

Table Of Contents

Table Of Contents 1

Print name of current/working directory 2

Display actual directory location 2

[Home](#) > [Faq](#) > [AIX](#)

Linux / UNIX: Print Current Working Directory with pwd command

Posted by [Vivek Gite](#) <vivek@nixcraft.com>

Q. How do I display the absolute path to the current working directory under Linux or UNIX operating system?

A. The pwd command displays the absolute pathname of the current working directory to the computer screen.

[1]

Print name of current/working directory

Type pwd command:

pwd

Output:

/home/vivek

Above command print the full filename of the current working directory i.e /home/vivek.

Display actual directory location

Use -P option to display the physical current working directory (all symbolic links resolved). For example, /home/lighttpd is /var/www/root/lighttpd:

```
cd /home/lighttpd
pwd
```

Output:

```
/home/lighttpd
```

Now run with -P option

```
pwd -P
```

Output:

```
/var/www/root/lighttpd
```

4000+ howtos and counting! Want to read more Linux / UNIX howtos, tips and tricks? Subscribe to our [daily email](#) newsletter or [weekly newsletter](#) to make sure you don't miss a single tip/tricks. Alternatively, subscribe via [RSS/XML](#) feed.

Article printed from Frequently Asked Questions About Linux / UNIX: <http://www.cyberciti.biz/faq/>

URL to article: <http://www.cyberciti.biz/faq/howto-display-working-directory-name/>

URLs in this post:

[1] Image: <http://www.cyberciti.biz/faq/faq/category/unix/>

