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Navigating in the CLI: Paths

Every file or folder in a file system can be read, written, and deleted by referencing its position inside within that system.

When we talk about a file or folder's position, we refer to its "path." There are two different paths we can use to refer to a file: an *absolute* path and a *relative* path.

An **absolute path** refers to the specific location of a file or folder in relation to the root directory, typically shown as /. The root directory is the starting point from which all other folders are defined. It is *not* normally the same as your home directory, which is typically found at /Users/[Your Username].

A **relative path** is a reference to a file or folder relative to your current position or the current working directory (pwd).



