

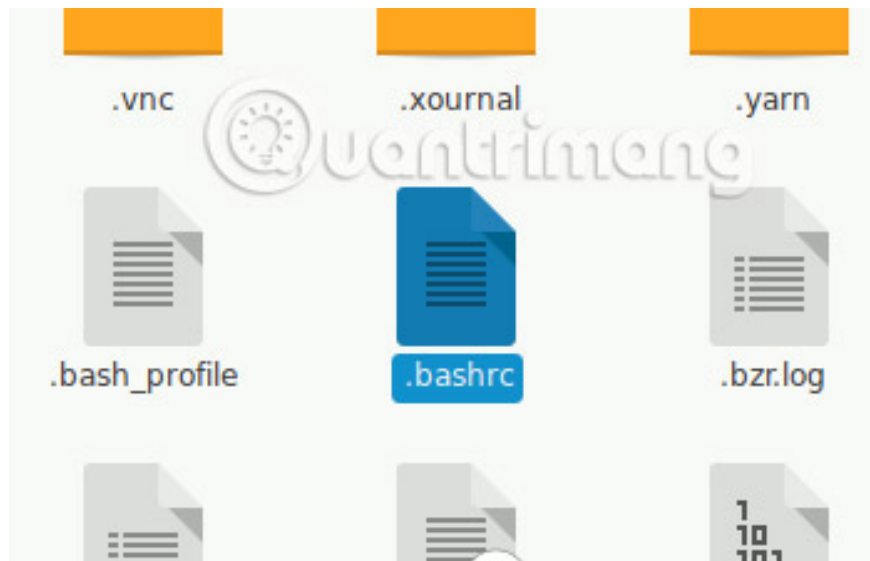
How to delete the user and the machine name in the command prompt on Terminal

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The following steps will show you how to do that.

1. In File manager, press **Ctrl + H** to display hidden files.
2. Open the **'bashrc'** file in the text editor.



3. Find the line starting with **PS1 =**. The complete line must look like the following:

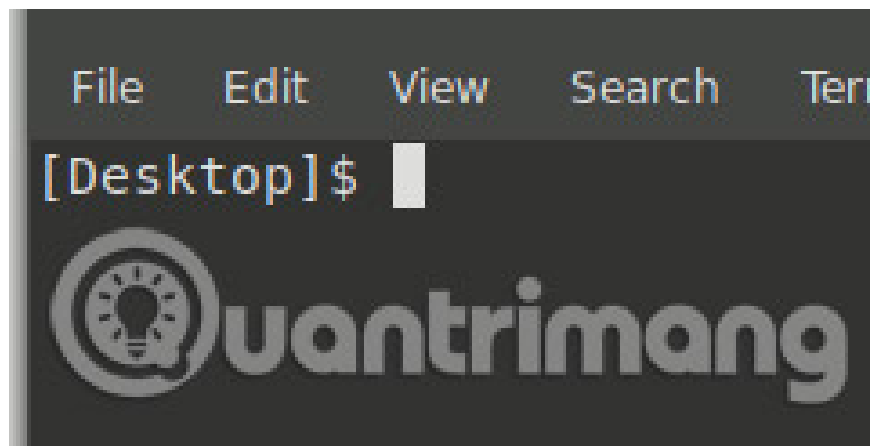
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PS1=' [u@h W]$ '
```

Where **u** represents the user name, **h** is the host name and **W** is the location in the file structure.

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1 #
2 # ~/.bashrc
3 #
4
5 # If not running interactively, don't do anything
6 [[ $- != *i* ]] && return
7
8 alias ls='ls --color=auto'
9 alias ll='ls -alh --color=auto'
10 PS1='[\u@\h \W]\$ '
11 # >>>>BEGIN ADDED BY CNCHI INSTALLER<<<< #
12 BROWSER=/usr/bin/firefox
13 EDITOR=/usr/bin/nano
14 # >>>>END ADDED BY CNCHI INSTALLER<<<< #
15 export PATH=$PATH:/usr/sbin
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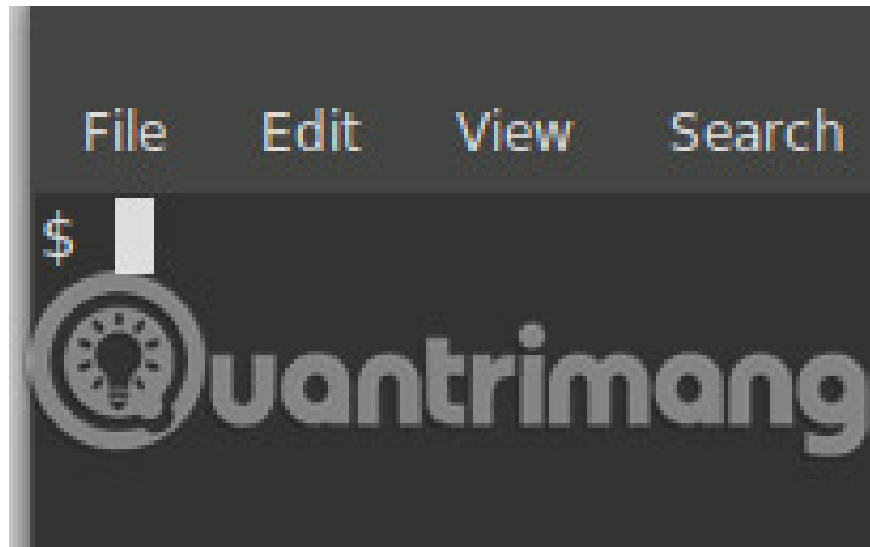
4. To delete the username and server name from the prompt, simply delete the **u @ h section**, ie the above line will look like this:

```
PS1='[\W]\$ '
```



5. For those who love pure minimalism, you can delete everything and leave only a prompt:

```
PS1='$ '
```



6. When you have finished editing, save the file.

Now restart your terminal and the changes will be reflected immediately. If you cannot restart the terminal because a session is running, enter the source `~ / .bashrc` instead.

Very simple, right? Hope you are successful.

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