

Navigating the File System

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Current Working Directory:

```
import os
# Get the current working directory
cwd = os.getcwd()
print("Current working directory:", cwd)
```

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Current working directory: /content

Change Directory:

```
# Change to a different directory  
os.chdir('/path/to/directory')  
print("Changed directory to:", os.getcwd())
```

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```
# Change to a different directory  
os.chdir('/content/sample_data')  
print("Changed directory to:", os.getcwd())
```

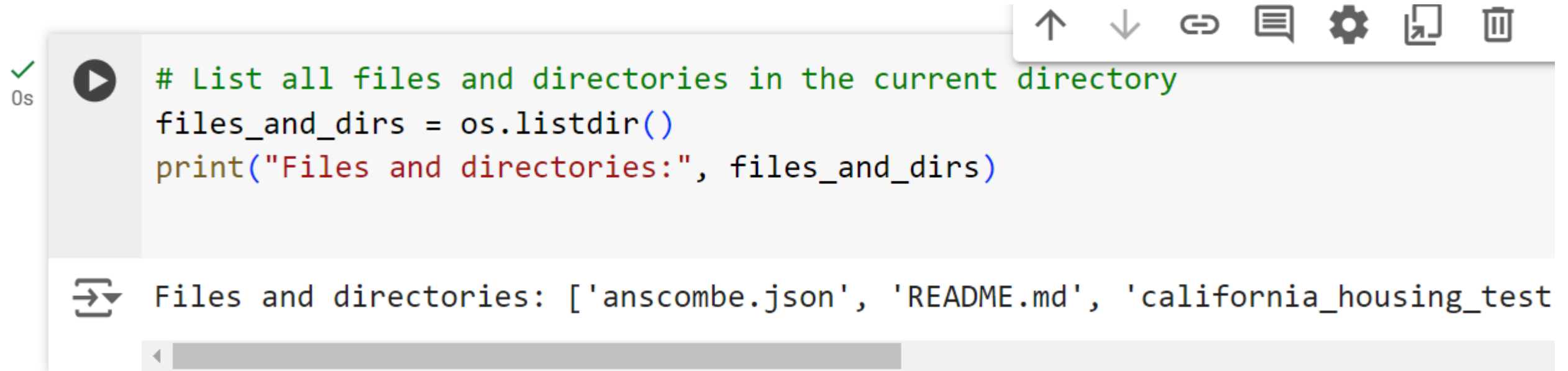


Changed directory to: /content/sample_data



List Files and Directories:

```
# List all files and directories in the current directory
files_and_dirs = os.listdir()
print("Files and directories:", files_and_dirs)
```



The screenshot shows a code editor interface. At the top, there is a toolbar with icons for navigation (up, down), linking, commenting, settings, and file management. Below the toolbar, the code editor displays a Python script. To the left of the code, there is a green checkmark and a '0s' indicator. The script is as follows:

```
# List all files and directories in the current directory
files_and_dirs = os.listdir()
print("Files and directories:", files_and_dirs)
```

Below the code editor, the output of the script is shown. It starts with a magnifying glass icon followed by the text: "Files and directories: ['anscombe.json', 'README.md', 'california_housing_test'". A horizontal scrollbar is visible at the bottom of the output area.

Creating Directories and Files

Create a Directory:

```
# Create a new directory
os.makedirs('new_directory', exist_ok=True)
print("Directory 'new_directory' created")
```

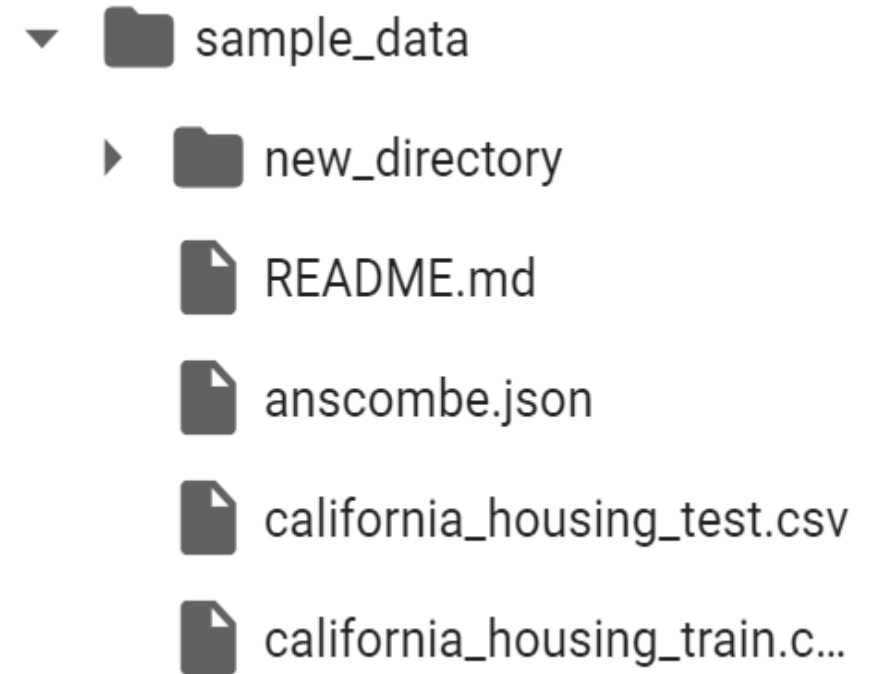
A terminal window showing the execution of Python code. On the left, a green checkmark and '0s' indicate successful execution. The code is:

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os.makedirs('new_directory', exist_ok=True)
print("Directory 'new_directory' created")
```

 The output is:

```
Directory 'new_directory' created
```

```
0s ✓ # Create a new directory
os.makedirs('new_directory', exist_ok=True)
print("Directory 'new_directory' created")
Directory 'new_directory' created
```



`exist_ok=True`: argument ensures that no error is raised if the directory already exists. Without this argument, an `OSError` would be raised if the directory already exists.

Creating Directories and Files

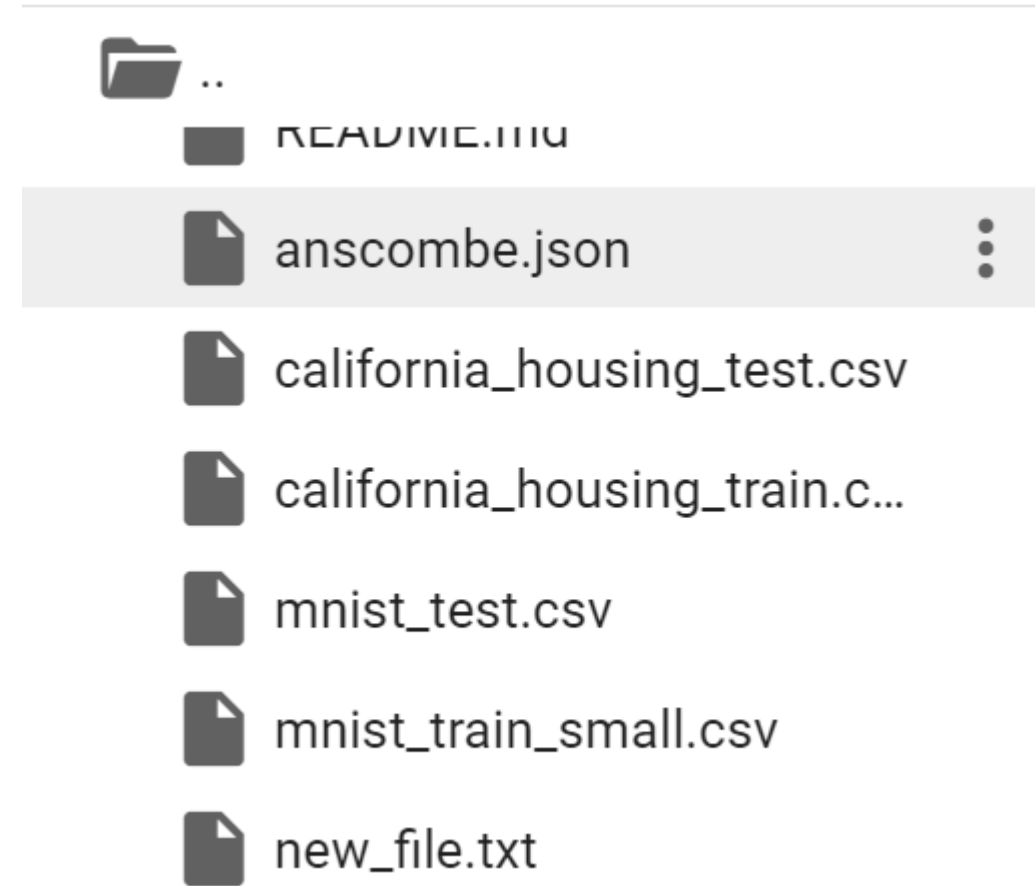
Create a File:

```
# Create a new file
with open('new_file.txt', 'w') as file:
    file.write("This is a new file.")
print("File 'new_file.txt' created")
```

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    file.write("This is a new file.")
print("File 'new_file.txt' created")
```

File 'new_file.txt' created



Creating Directories and Files

Deleting Directories and Files

Delete a file

```
os.remove('new_file.txt')
```

```
print("File 'new_file.txt' deleted")
```

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```
# Delete a file
```

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os.remove('new_file.txt')
```

```
print("File 'new_file.txt' deleted")
```



```
File 'new_file.txt' deleted
```



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new_directory



README.md



anscombe.json



california_housing_test.csv



california_housing_train.c...



mnist_test.csv



mnist_train_small.csv

Creating Directories and Files

Delete an Empty Directory:

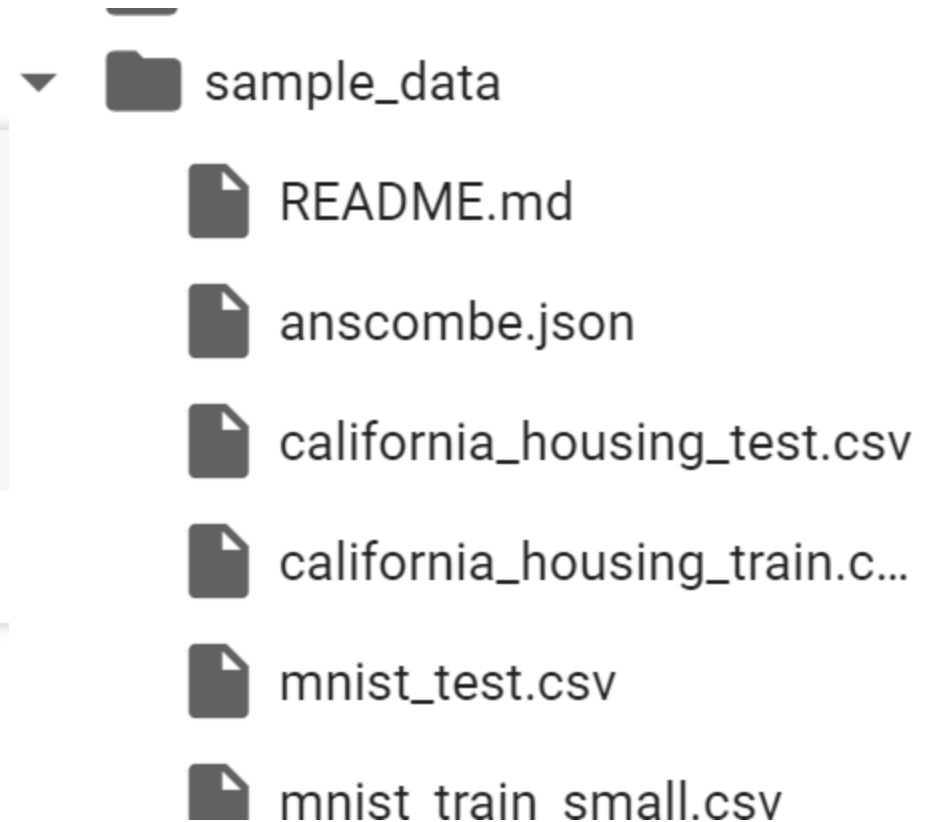
```
# Delete an empty directory  
os.rmdir('new_directory')  
print("Directory 'new_directory' deleted")
```



```
# Delete an empty directory  
os.rmdir('new_directory')  
print("Directory 'new_directory' deleted")
```



Directory 'new_directory' deleted



Creating Directories and Files

Delete a Directory with Contents:

```
import shutil
# Delete a directory with all its contents
shutil.rmtree('directory_with_contents')
print("Directory 'directory_with_contents' and its contents deleted")
```

Moving and Copying Files and Directories

Move a File or Directory:

Move a file

```
shutil.move('source_file.txt', 'destination_directory/')  
print("File moved to destination directory")
```

Move a directory

```
shutil.move('source_directory', 'destination_directory/')  
print("Directory moved to destination directory")
```

Using pathlib for an Object-Oriented Approach

- The pathlib module offers a more modern and object-oriented approach to file system operations.

Navigating and Creating Paths:

```
from pathlib import Path
```

```
# Define a path
```

```
path = Path('new_directory')
```

```
# Create a directory
```

```
path.mkdir(parents=True, exist_ok=True)
```

```
print(f"Directory {path} created")
```

Iterating Over Directory Contents:

```
# Iterate over all items in a directory
for item in path.iterdir():
    print(item)
```

Delete a File or Directory:

```
# Delete a file
file_path = Path('new_file.txt')
file_path.unlink()
print(f"File {file_path} deleted")
```

```
# Delete a directory
path.rmdir()
print(f"Directory {path} deleted")
```

Check if a File or Directory Exists:

```
path = Path('some_directory_or_file')
```

```
if path.exists():
```

```
    print(f"{path} exists")
```

```
else:
```

```
    print(f"{path} does not exist")
```

Task:

Write a Python script that lists all the files and directories in the current working directory and prints them separately.

```
import os
# Get the current working directory
cwd = os.getcwd()

# List all files and directories
files = []
directories = []
for item in os.listdir(cwd):
    if os.path.isfile(item):
        files.append(item)
    elif os.path.isdir(item):
        directories.append(item)
print("Files:", files)
print("Directories:", directories)
```