



UNIX Shell Cheatsheet

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Shell

Executables

Libraries

Operating System

Drivers

Hardware

Flavors of UNIX:

- Linux
- FreeBSD
- Darwin (MacOSX)
- Cygwin
- WSL (Windows)
- ...

Flavors of Shell:

- Bash
- Zsh
- Fossil
- ...

UNIX wisdom: **everything is a file.**

Shell wisdom: **everything is a text stream.**

Script wisdom: **everything is a string**

bash interactivity:

- Ctrl-D exit
- Ctrl-L clear
- Ctrl-R recover command (history)
- Ctrl-U erase line before cursor
- Ctrl-W erase word before cursor
- Ctrl-← move one word left
- Ctrl-XX move at beginning and back
- Ctrl-_ undo last edit

Basics

Everyday commands:

```
man
ls
cp
mkdir
cd
mv
rm
```

Remove files

```
rm -r recursive
rm -f force
rm -i interactive
```

Change directory:

```
cd .. above
cd / file system root
cd ~ home directory
```

Copy files

```
cp -r recursive
cp -a archive
cp -i interactive
```

less:

```
q quit
/ search
n next
↑↓ move
```

Options convention:

- cmd [options] ARG [OPTARG]
- Short: -h -v [or] -al
- Long: --help --verbose
- Arguments: --opt[=]<value>

Examples:

```
$ ls -a -l ..
$ ls -al ~
```

List files:

```
ls -l long listing format
ls -a all files (even hidden)
ls -h human-readable
ls -t sort by modification date
ls -S sort by size
```

Wildcards:

```
*.txt ending with .txt
*A* containing A
A*.txt between A and .txt
A?.txt one character after A
```

Misc files:

```
rename "s/X/Y/" *.ext rename files
ln -s <target> <link> symbolic link
```

Display files:

```
cat concatenate
less pager
head beginning of file
tail end of file
```

Look at files:

```
wc word (and line & char) count
grep filter matching text
find search for files
locate search for file names (fast)
```

Count:

```
wc -w number of words
wc -l number of lines
wc -m number of characters
```

Filter:

```
grep [OPTIONS] PATTERN [FILE-S...]
grep -v filter out matching lines
grep -E use regexp
grep -n show line numbers
grep -A show n lines after
grep -B show n lines before
```

Search:

```
find . -name "x" by name from current directory
find .. -type f files from directory above
find ~ -type d directories from home
```

Execute on content:

```
xargs run cmd for each item of piped stream
find -exec run cmd on each matching file
```

Execute on each file:

```
find -exec cmd {} \; execute cmd on found file
find -print0 print found filenames
find -delete delete found files

find /tmp -depth -name core -type f -delete
delete files named "core" in /tmp

find ~ -type f -name *.sh -exec ls -l {} \;
find shell scripts under home and show their state
```

Execute on each item:

```
xargs -L 1 for each line of input stream
xargs -I {} replace {} with input argument
cat /etc/passwd|cut -d: -f1|sort|xargs -L1 echo
cat /etc/passwd|cut -d: -f1|sort|xargs -I{} echo {}
display users registered in the system
```

Execute

Shell interactivity:

```
cmd run a command
./scr run a script (forgets changes)
. scr run a script (keep changes)
Ctrl-C stop a running command
Ctrl-Z pause a command
fg foreground a paused command
```

Detach processes:

```
background=depends on the session
detached =does not depends on session

Ctrl-Z, bg pause, run in background
cmd & run in background
nohup cmd run detached
tmux run detachable shell(s)
Ctrl-b d detach the shell(s)
tmux attach get back the detached shell(s)
```

Processes:

```
ps aux show running processes
kill ask to stop
kill -9 force kill
nice run with +/- priority
renice change priority
at run at a date
sleep wait before next command
```

Chain commands:

```
A ; B A then B
A && B if A successful, then B
A || B if A on error, then B
```

Logical tests:

```
&& logical AND
|| logical OR
! logical NOT
```

Returned information:

```
$? returned code (0=OK, >0=error)
$! Process ID
```

Shell basic syntax:

```
# Comment
x="A" put "A" in variable x
printf "%{x}" print content of x
z="{x:-B}" if x is unset, put "B" in z
declare -a x=() declare x as an array
x+=("A" "B") put two elements in x
printf "%{x[0]}" access the array
```

Shell calls:

```
#!/bin/bash run this script with bash
cmd call cmd
x=$(cmd) capture cmd standard output
x=$((1+2)) integer arithmetics
```

Binary conditions:

```
if [[ "$x" == "$y" ]]; then
# Strings are equals
fi
if [[ "$x" -eq "$y" ]]; then
# Numeric values are equals
fi

-ne not equal
-gt greater than
-ge greater or equal
-lt lesser than
-le lesser or equal
```

Special variables:

```
$0 program name
$1 1st argument
$* all arguments
 $# number of arguments
$IIFS Internal File Separator
```

Functions:

```
alias f="cmd -opt" cmd shortcut
function f() {...} function definition
f "A" "B" function call
if f "A" "B";then... test exit code
```

function g() {
local str="\$1"
if [[-z "\$str"]]; then
return 1 # error
else
return by var
ret="\$str"
return by stdout
printf "\$str"
return 0 # OK
fi
}
printf \$(g "First")
if g "Second"; then
printf "\$ret"
fi

Useful commands:

```
date -I sortable date
mktemp temp file
mktemp -d temp dir
```

Script

Unary conditions:

```
if [[ -n "$x" ]]; then
# string is not empty
# variable is not unset
fi

-z string is empty
```

Loops:

```
for x in "$X"; do
# iterate over split X
done

for ((i=0; i<10; i++)); do
# numeric counter i
done

i=0
while [[ "$i" -ne 10 ]]; do
i=$((i+1)) # same
done
```

File conditions:

```
if [[ -w "$fname" ]]; then
# file is writable
fi

-r is readable
-f is a file
-d is a directory
-x is executable
```

Read file line by line:

```
while IFS=' ' read -r line || [[ -n "$line" ]]; do
printf "$line\n"
done<"$filename"
```

Environment

Environment variables:

```
printenv show current config
export configure an env. variable

PATH where the shell finds commands
HOME path to user's directory
PWD current working directory
LOGNAME current user name
SHELL current shell
LANG current language
HISTIGNORE command not saved in history
EDITOR default text editor

export PATH="$PATH:/my/path"
add a directory to the default path
```

~/.bashrc

```
. ~/.bashrc reload config
alias shortcuts
function complex cmd
PATH exported env. var.
PYTHONPATH
...
```

Sysadmin

Core sysadmin:

```
sudo execute as root
chmod change permissions
chown change owner
time measure execution time
curl download from the web
sha256sum file fingerprint
ifconfig ethernet interfaces
iwconfig wifi interfaces
hostname current host
df -h disk free
free -m free memory
du -h -d <n> disk usage
```

Archives:

```
zip -r f.zip *
unzip -d f f.zip
tar cfz f.tgz *
tar xfz f.tgz
... j f.tar.bz2
... J f.tar.xz

dtrx
```

chmod/chown:

```
chmod [uoga][+][rwx] user group read
chmod -R other write
execute
chown user[:group]
chown -R recursive
```

Interface

Python scripts as pipes:

```
def write(something, stream=sys.stdout):
try:
stream.write(something)
stream.flush()
except IOError:
try:
stream.close()
except IOError:
pass

def pipe(in, out, callable, *args):
while True:
try:
item = in.readline()
except UnicodeDecodeError:
continue
except KeyboardInterrupt:
break
if not item:
break
write( callable(item, *args), out )
```

Useful config in ~/.bashrc:

```
alias ..="cd .." # go one dir up
alias ll="ls -al" # list all
alias lk="ls -lSr" # list by size
function md() { # create directory,
mkdir $1 # then move in
cd $1 }
# use up/down to search history
# (instead of Ctrl-R)
if [[ $- == *i* ]]; then
bind '"\e[A": history-search-backward'
bind '"\e[B": history-search-forward'
fi
alias upgrade="sudo apt update &&
sudo apt dist-upgrade -y &&
sudo apt --purge autoremove -y &&
sudo apt autoclean -y"
export PATH="$PATH:$HOME/.local/bin/"
```

Additional tools:

```
liquidprompt smart prompt
exa better "ls"
rsync better "scp"
colout add colors to text streams
autojump smart "cd"
bash-completion for common commands
```

Remote

SSH:

```
ssh [<user>@]<host>[:/<path>] [cmd]
ssh -X allows graphical apps
ssh -L setup a tunnel
scp -r copy across network
ssh-keygen generate keys
ssh-copy-id copy public key on host
```

~/.ssh/config:

```
Host brocante
Hostname la.brocante.fr
User louis
IdentityFile ~/.ssh/id_louis

Host derriere
Hostname vieille.local
ProxyJump brocante
```