AppleScript Cheatsheet

AppleScript is a scripting language developed by Apple Inc. for automating tasks on Mac OS X. Here is an overview of its unique features, code blocks, and resources.

Unique Features

- AppleScript can interact with most applications on Mac OS X.
- It can be used to automate repetitive tasks, such as file management, data processing, and more.
- AppleScript can also be used to control other devices, such as iPhones and iPads.

Code Blocks

Variables

Variables are used to store data that can be used later in the script.

```
set variableName to value
```

Handlers

Handlers are code blocks that perform a specific task. They can be called by other parts of the script.

```
on handlerName(parameter1, parameter2)
    -- code to be executed
end handlerName
```

Conditionals

Conditionals allow the script to make decisions based on certain conditions.

```
if condition then
    -- code to be executed if condition is true
else if otherCondition then
    -- code to be executed if otherCondition is true
else
    -- code to be executed if neither condition is true
end if
```

Loops

Loops allow the script to repeat a set of instructions.

```
repeat with i from 1 to 10

-- code to be executed
end repeat
```

File Manipulation

AppleScript can be used to manipulate files and folders on the file system.

```
tell application "Finder"

set theFiles to every file of desktop
end tell
```

User Interface

AppleScript can be used to interact with the user interface of applications.

```
tell application "System Events"
    tell process "Finder"
        click menu item "Empty Trash" of menu "Finder" of menu bar 1
    end tell
end tell
```

Resources

Here are some resources for learning and using AppleScript:

- AppleScript Language Guide
- MacScripter
- <u>AppleScript subreddit</u> -<u>AppleScript on Stack Overflow</u>