

## Special Directory Referencing Characters

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| <code>.</code> | current working directory (cwd)   |
| <code>/</code> | root directory; the top of the file hierarchy   |
| <code>~</code> | home or user directory; examples: <code>/home/USERNAME</code> or <code>C:/Users/USERNAME</code> |

## Navigating with `cd`

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| <code>cd ~</code>            | go to home directory  |
| <code>cd images/icons</code> | go to <code>./images/icons</code>                           |
| <code>cd ..</code>           | go to the immediate parent of the current working directory |
| <code>cd ../../</code>       | go to the parent of the parent                              |
| <code>pwd</code>             | print current working directory                             |
| <code>ls</code>              | print list of non-hidden directories in cwd                 |
| <code>ls DIRNAME</code>      | print list of directories in <code>./DIRNAME</code>         |
| <code>ls</code>              | print list of non-hidden directories in cwd                 |
| <code>cat FILENAME</code>    | displays contents of the file in terminal                   |

## Creating, editing, and deleting directories and files

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| <code>mkdir DIRNAME</code>       | create a directory in cwd   |
| <code>touch FILENAME</code>      | create file in cwd  |
| <code>touch FILE_1 FILE_2</code> | create all files listed in cwd  |
| <code>code FILENAME</code>       | create file and open it in VSCode                                       |
| <code>vim FILENAME</code>        | create a file called filename and opens in Vim (a terminal text editor) |
| <code>rm FILENAME</code>         | delete the file   |
| <code>rmdir DIRNAME</code>       | delete an empty directory   |
| <code>rm -r DIRNAME</code>       | delete directory and all its contents                                   |

## Copying and Moving Files and Folders

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| <code>cp FILENAME DIRNAME</code>         | make a copy of <code>FILENAME</code> in <code>./DIRNAME</code>                                    |
| <code>cp FILENAME DIRNAME/NEWNAME</code> | make a copy of <code>FILENAME</code> in <code>./DIRNAME</code> and rename it <code>NEWNAME</code> |
| <code>mv FILENAME DIRNAME</code>         | move <code>FILENAME</code> to <code>./DIRNAME</code>  |
| <code>mv FILENAME DIRNAME/NEWNAME</code> | move <code>FILENAME</code> to <code>./DIRNAME</code> and rename it <code>NEWNAME</code>           |

## Combining Commands

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| <code>COMMAND_1 &amp;&amp; COMMAND_2</code> | call <code>COMMAND_1</code> followed by <code>COMMAND_2</code> |
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## Terminal Shortcuts

| <i>Windows/Linux</i>                             | <i>macOS</i>          |                                     |
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| <b>Ctrl + Shift + C</b> or <b>Ctrl + Insert</b>  | <b>Cmd + C</b>        | copy                                |
| <b>Ctrl + Shift + V</b> or <b>Shift + Insert</b> | <b>Cmd + V</b>        | paste                               |
| <b>Tab</b>                                       | <b>Tab</b>            | autocomplete commands and filepaths |
| <b>Ctrl + A</b>                                  | <b>Ctrl + A</b>       | move cursor to beginning of line    |
| <b>Up/Down arrows</b>                            | <b>Up/Down arrows</b> | cycle through command history       |
| <b>Ctrl + E</b>                                  | <b>Ctrl + E</b>       | move cursor to end of line          |