

# SHELL SCRIPTING

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For PHP Developers





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## EVERYONE SHOULD USE CLI

- ▶ Navigate around
- ▶ run commands
- ▶ change permissions
- ▶ create pipelines
- ▶ file redirection

## SCRIPTING IS FOR YOU

- ▶ You're here
- ▶ The way of wizards
- ▶ It's a powerful skill
- ▶ You still have a question

In 2024, Is it worth it  
to learn Shell Scripting







## THE OPAL FRAMEWORK

- ▶ Pet Project of mine on Github
- ▶ Bash Dotfiles Framework
- ▶ In mid-to-late 2023 started on v3
- ▶ Inspired the content for my tek talks

## GETTING STARTED

- ▶ Current version of Bash = 5.2
- ▶ Mac version of Bash = 3.2
- ▶ 4 prompts: \$PS1, \$PS2, \$PS3, \$PS4



## COMMANDS TO KNOW

- ▶ sed
- ▶ awk
- ▶ tr
- ▶ cut
- ▶ paste

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## GETTING HELP

man alias



`%, ., :, @, [, {, }, alias, alloc, bg, bind, bindkey, break, breaksw, builtins, case, cd, chdir, command, complete, dirs, do, done, echo, echotc, elif, else, end, endif, endsw, esac, eval, exec, exit, export, false, fc, fg, filetest, getopt, glob, goto, hash, hashstat, history, hup, if, jobid, jobs, kill, limit, local, log, login, logout, ls-F, mail, mkdir, ntr, popd, printenv, printf, pushd, pwd, read, readonly, rehash, repeat, return, sched, set, setenv, settc, setty, sleep, suspend, switch, telltc, test, then, time, times, trap, true, type, ulimit, umask, unalias, uncomplete, unhash, unsetenv, until, wait, where, which, while` – shell built-in commands

built-in command description in the appropriate shell manual page.

Builtin commands are commands that can be executed within the running shell's process. Note that, in the case of `cshe`, the command is executed in a subshell if it occurs as any component of a pipeline except the last.

If a path specified to the shell contains a slash `/`, the shell will not execute a builtin command, even if the last component of the path matches the name of a builtin command. Thus, while specifying `echo` causes a builtin command to be executed, specifying the `echo` builtin command, specifying `/bin/echo` or `./echo` does not.

Some builtin commands may exist in more than one shell, their operation may be different under each shell which supports them. For a list of which lists shell builtin commands, the standard shells that support them and whether they exist as standalone utilities, see `info(1)`.

The builtin commands for the `cshe(1)` and `sh(1)` shells are listed here. Consult a shell's manual page for details on the operation of these commands. Beware that the `sh(1)` manual page, at least, calls some of these commands “builtin commands” and some of the builtin commands of other shells may need to consult an `info(1)` page or other sources of documentation.

Commands marked “No\*\*” under External do exist externally, but are implemented as scripts using a builtin command of the same name.

Command	External	cshe(1)	sh(1)
	No	No	Yes
	No	Yes	No
	No	No	Yes
	No	Yes	Yes
	No	Yes	Yes

## GETTING MORE HELP

- ▶ `help alias`
- ▶ `man bash`
- ▶ `tlldr` or `cheat`



## INS AND OUTS

- ▶ 0 = `stdin`
- ▶ 1 = `stdout`
- ▶ 2 = `stderr`

```
ls -lrt | tail -n 10
```

```
alias | grep git
```

```
ls -l *.md | pbcopy
```



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## WRITE TO STDOUT

```
echo 'hello world'
```

```
cat README.md
```

```
$ cat << TEK
```

```
> This is line one
```

```
> Second line
```

```
> TEK
```

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## STDERR

```
echo 'An error message' >&2
```

```
echo 'An error message' > /dev/stderr
```

```
std_error 'An error message'
```



## WHY USE STDERR

- ▶ To give the user an error message
- ▶ To report information that shouldn't appear in the content

## DEV NULL

- ▶ Written as `/dev/null`
- ▶ Often used with `stderr`

```
command 2> /dev/null
```

```
cat /dev/null > error.log
```

## OVERVIEW: VARIABLES

- ▶ `name="value"`
- ▶ `echo $name`



## OVERVIEW: ALIASES

- ▶ Name and value
- ▶ Takes no parameters

```
alias statmod="git status | grep 'modified: ' | cut -f2 -d:"
```

## OVERVIEW: FUNCTION

- ▶ Name
- ▶ 1 or more parameters
- ▶ body

## OVERVIEW: COMMANDS

- ▶ Name
- ▶ Options
- ▶ Arguments



## PITFALLS

- ▶ Whitespace
- ▶ Global Scope by Default
- ▶ Lack of Parameter Names
- ▶ `exit()`

## POSIX

- ▶ “portable operating system” code
- ▶ If you have 2 POSIX-compliant systems, the code written on one should work for the other
- ▶

## DEFINING FUNCTIONS

```
public function greet(User $user): void {  
    echo "Hello {$user→getName()}"  
}
```

## DEFINING FUNCTIONS

```
function greet(User $user): void {  
    echo "Hello {$user→getName()}"  
}
```

## DEFINING FUNCTIONS

```
function greet(User $user) {  
    echo "Hello {$user→getName()}"  
}
```



## DEFINING FUNCTIONS

```
function greet($user) {  
    echo "Hello {$user→getName()}"  
}
```

## DEFINING FUNCTIONS

```
function greet($user) {  
    echo "Hello {$user}"  
}
```

## DEFINING FUNCTIONS

```
function greet($user) {  
    echo "Hello ${user}"  
}
```

## DEFINING FUNCTIONS

```
function greet() {  
    echo "Hello ${user}"  
}
```

## DEFINING FUNCTIONS

```
function greet() {  
    local user="$1"  
    echo "Hello ${user}"  
}
```



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## DEFINING FUNCTIONS

```
function greet() {
```

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## DEFINING FUNCTIONS

```
function greet {
```

```
    greet() {
```

## CALLING FUNCTIONS

- ▶ Return success/failure, not data
- ▶ Need to capture output

```
greeting="$(greet John)"
```

## RETURN STATUS

- ▶ `return 0` for success
- ▶ `return 2` for error any `# > 0`

`$?` captures the status of last run command

## COMMAND SUBSTITUTION

```
echo "There are `ls | wc -l` files"
```

```
echo "There are $(ls | wc -l) files"
```



## MAKING FUNCTIONS

- ▶ Prototype on the command line
- ▶ Wrap it
- ▶ Substitute values
- ▶ Add argument handling

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## MAKE A FUNCTION: CHANGED FILES

```
ls -lrt
```

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## MAKE A FUNCTION: CHANGED FILES

```
ls -lrt | tail -n 10
```

```
function changed {  
    ls -lrt | tail -n 10  
}
```

```
function dir:changed {  
    ls -lrt | tail -n 10  
}
```



```
function dir:changed {  
    local -i quantity=10  
    ls -lrt | tail -n $quantity  
}
```

```
function dir:changed {  
    local -i quantity=10  
    if [[ -n $1 ]]; then  
        quantity="$1"  
    fi  
    ls -1rt | tail -n $quantity  
}
```

```
function dir:changed {  
    local -i quantity=10  
    if opa:is_set "$1"; then  
        quantity="$1"  
    fi  
    ls -lrt | tail -n $quantity  
}
```

```
function dir:changed {  
    local -i quantity  
    if [[ -z "$1" ]]; then  
        echo "How many files?" >&2  
        return 1  
    fi  
    quantity="$1"  
    ls -1rt | tail -n $quantity  
}
```

```
function dir:changed {  
    local -i quantity  
  
    if opal:is_unset "$1"; then  
        opal:std_error "How many files?"  
        return 1  
  
    fi  
  
    quantity="$1"  
  
    ls -1rt | tail -n $quantity  
  
}
```

## MISSING FEATURES

- ▶ Shell documentation
- ▶ Coding Standard
- ▶ shfmt uses EditorConfig

## DEBUGGING BASH

- ▶ Syntax Check

```
bash -n filename.bash
```

## DEBUGGING BASH

### ▶ Debug Options

- ▶ `set -x`      Display the expanded value of PS4
- ▶ `set -v`      Print input lines as they're read
- ▶ `set -u`      Unset variables are an error



```
function tek:ps4 {  
    PS4="\n"  
    PS4+='source-file: ${BASH_SOURCE}\n'  
    PS4+='Function: ${FUNCNAME[0]:+${FUNCNAME[0]}} \n'  
    PS4+='Line: ${LINENO} \n'  
    PS4+="> "  
    export PS4  
}
```

## SHELLCHECK

- ▶ Static Analysis tool
- ▶ Available in Neovim and PhpStorm



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