

cd (change directory)

[Chapter 1](#) has familiarized you with the `cd` command, which changes the present working directory. Here I just want to add a handy shortcut that I use on a daily basis:

`cd -`

This will take you to the directory that you last visited. The shortcut can spare you retyping a long path name or searching the command history for the `cd` command that got you there. If you use `cd` without arguments, it will take you to your home directory.