

# Information Literacy

09

quoting, expansion, conditionals

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## reminder: fonts tell you what is literal and what is not

things in `typewriter` font are literal

- enter them exactly as written

things in *italic font* are placeholders in templates

- you do not type them as written
- **replace** them with what they **describe**

template:

```
name=value  
echo $name
```

example:

```
answer=42  
echo $answer
```

(replacing *name* with `answer` and *value* with `42` in the template)

# self-preparation review: variables are named values

variable names: letter, followed by letters or digits

- ‘\_’ is a letter

setting a variable: *name=value*

## review: quotation 'disables' special characters

quotation:

- 'single quotes' protect all characters
- "double quotes" protect spaces, wildcards

## review: values can be modified during expansion

variable expansion: `${name}` or `"${name}"`

- expands to the value of the variable *name*

trimming prefixes and suffixes

- remove prefixes with `${name#prefix}`
- remove suffixes with `${name%suffix}`

## review: parameters are numbered, not named

script parameters:

- `$1` is first argument, `$2` is second, etc.
- `$@` is a list of all the arguments
- `$#` is the number of arguments

## review: substitutions evaluate expressions, run programs

arithmetic substitution:  $\$ ( \textit{expression} )$

command substitution:  $\$ ( \textit{command} )$

## review: while loop is controlled by a condition

```
while CONDITION
do
    body: one or more commands
    to run until CONDITION fails
done
```

```
while CONDITION ; do COMMANDS ; done
```



## review: if conditionally executes commands

```
if CONDITION
then
  one or more COMMANDS
  to run if CONDITION succeeds
fi
```

```
if CONDITION
then
  one or more COMMANDS
  to run if CONDITION succeeds
else
  one or more COMMANDS
  to run if CONDITION fails
fi
```

```
if CONDITION ; then COMMANDS ; fi
```

```
if CONDITION ; then COMMANDS1 ; else COMMANDS2 ; fi
```

## review: test performs tests and comparisons

`test` is useful as a *CONDITION* for `if` and `while`

*test*

*succeeds if...*

`test -f filename` *filename* is a regular file

`test -d filename` *filename* is a directory

`test n1 -lt n2`  $n1 < n2$

`test n1 -eq n2`  $n1 = n2$

`test n1 -ne n2`  $n1 \neq n2$

## next week we change topic completely

- 10 The Internet – what it is, how it works
- 11 Data mobility – moving data and computation around
- 12 The World Wide Web – what it is, how it works
- 13 Content creation – making web pages
- 14 Web applications and cloud services – risks, benefits
- 15 Safety and security – protecting yourself and your data