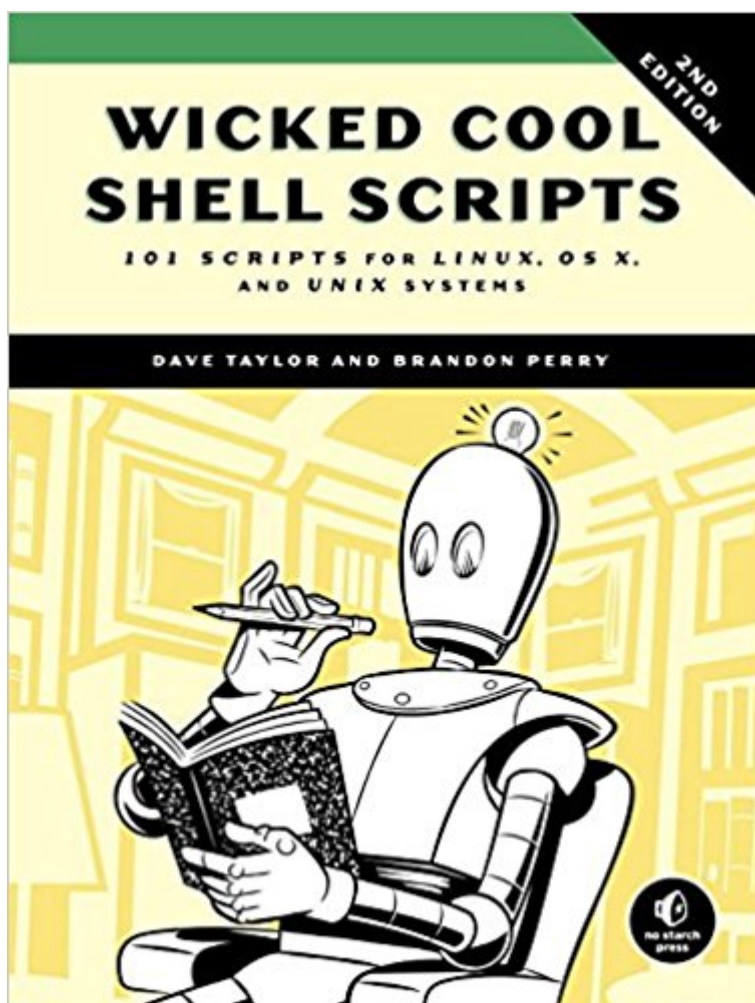


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# Wicked Cool Shell Scripts, 2nd Edition: 101 Scripts For Linux, OS X, And UNIX Systems



## Synopsis

Shell scripts are an efficient way to interact with your machine and manage your files and system operations. With just a few lines of code, your computer will do exactly what you want it to do. But you can also use shell scripts for many other essential (and not-so-essential) tasks. This second edition of *Wicked Cool Shell Scripts* offers a collection of useful, customizable, and fun shell scripts for solving common problems and personalizing your computing environment. Each chapter contains ready-to-use scripts and explanations of how they work, why you'd want to use them, and suggestions for changing and expanding them. You'll find a mix of classic favorites, like a disk backup utility that keeps your files safe when your system crashes, a password manager, a weather tracker, and several games, as well as 23 brand-new scripts, including: a ZIP code lookup tool that reports the city and state, a Bitcoin address information retriever, a suite of tools for working with cloud services like Dropbox and iCloud, and more for renaming and applying commands to files in bulk. Whether you want to save time managing your system or just find new ways to goof off, these scripts are wicked cool!

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Wicked cool book!

I recommend this book for both those IT people who write and run shell scripts daily, and you developer types who only occasionally require the use of shell scripts to perform some computer workflow. This "Wicked Cool Shell ScriptsÃfÂçÃ â ¬Ã Å• book is especially beneficial for those, like me as a developer, who only need occasional use of shell scripts. Like me, are you tired of looking for shell script ÃfÂçÃ â ¬Ã Å• "how toÃfÂçÃ â ¬Ã Å• help online via ÃfÂçÃ â ¬Ã Å• "man pagesÃfÂçÃ â ¬Ã Å• only to find out what you want to know is not there? For years, IÃfÂçÃ â ¬Ã Å•, I've struggled with getting shell scripts to perform something I desperately needed to perform many times giving up. Now this book is beside my development workstation where I can quickly find out how to make a shell script perform some work for me. I am finding that I am making more beneficial use of shell scripts because this book is there for convenient and rapid pop up of ÃfÂçÃ â ¬Ã Å• "how toÃfÂçÃ â ¬Ã Å• script details. For you IT professionals who think you know everything you need for the use and application of shell scripts, IÃfÂçÃ â ¬Ã Å•, I'll bet this book can teach you some new scripting trips you were now aware of. The book authors, Dave Taylor and Brandon Perry, make available downloadable copies of all the shell scripts discussed in this book.

This "Wicked Cool Shell Scripts" book is well organized such that it is easy quick to located the shell script that you so desperately need to use.

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An exciting scrapbook of BASH applications that do interesting things in Linux, OS X and Windows.--Ira Laefsky  
HCI Researcher and IT Consultant formerly on the Senior Consulting Staff of Arthur D. Little, Inc. and Digital Equipment Corporation

This book is an amazing repository of scripting knowledge. I've messed around with shell scripting for about ten years, and even I learned a lot from this book. There are numerous items in this book that I never thought of even trying. This book is a must have for anyone who is interested in hacking, Linux, or just programming.

Truly handy!

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