



Bash scripting cheatsheet

Example

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

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

Variables

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

Conditional execution

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

Functions

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

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

Conditionals

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

See: [Conditionals](#)

Brace expansion

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

```
{A,B}
```

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

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

See: [Brace expansion](#)

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 ${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##*.}        # 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"
```

```
SRC="/path/to/foo.cpp"
BASE=${STR##*/}        #=> "foo.cpp" (basepath)
DIR=${SRC%$BASE}       #=> "/path/to" (dirpath)
```

Substitution

<code>\${FOO%suffix}</code>
<code>\${FOO#prefix}</code>
<code>\${FOO%%suffix}</code>
<code>\${FOO##prefix}</code>
<code>\${FOO/from/to}</code>
<code>\${FOO//from/to}</code>
<code>\${FOO/%from/to}</code>
<code>\${FOO/#from/to}</code>

Length

<code>\${#FOO}</code>

Loops

Basic for loop

```
for i in /etc/rc.*; do
    echo $i
```

Ranges

```
for i in {1..5}; do
    echo "Welcome $i"
```

```
done
```

Forever

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

```
done
```

With step size

```
for i in {5..50..5}; 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
- See [Special parameters](#).

Conditionals

Conditions

[-z STRING]
[-n STRING]
[NUM -eq NUM]

File conditions

[-e FILE]
[-r FILE]
[-h FILE]

[NUM -ne NUM]	[-d FILE]	
[NUM -lt NUM]	[-w FILE]	
[NUM -le NUM]	[-s FILE]	
[NUM -gt NUM]	[-f FILE]	
[NUM -ge NUM]	[-x FILE]	
[[STRING =~ STRING]]	[FILE1 -nt FILE2]	
((NUM < NUM))	[FILE1 -ot FILE2]	
[-o noclobber]	[FILE1 -ef FILE2]	
[! EXPR]		Not
[X] && [Y]		And
[X] [Y]		Or

Arrays

- Defining arrays
- Working with arrays

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

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

```
echo ${Fruits[0]}
echo ${Fruits[@]}
echo ${#Fruits[@]}
echo ${#Fruits}
echo ${#Fruits[3]}
echo ${Fruits[@]:3:}
```

- Operations
- Iteration

```
Fruits=("${Fruits[@]}" "Watermelon")      # 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
```

```
for i in "${arrayName[@]}"
do
  echo $i
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
set -o failglob
set -o nocaseglob
set -o globdots
set -o globstar

Set GLOBIGNORE as a co
```

History

Commands

```
history

shopt -s histverify # Don't execute expanded
```

Expansions

```
!$
!*
!-n
!n
```

Operations

!!:s/<FROM>/<TO>/	Replace first occurrence of <FROM> to <TO> in most recent command
!!:gs/<FROM>/<TO>/	Replace all occurrences of <FROM> to <TO> in most recent command
!\$:t	Expand only basename from last parameter of most recent command
!\$:h	Expand only directory from last parameter of most recent command
!! and !\$ can be replaced with any valid expansion.	

Slices

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

!! can be replaced with
```

Miscellaneous

Numeric calculations

Subshells

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

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

```
(cd somedir; echo "  
pwd # still in first
```

Redirection

Inspecting commands

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

```
python hello.py > o  
>  
>  
>&  
python hello.py 2>/  
python hello.py &>/
```

Trap errors

```
trap 'echo Error at about $LINENO' ERR
```

or

```
traperr() {  
    echo "ERROR: ${BASH_SOURCE[1]} at about ${BASH_LINENO[0]}"  
}  
  
set -o erretrace  
trap traperr ERR
```

Case/switch

```
case "$1" in  
    start | up)  
        vagrant up  
        ;;  
  
    *)  
        echo "Usage: $0  
        ;;  
esac
```

Source relative

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

printf

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

Directory of script

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

Getting options

Heredoc

```
cat <<END  
hello world  
END
```

```
while [[ "$1" =~ ^-  
-V | --version )  
|
```

Reading input

```
shift; string=$  
;;  
-f | --flag )  
    flag=1  
;;
```

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

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

Special variables

\$?

\$!

\$\$

See [Special parameters](#)

Also see

- [Bash-hackers wiki](#) (bash-hackers.org)
- [Shell vars](#) (bash-hackers.org)
- [Learn bash in y minutes](#) (learnxinyminutes.com)



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