



Module 3 Cheat Sheet - Introduction to Shell Scripting

Bash shebang

1. 1
1. #!/bin/bash

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Get the path to a command

1. 1
1. which bash

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Pipes, filters, and chaining

Chain filter commands together using the pipe operator:

1. 1
1. ls | sort -r

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Pipe the output of manual page for ls to head to display the first 20 lines:

1. 1
1. man ls | head -20

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Use a pipeline to extract a column of names from a csv and drop duplicate names:

1. 1
1. cut -d "," -f1 names.csv | sort | uniq

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Working with shell and environment variables:

List all shell variables:

1. 1
1. set

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Define a shell variable called `my_planet` and assign value `Earth` to it:

1. 1
1. `my_planet=Earth`

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Display value of a shell variable:

1. 1
1. `echo $my_planet`

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Reading user input into a shell variable at the command line:

1. 1
1. `read first_name`

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Tip: Whatever text string you enter after running this command gets stored as the value of the variable `first_name`.

List all environment variables:

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1. `env`

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Environment vars: define/extend variable scope to child processes:

1. 1
2. 2
1. `export my_planet`
2. `export my_galaxy='Milky Way'`

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Metacharacters

Comments #:

1. 1

1. # The shell will not respond to this message

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Command separator ;:

1. 1

1. echo 'here are some files and folders'; ls

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File name expansion wildcard *:

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1. ls *.json

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Single character wildcard ?:

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1. ls file_2021-06-???.json

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Quoting

Single quotes '' - interpret literally:

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1. echo 'My home directory can be accessed by entering: echo \$HOME'

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Double quotes "" - interpret literally, but evaluate metacharacters:

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1. echo "My home directory is \$HOME"

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Backslash \ - escape metacharacter interpretation:

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1. echo "This dollar sign should render: \\$"

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I/O Redirection

Redirect output to file and overwrite any existing content:

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1. echo 'Write this text to file x' > x

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Append output to file:

1. 1

1. echo 'Add this line to file x' >> x

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Redirect standard error to file:

1. 1

1. bad_command_1 2> error.log

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Append standard error to file:

1. 1

1. bad_command_2 2>> error.log

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Redirect file contents to standard input:

1. 1

1. \$ tr "[a-z]" "[A-Z]" < a_text_file.txt

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The input redirection above is equivalent to:

1. 1

1. \$cat a_text_file.txt | tr "[a-z]" "[A-Z]"

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Command Substitution

Capture output of a command and echo its value:

1. 1

2. 2

1. THE_PRESENT=\$(date)

2. echo "There is no time like \$THE_PRESENT"

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Capture output of a command and echo its value:

```
1. 1
```

```
1. echo "There is no time like $(date)"
```

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Command line arguments

```
1. 1
```

```
1. ./My_Bash_Script.sh arg1 arg2 arg3
```

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Batch vs. concurrent modes

Run commands sequentially:

```
1. 1
```

```
1. start=$(date); ./MyBigScript.sh ; end=$(date)
```

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Run commands in parallel:

```
1. 1
```

```
1. ./ETL_chunk_one_on_these_nodes.sh & ./ETL_chunk_two_on_those_nodes.sh
```

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Scheduling jobs with cron

Open crontab editor:

```
1. 1
```

```
1. crontab -e
```

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Job scheduling syntax:

```
1. 1
```

```
1. m h dom mon dow command
```

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(minute, hour, day of month, month, day of week)

Tip: You can use the * wildcard to mean "any".

Append the date/time to a file every Sunday at 6:15 pm:

```
1. 1
```

```
1. 15 18 * * 0 date >> sundays.txt
```

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Run a shell script on the first minute of the first day of each month:

```
1. 1
```

```
1. 1 0 1 * * ./My_Shell_Script.sh
```

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Back up your home directory every Monday at 3:00 am:

```
1. 1
```

```
1. 0 3 * * 1 tar -cvf my_backup_path\my_archive.tar.gz $HOME\
```

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Deploy your cron job:

Close the crontab editor and save the file.

List all cron jobs:

```
1. 1
```

```
1. crontab -l
```

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Conditionals

if-then-else syntax:

```
1. 1
```

```
2. 2
```

```
3. 3
```

```
4. 4
```

```
5. 5
```

```
6. 6
```

```
1. if [[ $# == 2 ]]
```

```
2. then
```

```
3.   echo "number of arguments is equal to 2"
```

```
4. else
```

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5.   echo "number of arguments is not equal to 2"
```

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6. fi
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'and' operator &&:

```
1. 1
```

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1. if [ condition1 ] && [ condition2 ]
```

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'or' operator ||:

```
1. 1
```

```
1. if [ condition1 ] || [ condition2 ]
```

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Logical operators

Operator	Definition
==	is equal to
!=	is not equal to
<	is less than
>	is greater than
<=	is less than or equal to
>=	is greater than or equal to

Arithmetic calculations

Integer arithmetic notation:

```
1. 1
```

```
1. $(( ))
```

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Basic arithmetic operators:

Symbol	Operation
+	addition
-	subtraction
*	multiplication
/	division

Display the result of adding 3 and 2:

```
1. 1
```

```
1. echo $((3+2))
```

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Negate a number:

```
1. 1
```

```
1. echo $((-1*-2))
```

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Arrays

Declare an array that contains items 1, 2, "three", "four", and 5:

```
1. 1
```

```
1. my_array=(1 2 "three" "four" 5)
```

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Add an item to your array:

```
1. 1
2. 2

1. my_array+="six"
2. my_array+=7
```

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Declare an array and load it with lines of text from a file:

```
1. 1

1. my_array=$(echo $(cat column.txt))
```

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for loops

Use a for loop to iterate over values from 1 to 5:

```
1. 1
2. 2
3. 3

1. for i in {0..5}; do
2.     echo "this is iteration number $i"
3. done
```

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Use a for loop to print all items in an array:

```
1. 1
2. 2
3. 3

1. for item in ${my_array[@]}; do
2.     echo $item
3. done
```

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Use array indexing within a for loop, assuming the array has seven elements:

```
1. 1
2. 2
3. 3

1. for i in {0..6}; do
2.     echo ${my_array[$i]}
3. done
```

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