

# **Lecture 5 (part 2)**

Shell Part II:  
sh, bash, ksh

# **Parsing and Quoting**

# How the Shell Parses

- Part 1: Read the command:
  - Read one or more lines as needed
  - Separate into *tokens* using space/tabs
  - Form commands based on token types
- Part 2: Evaluate a command:
  - Expand word tokens (command substitution, parameter expansion)
  - *Split words into fields*
  - Setup redirections, environment
  - Run command with arguments

# Useful Program for Testing

[/ftproot/okeefe/215/showargs.c](#)

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int i;
    for (i=0; i < argc; i++) {
        printf("Arg %d: %s\n", i, argv[i]);
    }
    return(0);
}
```

# Shell Comments

- Comments begin with an unquoted #
- Comments end at the end of the line
- Comments can begin whenever a token begins
- Examples

```
# This is a comment
```

```
# and so is this
```

```
grep foo bar # this is a comment
```

```
grep foo bar# this is not a comment
```

# Special Characters

- The shell processes the following characters specially unless quoted:  
`| & ( ) < > ; " ' $ ` space tab newline`
- The following are special whenever patterns are processed:  
`* ? [ ]` (turn off with `set -o noglob`)
- The following are special at the beginning of a word:  
`# ~`
- The following are special when processing assignments:  
`= [ ]`

# Token Types

- The shell uses spaces and tabs to split the line or lines into the following types of tokens:
  - Control operators (`|`, `||`)
  - Redirection operators (`<`, `>`, `>>`)
  - Reserved words (`while`, `if`)
  - Assignment tokens (`foo=bar`)
  - Word tokens (everything else)

# Operator Tokens

- Operator tokens are recognized everywhere unless quoted. Spaces are optional before and after operator tokens.
- I/O Redirection Operators:  
`> >> >| >& < << <<- <&`
  - Each I/O operator can be immediately preceded by a single digit
- Control Operators:  
`| & ; ( ) || && ;;`



# Shell Quoting

- Quoting causes characters to lose special meaning.
- `\` Unless quoted, `\` causes next character to be quoted. In front of new-line causes lines to be joined.
- `'...'` Literal quotes. Cannot contain `'`
- `"..."` Removes special meaning of all characters except `$`, `"`, `\` and ```. The `\` is only special before one of these characters and new-line.

# Quoting Examples

```
$ cat file*
```

```
a
```

```
b
```

---

```
$ cat "file*"
```

```
cat: file* not found
```

---

```
$ cat file1 > /dev/null
```

```
$ cat file1 ">" /dev/null
```

```
a
```

```
cat: >: cannot open
```

---

```
FILES="file1 file2"
```

```
$ cat "$FILES"
```

```
cat: file1 file2 not found
```

# Simple Commands

- A simple command consists of three types of tokens:
  - Assignments (must come first)
  - Command word tokens (name and args)
  - Redirections: *redirection-op* + *word-op*
  - The first token must not be a reserved word
  - Command terminated by new-line or ;
- Example:
  - `foo=bar z=`date`  
print $HOME  
x=foobar > q$$ $xyz z=3`

# Word Splitting

- After parameter expansion, command substitution, and arithmetic expansion, the characters that are generated as a result of these expansions (if not inside double quotes) are checked for split characters
- Default split character is *space* or *tab*
- Split characters are defined by the value of the **IFS** variable (**IFS=""** disables)

# Word Splitting Examples

```
FILES="file1 file2"
```

```
cat $FILES
```

```
a
```

```
b
```

```
IFS=
```

```
cat $FILES
```

```
cat: file1 file2: cannot open
```

---

```
IFS=x v=exit
```

```
print exit $v "$v"
```

```
exit e it exit
```

# Pathname Expansion

- After word splitting, each field that contains pattern characters is replaced by the pathnames that match
- Quoting prevents expansion
- **set -o noglob** disables
  - Not in original Bourne shell, but in POSIX

# Parsing Example

```
DATE=`date` echo $foo > \  
/dev/null
```

```
DATE=`date`
```

*assignment*

```
echo
```

*word*

```
$foo
```

*param*

```
> /dev/null
```

*redirection*

```
echo
```

```
hello there
```

*/dev/null*

```
/bin/echo
```

*PATH expansion*

```
hello
```

```
there
```

*split by IFS*

*/dev/null*

# The eval built-in

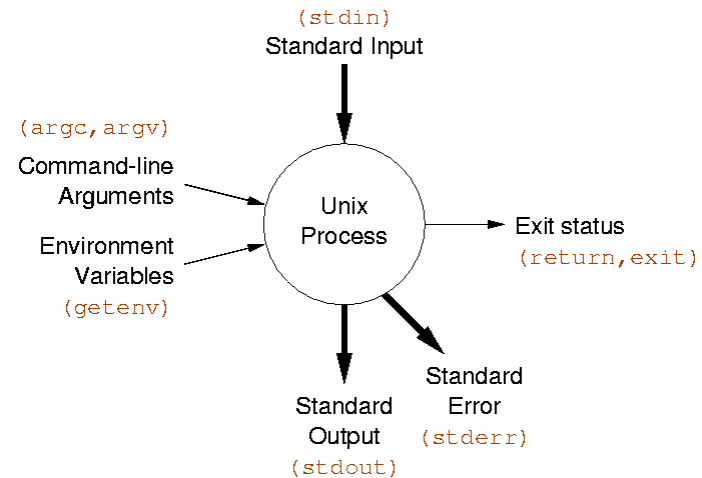
- **eval** *arg* ...
  - Causes all the tokenizing and expansions to be performed again





# Input/Output Shell Features

- Standard input, output, error
  - Redirection
  - Here documents
  - Pipelines
  - Command substitution
- Exit status
  - `$?`
  - `&&`, `||`, `if`, `while`
- Environment
  - `export`, variables
- Arguments
  - Command substitution
  - Variables
  - Wildcards



# Power of the Shell

- The shell is a language that lets you use programs as you would use procedures in other languages
  - Called with command line arguments
  - If used in if, while statements programs behave like functions returning a boolean value
    - `/bin/true`: Program that just does `exit(0)`
    - `/bin/false`: Program that just does `exit(1)`
  - If used in command substitution, programs behave like functions returning a string
  - Environment behaves like global variables

# test Summary

- **String based tests**

<code>-z string</code>	Length of string is 0
<code>-n string</code>	Length of string is not 0
<code>string1 = string2</code>	Strings are identical
<code>string1 != string2</code>	Strings differ
<code>string</code>	String is not NULL

- **Numeric tests**

<code>int1 -eq int2</code>	First int equal to second
<code>int1 -ne int2</code>	First int not equal to second
<code>-gt, -ge, -lt, -le</code>	greater, greater/equal, less, less/equal

- **File tests**

<code>-r file</code>	File exists and is readable
<code>-w file</code>	File exists and is writable
<code>-f file</code>	File is regular file
<code>-d file</code>	File is directory
<code>-s file</code>	file exists and is not empty

- **Logic**

<code>!</code>	Negate result of expression
<code>-a, -o</code>	and operator, or operator
<code>( expr )</code>	groups an expression

# Example

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

```
if test -f /tmp/stuff && \  
    [ `wc -l < /tmp/stuff` -gt 10 ]  
then  
    echo "The file has more than 10 lines"  
else  
    echo "The file is nonexistent or small"  
fi
```

# Arithmetic

- No arithmetic built in to `/bin/sh`
- Use external command `/bin/expr`
- **expr expression**
  - Evaluates expression and sends the result to standard output
  - Yields a numeric or string result

```
expr 4 "*" 12
```

```
expr \( 4 + 3 \) \* 2
```

# for loops

- Different than C:

```
for var in list
do
  command
done
```

- Typically used with positional params or a list of files:

```
sum=0
for var in "$@"
do
  sum=`expr $sum + $var`
done
```

```
for file in *.c ; do echo "We have $file"
done
```

# Case statement

- Like a C switch statement for strings:

```
- case $var in
    opt1) command1
        command2
        ;;
    opt2) command
        ;;
    *) command
        ;;
esac
```

- **\*** is a catch all condition



# Case Example

```
#!/bin/sh

echo "Say something."
while true
do
    read INPUT_STRING
    case $INPUT_STRING in
        hello)
            echo "Hello there."
            ;;
        bye)
            echo "See ya later."
            ;;
        *)
            echo "I'm sorry?"
            ;;
    esac
done
echo "Take care."
```

# Case Options

- **opt** can be a shell pattern, or a list of shell patterns delimited by |
- Example:

```
case $name in
    *[0-9]*)
        echo "That doesn't seem like a name."
        ;;
    J*|K*)
        echo "Your name starts with J or K, cool."
        ;;
    *)
        echo "You're not special."
        ;;
esac
```

# Types of Commands

*All behave the same way*

- Programs
  - Most that are part of the OS in /bin
- Built-in commands
- Functions
- Aliases

# Built-in Commands

- Built-in commands are internal to the shell and do not create a separate process.

Commands are built-in because:

- They are intrinsic to the language (**exit**)
- They produce side effects on the process (**cd**)
- They perform much better
  - No fork/exec

# Important Built-in Commands

<b>exec</b>	: replaces shell with program
<b>cd</b>	: change working directory
<b>shift</b>	: rearrange positional parameters
<b>(un)set</b>	: set positional parameters
<b>wait</b>	: wait for background proc. to exit
<b>umask</b>	: change default file permissions
<b>exit</b>	: quit the shell
<b>eval</b>	: parse and execute string
<b>time</b>	: run command and print times
<b>export</b>	: put variable into environment
<b>trap</b>	: set signal handlers

# Important Built-in Commands

**continue** : continue in loop

**break** : break in loop

**return** : return from function

**:** : true

**.** : read file of commands into  
current shell; like **#include**

# Reading Lines

- **read** is used to read a line from a file and to store the result into shell variables
  - **read -r** prevents special processing
  - Uses **IFS** to split into words
  - If no variable specified, uses **REPLY**

```
read
```

```
read -r NAME
```

```
read FIRSTNAME LASTNAME
```

# trap command

- **trap** specifies command that should be executed when the shell receives a signal of a particular value.
- **trap** [ [*command*] {*signal*}+]
  - If *command* is omitted, signals are ignored
- Especially useful for cleaning up temporary files

```
trap 'echo "please, dont interrupt!"' SIGINT
```

```
trap 'rm /tmp/tmpfile' EXIT
```



# Functions

Functions are similar to scripts and other commands except that they can produce side effects in the callers script. The positional parameters are saved and restored when invoking a function. Variables are shared between caller and callee.

Syntax:

```
name ()  
{  
  commands  
}
```

# Aliases

- Like macros (#define in C)
- Shorter to define than functions, but more limited
- Not recommended for scripts
- Example:

```
alias rm='rm -i'
```

# Search Rules

- Special built-ins
- Functions
  - *command* bypasses search for functions
- Built-ins not associated with PATH
- PATH search
- Built-ins associated with PATH
- Executable images

# Script Examples

- Rename files to lower case
- Strip CR from files
- Emit HTML for directory contents

# Rename files

```
#!/bin/sh

for file in *
do
    lfile=`echo $file | tr A-Z a-z`
    if [ $file != $lfile ]
    then
        mv $file $lfile
    fi
done
```

# Remove DOS Carriage Returns

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

```
TMPFILE=/tmp/file$$
```

```
if [ "$1" = "" ]
```

```
then
```

```
    tr -d '\r'
```

```
    exit 0
```

```
fi
```

```
trap 'rm -f $TMPFILE' EXIT
```

```
for file in "$@"
```

```
do
```

```
    if tr -d '\r' < $file > $TMPFILE
```

```
    then
```

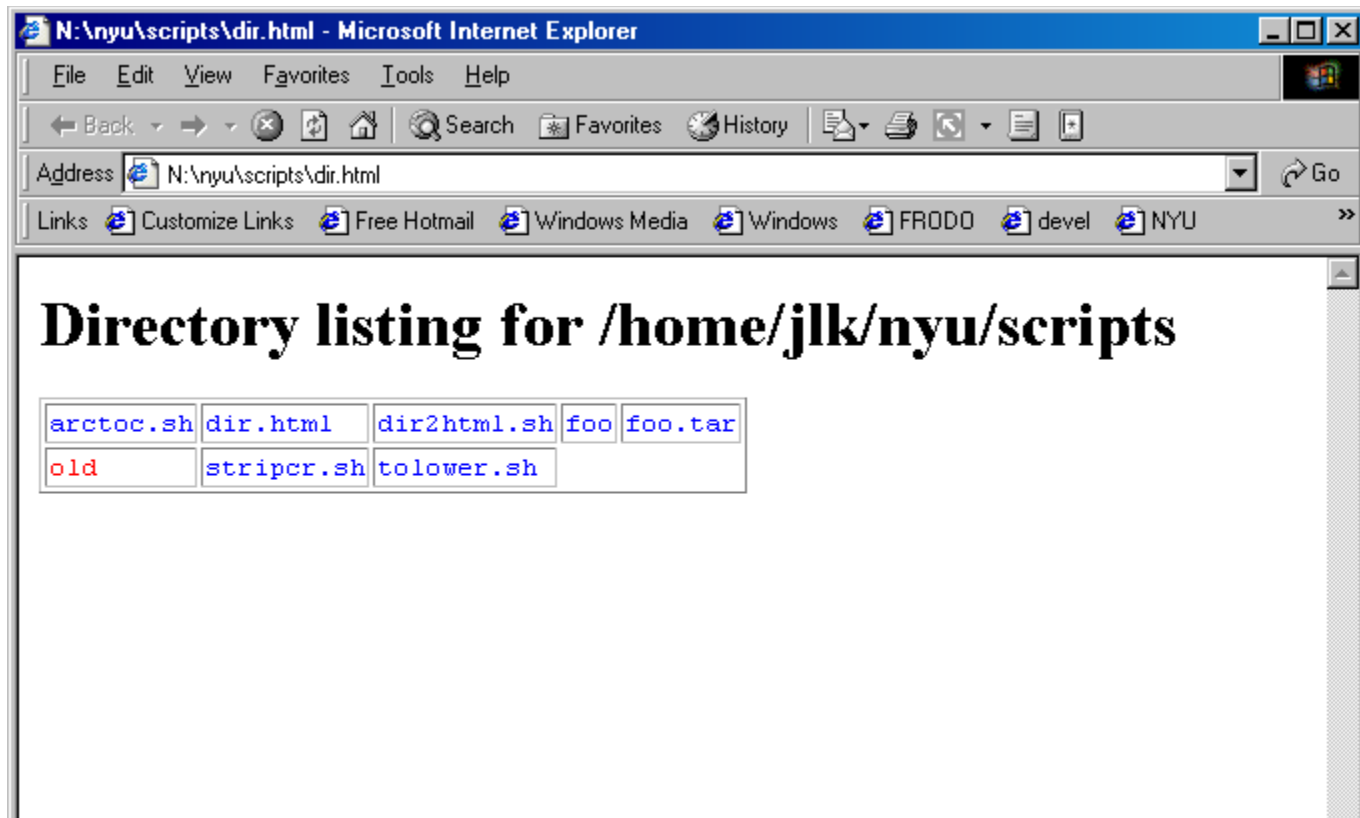
```
        mv $TMPFILE $file
```

```
    fi
```

```
done
```

# Generate HTML

```
$ dir2html.sh > dir.html
```



# The Script

```
#!/bin/sh

if test -n "$1"
then
    cd "$1"
fi
cat <<HUP
    <html>
    <h1> Directory listing for $PWD </h1>
    <table border=1>
    <tr>
HUP
num=0  # global variable counting file number
for file in *
do
    genhtml $file  # this function is on next
page
done
cat <<HUP
    </tr>
    </table>
    </html>
```



# Funciton genhtml

```
genhtml ()
{
    file=$1
    echo "<td><tt>"
    if [ -f $file ]
    then      echo "<font color=blue>$file</font>"
    elif [ -d $file ]
    then      echo "<font color=red>$file</font>"
    else      echo "$file"
    fi
    echo "</tt></td>"
    # Check if this is the end of the row
    num=`expr $num + 1`
    if [ $num -gt 4 ]
    then
        echo "</tr><tr>"
        num=0
    fi
}
```

# **Korn Shell / bash Features**

# Command Substitution Syntax

- Better syntax with  $\$(command)$ 
  - Allows nesting
  - **`x=$(cat $(generate_file_list))`**
- Backward compatible with ``...`` notation

# Expressions

- Expressions are built-in with the `[[ ]]` operator

```
if [[ $var = "" ]] ...
```

- Gets around parsing issues when using `/bin/test`, allows checking strings against *patterns*

- Operations:

- *string* **==** *pattern*
- *string* **!=** *pattern*
- *string1* **<** *string2*
- *file1* **-nt** *file2*
- *file1* **-ot** *file2*
- *file1* **-ef** *file2*
- **&&**, **||**

- Patterns:

- Can be used to do string matching

```
if [[ $foo = *a* ]]
```

```
if [[ $foo = [abc]* ]]
```

# Additional Parameter Expansion

- $\$ \{ \#param \}$  – Length of *param*
- $\$ \{ param \#pattern \}$  – Left strip min *pattern*
- $\$ \{ param \# \#pattern \}$  – Left strip max *pattern*
- $\$ \{ param \%pattern \}$  – Right strip min *pattern*
- $\$ \{ param \% \%pattern \}$  – Right strip max *pattern*
- $\$ \{ param -value \}$  – Default *value* if *param* not set

# Variables

- Variables can be arrays
  - `foo[3]=test`
  - `echo ${foo[3]}`
- Indexed by number
- **`${#arr}`** is length of the array
- Multiple array elements can be set at once:
  - `set -A foo a b c d`
  - `echo ${foo[1]}`

Set command can also be used for positional params : `set a b c d; print $2`

# Functions

- Alternative function syntax:

```
function name {  
    commands  
}
```

- Allows for local variables (with `typeset`)
- `$0` is set to the name of the function

# Additional Features

- Built-in arithmetic: Using  $\$(expression)$ 
  - e.g., `print $(( 1 + 1 * 8 / x ))`
- Tilde file expansion
  - `~` \$HOME
  - `~user` home directory of user
  - `~+` \$PWD
  - `~-` \$OLDPWD



# Printing (ksh only)

- Built-in **print** command to replace echo
- Not subject to variations in echo
- Much faster
- Allows options:
  - u#     print to specific file descriptor

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# Variable Attributes

- By default attributes hold strings of unlimited length
- Attributes can be set with typeset:
  - readonly (-r) – cannot be changed
  - export (-x) – value will be exported to env
  - upper (-u) – letters will be converted to upper case
  - lower (-l) – letters will be converted to lower case
  - ljust (-L *width*) – left justify to given width
  - rjust (-R *width*) – right justify to given width
  - zfill (-Z *width*) – justify, fill with leading zeros
  - integer (-I [*base*]) – value stored as integer
  - float (-E [*prec*]) – value stored as C double
  - nameref (-n) – a name reference

# Name References

- A name reference is a type of variable that references another variable.
- **nameref** is an alias for **typeset -n**
  - Example:

```
user1="jeff"  
user2="adam"  
typeset -n name="user1"  
print $name  
jeff
```

# New Parameter Expansion

- $\${param/pattern/str}$  – Replace first pattern with *str*
- $\${param//pattern/str}$  – Replace all patterns with *str*
- $\${param:offset:len}$  – Substring

# Patterns Extended

- Additional pattern types so that shell patterns are equally expressive as regular expressions
- Used for:
  - file expansion
  - `[[ ]]`
  - case statements
  - parameter expansion

<i>Patterns</i>	<i>Regular Expressions</i>
?	.
*	.*
[ . . . ]	[ . . . ]
[ ! . . . ]	[ ^ . . . ]
? ( . . . )	( . . . ) ?
* ( . . . )	( . . . ) *
+ ( . . . )	( . . . ) +
@ ( . . . )	( . . . )
! ( . . . )	
a   b	a   b
a & b	
{ n } ( . . . )	( . . . ) { n }
{ m , n } ( . . . )	( . . . ) { m , n }
\ d	\ d

# ANSI C Quoting

- `$'...'` Uses C escape sequences

`$'\t'`      `$'Hello\nthere'`

- **printf** added that supports C like printing:

```
printf "You have %d apples" $x
```

- Extensions

- `%b` – ANSI escape sequences
- `%q` – Quote argument for reinput
- `\E` – Escape character (033)
- `%P` – convert ERE to shell pattern
- `%H` – convert using HTML conventions
- `%T` – date conversions using date formats

# Associative Arrays

- Arrays can be indexed by string, like awk
- Declared with **typeset -A**
- Set: **name [ "foo" ] = "bar"**
- Reference **\${ name [ "foo" ] }**
- Subscripts: **\${ ! name [ @ ] }**



# Coprocesses

- `| &` operator supports a simple form of concurrent processing

- `cmd | &`

*cmd* runs as a background process whose standard input and output channels are connected to the original parent shell via a two way pipe.

- Can read and write from process with
  - `read -p`
  - `print -p`
- Note that **echo** couldn't be used. Why?

# C Expressions

- We have already seen built-in expressions with the `[ [ ] ]` operator:
  - `[ [ $var = *foo* ] ] && print "contains foo"`
- New operator `( ( ) )` for C-like numeric expressions:
  - `(( x > 10 )) && print "x=$x, greater than 10"`
  - `(( x ++ ))`
  - Note variables don't have to be used with `$` inside parens
- Value of `( ( ) )` expression can be used with `$ ( ( ) )`
  - `y=$(( x + 1 ))`
  - `print $(( x * y - sin(y) ))`

# Compound Variables

- Variables can contain subfields (like structures or classes)
- Syntax: variable name containing .
- Example:

```
cust=(name=Jeff zip=10003)
```

```
cust.state=NY
```

```
print ${cust.name}
```

```
print ${!cust.*}
```

# New for loop syntax

- Regular syntax:

```
for var in list
do
    ...
done
```

- Additional syntax like C:

```
for (( initialization; condition; increment ))
do
    ...
done
```

- Example: `for (( i=0; i < $VAR; i++))`

# Example: Word Count

```
#!/home/unixtool/bin/ksh
```

```
integer l=0 w=0 c=0
```

```
while read -r LINE
```

```
do
```

```
    (( l++ ))
```

```
    set -- $LINE
```

```
    (( w += $# ))
```

```
    (( c += ${#LINE}+1 ))
```

```
done < $1
```

```
print "$l lines, $w words, $c characters"
```

# Example: Word Count

```
integer l=0 w=0 c=0
while read -r LINE
do
    (( l++ ))
    set -- $LINE
    (( w += $# ))
    (( c += ${#LINE}+1 ))
```

```
done < $1
```

```
print "$l lines, $w words, $c characters"
```

- **integer** tag indicates variables will be used as integers
- **while** loop is a command, so redirection works

# Example: Word Count

```
integer l=0 w=0 c=0
while read -r LINE
do
    (( l++ ))
    set -- $LINE
    (( w += $# ))
    (( c += ${#LINE}+1 ))
done < $1

print "$l lines, $w words, $c characters"
```

- **set -- \$LINE** turns LINE into positional parameters (\$1, ...), splitting up the value with IFS
- **\$#** is the number of positional parameters

# Example: Word Count

```
integer l=0 w=0 c=0
while read -r LINE
do
    (( l++ ))
    set -- $LINE
    (( w += $# ))
    (( c += ${#LINE}+1 ))
done < $1

print "$l lines, $w words, $c characters"
```

- `${#LINE}` returns the length of the value of LINE
- We add 1 because the newline character is not part of LINE



# Example: Spell a Phone Number

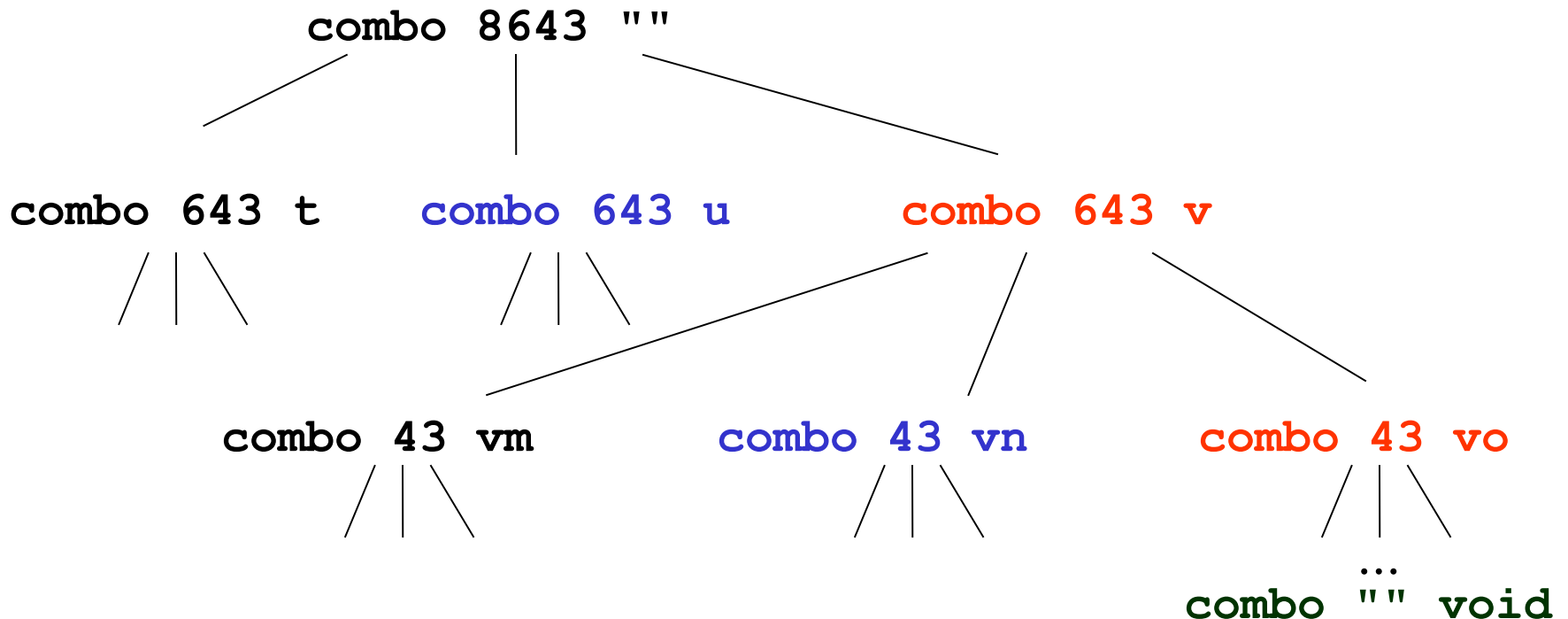
Given a number, finds possible words that the number spells on a telephone.

Example:

```
$ phonespell 8643  
void
```

# Algorithm

- Create function **combo** that prints all combinations of words. Check those against the dictionary.
- function **combo** is *recursive*:
  - Pass in part of number, part of word spelled



# Example: Spell a Phone Number

```
function combo
{
    typeset num=$1 word=$2
    if      [[ $num = ' ' ]]
    then    print $word
    else    typeset -L1 digit=$num
            for letter in ${get_letter[digit]}
            do          combo "${num#?}" "$word$letter"
            done
    fi
}
```

- 
- functions defined in ksh take arguments as positional parameters, like commands
  - **typeset** makes a variable local

# Example: Spell a Phone Number

```
function combo
{
    typeset num=$1 word=$2
    if      [[ $num = '' ]]
    then    print $word
    else    typeset -L1 digit=$num
            for letter in ${get_letter[digit]}
            do          combo "${num#?}" "$word$letter"
            done
    fi
}
```

- 
- End of recursion: If number is empty, just print the given word. Should end up happening for every combination

# Example: Spell a Phone Number

```
function combo
{
    typeset num=$1 word=$2
    if      [[ $num = ' ' ]]
    then    print $word
    else    typeset -L1 digit=$num
            for letter in ${get_letter[digit]}
            do          combo "${num#?}" "$word$letter"
            done
    fi
}
```

- 
- Extract leftmost digit from **num**

# Example: Spell a Phone Number

```
function combo
{
    typeset num=$1 word=$2
    if      [[ $num = ' ' ]]
    then    print $word
    else    typeset -L1 digit=$num
            for letter in ${get_letter[digit]}
            do          combo "${num#?}" "$word$letter"
            done
    fi
}
```

- 
- **for** loop goes through all letters that correspond to the number (stored in **get\_letter** array, shown next slide)
  - Recursively calls itself for each letter, taking off one character from the left (using the **#** operator with pattern **?**)

# Spell a Phone Number (cont')

```
set -A get_letter o i "a b c" "d e f" "g h i" "j k l" \  
    "m n o" "p r s" "t u v" "w x y"
```

```
# method 1
```

```
combo $1 | comm -12 /usr/dict/words -
```

---

```
# method 2
```

```
trap 'rm -f /tmp/full$$' EXIT
```

```
combo $1 > /tmp/full$$
```

```
spell < /tmp/full$$ | comm -13 - /tmp/full$$
```

---

- ***set -A arrayname value value ...***
  - sets elements of an array all at once

# Spell a Phone Number (cont')

```
set -A get_letter o i "a b c" "d e f" "g h i" "j k l" \  
    "m n o" "p r s" "t u v" "w x y"
```

```
# method 1  
combo $1 | comm -12 /usr/dict/words -
```

```
# method 2  
trap 'rm -f /tmp/full$$' EXIT  
combo $1 > /tmp/full$$  
spell < /tmp/full$$ | comm -13 - /tmp/full$$
```

- 
- Call function **combo** with first argument, pipe to **comm**
    - suppress fields 1 and 2 (show only matching lines)
    - **combo** emits sorted lines, and dictionary is sorted so **comm** works well



# Spell a Phone Number (cont')

```
set -A get_letter o i "a b c" "d e f" "g h i" "j k l" \  
    "m n o" "p r s" "t u v" "w x y"
```

```
# method 1
```

```
combo $1 | comm -12 /usr/dict/words -
```

---

```
# method 2
```

```
trap 'rm -f /tmp/full$$' EXIT
```

```
combo $1 > /tmp/full$$
```

```
spell < /tmp/full$$ | comm -13 - /tmp/full$$
```

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- Another method: use **spell** command
  - Create temporary file storing combos
  - Run through spell, generating list of misspelled words
  - Pipe to **comm**, suppressing fields 1 and 3 (show correct words)

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integer months years=$3
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[[ $2 ]] || read -r 'principle?principle: '
[[ $3 ]] || read -r 'years?years to amortization: '
```

```
print "\n\n\tprinciple\t\t$principle"
print "\trate\t\t\t$rate"
print "\tamortization\t\t$years"
```

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(( rate /= 1200. ))
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- Declare variables
- Read in unspecified inputs

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- Initialize values
- Uses built-in arithmetic (**pow**, floating point /)

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printf "\tmonthly payment\t%8.2f\n\n" "$payment"
print '\tYears    Balance'
print '\t=====    ====='
```

```
for      (( months=0; principle > 0; months++))
do      (( principle *= (1.+rate) ))
        (( principle -= payment ))
    if      (( (months+1)%12) == 0 ))
    then    printf "\t%d\t%8.2f\n" months/12 "$principle"
    fi
done
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- Print table header
  - Uses **printf** to format floating point number

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- C-style for loop with numerical calculations

# Documentation

- Web version of *Learning the KornShell* documents ksh93. Good for learning ksh.
- Glass documents ksh88 and bash
- UNIX in a Nutshell has a chapter that is a great ksh93 reference. Documents:
  - Bourne shell compatible features
  - ksh88 compatible features
  - ksh93 features