

Bash Scripting Cheat Sheet

-Tests (for ifs and loops) are done with [] or with the test command.

Checking files:

-r file Check if file is readable -w file Check if file is writable -x file Check if have execute access to file
-f file Check if file is an ordinary file (as opposed to a directory, a device special file, etc.)
-s file Check if file has size greater than 0. -d file Check if file is a directory.
-e file Check if file exists. Is true even if file is a directory.

Example:

```
if [ -s file ]
then
    #such and such
fi
```

Checking strings:

s1 = s2 Check if s1 equals s2 s1 != s2 Check if s1 is not equal to s2 -z s1 Check if s1 has size 0
-n s1 Check if s1 has nonzero size s1 Check if s1 is not the empty string.

Example:

```
if [ $myvar = "hello" ] ; then
    echo "We have a match"
fi
```

Checking numbers: Note, variables could be strings representing numbers. Use these to check the numerical value.

n1 -eq n2 Check to see if n1 equals n2 n1 -ne n2 Check to see if n1 is not equal to n2
n1 -lt n2 Check to see if n1 < n2 n1 -le n2 Check to see if n1 <= n2
n1 -gt n2 Check to see if n1 > n2 n1 -ge n2 Check to see if n1 >= n2.

Example:

```
if [ $# -gt 1 ] then
    echo "ERROR: should have 0 or 1 command-line parameters"
fi
```

Boolean operators: ! not -a and -o or

Example:

```
if [ $num -lt 10 -o $num -gt 100 ]
then
    echo "Number $num is out of range"
elif [ ! -w $filename ]
then
    echo "Cannot write to $filename"
fi
```

Note that ifs can be nested. For example:

```
if [ $myvar = "y" ]
then
    echo "Enter count of number of items"
    read num
    if [ $num -le 0 ]
    then
        echo "Invalid count of $num was given"
    else
        #... do whatever ...
    fi
fi
```

The above example illustrates reading a string from the keyboard to a shell variable. Note, most UNIX commands return true (!0) or false (0) to indicate success. At the command line, echo \$status. In a shell script use something like this:

```
if grep -q shell bshellref
then
    echo "true"
else
    echo "false"
fi
```

-q is the quiet version of grep. It checks if string 'shell' occurs in file 'bshellref'. It does not print the matching lines.

I/O Redirection:

pgm > file Output of pgm is redirected to file pgm < file Program pgm reads its input from file
pgm >> file Output of pgm is appended to file pgm1 | pgm2 Output of pgm1 is piped into pgm2 as the input to pgm2

n > file Output from stream with descriptor n redirected to file

n >& m Merge output from stream n with stream m

<< tag Standard input comes from here through next tag at start of line.

n >> file Output from stream with descriptor n appended to file

n <& m Merge input from stream n with stream m

Note that file descriptor 0 is normally standard input, 1 is standard output, and 2 is standard error output.

Shell Built-in Variables:

\$0 Name of this shell script itself

\$1 Value of first command line parameter (similarly \$2, \$3, etc)

In a shell script, the number of command line parameters

\$\$ Process id of script (really id of the shell running the script)

* All of the command line parameters

\$- Options given to the shell

\$? Return the exit status of the last command.

Pattern Matching:

* Matches 0 or more characters

? Matches 1 character

[AaBbCc] Example: matches any 1 char from the list

[^RGB] Example: matches any 1 char not in the list

[a-g] Example: matches any 1 char from this range.

Quoting:

\c Take character c literally

`cmd` Run cmd and replace it in the line of code with its output

"whatever" Take whatever literally, after first interpreting \$, `...`, \

'whatever' Take whatever absolutely literally.

```
match=`ls *.bak`
```

#Puts names of .bak files into shell variable match.

```
echo \*
```

#Echos * to screen, not all filename as in: echo *

```
echo '$1$2hello'
```

#Writes literally \$1\$2hello on screen.

```
echo "$1$2hello"
```

#Writes value of parameters 1 and 2 and string hello.

Grouping: Parentheses may be used for grouping, but must be preceded by backslashes since parentheses normally have a different meaning to the shell (namely to run a command or commands in a subshell). For example:

```
if test \( -r $file1 -a -r $file2 \) -o \( -r $1 -a -r $2 \) then
```

```
#do whatever
```

```
fi
```

Case statement: Example looks for a match with a, b, or c. Else, \$1 always matches the * case.

```
case "$1" in
```

```
a) cmd1 ;;
```

```
b) cmd2 ;;
```

```
c) cmd3 ;;
```

```
*) cmd4 ;;
```

```
esac
```

Loops: Bash supports loops written in a number of forms,

```
for arg in [list]
```

```
do
```

```
    echo $arg
```

```
done
```

```
for arg in [list] ; do
```

```
    echo $arg
```

```
done
```

```
NUMBERS="1 2 3"    # You can supply [list] directly
```

```
for number in `echo $NUMBERS`
```

```
do
```

```
    echo $number
```

```
done
```

```
for number in $NUMBERS
```

```
do
```

```
    echo -n $number
```

```
done
```

```
for number in 1 2 3
```

```
do
```

```
    echo -n $number
```

```
done
```

If [list] is a glob pattern then bash can expand it directly, for example:

```
for file in *.tar.gz
```

```
do
```

```
    tar -xzf $file
```

```
done
```

You can also execute statements for [list], for example:

```
for x in `ls -tr *.log`
```

```
do
```

```
    cat $x &>&> biglog
```

```
done
```

Shell Arithmetic: In the original Bourne shell arithmetic is done using the `expr` command as in:

`result=`expr $1 + 2`` `result2=`expr $2 + $1 / 2`` `result=`expr $2 * 5`` #note the \ on the * symbol

With `bash`, an expression is normally enclosed using `[]` and can use the following operators, in order of precedence:

`* / %` (times, divide, remainder) `+ -` (add, subtract) `< > <= >=` (comparison operators)
`== !=` (equal to, not equal to) `&&` (logical and) `||` (logical or) = (assignment)

Arithmetic is done using long integers.

Example:

`result=$(($1 + 3))` # Take the value of the first parameter, add 3, and place the sum into result.

Order of Interpretation: The `bash` shell interprets for each line in the following order:

brace expansion (see a reference book) ~ expansion (for login ids) parameters (such as `$1`)
variables (such as `$var`) command substitution (Example: `match=`grep DNS *``) arithmetic (from left to right)
word splitting pathname expansion (using `*`, `?`, and `[abc]`)

Other Shell Features:

`$var` Value of shell variable `var` `${var}abc` Example: value of shell variable `var` with string `abc` appended

`#` At start of line, indicates a comment `var=value` Assign the string value to shell variable `var`

`cmd1; cmd2` Do `cmd1` and then `cmd2` `cmd1 & cmd2` Do `cmd1`, start `cmd2` without waiting for `cmd1` to finish

`cmd1 && cmd2` Run `cmd1`, then if `cmd1` successful run `cmd2`, otherwise skip

`cmd1 || cmd2` Run `cmd1`, then if `cmd1` not successful run `cmd2`, otherwise skip

`(cmds)` Run `cmds` (commands) in a subshell.

Sed Cheat Sheet

Sed command line options

Sed syntax: `sed [options] sed-command [input-file]`

<code>-n</code>	Suppress default pattern space printing	<code>sed -n '3 p' employee.txt</code>
<code>-i</code>	Backup and modify input file directly	<code>sed -ibak 's/John/Johnny/' employee.txt</code>
<code>-f</code>	Execute sed script file	<code>sed -f script.sed employee.txt</code>
<code>-e</code>	Execute multiple sed commands	<code>sed -e 'command1' -e 'command2' input-file</code>

Sed substitute command and flags

Syntax: `sed 's/original-string/replacement-string/[flags]' [input-file]`

<code>g</code> flag	Global substitution	<code>sed 's/Windows/Linux/g' world.txt</code>
<code>1,2..</code> flag	Substitute the nth occurrence	<code>sed 's/locate/find/2' locate.txt</code>
<code>p</code> flag	Print only the substituted line	<code>sed -n 's/John/Johnny/p' employee.txt</code>
<code>w</code> flag	Write only the substituted line to a file	<code>sed -n 's/John/Johnny/w output.txt' employee.txt</code>
<code>i</code> flag	Ignore case while searching	<code>sed 's/john/Johnny/i' employee.txt</code>
<code>e</code> flag	Substitute and execute in the command line	<code>sed 's/^/ls -l /' files.txt</code>
<code>/ ^@!</code>	Substitution delimiter can be any character	<code>sed 's@/usr/local/bin@/usr/bin@' path.txt</code>
<code>&</code>	Gets matched pattern. Use in replacement string.	<code>sed 's/^.*</>/' employee.txt</code> #Encloses whole line between <code><</code> and <code>></code>
<code>\(\)</code>	Group using <code>\(</code> and <code>\)</code> . Use <code>\1</code> , <code>\2</code> in replacement string to refer the group.	<code>sed 's/([^\,]*)\,([^\,]*)\,([^\,]*)\,.*\1,\3/g' employee.txt</code>
<code>\1 \2 \3</code>		#Get only 1st and 3rd column

Sed commands

<code>p</code>	Print pattern space	<code>sed -n '1,4 p' employee.txt</code>
<code>d</code>	Delete lines	<code>sed -n '1,4 d' employee.txt</code>
<code>w</code>	Write pattern space to file	<code>sed -n '1,4 w output.txt' employee.txt</code>
<code>a</code>	Append line after	<code>sed '2 a new-line' employee.txt</code>
<code>i</code>	Insert line before	<code>sed '2 i new-line' employee.txt</code>
<code>c</code>	Change line	<code>sed '2 c new-line' employee.txt</code>
<code>l</code>	Print hidden characters	<code>sed -n l employee.txt</code>
<code>=</code>	Print line numbers	<code>sed = employee.txt sed '{N;s/\n/ /}'</code>
<code>y</code>	Change case	<code>sed 'y/abcde/ABCDE/' employee.txt</code>
<code>q</code>	Quit sed	<code>sed '3 q' employee.txt</code>
<code>r</code>	Read from file	<code>sed '\$ r log.txt' employee.txt</code>
<code>#</code>	Comment inside sed script	

Sed hold and pattern space commands

<code>n</code>	Print pattern space, empty pattern space, and read next line.
<code>x</code>	Swap pattern space with hold space
<code>h</code>	Copy pattern space to hold space
<code>H</code>	Append pattern space to hold space
<code>g</code>	Copy hold space to pattern space
<code>G</code>	Append hold space to pattern space

Grep Cheat Sheet

Wildcards \d Any Digit [\u] Any Letter . Any Character \s Any White Space \w Any Word Character \l Any Lowercase Letter \u Any Uppercase Letter	<u>Any Digit finds each single digit:</u> Mary had 3 little lambs. Her flock was made up of these three, and 15 fully-grown sheep. <u>Any Letter finds each single letter (uppercase or lowercase):</u> M ary had 3 little lambs. Her flock was made up of these three, and 15 fully-grown sheep. <u>Any Character finds each single character (except line break):</u> M ary had 3 little lambs. Her flock was made up of these three, and 15 fully-grown sheep.	
Locations \< Beginning of Word \> End of Word \b Word Boundary ^ Beginning of Paragraph \$ End of Paragraph \ Beginning of Story \Z End of Story	<u>Beginning of Paragraph:</u> M ary had 3 little lambs. Her flock was made up of these three, and 15 fully-grown sheep. <u>End of Paragraph:</u> Mary had 3 little lambs. Her flock was made up of these three, and 15 fully-grown sheep . <u>End of Story:</u> Mary had 3 little lambs. Her flock was made up of these three, and 15 fully-grown sheep. Her sister, Shari, didn't have any sheep at all .	
Repeat ? Zero or One Time * Zero or More Times + One or More Times *? Zero or One Time (Shortest Match) +? One+ Times (Shortest Match)	<u>Shortest Match:</u> Keeps the search to the first complete sequence. Without "shortest match," InDesign looks to the whole paragraph for the sequence.	
Match () Marking Subexpression (?:) Non-Marking Subexpression [] Character Set Or (?<=) Positive Lookbehind (?<!) Negative Lookbehind (?=) Positive Lookahead (?!) Negative Lookahead	<u>Look for something OR something else:</u> Look for: gr(e a)y Will find: grey AND gray Look for: (Red Green Blue) Will find: Red, Green, AND Blue <u>Look before or after to find a string:</u> Look for: (?<=\.)d+ To find this: 123. 45	
Symbols \\ Backslash Character \^ Caret Character \ (Open Parenthesis \[Open Brace \] Open Bracket Markers ~# Any Page Number ~N Current Page Number ~X Next Page Number ~V Previous Page Number ~x Section Marker ~a Anchored Object Marker ~F Footnote Reference Marker ~I Index Marker Break Character ~b Standard Carriage Return ~b ~M Column Break ~M ~R Frame Break ~R ~P Page Break ~P ~L Odd Page Break ~L ~E Even Page Break ~E ~k Discretionary Line Break ~k	White Space ~m Em Space ~> En Space ~f Flush Space ~ Hair Space ~S Nonbreaking Space ~s Nonbreaking Space (Fixed Width) ~< Thin Space ~/ Figure Space ~. Punctuation Space ~3 Third Space ~4 Quarter Space ~% Sixth Space Quotation Marks “ Any Double Quotation Marks ‘ Any Single Quotation Mark ~” Straight Dbl Quotation Marks ~{ Double Left Quotation Mark ~} Double Right Quotation Mark ~’ Straight Single Quotation Mark ~[Single Left Quotation Mark ~] Single Right Quotation Mark	POSIX [:alnum:] [:alpha:] [:digit:] [:lower:] [:punct:] [:space:] [:upper:] [:word:] [:xdigit:] [:=a=:] Hyphens and Dashes ~_ Em Dash ~= En Dash ~~ Discretionary Hyphen ~~ Nonbreaking Hyphen Other ~y Right Indent Tab ~i Indent to Here ~h End Nested Style Here ~j Non-joiner