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require the symbolic link or contiguous file extensions, but does define a standard way of archiving these files so that all conforming systems can interpret these file types in a meaningful and consistent manner. On a system that does not support extended file types, the format-interpreting utility should do the best it can with the file and go on to the next.

4.51 pwd — Return working directory name

⇒ **4.51.2 pwd Description.** *Replace the entire Description sublcause with:*

The pwd utility shall write to standard output an absolute pathname of the current working directory with all symbolic link components resolved.

Editor's Note: The following rationale will be added to E.4.51, but is kept here with pwd *for this draft:*

pwd Rationale. *(This subclause is not a part of P1003.2b)*

HLJ : My version of the KornShell doesn't do this. Is that correct?

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4.53 rm — Remove directory entries

⇒ **4.53.2 rm Description.** *Replace item (2c) with:*

For each entry contained in *file*, other than dot or dot-dot, the four steps listed here [(1)-(4)] shall be taken with the entry as if it were a *file* operand. The rm utility shall not traverse directories by following symbolic links into other parts of the hierarchy, but shall remove the links themselves.

Editor's Note: The following rationale will be added to E.4.53, but is kept here with rm *for this draft:*

rm Rationale. *(This subclause is not a part of P1003.2b)*

The rm utility removes symbolic links themselves, not the files they refer to, as a consequence of the dependence on the POSIX.1 {8} *unlink* () functionality, per the Description. When removing hierachies with −r or −R, the prohibition on following symbolic links has to be made explicit.

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