

Checking for Destructive Operations

Destructive operations like the **rm** command have safety options. If you add **i** option to **rm**, you will first be prompted before removing any file. This is useful because sometimes we accidentally do something and regret it after.

You can use the same **i** option with the **cp** and **mv** command. These commands can overwrite existing files, if you are trying to create a copy or rename a file to the filename that already exists in that directory.

There is also a **p** option for the **xargs** command, which will ask you to confirm before executing any built commands.