

Free/Libre and Open Source software

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Files and directories

- / – root directory
- . – current directory
- .. – parent directory
- ~/ – home directory

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Standard file system layout

FHS (Filesystem Hierarchy Standard)

<https://refspecs.linuxfoundation.org/fhs.shtml>

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| /bin – Essential command binaries | /mnt – Mount point for mounting a filesystem temporarily |
| /boot – Static files of the boot loader | /opt – Add-on application software packages |
| /dev – Device files | /sbin – Essential system binaries |
| /etc – Host -specific system configuration | /tmp – Temporary files |
| /lib<qual> – Essential shared libraries and <optional> kernel modules | /usr – Secondary hierarchy |
| /media – Mount point for removeable media | /var – Variable data |
| | /root, /home – Root and user home directories (optional) |

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Standard file system layout

/usr and /local

bin – Most user commands
include – Header files included by C programs
lib – Libraries
local – Local hierarchy (empty after main installation)
sbin – Non-vital system binaries
share – Architecture-independent data

X11R6 – XWindow System, version 11 release 6 (optional)
games – Games and educational binaries (optional)
lib<qual> – Alternate Format Libraries <optional>
src – Source code (optional)

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Special files and drivers

`/dev/null` -- write: discards all and reports that the write operation succeeded, read: return EOF

`/dev/zero` -- read: null characters (ASCII NUL, 0x00) generator, write: like `/dev/null`

`/dev/mem` -- RAM

`/dev/tty*` -- terminal lines

`/dev/sd*` -- SCSI HDD

`/dev/hd*` -- IDE HDD

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Files and directories manipulation

ls - list directory contents

pwd - print name of current/working directory

cd – change directory

cp - copy files and directories

mv - move (rename) files and directories

rm - remove files or directories

mkdir - make directories

rmdir - remove empty directories

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Links

ln - make links between files

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cat > a
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ln -s a b
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ln a c
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cat b; cat c
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rm a
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```
cat b; cat c
```

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Permissions

chmod - change file mode bits

chown - change file owner and group

chgrp - change group ownership