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## 2.8 Directories

As you study this section, answer the following questions:

- Which shortcut should you use with **cd** to move directly to the home directory?
- What is the functional difference between **rm** and **rmdir**?

In this section, you will learn to:

- Navigate directories using cd.
- Display a current working directory using **pwd**.
- Display a list of the contents of a directory, including hidden files.
- Create a new directory using **mkdir**.
- Delete an empty directory and also a directory with existing files.
- Copy an entire directory, including files and subdirectories, to a new location.
- Move directories to a new location using the **mv** command.

Key terms for this section include the following:

Term	Definition	
pwd	A shell command that displays the current working directory.	
cd	A shell command used to change the current working directory.	
ls	A shell command that displays files and directories.	
mkdir	A shell command that creates a directories.	
ср	A shell command that copies files and directories.	
mv	A shell command that moves and renames files and directories.	
rmdir	A shell command the deletes empty directories.	
rm	A shell command that deletes files and directories.	

This section helps you prepare for the following certification exam objectives:

Exam	Objective
CompTIA Linux+	2.3 Given a scenario, create, modify, and redirect files.
	File and directory operations
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	o rm

	<ul><li>Is</li><li>mkdir</li><li>rmdir</li></ul>
TestOut Linux Pro	<ul> <li>View information about directories and files in the file system</li> <li>Use the Linux Filesystem Hierarchy Standard</li> <li>Create, copy, move, and delete directories in the file system</li> </ul>

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