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Lesson 6

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Summary L5



Interactive Mode



The command is executed by pressing **Enter** key.

History: Use the up and down arrow keys to scroll through the list of commands you have already entered. The history command can be reused or modified and the modified one can be used. The history is also accessible by command **history**.

Autocomplete: By pressing Tab key, the command line interpreter tries to complete the spelled word. Command names, paths and file names are added (if one press does not cause anything, there are more options to add, repeated press will display them).

Shell interprets (expands) wild characters and other special characters, before the actual execution of the command. In interactive mode it is possible to run control structures of bash language.

Interactive mode is terminated by a command **exit**.

Bash Script



- blank lines are ignored
- text preceded by # character is ignored (used to comment script functionality)
- multiple commands can be specified per line, commands are separated by a semicolon;
- one command can be written on multiple lines using a backslash igvee

Non-interactive Mode - Scripts

1) Indirect start

We run the language interpreter and give the name of the script as an argument.

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$ bash my bash script
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Scripts **do not have to** have the x flag set (executable).

2) Direct start

We run the script directly (shell automatically starts the interpreter).

- \$ chmod u+x my_bash_script
- \$./my_bash_script

Scripts **must** have **x** flag (executable) and **interpreter** set (part of the script).



Next Subject



Content

<u>Bash</u>

> Variables

- setting and obtaining values, interpretation of strings
- integer operations
- variables and processes

Input and output

- read, echo, printf
- script arguments