables only known during runtime
- assigned variables not known in „worker“ scripts until „exported“
- Example:

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
${WORKSHOP}/exercises/01/07_master_parse_var.sh
${WORKSHOP}/exercises/01/08_worker_get_var.sh
```

```
Purpose: Demonstrate parsing of assigned variables
```

```
var1="Non-exported value of var1"
```

```
export var2="Exported value of var2"
```

```
worker_sh="./08_worker_get_var.sh"
```

```
check if $worker_sh is executable for user
```

```
echo "${0}: \${var1} = $var1"
```

```
echo "${0}: \${var2} = $var2"
```

```
if [-x "${worker_sh}"] ; then
```

```
 "${worker_sh}"
```

```
fi
```

- **But:** export of variables in script to interactive shell session only via:

```
$ source script.sh (compare ~/.bashrc)
```

## Bonus: Lifetime of Variables (2)

### ■ Environmental variables

a) can be read in e.g. `my_workDIR=${PWD}`

b) during script changed, example:

```
...
Purpose: Demonstrating effects on environmental variables

Changing it during runtime
export HOME="new_home_dir"
echo "${0}: \${HOME} = \${HOME}"
...
```

```
${WORKSHOP}/exercises/01/09_env_var.sh
```

```
$ echo ${HOME}; ./06_env_var.sh; echo ${HOME}
/home/kitt/scc/ab1234
./env_var.sh: ${HOME} = new_home_dir
/home/kitt/scc/ab1234
```

# Some Additional Advice

- Use a linter: download [shellcheck](#) or [use it from the web](#)
- Consider making your script fail on error like a program would do, e.g.:

- exit immediately if a command exits with a non-zero status:

```
$ set -e
```

- Treat unset variables as an error when substituting

```
$ set -u
```

- Make pipelines fail if commands in them fail:

```
$ set -o pipefail
```

- You can even unit test your shell scripts with [BATS](#)



Thank you for your attention!