Bash scripting cheatsheet

Introduction

This is a quick reference to getting started with Bash scripting.

Learn bash in y minutes
(learnxinyminutes.com)

Bash Guide
(mywiki.wooledge.org)

Bash Hackers Wiki
(wiki.bash-hackers.org)

Example

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

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

String quotes

```
name="John"
echo "Hi $name"  #=> Hi John
echo 'Hi $name'  #=> Hi $name
```

Shell execution

See Command substitution

Conditional execution

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

Conditionals

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

See: Conditionals

Strict mode

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

See: Unofficial bash strict mode

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

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

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 "${str:6:5}"   # "world"
echo "${str: -5:5}"  # "world"
```

Substitution

```
${foo%suffix}
```

```
${foo#prefix}
```

```
${foo%%suffix}
```

```
${foo##prefix}
```

```
${foo/from/to}
```

```
${foo//from/to}
```

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

```
${foo/#from/to}
```

Length

```
${#foo}
```

Default values

```
${foo:-val}
```

```
${foo:=val}
```

```
${foo:+val}
```

```
${foo:?message}
```

```
src="/path/to/foo.cpp"
base=${src##*/}   #=> "foo.cpp" (basepath)
dir=${src%$base}  #=> "/path/to/" (dirpath)
```

Omitting the : removes the (non)nullity che
$foo.

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
```

Reading lines

```
while read -r line; do
  echo "$line"
done <file.txt
```

Forever

```
while true; do
  ···
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)
```

Arguments

```
$#
```

`$*`
`$@`
`$1`
`$_`

Note: `$@` and `$*` must be quoted in order tc
same thing (arguments as separate strings

See Special parameters.

Conditionals

Conditions

Note that `[[` is actually a command/program that returns eith
that obeys the same logic (like all base utils, such as `grep(1)`
see examples.

`[[ -z STRING ]]`	
`[[ -n STRING ]]`	
`[[ STRING == STRING ]]`	
`[[ STRING != STRING ]]`	
`[[ NUM -eq NUM ]]`	
`[[ NUM -ne NUM ]]`	
`[[ NUM -lt NUM ]]`	
`[[ NUM -le NUM ]]`	
`[[ NUM -gt NUM ]]`	Greater than
`[[ NUM -ge NUM ]]`	Greater than or equal

File conditions

`[[ -e FILE ]]`
`[[ -r FILE ]]`
`[[ -h FILE ]]`
`[[ -d FILE ]]`
`[[ -w FILE ]]`
`[[ -s FILE ]]`
`[[ -f FILE ]]`
`[[ -x FILE ]]`
`[[ FILE1 -nt FILE2 ]]`
`[[ FILE1 -ot FILE2 ]]`
`[[ FILE1 -ef FILE2 ]]`

`[[ STRING =~ STRING ]]`	Regexp
`(( NUM < NUM ))`	Numeric conditions
More conditions	
`[[ -o noclobber ]]`	If OPTIONNAME is enabled
`[[ ! EXPR ]]`	Not
`[[ X && Y ]]`	And
`[[ X || Y ]]`	Or

Arrays

Defining arrays

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

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

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
```

Working w

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echo "${Fr
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echo "${#F
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echo "${#F
echo "${Fr
echo "${!F
```

Iteration

```
for i in '
  echo "$i
done
```

Dictionaries

Defining

```
declare -A sounds
```

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

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

Working with dictionaries

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

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 optic

```
shopt -s r
shopt -s f
shopt -s r
shopt -s c
shopt -s g
```

Set GLOBIG

History

Commands

`history`	Shov

Expansion

`!$`

`!!`	Execute last comma
`!!:s/<FROM>/<TO>/`	Replace first occurrence of <FROM> to <TO> in most recent c
`!!:gs/<FROM>/<TO>/`	Replace all occurrences of <FROM> to <TO> in most recent c
`!$:t`	Expand only basename from last parameter of most recent c
`!$:h`	Expand only directory from last parameter of most recent c

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

`!!:n`
`!^`
`!$`
`!!:n-m`
`!!:n-$`

`!!` can be r

Miscellaneous

Numeric calculations

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

```
$(($RANDOM%200))  # Random number 0..199
```

```
declare -i count  # Declare as type integer
count+=1          # Increment
```

Inspecting commands

Subshells

```
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pwd # stil
```

Redirectio

```
python hel
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```

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

-c

'It

```
pwd # /home/user/foo
```

$0

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

$_

${PIPESTAT

See Specia

`[:lower:]`	All lower cas
`[:digit:]`	
`[:space:]`	All whitespace
`[:alpha:]`	All letters
`[:alnum:]`	All letters and digits

Example

```
echo "Welcome To Devhints" | tr '[:lower:]' '[:upper:]'
WELCOME TO DEVHINTS
```

Also see

- Bash-hackers wiki (bash-hackers.org)
- Shell vars (bash-hackers.org)
- Learn bash in y minutes (learnxinyminutes.com)
- Bash Guide (mywiki.wooledge.org)
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