

# Z-Shell (zsh) MacOS Cheat Sheet

## Configuration Files

~/.zshrc - Main user configuration file  
 ~/.zshenv - Environment variables  
 ~/.zprofile - Login shell configuration  
 ~/.zlogin - Executed after .zprofile  
 ~/.zlogout - Executed when logging out

## Process Control

**Ctrl Z** – suspend running process and return to terminal  
**jobs** – list all pending processes  
**fg %1** – resume process  
**bg %1** – resume process in background and stay on prompt  
**command &** - starts command in background and stay on the prompt  
**command1 | command2** – output from command1 to command2  
**command > file** – overwrite file with output  
**command >> file** – append file with output  
**ps -ax** – list running processes  
**ps aux** – list running processes with more details (CPU/mem)  
**top** – list processes in real-time  
**kill pid** - kill process by id  
**killall name** - kill process by name

## Command History

**history** - command history  
**!!** - repeat last command  
**!n** - execute nth command from history  
**!-n** - execute previous nth command  
**!command** - repeat last command starting with command  
**^old^new** - replace old with new in last command and execute  
**!!:s/old/new** - replace old with new in last command  
**!p** - print command without executing it

## Navigation and Editing

**Ctrl A** - move to beginning of line  
**Ctrl E** - move to end of line  
**Option ←** - move back 1 word  
**Option →** - move forward 1 word  
**Ctrl K** - cut text from cursor to end of line  
**Ctrl W** - cut word before cursor  
**Ctrl R** - search through command history  
**Command K** - clear screen  
**Command D** - split terminal  
**Shift Command D** - close split  
**Command T** - new terminal tab

## Scripting - Variables

**\$var** - returns value  
**\${!var\_name}** - returns value of variable whose name is stored in another variable  
**\${#str}** - length of str  
**\${str:1:3}** - substring from pos 2 to 4 (zero indexed)  
**(( var += 5 ))** - adds to var  
**var=\$(( expr 15 - 2 ))** - calculation  
**typeset -i var** - declare integer  
**typeset -A map** - declare map  
**typeset -a arr** - declare array  
**typeset -F var** - declare float  
**\${var:-default}** - return var or default value if unset

**\${val1/val2/val3}** - replaces val2 with val3  
**\${val1//val2/val3}** - replaces all val2 with val3

## Scripting - IF

if CONDITION1; then  
 ...  
 elif CONDITION2; then  
 ...  
 else  
 ...  
 fi

## Scripting - Variables (arrays)

**arr=(element1 element2 element3)**  
**\${arr[2]}** - 2nd element  
**\${arr[-1]}** - last element  
**\${arr[@]}** - all elements  
**\${#arr[@]}** - element count  
**\${arr:offset:length}** - slice array  
**\${(O|o)arr}** - sort array (O=desc)  
**\${(u)arr}** - deduplicate array  
**\${(j:,:)arr}** - join array with comma

**arr+=(element)** - append element  
**unset arr[2]** - removes 2nd elem  
**arr=( [key1]=value1 [key2]=value2 )** - map

**arr=\$(command)** - stores output of command into array

## Scripting - Conditions

Condition can be:  
 a command (exit status 0 = true)  
**[ expression ]** (file/string/number)  
**test expression** (same as above)  
**(( expression ))** (numeric)

if **[[ "\$name" == a\* ]]**; then  
 # name starts with a

if **(( x > y ))**; then  
 if **[[ "\$str1" == "abc" ]]**; then

if **[ -f "test.txt" ]**; then  
 # file exists

if **[ -d "abc" ]**; then  
 # abc is a directory

**-r -w -x**  
 (readable/writable/executable)

if **[ -s "test.txt" ]**; then  
 # file size > 0

**-n "\$variable"**  
 # variable is set

**-z "\$variable"**  
 # variable is empty

## Scripting - LOOPS

```
for i in {1..5}; do
  ...
done
for i in {10..1..-1} do... - reverse
loop with step

for arg in "$@"; do ... - loop over
arguments

for var in "${array[@]}"; do ...

for ctry in "${(@k)cities}"; do
  echo "$ctry: ${cities[$ctry]}"
done

for file in *.txt; do ...
for file in **/*.txt; do ... - recursive

case $num in
  1) echo "You chose one." ;;
  2) echo "You chose two." ;;
  *) echo "Invalid choice." ;;
esac

while (( i > 0 )); do
  ...
done
```

## Splitting Files

```
split -l [number_lines] -b [size]
input_file prefix_result_files

csplit -k -f prefix -n nbr input_file
/pattern/ {99999999}
# standard for MacOS

# after brew install coreutils
csplit input_file '/pattern/' '{*}'
--elide-empty-files
--suffix-format='suffix%03d'
# 0 = pad left with zeroes / 3 =
length / d = decimal
```

## Scripting - Parameters

```
$n - returns nth parameters
 $# - number of parameters
 $@ - all positional parameters
 $* - all positional parameters as a
single word
 $$ - PID of the shell
 $? - exit status of last command
 $! - PID of last background job
 $_ - last argument of previous
command
 $IFS - Internal Field Separator
 $PWD - current working directory
 $OLDPWD - previous working
directory
 $RANDOM - random number
between 0 and 32767
 $SECONDS - seconds since shell
started
```

## Finding and Processing Files

```
find path -type f -name "filemask"
-exec command {} \;

find path -type f -name "filemask" |
while read file; do
  echo Processing file $file
done

# find files by size
find path -size +50M
```

## Modifying Files

```
sed -i "s/old_text/new_text/g"
filename

# deletes line N from file
sed -i "Nd" filename

# add 10 to 2nd col (cols
separated by space/tab)
awk '{ $2 += 10; print }' input.txt >
output.txt

# use comma as separator
awk 'BEGIN {FS = ","; { $2 += 10;
print }' test.txt
awk -F',' '{ $2 += 10; print }' input.txt

# only print if 3rd col > 50
awk '$3 > 50 { print $1, $3 }'
data.txt
```

## Scripting - String Manipulation

```
${param%suffix} - remove suffix
${param#prefix} - remove prefix
${param/patt/str} - replace first
pattern match with string
${param//patt/str} - replace first
pattern match with string

${var:pos:len} - substring from
position with length
${var:(-pos):len} - substring from
the right
${var::-1} - exclude last character
${var:(-2)} - get last 2 characters

${#var} - length of string

${var:1} - lowercase string
${var:u} - uppercase string
```

## Searching Files

```
# search all files recursively
grep -r "pattern" path

# case insensitive + numbered
matches
grep -i -n "pattern" path

grep -E "regex" path
```

## Useful Snippets

```
# Flush DNS Cache
sudo dscacheutil -flushcache;
sudo killall -HUP mDNSResponder

# Reset Dock
killall Dock

# Restart
sudo shutdown -r now
# Shutdown
sudo shutdown -h now

# Clipboard
cat file | pbcopy
pbpaste | target
```