1 Shell CheatSheet

LANGUAGES

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1.1 Basic

Name	Comment
Redirect stdout/stderr	ls /tmp >/dev/null 2>&1
Deal with filename	basename \$f, dirname \$f
Use timeout: avoid command hang	timeout 10 sh -c 'ls -lt'
Restart shell without killing terminal	exec -1 \$SHELL
Run sub-shell	echo \$BASH_SUBSHELL; (echo "Running in subshell: \$BASH_SUBSHELL")
Run static code check	link: shellcheck

1.2 Shell script

Name	Comment
Trap exit signal	$\operatorname{code}/\operatorname{trap-exit.sh}$
Shell retry	code/shell-retry.sh
Check if a string contains a substring	$\operatorname{code}/\operatorname{string-contains.sh}$
Check if a string in a list	code/string-in-list.sh, link: stackoverflow
Log with timestamp	$\operatorname{code/log\text{-}with\text{-}timestamp.sh}$
Quit if current user is not root	code/assert-user-root.sh

1.3 GNU tools

1.3.1 Check file

Name	Comment
Show file content	cat /etc/hosts
Show file content with line numbers	cat -n /etc/hosts
Show with line numbers, while excluding blank lines	cat -b /etc/hosts
Show the first 3 lines	head -n3 /etc/hosts
Show the last 3 lines	tail -n3 /etc/hosts
Keep tailing log files	tail -f /var/log/system.log, taif /var/log/system.log
Show the 4th line	sed -n '4p' /etc/hosts
Show 4th, 5th, 7th and 8th lines	sed -n '4,5p;7,8p' /etc/hosts
Show matched string with 3 lines before and after	grep -C 3 "127.0.0.1" /etc/hosts
For table-like files, show 2nd column	<pre>awk -F'\t' '{print \$2}' /etc/hosts</pre>
For table-like files, swap 1st and 2nd columns	<pre>awk -F'\t' '{print \$2,\$1}' /etc/hosts</pre>

1.3.2 Copy file

Name	Comment
Copy one file	cp /etc/hosts /tmp/hosts
Copy one folder	<pre>cp -r /usr/local/bin/ /tmp/bin/</pre>
Copy for backup	<pre>cp /tmp/hosts{,.bak}, ls -lth /tmp/hosts*</pre>
Create a copy but ask confirmation for overwrite	<pre>cp -i ~/Desktop/foo.txt ~/Documents/foo.txt</pre>
Create a copy for backup with timstamp as suffix	cp foo.txt{,."\$(date +%Y%m%d-%H%M%S)"}

1.3.3 Watch files

Name	Comment
Show file changes	watch -d -n 1 stat /var/log/message
Keep tailing log files	tail -f /var/log/system.log, taif /var/log/system.log

1.3.4 Echo string

Name	Comment
Echo red text	echo -e "hello,[0;31m there [0;31m"
Echo multiple lines	echo -e "hello,"
Echo bold text	echo -e hello, " $\sqrt{033}$ [1mThis is bold text. $\sqrt{033}$ [0m"
Echo underlined text	echo -e hello, "\033[4mThis is underlined text.\033[0m"

1.3.5 Check process via /proc

Name	Comment
Check process start command	cat /proc/\$pid/cmdline
Check process environment variables	cat /proc/\$pid/environ
Check process ulimits setting	cat /proc/\$pid/limits

1.4 Shell Basic

1.4.1 cd

Name	Comment
Go to given folder	cd /var/log/
Go to folder in subshell	(cd /var/log/ && ls) After this, PWD won't be changed
Go to home	cd
Go to parent folder	cd
Go to previous folder	cd -

1.4.2 Numeric

	Comment	
*	expr 5 * 4	
+	let $z=x+y$, $z=$x+y	
==	int1 -eq int2, [\$?	-eq 0] && echo "good"
>=	int1 -ge =int2	
>	int1 -gt =int2	
$\leq =$	int1 -le =int2	
<	int1 -lt =int2	
!=	int1 -ne =int2	

1.4.3 xargs

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# Run grep for files filtered by find
find /var/log -name "*.log" | xargs grep -i error
# Loop with pipes
cat /etc/passwd | awk -F':' '{print $1}' | xargs -I{} sudo -l -U {} | grep -v "not allowed to"
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1.5 Scripts

• Compare command output

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[ 0 -eq f -print | wc -1) ]
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• get ip from eth0

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/sbin/ifconfig eth0 | grep 'inet addr:' | cut -d: -f2 | awk '{ print $1}'
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1.6 More Resources

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