CS 241: Systems Programming Lecture 7. Shell Scripting 2

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Script positional parameters

```
$ ./script arg1 ... argn # or bash script arg1 ... argn
```

Special variables
- ‣ `$#` — Number of arguments
- ‣ `$0` — Name used to call the shell script (./script or script)
- ‣ `$1, $2, …, $9` — First nine arguments
- ‣ `${n}` — *n*th argument (braces needed for *n* > 9)
- ‣ `"$@"` — all arguments; expands to each argument quoted
- ‣ `"$*"` — all arguments; expands to a single quoted string

Two special builtin commands

```
set --
```
‣ Can set positional parameters (and `$#`)

```
set -- arg1 arg2 … argn
```

```
shift
shift n
```
‣ Discard first *n* parameters and rename the remaining starting at `$1`
‣ If `n` is omitted, it's the same as `shift 1`
‣ Updates `$#`

Iterate over parameters

```
while [[ $# -gt 0 ]]; do
  arg="$1"
  # whatever you want to do with ${arg}
  shift
done
```

Functions

```bash
#!/bin/bash

num_args() {
  echo "foo called with $# arguments"
  if [[ $# -gt 0 ]]; then
    echo "  foo's first argument: $1"
  fi
}


echo "Script $0 invoked with $# arguments"
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num_args 'extra' "$@" 'args'
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- ‣ `pipeline &`
  runs `pipeline` in the background

When writing a script, we often want to change directories with cd. If the directory doesn't exist, the script should exit with an error.

Which construct should we use?

A. `cd "${dir}" && exit 0`

B. `cd "${dir}" || exit 0`

C. `cd "${dir}" && exit 1`

D. `cd "${dir}" || exit 1`

E. `cd "${dir}" && exit 2`

Arrays

Assign values at numeric indices
- ‣ `arr[0]=foo`
- ‣ `arr[1]=bar`

Assign multiple values at once
- ‣ `arr=(foo bar)`
- ‣ `txt_files=(*.txt) # pathname expansion/globbing`

Append (multiple values) to an array
- ‣ `arr+=(qux asdf)`

Arrays

Access an element; **braces are required!**

- `${arr[0]}`
- `${arr[1]}`
- `n=42`
  `${arr[n]}`

Access all elements

- `"${arr[@]}"` # expands to each element quoted by itself
- `"${arr[*]}"` # expands to one quoted word containing all elements

Array length

- `${#arr[@]}`

If `arr` is the two element array
`arr=('foo bar' baz)`
how should we print each element of `arr`?

```
A. for elem in ${arr}; do
     echo "${elem}"
   done


B. for elem in "${arr}"; do
     echo "${elem}"
   done


C. for elem in "${arr[*]}"; do
     echo "${elem}"
   done
```

```
D. for elem in "${arr[@]}"; do
      echo "${elem}"
   done


E. for (( n=0 ; n < ${#arr[@]}; n+=1 )); do
      echo "$arr[n]"
   done
```