

# Serverspec and RSpec Cheat Sheet

## Assertions

- should means "assert true".
- should\_not means "assert false".

## Resources

[http://serverspec.org/resource\\_types.html](http://serverspec.org/resource_types.html)

## file

Files, directories, and devices.  
describe file('/path/to/file') do

```
#INode type
it { should be_file }          # or be_directory,
or be_symlink
it { should exist }

#Permissions
it { should be_owned_by 'username' }
it { should be_grouped_into 'groupname' }

it { should be_mode 440 }

it { should be_readable }      # or
be_writable or be_executable
it { should be_readable.by('owner') } # or
'group' or 'others'
it { should be_readable.by_user('username') }

#Links
if { should be_linked_to '/path/to/target' }

#Contents
its(:md5sum) { should eq '...' } # or, and
rspec matcher
its(:sha256sum) { should eq '...' }
its(:size) { should < 1024 }
its(:content) { should match /some pattern/ }
```

end

## user

System users.

```
describe user('username') do
  it { should exist }
  it { should belong_to_group 'group' }
  it { should have_home_directory '/home/username' }
}
it { should have_login_shell '/bin/bash' }
it { should have_authorized_key 'ssh-rsa ABCD...' }
user@hostname' }
end
```

## group

System user groups.

```
describe group('groupname') do
  it { should exist }
end
```

SeverSpec cheat sheet courtesy of:

<https://gist.github.com/mearns/a86286eace104c89c012>

## packages

Software packages installed on the system.

```
describe package('httpd') do
  it { should be_installed }
end
Select based on operating system:
describe package('httpd'), :if => os[:family] ==
'redhat' do
  it { should be_installed }
end
```

```
describe package('apache2'), :if => os[:family] ==
'ubuntu' do
  it { should be_installed }
end
```

## port

Network ports

```
describe port(80) do
  it { should be_listening }
end
```

## service

Installed services.

```
describe service('httpd') do
  it { should be_running }
  it { should be_enabled } # enabled to start
when the OS boots.
end
```

## process

Currently running processes.

```
describe process("memcached") do
  it { should be_running }

# parameters from ps, see `man ps(1)`, under
"STANDARD FORMAT SPECIFIERS"
its(:user) { should eq 'root' }
its(:args) { should match /-c 32000\b/ }
its(:nice) { should > 10 }
```

end

## command

Run arbitrary commands and check the results.

```
describe command('ls -al /') do
  its(:stdout) { should match /some pattern/ }
  its(:stderr) { should be_empty }
  its(:exit_status) { should eq 0 }
end
```

## host

Hosts on the network

```
describe host('example.org') do
  it { should be_resolvable }

# address
its(:ipaddress) { should match
/192\.168\.10\.10/ } # could be IPv4 or IPv6
its(:ipv4_address) { ... }
its(:ipv6_address) { ... }

# reachability
it { should be_reachable } # ping
it { should be_reachable.with(
:port => 53, # required
parameter
# Optional params (default values shown)
:proto => 'tcp', # or 'udp'
:timeout => 5 # in seconds.
)}
end
```

## Matchers (rspec)

<https://www.relishapp.com/rspec/rspec-expectations/v/3-4/docs/built-in-matchers>  
To try these outside of a serverspec test, you'll need to require 'RSpec', and replace describe with RSpec.describe.

### For strings

```
describe 'foobar' do
  it { should eq 'foobar' }      # match using
  == operator
  it { should match /ooba/ }      # match using
  regex, anywhere in string.
  it { should_not match /^ooba$/ } # anchor regex
  it { should_not be_empty }      # test for
  empty string: ""

  it { should start_with('fo') }
  it { should end_with('bar') }

  it { should be_a(String) }
end
```

### For numbers

```
describe 10 do
  it { should eq 10 }
  it { should == 10 }      # same as above.
  it { should < 20 }
  it { should <= 10 }
  it { should > 0 }
  it { should >= 9 }

  it { should be_within(2).of(9) }
  it { should be_within(2).of(11) }

  it { should be_a(Numeric) } # also consider:
  Float, Integer
  it { should be_an_instance_of(Fixnum) } # Direct
  class, no higher
end
```

### For arrays

```
describe [1, 2, 3] do
  it { should_not be_empty }      # test for empty
  list: []

  it { should include(2) }        # membership
  test
  it { should_not include(0) }

  it { should all( be_an(Integer) ) }
  # apply matcher to all elements
  it { should all( be_an(Integer).and be < 10 ) }
  # conjunction

  it { should start_with([1,2]) }
  it { should end_with([2,3]) }

  it { should be_an(Array) }
end
```

### For hashes

```
describe ({ :a => 'A', :b => 2 }) do
  it { should have_key(:a) }
  it { should include(:a) }      # same as above
  it { should include(:b => 2) } # test for
  presence of key and the value it maps to.
  it { should_not include(:b => 3) }
  it { should_not include(:c => 2) }

  it { should be_a(Hash) }
end
```

## The general purpose satisfy matcher

```
describe(3.14159) do
  # Passes as long as the block returns true.
  it { should satisfy { |uut|
    uut.kind_of?(Numeric) and uut > 3 and uut <
    3.2
  }}
end
```

### Combining expectations (and, or)

```
describe("thunder") do
  it { should start_with("thun").and
  end_with("der") }
  it { should start_with("won").or
  start_with("thun") }
  it { should (start_with("won").or
  start_with("thun")).and end_with("der") }

  # with line breaks
  it { should (
    start_with("won").or \
    start_with("thun").or \
    start_with("pon")
  ).and (
    end_with("der")
  )
}
end
```

## Includes/Shared Examples

Lots of info here:

[https://serverspec.org/advanced\\_tips.html](https://serverspec.org/advanced_tips.html)

mkdir -p serverspec/shared/database

...**database/init.rb** should look like:

shared\_examples 'database::init' do

```
  describe package('mysql-community-server') do
    it { should be_installed }
  end
end
```

end

now each spec file can include the **shared example**:

require 'spec\_helper'

```
describe 'foo.bar.com' do
  include_examples 'database::init'
end
```

And if this gets too complicated, look into <https://github.com/hiracy/serverspec-runner>  
It organizes all the funky stuff.