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#!/bin/sh
# A simple script with a function...


add_a_user()
{
USER=$1
PASSWORD=$2
shift; shift;
# Having shifted twice, the rest is now comments ...
COMMENTS=$@
echo "Adding user $USER ..."
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echo useradd -c "$COMMENTS" $USER
echo passwd $USER $PASSWORD
echo "Added user $USER ($COMMENTS) with pass $PASSWORD"
}

###
# Main body of script starts here
###
echo "Start of script..."
add_a_user bob letmein Bob Holness the presenter
add_a_user fred badpassword Fred Durst the singer
add_a_user bilko worsepassword Sgt. Bilko the role model
echo "End of script..."
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$1=bob
$2=letmein
$3=Bob
$4=Holness
$5=the
$6=presenter
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```
#!/bin/sh

myfunc()
{
  echo "I was called as : $@"
  x=2 }

### Main script starts here

echo "Script was called with $@"
x=1
echo "x is $x"
myfunc 1 2 3
echo "x is $x"
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```
#!/bin/sh

myfunc()
{
  echo "\$1 is $1"
  echo "\$2 is $2"
  # cannot change $1 - we'd have to say:
  # 1="Goodbye Cruel"
  # which is not a valid syntax. However, we can # change $a:
  a="Goodbye Cruel"
}

### Main script starts here

a=Hello
b=World
myfunc $a $b
echo "a is $a"
echo "b is $b"
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#!/bin/sh

factorial()
{
  if [ "$1" -gt "1" ]; then
    i=`expr $1 - 1`
    j=`factorial $i`
    k=`expr $1 \* $j`
    echo $k
  else
    echo 1
  fi
}
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while :
do
  echo "Enter a number:"
  read x
  factorial $x
done
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common.lib

```
# common.lib
# Note no #!/bin/sh as this should not spawn
# an extra shell. It's not the end of the world # to have one, but clearer not to.
#
STD_MSG="About to rename some files..."

rename()
{
  # expects to be called as: rename .txt .bak
  FROM=$1
  TO=$2

  for i in *$FROM
  do
    j=`basename $i $FROM`
    mv $i ${j}$TO
  done
}
```

function2.sh

```
#!/bin/sh
# function2.sh
. ./common.lib
echo $STD_MSG
rename txt bak
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function3.sh

```
#!/bin/sh
# function3.sh
. ./common.lib
echo $STD_MSG
rename html html-bak
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#!/bin/sh

adduser()
{
  USER=$1
  PASSWORD=$2
  shift ; shift
  COMMENTS=$@
  useradd -c "${COMMENTS}" $USER
  if [ "$?" -ne "0" ]; then
    echo "Useradd failed"
    return 1
  fi
  passwd $USER $PASSWORD
  if [ "$?" -ne "0" ]; then
    echo "Setting password failed"
    return 2
  fi
  echo "Added user $USER ($COMMENTS) with pass $PASSWORD"
}

## Main script starts here
```

```
adduser bob letmein Bob Holness from Blockbusters
if [ "$?" -eq "1" ]; then
  echo "Something went wrong with useradd"
elif [ "$?" -eq "2" ]; then
   echo "Something went wrong with passwd"
else
  echo "Bob Holness added to the system."
fi
```

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