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But if I'm in the home directory and I type cp -r 'Documentos' ~/Escritorio, then it works. But if I'm in the /Plantillas directory, for example, and I type the command cp -r 'LAMEJOR' ~/Escritorio, it gives me the same error:

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command is

cp -r SOURCE_DIRECTORY DESTINATION

example

cp -r project backup/
cp -r project/ backup/project-copy/
cp -r project/* backup/

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