Basics

```
name="John"
echo ${name}
echo ${name/J/j}    #=> "john" (substitution)
echo ${name:0:2}    #=> "Jo" (slicing)
echo ${name::2}     #=> "Jo" (slicing)
echo ${name::-1}    #=> "Joh" (slicing)
echo ${name:(-1)}   #=> "n" (slicing from right)
echo ${name:(-2):1} #=> "h" (slicing from right)
echo ${food:-Cake}  #=> $food or "Cake"
```

```
length=2
echo ${name:0:length}  #=> "Jo"
```

See: Parameter expansion

```
STR="/path/to/foo.cpp"
echo ${STR%.cpp}    # /path/to/foo
echo ${STR%.cpp}.o  # /path/to/foo.o
echo ${STR%/*}      # /path/to

echo ${STR##*.}     # cpp (extension)
echo ${STR##*/}     # foo.cpp (basepath)

echo ${STR#*/}      # path/to/foo.cpp
echo ${STR##*/}     # foo.cpp

echo ${STR/foo/bar} # /path/to/bar.cpp
```

```
STR="Hello world"
echo ${STR:6:5}   # "world"
echo ${STR: -5:5}  # "world"
```

```
SRC="/path/to/foo.cpp"
BASE=${SRC##*/}   #=> "foo.cpp" (basepath)
DIR=${SRC%$BASE}  #=> "/path/to/" (dirpath)
```

Substitution

```
${FOO%suffix}
```

```
${FOO#prefix}
```

```
${FOO%%suffix}
```

```
${FOO##prefix}
```

```
${FOO/from/to}
```

```
${FOO//from/to}
```

```
${FOO/%from/to}
```

```
${FOO/#from/to}
```

Length

```
${#FOO}
```

Default values

```
${FOO:-val}
```

```
${FOO:=val}
```

```
${FOO:+val}
```

```
${FOO:?message}
```

Omitting the : removes the (non)nullity checks, e.g. ${

Loops

Basic for loop

```
for i in /etc/rc.*; do
  echo $i
done
```

C-like for loop

```
for ((i = 0 ; i < 100 ; i++)); do
  echo $i
done
```