

Fourth Session

Joshua Ng • Archives New Zealand
Reto Kromer • AV Preservation by reto.ch

Bash Scripting for Audio-Visual Preservation
webinar series hosted by AMIA
3 February 2022

1

Handouts

- the presentations
 - the code of the scripts
 - a bibliography
- reto.ch/training/2022/202202/
- avpres.net/Bash/

2

Intermediate level's goals

- to write Bash scripts
- to chain scripts together
- to use configuration presets

3

"Generate derivatives"

- customising the programming environment
- flow control: looping with **while** and **until**
- arrays
- file processing
- flow control: branching with **case**
- process handling and redirections

4

Contents

- Bash syntax
- FFmpeg
- transform, encode and mux AV files

5

Working space

6

Set the working space

Linux/Mac/Windows Terminal or WSL:

```
cd ~/Desktop
```

Windows locally:

```
cd Desktop
```

Windows on OneDrive Cloud:

```
cd OneDrive
```

7

Edit and run a script

```
nano script
```

```
chmod +x script
```

```
sudo chmod +x script
```

```
./script
```

```
drag-and-drop_script
```

8

Bash syntax

9

Command structure

\$0 **\$1** **{n}**
command *argument_1* ... *argument_n*

common syntaxes of arguments include:

--parameter

--parameter=value

-p

-p value

10

Shebang

#!*path_to_shell*

#!*path_to_programming_language*

#!/bin/sh

#!/bin/bash

#!/usr/local/bin/bash

#!/usr/bin/env bash

11

Built-in commands (1)

cd [*options*] [*path*]

echo [*options*] [*string*]

exit [*integer*]

read [*options*] [*variables*]

12

Built-in commands (2)

```
getopts string name [arguments]
```

13

External commands (1)

```
ffmpeg [global_options]  
[input_options_n] -i input_file_n  
[output_options_n] output_file_n
```

```
ffplay [input_options] input_file
```

```
ffprobe [input_options] input_file
```

14

External commands (2)

```
grep [options] pattern file_n
```

```
mkdir [options] directory_n
```

15

Syntax for an **if** statement

```
if condition ; then
```

```
    command
```

```
elif condition_n ; then
```

```
    command_n
```

```
else
```

```
    command
```

```
fi
```

16

Syntax for a **case** statement

```
case variable in  
  value_n )  
    commands_n  
  ;;  
esac
```

17

AV files

19

Syntax for a **while** statement

```
while condition ; do  
  commands  
done
```

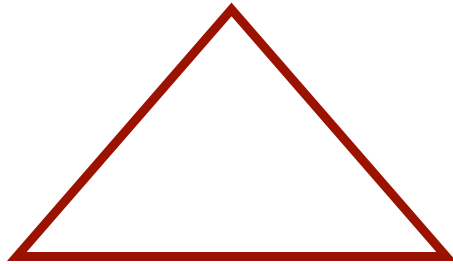
18

Digital video

- resolution
- bit depth
- linear, power, logarithmic encoding
- colour model
- chroma subsampling and compression
- illuminant

20

image quality



encoding time

file size

21

Compression

- uncompressed
- lossless compression
- lossy compression
- chroma subsampling
- born compressed

22

Uncompressed

- + data simpler to process
- + software runs faster
- bigger files
- slower writing, transmission and reading

Examples: TIFF, DPX, DNG, OpenEXR

23

Lossless compression

- + smaller files
- + faster writing, transmission and reading
- data processing complexer
- software runs slower

Examples: JPEG 2000, FFV1

24

	avantages	disavantages
TIFF DPX DNG OpenEXR	data easier to process	bigger files
JPEG 2000 FFV1	smaller files	data complexer to process

25

Chroma subsampling

- 4:4:4
- 4:2:2
- 4:2:0 / 4:1:1

27

Lossy compression

- optimised for image acquisition and/or postproduction
- optimised for access

Examples (mezzanine): ProRes 422, ProRes 4444; DNxHD, DNxHR

Examples (access): H.264 (AVC), H.265 (HEVC), H.266 (VVC); AV1

26

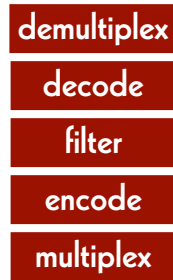
Born compressed

- optimised for both image acquisition and postproduction

Examples: CineForm RAW, ProRes RAW, Blackmagic RAW

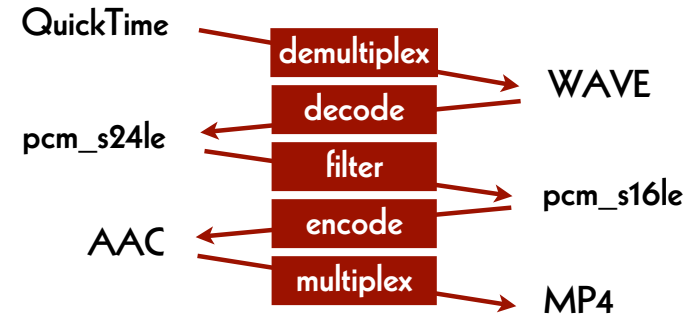
28

Data transformations



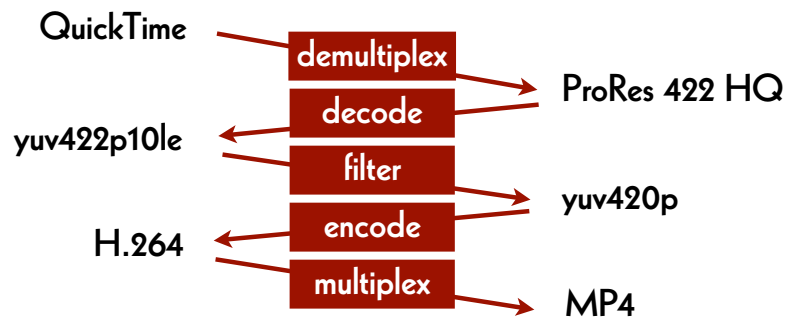
29

Audio exemple



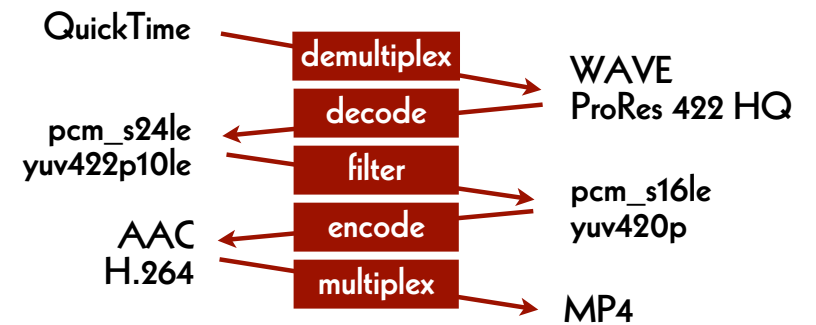
30

Video exemple



31

Audio-visual exemple



32

FFmpeg

33

The FFmpeg Family

Tools

- ffmpeg
- ffprobe
- ffplay

Libraries

- libavutil
- libavcodec
- libavformat
- libavdevice
- libavfilter
- libswscale
- libswresample
- libpostproc

34

Data Transformations

demultiplex: libavformat

decode: libavcodec

filter: libavfilter

encode: libavcodec

multiplex: libavformat

35

AV Preservation by
reto.ch

zone industrielle Le Trési 3
1028 Préverenges
Switzerland

Web: reto.ch
Twitter: @retoch
Email: info@reto.ch



36