



Bash cheatsheet

#Getting Started

 **hello sh**

```
#!/bin/bash

VAR="world"
echo "Hello $VAR!" # => Hello world!
```

Execute the script

```
$ bash hello.sh
```

 **Variables**

```
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 **Comments**

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 **Arguments**

\$1 ... \$9	Parameter 1 ... 9
\$0	Name of the script itself
\$1	First argument
\${10}	Positional parameter 10
\$#	Number of arguments
\$\$	Process id of the shell
\$*	All arguments
@	All arguments, starting from first
-	Current options
-	Last argument of the previous

 **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
```

 **Brace expansion**

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

{A,B}	Same as A B
{A,B}.js	Same as A.js B.js
{1..5}	Same as 1 2 3 4 5

 **Shell execution**

```
# => I'm in /path/of/current
echo "I'm in $(PWD)"

# Same as:
echo "I'm in `pwd`"
```





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#Bash Parameter expansions

Synta

<code>\${FOO%suffix}</code>	Remove suffix
<code>\${FOO#prefix}</code>	Remove prefix
<code>\${FOO#suffix}</code>	Remove long suffix
<code>\${FOO##prefix}</code>	Remove long prefix
<code>\${FOO/from/to}</code>	Replace first match
<code>\${FOO//from/to}</code>	Replace all
<code>\${FOO//from/to}</code>	Replace suffix
<code>\${FOO/%from/to}</code>	Replace prefix

Substrings

<code>\${FOO:0:3}</code>	Substring (position, length)
<code>\${FOO:(-3):3}</code>	Substring from the right

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<code>\${#FOO}</code>	Length of \$FOO
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Default values

<code>\${FOO:-val}</code>	\$FOO, or val if unset
<code>\${FOO:=val}</code>	Set \$FOO to val if unset
<code>\${FOO:+val}</code>	val if \$FOO is set
<code>\${FOO:?message}</code>	Show message and exit if \$FOO is unset

Substitution

```
echo ${food:-Cake} #=> $food or "Cake"

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
```

Slicing

```
name="John"
echo ${name} # => John
echo ${name:0:2} # => Jo
echo ${name::2} # => Jo
echo ${name::-1} # => Joh
echo ${name:(-1)} # => n
echo ${name:(-2)} # => hn
echo ${name:(-2):2} # => hn

length=2
echo ${name:0:length} # => Jo
```

Basepath & dirpath

```
SRC="/path/to/foo.cpp"

BASEPATH=${SRC##*/}
echo $BASEPATH # => "foo.cpp"

DIRPATH=${SRC%$BASEPATH}
echo $DIRPATH # => "/path/to/"
```

Transform

```
STR="HELLO WORLD!"
echo ${STR,}# => HELLO WORLD!
echo ${STR,,} # => hello world!

STR="hello world!"
echo ${STR^} # => Hello world!
echo ${STR^^} # => HELLO WORLD!

ARR=(hello World)
echo "${ARR[@],}" # => hello world
echo "${ARR[@]^}" # => Hello World
```





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#Bash Arrays

Defining arrays

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

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

ARRAY1=(foo{1..2}) # => foo1 foo2
ARRAY2=(A..D) # => A B C D

# Merge => foo1 foo2 A B C D
ARRAY3=("${ARRAY1[@]}" "${ARRAY2[@]}")

# declare construct
declare -a Numbers=(1 2 3)
Numbers+=(4 5) # Append => 1 2 3 4 5
```

Indexing

<code>\${Fruits[0]}</code>	First element
<code>\${Fruits[-1]}</code>	Last element
<code>\${Fruits[*]}</code>	All elements
<code>\${Fruits[@]}</code>	All elements
<code>\${#Fruits[@]}</code>	Number of all
<code>\${#Fruits}</code>	Length of 1st
<code>\${#Fruits[3]}</code>	Length of nth
<code>\${Fruits[@]:3:2}</code>	Range
<code>\${!Fruits[@]}</code>	Keys of all

Iteration

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

for e in "${Fruits[@]}"; do
    echo $e
done

# With index

for i in "${!Fruits[@]}"; do
    printf "%s\t%s\n" "$i" "${Fruits[$i]}"
done
```

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
```

Arrays as arguments

```
function extract()
{
    local -n myarray=$1
    local idx=$2
    echo "${myarray[$idx]}"
}

Fruits=('Apple' 'Banana' 'Orange')
extract Fruits 2 # => Orange
```



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#Bash 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
```



Iteration

```
for val in "${sounds[@]"; do  
    echo $val  
done  
  
for key in "${!sounds[@]"; do  
    echo $key  
done
```





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#Bash Conditionals

gear	text
[[NUM -eq NUM]]	Equal
[[NUM -ne NUM]]	Not equal
[[NUM -lt NUM]]	Less than
[[NUM -le NUM]]	Less than or equal
[[NUM -gt NUM]]	Greater than
[[NUM -ge NUM]]	Greater than or equal
((NUM < NUM))	Less than
((NUM <= NUM))	Less than or equal
(((NUM > NUM))	Greater than
((NUM >= NUM))	Greater than or equal

gear	String conditions
[[-z STR]]	Empty string
[[-n STR]]	Not empty string
[[STR == STR]]	Equal
[[STR = STR]]	Equal (Same above)
[[STR < STR]]	Less than (ASCII)
[[STR > STR]]	Greater than (ASCII)
[[STR != STR]]	Not Equal
[[STR =~ STR]]	Regexp

gear	Example
String	if [[-z "\$string"]]; then echo "String is empty" elif [[-n "\$string"]]; then echo "String is not empty" else echo "This never happens" fi

Combinations
if [[X && Y]]; then ... fi

Equal
if [["\$A" == "\$B"]]; then ... fi

Regex
if [['1. abc' =~ ([a-z]+)]]; then echo \${BASH_REMATCH[1]} fi

Smaller
if ((\$a < \$b)); then echo "\$a is smaller than \$b" fi

Exists
if [[-e "file.txt"]]; then echo "file exists" fi

gear	text
[[-e FILE]]	Exists
[[-d FILE]]	Directory
[[-f FILE]]	File
[[-h FILE]]	Symlink
[[-s FILE]]	Size is > 0 bytes
[[-r FILE]]	Readable
[[-w FILE]]	Writable
[[-x FILE]]	Executable
[[f1 -nt f2]]	f1 newer than f2
[[f1 -ot f2]]	f2 older than f1
[[f1 -ef f2]]	Same files

gear	More conditions
[[-o noclobber]]	If OPTION is enabled
[[! EXPR]]	Not
[[X && Y]]	And
[[X Y]]	Or





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#Bash 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}; do
  echo "Welcome $i"
done
```

With step size

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

Auto increment

```
i=1
while [[ $i -lt 4 ]]; do
  echo "Number: $i"
  ((i++))
done
```

Auto decrement

```
i=3
while [[ $i -gt 0 ]]; do
  echo "Number: $i"
  ((i--))
done
```

Continue

```
for number in $(seq 1 3); do
  if [[ $number == 2 ]]; then
    continue;
  fi
  echo "$number"
done
```

Break

```
for number in $(seq 1 3); do
  if [[ $number == 2 ]]; then
    # Skip entire rest of loop.
    break;
  fi
  # This will only print 1
  echo "$number"
done
```

Until

```
count=0
until [ $count -gt 10 ]; do
  echo "$count"
  ((count++))
done
```

Forever

```
while true; do
  # here is some code.
done
```

Forever (shorthand)

```
while ;; do
  # here is some code.
done
```

Reading lines

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



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#Bash 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
```



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#Bash Options



Options

Avoid overlay files
(echo "hi" > foo)
set -o noclobber

Used to exit upon error
avoiding cascading errors
set -o errexit

Unveils hidden failures
set -o pipefail

Exposes unset variables
set -o nounset



Raising errors

Non-matching globs are removed
('*.foo' => '')
shopt -s nullglob

Non-matching globs throw errors
shopt -s failglob

Case insensitive globs
shopt -s nocaseglob

Wildcards match dotfiles
("*.sh" => ".foo.sh")
shopt -s dotglob

Allow ** for recursive matches
('lib/**/*.rb' => 'lib/a/b/c.rb')
shopt -s globstar





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#Bash History

Operations	
<code>[[-o noclobber]]</code>	Show history
<code>sudo !!</code>	Run the previous command with sudo
<code>shopt -s histverify</code>	Don't execute expanded result immediately

Operations	
<code>!\$</code>	Expand last parameter of most recent command
<code>!*</code>	Expand all parameters of most recent command
<code>!-n</code>	Expand nth most recent command
<code>!n</code>	Expand nth command in history
<code>!<command></code>	Expand most recent invocation of command <command>

Operations	
<code>!!:n</code>	Expand only nth token from most recent command (command is 0; first argument is 1)
<code>!!:s/<FROM>/<TO>/</code>	Replace first occurrence of <FROM> to <TO> in most recent command
<code>!!:gs/<FROM>/<TO>/</code>	Replace all occurrences of <FROM> to <TO> in most recent command
<code>!\$:t</code>	Expand only basename from last parameter of most recent command
<code>!\$:h</code>	Expand only directory from last parameter of most recent command

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

Operations	
<code>!!:n</code>	Expand only nth token from most recent command (command is 0; first argument is 1)
<code>!^</code>	Expand first argument from most recent command
<code>!\$</code>	Expand last token from most recent command
<code>!!:n-m</code>	Expand range of tokens from most recent command
<code>!!:n-\$</code>	Expand nth token to last from most recent command

!! can be replaced with any valid expansion i.e. !cat, !-2, !42, etc.





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#Miscellaneous



Numeric calculations

```
$(a + 200) # Add 200 to $a  
  
$((RANDOM%200)) # Random number 0..199
```



Subshells

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



Inspecting commands

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



Redirection

```
python hello.py > output.txt # stdout to (file)  
python hello.py >> output.txt # stdout to (file), append  
python hello.py 2> error.log # stderr to (file)  
python hello.py 2>&1 # stderr to stdout  
python hello.py 2>/dev/null # stderr to (null)  
python hello.py &>/dev/null # stdout and stderr to (null)  
  
python hello.py < foo.txt # feed foo.txt to stdin for python
```



Source relative

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



Directory of script

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



Case/switch

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



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
```



Printf

```
printf "Hello %s, I'm %s" Sven Olga  
# => "Hello Sven, I'm Olga"  
  
printf "1 + 1 = %d" 2  
# => "1 + 1 = 2"  
  
printf "Print a float: %f" 2  
# => "Print a float: 2.000000"
```



Getting options

```
while [[ "$1" =~ ^- && ! "$1" == "--" ]]; do case $1 in  
  -V | --version )  
    echo $version  
    exit  
    ;;  
  -s | --string )  
    shift; string=$1  
    ;;  
  -f | --flag )  
    flag=1  
    ;;  
  esac; shift; done  
if [[ "$1" == "--" ]]; then shift; fi
```





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#Miscellaneous

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 the past"
fi
```

Backslash escapes

\$?	Exit status of last task
\$_	PID of last background task
\$\$	PID of shell
\$0	Filename of the shell script

Backslash escapes

	!	"	#
&	'	(	)
,	;	<	>
[		\	]
^	{	}	`
\$	*	?	

Heredoc

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

Go to previous directory

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

Reading input

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

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

Conditional execution

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

Strict mode

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

Optional arguments

```
args=("$@")
args+=(foo)
args+=(bar)
echo "${args[@]}"
```

