

## The *rmdir()* Method

The *rmdir()* method deletes the directory, which is passed as an argument in the method.

Before removing a directory, all the contents in it should be removed.

### Syntax

```
os.rmdir('dirname')
```

### Example

Following is the example to remove `"/tmp/test"` directory. It is required to give fully qualified name of the directory, otherwise it would search for that directory in the current directory.

```
#!/usr/bin/python

import os

# This would remove "/tmp/test" directory.

os.rmdir( "/tmp/test" )
```

## File and Directory Related Methods

There are two important sources, which provide a wide range of utility methods to handle and manipulate files and directories on Windows and Unix operating systems. They are as follows:

**File Object Methods:** The *file* object provides functions to manipulate files.

**OS Object Methods:** This provides methods to process files as well as directories.

A **file** object is created using *open* function and here is a list of functions which can be called on this object:

Sr. No.	Methods with Description
1	<a href="#"><u>file.close()</u></a> Close the file. A closed file cannot be read or written any more.
2	<a href="#"><u>file.flush()</u></a> Flush the internal buffer, like stdio's fflush. This may be a no-op on some file-like objects.