

Re: quick script question

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M E Fieu wrote:

Hi.. Need to ask you a simple script question, I used the date command to get the yesterday web log file using the following command `echo ex`date -d yesterday +%y%m%d.log`` in Linux. I want to create a simple script to `cat /home/IT/ex060530.log > kr.log` using the following script but it is not working. May I know how do I put the output of `echo ex`date -d yesterday +%y%m%d.log`` into `cat /home/IT/xxxx > kr.log` ?

```
[root@w2 krweblog3]# echo ex`date -d yesterday +%y%m%d.log`
ex060530.log
```

```
[root@w2 krweblog3]# vi krweblog.sh
```

```
#!/bin/sh
#
KRWEBLOG3= echo ex`date -d yesterday +%y%m%d.log`
cat /home/IT/$KRWEBLOG3 > kr.log
```

For thing like this, I like to use something like:

```
KRWEBLOG=$(date -d yesterday +ex%y%m%d.log)
cat /home/IT/$KRWEBLOG3 > kr.log
```

KRWEBLOG will have the value of `ex060530.log` if I ran it now on my system. Enclosing a command inside `$()` returns the output of the command. You could also use:

```
KRWEBLOG=`date -d yesterday +ex%y%m%d.log`
but I find the $() format easier to read.
```

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for thou art crunchy and taste good with Ketchup!

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