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### **Linux Delete Directory With rmdir Command**

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I'm new to Linux and I'd like to know how to delete directory under any Linux distributions?

You need to use the command called rmdir. It remove empty directories.

## rmdir command syntax



[1]

mdir [OPTION] {directory-name}

### **Delete / remove directory**

To delete directory called foo, enter:

rmdir foo

#### Remove DIRECTORY and its ancestors

For example remove directory structure sales/99/march

rmdir -p sales/99/march

#### **Recursive delete**

Remove all directories and subdirectories, use rm command with -r option:

rm -rf /home/data/2000

Please note that rmdir command works with all Linux and Unix like operating systems. For more information read rm and rmdir command man pages:

man rm man rmdir

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