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Howto stop or terminate Linux command process with CTRL + C

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Q. Sometime I type command and accidentally hit the [ENTER] key and immeditly realized that it was wrong command. How do I stop process assuming that process is not going in background? For example cp /path/* /wrong/path



Stop or terminate Linux command process with CTRL + C

A. To stop process hit CTRL + C, for example, you entered:

\$ cp -r /path/* /wrong/path

To stop the command hit CTRL+C and retype the command:

\$ cp -r /path/* /correct/path

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