



How AWK views the input	
FILE Start of file Record RS Record RS EOF	
RECORD	
Field 1 FS Field 2 FS NF	









BEGIN and END

- AWK contains two special patterns: BEGIN and END. Both are given without slashes.
- The BEGIN pattern specifies actions to be performed before any records are
- processed:
- BEGIN {action}
- The END pattern specifies actions to be performed after all records are processed:
- END {action}

BEGIN and END

- BEGIN is frequently used to set variables; END is often used to tabulate, total, and process data and figures that were read in the various input records.
- Together, these patterns are often used to output text before and after the processed input text is output.













- \$2 >= 6 {n=n+1; pay=pay+\$2*\$3}
- END{ if(n>0)
- print n, "employees, toal is ".pay, 'average pay is ",pay/n
- else
- print "No such employees"











Example Awk '{print \$2}' file • Input file it's Not it's time for good to All good men to party Come to the help of Awk '{print "Field 2: " \$2}' file Their party Field 2: it's Field 2: good Field 2: to Field 2: party



- Similarly for RS
- OFS (Output filed separator used to separate fields in print is a single space), could also be changed (ORS)

NF and NR

- The variable NF holds the number of fields in the current record, first field is 1.
- \$NF refers to the contents of the last field.
- NR holds the number of the current record, the first record is 1

Example

\$ echo '1 > 2
> 3
> 4' awk 'NR == 2 { NR = 17 }
> { print NR }'
1
17
18
19

Input file awk '{print "Record " NR has NF fields and ends with \$NF}' file
Not it's time for
All good men to
Come to the help of
Their party
Record 1 has 4 fields and ends with for
Record 2 has 4 fields and ends with to
Record 3 has 5 fields and ends with of
Record 6 has 2 fields and ends with party



Pattern matching

- awk '/green/ {print}' file
- Or you can use regular expressions
- awk '/!.*/' file
- You can match a pattern in a field use filed number ~ (contains) string
- awk '\$7 !~ /bash/ {print}' file

Boolean Operators

- We can use &&, ||, and ! As we do in C
- Print the fourth field of all records in a file that contains in , the and to any where in the line
- awk '/in/ && /the/ && /to/ {print \$4} file

Changing fields

- · We can do something like that
- awk '{\$3=\$2 -10; print \$2 \$3}' file
- it modifies the third field and prints the second and third field.



built in Arithmetic Functions

• sin, cos int log rand sqrt srand(x)

built in string functions

- index(s,t_ returns the leftmost position where the string t begins in s, or zero if it does not exist
- index("banana", "an") returns 2
- match(s,r) finds the leftmost longest substring in s that is matched by the regular expression r

built in string functions

- split(s,a,fs) splits the string s into the array a according to the separator fs and returns the number of elelemnts
- gsub(r,s) substitute s for r globally in \$0
- gsub(r,s,t) substitute s for r globally in string t
- Both return the number of substitutions made.
- gsub(/ana/, "anda", "banana")
- replaces banana by bandana matches are non overlapping

Built in String Functions

- gsub(/a/, "aba", "banana")
- Replaces banana by babanabanaba
- So does gsub(/a/, "&b&", "banana")
- sub(r,s,t) substitute s for the leftmost longest substring of t matched by r; returns number of substitution made.





User-Defined functions

```
function rev(str, len) {
    if(len == 0) {
        printf("\n")
        return
    }
    printf ("%c", substr(str, len, 1)
    rev(str,len-1)
    }
    $1>0 {rev($2, length($2))}
```