

Navigating the File System

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ls List

ls command

• Lists directory contents.

Usage

• ls [options] [file|directory]

Options

-1	long listing format
-a	show hidden files
-h	human-readable sizes

Example

• ls -l



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CC Change Directory

cd command

Changes the current working directory

Usage

• cd [directory]

Example

• cd Documents



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Print Working Directory

pwd command

• prints current directory



mkdir Make Directory

mkdir command

Creates a new directory

Syntax

mkdir [directory_name]

Example

- Input: mkdir new_folder
- Output: Creates a new directory named "new_folder".



rmdir Remove Directory

rmdir command

Deletes an empty directory

Syntax

rmdir [directory_name]

Example

- Input: rmdir new_folder
- Output: Deletes a directory named "new_folder".





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rm command

• removes files or directories

Usage

• rm [options] [file | directory]

Options

-r recursively remove directories

force removal without confirmation

Example

• rm file1.txt



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touch Creating Files

Creates empty files or updates the timestamp of existing files.

Additional Options

-a	time=atime	Change only the access time.
-c	no-create	Do not create any files
-d	 date=STRING	Use STRING as the modification time.

Syntax

• touch [options] [filename]



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Copy

cp command

• Copies files or directories

Usage

• cp [options] source destination

Options

-r copy directories recursively

-i prompt before overwrite

Example

• cp file1 ~/home/ec2-user



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Moves files or directories from one location to another.

Options

-b	backup	Make a backup of each existing destination file.
-f	force	Do not prompt before overwriting.
-u	update	Move only when the source file is newer than the destination file or when the destination file is missing.

Syntax

• mv [options] [source] [destination]



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Navigation Commands Overview

ls	Lists directory contents
cd	Changes directories
pwd	Prints current directory
mkdir	Creates a new directory
rmdir	Deletes an empty directory
rm	Removes files or directories
touch	Creates an empty file
ср	Copies files or directories
mv	Moves file or directories to another location

Demonstrations



