

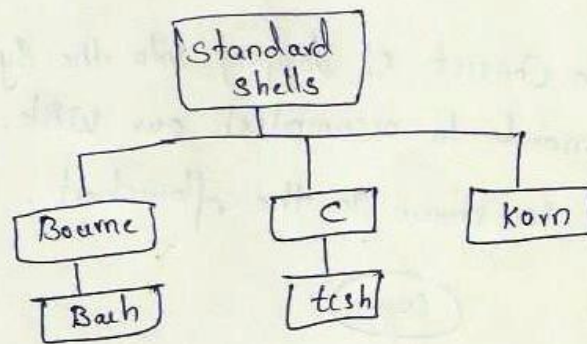
Unit - II

UNIX operating System Contains four distinct parts:

1. The Kernel
2. The shell
3. Utilities
4. Applications programs

The shell is the part of UNIX that is most visible to user.

→ It receives and interprets the commands entered by the user, it is the most important component of UNIX structure.



There are two major parts to a shell. The first is the Interpreter which reads your commands & works with the kernel to execute them.

Second part of the shell is a programming capability, that allows you to write a shell (command) script.

A shell script is a file that contains shell commands that perform a useful function. It is also known as a shell program.

Three traditional shells are used in UNIX today
The Bourne shell is developed by Steve Bourne at the AT&T labs, is the oldest.

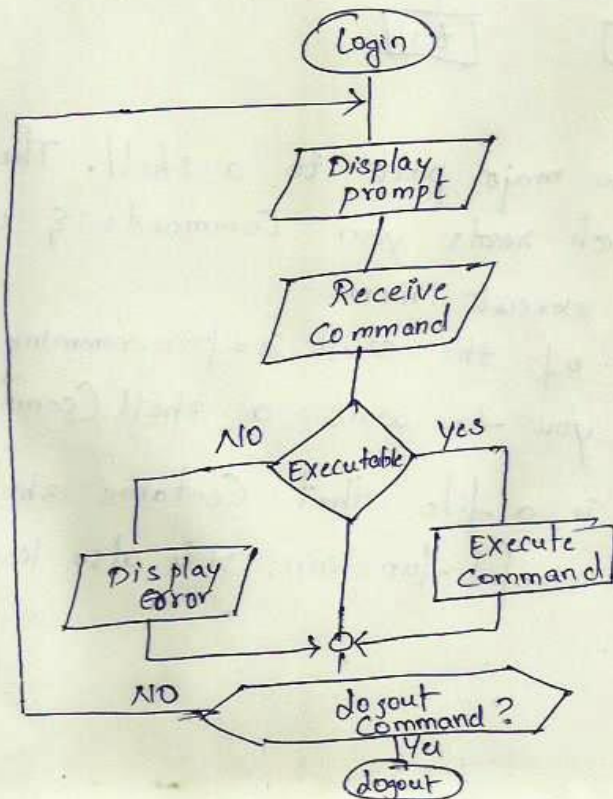
An enhanced version of the Bourne shell is called Bash (Bourne again shell) is used in Linux.

The C shell developed in Berkeley by Bill Joy. & Korn shell developed by David Korn in AT&T labs.

UNIX Session

A UNIX session consists of logging into the system and then executing commands to accomplish our work.

The work flow is shown in the flowchart.



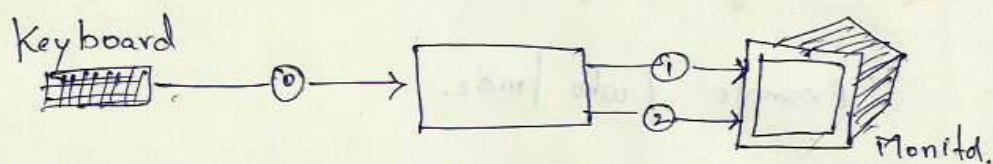
Standard Streams

UNIX defines three standard streams that are used by Command.

→ Each Command takes its input from a stream known as standard input.

→ Commands that create output send it to a stream known as standard output.

If an executing Command encounters an error, the error message is sent to standard error.



Standard input is associated with the keyboard,
standard output is associated with the monitor
& standard error

*** We can change the default file association using pipe (or) redirection.

Pipes

Pipe is an operator that temporarily saves the output of one Command in a buffer that is being used at the same time as the input of the next Command.

→ The first Command must be able to send its output to standard output, the second Command must be able to read its input from standard input.



i.e. The left Command must be able to send data to standard output & the right Command must be able to receive data from standard input.

The symbol of pipe is vertical bar (|).

Example \$ who | lpr.

Redirection

Redirection is the process by which we specify that a file is to be used in place of one of standard files.

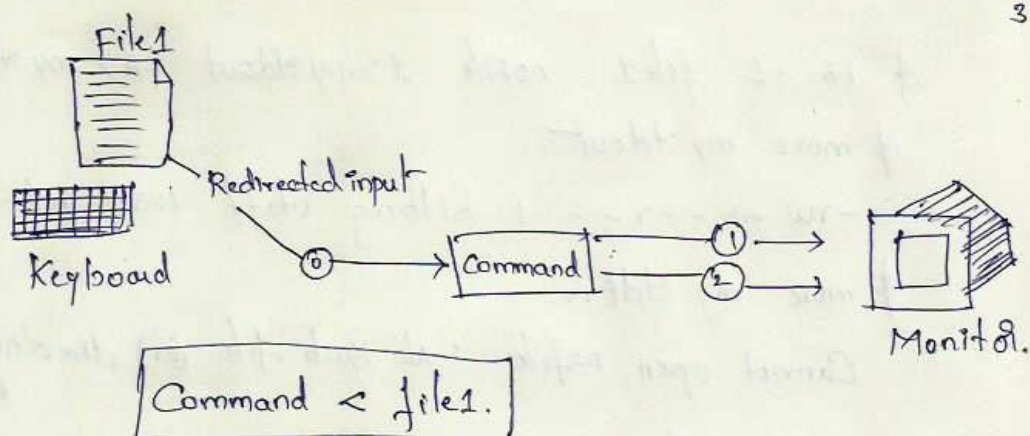
With input files, we call it input redirection, with output files, we call it output redirection. & with the error file we call it error redirection.

Input Redirection

Redirecting standard input from the keyboard to any text file.

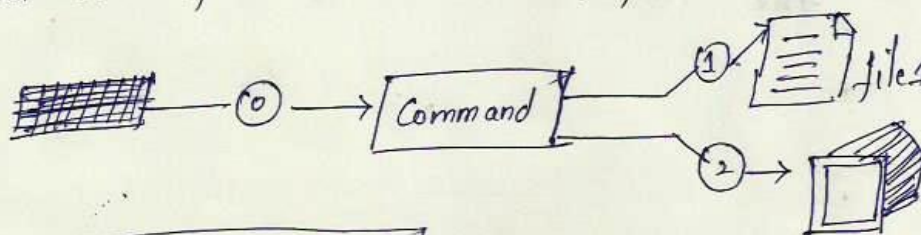
The input redirection operator is the less-than character (<).

An arrow pointing to a Command, meaning that the Command is to get its input from the designated file.



Output Redirection

We redirect standard output, that the Command's output is copied to a file rather than displayed on the monitor.



Command > file1
 Command >| file1
 Command >> file1

If noclobber option is turned on, it prevents redirected output from destroying an existing file.

\$ who > whooct2
 \$ who >| who oct2
 \$ who >> who oct2.

```
$ ls -l file1 nofile 1>mystdout 2>mystderr
```

```
$ more mystdout
```

```
-rw-r--r-- 1 bilberg staff 1234 oct 2 15:16 file1
```

```
$ more mystderr
```

```
Cannot open nofile : No such file (or) directory.
```

Here document

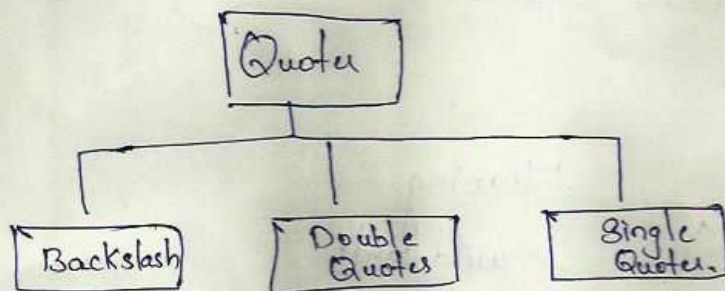
When we want to include the text in the script itself rather than read it from a file. This is done with the here document operator (<<).

Shell Meta characters :

The shells use a selected set of meta characters in Command. Meta characters are characters that have a special interpretation.

Character	Meaning
* ? [] ^	wild cards
\$	Variable reference and Command substitution
	pipe
< > >> >&	Redirection.
! ^	History reference
! wildcard	Complements wildcard evaluation.
&	Background execution
;	Command separator
space	word separator
\	Escape next character.
' ... '	Single quotes
" ... "	Double quotes.
~	Home directory.

Metacharacters are commonly used as text. We therefore need some way to tell the shell interpreter when we want to use them as metacharacters & when we want to use them as text.



Backslash Metacharacter (\) changes the interpretation of the character i.e. literal character to special character & special character into literal character.

literal character are interpreted in the normal way
 special character are interpreted as shell command character

For Example '<' in literal meaning it is less than & input redirection in command

\$ echo disk said "Hello world!"

\$ echo disk said "Hello world!"

\$ echo <> " ' | \$ (error)

\$ echo |< |> " ' | \$

i.e. The backslash character changes only one character - the one immediately following it

Double Quotes & Single Quotes

Single quotes & double quotes must always be used in pairs.

```
$ x=hello
```

```
$ echo '< > $x "y" ? 4'
```

```
< > $x "y" ? 4
```

```
$ x=hello
```

```
$ echo '< > '$x' "y" ? 4'
```

```
< > $hello "y" ? 4.
```

```
$ echo 'Quoth the Raven, "Nevermore."'
```

```
Quoth the Raven, "Nevermore."
```

Double quotes preserve white space characters such as space, tab & newline.

Command Substitution

Command substitution provides the capability to convert the result of a command to a string.

- $\$(\text{command}) \longrightarrow \text{string}$

Ex:- `echo The date & time are: date`

The date & time are: date

```
echo The date & time are: $(date)
```

The date & time are: Mon Jul 04 9:38:04 PM 2016

Job Control

Job is a user task run on the Computer.

Foreground and Background jobs.

UNIX is a multitasking operating system, we can run more than one job at a time.

However, when we start a job in the foreground, the standard input and output are locked. They are available exclusively to the current job until it completes.

UNIX defines two types of jobs

1. foreground
2. background.

A foreground job is a job run under the active supervision of the user. And no other jobs may be started.

Foreground can be suspended by `Ctrl+Z`.

To resume it, use the `fg` command

Terminating a foreground job by `Ctrl+C`

→ Long time jobs can be run as a background, which are free the keyboard & monitor.

To suspend a background job, we use `stop` command.

To restart it, we use the `bg` command

To terminate it, we use the `kill` command.

All three commands require the job number, prefaced with a percentage sign (%).

moving Between Background & Foreground.

To move a job between the foreground and background the job must be suspended.

Once the job is suspended, we can move it from the suspended state to the background with the bg command

To move a background job to the foreground we use the fg command.

```
$ longJob.scr
```

```
^z
```

```
[1] + stopped longJob.scr
```

```
$ bg
```

```
[1] longJob.scr
```

```
$ fg %1
```

```
longJob.scr.
```

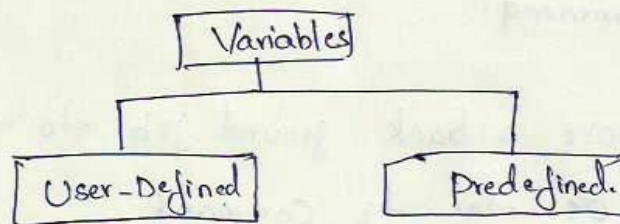
To list the current jobs and their status, we use the jobs command

```
$ jobs.
```

This command lists all jobs whether (or) not they are running (or) stopped.

Shell Variables

A Variable is a location in memory where values can be stored. Each shell variable must have a name. The name of a variable must start with an alphabetic (or) underscore (_) character, followed by zero (or) more alphanumeric (or) underscore characters.



User-Defined Variables

Assignment

Reference

Syntax

Variable = Value

\$ Variable.

gt user assignment operator "=" - to store values in a variable.

Example

\$ X=23

\$ echo \$X
23

\$ X=hello

\$ echo \$X
hello.

\$ X="Go Don's"

\$ echo \$X
Go Don's.

Here Document A **here document** is a form of quoting that allows shell variables to be substituted. It's a special form of redirection that starts with <<**WORD** and ends with **WORD** as the only contents of a line. In the Bourne shell you can prevent shell substitution by escaping **WORD** by putting a \ in front of it on the redirection line, i.e. <<**WORD**, but not on the ending line.

The following scripts illustrate this, for the **Bourne shell**:

```
#!/bin/sh
does=does
not=""
cat << EOF
This here document
$does $not
do variable substitution
EOF
cat << \EOF
This here document
$does $not
do variable substitution
EOF \EOF
the output:
This here document
does
do variable substitution
This here document
$does $not
do variable substitution
```

In the top part of the example the shell variables **\$does** and **\$not** are substituted. In the bottom part they are treated as simple text strings without substitution.

PREDEFINED LOCAL VARIABLES:

Some predefined local variables in Bourne shell having special meaning are listed below:

\$@ : an individually quoted list of all the positional parameters
\$# : the number of positional parameters
\$? : the exit value of the last command
\$_ : the process id of the last background command
\$- : the current shell option assigned from the command line

expr expression

The command **expr** evaluates **expression** and sends the result to the standard output. All of the components of the expression must be separated by blanks, and all of the shell metacharacters must be escaped by a \. In an expression the following operators may be used.

* / %	: the number of positional parameters
+ -	: the exit value of the last command
= > >= < <= !=	: the comparison operators
\&	: logical "and"
\	: logical "or"

Escaped parentheses \(and\) may be used to explicitly control the order of evaluation.

CONDITIONAL EXPRESSIONS

The utility **test** returns a 0 exit status if the given expression evaluates to true; it returns a non-zero exit status otherwise. The exit status of the test command is typically used by the shell control structures for branching purposes. The syntax is as follows:

test *expression*

or equivalently the following may be used instead of the above form

[*expression*]

The expression may be written in the following forms

str1=str2 : true if *str1* is equal to *str2*

str1!=str2 : true if *str1* is not equal to *str2*

string : true if *string* is not null

int1 -eq int2 : true if *int1* is equal to *int2*

int1 -ne int2 : true if *int1* is not equal to *int2*

int1 -gt int2 : true if *int1* is greater than *int2*

int1 -ge int2 : true if *int1* is greater or equal to *int2*

int1 -lt int2 : true if *int1* is less than *int2*

int1 -le int2 : true if *int1* is less or equal to *int2*

!expr : true if *expr* is false

expr1 -a expr2 : true if *expr1* and *expr2* are both true

expr1 -o expr2 : true if *expr1* or *expr2* is true

\(expr\) : escaped parantheses are used for grouping expressions

CONTROL STRUCTURES:

Conditional if:The **conditional if** statement is available in both shells, but has a different syntax in each.

if condition1

then

command list if condition1 is true

[**elif** condition2

then command list if condition2 is true]

[**else**

command list if condition1 is false]

fi

The conditions to be tested for are usually done with the **test**, or **[]** command .

The **if** and **then** must be separated, either with a <newline> or a semicolon (;).

```
#!/bin/sh
```

```
if [ $# -ge 2 ]
```

```
then
```

```
echo $2
```

```
elif [ $# -eq 1 ]; then
```

```
echo $1
```

```
else
```

```
echo No input
```

```
fi
```

There are required spaces in the format of the conditional test, one after [and one before]. This script should respond differently depending upon whether there are zero, one or more arguments on the command line. First with no arguments:

```
$ ./if.sh
```

No input

Now with one argument:

```
$ ./if.sh one
```

one

And now with two arguments:

```
$ ./if.sh one two
```

Two

while ... do ... done

The **while** command executes the commands in *list2* as long as the last command in *list1* succeeds.

```
while list1
```

```
do
```

```
list2
```

```
done
```

The following commands can be used to control loops

break: causes the loop to end immediately

loop: causes the loop jump immediately to the next iteration

until ... do ... done

The **until** command executes the commands in *list2* as long as the last command in *list1* fails.

```
until list1
```

```
do
```

```
list2
```

```
done
```

```
$ cat until.sh
```

```
x=1
```

```
until [ $x -gt$ ] 3
```

```
do
```

case ..in ...esac

The case command supports multi-way branching based on the value of a single string and has the following syntax

```
case expression in
```

```
pattern{pattern}*)
```

```
list
```

```
;;
```

```
Esac
```

for ... do ... done

The for command allows a list of commands to be executed several times, using a different value of the loop variable during each iteration.

```
for name [in {word}*]
```

```
do
```

```
list
```

```
done
```

The **for** command loops the value of the variable name through each word in the word list, evaluating the commands list after each iteration. If no word list is supplied, `$@` (i.e. all positional parameters) is used instead.

SHELL SCRIPT EXAMPLES:

1. \$ cat for.sh

```
for color in red yellow blue
```

```
do
```

```
echo one color is $color
```

```
done
```

Output:

```
$ for.sh
```

```
one color is red
```

```
one color is yellow
```

2. \$ cat if.sh

```
echo -n 'enter a number:'
```

```
read number
```

```
if [ $number -lt 0]
```

```
then
```

```
echo negative
```

```
elif [ $number -eq 0]
```

```
then
```

```
echo zero
```

```
else
```

```
echo positive
```

```
fi
```

Output:

```
$ if.sh
```

```
enter a number: 1
```

```
positive
```

```
$ if.sh
```

```
enter a number: -1
```

```
negative
```