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Preface

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

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I don't remember exactly when I originally became attracted to the aesthetic beauty of code, but it was early into my career. I was heavily inspired by the Ruby programing language.

From the Ruby Programming Language home page:

[Ruby] has an elegant syntax that is natural to read and easy to write.

"Elegant."

As a new programmer, I never considered programming code to be "elegant", simply a tool used for building applications. But, for the past 15 years, I have been drawn to the art and beauty of programming. And, most recently, my eye has been drawn to Bash.

Bash is everywhere

Non-programmers may know it as "the black box" into which programmers type commands.

As of 2021, BASH is the default shell on almost every linux distribution available. Every Mac comes with BASH built-in. Windows has various ways of installing BASH as well.

It might be that ubiquitousness which interested me in ...

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Have you ever wondered how to write a website or video game using Shell Scripts?

Probably not. That's not very practical.

But... it sure does sound like a fun adventure!

In this book, you'll create many practical and impractical things using BASH (Bourne Again Shell).

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