

String & File attributes Comparison in BASH

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- ▶ **GNU Bash version 4 or above is recommended for practice**



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There are two ways to compare a string in BASH

String operator	value
<code>==</code>	equal
<code>!=</code>	not-equal

Table: String comparison in BASH.



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- ▶ **-f**
- ▶ **-s**
- ▶ **-w**
- ▶ **-nt**
- ▶ **-ot**



Assignment

Explore some more attributes

- ▶ **-r**
- ▶ **-X**
- ▶ **-O**



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