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## UNIX: Remove a file with a name starting with - character

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**Q.** Accidentally, I had created a file called -foo. Now how do I remove a file with a name starting with '-' under UNIX or Linux operating system?

**A.** Use standard UNIX [rm command](#), as follows:



### rm command

Use rm command to remove files or directories as follows

```
rm ./-foo
rm ./-filename
rm -- -foo
```

[1]

Alternatively, you can also use [UNIX / Linux inode number](#) <sup>[2]</sup> to [delete a file](#) <sup>[3]</sup> with strange names.

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