Tools Used to List, Create, Delete and Rename Files and Directories

There are many basic command line utilities that are used to list, examine, and manipulate files and directories. Each has many options. Here is a list of very commonly used ones, that should be in any user's toolbox:

Name	Purpose
ls	List files
cat	Type out (concatenate) the files
rm	Remove files
mv	Rename (move) files
mkdir	Create directories
rmdir	Remove directories
file	Show file types
ln	Create symbolic and hard links
tail	Look at the tail end of the file
head	Look at the beginning of the file
less	Look at the file, one screenful at a time
more	Look at the file, one screenful at a time
touch	Either create an empty file, or update the file modification time
wc	Count lines, words, and bytes in a file