

BASH PROGRAMMING CHEAT SHEET

1) Conditions

*if [test]; then supports:

- file-based conditions
- string-based conditions
- arithmetic conditions.

*if [[test]]; then supports:

All []-conditions, but also:

- shell globbing: if [[\$v == *[is]h]] returns true if v ends in string or string.

- prevents word splitting:

v="Hello World"

if [[\$v == "Hello World"]]; then works.

- NO filename expansion: *.sh means literally *.sh

(note: does work in [], but if multiple files → error; crash)

- || and &&

- sh =~ regex: true if sh matches regex pattern.

*if ((test)); then supports only:

- n == n'
- n != n'
- n > n'
- n < n'
- n >= n'
- n <= n'
- || and &&

T1: file-based conditions

| | |
|----------|---------------------------------|
| -a f | f exists |
| -e f | f exists |
| -d f | f is directory |
| -f f | f is regular file |
| -h f | f is symbolic link |
| -r f | f is readable |
| -s f | f > 0 bytes |
| -w f | f is writable |
| -x f | f is executable |
| f -nt f' | f changed more recently than f' |
| f -ot f' | f "older" than f' |
| f -ef f' | f inode = f' inode. |

T2: string-based conditions

| | |
|-------------|------------------------|
| str == str' | str equals str' |
| str != str' | str doesn't equal str' |
| str > str' | str sorts after str' |
| str < str' | str sorts before str' |
| -n str | str is not empty |
| -z str | str is empty |

T3: arithmetic conditions

| | |
|----------|---------|
| n -eq n' | n = n' |
| n -ne n' | n != n' |
| n -gt n' | n > n' |
| n -ge n' | n >= n' |
| n -lt n' | n < n' |
| n -le n' | n <= n' |

2) for loops

2 methods for for loops: * for var in list

* for ((i=0; i<x; i++))

1) for var in val1 val2 val3; do

echo \$var

done

val1

val2

val3

2) values="val1 val2 val3"

for var in \$values; do

echo \$var

done

val1

val2

val3

3) values="val1 val2 val3"

for var in "\$values"; do

echo \$var

done

val1 val2 val3

4) for var; do

echo \$var

done

prints positional parameters

each on their own line

5) for file in *; do

echo \$file

done

prints all files in working directory

each on their own line

6) break;

stops statements in loop

continues after loop

7) continue;

stops statements in loop

continues with next iteration

8) for var in {1..5}; do

echo \$var

done

1

2

3

4

5

9) for var in {1..5..2}; do

echo \$var

done

1

3

5

3) Arrays

* creating arrays:

```
arr=("val1" "val2" "val3")
```

* put all files from working dir in array:

```
arr=(*)
```

DO NOT USE LS

* adding / changing values:

```
arr[0]="new"
```

* using in for:

```
for val in "${arr[@]}; do
```

* opt amount of values:

```
amount=${#arr[@]}
```

* getting values:

```
val=${arr[0]}
```

4) Getopts

```
while getopts ":ab:c" opt; do
```

```
case $opt in
```

```
a) #verwerk
```

```
;;
```

```
b) #verwerk; $OPTARG leest argument
```

```
;;
```

```
c) #verwerk
```

```
;;
```

```
1?) echo "syntax: $0 [-a] [-b arg] [-c] args" 1>&2  
exit 1
```

```
esac
```

```
done
```

```
shift $((OPTIND - 1))
```

→ dubbelcheck in begin v. optstring onderscheidt geldige v. getopts;

: na opt geeft verplicht argument

1?) verwent unknown arg

\$OPTIND leest pos v volgende arg; na while leest dit pos v eerste echte argument.

5) Functions

* 2 ways of declaring:

| | |
|---|--|
| <pre>func { commands; }</pre> | <pre>func () { commands; }</pre> |
|---|--|

* calling a function: like a normal command

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| <pre>func { echo "func" } func</pre> | <pre>func</pre> |
|---|-----------------|

* function cannot be empty

* functions must be defined before being used

* functions can be called from within other functions.

Note: a function in another function can be used before its definition, as long as the encapsulating function precedes its definition.

6) While loops

* While loops use the same conditions as "if".

* Reading a file using while:

```
while read line  
do  
    commands;  
done < file.
```


7) Arithmetic

* 2 ways of doing arithmetic:

simple: `var = $(C expr)` advanced: `var = $(echo "expr" | bc)`

simple supports:

| | | |
|------------------------|--|-----|
| * + : addition | <code>echo \$((20+5))</code> | 25 |
| * - : subtraction | <code>echo \$((20-5))</code> | 15 |
| * / : division | <code>echo \$((20/5))</code> | 4 |
| * * : multiplication | <code>echo \$((20*5))</code> | 100 |
| * % : modulus | <code>echo \$((20%3))</code> | 2 |
| * ++ : post-incr. | <code>x=5; x++; echo \$x</code> | 6 |
| * -- : post-decr. | <code>x=5; x--; echo \$x</code> | 4 |
| * * * : exponentiation | <code>x=2; y=3; echo \$((x**y))</code> | 8 |

- Can only work with integers. `$((4/3))` gives 1.

- Parameter dereferencing is optional.

`bc` supports all single commands, and `&` (exception: `expr`)

- fractions: `$(echo "3/4" | bc)` returns 0.75 (instead of 0)

- scale: `$(echo "scale=3; 1/3" | bc)` amount of digit after comma.
Returns 0.333.

- sqrt: `$(echo "sqrt(16)" | bc)` returns 4

- exponentiation with ^: `$(echo "2^3" | bc)` returns 8

- brackets

- `obase`; `ibase`: output and input base. Note: if you change `ibase`;

`obase` must be defined in `lex`:

`$(echo "obase=2; 12" | bc)` returns 1100

`$(echo "ibase=2; obase=A; 10" | bc)` returns 2

Misc

* Using read to ask for input:

```
read -p "Give value:" var
```

* All command line args: \$@

* Getting a random line from a file:

```
line = $(shuf -n 1 file)
```

* Using trap to catch all interrupt signals:

```
trap 'commands' 1 2 3 15 20
```

Don't forget to add exit to 'commands'

* Getting stdin if present

```
if [[ -t 0 ]]; then
```

```
# STDIN is empty
```

```
# (file descriptor 0 (input) is a terminal (keyboard)
```

```
else
```

```
# file descriptor 0 is not a terminal
```

```
# command is being used in a pipe or with <  
input = $(cat)
```

```
fi
```

* Force variable expansion with eval:

```
m=2; n=5; echo {$m..$n} → {2..5}
```

```
m=2; n=5; eval echo {$m..$n} → 2 3 4 5
```