

NAMES AND SYMBOLS

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Command	Description
. (period)	When considering directory names, a single dot represents the current working directory.
!	Logically negates the exit status of a pipeline. I.e The ! operator inverts the exit status of the command to which it is applied
&&	the && operator causes a return of 0 (success) only if both the linked test conditions are true.
..	Two dots denote the parent directory.
/	Filename path separator [forward slash]. Separates the components of a filename (as in /home/bozo/projects/Makefile).
*	By itself, it matches every filename in a given directory. or *.file-extension: For example, index.html and public.html >> *.html will give you both files.
~	takes you back to the home directory
>	scriptname > filename redirects the output of scriptname to file filename. Overwrite filename if it already exists.
>>	scriptname >> filename appends the output of scriptname to file filename. If filename does not already exist, it is created.
&	Run job in background. A command followed by an & will run in the background.

JD: Strictly speaking, only “takes you back” if you use it that way. By itself, it only *represents* the home