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## UNIX: Remove a file with a name starting with - character

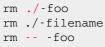
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Q. Accidentally, I had created a file called -foo. Now how do I remove a file with a name starting with '-' under UNIX or Linux operating system?

A. Use standard UNIX rm command, as follows:

## rm command

Use rm command to remove files or directories as follows





Alternatively, you can also use <u>UNIX / Linux inode number</u> [2] to <u>delete a file</u> [3] with strange names.

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