Use the mv command to move a file from one location to another.

To move a file in a terminal, you use the**mv** command to move a file from one location to another.

$ mv example.txt ~/Documents

$ ls ~/Documents

example.txt

In this example, you've moved **example.txt** from its current folder into the **Documents** folder.

The **mv** command by default does exactly as it's told: it moves a file from one location to another. Should a file with the same name already exist in the destination location, it gets overwritten. To prevent a file from being overwritten without warning, use the **--interactive** (or **-i** for short) option:

$ mv -i example.txt ~/Documents

mv: overwrite '/home/tux/Documents/example.txt'?