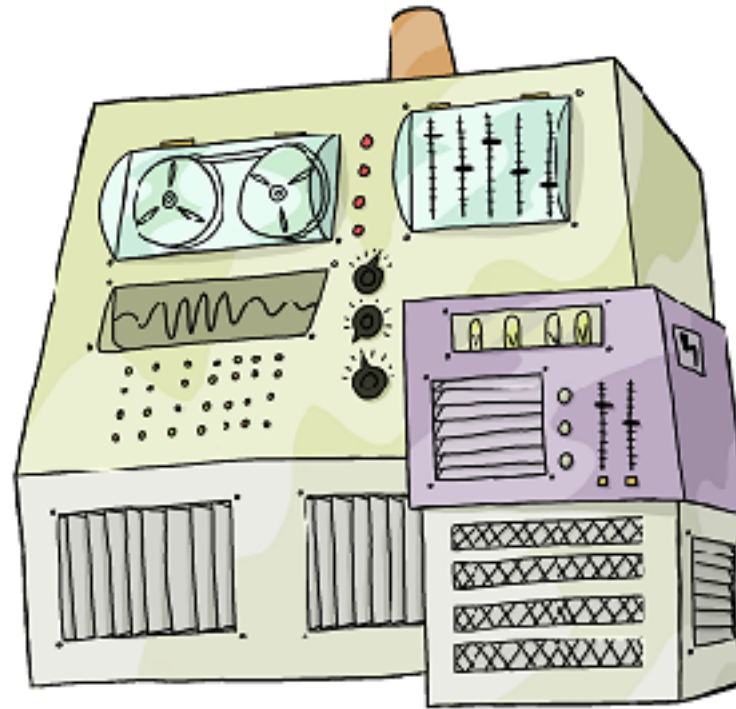
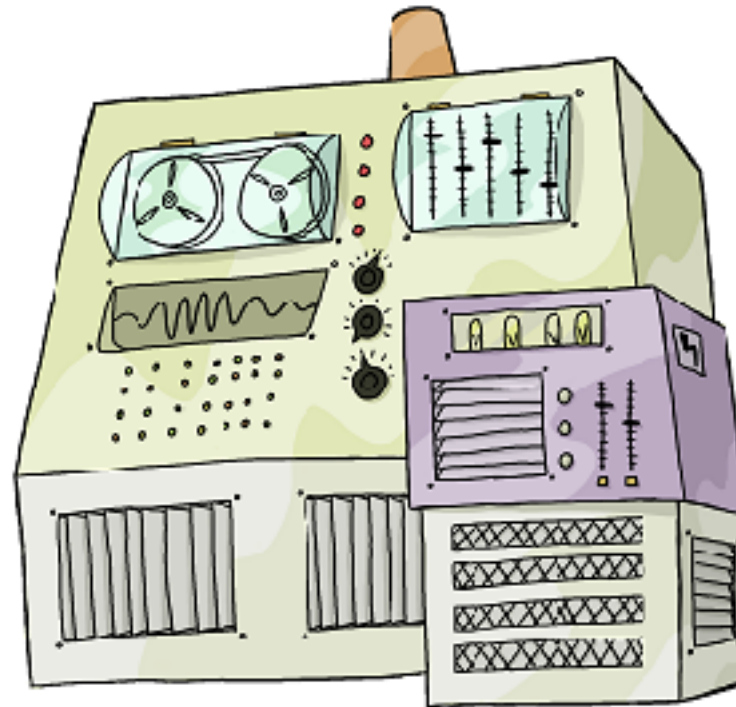


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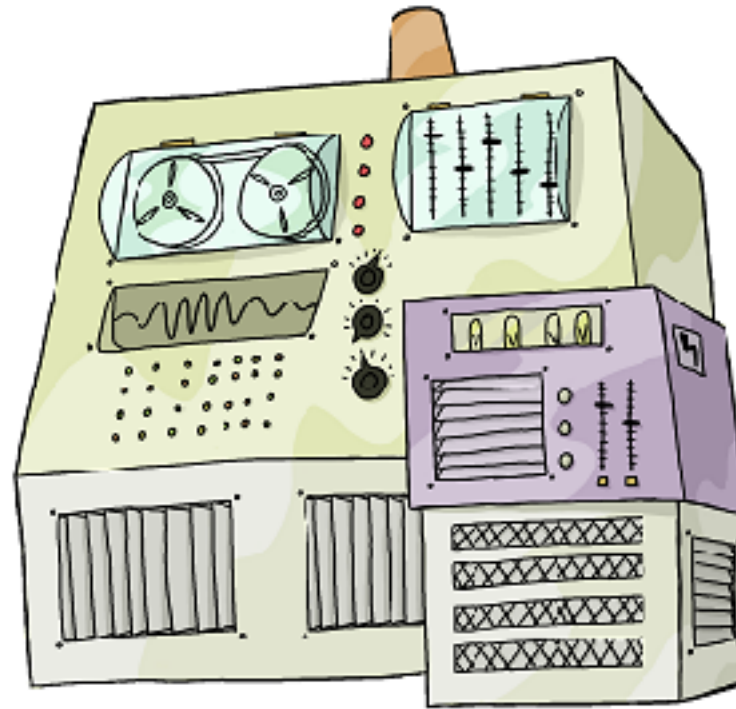
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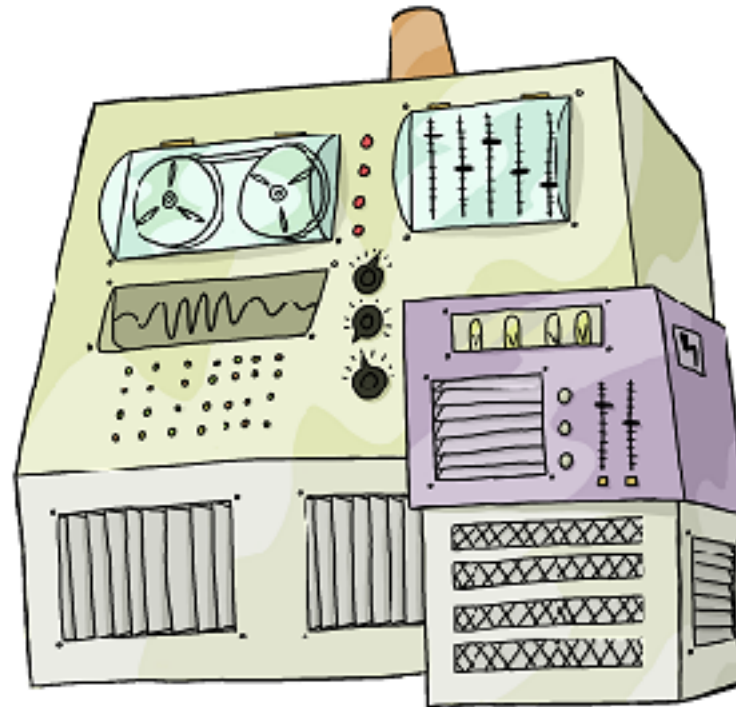
# Run Programs





Run  
Programs

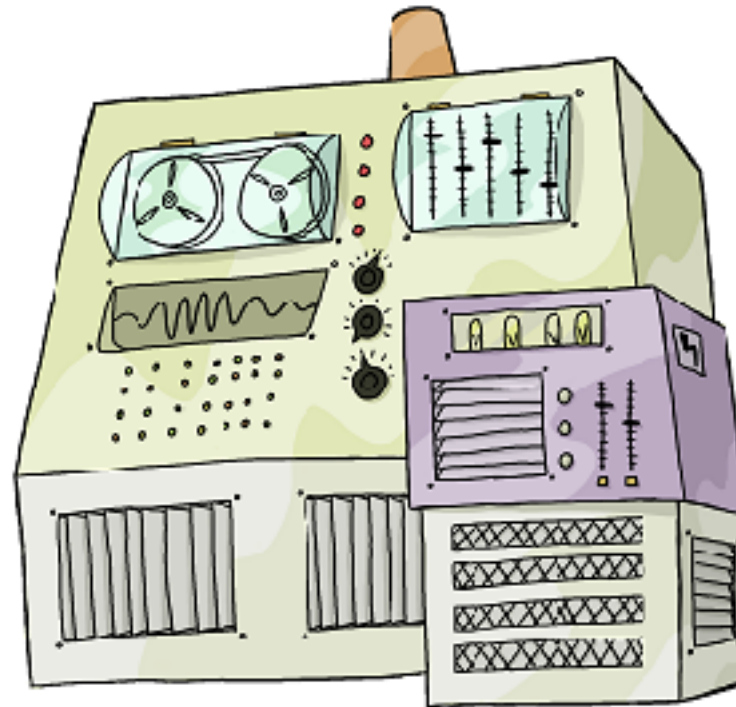
Store  
Data



Run  
Programs

Store  
Data

Communicate  
with each other



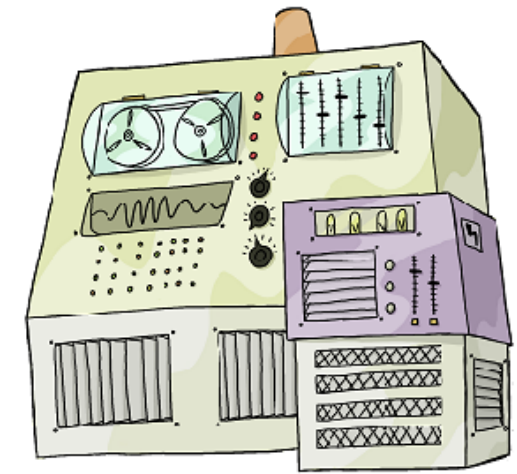
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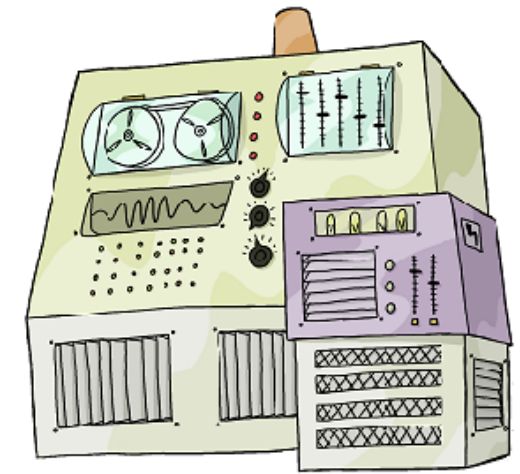
Communicate  
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Interact  
with us

Interact  
with us

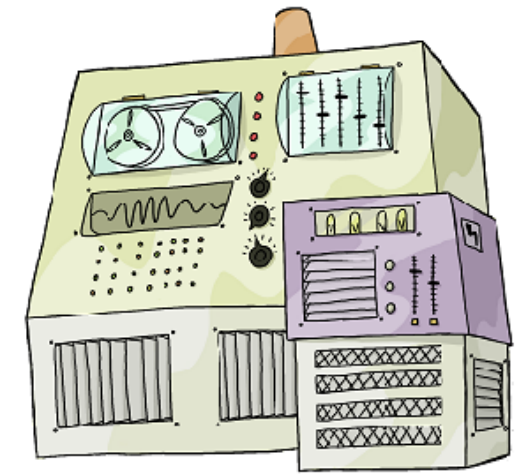


Interact  
with us



Telepathy

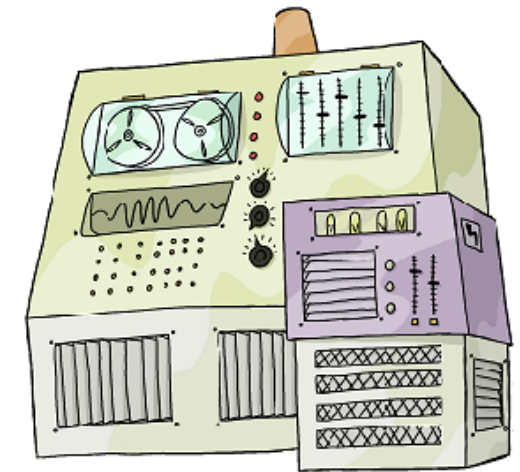




Interact  
with us

Telepathy

Speech

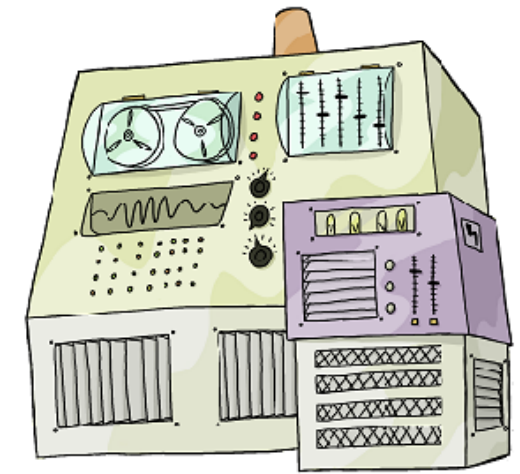


Interact  
with us

Telepathy

Speech

**WIMP**  
(windows, icons, mice, pointers)



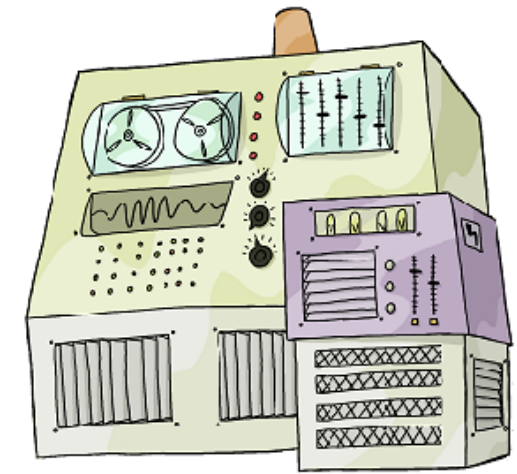
Interact  
with us

Rewiring

Telepathy

Speech

WIMP



Interact  
with us

Rewiring

Telepathy

Typewriter

Speech

WIMP

user logs in





user logs in  
user types command



user logs in  
user types command  
**computer executes command**  
**and prints output**



user logs in  
user types command  
computer executes command  
and prints output  
**user types another command**



user logs in  
user types command  
computer executes command  
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user types another command  
**computer executes command  
and prints output**

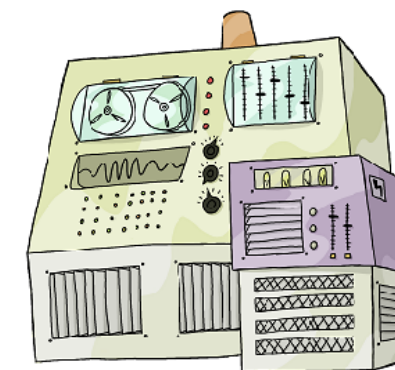


user logs in  
user types command  
computer executes command  
and prints output  
user types another command  
computer executes command  
and prints output  
:  
**user logs off**





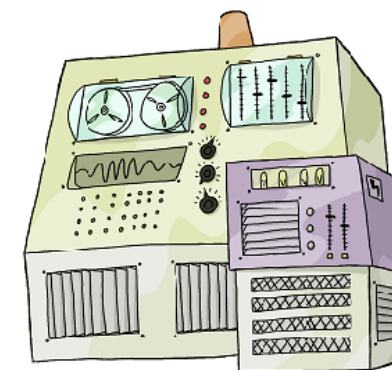
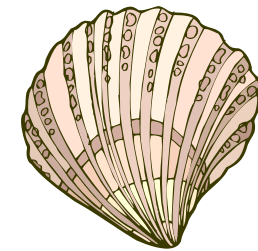
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computer executes command  
and prints output  
⋮  
user logs off



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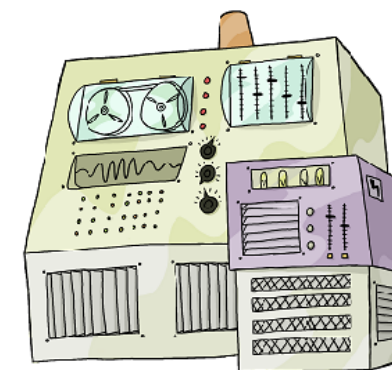
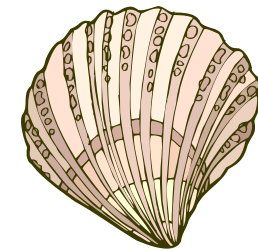
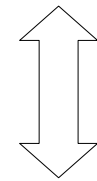


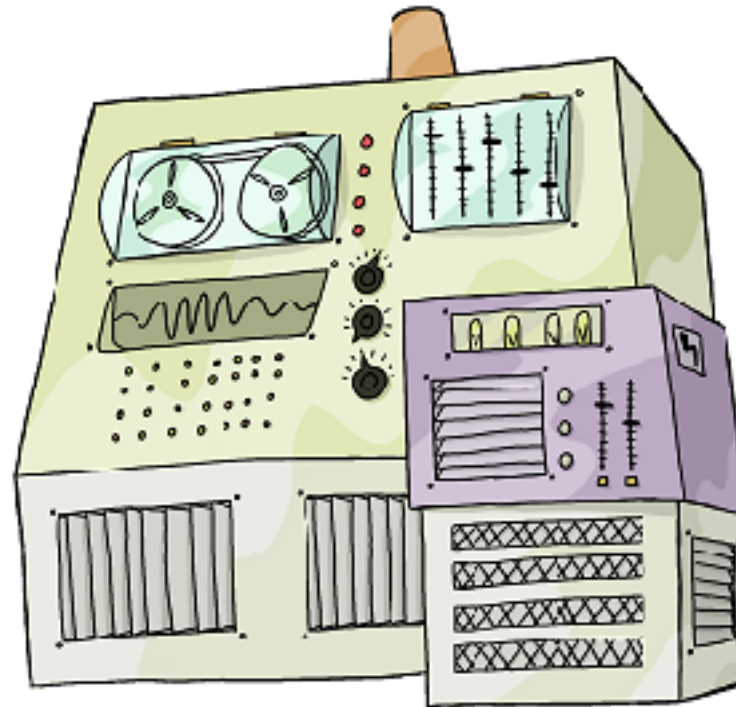
shell



user logs in  
user types command  
computer executes command  
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:  
user logs off

shell



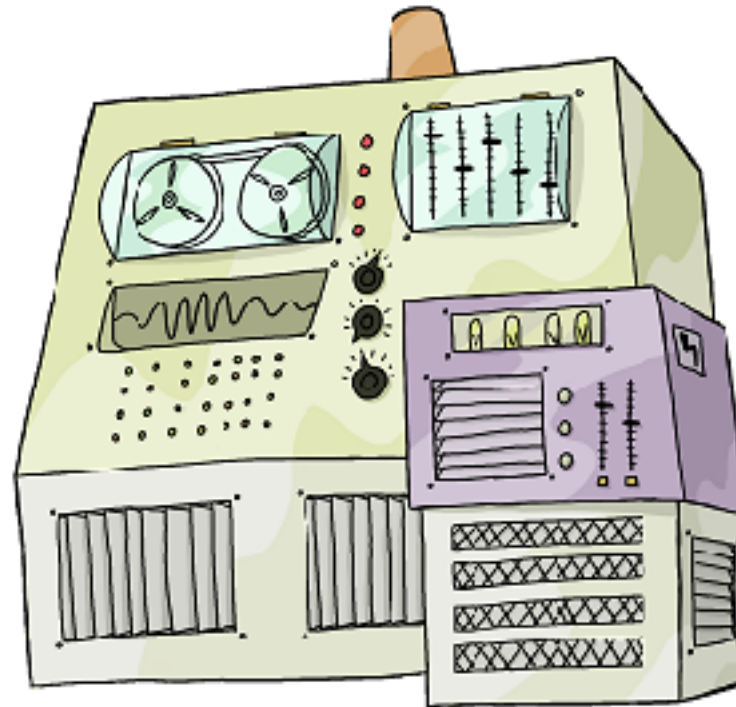


Run  
Programs

Store  
Data

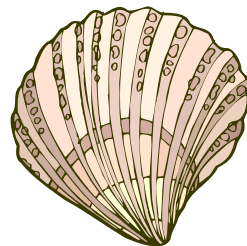
Communicate  
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shell

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login: **vlad**

password: **\*\*\*\*\***

\$

\_\_\_\_\_ shell prompt

login: **vlad**

password: **\*\*\*\*\***

\$

shell prompt

like Python's `>>>` and ...

login: **vlad**

password: **\*\*\*\*\***

**\$ whoami** \_\_\_\_\_ check user ID

login: **vlad**

password: **\*\*\*\*\***

**\$ whoami**

check user ID

shell finds the **whoami** program

login: **vlad**

password: **\*\*\*\*\***

**\$ whoami**

check user ID

shell finds the **whoami** program

runs it



login: **vlad**

password: **\*\*\*\*\***

**\$ whoami**

**vlad**

check user ID

shell finds the **whoami** program

runs it

prints its output

login: **vlad**

password: **\*\*\*\*\***

**\$ whoami**

**vlad**

**\$**



check user ID

shell finds the **whoami** program

runs it

prints its output

displays a new prompt

login: **vlad**

password: **\*\*\*\*\***

**\$ whoami**

**vlad**

**\$ pwd**

what is the *working directory*

login: **vlad**

password: **\*\*\*\*\***

**\$ whoami**

**vlad**

**\$ pwd**

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what is the *working directory*  
the directory used when no other  
directory is explicitly specified

login: **vlad**

password: **\*\*\*\*\***

**\$ whoami**

**vlad**

**\$ pwd**

**/home/vlad**

**\$**

login: **vlad**

password: **\*\*\*\*\***

**\$ whoami**

**vlad**

**\$ pwd**

**/home/vlad**

**\$**



root

/

login: **vlad**

password: **\*\*\*\*\***

**\$ whoami**

**vlad**

**\$ pwd**

**/home/vlad**

**\$**



root

/



login: **vlad**

password: **\*\*\*\*\***

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root

/

login: **vlad**

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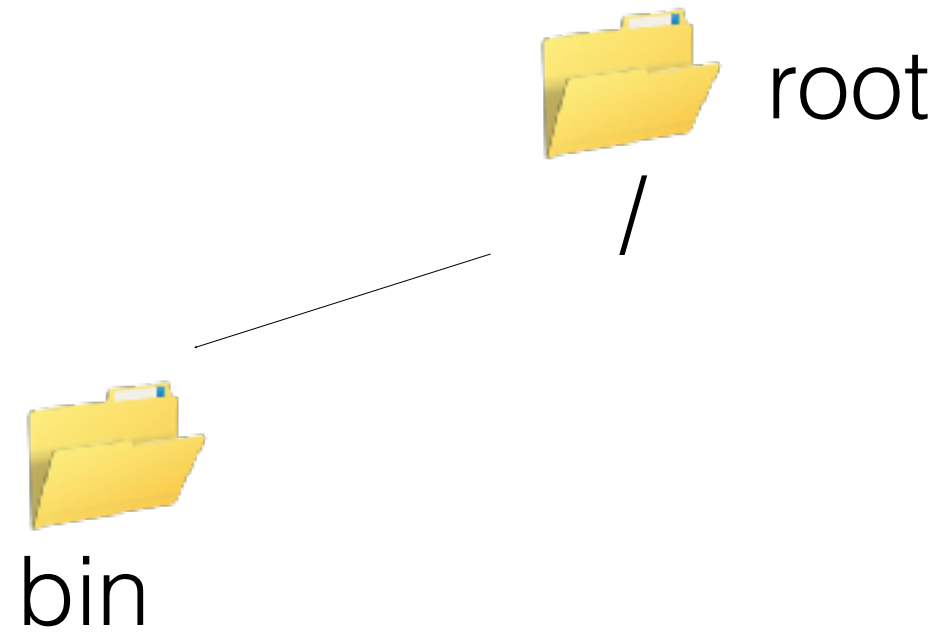
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**\$**



login: **vlad**

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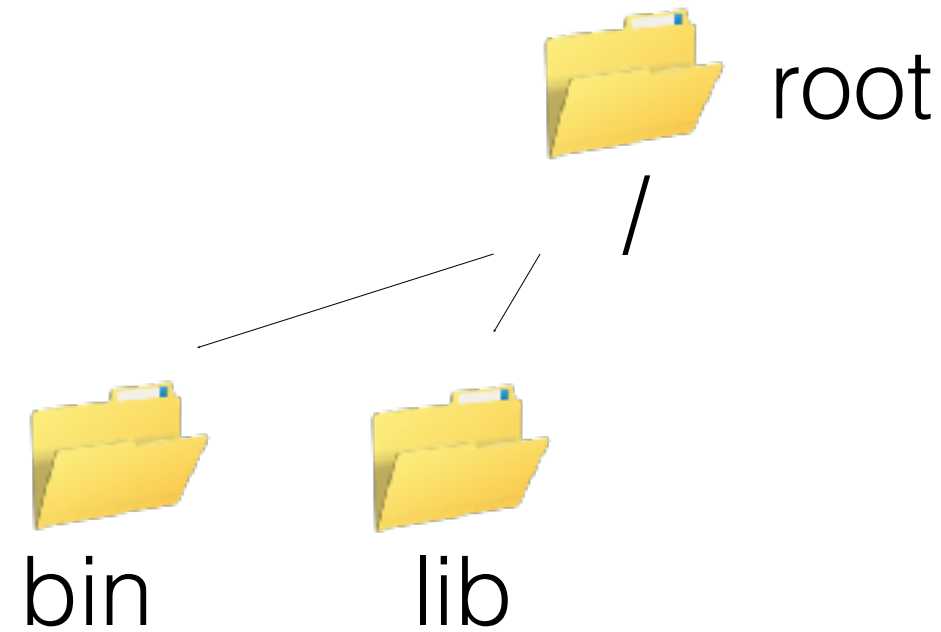
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login: **vlad**

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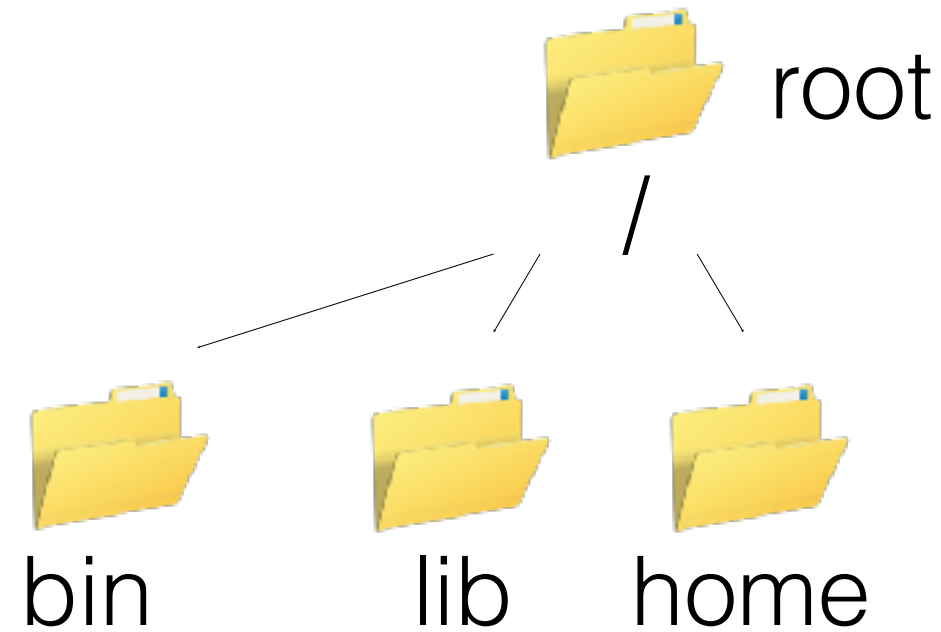
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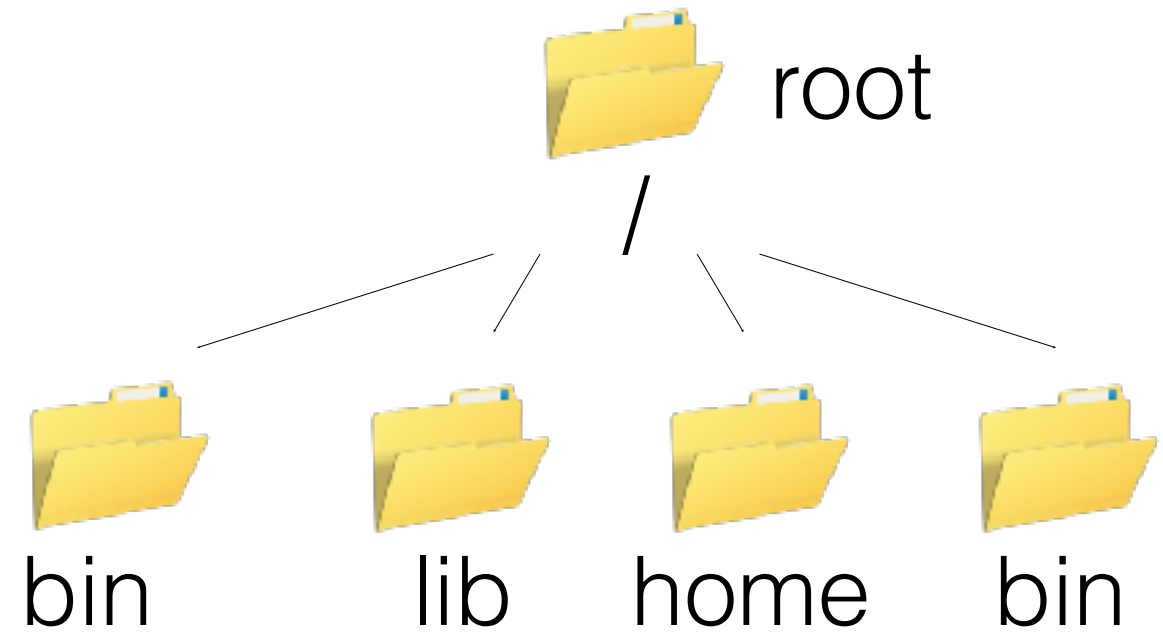
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**/home/vlad**

**\$**



login: **vlad**

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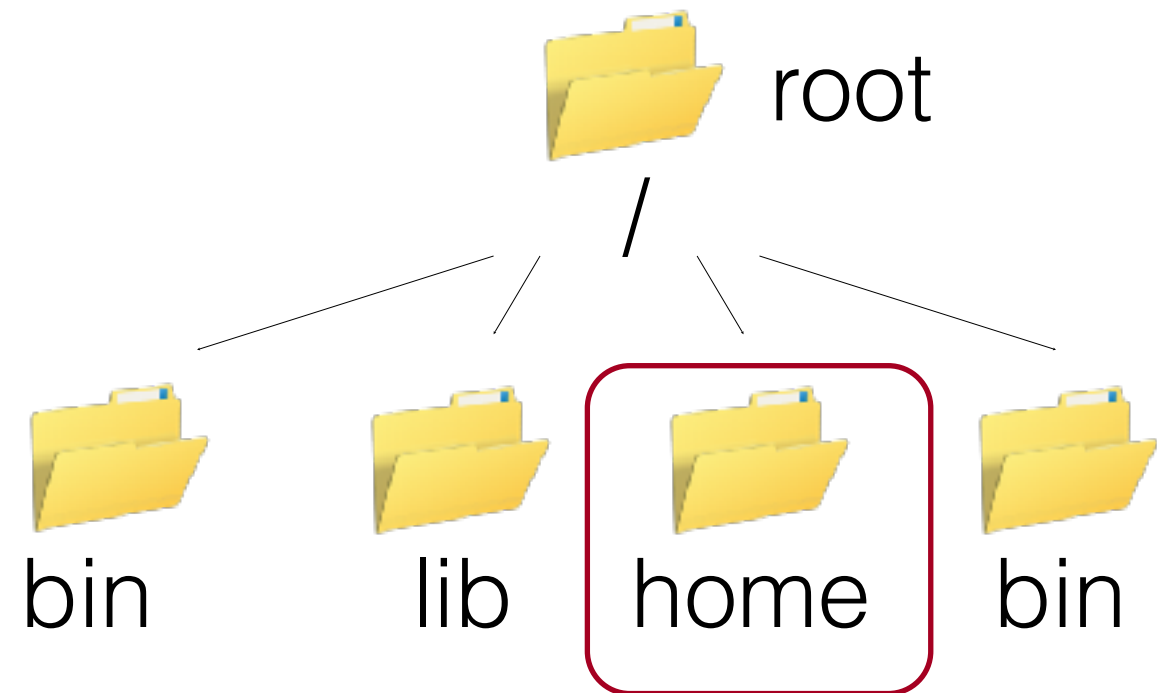
\$ **whoami**

**vlad**

\$ **pwd**

**/home/vlad**

\$



login: **vlad**

password: **\*\*\*\*\***

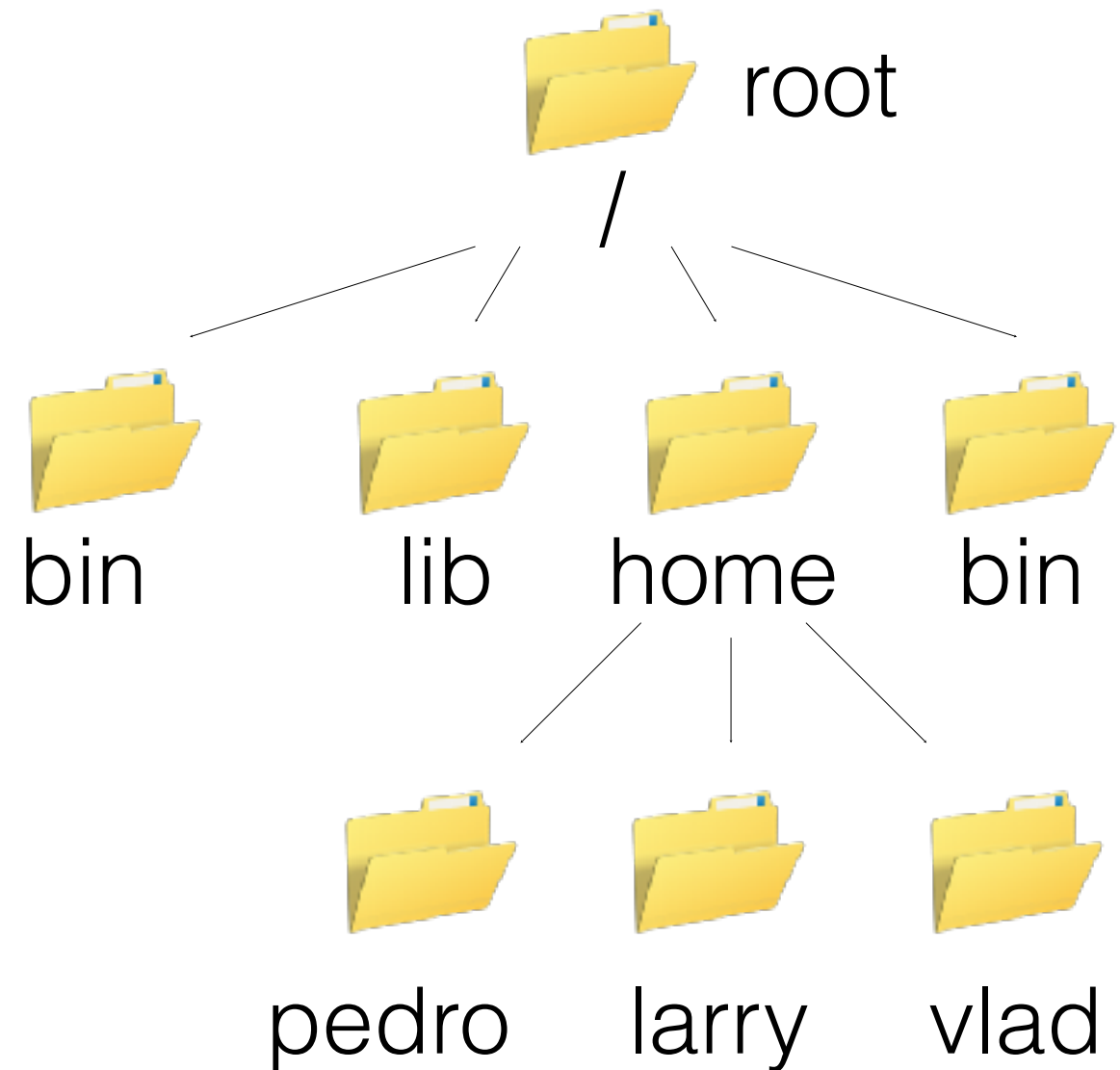
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**/home/vlad**

**\$**



login: **vlad**

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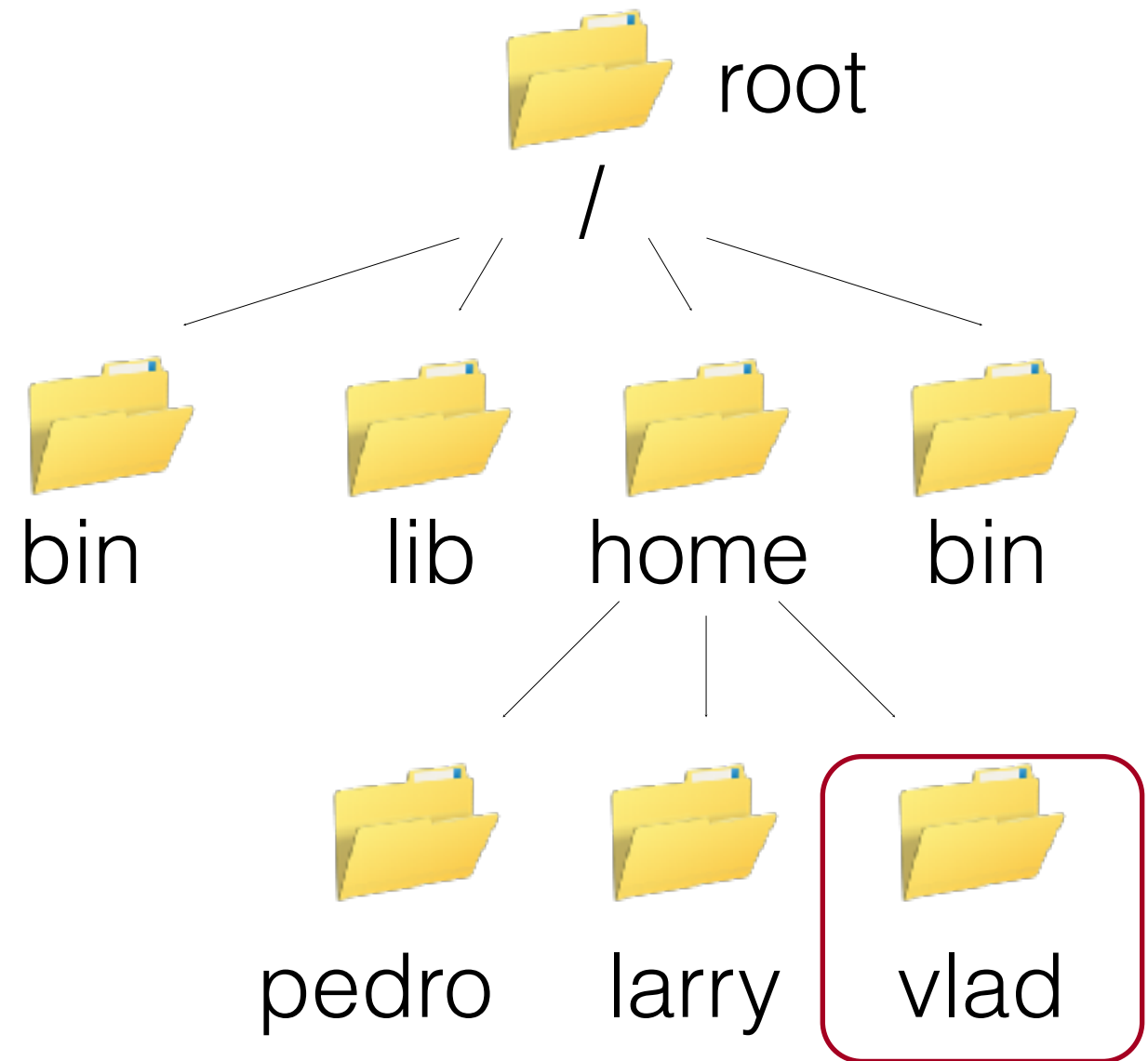
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**vlad**

**\$ pwd**

**/home/vlad**

**\$**





login: **vlad**

password: **\*\*\*\*\***

**\$ whoami**

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**\$ pwd**

**/home/vlad**

**\$ ls** \_\_\_\_\_ stands for "listing"

login: **vlad**

password: **\*\*\*\*\***

**\$ whoami**

**vlad**

**\$ pwd**

**/home/vlad**

**\$ ls**

stands for "listing"

sadly more memorable than  
most command names

login: **vlad**

password: **\*\*\*\*\***

**\$ whoami**

**vlad**

**\$ pwd**

**/home/vlad**

**\$ ls**

**bin          data      mail      music**

**notes.txt   papers**

**\$**

login: **vlad**

password: **\*\*\*\*\***

\$ **whoami**

**vlad**

\$ **pwd**

**/home/vlad**

\$ **ls -F**

*an argument or flag modifying  
the command's behavior*

**bin/      data/      mail/      music/**

**notes.txt    papers/**

\$

login: **vlad**

password: **\*\*\*\*\***

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\$ **ls -F**

**bin/**      **data/**      **mail/**      **music/**

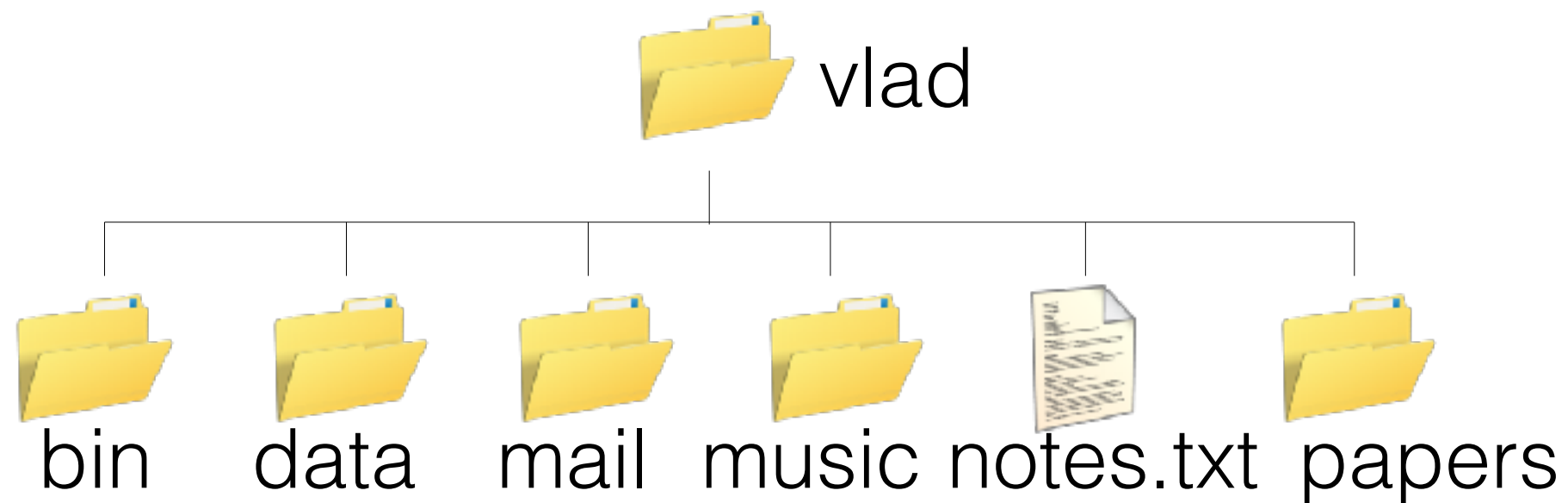
**notes.txt**    **papers/**

\$

adds a trailing '/' to  
directory names

**\$ ls -F**

**bin/      data/    mail/    music/  
notes.txt   papers/**

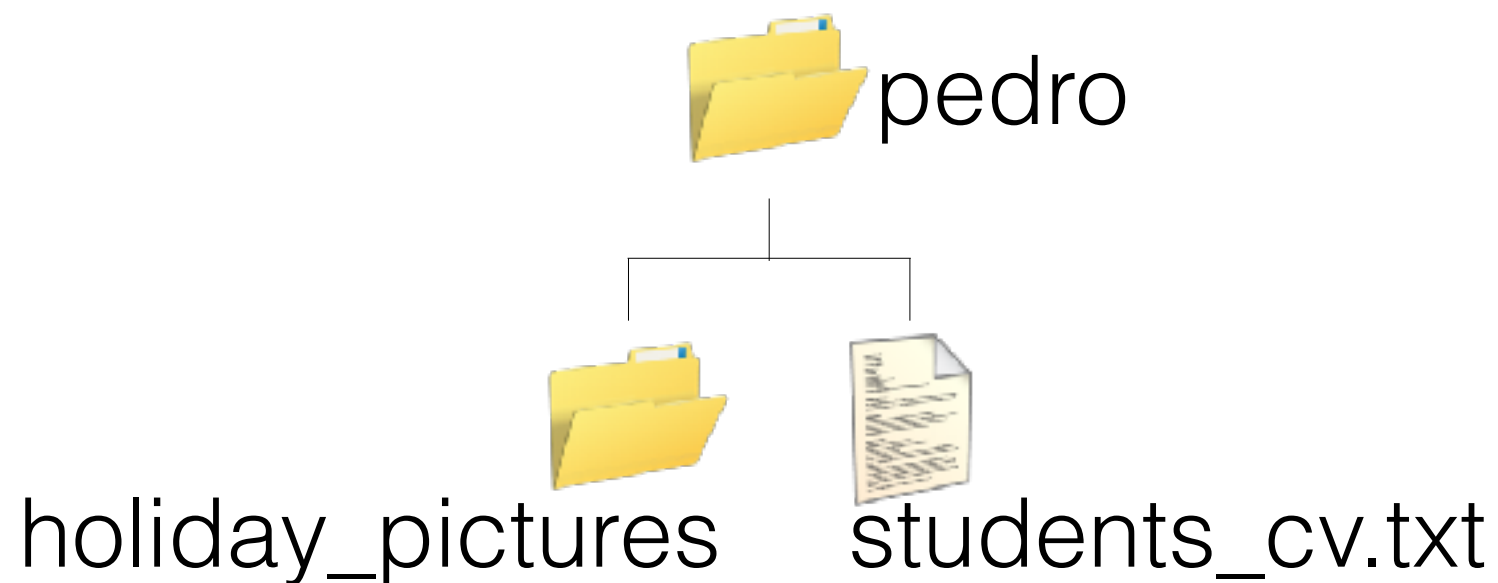


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$ pwd
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```
/home/vlad
```

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$ ls /home/pedro -F
```

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holidayPictures/ students_cv.txt
```



```
$ ls ../pedro -F
```

```
holidayPictures/ students_cv.txt
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# Lets start!!

Command	Description	Example	Action
<code>pwd</code>	print working directory	<code>pwd</code>	path and name of working dir. I am in now
<code>ls</code>	list contents of directory	<code>ls</code>	list contents of current dir.
		<code>ls test/</code>	list contents of the test dir. that hangs from the working dir.
		<code>ls -lh</code>	vertical list of dir. contents
<code>cd</code>	change directory	<code>cd</code>	go to home directory (same as <code>cd /home/user</code> or <code>cd ~/</code> )
		<code>cd /home/user/Docs</code>	go to the Docs directory
		<code>cd ..</code>	go to parent directory
<code>mkdir</code>	make directory	<code>mkdir test</code>	creates directory test/
<code>rmdir</code>	remove directory	<code>rmdir test</code>	remove test/ if empty
<code>rm</code>	remove file	<code>rm test.txt</code>	remove test.txt file
<code>cp</code>	copy	<code>cp fileA fileB</code>	copy fileA to fileB
<code>mv</code>	move or rename file or directory	<code>mv a b</code>	change name from a to b
		<code>mv a ..</code>	move a to parent directory
<code>more</code>	see file content	<code>more a.txt</code>	see contents of a.txt page by page
<code>cat</code>	see file content	<code>cat a.txt</code>	see contents of a.txt page, all the file at once
<code>head/tail</code>	see first/last lines of a file	<code>head -n 10 a.txt</code>	see the first 10 lines a file a.txt (last 10 would be with <code>tail</code> )
<code>zcat</code>	like cat but fir zipped files	<code>zcat a.txt.gz   head</code>	see first 10 lines of a compressed file a.txt.gz
<code>nano</code>	simple text editor!	<code>nano a.txt</code>	edit a.txt (ctrl-X to exit)
<code>firefox</code>	a web browser	<code>firefox a.html</code> or <code>firefox a.jpg</code>	use web browser to view file
<code>ssh</code>	connect to a remote server	<code>ssh student@172.17.133.110</code>	go to the home folder of “student” in a given server
<code>scp</code>	copy from a remote server	<code>scp -r student@172.17.133.110:~/test .</code>	copy test directory from remote server at current pwd
<code>man</code>	manual on a command	<code>man ls</code>	manual page for the 'ls' command