

Shell Script Cheat Sheet

BASICS

```
#!/bin/bash      # Shebang (always at the top)
# Comment line
echo "Hello, world" # Print
```

VARIABLES

```
NAME="John"
echo "Hi, $NAME"
NUM1=10
NUM2=5
SUM=$((NUM1 + NUM2))
```

FILE & DIRECTORY

```
ls          # List files
pwd         # Current directory
cd /path    # Change directory
mkdir new_dir # Make directory
rm -rf file.txt # Delete file/dir
touch file.txt # Create empty file
```

CONDITIONS

```
if [ $NUM1 -gt $NUM2 ]; then
    echo "NUM1 is greater"
else
    echo "NUM2 is greater"
fi
```

Strings

```
if [ "$NAME" = "John" ]; then echo "Hi John"; fi
```

Operators:

```
- -eq (equal), -ne (not equal)
- -gt (greater), -lt (less), -ge, -le
- -z (empty), -n (not empty)
```

LOOPS

```
# For loop
for i in {1..5}; do
    echo "Loop $i"
done
```

While loop

```
count=1
while [ $count -le 5 ]; do
    echo $count
    ((count++))
done
```

FUNCTIONS

```
say_hello() {
    echo "Hello $1"
}
```

```
say_hello "Alice"
```

INPUT & ARGUMENTS

```
read -p "Enter name: " USERNAME
echo "Hello $USERNAME"
```

```
# Command line arguments
echo "First argument: $1"
echo "All args: $@"
```

FILE TESTS

```
FILE="file.txt"
if [ -f "$FILE" ]; then
    echo "It's a file"
fi
if [ -d "$FILE" ]; then
    echo "It's a directory"
fi
```

COMMON COMMANDS

```
date          # Current date/time
whoami        # Current user
ps aux        # List processes
top / htop    # System monitor
uptime        # Load average
df -h         # Disk usage
free -h       # Memory
```

SCRIPT OPTIONS

```
#!/bin/bash
while getopts ":u:p:" opt; do
    case $opt in
        u) USER="$OPTARG" ;;
        p) PASS="$OPTARG" ;;
        \?) echo "Invalid option: -$OPTARG" ;;
    esac
done
```

ERROR HANDLING

```
set -e # Exit on any error
command_that_might_fail || {
    echo "Command failed!"
    exit 1
}
```

BONUS TRICKS

```
# Redirect output
command > file.txt          # stdout
command 2> error.txt        # stderr
command >> file.txt         # append
# Combined
command > all.txt 2>&1
# Background process
long_running_command &
```