

Getting Started

hello.sh

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
VAR="world"
```

```
echo "Hello $VAR!" # => Hello wo
```

Execute the script

```
$ bash hello.sh
```

Variables

```
NAME="John"
```

```
echo ${NAME}      # => John (Varia
```

```
echo $NAME        # => John (Varia
```

```
echo "$NAME"      # => John (Varia
```

```
echo '$NAME'      # => $NAME (Exac
```

```
echo "${NAME}!"   # => John! (Vari
```

```
NAME = "John"     # => Error (abou
```

Comments

```
# This is an inline Bash comment
```

```
: '  
This is a  
very neat comment  
in bash  
,
```

Multi-line comments use ':' to open and
' to close

Arguments

\$1 ... \$9	Parameter 1 ... 9
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\$0	Name of the script itself
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\$1	First argument
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\${10}	Positional parameter 10
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#\$	Number of arguments
-----	---------------------

\$\$	Process id of the shell
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\$*	All arguments
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Functions

```
get_name() {  
    echo "John"  
}
```

```
echo "You are $(get_name)"
```

See: [Functions](#)

Conditionals

```
if [[ -z "$string" ]]; then  
    echo "String is empty"  
elif [[ -n "$string" ]]; then  
    echo "String is not empty"  
fi
```

See: [Conditionals](#)

\$*	All arguments
\$@	All arguments, starting from first
\$-	Current options
\$_	Last argument of the previous command
See: Special parameters	

Brace expansion	
echo {A,B}.js	
{A,B}	Same as A B
{A,B}.js	Same as A.js B.js
{1..5}	Same as 1 2 3 4 5
See: Brace expansion	

Shell execution
=> I'm in /path/of/current echo "I'm in \$(PWD)"
Same as: echo "I'm in `pwd`"
See: Command substitution

Bash Parameter expansions

Syntax

`${F00%suffix}` Remove suffix

`${F00#prefix}` Remove prefix

`${F00%%suffix}` Remove long suffix

`${F00##prefix}` Remove long prefix

`${F00/from/to}` Replace first match

`${F00//from/to}` Replace all

`${F00/%from/to}` Replace suffix

`${F00/#from/to}` Replace prefix

Substrings

`${F00:0:3}` Substring (**position**, **length**)

`${F00:(-3):3}` Substring from the right

Length

`${#F00}` Length of \$F00

Default values

`${F00:-val}` \$F00, or val if

Substitution

`echo ${food:-Cake} #=> $food or`

`STR="/path/to/foo.cpp"`

`echo ${STR%.cpp} # /path/to/f`

`echo ${STR%.cpp}.o # /path/to/f`

`echo ${STR%/*} # /path/to`

`echo ${STR##*.} # cpp (exten`

`echo ${STR##*/} # foo.cpp (b`

`echo ${STR#*/} # path/to/fo`

`echo ${STR##*/} # foo.cpp`

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

Slicing

`name="John"`

`echo ${name} # => John`

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

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

`echo ${name::-1} # => Joh`

`echo ${name:(-1)} # => n`

`echo ${name:(-2)} # => hn`

`echo ${name:(-2):2} # => hn`

`length=2`

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

See: [Parameter expansion](#)

unset

`${F00:=val}`Set \$F00 to val if
unset`${F00:+val}`

val if \$F00 is set

`${F00:?message}`Show message
and exit if \$F00 is
unset

basepath & dirpath

`SRC="/path/to/foo.cpp"``BASEPATH=${SRC##*/}``echo $BASEPATH # => "foo.cpp"``DIRPATH=${SRC%$BASEPATH}``echo $DIRPATH # => "/path/to/"`

Transform

`STR="HELLO WORLD!"``echo ${STR,} # => hELLO WORLD!``echo ${STR,,} # => hello world!``STR="hello world!"``echo ${STR^} # => Hello world!``echo ${STR^^} # => HELLO WORLD!``ARR=(hello World)``echo "${ARR[@],}" # => hello wor``echo "${ARR[@]^}" # => Hello Wor`

Bash Arrays

Defining arrays

```
Fruits=('Apple' 'Banana' 'Orange')

Fruits[0]="Apple"
Fruits[1]="Banana"
Fruits[2]="Orange"

ARRAY1=(foo{1..2}) # => foo1 foo2
ARRAY2=(A..D)      # => A B C D

# Merge => foo1 foo2 A B C D
ARRAY3=(${ARRAY1[@]} ${ARRAY2[@]})

# declare construct
declare -a Numbers=(1 2 3)
Numbers+=(4 5) # Append => 1 2 3
```

Indexing

<code>\${Fruits[0]}</code>	First element
<code>\${Fruits[-1]}</code>	Last element
<code>\${Fruits[*]}</code>	All elements
<code>\${Fruits[@]}</code>	All elements
<code>\${#Fruits[@]}</code>	Number of all
<code>\${#Fruits}</code>	Length of 1st
<code>\${#Fruits[3]}</code>	Length of nth
<code>\${Fruits[@]:3:2}</code>	Range
<code>\${!Fruits[@]}</code>	Keys of all

Iteration

```
Fruits=('Apple' 'Banana' 'Orange')

for e in "${Fruits[@]}; do
    echo $e
done
```

With index

```
for i in "${!Fruits[@]}; do
    printf "%s\t%s\n" "$i" "${Fruits[$i]}"
done
```

Operations

<code>Fruits=("\${Fruits[@]}" "Watermelon")</code>	<code># Push</code>
<code>Fruits+=('Watermelon')</code>	<code># Also Push</code>
<code>Fruits=(\${Fruits[@]/Ap*/})</code>	<code># Remove by regex match</code>
<code>unset Fruits[2]</code>	<code># Remove one item</code>
<code>Fruits=("\${Fruits[@]}")</code>	<code># Duplicate</code>
<code>Fruits=("\${Fruits[@]}" "\${Veggies[@]}")</code>	<code># Concatenate</code>
<code>lines=(`cat "logfile"`)</code>	<code># Read from file</code>

Arrays as arguments

```
function extract()
{
    local -n myarray=$1
    local idx=$2
    echo "${myarray[$idx]}"
}

Fruits=('Apple' 'Banana' 'Orange')
extract Fruits 2      # => Orange
```

Bash Dictionaries

Defining

```
declare -A sounds

sounds[dog]="bark"
sounds[cow]="moo"
sounds[bird]="tweet"
sounds[wolf]="howl"
```

Working with dictionaries

```
echo ${sounds[dog]} # Dog's sound
echo ${sounds[@]}   # All values
echo ${!sounds[@]}  # All keys
echo ${#sounds[@]}  # Number of elements
unset sounds[dog]   # Delete dog
```

Iteration

```
for val in "${sounds[@]}; do
    echo $val
done

for key in "${!sounds[@]}; do
    echo $key
done
```

Bash Conditionals

Integer conditions

<code>[[NUM -eq NUM]]</code>	Equal
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<code>[[NUM -ne NUM]]</code>	Not equal
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<code>[[NUM -lt NUM]]</code>	Less than
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<code>[[NUM -le NUM]]</code>	Less than or equal
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<code>[[NUM -gt NUM]]</code>	Greater than
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<code>[[NUM -ge NUM]]</code>	Greater than or equal
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<code>((NUM < NUM))</code>	Less than
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<code>((NUM <= NUM))</code>	Less than or equal
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<code>((NUM > NUM))</code>	Greater than
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<code>((NUM >= NUM))</code>	Greater than or equal
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String conditions

<code>[[-z STR]]</code>	Empty string
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<code>[[-n STR]]</code>	Not empty string
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<code>[[STR == STR]]</code>	Equal
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<code>[[STR = STR]]</code>	Equal (Same above)
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<code>[[STR < STR]]</code>	Less than (ASCII)
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<code>[[STR > STR]]</code>	Greater than (ASCII)
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<code>[[STR != STR]]</code>	Not Equal
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<code>[[STR =~ STR]]</code>	Regex
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Example

String

```
if [[ -z "$string" ]]; then
    echo "String is empty"
elif [[ -n "$string" ]]; then
    echo "String is not empty"
else
    echo "This never happens"
fi
```

Combinations

```
if [[ X && Y ]]; then
    ...
fi
```

Equal

```
if [[ "$A" == "$B" ]]; then
    ...
fi
```

Regex

```
if [[ '1. abc' =~ ([a-z]+) ]]; then
    echo ${BASH_REMATCH[1]}
fi
```

Smaller

```
if (( $a < $b )); then
```

File conditions

<code>[[-e FILE]]</code>	Exists
<code>[[-d FILE]]</code>	Directory
<code>[[-f FILE]]</code>	File
<code>[[-h FILE]]</code>	Symlink
<code>[[-s FILE]]</code>	Size is > 0 bytes
<code>[[-r FILE]]</code>	Readable
<code>[[-w FILE]]</code>	Writable
<code>[[-x FILE]]</code>	Executable
<code>[[f1 -nt f2]]</code>	f1 newer than f2
<code>[[f1 -ot f2]]</code>	f2 older than f1
<code>[[f1 -ef f2]]</code>	Same files

More conditions

<code>[[-o noclobber]]</code>	If OPTION is enabled
<code>[[! EXPR]]</code>	Not
<code>[[X && Y]]</code>	And
<code>[[X Y]]</code>	Or

logical and, or

```
if [ "$1" = 'y' -a $2 -gt 0 ]; then
    echo "yes"
fi

if [ "$1" = 'n' -o $2 -lt 0 ]; then
    echo "no"
fi
```

```
echo "$a is smaller than $b"
```

```
fi
```

Exists

```
if [[ -e "file.txt" ]]; then
    echo "file exists"
fi
```

Bash Loops

Basic for loop

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

C-like for loop

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

Ranges

```
for i in {1..5}; do
    echo "Welcome $i"
done
```

Auto increment

```
i=1
while [[ $i -lt 4 ]]; do
    echo "Number: $i"
    ((i++))
done
```

Auto decrement

```
i=3
while [[ $i -gt 0 ]]; do
    echo "Number: $i"
    ((i--))
done
```

With step size

```
for i in {5..50..5}; do
    echo "Welcome $i"
done
```

Continue

```
for number in $(seq 1 3); do
    if [[ $number == 2 ]]; then
        continue;
    fi
    echo "$number"
done
```

Break

```
for number in $(seq 1 3); do
    if [[ $number == 2 ]]; then
        # Skip entire rest of lo
        break;
    fi
    # This will only print 1
    echo "$number"
done
```

Until

```
count=0
until [ $count -gt 10 ]; do
    echo "$count"
    ((count++))
done
```

Forever

```
while true; do
    # here is some code.
done
```

Forever (shorthand)

```
while ;; do
    # here is some code.
done
```

Reading lines

```
cat file.txt | while read line;
    echo $line
done
```

Bash Functions

Defining functions

```
myfunc() {
    echo "hello $1"
}

# Same as above (alternate syntax)
function myfunc() {
    echo "hello $1"
}

myfunc "John"
```

Returning values

```
myfunc() {
    local myresult='some value'
    echo $myresult
}

result="$(myfunc)"
```

Raising errors

```
myfunc() {
    return 1
}

if myfunc; then
    echo "success"
else
    echo "failure"
fi
```

Bash Options

Options

```
# Avoid overlay files
# (echo "hi" > foo)
set -o noclobber

# Used to exit upon error
# avoiding cascading errors
set -o errexit

# Unveils hidden failures
set -o pipefail

# Exposes unset variables
set -o nounset
```

Glob options

```
# Non-matching globs are removed
# ('*.foo' => '')
shopt -s nullglob

# Non-matching globs throw errors
shopt -s failglob

# Case insensitive globs
shopt -s nocaseglob

# Wildcards match dotfiles
# ("*.sh" => ".foo.sh")
shopt -s dotglob

# Allow ** for recursive matches
# ('lib/**/*.rb' => 'lib/a/b/c.rb')
shopt -s globstar
```

Bash History

Commands

<code>history</code>	Show history
<code>sudo !!</code>	Run the previous command with sudo
<code>shopt -s histverify</code>	Don't execute expanded result immediately

Expansions

<code>!\$</code>	Expand last parameter of most recent command
<code>!*</code>	Expand all parameters of most recent command
<code>!-n</code>	Expand nth most recent command
<code>!n</code>	Expand nth command in history
<code>!<command></code>	Expand most recent invocation of command <command>

Operations

<code>!!</code>	Execute last command again
<code>!!:s/<FROM>/<T0>/</code>	Replace first occurrence of <FROM> to <T0> in most recent command
<code>!!:gs/<FROM>/<T0>/</code>	Replace all occurrences of <FROM> to <T0> in most recent command
<code>!\$:t</code>	Expand only basename from last parameter of most recent command
<code>!\$:h</code>	Expand only directory from last parameter of most recent command
<code>!!</code> and <code>!\$</code> can be replaced with any valid expansion.	

Slices

<code>!!:n</code>	Expand only nth token from most recent command (command is 0; first argument is 1)
<code>!^</code>	Expand first argument from most recent command
<code>!\$</code>	Expand last token from most recent command
<code>!!:n-m</code>	Expand range of tokens from most recent command
<code>!!:n-\$</code>	Expand nth token to last from most recent command
<code>!!</code> can be replaced with any valid expansion i.e. <code>!cat</code> , <code>!-2</code> , <code>!42</code> , etc.	

Miscellaneous

Numeric calculations

```
$(a + 200)    # Add 200 to $  
$($RANDOM%200) # Random numbe
```

Subshells

```
(cd somedir; echo "I'm now in $P  
pwd # still in first directory
```

Inspecting commands

```
command -V cd  
#=> "cd is a function/alias/what
```

Redirection

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

Source relative

```
source "${0%/*}/../share/foo.sh"
```

Directory of script

```
DIR="${0%/*}"
```

Case/switch

```
case "$1" in
    start | up)
        vagrant up
        ;;

    *)
        echo "Usage: $0 {start|stop|
        ;;
esac
```

Trap errors

```
trap 'echo Error at about $LINENO' ERR
```

or

```
traperr() {
    echo "ERROR: ${BASH_SOURCE[1]} at about ${BASH_LINENO[0]}"
}
```

```
set -o errtrace
trap traperr ERR
```

printf

```
printf "Hello %s, I'm %s" Sven 0
#=> "Hello Sven, I'm Olga

printf "1 + 1 = %d" 2
#=> "1 + 1 = 2"

printf "Print a float: %f" 2
#=> "Print a float: 2.000000"
```

Getting options

```
while [[ "$1" =~ ^- && ! "$1" == "--" ]]; do case $1 in
    -V | --version )
        echo $version
        exit
        ;;
    -s | --string )
        shift; string=$1
        ;;
    -f | --flag )
        flag=1
        ;;
esac; shift; done
if [[ "$1" == '--' ]]; then shift; fi
```

Check for command's result

```
if ping -c 1 google.com; then
    echo "It appears you have a working internet connection"
fi
```

Special variables

`$?` Exit status of last task

`$!` PID of last background task

`$$` PID of shell

`$0` Filename of the shell script

See [Special parameters](#).

Grep check

```
if grep -q 'foo' ~/.bash_history; then
    echo "You appear to have typed 'foo' in the past"
fi
```

Backslash escapes

!	"	#
&	'	()
,	;	< >
[\]
^	{	} `
\$	*	?

Escape these special characters with \

Heredoc

```
cat <<END
hello world
END
```

Go to previous directory

```
pwd # /home/user/foo
cd bar/
pwd # /home/user/foo/bar
cd -
pwd # /home/user/foo
```

Reading input

```
echo -n "Proceed? [y/n]: "
read ans
echo $ans
```

```
read -n 1 ans    # Just one char
```

Conditional execution

```
git commit && git push
git commit || echo "Commit faile"
```

Strict mode

```
set -euo pipefail  
IFS=$'\n\t'
```

See: [Unofficial bash strict mode](#)

Optional arguments

```
args=("$@")  
args+=(foo)  
args+=(bar)  
echo "${args[@]}"
```

Put the arguments into an array and then
append