

bash 3.x
Advanced Shell Scripting

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Why bash?

- Simple to get started.
- Actively developed and ported.
- Includes advanced features.

Goals for Today

Understanding the Demos

The demo script

```
#!/opt/local/bin/bash
set -o option
echo "My process list:" >outputfile.txt

ps -ef 2>&1 |grep "^$USR" >outputfile.txt

echo "script finished: return code is $?"
```

noclobber demo

```
localhost:~/presos/bash pottmi$ ./buggy.sh
script finished: return code is 0
localhost:~/presos/bash pottmi$ vim buggy.sh
localhost:~/presos/bash pottmi$ ./buggy.sh
./buggy.sh: line 4: outputfile.txt: cannot overwrite existing file
./buggy.sh: line 5: outputfile.txt: cannot overwrite existing file
script finished: return code is 1
localhost:~/presos/bash pottmi$ vim buggy.sh
localhost:~/presos/bash pottmi$ ./buggy.sh
./buggy.sh: line 5: outputfile.txt: cannot overwrite existing file
localhost:~/presos/bash pottmi$ vim buggy.sh
localhost:~/presos/bash pottmi$ ./buggy.sh
script finished: return code is 0
localhost:~/presos/bash pottmi$ cat ./buggy.sh
#!/opt/local/bin/bash

set -o noclobber
set -o errexit
mv outputfile.txt outputfile.bak
echo "My process list:" >outputfile.txt
ps -ef 2>&1 |grep "^$USR" >>outputfile.txt
echo "script finished: return code is $?"

localhost:~/presos/bash pottmi$ {}
```

What did we learn?

- `set -o noclobber`
 - used to avoid overlaying files
- `set -o errexit`
 - used to exit upon error, avoiding cascading errors

command1 | *command2*

pipefail demo

```
localhost:~/presos/bash pottmi$ ./buggy.sh
script finished: return code is 0
localhost:~/presos/bash pottmi$ vim ./buggy.sh
localhost:~/presos/bash pottmi$ ./buggy.sh
localhost:~/presos/bash pottmi$ vim ./buggy.sh
localhost:~/presos/bash pottmi$ ./buggy.sh
script finished: return code is 1
localhost:~/presos/bash pottmi$ vim ./buggy.sh
localhost:~/presos/bash pottmi$ ./buggy.sh
error at about 9
localhost:~/presos/bash pottmi$ vim ./buggy.sh
localhost:~/presos/bash pottmi$ ./buggy.sh
script finished: return code is 0
localhost:~/presos/bash pottmi$ cat ./buggy.sh
#!/opt/local/bin/bash

set -o noclobber
set -o errexit
set -o pipefail
trap 'echo error at about $LINENO' ERR
mv outputfile.txt outputfile.bak
echo "My process list:" >outputfile.txt
ps aux 2>&1 |grep "^$USR" >>outputfile.txt
echo "script finished: return code is $?"

localhost:~/presos/bash pottmi$ {}
```

What did we learn?

- `set -o pipefail`
 - unveils hidden failures
- `set -o errexit`
 - can exit silently
- `trap command ERR`
 - corrects silent exits
- `$LINENO`
 - enhances error reporting

nounset demo

```
localhost:~/presos/bash pottmi$ ./buggy.sh
script finished: return code is 0
localhost:~/presos/bash pottmi$ vim buggy.sh
localhost:~/presos/bash pottmi$ ./buggy.sh
./buggy.sh: line 10:USR: unbound variable
error at about 10
localhost:~/presos/bash pottmi$ vim ./buggy.sh
localhost:~/presos/bash pottmi$ ./buggy.sh
script finished: return code is 0
localhost:~/presos/bash pottmi$ head -2 outputfile.txt
My process list:
pottmi    202   5.0 14.8  758588 155552  ??  S   Fri08AM 260:28.88 /Applicati
localhost:~/presos/bash pottmi$ cat ./buggy.sh
#!/opt/local/bin/bash

set -o noclobber
set -o errexit
set -o pipefail
set -o nounset
trap 'echo error at about $LINENO' ERR
mv outputfile.txt outputfile.bak
echo "My process list:" >outputfile.txt
ps aux 2>&1 |grep "^$USER" >>outputfile.txt
echo "script finished: return code is $?"

localhost:~/presos/bash pottmi$ █
```

What did we learn?

- `set -o nounset`
 - exposes unset variables

the final demo script

```
#!/opt/local/bin/bash

set -o noclobber
set -o errexit
set -o pipefail
set -o nounset
trap 'echo error at about $LINENO' ERR

mv outputfile.txt outputfile.bak
echo "My process list:" >outputfile.txt
ps aux 2>&1 |grep "^$USER" >>outputfile.txt

echo "script finished: return code is $?"
```

the final demo script

```
#!/opt/local/bin/bash
```

```
① ./stringent.sh || exit 1
```

```
mv outputfile.txt outputfile.bak  
echo "My process list:" >outputfile.txt  
ps aux 2>&1 |grep "^$USER" >>outputfile.txt  
  
echo "script finished: return code is $?"
```

the final demo script

```
#!/opt/local/bin/bash
```

```
source ./stringent.sh || exit 1
```

```
mv outputfile.txt outputfile.bak
```

```
echo "My process list:" >outputfile.txt
```

```
ps aux 2>&1 |grep "^$USER" >>outputfile.txt
```

```
echo "script finished: return code is $?"
```

stringent.sh

```
# stringent.sh
```

```
set -o errexit  
set -o noclobber  
set -o nounset  
set -o pipefail
```

download stringent.sh from
www.replatformtech.com

```
function traperr  
{  
    echo "ERROR: ${BASH_SOURCE[1]} \" \  
        \"at about line ${BASH_LINENO[0]}\""  
}  
  
set -o errtrace  
trap traperr ERR
```

BASH_SOURCE/BASH_LINENO

```
echo "ERROR: ${BASH_SOURCE[1]} \" \  
      \"at about line ${BASH_LINENO[0]}\""
```

```
ERROR: ./buggy.sh at about line 7
```

```
${FUNCNAME[$i]} was called at  
${BASH_LINENO[$i]} in ${BASH_SOURCE[$i]}
```

BASH_COMMAND

```
function traperr
{
    echo "ERROR: $1 ${BASH_SOURCE[1]} " \
        "at about line ${BASH_LINENO[0]}"
}

trap 'traperr $BASH_COMMAND' ERR
```

PIPESTATUS

```
bash-3.1$ ps -ef 2>&1 |grep "^$USR" >/dev/null
bash-3.1$ echo "PIPESTATUS = ${PIPESTATUS[*]} \${?} = ${?}"
PIPESTATUS = 1 0  ${?} = 0
bash-3.1$ set -o pipefail
bash-3.1$ ps -ef 2>&1 |grep "^$USR" >/dev/null
bash-3.1$ echo "PIPESTATUS = ${PIPESTATUS[*]} \${?} = ${?}"
PIPESTATUS = 1 0  ${?} = 1
bash-3.1$ ps aux 2>&1 |grep "^$USER" >/dev/null
bash-3.1$ echo "PIPESTATUS = ${PIPESTATUS[*]} \${?} = ${?}"
PIPESTATUS = 0 0  ${?} = 0
bash-3.1$ echo "PIPESTATUS = ${PIPESTATUS[*]} \${?} = ${?}"
PIPESTATUS = 0  ${?} = 0
```

Variables

Integer Demo

```
bash-3.1$ cat ./integer.sh
#!/opt/local/bin/bash

MyInt=0
echo "Value = $(( ($MyInt+5) * 2 ))"

bash-3.1$ ./integer.sh
Value = 10
bash-3.1$ vim ./integer.sh
bash-3.1$ ./integer.sh
./integer.sh: line 5: 0: unbound variable
bash-3.1$ vim ./integer.sh
bash-3.1$ ./integer.sh
./integer.sh: line 4: 0: unbound variable
bash-3.1$ vim ./integer.sh
bash-3.1$ ./integer.sh
Value = 10
bash-3.1$ cat ./integer.sh
#!/opt/local/bin/bash
. ./stringent.sh

declare -i MyInt=0
echo "Value = $(( ($MyInt+5) * 2 ))"

bash-3.1$ {}
```

What did we learn

- `stringent.sh`
 - Proven to be a good idea
- `declare -i variable`
 - non-integer values caught sooner
- `unset` variables used as an int are 0
 - unless caught with `set -o nounset`
- `$((...))`
 - arithmetic syntax

gotcha

```
declare -i MyInt1=012
declare -i MyInt2=0x12

echo "Value1 = $MyInt1"
echo "Value2 = $MyInt2"
printf "%o %x\n" $MyInt1 $MyInt2
```

```
Value1 = 10
Value2 = 18
12 12
```

Arithmetic Syntax

- `intA=$((($intB + 5) * 2))`
 - Allowed anywhere a variable is allowed
- `let "intA = ($intB + 5) * 2"`
 - returns 0 or 1
- `((intA = ($intB + 5) * 2))`
 - equivalent to `let`
- `intA=$((intB+5))*2`
 - no spaces allowed
 - Special characters must be escaped
 - `intA` must be declared -i
- `intA=$(($intB + 5) * 2]`
 - deprecated

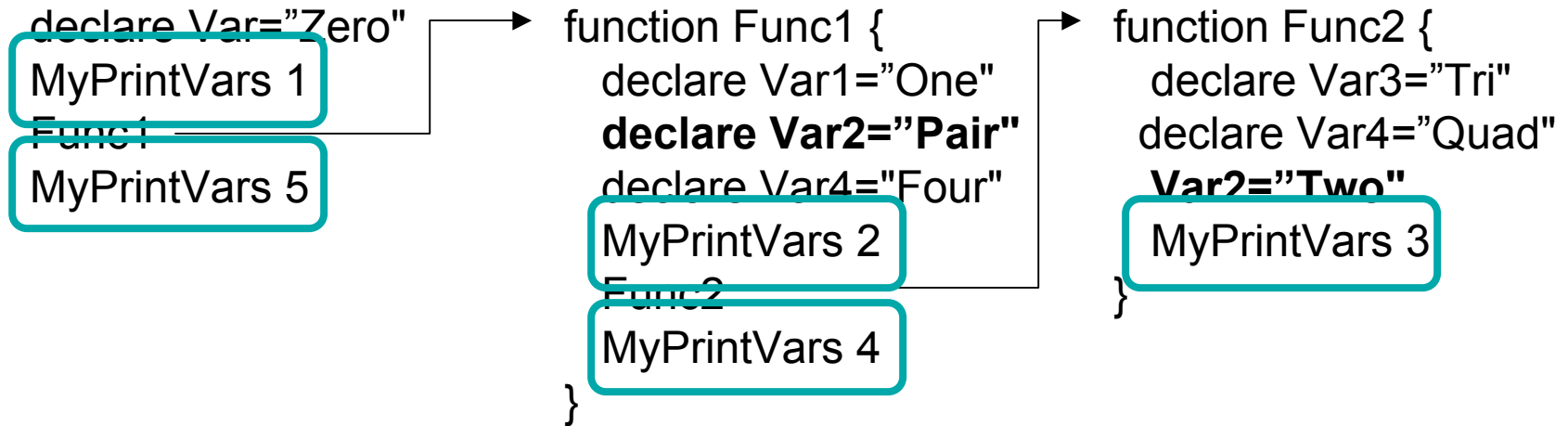
Two More

- eval
 - Char=B
 - eval “intA=\\$(((\\$int\$Char + 5) * 2))”
- external command
 - intA=\$(echo “(\$intB + 5) * 2” | bc)

local variables

- weak
- good enough
- not just local, local and below
- two ways to declare:
 - declare
 - local
- \$1, \$2, ... are not scoped the same

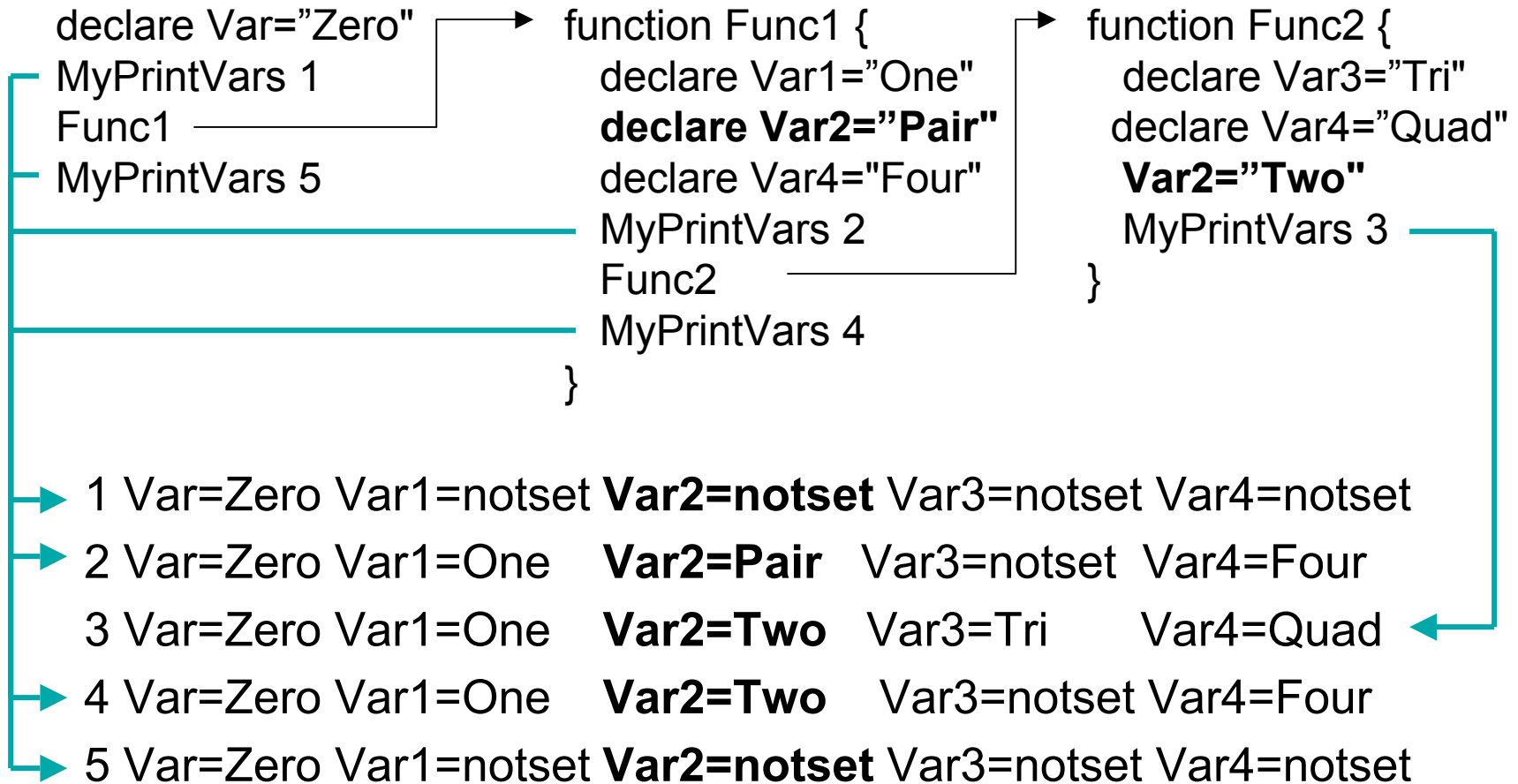
Scoping



Handling undefined variables

```
function MyPrintVars {  
    echo -n "$1 "  
    echo -n "Var1=${Var1:-notset}"  
    echo -n "Var2=${Var2:-notset}"  
    echo -n "Var3=${Var3:-notset}"  
    echo -n "Var4=${Var4:-notset}"  
    echo    "Var5=${Var5:-notset}"  
}
```

Scoping



readonly variables

- Two ways to declare
 - declare -r
 - readonly
- One way trip
- Used with -i to create readonly integers
- readonly can be used on system variables
 - e.g. keep users from changing their prompt
 - not documented!

conditionals

if command

if (())

if []

if test

if [[]]

if command

```
set -x
set -o errexit
grep Jim /etc/passwd
declare -i Status=$?
set -x
if (( $Status == 0 ))
then
    echo "Jim is a user"
fi
```

```
if grep Jim /etc/passwd
then
    echo "Jim is a user"
fi
```

```
! grep Jim /etc/passwd
declare -i Status=$?
if (( $Status != 0 ))
then
    echo "Jim is a user"
fi
```

What did we learn?

- `set +o errexit` turns off `errexit`
 - `errexitoff` for `stringent.sh`
- Save `$?` to a permanent variable
- `!` turns off `errexit` for a single command
- zero is true, non-zero is false
- `if (())` used for numeric tests

gotcha

- `if [[$Age > 20]] # bad, 3 buys beer!`
 - `>` is a string comparison operator
- `if [$Age > 20] # bad, everyone buys beer!`
 - `>` is a redirection operator
- `if [[$Age -gt 20]] # good`
 - fails in strange ways if `$Age` is not numeric
- `if (($Age > 20)) # best`
 - `$` on `Age` is optional

test and [

```
bash-3.1$ which test  
/bin/test
```

```
bash-3.1$ which [  
/bin/[[
```

```
bash-3.1$ ls -l /bin/[[ /bin/test
```

```
-r-xr-xr-x 2 root wheel 18104 Aug 21 2005 /bin/[[
```

```
-r-xr-xr-x 2 root wheel 18104 Aug 21 2005 /bin/test
```

So?

if [[]]

[versus [[

- `[[$a == z*]]`
 - True if \$a starts with an "z".
- `[[$a == "z*"]]`
 - True if \$a is exactly equal to "z*".
- `[$a == z*]`
 - Error if \$a has a space.
 - Error if more than one filename starts with z.
 - True if a filename exists that starts with z and is exactly \$a.
 - True if no filenames exist that start with z and \$a equals z*.
- `["$a" == "z*"]`
 - True if \$a is exactly equal to z*.

the rules

- use [
– when you “want” to use file globbing
- use ((
– when you want to do math/numeric
- use [[
– for everything else

regular expressions

- Introduced with version 3.0
- Implemented as part of `[[]]`
- Uses binary operator `=~`
- Supports extended regular expressions
- Supports parenthesized subexpressions

regular expression

```
declare MyStr="the quick brown fox"
```

```
[[ $MyStr == "the*" ]] # false: must be exact
```

```
[[ $MyStr == the* ]] # true: pattern match
```

```
[[ $MyStr =~ "the" ]] # true
```

```
[[ $MyStr =~ the ]] # true
```

```
[[ $MyStr =~ "the*" ]] # true
```

subexpressions

```
declare MyStr="the quick brown fox"

if [[ $MyStr =~ "the ([a-z]*) ([a-z]*)" ]]
then
    echo "${BASH_REMATCH[0]}" # the quick brown
    echo "${BASH_REMATCH[1]}" # quick
    echo "${BASH_REMATCH[2]}" # brown
fi
```

bad expressions

```
declare MyStr="the quick brown fox"
```

```
if [[ $MyStr =~ "the [a-z) ([a-z*)" ]]
```

```
then
```

```
    echo "got a match"
```

```
elif (( $? == 2 ))
```

```
then
```

```
    : # no match, colon is no-op command
```

```
else
```

```
    traperr "Assertion Error: Regular expression error"
```

```
    exit 1
```

```
fi
```

gotcha

- `cp $srcfile $dstfile`
 - broken if \$srcfile has a space
- `cp "$srcfile" "$dstfile"`
 - broken if srcfile begins with -
- `cp -- "$srcfile" "$dstfile"`

quoting

```
declare MyVar="bob"  
echo '  \ \ $MyVar \x41 '  
echo $'  \ \ $MyVar \x41 '  
echo "  \ \ $MyVar \x41 "  
  
bash-3.1$ ./quoting.sh  
  \ \ $MyVar \x41  
  \ $MyVar A  
  \ bob \x41
```

The diagram illustrates the execution of a shell script. The script defines a variable `MyVar` with the value "bob" and then uses `echo` to print the variable's value using three different quoting methods: single quotes, dollar signs, and double quotes. The output shows that single quotes result in a backslash before the variable name, double quotes result in the variable's value, and dollar signs result in the variable's value with a backslash before the variable name.

quoting recommendation

- quote variables liberally
 - extra quotes likely to cause a consistent error
 - missing quotes are likely to cause inconsistent behavior
- Safe Exceptions
 - within if `[[]]`
 - Integer variables (define -i)
 - within if `(())`

Handling undefined variables

```
function PrintVars {  
    echo -n "Var1=${Var1:-notset}"  
    echo -n "Var2=${Var2:-notset}"  
    echo -n "Var3=${Var3:-notset}"  
    echo -n "Var4=${Var4:-notset}"  
    echo -n "Var5=${Var5:-notset}"  
}
```

unset

variables

- `${parameter -word}`
 - returns word
- `${parameter +word}`
 - returns empty (returns word if set)
- `${parameter =word}`
 - sets parameter to word, returns word
- `${parameter ?message}`
 - echos message and exits

unset variables

- `${parameter-word}`
- `${parameter+word}`
- `${parameter=word}`
- `${parameter?message}`

default variables

```
function MyDate
{
  declare -i Year=${1:?"$0 Year is required"}
  declare -i Month=${2:-1}
  declare -i Day=${3:-1}

  if (( $Month > 12 )); then
    echo "Error Month > 12" >&2
    exit 1
  fi
  if (( $Day > 31 )); then
    echo "Error Day > 31" >&2
    exit 1
  fi

  echo "$Year-$Month-$Day"
}
```

sub strings

```
declare MyStr="The quick brown fox"
```

```
echo "${MyStr:0:3}" # The
```

```
echo "${MyStr:4:5}" # quick
```

```
echo "${MyStr: -9:5}" # brown
```

```
echo "${MyStr: -3:3}" # fox
```

```
echo "${MyStr: -9}" # brown fox
```

substr by pattern

- `${Var#pattern}`
- `${Var%pattern}`
- `${Var##pattern}`
- `${Var%%pattern}`

a jingle

We are #1 because we give 110%

substr by pattern

```
declare MyStr="/home/pottmi/my.sample.sh"
```

```
echo "${MyStr##*/}" # my.sample.sh
```

```
echo "${MyStr%.*}" # /home/pottmi/my.sample
```

```
echo "${MyStr%/*}" # /home/pottmi
```

```
echo "${MyStr#*/}" #home/pottmi/my.sample.sh
```

```
echo "${MyStr%%.*}" # /home/pottmi/my
```

search and replace

- `${Var/pattern/replace}`

substr by pattern

```
declare MyStr="the fox jumped the dog"
```

```
echo "${MyStr/the/a}"
```



```
#(a) fox jumped the dog
```

```
echo "${MyStr//the/a}"
```



```
#(a) fox jumped(a) dog
```

```
echo "${MyStr//the }"
```

```
# fox jumped dog
```

unintended subshells

```
declare -i Count=0
declare Lines

cat /etc/passwd | while read Lines
do
    echo -n "."
    ((Count++))
done

echo " final count=$Count"
```

..... final count=0

unintended subshells

```
declare -i Count=0
declare Lines

while read Lines
do
    echo -n "."
    ((Count++))
done </etc/passwd

echo " final count=$Count"
```

..... final count=38

unintended subshells

```
declare -i Count=0
declare Lines

while read Lines
do
    echo -n "."
    ((Count++))
done <<(cat /etc/passwd)

echo " final count=$Count"
```

..... final count=38

unintended subshells

```
declare -i Count=0
declare Lines

while read Lines
do
    echo -n "."
    ((Count++))
done <<(grep "false$" /etc/passwd)

echo " final count=$Count"
```

..... final count=20

running vi in a loop

```
while read FileName 0<&3
do
    if ! grep stringent $FileName
    then
        vi $FileName
    fi
done 3< <(ls *.sh)
```

Learn more

- man bash
- O'Reilly - 'Learning the Bash shell'
- <http://bashdb.sourceforge.net/bashref.html>
- <http://www.faqs.org/docs/abs/HTML/>
- Ask me to help!

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