

problem	solution(s)	notes
you deleted a folder and recreated another folder with the exact same name, but you're in the old folder	- 'cd \$PWD' will cd to the new version of the folder (or 'cd ../foldername')	
you accidentally created a folder with literally 1 million files in it and now you can't list the folder, it takes like 2 minutes	- 'cd .' too	
even before you hit millions of files in a directory, you can easily have too many files for the maximum argument length to an executable	- use find xargs or find -exec	
navigate to a folder on an external volume, then that external volume goes away (eg the disk is unplugged)	- try '/bin/ls -l -1' (unsorted, single column)	
write to a mount point that isn't actually mounted at that time, then fail to find the apparently vanished file later (because it's been mounted over)	- use find xargs or find -exec	not sure what was meant by this tbh
how '.' works when you are in a directory which you got to via a symlink: 'cd .' gives you a different directory than 'ls ..'	- umount it to find the file - (on Linux) get the file with a bind mount: 'mkdir other; sudo mount -o bind - other; ls -l other/mountpoint'	
in bash: when I'm in a folder via a symlinked path and I try to tab-complete a ./sibling, it uses the real path during tab-completion and the symlink one when evaluating it. So you can end up in a situation where a path you tab completed doesn't exist	- 'set -o physical' in bash will make them match - 'pwd -P' will resolve the path to the current dir (though this isn't really a solution) - the equivalent of 'set -o physical' in fish is: functions --copy cd __fish_cd function cd function cd if test "\$argv" = "." __fish_cd - else __fish_cd (realpath \$argv) end end	repro instructions: cd ~ mkdir -p foo/bar/baz foo/bar/quux ln -s foo/bar/baz cd baz # follows the symlink echo \$PWD # outputs ~/baz ls . # shows the contents of ~/foo/bar, not ~ cd . echo \$PWD # outputs ~, not ~/foo/bar
if you follow a directory symlink, you may not be able to backtrack		not sure how to reproduce, would love ideas
ls is aliased to something with colour or other annotations that's really slow over a network share because it stat(s) every file	- 'cd -' (uses \$OLDPWD in bash/zsh) - in bash/zsh: 'ls' will bypass the alias - 'command ls' will bypass the alias	not sure how to reproduce, would love ideas
what 'mv file.txt dest' does is totally different depending on whether 'dest' is a file or a directory (rename vs move to another folder)	- you could try to get in the habit of typing 'dest/' when you mean a directory, but this can backfire (see #14) - for GNU mv: 'mv -t dest source' will force dest to be a folder, 'mv -T source dest' will force dest to be a file	
If you are using a FUSE filesystem and it hangs, you can end up with a black hole directory where any programs that touch it get stuck in "uninterruptable IO wait" which creates a spreading contagion that can make your system unusable until you reboot.	- kill -9 the fuse process, then unmount	
'ls dir*' will list the contents of the directories, especially annoying if you just want to check where a symlink points to	- use 'ls -d'	
some things act differently depending on whether there's a '/' at the end, which can be confusing, for example: - on Mac OS, 'cp -R a/ b' will copy the "contents" of a to b, different from 'cp -R a b' - rsync	- rsync has a dry run option	