



Bash scripting cheatsheet

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Example

Variables

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

```
NAME="John"
```

```
echo "Hello $NAME!"
```

```
NAME="John"
```

```
echo $NAME
```

```
echo "$NAME"
```

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

Conditional execution

Functions

```
git commit && git push
```

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

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

Conditionals

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

See: [Conditionals](#)

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

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

Substitution

`${F00%suffix}`

`${F00#prefix}`

`${F00%%suffix}`

`${F00##prefix}`

`${F00/from/to}`

`${F00//from/to}`

`${F00/%from/to}`

`${F00/#from/to}`

Length

`${#F00}`

Default values

`${F00:-val}`

`${F00:=val}`

`${F00:+val}`

`${F00:?message}`

The `:` is optional (eg, `${F00=word}` works)

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

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

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
```

See Special parameters.

Conditionals

Conditions

File conditions



Note that `[]` is actually a command/program that returns the same logic (like all base utils, such as `grep(1)` or `pi`)

```
[] -e FILE ]]
```

```
[] -r FILE ]]
```

```
[] -z STRING ]]
```

```
[] -h FILE ]]
```

```
[] -n STRING ]]
```

```
[] -d FILE ]]
```

```
[] STRING == STRING ]]
```

```
[] -w FILE ]]
```

```
[] STRING != STRING ]]
```

```
[] -s FILE ]]
```

```
[] NUM -eq NUM ]]
```

```
[] -f FILE ]]
```

```
[] NUM -ne NUM ]]
```

```
[] -x FILE ]]
```

```
[] NUM -lt NUM ]]
```

```
[] FILE1 -nt FILE2 ]]
```

```
[] NUM -le NUM ]]
```

```
[] FILE1 -ot FILE2 ]]
```

```
[] NUM -gt NUM ]]
```

```
[] FILE1 -ef FILE2 ]]
```

```
[] NUM -ge NUM ]]
```

Greater than or equal

```
[] STRING =~ STRING ]]
```

Regexp

```
(( NUM < NUM ))
```

Numeric 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"
```

Working with arrays

```
echo ${Fruits[0]}
echo ${Fruits[@]}
echo ${#Fruits[@]}
echo ${#Fruits}
echo ${#Fruits[3]}
echo ${Fruits[@]:3:2}
```

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
```

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

Working with dictionaries

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

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

Options

Options

Glob 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
```

```
set -o nullglob # No
set -o failglob # No
set -o nocaseglob # Ca
set -o globdots # Wi
set -o globstar  # Al
```

Set GLOBIGNORE as a colon-separated list of glob patterns that should be ignored by the shell.

History

Commands

Expansions

```
history
shopt -s histverify
```

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

Don't execute expansions

Operations

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

```
Execute last command again
Replace first occurrence of <FROM> to <TO> in most recent command
Replace all occurrences of <FROM> to <TO> in most recent command
```

Slices

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

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

```
Expand only basename from last parameter
Expand only directory from last parameter
Expansion of slice
```

!! can be replaced with any

Miscellaneous

Numeric calculations

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

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

Subshells

```
(cd somedir; echo "I'm  
pwd # still in first di
```

Redirection

Inspecting commands

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

```
python hello.py > output  
tp  
ro
```

```
python hello.py > /dev/  
python hello.py &> /dev/
```

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
```

Case/switch

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

Source relative

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

printf

Directory of script

```
printf "Hello %s, I'm %s\n"  
#=> "Hello Sven, I'm Olaf"
```

Getting options

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

Heredoc

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

```
while [[ "$1" =~ ^- &&
```

Reading input

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

```
-s | --string )
    shift; string=$1
    ;;
```

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

Special variables

Go to previous directory


```
$?
```

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

Also see

- [Bash-hackers wiki](https://www.bash-hackers.org/) (bash-hackers.org)
- [Shell vars](https://www.bash-hackers.org/) (bash-hackers.org)
- [Learn bash in y minutes](https://learnxinyminutes.com/) (learnxinyminutes.com)
- [Bash Guide](https://mywiki.woledge.org/) (mywiki.woledge.org)
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