

# Re: bash question

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On 10/31/07, Jacques B. <jrboucher@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On 10/31/07, Dario Lesca <d.lesca@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

In this shell script:

```
#!/bin/bash
i=0

printf "a a a\nb b b\nc c c\n" |
while read x
do
i=$((i+1))
echo "$x: ($i)"
done

echo $i
```

with this output:

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a a a: (1)
b b b: (2)
c c c: (3)
0
```

How to I can get the value (3) for \$i out of the while loop?

Many thanks

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Dario Lesca <d.lesca@xxxxxxxxxx>

Is there a reason for using while instead of for?

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for x in $(ls dir/)
do
.....
done
```

Jacques B.

The one caution when dealing with path/filenames is spaces. That was discussed not long ago and a few suggestions were given, mine being to change the \$IFS variable but others were suggested that also worked if I recall.

Jacques B.

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