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Delete / Remove a Directory Linux Command

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Q. I am new to Linux and command line. How do I delete or remove a directory?

A. Use rmdir command. This command remove the DIRECTORY(ies), if they are empty. For example, type the following command to remove /tmp/docs directory:

\$ rmdir /tmp/docs

If directory is not empty you will get an error:



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```
$ rmdir letters
```

Output:

```
rmdir: letters: Directory not empty
```

You can change directory to find out files:

```
$ cd letters
$ ls
```

Linux remove entire directory

To remove all directories and subdirectories use rm command. For example remove letters and all subdirectories and files inside this directory, type the following command:

```
$ rm -rf letters/
```

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