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# Unleash your inner console cowboy

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# Today's goal

- Present bash as a productivity tool
  - stop using the mouse 
- Write scripts to automate your work
- Begin to use advanced tools in your daily work

**Become a console cowboy**

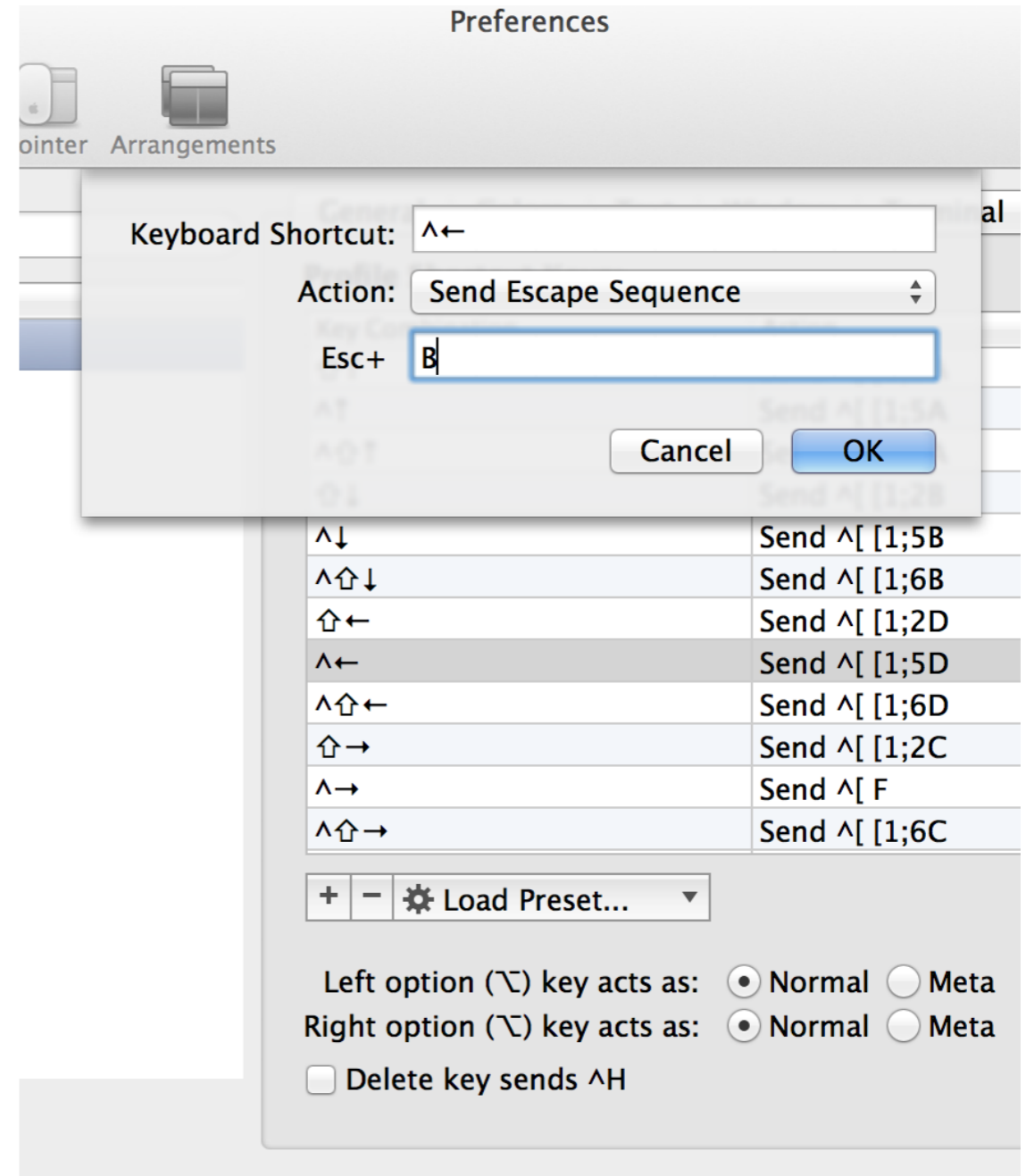
# Agenda

- The terminal and the shell
- Basic usage of bash
- Living on the command-line
- Useful utilities
- Scripting
- Home brew
- Tools for developers
- git
- Xcode

The shell

# Which terminal?

- iTerm2 is much better
  - Easier to change tab ( $\mathbb{H}$  left + right, CTRL+TAB)
  - Change Desktop navigation to  $\backslash$  left + right
  - Add CTRL left + right to iTerm2 preferences
  - Keeps SSH connection alive
- <http://iterm2.com/>



# Which shell?



Stephen R. Bourne (Bell lab) introduced the shell to UNIX in 1977

OS X comes with many shells

➤ bash, csh, ksh, sh, tcsh, and zsh



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Since 10.3, bash has been the default shell

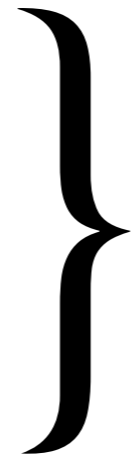
OS X 10.11.1 carries bash 3.2.57 (2014-11-07)

Home brew has many great bash related packages

# Redirection

## UNIX idioms

- a tool should do one thing but do it well
- text is the universal data format



Output of one utility is input for the next

## Bash implements redirection:

- stdout to file: >
- stdin from file <
- append stdout to file: >>
- stderr to stdout: 2>&1

## Examples:

```
echo "Hello" > hello
```

```
cat < hello
```

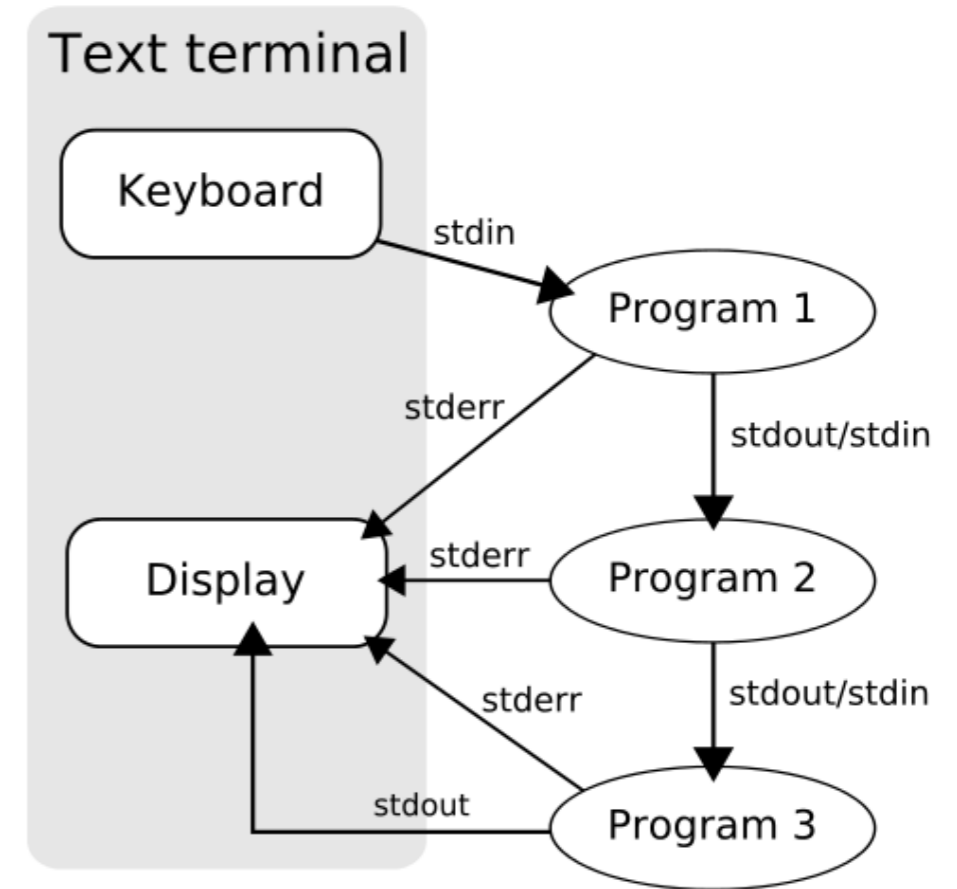
```
echo "World" >> hello
```

```
clang notfound.m > error 2>&1
```

# Pipes



- Introduced to UNIX by Douglas McIlroy in 1973
- Pipes are the glue in UNIX component based programming (aka shell scripting)
- Powerful idiom for stream processing
- The character `|` is used by all known shells



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## Examples

```
lsof | grep ^Keynote | wc -l
```

```
ifconfig | grep -e ^[a-z] | cut -f1 -d:
```



# Configuration

- `$HOME/.bash_profile` and `$HOME/.bashrc` are your personal configuration
- `alias` - useful for often used options
- Setting prompt (`PS1`) and search path (`PATH`)
- Reload configuration: `source ~/.bash_profile`

# .bash\_profile

```
# Ignore a few commands in history
export HISTIGNORE="pwd:ls:ls -l:cd"
# don't put duplicate lines in the history. See bash(1) for more options
# don't overwrite GNU Midnight Commander's setting of `ignorespace'.
HISTCONTROL=$HISTCONTROL${HISTCONTROL+:}ignoredups

# Bash completion
if [ -f $(brew --prefix)/etc/bash_completion ]; then
    . $(brew --prefix)/etc/bash_completion
fi

# Prompt - including git
PS1='\u@\h:\w$(__git_ps1 " (%s)") \$ \'

# Color ls etc.
alias ls="ls -G"
alias ll="ls -l"

# https://xkcd.com/149/
alias fuck='sudo $(history -p \!\!)' # rerun as root
```

# Keyboard short-cuts

- Bash uses Emacs bindings by default 😊  
(`help bind` for details)

## *Movement*

- CTRL-a beginning of line
- CTRL-e end of line
- CTRL-← One word left
- CTRL-→ One word right

Remap CTRL-←/→



## *Cut-n-paste*

- CTRL-space mark
- <sup>ESC</sup> ← BACK Delete word
- CTRL-d Delete character
- CTRL-\_ undo
- CTRL-k delete until end of line
- CTRL-y yank from kill-ring

# History

- Bash stores your command history
  - `history` - show latest commands
  - `!!` - run last command
  - `!number` - run command *number* again
  - CTRL-r - search in history
- Exclude commands from history:
  - `export HISTIGNORE="pwd:ls:ls -l:cd"`
- Exclude duplicates from history:
  - `export HISTCONTROL:ignoredups`

# Completion

- Use `TAB` to let Bash complete as much as possible
- Use `TAB+TAB` to show possible completions
- Bash has programmable completion → you can specify what Bash does
- Large collections of completion recipes exist (home brew is your friend)

# Living on the command-line

- `cd -` - go back to previous folder
- `file file` - guess file content (magic numbers)
- `lsof` - list open files
- `ps (aux or -ef)` and `top` - show processes
- Simple watch:

```
while true ; do clear ; command ; sleep  
n ; done
```

# OS X specific commands

- `open file` - Starts registered program and open file
- `say "Hello world"` - speech synthesis (download extra voices/languages in System preferences)
- `ls | pbcopy` - copy stdin to paste board
- `pbpaste` - paste to stdout
- `dns-sd -B _ssh._tcp` - show Bonjour enabled SSH hosts

# Useful utilities

Find files: `find . -name '*.o' -delete`

Patterns: `grep -r list *`

Cut field: `cut -f1,3 -d: /etc/passwd`

Word count: `wc -l *.cpp`

Transform: `tr " " "_" < README.org`

Sort lines: `sort -t: -n -r -k 4 /etc/passwd`

Last lines: `tail /etc/passwd`

First lines: `head /etc/passwd`



# sed - the stream editor



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- sed is used to edit files non-interactively
- Option `-E` gives an editing (regular) expression
  - `s / FISH / HORSE / g` - substitute
  - `/ FISH / d` - delete lines

Option `-i` is tricky:

- GNU sed has optional extension
- BSD sed requires extension ( `'` is useful)

# awk - a processing tool

- awk is a programming language by itself
- Matching lines are processed
- line is split in fields (spaces are default)



A. Aho, P. Weinberger, B. Kernighan

Patterns:

BEGIN - before opening file

END - after closing file

```
cat foo | awk 'BEGIN {total=0 } END { print total } { total+=$1 }'
```

Scripting

# Bash for programmers

- Bash is a complete programming language
  - Shell scripts grow and become ugly 😞
- Execution:
  - `sh script.sh`
  - `chmod +x script.sh; ./script.sh`
- Interpreted language → slow

# Basic syntax

- White spaces: space and tab
- Comments: # and to end-of-line
- Statements: either end-of-line or ; (semicolon)
- Variables and functions: Letters, digits and underscore

```
#!/bin/bash
# Monte Carlo calculation of pi
NSTEPS=500
NHITS=0
i=0
while [ $i -lt $NSTEPS ]; do
    x=$(echo $RANDOM/32767 | bc -l)
    y=$(echo $RANDOM/32767 | bc -l)
    d=$(echo "sqrt($x*$x+$y*$y) < 1.0" | bc -l)
    if [ $d -eq 1 ]; then
        NHITS=$((NHITS + 1))
    fi
    i=$((i + 1))
done

PI=$(echo "4.0*$NHITS/$NSTEPS" | bc -l)
echo "PI = $PI"
```

# Variables

- Case-sensitive names
- No declarations, no types
- Strings: “...” are substituted; ‘...’ are not
- Assignment (=): no spaces!
  - \$ (...) assignment from stdout including spaces
  - I often use `awk '{print $1}'` to remove spaces
  - \$(...) arithmetic
- `$varname` - value of variable `varname`

## Built-in variables:

- \$# is the number of argument
- \$1, \$2, ... are the arguments
- \$\$ is the process ID
- \$? is exit code of last command

```
#!/bin/bash
message_1="Hello"
message_2="World"
message="$message_1 $message_2" # concatenate
echo $message

# assign with output of command
nusers=$(grep -v ^# /etc/passwd | wc -l | awk
'{print $1}')
echo "Number of users: $nusers"

# do the math
answer=$((6*7))
echo "The life, the universe, and everything:
$answer"
```

# Branches

- Simple branching with `if then`  
`else fi`
- Enclose condition with `[ ]`
- `elif` is possible, too
- Use `case in esac` when you  
can many cases and single  
condition

String operators:

- `z` is empty?
- `d` is directory?
- `f` is file?
- `==` equal to
- `!=` not equal to

Integer operators:

- `eq` equal to
- `lt` less than
- `ne` not equal to
- `gt` greater than



# branches.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

if [ -z "$1" ]; then
    name="Arthur"
else
    name="$1"
fi

if [ "$name" != "Arthur" ]; then
    echo "Not Arthur"
else
    echo "Hello Arthur"
fi

answer=$((6*7))
if [ $answer -eq 42 ]; then
    echo "Life, the universe, and everything"
fi
```

# branches.sh - con't

```
case "$name" in
    "Arthur")
        echo "Welcome onboard"
        ;;
    "Trillian")
        echo "You know Arthur"
        ;;
    *)
        echo "Who are you?"
        ;;
esac
```

# Loops

- Simple loops: `for ... in ... ; do ... done`
- The `seq` utility can generate list of numbers
- Conditional loops: `while ... ; do ... done`
- Line-by-line: `while read line ; do ... done`

```
One-liner (similar to watch)
while [ true ]; do
  clear;
  echo $RANDOM;
  sleep 1;
done
```

# loops.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

# Multiplication table
for i in $(seq 1 10); do
    echo "$i $((3*$i))"
done

# All .sh files
for f in $(ls *.sh); do
    echo "$f $(head -1 $f | cut -c3-) $(wc -l $f | awk '{print $1}')"
done

# read self line-by-line
i=1
cat $0 | while read line ; do
    nchars=$(echo "$line" | wc -c | awk '{print $1}')
    echo "$i $nchars"
    i=$((i+1))
done | sort -n -k 2
```

# Functions

- Functions can increase readability of your scripts
- arguments are `$1`, `$2`, ...
- `local` variables can be used
- `return` an integer and get it as `$?`
- Use global variable to return a string 🙄

# function.sh

```
#!/bin/bash

mult () {
    local n=$1
    return $((3*$n))
}

for n in $(seq 1 10); do
    mult $n
    echo "$n $?"
done
```

# Tips and tricks

- Use `set -e` to exit early
  - or use `|| exit 1`
- `set -O pipefail` and you can get the exit code of the first failing program in a pipe
  - `xcpretty` never fails but `xcodebuild` might
- Use `tee` to write to stdout and file
- To trace (debugging): `set -x` or `sh -x`

# Tips and tricks

- Always use `"$var"` when dealing with file names (and strings)
  - `str="fish horse"; for i in $str; do echo $i; done`
  - `str="fish horse"; for i in "$str"; do echo $i; done`
- Call `mkdir -p` when creating folders
- Create temp. files with `mktemp /tmp/$$ .XXXXXX`
- Using variable to modify behaviour of script:
  - `FLAGS="-O3 -libc++=stdlibc++" build.sh`
- Subshells: `(cd foo && rm -f bar)`



Tool for  
developers

# Home brew

- Home brew provides calories for console cowboys
- You don't have to be *root* to install
- Software is installed in `/usr/local/Cellar`, and symlinked to `/usr/local/bin`
- Brew cask is for binary distribution
- <http://brew.sh> and <http://caskroom.io>



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Examples:

```
brew search bash
brew info bash
brew install bash
brew update
```

# Tools for developers

- Apple provides some basic tools
  - `nm` - display symbol table
  - `c++filt` - Prettify C++ and Java names
  - `otool -L` - display which shared libraries are required
  - `libtool` - create libraries
  - `lipo` - manipulate fat/universal binaries



zpzpa, <https://www.flickr.com/photos/zpzpa/>

Examples:

```
nm book.o | c++filt  
otool -L RealmInspector
```

# git

- Home brew packages:
  - git, git-extras
  - Symlink `/usr/local/bin/git` to `/usr/bin`
- Bash completion works
  - commands, branches, etc.
- Fancy prompt:

```
PS1='\u@\h:\w$(__git_ps1 " (%s)") \$ '
```

Examples:

```
git count -all  
git contrib "Kenneth Geisshirt"
```

```
git log --graph --simplify-by-decoration --pretty=format:'%d' --all
```

```
* (origin/al-standalone-subscript)  
* (origin/lr-os-fixing-utf-8)  
* (origin/jp-encryption-example)  
| * (origin/jp-cocoadocs)  
|/  
| * (origin/jp-cocoapods-release)  
|/  
*  
| \  
| * (origin/kg-buildsh-xcode6-and-json  
* |  
| \  
| |/  
* | (origin/jp-swift-examples-project)  
| | * (origin/os-docs-predicates)  
| |/  
| * (tag: v0.80.0)
```

# Xcode

- You can build Xcode projects at the command-line

```
xcodebuild -scheme OreDevPlain -  
configuration Release -sdk  
iphonesimulator
```

- Targets: clean, build, test
- You can add shell scripts to build phases



# xcpretty

- The output of xcodebuild can be hard to read
- xcpretty makes it prettier
- Installation:
  - `sudo gem install xcpretty`
- Usage:
  - `xbuildcode ... | xcpretty`

# xctool

- Yet another build helper
- Installation:
  - `brew install xctool`
- Usage:
  - `xctool -scheme OredevPlain -  
configuration Release -sdk  
iphonesimulator build`

# Further information

- *Classical Shell Scripting*. R. Arnolds and N.H.F. Beebe. O'Reilly Media, 2005.
- The sed FAQ: <http://sed.sourceforge.net/sedfaq.html>
- Advanced Bash-Scripting Guide: <http://www.tldp.org/LDP/abs/html/>

