

# Sixth Session

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**Bash for Archivists**  
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## The External `ffmpeg` Command

**ffmpeg**

[*global\_options*]

[*input\_options\_n*]

**-i** *input\_file\_n*

[*output\_options\_n*]

*output\_file\_n*

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# Current Versions

**bash** --version  
GNU bash, version 5.0.17(1)-release

**nano** --version  
GNU nano, version 4.9.3

**ffmpeg** -version  
ffmpeg version 4.3

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## Debugging (1)

**#!/usr/bin/env bash -x**

**#!/usr/bin/env bash**

**set -o xtrace**

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## Debugging (2)

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

**set -x**

*commands*

**set +x**

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A screenshot of a Mac OS X terminal window titled "Terminal — less + man bashdb". The window shows the man page for the "bashdb" command. The title bar says "bashdb(1) GNU Tools bashdb(1)". The man page content includes:

- NAME**: bashdb - bash debugger script
- SYNOPSIS**:
  - `bashdb [options] script-name [--] [script options]`
  - `bashdb [options] -c execution-string`
  - `bash --debugger [bash-options...] script-name [[--] script options]`
- DESCRIPTION**: "bashdb" is a bash script to which arranges for another bash script to be debugged. The debugger has a similar command interface as `gdb(1)`.  
The way this script arranges debugging to occur is by including (or actually "source"-ing) some debug-support code and then sourcing the given script or command string.  
One problem with sourcing a debugged script is that the program name stored in `$0` will be "bashdb" rather than the name of the script to be debugged. The debugged script will appear in a call stack not as the top item but as the item below "bashdb". If this is of concern, use the `:` command.

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## Debugging (3)

**bash [option] *script\_name***

**bash --debugger [*bash\_options\_n*] *script\_name* [[--] *script\_options*]**

**bashdb** ↗

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