

FILE SYSTEM HIERARCHY

/ → TOP-MOST DIRECTORY

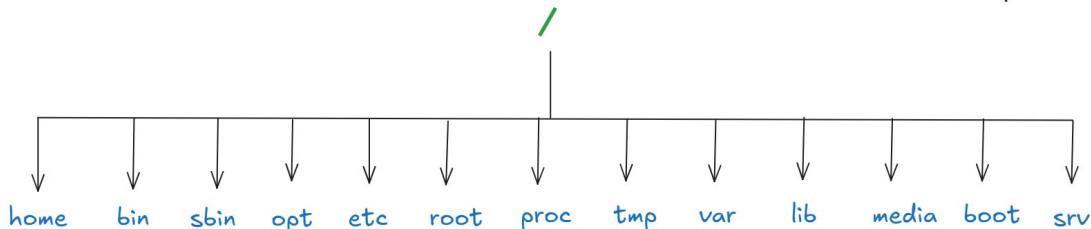
>> Linux stores each & every data in hierarchy of directories & folders, and it is called as 'Linux File System Hierarchy'.

>> It starts with '/' from where all other directories & files branch out.

>> Every data in Linux system is stored under '/'.

cd ..

pwd



1. **home:** contains all the users along with their home directories & also the user-specific files & directories.

eg: /home/user1, /home/vikas,etc.

2. **bin (binaries):** stores all the essential executable commands/core system commands which are used for system operations.

eg: cd, ls, mkdir, pwd, touch, cp, mv, rm, nano, vi, cat, whoami, etc.

3. **sbin (system binaries):** stores all the admin-only commands used for system administration.

eg: adduser, userdel, groupadd, groupdel, mount, reboot, docker, configs, etc.

4. **opt (optional):** used for storing files(config files) for third-party application.

eg: docker, kubernetes, spotify,etc.

5. **etc (everything to configure):** contains all the system-related configuration files required for each & every services like user setting, group setting, network setting.
eg: /etc/passwd, /etc/group, /etc/host

6. **root:** personal home directory for the root user.

7. **proc:** stores all the live system information like CPU usage, memory usage, etc.

8. **tmp (temporary files):** contains temporary files used by the system & these files are deleted after restart.

9. **var (variables):** stores all the files that changes frequently like logs, cache, jobs,etc.

10. **lib:** stores essential libraries needed to run programs & commands.

11. **media:** stores files from external devices.

12. **boot:** contains files which is required for rebooting the system.

13. **srv(service):** contains data served by the system's service