

Beginner Bash Cheat Sheet

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Builtin commands	
builtin	Uses builtin version of the command
cut - fnumber - ddelimiter	Displays the column specified by number
disown	Removes processes from the shell's list of jobs. Removes the job id.
eval	Re-run CL processing on arguments. Can be used to run commands passed as variables.
fg %N	Bring the job with shell ID $\it N$ to the foreground
getopts	Parses positional parameters
grep -e	Regex searches for a pattern in lines in the argument files, or stdin if no files
jobs	List all jobs
printf	Prints a format string
read	Reads a line from stdin, spits it on \$IFS characters, and assigns it to shell variables
trap	When specified signals are received, run specified command instead and resume normal execution
type	Displays paths of argument commands, aliases, functions, executables
wait	Waits for all background jobs to finish before finishing the script.

Emacs comma	Emacs commands	
CTRL-A	Move to beginning of line	
CTRL-E	Move to end of line	
CTRL-U	Kill backward to beginning of line	
CTRL-K	Kill forward to end of line	
CTRL-R	Search backward	
CTRL-Y	Retrieve (yank) last killed item	
ESC-B	Move one word backward	
ESC-F	Move one word forward	
ESC-DEL	Kill one word backward	

Ema	acs commands (cont)
ESC	C-D Kill one word forward
ESC	Move to first line of history list
ESC	C-> Move to last line of history list
Env	ironment files
	h_profile - Runs when a login shell starts. hrc - Runs when a subshell starts.
.Das	h_logout - Runs when a login shell exits.
Spe	cial Characters
&	Background job
#	Comment
~	Home directory
!	Logical NOT
1	Quote (strong). Skips all CL processing.
"	Quote (weak). Skips all CL processing except variable expansion, command substitution, arithmetic substitution.
<	Redirect input
>	Redirect output
>>	Redirect output and append to file
	Redirect (pipe) output to next command
/	Separator for pathname directories
;	Separator for shell commands. Use when EOL is missing.
[]	Start and end a character-set wildcard
{}	Start and end a command block. Redirect I/O to a block of commands without starting a subprocess.
()	Start and end a subshell
((Perform arithmetic

More I/O Redirectors

Wildcard

Wildcard - single character

Variable expression

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n>&*m* File descriptor *n* is made to be a copy of output file descriptor *m*

Escape a special character (including RETURN)

n < & m File descriptor n is made to be a copy of input file descriptor



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read builtin	
- a	Read values into an array
- d <i>D</i>	Only read lines up to the character D
-n N	Only read the first N characters of each line
- p	Prints the string before reading input
-r	Usually backslash indicates a line continuation. This option interprets escaped characters like \n
- s	Do not echo the characters typed into the terminal
- t T	Wait T seconds for input, then finish

Signals	
INT	Ctrl-C
TSTP	Ctrl-Z
TERM	kill
QUIT	kill -QUIT
KILL	kill -KILL

Variables	
\$0, \$1, \$2,	Positional parameters
\$@	"\$1" "\$2" "\$3"
\$*	A string of positional params > 0
\$#	Number of positional params - 1
\$?	Exit status of last command run

Run a script	
source myscript	Run in current shell
./myscript	Run script in a subshell
myscript	Run script in subshell. Must be in \$PATH

Functions
Two ways to define:
<pre>function myfunction { }</pre>
myfunction () { }
Call a function:
myfunction arg1 arg2
Keywords:
local - Limit variable scope. \$@, \$*, \$#, \$0, \$1 are automa-
tically local.

String operators	
\${varname:-word}	Returns word
<pre>\${varname:=word}</pre>	Sets and returns word
<pre>\${varname:?mes- sage}</pre>	Prints message and exits
<pre>\${varname:offs- et:length}</pre>	Returns substring (1-indexed)
<pre>\${varname:+word}</pre>	If <i>varname</i> is defined, then returns <i>word</i> . Else returns null.
If varname does not exist or is null, then string operators follow the	

behavior above (except for the :+).

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\$ {varname%%pattern} Match longest from the end delete	d and
\${varname/pattern/- Match longest and replace replace})
\${varname//patter- Match all and replace n/replace}	

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-e file file exists	-d file	file exists and is a directory
	-e file	file exists



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If / else conditions (cont)

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-f file file exists and is a regular file
-r file User has read permission on file
-s file file exists and is not empty
-w file User has write permission on file
-x file User has execute permission on file, or search permission if it's a directory
-N file file was modified since it was last read
-O file User owns file
-G file file's group ID matches one of the user's group IDs
file1 -nt file1 has a newer modification time than file2
file2
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All of the above conditions must go in square brackets ([]) because if/else test against *exit codes*. Parentheses indicting order of operations within square brackets must be escaped with a backslash.

Other flow control

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for - Defaults to looping through $@. Set loop delimiter using $IFS.
case expression in
  pattern1 )
  statements ;;
pattern2 | pattern3 )
  statements ;;
...
* )
  last statements ;;
esac
while condition; do statements; done
until condition; do statements; done
There is also a select condition that operates like case on user input.
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Subshell inheritance

These are inherited by subshells:

- the current directory
- environment variables
- standard input, output, error, and other open file descriptors
- signals that are ignored



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