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UNIX Delete / Remove Directory Command

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How do I delete / remove a directory under UNIX operating systems?

You need to use rmdir command to remove a directory. It will remove the directory entry specified by each dirname operand, which must refer to an empty directory.



For example, to remove a directory called "cppcode", enter:

rmdir cppcode

Note: A directory must be empty before it can be removed. Use rm command to remove all files from a directory:

cd cppcode
rm *.cpp
cd ..
rmdir cppcode

You can also recursively remove directories and subdirectories. The directory will be emptied of files and removed using rm command:

rm -r oldletters

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