Terminal Basics

Navigation

pwd print working directory

ls list content of working directory

ls <foleder> list content of a folder

cd Desktop change directory to Desktop

(relative path)

cd /home/<your_name>/Desktop change directory to Desktop

(absolute path)

 ${\tt cd}$.. change one directory up

cd ~ change to your home directory

cd change to your home directory

 ${\tt cd}$ - change to the last directory

Folders

mkdir <foldername> create a new folder

cp -r <folder> <target> copy a folder to a target location

 ${\tt mv} \ {\tt <folder} {\tt > <target} {\tt >} \ {\tt move} \ {\tt a} \ {\tt folder} \ {\tt to} \ {\tt a} \ {\tt target} \ {\tt location}$

rm -r <folder> remove a folder

rm -r * remove all folders in current folder

Further information

man cp man page

cp --help help message

Files

touch <filename> create a new file

cp <file> <target> copy a file to a target location

 ${\tt mv} \ {\tt <file}{\tt >} \ {\tt <target}{\tt >} \ \ {\tt move} \ {\tt a} \ {\tt file} \ {\tt to} \ {\tt a} \ {\tt target} \ {\tt location}$

rm <file> remove a file

rm *.log remove all files with .log ending

rm * remove all files in current folder

cat <file> print the content of a file