

Bash scripting cheatsheet

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Example

```
#!/usr/bin/env bash

NAME="John"
echo "Hello $NAME!"
```

Variables

```
NAME="John"
echo $NAME
echo "$NAME"
echo "${NAME}!"
```

String quotes

```
NAME="John"
echo "Hi $NAME"
echo 'Hi $NAME'
```

Conditional execution

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

Functions

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

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

Shell execution

Conditionals

```
if [[ -z "$string" ]]; then
    echo "String is empty"
elif [[ -n "$string" ]]; then
```

Strict mode

```
echo "String is not empty"
fi
```

See: [Conditionals](#)

Brace expansion

```
echo {A,B}.js
```

```
{A,B}
```

```
{A,B}.js
```

```
{1..5}
```

See: [Brace expansion](#)

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

Parameter expansions

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](#)

Substitution

```
${F00%suffix}
```

```
${F00#prefix}
```

```
${F00%%suffix}
```

```
${F00##prefix}
```

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

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

Length

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

```
${#F00}
```

Comments

```
# Single line co
```

```
: '
This is a
multi line
comment
'
```

Substrings

```
${F00:0:3}
```

Manipulation

Default values

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

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,,}         #=> "hello world!" (lowercase 1st)
echo ${STR,,}         #=> "hello world!" (all lowercase)

STR="hello world!"
echo ${STR^}          #=> "Hello world!" (uppercase 1st)
echo ${STR^^}         #=> "HELLO WORLD!" (all uppercase)
```

```
${F00:-val}
```

```
${F00:=val}
```

```
${F00:+val}
```

```
${F00:?message}
```

The : is optional (eg

```
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)
```

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
```

Ranges

```
for i in {1..5};
  echo "Welcom
done
```

With step size

Reading lines

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

Forever

```
while true; do
    ...
done
```

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

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
```

Arguments

```
$#
```

```
$*
```

```
$@
```

```
$1
```

See Special parameters.

Conditionals

Conditions

File conditions

Example

| | | |
|---|------------------------------------|--|
| Note that <code>[]</code> is actually a command/program that returns either 0 or 1, such as <code>grep(1)</code> or <code>ping(1)</code> can be used as condition, see here | <code>[[-e FILE]]</code> | <pre># String if [[-z "\$string"]] then echo "String is empty" elif [[-n "\$string"]] then echo "String is not empty" fi</pre> |
| <code>[[-z STRING]]</code> | <code>[[-r FILE]]</code> | |
| <code>[[-n STRING]]</code> | <code>[[-h FILE]]</code> | <pre># Combinations if [[X]] && [[Y]] then ... fi</pre> |
| <code>[[STRING == STRING]]</code> | <code>[[-d FILE]]</code> | |
| <code>[[STRING != STRING]]</code> | <code>[[-w FILE]]</code> | <pre># Equal if [["\$A" == "\$B"]] then ... fi</pre> |
| <code>[[NUM -eq NUM]]</code> | <code>[[-s FILE]]</code> | |
| <code>[[NUM -ne NUM]]</code> | <code>[[-f FILE]]</code> | <pre># Equal if [["\$A" == "\$B"]] then ... fi</pre> |
| <code>[[NUM -lt NUM]]</code> | <code>[[FILE1 -nt FILE2]]</code> | |
| <code>[[NUM -le NUM]]</code> | <code>[[FILE1 -ot FILE2]]</code> | <pre># Regex if [["A" =~ "."]] then ... fi</pre> |
| <code>[[NUM -gt NUM]]</code> | <code>[[FILE1 -ef FILE2]]</code> | |
| <code>[[NUM -ge NUM]]</code> | | <pre>if ((\$a < \$b)) then echo "\$a is smaller than \$b" fi</pre> |
| <code>[[STRING =~ STRING]]</code> | | <pre>if ((\$a < \$b)) then echo "\$a is smaller than \$b" fi</pre> |
| <code>((NUM < NUM))</code> | | <pre>if [[-e "file.txt"]] then echo "file exists" fi</pre> |
| <code>[[-o noclobber]]</code> | | <pre>if [[-o noclobber]] then ... fi</pre> |

Arrays

```
[[ X ]] && [[ Y ]]
```

Defining arrays

```
[[ X ]] || [[ Y ]]
```

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

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

Working with arrays

```
echo ${Fruits[0]}      # Element #0
echo ${Fruits[@]}      # All elements
echo ${#Fruits[@]}     # Number of elements
echo ${#Fruits}        # String length
echo ${#Fruits[3]}     # String length
echo ${Fruits[@]:3:2}  # Range (from 3 to 5)
```

Operations

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

Iteration

```
for i in "${arrayName[@]"; do
    echo $i
done
```

Dictionaries

Defining

```
declare -A sounds
```

Working with dictionaries

```
echo ${sounds[dog]} # Dog's sound
echo ${sounds[@]}   # All values
```

Iteration

Iterate over values

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

Declares sound as a Dictionary object (aka associative array).

```
echo ${!sounds[@]} # All keys
echo ${#sounds[@]} # Number of elements
unset sounds[dog]  # Delete dog
```

```
for val in "${so
echo $val
done
```

Iterate over keys

```
for key in "${!s
echo $key
done
```

Options

Options

```
set -o noclobber # Avoid overlay files (echo "hi" > foo)
set -o errexit   # Used to exit upon error, avoiding cascading errors
set -o pipefail  # Unveils hidden failures
set -o nounset   # Exposes unset variables
```

Glob options

```
set -o nullglob # Non-matching globs as
set -o failglob # Non-matching globs th
set -o nocaseglob # Case insensitive glo
set -o globdots  # Wildcards match dotf:
set -o globstar  # Allow ** for recursiv
```

Set GLOBIGNORE as a colon-separated list of pattern:

History

Commands

```
history
```

Expansions

```
!$
```

```
shopt -s histverify
```

!*

Operations

!-n

!!

Execute last command again

!!:s/<FROM>/<TO>/

Replace first occurrence of <FROM> to <TO> in most recent command

!!:gs/<FROM>/<TO>/

Replace all occurrences

!!:n

!\$:t

Expand only basename

!^

!\$:h

Expand only directory

!\$

!! and !\$ can be replaced with any valid expansion.

!!:n-m

!!:n-\$

!! can be replaced with any valid expansion i.e. !cat

Slices

Miscellaneous

Numeric calculations

```
=$((a + 200)) # Add 200 to $a
```

```
=$((RANDOM%200)) # Random number 0..200
```

Subshells

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

Inspecting commands

Redirection

```
python hello.py > output.txt # stdout to file
python hello.py >> output.txt # stdout to file
```



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

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
```

Source relative

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

Directory of script

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

Getting options

```
while [[ "$1" =~ ^- && ! "$1" == "--" ]]; do case $1 in
  -V | --version )
```

Case/switch

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

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

printf

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

```
printf "This is how you print a float: %f"
#=> "This is how you print a float: 2.000000"
```

Heredoc

```

    echo $version
    exit
;;
-s | --string )
    shift; string=$1
;;
-f | --flag )
    flag=1
;;
esac; shift; done
if [[ "$1" == '--' ]]; then shift; fi

```

```

cat <<END
hello world
END

```

Reading input

```

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

```

```

read -n 1 ans      # Just one character

```

Exit status of last task

Go to previous directory

PID of last background task

```

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

```

Special variables

\$?

\$!

\$\$

\$0

See Special parameters

Check for command's result

```

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

```

Grep check

```

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

```

Also see

[Bash-hackers wiki](#) (bash-hackers.org)

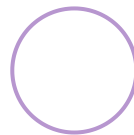
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