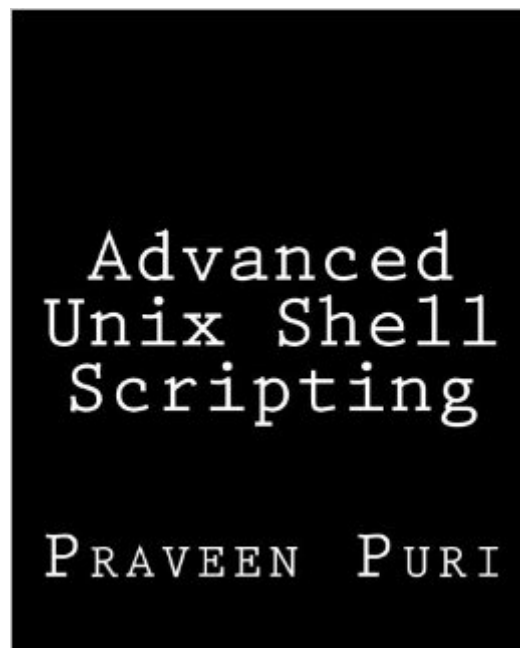


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# Advanced Unix Shell Scripting: How To Reduce Your Labor And Increase Your Effectiveness Through Mastery Of Unix Shell Scripting And Awk Programming



## Synopsis

With today's hardware and chips, 90% of the time, interpreted unix scripts will perform as efficiently as code written in higher level languages – such as java. The difference is that , with unix scripts, you cut out about 80-90% of the lines of code, and have something that can easily be maintained and supported. Even if you still want to code in a higher level language, unix shell scripting is invaluable for support functions – such as moving around files, parsing log files, etc. An analyst or support person who uses the topics and examples in this book to master scripting can save him or herself literally hundreds of hours – especially when dealing with repetitive tasks with many lines of data.

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This is a refreshing book on shell scripting. It focuses heavily on the use of awk and variants, but the Author's use of these and other tools are really nice to have in your arsenal. I really like that the book is based in ksh instead of the more usual bash as the korn shell has some very powerful (although arguably lesser-known) features; and additionally (depending on the situation) can be much faster or more efficient than bash. The book layout itself is large, with a large font and feels almost cookbook-like, which makes it handy to have near your desk as you type away and try out the author's one-liners. The book is somewhat short, though for the price is a great bargain and can give you very useful tools to have in your toolbox.

I must begin by saying that this book had so much potential and I was so disappointed to discover how it is published. I have to admit that it's enough to read the first couple of pages in order to realize that this book is not good. (1) Poorly edited - the code formatting is so hard to understand, line breaks are all messed up, headers start on the last lines of pages; (2) Unstructured - content-wise, and I say that as a reader who's also an advanced Unix user, the book does not provide a proper explanation to the code samples, and that is very unfortunate; (3) Printing quality - I had instances of half pages with font so grayed (regardless of the paragraph contents, e.g. code or text), it looks as if the print house ran out of ink, very unprofessional; To summarize the review, I would say that it was published irresponsibly, even recklessly.

Expected far more info. Maybe the author can add little more. Better to take a project and work out kinks with explanation. Good luck.

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