Okay, here's a breakdown of that Bash cheat sheet, formatted for clarity as if it were being presented in a PDF.

Bash Cheat Sheet: Easy Memory Edition

This cheat sheet provides concise explanations and examples for common Bash operations, designed for quick recall.

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1. Files: "Is it there? What is it?"

These tests help you determine the nature and accessibility of files and directories.

- **-d**: **D**irectory?
  Bash
  ```
  if [ -d "/home/user/Documents" ]; then
    echo "Documents is a directory"
  fi
  ```
  Explanation: Checks if the specified path is a directory.
- **-f**: **F**ile (regular)?
  Bash
  ```
  if [ -f "myfile.txt" ]; then
    echo "myfile.txt is a file"
  fi
  ```
  Explanation: Checks if the specified path is a regular file (not a directory, symbolic link, etc.).
- **-e**: **E**xists?
  Bash
  ```
  if [ -e "config.ini" ]; then
    echo "config.ini exists"
  fi
  ```
  Explanation: Checks if the specified path exists (could be a file, directory, or other file system object).
- **-rwx**: **R**ead, **W**rite, e**X**ecute? (Specifically -r, -w, -x)
  Bash
  ```
  if [ -r "script.sh" ]; then
    echo "script.sh is readable"
  fi

  if [ -w "data.log" ]; then
    echo "data.log is writable"
  fi
  ```

```
if [ -x "program" ]; then
  echo "program is executable"
fi
```

Explanation: Checks if the specified file has read, write, or execute permissions for the current user, respectively.

- **-s**: **S**ize (non-empty)?
  Bash
  ```
  if [ -s "report.txt" ]; then
    echo "report.txt is not empty"
  fi
  ```

  Explanation: Checks if the specified file exists and has a size greater than zero.

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2. Strings: "Compare and Check"

These operators are used for comparing and checking the properties of strings.

- **-z**: **Z**ero (empty)?
  Bash
  ```
  MYVAR=""
  if [ -z "$MYVAR" ]; then
    echo "MYVAR is empty"
  fi
  ```

  Explanation: Returns true if the length of the string variable is zero. Always quote the variable to avoid issues with spaces or empty strings.
- **-n**: **N**ot zero (not empty)?
  Bash
  ```
  MYVAR="some text"
  if [ -n "$MYVAR" ]; then
    echo "MYVAR is not empty"
  fi
  ```

  Explanation: Returns true if the length of the string variable is greater than zero. Always quote the variable.
- **==**: Equal?
  Bash
  ```
  USER="root"
  if [ "$USER" == "root" ]; then
    echo "You are root"
  fi
  ```

Explanation: Compares two strings for equality. Note the use of single quotes around the variables to prevent word splitting and globbing.

- **!=**: Not equal?
  Bash
  OS="Linux"
  if ["$OS" != "Windows"]; then
  echo "Not a Windows system"
  fi

  Explanation: Compares two strings for inequality.
- **< >**: Less/Greater (alphabetical)?
  Bash
  if [["apple" < "banana"]]; then
  echo "apple comes before banana"
  fi

  Explanation: Compares strings lexicographically (alphabetical order). This requires the double square brackets [[ ]] for proper behavior.

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3. Numbers: "Math Comparisons"

These operators are used for comparing numerical values.

- **-eq**: **E**qual?
  Bash
  COUNT=10
  if ["$COUNT" -eq 10]; then
  echo "COUNT is 10"
  fi

  Explanation: Checks if two numbers are equal.
- **-ne**: **N**ot equal?
  Bash
  AGE=25
  if ["$AGE" -ne 0]; then
  echo "AGE is not zero"
  fi

  Explanation: Checks if two numbers are not equal.
- **-lt, -le**: **L**ess than, **L**ess than or equal?
  Bash
  NUM=3

```
if [ "$NUM" -lt 5 ]; then
  echo "NUM is less than 5"
fi

SCORE=100
if [ "$SCORE" -le 100 ]; then
  echo "SCORE is less than or equal to 100"
fi
```

Explanation: Checks if the first number is less than or less than or equal to the second number, respectively.

- **-gt, -ge**: **G**reater than, **G**reater than or equal?
  Bash
  ```
  SIZE=1500
  if [ "$SIZE" -gt 1024 ]; then
    echo "SIZE is greater than 1024"
  fi

  VERSION=2
  if [ "$VERSION" -ge 2 ]; then
    echo "VERSION is 2 or higher"
  fi
  ```

  Explanation: Checks if the first number is greater than or greater than or equal to the second number, respectively.

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4. Logic: "Combine and Negate"

These operators allow you to combine multiple conditions or negate a condition.

- **&&**: AND (both must be true)
  Bash
  ```
  if [ -d "mydir" ] && [ -w "mydir" ]; then
    echo "mydir exists and is writable"
  fi
  ```

  Explanation: The second command after && is executed only if the first command (or condition) returns true (exit code 0).
- **||**: OR (one or both true)
  Bash
  ```
  if [ -f "file1.txt" ] || [ -f "file2.txt" ]; then
    echo "Either file1.txt or file2.txt exists"
  fi
  ```

Explanation: The second command after || is executed only if the first command (or condition) returns false (non-zero exit code).

- **!**: NOT (reverse truth)
  Bash
  ```
  if [ ! -f "temp.txt" ]; then
    echo "temp.txt does not exist"
  fi
  ```

  Explanation: Reverses the truth value of the following condition. If the condition is true, ! makes it false, and vice versa.

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5. Special Variables: "Info About the Script"

These built-in variables provide information about the currently running script and its environment.

- **$?**: Last command's **?** (exit code)
  Bash
  ```
  ls non_existent_file
  echo "Exit code: $?"
  ```

  Explanation: Stores the exit status of the last executed command. A value of 0 usually indicates success, while non-zero values indicate an error.
- **$$**: My **P**rocess **I**dentifier (PID)
  Bash
  ```
  echo "Script PID: $$"
  ```

  Explanation: Contains the process ID of the current shell or script.
- **$#**: **#** of arguments
  Bash
  ```
  # If the script is run as: ./myscript arg1 arg2
  echo "Number of arguments: $#" # Output: 2
  ```

  Explanation: Represents the number of command-line arguments passed to the script.
- **$@**: All arguments (separate)
  Bash
  ```
  # If the script is run as: ./myscript hello world
  for arg in "$@"; do
    echo "Argument: $arg"
  done
  # Output:
  # Argument: hello
  ```

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# Argument: world
```

Explanation: An array-like variable containing all the command-line arguments passed to the script, with each argument treated as a separate word (even if quoted).

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6. Redirects: "Send Input/Output"

Redirections allow you to change the standard input, output, and error streams of commands.

- **>**: Overwrite output
  Bash
  ```
  ls > filelist.txt
  ```

  Explanation: Redirects the standard output of the ls command to the file filelist.txt, overwriting the file if it exists.
- **>>**: Append output
  Bash
  ```
  echo "New data" >> data.log
  ```

  Explanation: Redirects the standard output of the echo command to the file data.log, appending the output to the end of the file if it exists.
- **<**: Input from file
  Bash
  ```
  wc -l < input.txt
  ```

  Explanation: Redirects the standard input of the wc -l (word count, lines) command to come from the file input.txt.
- **2>**: Error output
  Bash
  ```
  command_that_might_fail 2> errors.log
  ```

  Explanation: Redirects the standard error (file descriptor 2) of the command to the file errors.log.
- **&>**: All output (errors and normal)
  Bash
  ```
  script.sh &> output.log
  ```

  Explanation: Redirects both the standard output and standard error to the specified file (output.log). This is a shorthand for 2>&1 > output.log in some shells.

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7. Process Substitution: "Command Output as File"

Process substitution allows you to treat the output of a command as if it were a file.

- **<()**: Use command output as input
  Bash
  diff <(ls dir1) <(ls dir2)

  Explanation: Executes the ls dir1 and ls dir2 commands, and their outputs are made available as temporary files. The diff command then compares these two outputs as if they were files.
- **>()**: Use file descriptor as output
  Bash
  tee >(gzip > output.gz) < input.txt

  Explanation: The output of tee (which reads from input.txt and writes to standard output) is also piped into a process that compresses it using gzip and saves it to output.gz.

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8. Brace Expansion: "Generate Lists"

Brace expansion provides a way to generate multiple similar strings.

- **{1..5}**: Numbers 1 to 5
  Bash
  echo {1..5} # Output: 1 2 3 4 5

  Explanation: Generates a sequence of numbers from 1 to 5.
- **{a..e}**: Letters a to e
  Bash
  echo {a..e} # Output: a b c d e

  Explanation: Generates a sequence of lowercase letters from a to e.
- **touch file{1..3}.txt**
  Bash
  # Creates files: file1.txt file2.txt file3.txt

  Explanation: Can be used to create multiple files or directories with a common prefix or suffix.

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9. Misc. "Extras"

These are some additional useful Bash features.

- **&**: Run in background
  Bash
  long_running_command &
  echo "Command started in the background"

Explanation: Executes the command in the background, allowing you to continue using the terminal.

- **;**: Multiple commands on one line
  Bash
  cd mydir; ls -l

  Explanation: Separates multiple commands on a single line. The commands are executed sequentially.
- **&&**: If previous succeeds
  Bash
  mkdir newdir && cd newdir

  Explanation: Executes the second command (cd newdir) only if the first command (mkdir newdir) completes successfully (exit code 0).

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10. Set Flags: "Shell Behavior"

The set command can modify the behavior of the Bash shell.

- **-e**: Exit on error
  Bash
  set -e
  command_that_might_fail
  echo "This won't print if the above fails"

  Explanation: If any command exits with a non-zero status, the script will terminate immediately. This is useful for preventing cascading errors.
- **-x**: Show commands as they run
  Bash
  set -x
  ls -l
  echo "Done"
  set +x # To disable tracing

  Explanation: Displays each command before executing it, which is helpful for debugging. Use set +x to turn off this tracing.
- **-u**: Error on unset variable
  Bash
  set -u
  echo "$undefined_var" # This will cause an error and script termination

  Explanation: Treats unset variables as an error. This helps catch typos in variable names.

This cheat sheet should provide a handy reference for common Bash operations. Keep practicing, and these commands will become second nature!