

# cheatsheet

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## Example

```
1  #!/bin/bash
2
3  NAME="Payam"
4  echo "Hello $NAME!"
5
6  exit 0
```

## Variables:

```
1  varname=value           # defines a variable
2  varname=value command   # defines a variable to be in the environment (
3  echo $varname           # checks a variable's value
4  read <varname>          # reads a string from the input and assigns it
5  let <varname> = <equation> # performs mathematical calculation using oper
6  export VARNAME=value    # defines an environment variable (will be ava
```

```
1  #Special shell variables
2  echo $$                 # prints process ID of the current shell
3  echo $!                 # prints process ID of the most recently invoke
4  echo $?                 # displays the exit status of the last command
5  echo $0                 # display Filename of the shell script
```

## Quoting:

```
1  \c                     #Take character c literally.
2  `cmd`                  #Run cmd and replace it in the line of code with its output.
3  "whatever"             #Take whatever literally, after first interpreting $, `...`,
```

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4  'whatever'      #Take whatever absolutely literally.
5
6  #Example:
7  match=`ls *.bak`      #Puts names of .bak files into shell variable match
8  echo \*            #Echos * to screen, not all filename as in:  echo *
9  echo '$1$2hello'    #Writes literally $1$2hello on screen.
10 echo "$1$2hello"    #Writes value of parameters 1 and 2 and string hello

```

## Redirection

```

1  python hello.py > output.txt      # stdout to (file)
2  python hello.py >> output.txt     # stdout to (file), append
3  python hello.py 2> error.log      # stderr to (file)
4  python hello.py 2>&1              # stderr to stdout
5  python hello.py 2>/dev/null       # stderr to (null)
6  python hello.py &>/dev/null        # stdout and stderr to (null)
7  python hello.py < foo.txt         # feed foo.txt to stdin for python

```

## Brace expansion

```

1  {A,B} Same as A B
2  {A,B}.js Same as A.js B.js
3  {1..5} Same as 1 2 3 4 5

```

## Parameter expansions

### Basics

```

1  name="John"
2  echo ${name}
3  echo ${name/J/j}      #=> "john" (substitution)
4  echo ${name:0:2}      #=> "Jo" (slicing)
5  echo ${name::2}       #=> "Jo" (slicing)
6  echo ${name::-1}      #=> "Joh" (slicing)
7  echo ${name:(-1)}     #=> "n" (slicing from right)
8  echo ${name:(-2):1}   #=> "h" (slicing from right)

```

```

9  echo ${food:-Cake}  #=> $food or "Cake"
10
11 length=2
12 echo ${name:0:length}  #=> "Jo"

```

```

1  STR="/path/to/foo.cpp"
2  echo ${STR%.cpp}      # /path/to/foo
3  echo ${STR%.cpp}.o    # /path/to/foo.o
4  echo ${STR%/*}        # /path/to
5
6  echo ${STR##*.}       # cpp (extension)
7  echo ${STR##*/}       # foo.cpp (basepath)
8
9  echo ${STR#*/}        # path/to/foo.cpp
10 echo ${STR##*/}       # foo.cpp
11
12 echo ${STR/foo/bar}   # /path/to/bar.cpp
13 STR="Hello world"
14 echo ${STR:6:5}       # "world"
15 echo ${STR: -5:5}     # "world"
16 SRC="/path/to/foo.cpp"
17 BASE=${SRC##*/}       #=> "foo.cpp" (basepath)
18 DIR=${SRC%$BASE}      #=> "/path/to/" (dirpath)

```

## Substitution

```

1  ${FOO%suffix} Remove suffix
2  ${FOO#prefix} Remove prefix
3  ${FOO%%suffix} Remove long suffix
4  ${FOO##prefix} Remove long prefix
5  ${FOO/from/to} Replace first match
6  ${FOO//from/to} Replace all
7  ${FOO/%from/to} Replace suffix
8  ${FOO/#from/to} Replace prefix

```

## Length

```

${#FOO} Length of $FOO

```

## Default Values

```
1  ${F00:-val} $F00, or val if unset (or null)
2  ${F00:=val} Set $F00 to val if unset (or null)
3  ${F00:+val} val if $F00 is set (and not null)
4  ${F00:?message} Show error message and exit if $F00 is unset (or null)
5
6  #Omitting the : removes the (non)nullity checks,
7  #e.g. ${F00-val} expands to val if unset otherwise $F00.
```

## Comment

```
1  # Single line comment
2  : '
3  This is a
4  multi line
5  comment
6  '
```

## Substrings

```
1  ${F00:0:3} Substring (position, length)
2  ${F00:(-3):3} Substring from the right
```

## Manipulations

```
1  STR="HELLO WORLD!"
2  echo ${STR,,}    #=> "hello world!" (lowercase 1st letter)
3  echo ${STR,,,}   #=> "hello world!" (all lowercase)
4
5  STR="hello world!"
6  echo ${STR^}     #=> "Hello world!" (uppercase 1st letter)
7  echo ${STR^^}    #=> "HELLO WORLD!" (all uppercase)
```

## Conditionals:

## Test Operators

In Bash, the `test` command takes one of the following syntax forms:

- `test EXPRESSION`
- `[ EXPRESSION ]`
- `[[ EXPRESSION ]]`

To make the script portable, prefer using the old `test [` command which is available on all POSIX shells. The new upgraded version of the `test` command `[[` (double brackets) is supported on most modern systems using Bash, Zsh, and Ksh as a default shell. To negate the test expression, use the logical `NOT ( ! )` operator.

## Checking Numbers

*Note that a shell variable could contain a string that represents a number. If you want to check the numerical value use one of the following:*

```
1  [[ NUM -eq NUM ]] Equal
2  [[ NUM -ne NUM ]] Not equal
3  [[ NUM -lt NUM ]] Less than
4  [[ NUM -le NUM ]] Less than or equal
5  [[ NUM -gt NUM ]] Greater than
6  [[ NUM -ge NUM ]] Greater than or equal
```

## Checking Strings

```
1  [[ -z STRING ]] Empty string
2  [[ -n STRING ]] Not empty string
3  [[ STRING == STRING ]] Equal
4  [[ STRING != STRING ]] Not Equal
5
```

## Checking files

```
1  [[ -e FILE ]] Exists
2  [[ -r FILE ]] Readable
```

```
3  [[ -h FILE ]] Symlink
4  [[ -d FILE ]] Directory
5  [[ -w FILE ]] Writable
6  [[ -s FILE ]] Size is > 0 bytes
7  [[ -f FILE ]] File
8  [[ -x FILE ]] Executable
9  [[ FILE1 -nt FILE2 ]] 1 is more recent than 2
10 [[ FILE1 -ot FILE2 ]] 2 is more recent than 1
11 [[ FILE1 -ef FILE2 ]] Same files
```

## More conditions:

```
1  [[ -o noclobber ]] If OPTIONNAME is enabled
2  [[ ! EXPR ]] Not
3  [[ X && Y ]] And
4  [[ X || Y ]] Or
```

## if statement:

```
1  #if Statement
2
3  echo -n "Enter a number: "
4  read VAR
5
6  if [[ $VAR -gt 10 ]]
7  then
8      echo "The variable is greater than 10."
9  fi
```

```
1  #if..else Statement
2
3  echo -n "Enter a number: "
4  read VAR
5
6  if [[ $VAR -gt 10 ]]
7  then
8      echo "The variable is greater than 10."
9  else
10     echo "The variable is equal or less than 10."
11 fi
```

```
1 #if..elif..else Statement
2
3 echo -n "Enter a number: "
4 read VAR
5
6 if [[ $VAR -gt 10 ]]
7 then
8     echo "The variable is greater than 10."
9 elif [[ $VAR -eq 10 ]]
10 then
11     echo "The variable is equal to 10."
12 else
13     echo "The variable is less than 10."
14 fi
```

```
1 # Nested if Statements
2 echo -n "Enter the first number: "
3 read VAR1
4 echo -n "Enter the second number: "
5 read VAR2
6 echo -n "Enter the third number: "
7 read VAR3
8
9 if [[ $VAR1 -ge $VAR2 ]]
10 then
11     if [[ $VAR1 -ge $VAR3 ]]
12     then
13         echo "$VAR1 is the largest number."
14     else
15         echo "$VAR3 is the largest number."
16     fi
17 else
18     if [[ $VAR2 -ge $VAR3 ]]
19     then
20         echo "$VAR2 is the largest number."
21     else
22         echo "$VAR3 is the largest number."
23     fi
24 fi
```

## Loops:

### for:

```
1 #basic for loop
2 for i in 1 2 3 4 5
3 do
4     echo "Welcome $i times"
5 done
```

```
1 #Basic for loop
2 for i in /etc/rc.*; do
3     echo $i
4 done
```

```
1 #Ranges
2 for i in {1..5}; do
3     echo "Welcome $i"
4 done
```

```
1 #C-Like for loop
2 for ((i = 0 ; i < 100 ; i++)); do
3     echo $i
4 done
```

```
1 #with step size
2 for i in {5..50..5}; do
3     echo "Welcome $i"
4 done
```

## **while:**

```
1 n=1
2
3 while [ $n -le 5 ]
4 do
5     echo "Welcome $n times."
6     n=$(( n+1 ))
7 done
```



```
1 #Using ((expression)) Format With The While Loop
2 n=1
3 while (( $n <= 5 ))
4 do
5     echo "Welcome $n times."
6     n=$(( n+1 ))
7 done
```

```
1 #for ever
2 while true; do
3     ...
4 done
```

```
1 # Reading a test file:
2 ###example1/2:
3 cat /etc/resolv.conf | while read line; do
4     echo $line
5 done
6
7 ###example2/2:
8 file=/etc/resolv.conf
9 while IFS= read -r line
10 do
11     echo $line
12 done < "$file"
13
14 ### Reading A Text File With Separate Fields:
15 file=/etc/resolv.conf
16 # set field separator to a single white space
17 while IFS=' ' read -r f1 f2
18 do
19     echo "field # 1 : $f1 ==> field #2 : $f2"
20 done < "$file"
```

## Until:

```
1 #!/bin/bash
2
3 counter=0
4
5 until [ $counter -gt 5 ]
6 do
```

```
7     echo Counter: $counter
8     ((counter++))
9 done
```

## Case:

```
1 Case/switch
2 case "$1" in
3     start | up)
4         vagrant up
5         ;;
6
7     *)
8         echo "Usage: $0 {start|stop|ssh}"
9         ;;
10 esac
```

## Functions:

```
1 # Defining functions:
2 myfunc() {
3     echo "hello $1"
4 }
5 # Same as above (alternate syntax)
6 function myfunc() {
7     echo "hello $1"
8 }
9 myfunc "John"
```

```
1 #Returning values:
2 myfunc() {
3     local myresult='some value'
4     echo $myresult
5 }
6 result="$(myfunc)"
```

```
1 #Raising errors:
2 myfunc() {
3     return 1
```

```

4 }
5 if myfunc; then
6     echo "success"
7 else
8     echo "failure"
9 fi

```

```

1 #Arguments:
2 $#   Number of arguments
3 $*   All arguments
4 $@   All arguments, starting from first
5 $1   First argument
6 $_   Last argument of the previous command

```

## Arrays

```

1 Defining arrays
2 Fruits=('Apple' 'Banana' 'Orange')
3 Fruits[0]="Apple"
4 Fruits[1]="Banana"
5 Fruits[2]="Orange"

```

```

1 Operations
2 Fruits=("${Fruits[@]}" "Watermelon")      # Push
3 Fruits+=('Watermelon')                   # Also Push
4 Fruits=( ${Fruits[@]/Ap*/} )              # Remove by regex match
5 unset Fruits[2]                          # Remove one item
6 Fruits=("${Fruits[@]}")                  # Duplicate
7 Fruits=("${Fruits[@]}" "${Veggies[@]}")  # Concatenate
8 lines=(`cat "logfile"`)                  # Read from file

```

```

1 Working with arrays
2 echo ${Fruits[0]}                        # Element #0
3 echo ${Fruits[-1]}                       # Last element
4 echo ${Fruits[@]}                        # All elements, space-separated
5 echo ${#Fruits[@]}                       # Number of elements
6 echo ${#Fruits}                          # String length of the 1st element
7 echo ${#Fruits[3]}                       # String length of the Nth element
8 echo ${Fruits[@]:3:2}                    # Range (from position 3, length 2)
9 echo ${!Fruits[@]}                      # Keys of all elements, space-separated

```

```
1 Iteration
2 for i in "${arrayName[@]}"; do
3     echo $i
4 done
```

## Dictionaries:

```
1 Defining
2 declare -A sounds
3 sounds[dog]="bark"
4 sounds[cow]="moo"
5 sounds[bird]="tweet"
6 sounds[wolf]="howl"
```

```
1 Working with dictionaries
2 echo ${sounds[dog]} # Dog's sound
3 echo ${sounds[@]}   # All values
4 echo ${!sounds[@]}  # All keys
5 echo ${#sounds[@]}  # Number of elements
6 unset sounds[dog]   # Delete dog
```

```
1 Iteration
2 Iterate over values
3 for val in "${sounds[@]}"; do
4     echo $val
5 done
6 Iterate over keys
7 for key in "${!sounds[@]}"; do
8     echo $key
9 done
```

## Debugging

```
1 bash -n scriptname # don't run commands; check for syntax errors only
2 set -o noexec       # alternative (set option in script)
3
```

```
4  bash -v scriptname  # echo commands before running them
5  set -o verbose       # alternative (set option in script)
6
7  bash -x scriptname  # echo commands after command-line processing
8  set -o xtrace       # alternative (set option in script)
```

## Miscellaneous:

```
1  #Numeric calculations
2  $((a + 200))         # Add 200 to $a
3  $((($RANDOM%200))    # Random number 0..199
```

```
1  #Inspecting commands
2  command -V cd
3  #=> "cd is a function/alias/whatever"
```

```
1  #Heredoc:
2  cat <<END
3  hello world
4  END
```

```
1  #printf:
2  printf "Hello %s, I'm %s" Sven Olga
3  #=> "Hello Sven, I'm Olga
4
5  printf "1 + 1 = %d" 2
6  #=> "1 + 1 = 2"
7
8  printf "This is how you print a float: %f" 2
9  #=> "This is how you print a float: 2.000000"
```

```
1  #Reading input
2  echo -n "Proceed? [y/n]: "
3  read ans
4  echo $ans
```

```
5
6 #Reading Just one character:
7 read -n 1 ans

1 #Getting options
2 while [[ "$1" =~ ^- && ! "$1" == "--" ]]; do case $1 in
3     -V | --version )
4         echo $version
5         exit
6         ;;
7     -s | --string )
8         shift; string=$1
9         ;;
10    -f | --flag )
11        flag=1
12        ;;
13 esac; shift; done
14 if [[ "$1" == '--' ]]; then shift; fi

1 #Check for command's result
2 if ping -c 1 google.com; then
3     echo "It appears you have a working internet connection"
4 fi
```

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