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## How to turn on or off colors in bash

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Q. How do I turn on or off file name colors in bash shell?

A. Most modern Linux distro comes with alias that defines colors for your file. However ls command is responsible for displaying color on screen for files, directories and other object.

By default, color is not used to distinguish types of files. You need to pass --color option to ls command.

### Task: Turn off colors

Type the following command

```
$ ls --color=none
```

Or just remove alias with unalias command:

```
$ unalias ls
```

### Task: Turn on colors

Use any of the following command:

```
$ ls --color=auto  
$ ls --color=tty
```

You can add or remove ls alias from ~/.bash\_profile or ~/.bashrc file.

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