

Minishell Test Cases

1. Basic Commands

Simple Commands

```
bash
ls
pwd
echo hello
cat /etc/hosts
```

Commands with Arguments

```
bash
ls -la
grep "test" file.txt
echo -n "no newline"
wc -l file.txt
```

Command Not Found

```
bash
nonexistentcommand
asdfjkl
```

2. Built-in Commands

echo

```
bash
echo hello world
echo "hello world"
echo 'hello world'
echo -n hello
echo -n -n -n hello
echo -nnnn hello
echo $PATH
echo "$USER is logged in"
```

cd

bash

cd /tmp

cd ..

cd

cd ~

cd /nonexistent

cd -

cd ""

cd /root *# should fail without permissions*

pwd

bash

pwd

cd /tmp && pwd

export

bash

export VAR=value

export VAR="value with spaces"

export VAR=value1 VAR2=value2

export VAR

export

export "INVALID VAR=value"

export 123VAR=value

export =value

export VAR=

unset

bash

unset VAR

unset VAR1 VAR2 VAR3

unset PATH

unset

unset NONEXISTENT

env

```
bash

env
export TEST=123 && env | grep TEST
```

exit

```
bash

exit
exit 0
exit 42
exit 255
exit 256
exit -1
exit hello
exit 1 2 3 # too many arguments
```

3. Quotes

Single Quotes

```
bash

echo 'hello world'
echo '$USER'
echo 'test "double" quotes'
```

Double Quotes

```
bash

echo "hello world"
echo "$USER"
echo "test 'single' quotes"
echo "$PATH is the path"
```

Mixed Quotes

```
bash
```

```
echo "hello"world'  
echo 'single'"double"'single'  
echo "$USER" is "$HOME"
```

Unclosed Quotes

```
bash  
  
echo "hello  
echo 'world
```

4. Environment Variables

Basic Expansion

```
bash  
  
echo $USER  
echo $HOME  
echo $PATH  
echo $NONEXISTENT
```

Special Variables

```
bash  
  
echo $?  
false  
echo $?  
true  
echo $?  
exit 42  
echo $? # in new shell
```

Complex Expansion

```
bash  
  
echo $USER$HOME  
echo "$USER$HOME"  
echo '$USER$HOME'  
echo test$USERtest  
echo $USER_EXTRA # if USER_EXTRA doesn't exist
```

5. Redirections (Extensive FD Testing)

Basic Output Redirection (>)

```
bash

echo hello > file.txt
ls > output.txt
cat file.txt > newfile.txt
> file.txt # should create/truncate
echo test >file.txt # no space before filename
echo test> file.txt # no space after >
echo test>file.txt # no spaces at all
```

Append Redirection (>>)

```
bash

echo hello >> file.txt
echo world >> file.txt
cat file.txt
echo test >>file.txt # no space
echo test>> file.txt # no space after >>
echo test>>file.txt # no spaces at all
```

Input Redirection (<)

```
bash

cat < file.txt
wc -l < file.txt
< file.txt cat
cat <file.txt # no space
cat< file.txt # no space after cat
cat<file.txt # no spaces at all
```

File Descriptor Redirections (if supported)

Standard Output (fd 1)

```
bash
```

```
echo hello 1>file.txt      # explicit fd 1
echo hello 1> file.txt     # with space after >
echo hello 1 >file.txt     # space after fd number (should fail - parsed as argument)
echo hello 1>file.txt     # no spaces (correct)
ls 1>output.txt
ls 1> output.txt
ls 1 > output.txt         # ambiguous - is 1 an fd or argument?
```

Standard Error (fd 2)

```
bash

ls /nonexistent 2>error.txt # redirect stderr
ls /nonexistent 2> error.txt
ls /nonexistent 2 >error.txt # space after fd (should fail)
cat nonexist 2>err.txt
grep test file 2>err.txt
ls /fake 2>/dev/null      # common idiom
```

Both stdout and stderr

```
bash

ls /test 1>out.txt 2>err.txt # separate files
ls /test >out.txt 2>err.txt  # same as above
ls /test 2>err.txt 1>out.txt # order shouldn't matter
ls /test >out.txt 2>&1       # redirect stderr to stdout (if supported)
ls /test 2>&1 >out.txt      # different behavior
ls /test &>combined.txt     # bash shorthand (if supported)
ls /test >combined.txt 2>&1  # both to same file
```

Input from specific FD (less common)

```
bash

cat 0<file.txt           # explicit fd 0
cat 0< file.txt
cat 0 <file.txt          # space after fd
```

Higher file descriptors (advanced, often not in minishell)

```
bash
```

```
echo hello 3>file.txt      # fd 3
echo hello 5>file.txt      # fd 5
cat <&3                     # read from fd 3 (if supported)
exec 3>file.txt            # open fd 3 (if exec supported)
echo test >&3               # write to fd 3
```

Spacing Edge Cases

No spaces

```
bash

cat<input.txt>output.txt
echo hello>file.txt>>file2.txt
ls>a.txt2>b.txt
cat<in.txt|grep test>out.txt
```

Multiple spaces

```
bash

echo hello  >  file.txt
cat  <  input.txt
ls  >>  output.txt
echo test 1> file.txt 2> err.txt
```

Tabs

```
bash

echo hello > file.txt
cat < input.txt
```

Mixed spacing

```
bash

echo hello> file.txt >file2.txt # different spacing
cat < input.txt>output.txt
ls 2> err.txt>out.txt
```

Ambiguous Cases (Critical Testing)

Is this FD or argument?

```
bash

echo 2>file.txt      # redirect fd 2 (stderr)
echo 2 >file.txt      # print "2" then redirect? or fd with space?
echo 1>file.txt       # redirect fd 1 (stdout)
echo 1 >file.txt      # print "1" or redirect?
ls -l 2>errors.txt    # clear: redirect stderr
ls 2 >out.txt          # unclear: is "2" an argument?
```

Multiple digit FDs

```
bash

echo hello 10>file.txt  # fd 10 (probably not supported)
echo hello 99>file.txt  # fd 99
echo hello 123>file.txt # fd 123
```

Invalid FD numbers

```
bash

echo hello 2a>file.txt  # not a valid fd
echo hello a2>file.txt  # should be treated as filename
echo hello -1>file.txt  # negative fd
```

Multiple Redirections

Same type, different files

```
bash

echo hello >file1.txt >file2.txt  # only file2 gets content
echo hello 1>file1.txt 1>file2.txt # same behavior
ls 2>err1.txt 2>err2.txt          # only err2 gets errors
```

Different types

```
bash
```



```
<input.txt cat >output.txt
cat <in.txt >out.txt 2>err.txt
<in.txt grep test >out.txt 2>err.txt
echo hello >out.txt 2>err.txt <in.txt  # order variation
```

Overwrite vs Append mixing

```
bash

echo hello >file.txt >>file.txt      # what happens?
echo test >>file.txt >file.txt        # different order
```

Heredoc (<<)

Basic heredoc

```
bash

cat <<EOF
hello
world
EOF

cat << EOF      # space after <<
test
EOF

cat <<EOF      # no space
test
EOF

cat<< EOF      # no space before <<
test
EOF
```

Heredoc with FD

```
bash
```

```
cat 0<<EOF           # explicit fd 0
test
EOF

cat 0<< EOF
test
EOF

cat 0 <<EOF          # space after fd
test
EOF
```

Heredoc with output redirection

```
bash

cat <<EOF >output.txt
content
EOF

cat <<EOF>output.txt    # no space
content
EOF

cat <<EOF 1>output.txt
content
EOF

cat <<EOF 2>errors.txt   # stderr redirect with heredoc
content
EOF
```

Multiple heredocs (if supported)

```
bash
```

```
cat <<EOF1 <<EOF2           # second one wins? error?
```

```
first
```

```
EOF1
```

```
second
```

```
EOF2
```

```
cat <<EOF >>output.txt
```

```
append this
```

```
EOF
```

Heredoc delimiters

```
bash
```

```
cat <<EOF
```

```
test
```

```
EOF
```

```
cat <<'EOF'           # quoted delimiter (no expansion)
```

```
$USER
```

```
EOF
```

```
cat <<"EOF"           # double quoted delimiter
```

```
$USER
```

```
EOF
```

```
cat <<E               # single char delimiter
```

```
test
```

```
E
```

```
cat <<"               # empty delimiter (weird)
```

```
test
```

```
"
```

Invalid/Error Cases

Missing filename

```
bash
```

```
echo hello >
echo hello >>
cat <
ls 2>
echo test 1>
```

Invalid filenames

```
bash

echo hello >/invalid/deep/path/file.txt
cat </nonexistent/file.txt
echo test >/dev/invalid
ls 2>/proc/invalid
```

Permission issues

```
bash

echo hello >/root/file.txt      # permission denied
cat </etc/shadow                # permission denied
echo test >/readonly/file.txt   # readonly filesystem
```

Conflicting redirections

```
bash

cat <file1.txt <file2.txt      # which one?
echo hello 1>out.txt 1>out2.txt # last one wins
```

Unclosed heredoc

```
bash

cat <<EOF
this is not closed
# no EOF - should wait or error
```

Invalid syntax

```
bash
```

```
echo >> file.txt           # double >
cat << file.txt           # double <
echo >>> file.txt         # mixed operators
ls >                      # no filename
cat 2 2>errors.txt        # ambiguous
```

Special Files

/dev/null

```
bash

echo hello >/dev/null
ls /fake 2>/dev/null
cat file.txt >/dev/null 2>&1
```

/dev/urandom, /dev/zero

```
bash

cat </dev/urandom | head -c 10
cat </dev/zero | head -c 10
```

Directories

```
bash

echo hello >./            # should fail
cat <./                  # should fail
ls >directory_name        # should fail
```

Redirection with Pipes

Before pipe

```
bash

cat <input.txt | grep test
echo hello >file.txt | cat    # does this make sense?
ls 2>err.txt | grep test
```

After pipe

```
bash
```

```
cat file.txt | grep test >output.txt  
ls | cat >output.txt 2>errors.txt  
echo hello | cat | cat >final.txt
```

Both sides

```
bash
```

```
cat <input.txt | grep test >output.txt  
<in.txt cat | grep test >out.txt 2>err.txt
```

Complex Real-World Scenarios

```
bash
```

```
# Compile and redirect stderr
```

```
gcc test.c 2>errors.txt
```

```
# Save both stdout and stderr separately
```

```
make 1>build.log 2>errors.log
```

```
# Discard errors
```

```
ls /fake /real 2>/dev/null
```

```
# Append logs with timestamps
```

```
echo "[$(date)] Log entry" >>app.log 2>>error.log
```

```
# Complex pipeline with multiple redirects
```

```
cat <input.txt | grep "error" 2>grep_err.txt | sort >sorted.txt
```

```
# Multiple files with heredoc
```

```
cat <<EOF >file1.txt && cat <<EOF2 >file2.txt
```

```
content1
```

```
EOF
```

```
content2
```

```
EOF2
```

```
# Redirect in subshell (if supported)
```

```
(echo hello >inner.txt)
```

```
cat inner.txt
```

Boundary Testing

```
bash

# Very long filenames
echo hello >very_long_filename_that_goes_on_and_on_and_on.txt

# Special characters in filenames (if supported)
echo test >"file with spaces.txt"
echo test >'file$with$dollars.txt'
echo test >file\$escaped.txt

# Numeric-looking filenames
echo hello >123.txt
echo hello >456
cat <789

# FD-like filenames
echo hello >1.txt           # file named "1.txt"
echo hello >2.txt           # file named "2.txt"
cat <0.txt                   # file named "0.txt"
```

Stress Tests

```
bash

# Many redirections
echo hello >1.txt >2.txt >3.txt >4.txt >5.txt

# Deep redirection nesting with pipes
cat <in.txt | grep a >tmp1.txt && cat <tmp1.txt | grep b >tmp2.txt

# Large heredoc
cat <<EOF >large.txt
[1000 lines of text]
EOF
```

6. Pipes

Simple Pipes

```
bash
```

```
ls | grep test
cat file.txt | wc -l
echo hello | cat
```

Multiple Pipes

```
bash

ls -l | grep test | wc -l
cat file.txt | grep hello | sort | uniq
```

Pipes with Redirections

```
bash

cat < input.txt | grep test > output.txt
ls | cat > files.txt
< input.txt cat | grep test
```

Empty Pipes

```
bash

| cat
cat |
cat | | cat
```

7. Logical Operators

AND (&&)

```
bash

true && echo success
false && echo should not print
ls && pwd
cd /tmp && pwd
```

OR (||)

```
bash
```



```
true || echo should not print
false || echo failure
ls nonexistent || echo file not found
cd /invalid || echo cannot change directory
```

Combined

```
bash

true && echo first || echo second
false && echo first || echo second
true || echo first && echo second
```

8. Subshells and Parentheses

Basic Parentheses

```
bash

(echo hello)
(cd /tmp && pwd)
echo $PWD # should still be in original directory
```

Nested Parentheses

```
bash

(echo outer; (echo inner))
((echo nested))
```

9. Wildcards (if implemented)

```
bash

ls *.txt
echo *
cat file*.txt
ls *.c *.h
```

10. Signal Handling

Ctrl+C (SIGINT)

```
bash
```

```
cat # press Ctrl+C  
sleep 100 # press Ctrl+C  
cat | cat | cat # press Ctrl+C
```

Ctrl+D (EOF)

```
bash  
  
cat # press Ctrl+D  
# press Ctrl+D on empty prompt (should exit)
```

Ctrl+\ (SIGQUIT)

```
bash  
  
cat # press Ctrl+\ (should do nothing in interactive mode)
```

11. Edge Cases

Empty Input

```
bash  
  
# just press Enter  
  
# spaces only  
# tabs only
```

Whitespace Handling

```
bash  
  
echo hello world  
echo "tabs here"
```

Special Characters

```
bash  
  
echo ;;;  
echo |||  
echo &&&  
echo <<<  
echo >>>
```

Long Commands

```
bash
```

```
echo 123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890...
```

PATH Issues

```
bash
```

```
unset PATH
```

```
ls # should fail or use absolute path
```

```
export PATH=/bin:/usr/bin
```

```
ls # should work again
```

Multiple Semicolons (if supported)

```
bash
```

```
echo hello ; echo world
```

```
echo 1; echo 2; echo 3
```

```
; echo test # invalid
```

```
echo test ; # valid
```

12. Exit Status

```
bash
```

```
true
```

```
echo $? # should be 0
```

```
false
```

```
echo $? # should be 1
```

```
ls nonexistent
```

```
echo $? # should be non-zero
```

```
ls && echo $? # should be 0
```

```
ls || echo $? # should not execute second part
```

```
exit 42
```

```
# in new shell:
```

```
echo $? # should be 42
```

13. Memory and Leak Testing

Run with valgrind:

```
bash

valgrind --leak-check=full --show-leak-kinds=all ./minishell
```

Test commands:

```
bash

# Run many commands
ls
pwd
echo hello
env
export TEST=value
unset TEST
exit

# Long running operations
cat | cat | cat | cat
# Ctrl+C

# Many pipes
ls | cat | cat | cat | cat | cat | wc -l
```

14. Stress Tests

Many Arguments

```
bash

echo 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ... 100
```

Deep Pipes

```
bash

cat file | cat | cat | cat | cat | cat | cat | cat
```

Many Environment Variables

```
bash
```

```
export VAR1=1 VAR2=2 VAR3=3 ... VAR100=100
env
```

Large Heredoc

```
bash

cat << EOF
[many lines of text]
EOF
```

15. Comparison with Bash

For any test, compare output with bash:

```
bash

# In bash:
<command> > bash_output.txt 2>&1
echo $? >> bash_output.txt

# In your minishell:
<command> > minishell_output.txt 2>&1
echo $? >> minishell_output.txt

# Compare:
diff bash_output.txt minishell_output.txt
```

Common Pitfalls to Test

1. **Unclosed quotes in pipes:** `echo "hello | cat`
2. **Multiple redirections to same fd:** `echo hi > a > b > c`
3. **Mixing redirections and here doc:** `cat << EOF > file.txt`
4. **Empty environment variable:** `echo $EMPTY`
5. **Dollar sign without variable:** `echo $ test`
6. **Export with invalid names:** `export 1VAR=test`
7. **CD with multiple arguments:** `cd /tmp /var`
8. **Exit with non-numeric argument:** `exit abc`

9. **Pipe at beginning or end:** `| cat` or `cat |`

10. **Consecutive operators:** `echo && && pwd`