

Re: delete directory

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mjt wrote:

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> (Houston CAPCOM <null@null.org>) scribbled:
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>> I am trying to use rmdir to delete a directory that is not empty and I
>> cant do it. How do I delete a directory that has files in it?
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> ... rm -rf <dirname>
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I always now use ``rm <dirname> -rf`` as it gives me 1 second more to realize what directory I am deleting. Especially handy if you work with [TAB] a lot. ``rm <letter>[TAB] -rf[ENTER]`` or ``rm -rf <letter>[TAB][ENTER]`` Withe the second you will delete a directory that you perhaps wich not to delete, because you are in the wrong directory.

I happendd to delete ``/sbin`` instead of ``/usr/home/houghi/tmp/sbin`` that way. Yeah, I was still root after checkinstall and typed ``/sb[TAB]`` instead of ``sb[TAB]``

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houghi Please to not toppost <http://houghi.org>

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You tried, and you failed, so the lesson is, never try. - Homer J. Simpson.