

# Terminal Basics

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## Common Commands

- **/** - Navigates to the root directory
- **ls** - list files in the current directory
- **ls -a** - list all files including hidden files; these start with a .
- **pwd** - Print working directory to see what folder you are in
- **mkdir** - Create a directory
- **cd** - Change directories
- **cd ..** - Go to the parent directory
- **touch** - Creates an empty file
- **cat** - Show the contents of a file
- **mv** - Move a file with mv
- **cp** - Copy a file with cp
- **rm** - Delete files
- **rm -r** - Adds recursive flag and allows deletion of files and empty directories
- **rm -rf** - Add flag -f (force) to delete directories that are not empty
- **clear** - Clears console display but still can scroll through history

Use up and down arrows to scroll through previous commands Use tab to autocomplete file paths.