

Symbolic Linking

- Because copying is bad. Why?
 - If you have multiple versions of the same file floating around, they will get out of sync
 - If you change one step in your procedure, you then have to figure out all the places you might have copied that file to. Could be very dangerous
- A symbolic link allows you to make a file pointer – it looks like the file has been copied into the current directory, but it actually is just a shortcut to the original location
- If the original changes, following the pointer gives you the newest version of the file
- This is a nifty short cut that will save you time – you don't have to write out the full path every time you need to use the file

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