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Linux Delete Symbolic Link (Softlink)

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How do I delete softlink or symbolic link in Linux operating system using a command prompt?

You can use any one of the following command to remove symbolic links:

- rm - removes each given FILE including symbolic links
- unlink - deletes a single specified file name including symbolic links.

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Delete Symbolic Link File

Use the following syntax:

```
rm linkname
unlink linkname
```

Cd to /tmp

```
cd /tmp
ln -s /etc/resolv.conf dns
ls -l dns
```

Outputs:

```
lrwxrwxrwx 1 vivek vivek 16 2009-08-16 04:28 dns -> /etc/resolv.conf
```

Now delete dns symbolic link:

```
rm dns
```

OR

```
unlink dns
```

Delete Symbolic Link Directory

Use the following syntax:

```
rm linkDirName
unlink linkDirName
```

Note: Avoid appending / at the end of linkDirName. Cd to /tmp:

```
cd /tmp
ln -s /etc test
ls -l test
```

Sample Output:

```
lrwxrwxrwx 1 vivek vivek 4 2009-08-16 04:31 test -> /etc
```

Now delete test symbolic link directory:

```
rm test
```

OR

```
unlink test
```

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