Solaris Shell Programming

Course Outline

Session 1: SOLARIS COMMAND REVIEW

- Basic Unix commands
- General commands
- File and directory handling commands
- Filename generation and regular expression characters
- I/O Redirection features
- Other commands

Session 2: GETTING STARTED

- What is a shell script?
- Development guidelines
- Creating and editing shell scripts
- Naming and storing shell scripts
- Executing shell scripts
- Exercise: Write a simple shell script

Session 3: USING VARIABLES

- Environment variables
- Local variables
- Assigning values to variables
- Assessing variable values
- Using quotes
- Delimiting variable names
- Echo control sequences
- Exercise: Add variables to a script

Session 4: INTEGER ARITHMETIC

- Using the expr command
- Using the (( )) notation
- Exercise: Add integer arithmetic to a shell script

Session 5: HANDLING RUN TIME DATA

- The read command
- Command line arguments
- Exercise: Writing a generic shell script
- Exercise: Writing an interactive shell script

Session 6: CONDITIONAL EXECUTION

- The if statement
- The test command
- Exercise: Adding validation to previous scripts

Session 7: ADDITIONAL KORN, BASH & POSIX SYNTAX

- Other test notations
- Default and substitute variables
- Exit status codes
- Exercise

Session 8: LOOP CONSTRUCTS

- The while loop
- The until loop
- The for loop
- The while true and until false loops
- Loop control commands
- Exercise: Enhancing the previously written scripts
- Exercise: Writing a script to copy files using a 'for' loop
- Exercise: Writing a script to generate numbers with the 'while' loop

Session 9: MULTI-BRANCH DECISIONS

- The case statement
- Menu driven applications
- Exercise: Developing and writing a menu system

Session 10: FUNCTIONS

- What is a function?
- Syntax
- Examples
- Exercise: Add a function to a script