

# BASH ULTIMATE MAN PAGE

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#!/bin/bash
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Beginning a bash script

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echo 'enter domain name to test'  
read domain
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Set user input as a variable

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## GREP

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grep -i pattern filename
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ignore character case

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grep -v pattern filename
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inverted match - essentially removes whatever pattern is specified.

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grep -H pattern filenames
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Print the file name for each match - useful for grepping patterns in multiple files. To achieve the opposite (no file names) pass -h.

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grep -n pattern filename
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Prefix each line of output with the 1-based line number within its input file.

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### Character Classes and Bracket Expressions

A bracket expression is a list of characters enclosed by [ and ]. It matches any single character in that list. If the first character of the list is the caret ^ then it matches any character not in the list; it is unspecified whether it matches an encoding error. For example, the regular expression [0123456789] matches any single digit.

#### Basic vs Extended Regular Expressions

In basic regular expressions the meta-characters ?, +, {, |, (, and ) lose their special meaning; instead use the backslashed versions \?, \+, \{, \|, \(, and \).

#### Repetition

A regular expression may be followed by one of several repetition operators:

- ? The preceding item is optional and matched at most once.
- \* The preceding item will be matched zero or more times.
- + The preceding item will be matched one or more times.
- {n} The preceding item is matched exactly n times.
- {n,} The preceding item is matched n or more times.
- {,m} The preceding item is matched at most m times. This is a GNU extension.
- {n,m} The preceding item is matched at least n times, but not more than m times.

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## ECHO

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echo -e
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allow interpretation of backslash-escaped character:

- `\a` alert (bell)
- `\b` backspace
- `\c` suppress further output
- `\e` escape character
- `\E` escape character
- `\f` form feed
- `\n` new line
- `\r` carriage return
- `\t` horizontal tab
- `\v` vertical tab
- `\\` backslash
- `\0nnn` the character whose ASCII code is NNN (octal). NNN can be 0 to 3 octal digits
- `\xHH` the eight-bit character whose value is HH (hexadecimal). HH can be one or two hex digits
- `\uHHHH` the Unicode character whose value is the hexadecimal value HHHH. HHHH can be one to four hex digits.
- `\UHHHHHHHH` the Unicode character whose value is the hexadecimal value HHHHHHHH. HHHHHHHH can be one to eight hex digits.

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echo "${x%Y}"
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Remove a character (Y) from a string

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## SORT

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sort -k1
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Sort a file or output by a specific column, ie `sort -k1` would sort by the first column

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sort -n
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Numeric sort (default sort order is **ascending**).

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sort -r
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Reverse the output of the sort.

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## AWK

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awk '{print $1,$2}'
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Print the first and second column

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## SEQ

(sequence)

The below shows what the seq command can be used for, creating sequences of numbers.

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seq 10  
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**seq** [OPTION]... LAST

**seq** [OPTION]... FIRST LAST

**seq** [OPTION]... FIRST INCREMENT LAST

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## For Loops

For loops are a fundamental programming construct used to execute a block of code repeatedly. They are particularly useful when you need to process a sequence of items, like elements in a list or characters in a string.

Example:

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#!/bin/bash
for filename in `seq 10` ##sets the variable filename as the output of seq 10
do
    touch video$filename.mp4 ##create file video$filename.mp4
done
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## While Loops

While loops are another common programming construct for repeated execution of code blocks. They differ from for loops in how they determine how many times to run.

Example:

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#!/bin/bash

filenum=10 ##variable filenum has a value of 10##
while [ $filenum -gt 0 ] ##while variable filenumber is greater than 0
do
    touch vide$filenum.mp4 ##create a file video$filenum.mp4
    filenum=$((filenum -1)) ##change variable filenum to it's current value -1
done
```

In this example, a while loop is being used to create 10 files, all numbered, counting down from 10 until the value of 0 is reaching - meaning that 10 files are created.

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