

Bash and Git

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What is Bash?

- Bash = **Bourne Again shell**
- Bash is a shell program designed to listen to commands
 - *zsh, csh* are other shell programs
- On Windows install **Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL)**

```
wsl --install
```

- On macOS/Linux open terminal and you have a bash shell.



Why bother???

Learning bash is a powerful way to automate tasks on linux and boosts productivity. It will also help you finish your PhD faster XD ...



```
      ^      ^
    {  '---'  }
    {  0  0  }
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```

Checking the manual

Let's get our hands dirty... Open the terminal and let's get right on to it!

First command to learn:

```
man bash
```

This shows the documentation on Bash including all the options that can be used with this command.

SSH: Connecting to a remote computer

```
man ssh
```

SSH or Secure Shell is a protocol used to securely connect to a remote computer or server over an unsecured network.

NAME

bash - GNU Bourne-Again Shell

SYNOPSIS

bash [options] [command_string | file]

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DESCRIPTION

Bash is an sh-compatible command language interpreter incorporating many useful features from the Korn and C shells (ksh and csh).

OPTIONS

All of the single-character shell options documented in the bash(1) manual page are supported when the shell is invoked. In addition, bash interprets the following options:

- c If the -c option is present, then commands are read from the file command_string, the first argument is assigned to \$0 sets the name of the shell, which is used in the prompt.
- i If the -i option is present, the shell is interactive.

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SSH or Secure Shell is a protocol used to securely connect to a remote computer or server over an unsecured network.

Let's check if you could ssh into lxplus.

```
ssh -X USERNAME@lxplus.cern.ch
```

While it's not necessary that we work on lxplus this morning, better do the prerequisites for the other lessons throughout the week.

What is Lxplus?

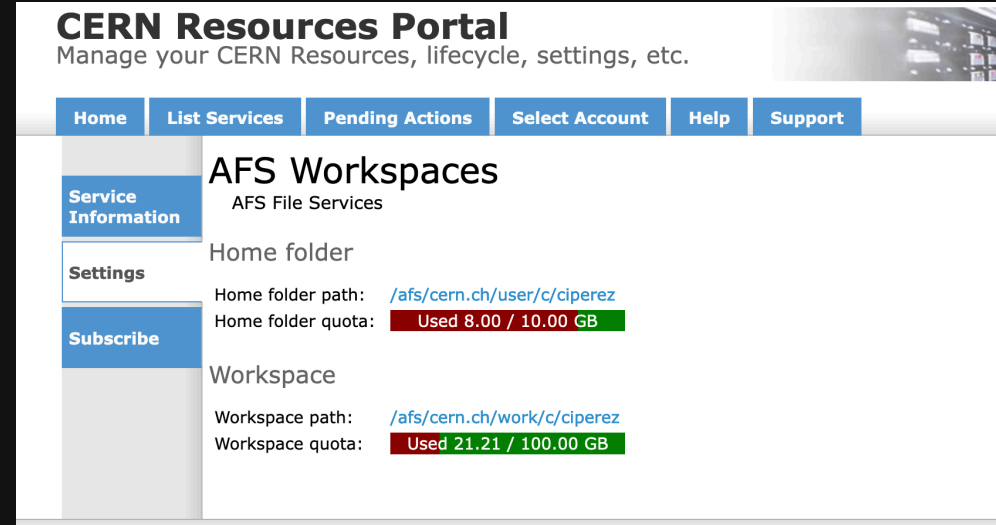
Lxplus is CERN's interactive Linux service for all users.

- Provided by the **IT Department**.

How to activate AFS workspaces:

1. Go to the CERN Resources Portal.
2. Navigate to **List Services** → **AFS**

Workspaces → **Settings**.



The screenshot shows the CERN Resources Portal interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, List Services, Pending Actions, Select Account, Help, and Support. The main content area is titled "AFS Workspaces" and is categorized under "AFS File Services". It displays settings for a user, including the home folder path and quota, and workspace path and quota. The quotas are shown with red and green bars indicating usage.

CERN Resources Portal
Manage your CERN Resources, lifecycle, settings, etc.

Home List Services Pending Actions Select Account Help Support

AFS Workspaces
AFS File Services

Service Information

Settings

Subscribe

Home folder

Home folder path: </afs/cern.ch/user/c/ciperez>

Home folder quota: **Used 8.00 / 10.00 GB**

Workspace

Workspace path: </afs/cern.ch/work/c/ciperez>

Workspace quota: **Used 21.21 / 100.00 GB**

SSH to LXPLUS

```
ssh -X username@lxplus.cern.ch
```

The `-X` flag enables basic X11 forwarding (running GUI).

■ Accessing the Grid

To access the grid, we need to initialize a valid **Grid Proxy Certificate** which is essential for accessing various LHCb and CERN computing resources (data storages, job submission and file transfer).

```
lhcb-proxy-init
```

This command is a wrapper around the standard `voms-proxy-init`. You should see a similar output as on the right.

```
ciperez:~$ lhcb-proxy-init
Generating proxy ...
Enter Certificate password: *****
Added VOMS attribute /lhcb/Role=user
Uploading proxy..
Proxy generated:
subject      : /DC=ch/DC=cern/OU=Organic Units/OU=Users/CN=
issuer       : /DC=ch/DC=cern/OU=Organic Units/OU=Users/CN=
identity     : /DC=ch/DC=cern/OU=Organic Units/OU=Users/CN=
timeleft     : 23:53:59
DIRAC group  : lhcb_user
path         : /tmp/x509up_u81686
username     : ciperez
properties   : NormalUser, PrivateLimitedDelegation
VOMS         : True
VOMS fqan    : [ '/lhcb/Role=user' ]

Proxies uploaded:
DN
/DC=ch/DC=cern/OU=Organic Units/OU=Users/CN=ciperez/CN=773
```

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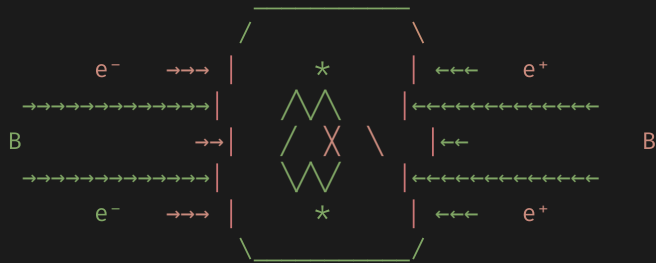
```
wget -O data-shell.zip https://cern.ch/go/9rKZ && unzip data-shell.zip && rm data-shell.zip
```

or for this tutorial see:

```
/afs/cern.ch/user/c/ciperez/public/data-shell
```

For additional materials see:

```
/afs/cern.ch/user/c/ciperez/public/bash_practice
```



File System navigation

Commands to navigate the file system. If you are using `explorer`, you are most-likely using the **AFS** or the *Andrew File System* which is a distributed file system where multiple computers are allowed to share files and data efficiently.

Command	Description
<code>pwd</code>	Lists the path to the working directory
<code>ls</code>	List directory contents
<code>ls -a</code>	List contents including hidden files (Files that begin with a dot)
<code>ls -l</code>	List contents with more info including permissions (long listing)
<code>ls -r</code>	List contents reverse order
<code>cd</code>	Change directory to home
<code>cd [dirname]</code>	Change directory to specific directory
<code>cd ~</code>	Change to home directory
<code>cd ..</code>	Change to parent directory
<code>cd -</code>	Change to previous directory (which could be different than the parent of course)
<code>find [dirtosearch] -name [filename]</code>	Find location of a program

One can also group flags together like `ls -la`. Credits to *bradtraversy* for this slide.

Modifying files and directories

Below are a list of commands to modify files and directories.

Command	Description	Examples
<code>mkdir [dirname]</code>	Make directory	<code>mkdir starterkit24</code>
<code>touch [filename]</code>	Create file	<code>touch scratch.py</code>
<code>rm [filename]</code>	Remove file	<code>rm scratch.py</code>
<code>rm -i [filename]</code>	Remove directory, but ask before	<code>rm -i scratch.py</code>
<code>rm -r [dirname]</code>	Remove directory	<code>rm -r startkerkit24</code>
<code>rm -rf [dirname]</code>	Remove directory with contents
<code>rm ./*</code>	Remove everything in the current folder	
<code>cp [filename] [dirname]</code>	Copy file	
<code>mv [filename] [dirname]</code>	Move file	
<code>mv [dirname] [dirname]</code>	Move directory	
<code>mv [filename] [filename]</code>	Rename file or folder	
<code>mv [filename] [filename] -v</code>	Rename Verbose - print source/destination directory	

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Some extra tips!

- We can also do multiple commands at once with the `&&` operator.

```
mkdir starterkit && cd startkerkit
```

■ History

```
history : to print out entire history  
Ctrl + r: search command history  
!n : prints out the nth command in the history
```

```
# Keyboard shortcuts  
- Up Arrow: Will show your last command  
- Down Arrow: Will show your next command  
- Tab: Will auto-complete your command
```

■ Keyboard shortcuts are cool

- `### Keyboard Commands`
- `clear`: Will clear the screen
- `Ctrl + C`: Will cancel a command
- `Ctrl + R`: Will search for a command
- `Ctrl + D`: Will exit the terminal

- `### Cursor`
- `Ctrl + A`: Go to the beginning of the command line
- `Ctrl + E`: Go to the end of the command line
- `Ctrl + B`: Move back one character
- `Ctrl + F`: Move forward one character
- `alt + right`: Move cursor forward one word
- `alt + left`: Move cursor back one word

Listening Break

Try out the commands you learned in the exercises from [Analysis Essentials: Working with Files and Directories](#).

We also want to set the following environment variables:

```
export bash_data=/Users/uzzielperez/data-shell # or your path to data-shell
echo $bash_data
# Similarly
export bash_practice=/Users/uzzielperez/Desktop/bash_practice # or your full path
```

For persistence, you can also set environment variables in your `~/.bashrc` file.

Display and Redirection

- To display messages

```
echo "Hello, My name's Forrest."
```

- To create a file with Echo

```
echo "Hello, My name's Forrest." > helloworld.txt
```

- To append to a file

```
echo "Forrest Gump." >> helloworld.txt
```

- To display the content of the file

```
cat helloworld
```

In general the right angle bracket tells the system to output results into a target.

```
echo "  ^__^  "  
echo " ( o o )"  
echo " ( =^= )"  
echo "  --m-m-- "
```

To save the cat into a file:

```
echo -e "  ^__^  \n( o o ) \n( =^= ) \n ( --m-m-- )" > ca
```

Here's a dog:

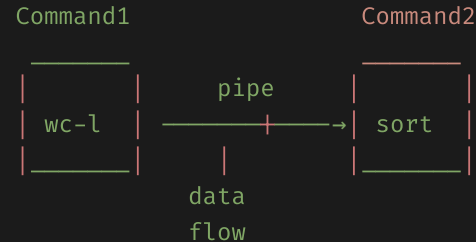
```
echo -e " _____  
< Hello, nice to meet you! >  
 _____  
  \  ^__^  
  \  (oo)\_____  
      (__)\       )\/\  
         ||----w |  
         ||     || "
```

Redirection, Pipes and Filters

Highlighting a few things from the [tutorial](#).

```
cd data-shell && cd molecules
wc *.pdb # counts lines, words, chars in files
wc -l *.pdb # outputs only the number of lines
wc -l *.pdb > lengths.txt # redirects output to a file
cat lengths.txt # concatenate - prints file content
sort -n lengths.txt # sorts out the result
head -n 1 lengths.txt # prints out the first line
tail -n 3 lengths.txt # prints out the last 3 lines
```

A vertical bar between the two commands = **pipe**.



Output of `wc -l` → Input for `sort`
e.g.

```
wc -l *.pdb | sort -n
wc -l *.pdb | sort -n | head -n 1
```

More commands

Below are a list of commands to modify files and directories.

Command	Description	Examples
<code>grep [pattern][file]</code>	Looks for a pattern in file	<code>grep "exhaust-port" rebel_intel.txt</code>
<code>find [directory] -n[name]</code>	Finds a file in directory	<code>find . -n rebel_intel.txt</code>

- `grep` is short for *global regular expression print*. It is a useful command to search for matching patterns in a file.
- `find` is for finding file/s in directories

Regular Expressions with grep

Highlighting some parts of the [Analysis Essentials](#):

```
cd $bash_data # an environment var we set earlier to the /path/to/data-shell
cd writing
cat haiku.txt
grep the haiku.txt # find the pattern "the" in haiku.txt
grep -i the haiku.txt # find the pattern "the" (case-insensitive) in haiku.txt
grep -w The haiku.txt # find the word "The" in haiku.txt
grep --color='auto' 'the' haiku.txt
```

Let's try some Regex:

```
cd $bash_practice
grep --color='auto' "unix" geekfile.txt # ^ start of the line
grep --color='auto' "^unix" geekfile.txt # ^ start of the line
grep --color='auto' "unix$" geekfile.txt # $ end of the line
grep --color='auto' 'os\.' geekfile.txt # match `os` before a period
grep --color='auto' 'os[.:space:]*$' geekfile.txt # match `os` regardless of punctuation
```

For a full cheatsheet see [this](#) and [this tutorial](#).

More commands

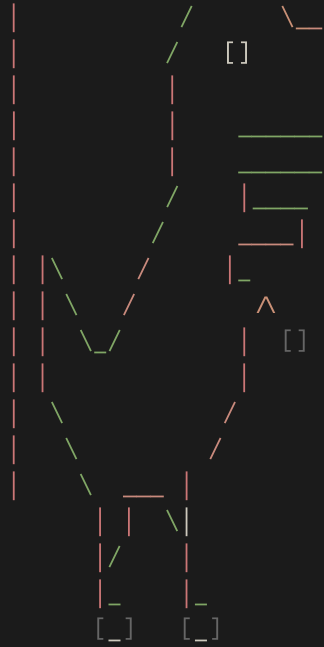
Below are a list of commands to modify files and directories.

Command	Description	Examples
<code>sed "s/[find]/[replace]/g" [file]</code>	Find and replace a pattern in a text	<code>sed "s/Luke/Leia/g" rebel_intel.txt</code>
<code>ln -s [filename] [symlinkname]</code>	Create a symlink	<code>ln -s [rebel_intel.txt][rebel.txt]</code>

- `sed` stands for *stream editor* and it can be used to edit text files. It is commonly used to replace occurrences of words in a file.
- Creating a symlink is neat way to create shortcut to the original file without having to copy the file.

Other Comands

Command	Description
ps	a.k.a. process status displays all processes
ps aux	display all processes in the system, of aux flags.
chmod	change file modes
chmod u+x	give yourself (owner only) permission to execute a file you own
chmod +x	Adds permission to execute a file = `chmod a+x`
chown	change file onwer or group
top	display sorted information about processes
kill <pid>	terminate or kill a signal process
kill -9	non-ignorable kill!
lsof +D	list open files. Useful when prematurely killing a process
tar	manipulate tape archives
zip	package and compresss archive files



Important commands like `du` (disk usage) and `df` (remaining free space) are also found in the Analysis Essentials.

Cat and sed Exercise

Store this cat into a `txt` file.

```
cat LHCb.txt
```

You find that the `Belle` experiment was mistakenly written instead of `LHCb`!

You can use the `sed` command to replace ALL the instances of `Belle` within the `txt`.

```
sed 's/Belle/LHCb/g' LHCb.txt
```

If you only want to replace the `n`th occurrence of a pattern in a line:

```
$sed 's/unix/linux/2' geekfile.txt # here n = 2, you can al
```

```
cat cat.txt
```

This will print out

```
^_^\  
( o o )  
> ^ <
```

```
# Use sed to replace open eyes (o) with closed eyes (X)  
sed "s/o/X/g" $cat_file > sleeping_cat.txt  
echo "Cat with eyes closed has been written to sleeping_cat  
cat sleeping_cat.txt
```

```
^_^\  
( X X )  
> ^ <
```

**Loops,
Conditionals,
Arrays and shell
scripts**

Listening Break

Try out the Loops exercises from the [Analysis Essentials: Working with Files and Directories](#).

Here are some highlights:

```
$ cd /Users/uzzielperez/data-shell/creatures
$ for filename in basilisk.dat unicorn.dat
do
    head -n 3 $filename
    # Or do some other thing here like echo the filename
done
```

Why Shell Scripting?

One can string together various pieces of their analysis and save time...

```
export analysis_dir=$HOME/work/analysis
alias mainscript="python3 main.py"
lhcb-proxy-init
source setupLCG.sh
function run_analysis(){
    python3 do_Fit.py
    python3 calc_eff.py
    python3 main_analysis.py
    python3 plot_results.py
}
```

In general, it also helps with tedious and repetitive tasks.

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Open a file like `vi starwars.sh` and put these lines:

```
#!/bin/bash
name = "Luke Skywalker"
echo "Hello, $name"
```

To run the script:

```
bash starwars.sh
```

One could also do:

```
chmod u+x starwars.sh
./starwars.sh
```

■ User input

```
read -p "Would you like to look at MC or DATA: " datatype
echo "Hello $datatype"
```

```
read -p "Enter data-taking year: " year
echo "You are analyzing $datatype $year "
```

- Arguments

`$1`, `$2 ..` store the arguments passed to the script...

```
echo $0
echo $1
echo $2
echo "${@}" # Access all the arguments [More on this later]
```

So if you do `./script.sh condition1 condition2`, what happens? It just echos the strings passed on to the script.

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- `[[]]` enables to use operators.
- Comparisons: `=`, `≠`, `>`, `<`, `≤`, `≥`

```
if [[ "$name" = "dorothy" ]]
then
    echo "hi dorothy we missed you"
else
    echo "welcome $name"
fi
```

Inspired by the Missing Shell Scripting Crash Course

- Test commands for some complex operations

```
# Compare Strings
[[ "$str1" = "$str2" ]]
[[ "$str1" ≠ "$str2" ]]

# Integer Comparisons
[[ "$int1" -eq "$int2" ]] # $int1 = $int2
[[ "$int1" -ne "$int2" ]] # $int1 ≠ $int2
[[ "$int1" -gt "$int2" ]] # $int1 > $int2
[[ "$int1" -lt "$int2" ]] # $int1 < $int2
[[ "$int1" -ge "$int2" ]] # $int1 ≥ $int2
[[ "$int1" -le "$int2" ]] # $int1 ≤ $int2

# And or
[[ ... ]] && [[ ... ]] # And
[[ ... ]] || [[ ... ]] # Or
```


Minimal Safe Bash Script Template

A tutorial I wish I had when I was younger is from [Bash Script Template](#)

- FAIL FAST

```
#!/usr/bin/env bash
cp important_file ./backups/
rm important_file
```

Suppose the backups directory does not exist. If there is no safety option `set -Eeuo pipefail`, bash jumps into the next command and deletes the important file before you can react. This line configures the shell to exit immediately on any error...

- Get the Location

```
script_dir=$(cd "$(dirname "${BASH_SOURCE[0]}")" &&>/dev/null && pwd -P)
```

Often we find the scripts we need to run in some other directory e.g. `/some/long/path/to/script.sh`. This can be fixed by going to the directory before execution with `cd /some/long/path/to/ && ./script.sh`

Bash Profile and persistency settings

The `~/.bash_profile` is used for defining user settings for a login shell.

```
# Load .bashrc if it exists
test -f ~/.bashrc && source ~/.bashrc

if [-f ~/.bashrc]; then
  . ~/.bashrc
fi

# User specific environment and startup programs
PATH=$PATH:$HOME/bin
export PATH
echo "$(date + [%F_%H:%M]) at $(hostname)" >> .lxnodes # us
export PATH=$HOME/.cargo/bin:$PATH"

# Enable text color and formatting
export PS1="\[\033[36m\]\u:\[\033[33m\]\w\[\033[m\]\$ "
export CLICOLOR=true
```

The `~/.bashrc` file provides a place where you can set up variables, functions and aliases and helps reduce redundant effort.

```
# This is where you put your hand rolled scripts (remember
PATH="$HOME/bin:$PATH"

alias ll='ls -l -h'
alias la='ls -a -l -h'

function mcd (){
  mkdir $1; cd $1
}

alias eosuser='cd /eos/user/c/ciperez'
alias afsdir='cd /afs/cern.ch/work/c/ciperez'
```

Ref: Some useful things to add to `~/.bashrc`

Miscellaneous

▪ TMUX, Screen

Lets you split session into windows and also lets you log out and having the session running. For big workloads, better to use HTCondor. Helps with monitoring CPU/memory usage too.

See a [Quick and Easy Guide to TMUX](#) and [How to Use Linux Screen](#).

▪ LCG Stacks and Apptainer

If you want an environment where everything works harmoniously, you might want to create a conda environment, or a python environment.

It is however better to rely on the already installed software to work with the platform you currently have.

```
source /cvmfs/sft.cern.ch/lcg/views/setupViews.sh <LCG_number> <platform>
```

For ML related stuff, one can also get gpu-supported programs such as `tensorflow` with `LCG_106cuda` for `lxplus-gpu`. To check the latest LCG releases [click here](#).

THE END!

This is just a simulation.

Backup

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Inspired by the [Missing Shell Scripting Crash Course](#)

■ Variable

Assigning value to a variable needs `$`, otherwise bash will treat name as a string literal and it will output `Hello name` instead.

```
#!/bin/bash
name="Luke Skywalker"
echo "Hello, $name"
```

To run,

```
$user chmod
$user ./script.sh
```

■ User input

```
read -p "What is your name: " name
echo "Hello $name"
```

```
read -p "Enter an action: " verb
echo "You are ${verb}ing"
```

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■ Logical Comparisons

- `[[]]` enables to use operators.
- Comparisons: `=`, `≠`, `>`, `<`, `≤`, `≥`
- Leave some space on both ends of brackets... :)

```
if [[ "$name" = "adam driver" ]]
then
    echo "hi adam we missed you"
else
    echo "welcome $name"
fi
```

■ Test commands for some complex operations

```
[[ -e "$file" ]] # True if file exists
[[ -d "$file" ]] # True if file exists and is a directory
[[ -f "$file" ]] # True if file exists and is a regular file
[[ -z "$str" ]] # True if string is of length zero
[[ -n "$str" ]] # True if string is not of length zero
```

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```
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[[ ... ]] || [[ ... ]] # Or
```

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■ Arrays and Functions

```
arr=(a b c d)
```

To read:

```
echo "${arr[1]}"      # Single element
echo "${arr[-1]}"    # Last element
echo "${arr[@]:1}"   # Elements from 1
echo "${arr[@]:1:3}" # Elements from 1 to 3
```

To insert:

```
arr[5]=e              # direct address and in
arr=("${arr[@]:0:1} new ${arr[@]:1}") # Adding 'new' to array
```

To delete:

■ Deleting needs re-indexing

```
arr=(a b c d)
unset arr[1]
arr=("${arr[@]}")
echo << "${arr[1]}" # c
```

- ## Functions

```
greet() {
    echo "Hello, $1"
}

greet Bash # Hello, Bash
```


Shell Scripts

Write a new script called `my_script.sh` with your favorite editor.

- Loops and *if* statements need a `;"`

```
j = 20
for i in {0..10};
do
    echo $i
    (( j+= 1))
done

if [-f $HOME/.bashrc ];
then
    echo Have .bashrc
fi
```

- Variables Assigning value to a variable needs `$`

```
a = $((j+2))
echo $a, $j
```

We can add some safety options at the top of the script.

```
#!/usr/bin/env bash

# my_script.sh

# Safety options
# -u :Undefined variables are treated as errors
# script will stop when encountered
# -e: if any commands in the script fail
# the script immediately fails
# -o: pipefail prevents the script from running in pipes

set -eux -o pipefail
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