Review of Module 3

>The stderr output stream is for errors.

- It is associated with the number 2.
- 2> directs stderr to a file.
- 2>&1 merges stderr with stdout.
- ≻Run a job in the background: cmd &
 - See jobs that are running: jobs
 - Kill a running job: kill
- > Putting a foreground job in the background:
 - [Ctrl-Z] bg
- Shell variables:
 - See with: echo \$var
 - Set with: var='some thing'

 \succ The shell is a program too.

- A shell can be invoked by another shell.
- By default, a variable is not exported to a sub-shell.
- Export to all sub-shells: export var
- ▶\$PATH The order in which the shell looks for commands.

≻Functions:

• function foo() {cmd1; cmd2; }

• Arguments: \$1 \$2 etc.

Aliases

- alias aname='cmd'
- ~/.bashrc can contain any variables, functions and aliases which will be loaded for any invocation of bash.

Shell scripts:

- Begin with: #!/bin/bash
- Followed by any shell commands.
 - Lines beginning with # are comments except for the first line.
 - Blank lines are ignored.
- Make executable: chmod +x file

➢Print: lp file

- file can be text or the language of the printer (i.e. PostScript).
- View queue: lpq
- Cancel: cancel -P printer jobid >Remote access:
 - Do not use telnet or ftp.
 - Do use ssh, scp, and sftp.

≻Regular Expressions:

• ^ Beginning of a line.

- \land A literal caret.
- \$ End of a line.
- . (period) Any single character.
- * Zero or more instances of previous character.
- [. . .] The contents of the brackets.
 - [0-9] The range specified.
 - [^ . . .] Not the contents of the brackets.

▶sed - stream editor

- sed 10q Quit after 10th line.
- sed /re/q Quit after line containing the regular expression re
- sed s/re/to/ Change first occurrence of re to to in each line.
- sed s/re/to/g Change all occurrences of re to to.
- sed -n /re/p Print only lines containing re.
- ➤ There are many utilities.

▶awk instead of cut

• awk ' { print \$2, \$3 } '

- Multiple whitespaces are a single field delimiter.
- The names of the fields are \$1, \$2, etc.