

Second Session

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- presentations
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our working environment

```
cd ~/Desktop  
nano script  
chmod +x script  
./script
```

```
drag-and-drop_script
```

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built-in commands (1)

```
#!path_to_shell  
#!path_to_programming_language  
  
#!/bin/sh  
#!/bin/bash  
#!/usr/bin/env bash
```

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built-in commands (2)

```
cd path  
echo string  
exit value  
read variable
```

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external commands

```
ffmpeg options arguments  
ffplay options arguments  
ffprobe options arguments  
  
grep options pattern file
```

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syntax for an **if** statement

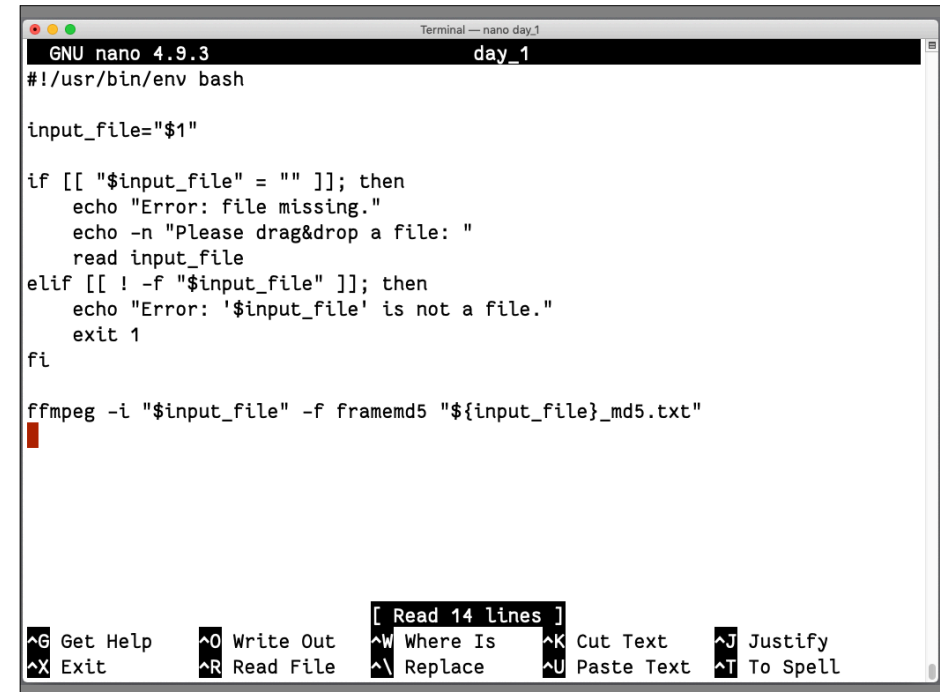
```
if condition ; then  
    command  
elif condition_n ; then  
    command_n  
else  
    command  
fi
```

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typical use of an **if** statement

```
if ! data_valid ; then
    error_processing
else
    normal_processing
fi
```

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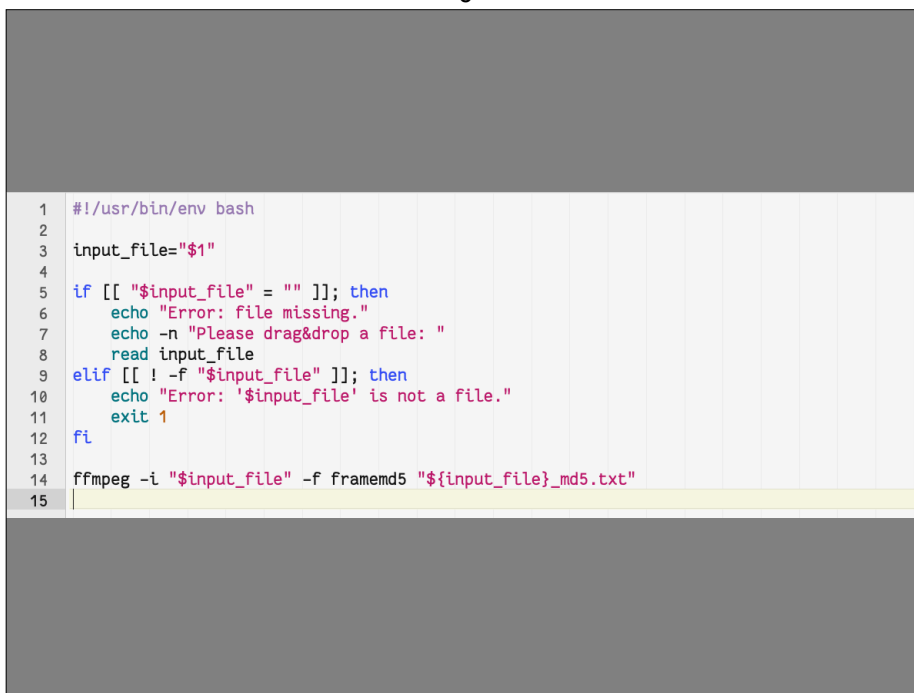
```
GNU nano 4.9.3 day_1
#!/usr/bin/env bash

input_file="$1"

if [[ "$input_file" = "" ]]; then
    echo "Error: file missing."
    echo -n "Please drag&drop a file: "
    read input_file
elif [[ ! -f "$input_file" ]]; then
    echo "Error: '$input_file' is not a file."
    exit 1
fi

ffmpeg -i "$input_file" -f framemd5 "${input_file}_md5.txt"
```

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```
#!/usr/bin/env bash
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3 input_file="$1"
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5 if [[ "$input_file" = "" ]]; then
6     echo "Error: file missing."
7     echo -n "Please drag&drop a file: "
8     read input_file
9 elif [[ ! -f "$input_file" ]]; then
10    echo "Error: '$input_file' is not a file."
11    exit 1
12 fi
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14 ffmpeg -i "$input_file" -f framemd5 "${input_file}_md5.txt"
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```

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