Who am I?

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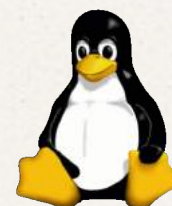University of Central Florida

THE COMMAND LINE

a.k.a The terminal

a.k.a. 'My worst nightmare' (but really?)

Goals for this session:

- What is the command line interface?

- Learn fundamental commands of a UNIX operating system
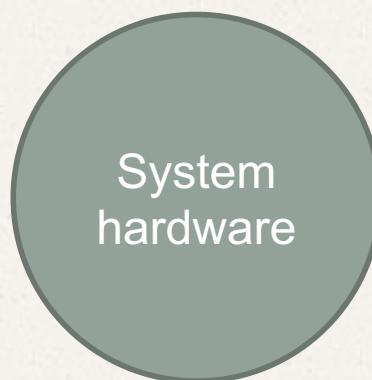 - Basis for Mac and Linux operating systems

Mac

What is UNIX

- ## An operating system
  - ### Developed in the 1960's by AT&T
  - ### Flexible and stable
  - ### Allows users to
    - Run Programs
    - Manage Resources
    - Access the folders and files
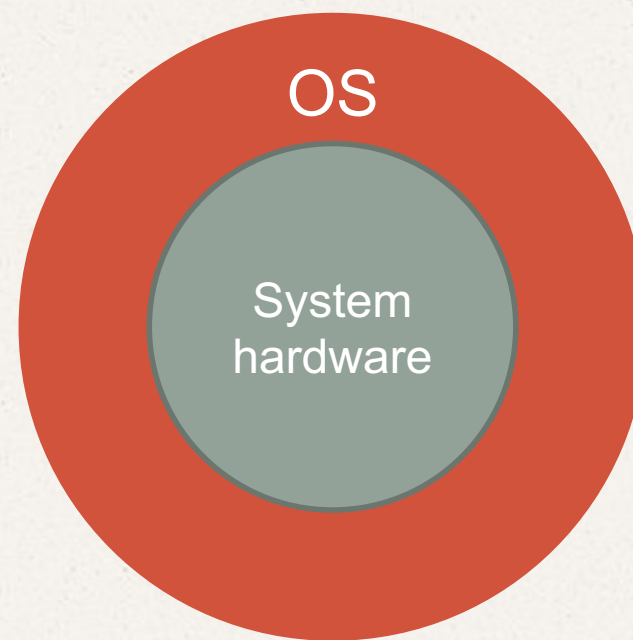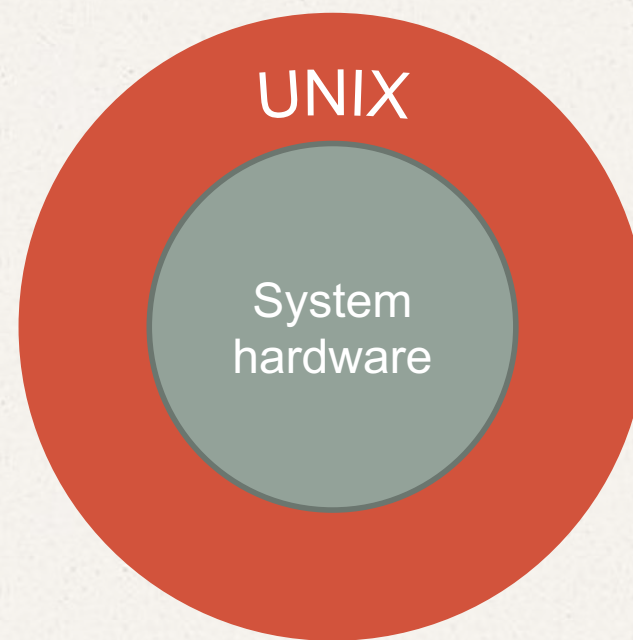   - Communicate with other computer systems
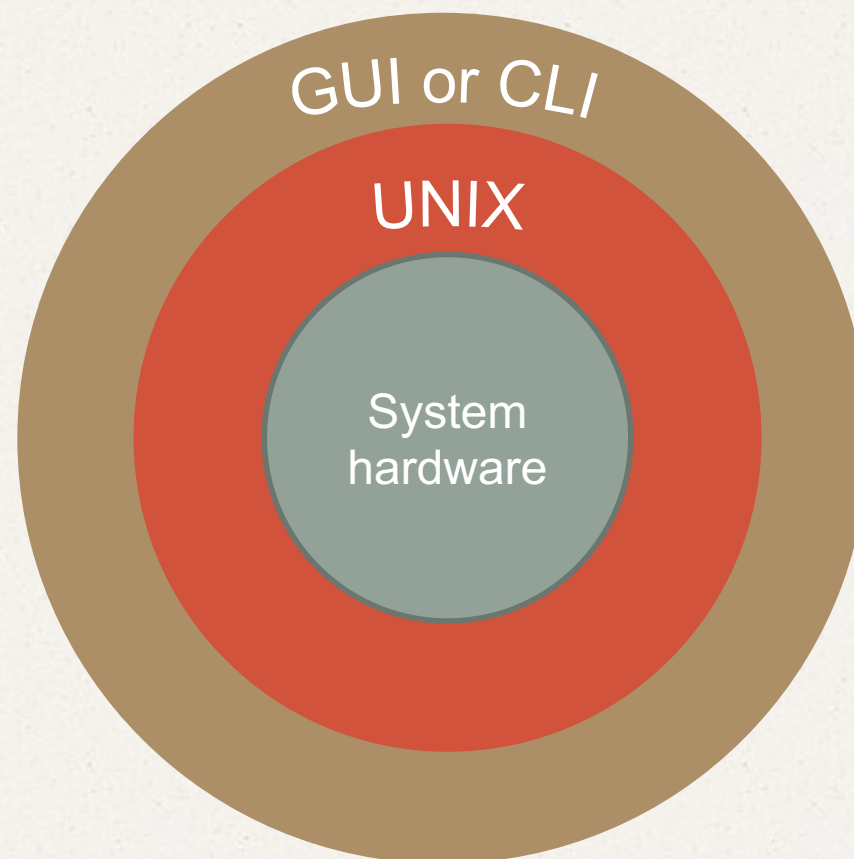
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System hardware

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GUI or CLI

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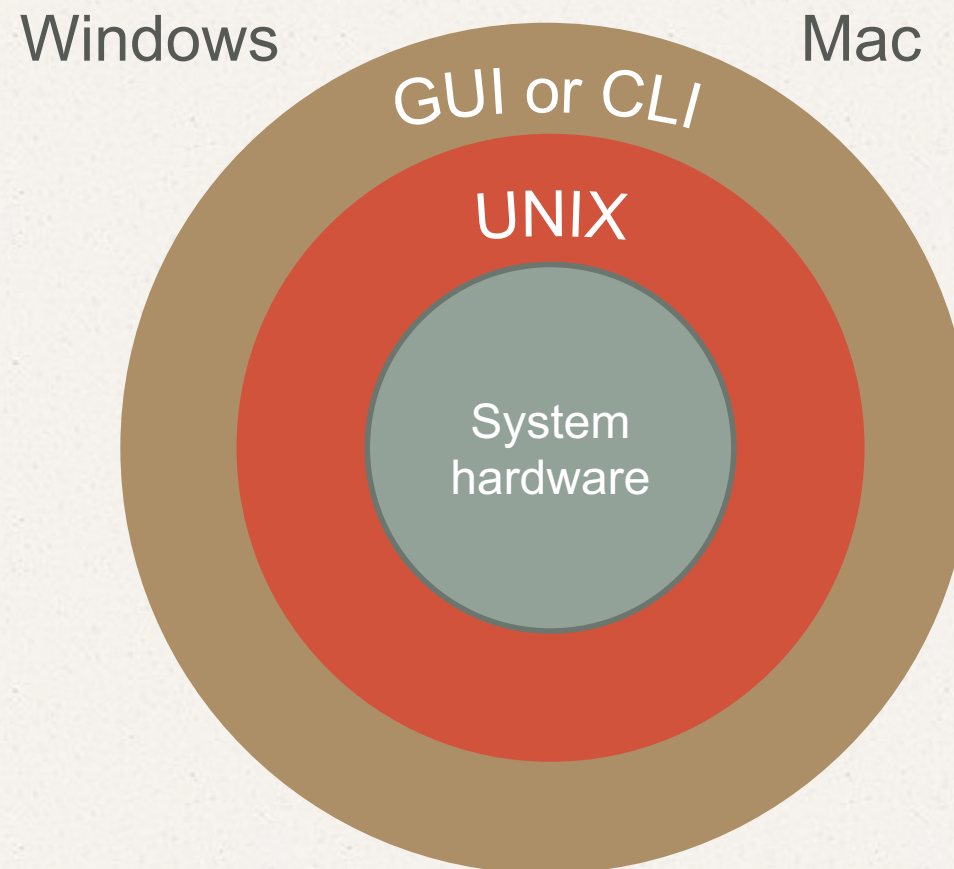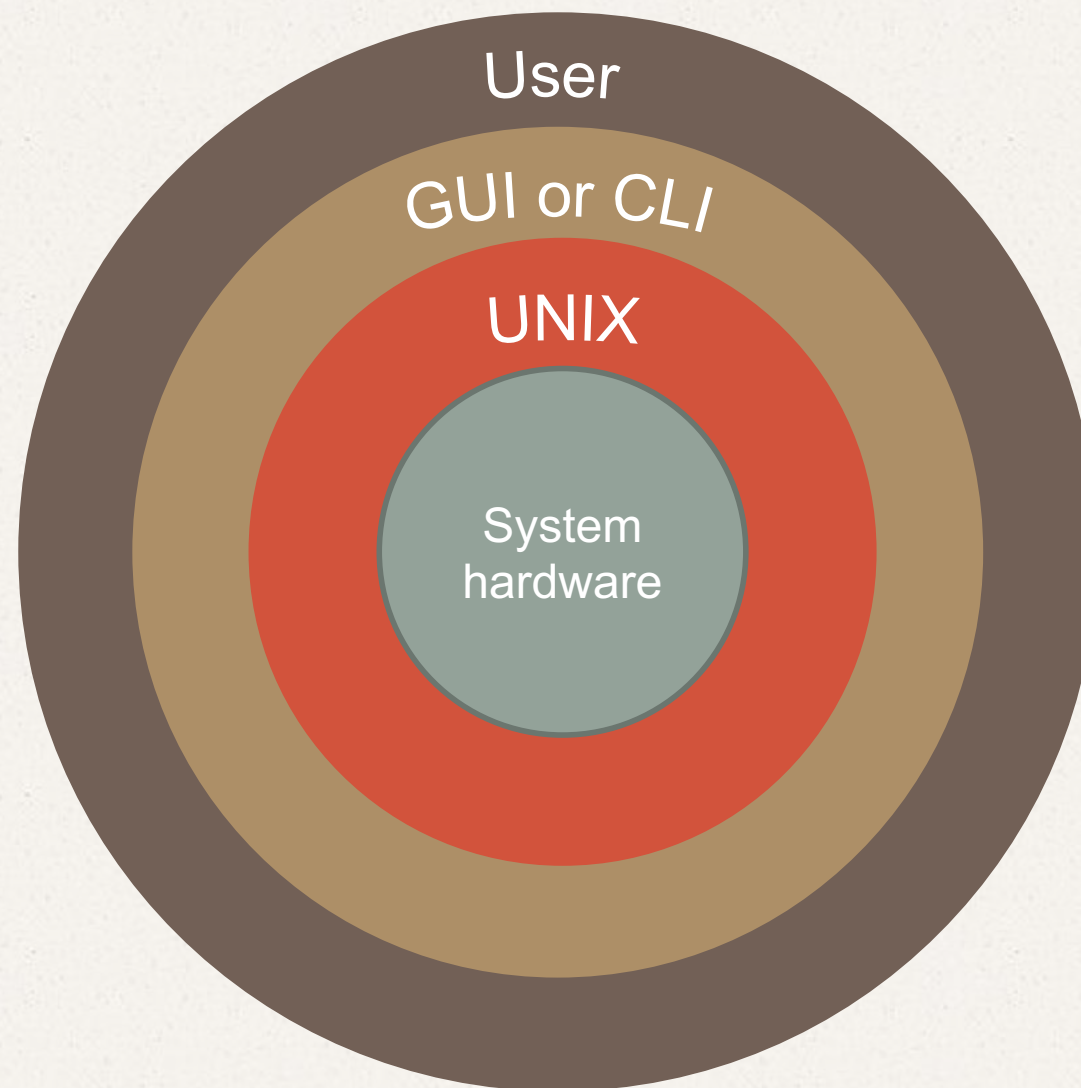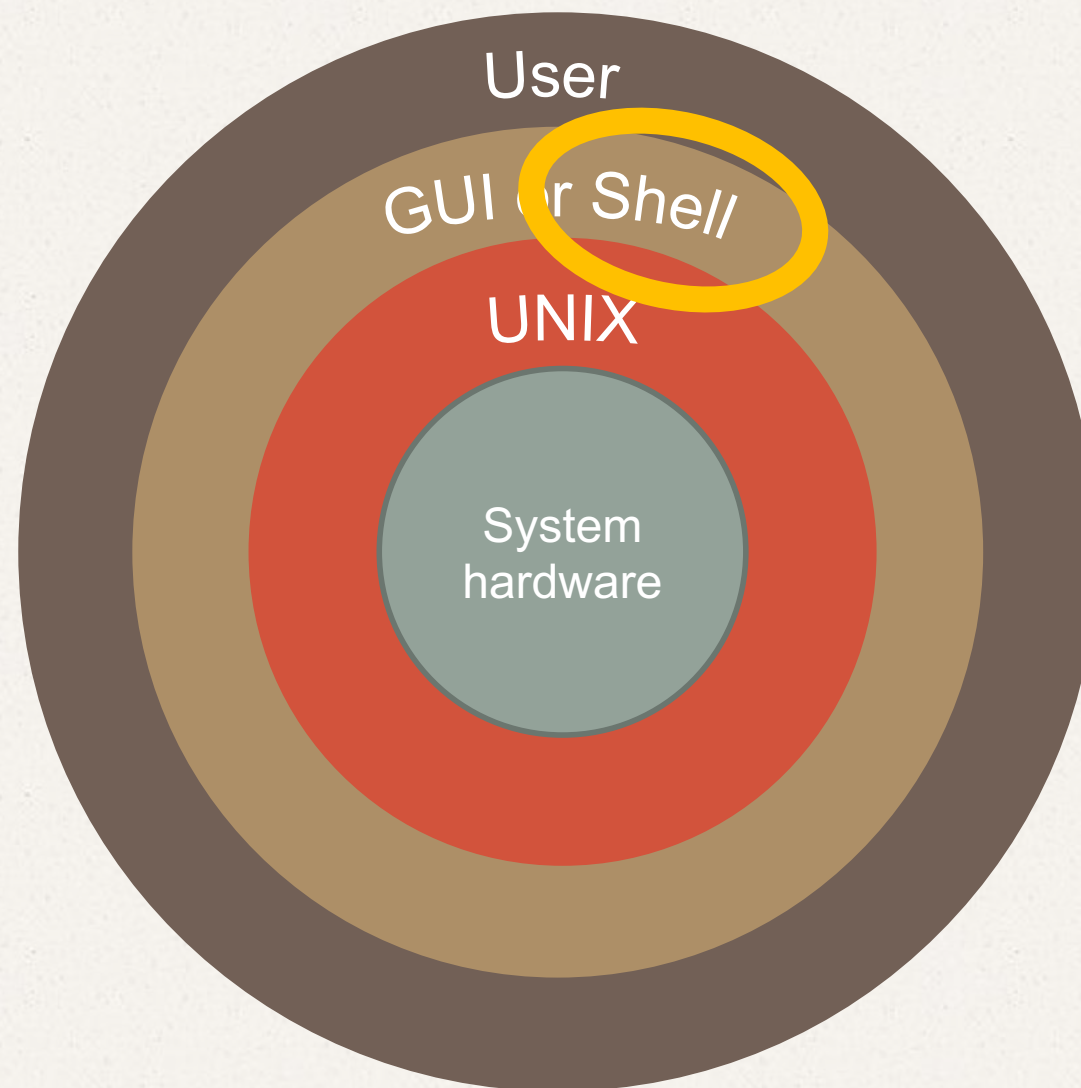
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The SHELL (terminal)

- ## The shell interprets text commands the user types and manages their execution

  - The shell communicates with the core operating system called the **kernel**
  - The most popular shells are: bash (default), tcsh, csh, korn
  - The differences are generally subtle
  - For this tutorial, we are using bash

- ## WARNING: Shell commands are **CASE SENSITIVE!**

  - So "cat" and "Cat" are two different things

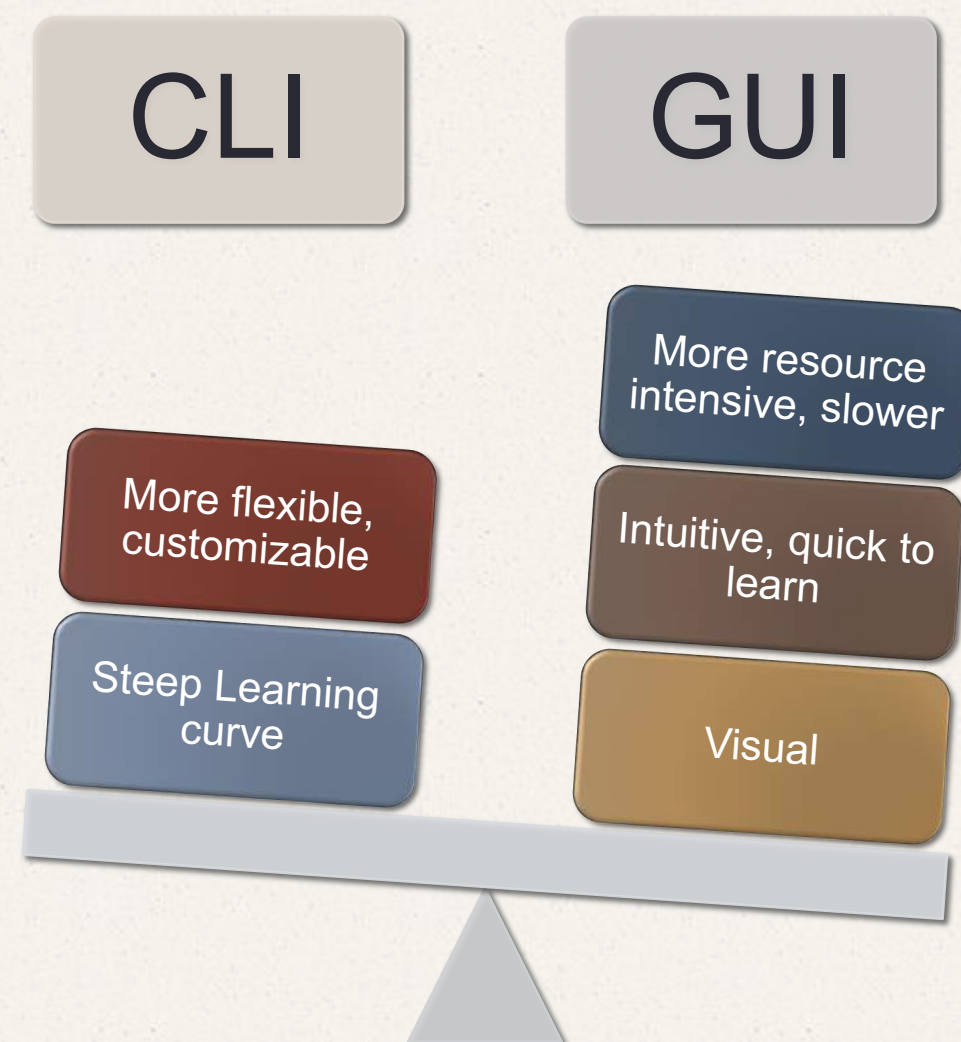# Command Line Interface (CLI): Advantages vs Disadvantages

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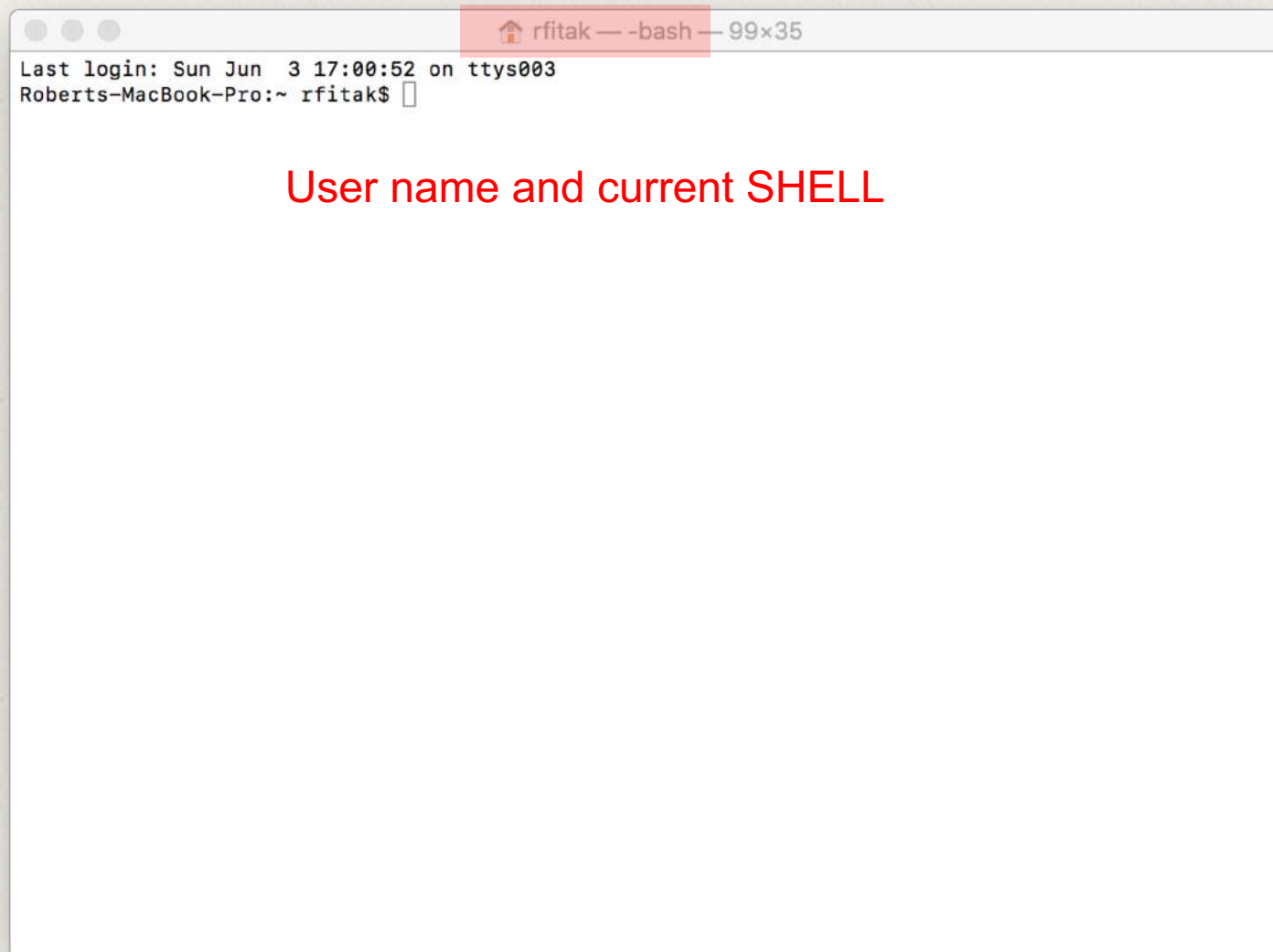

User name and current SHELL

The terminal

rfitak — -bash — 99×35

Last login: Sun Jun 3 17:00:52 on ttys003
Roberts-MacBook-Pro:~ rfitak$

Prompt
- Waiting for you to enter a command
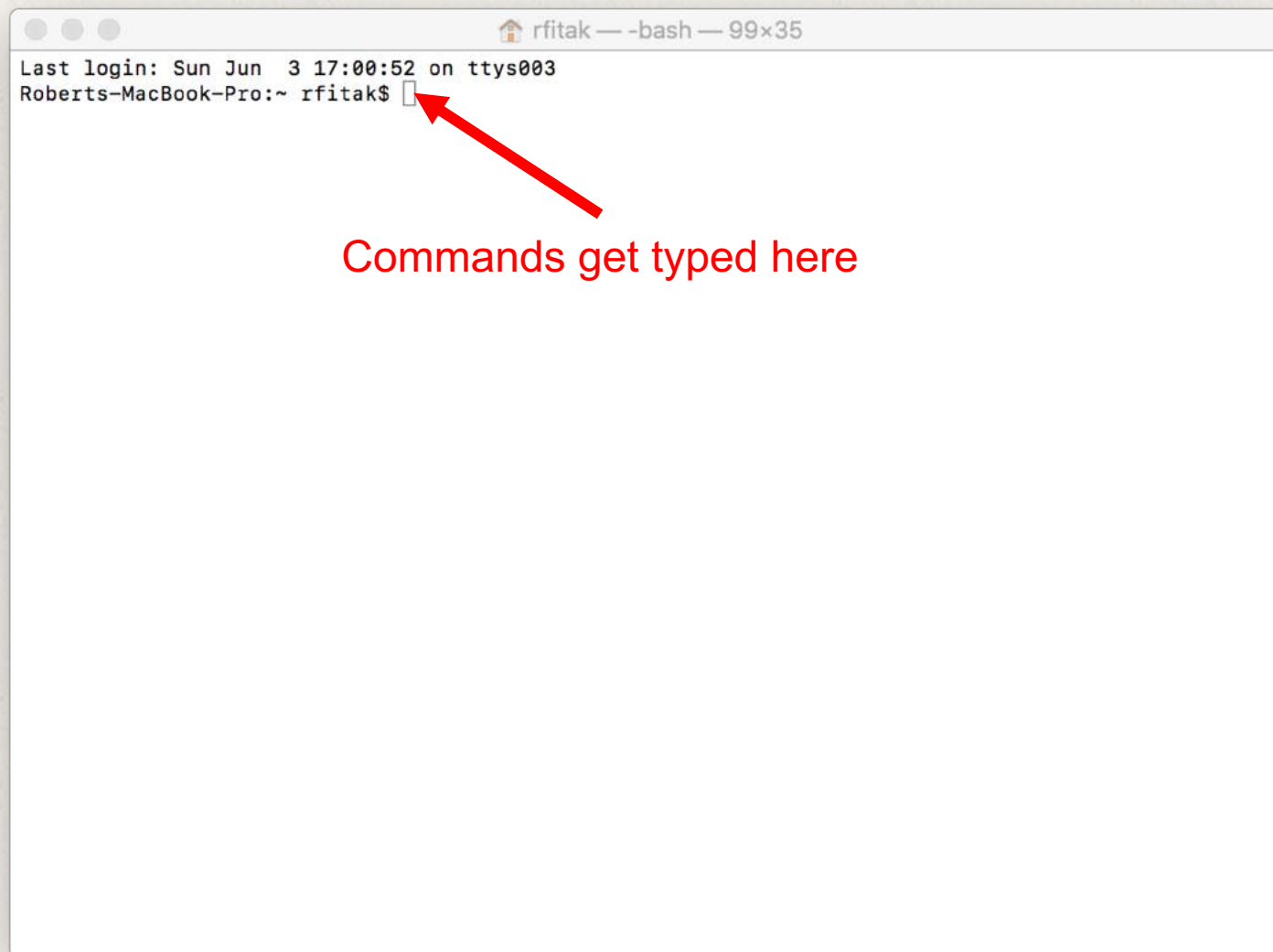- Includes current location & Username

The terminal


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Commands get typed here

Commands

- UNIX commands can be very simple one word commands, or have many additional arguments (a.k.a. parameters).

- In general, a UNIX command has the following form:

command   options(s)   filename(s)

- The *command* is the name of the program that we are going to execute.

- The *options* modify the way the command works. Options are typically indicated by one or two hyphens: e.g. **-a** or **--input**.

- The *filename* is the last argument for many UNIX commands.

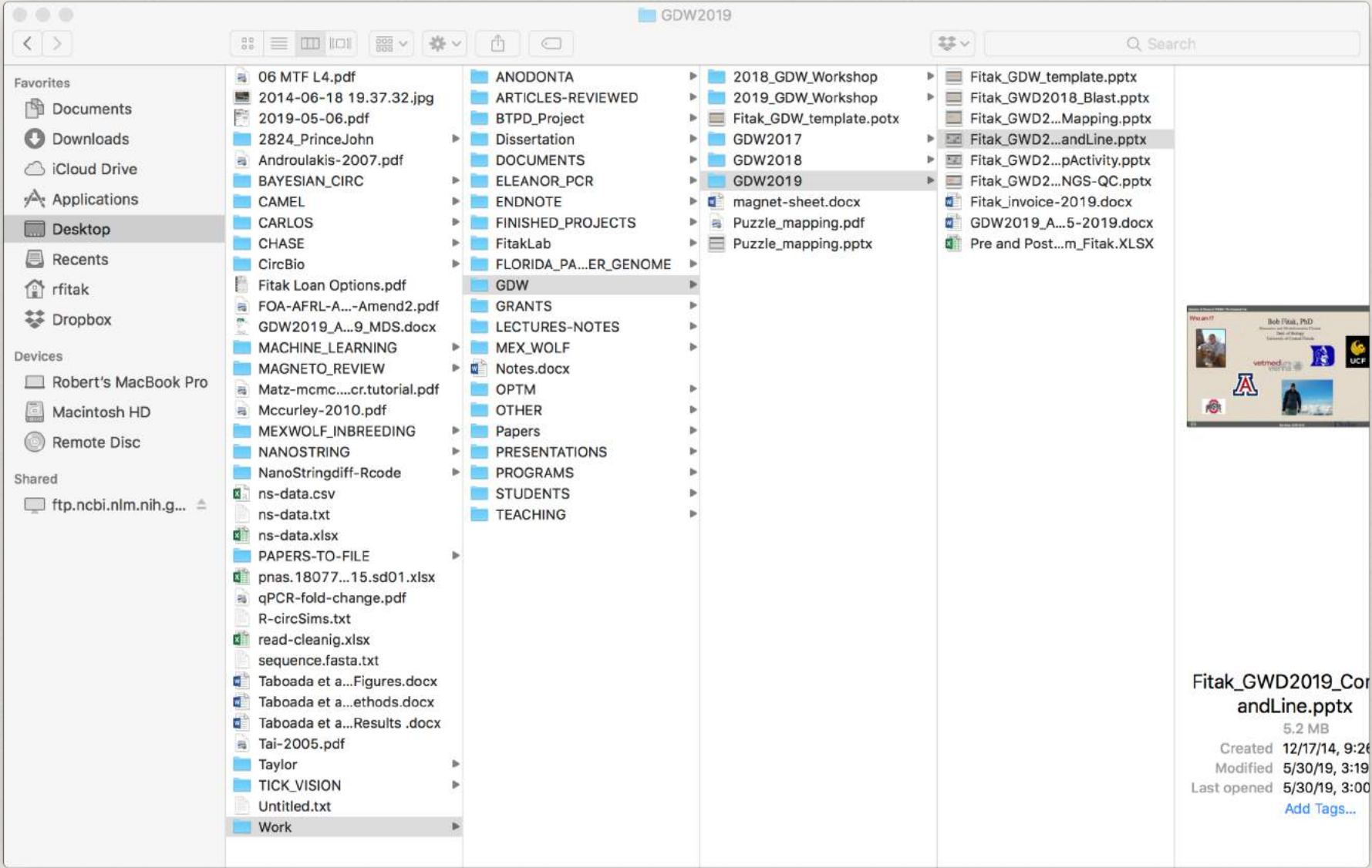# Navigating your computer
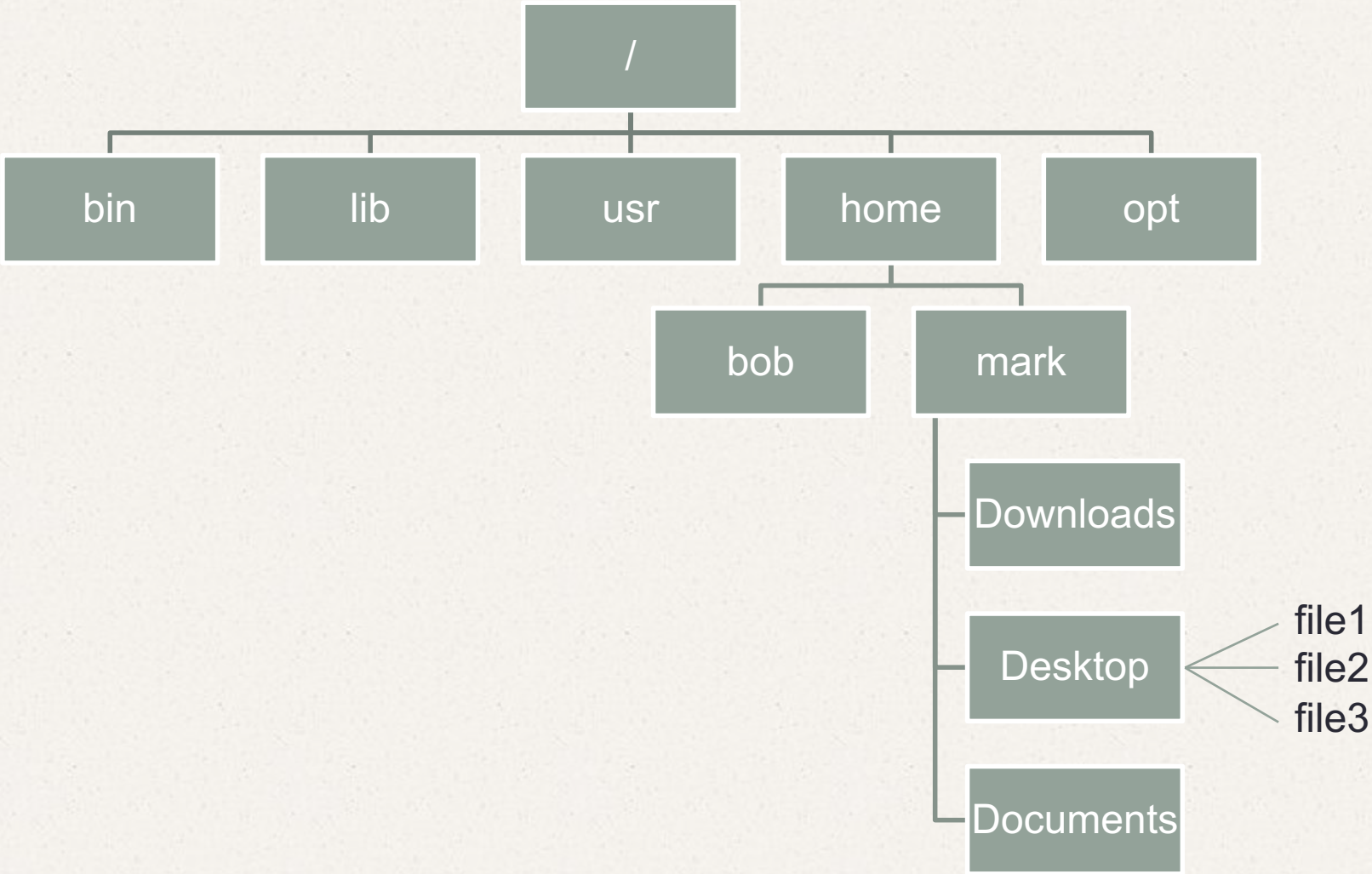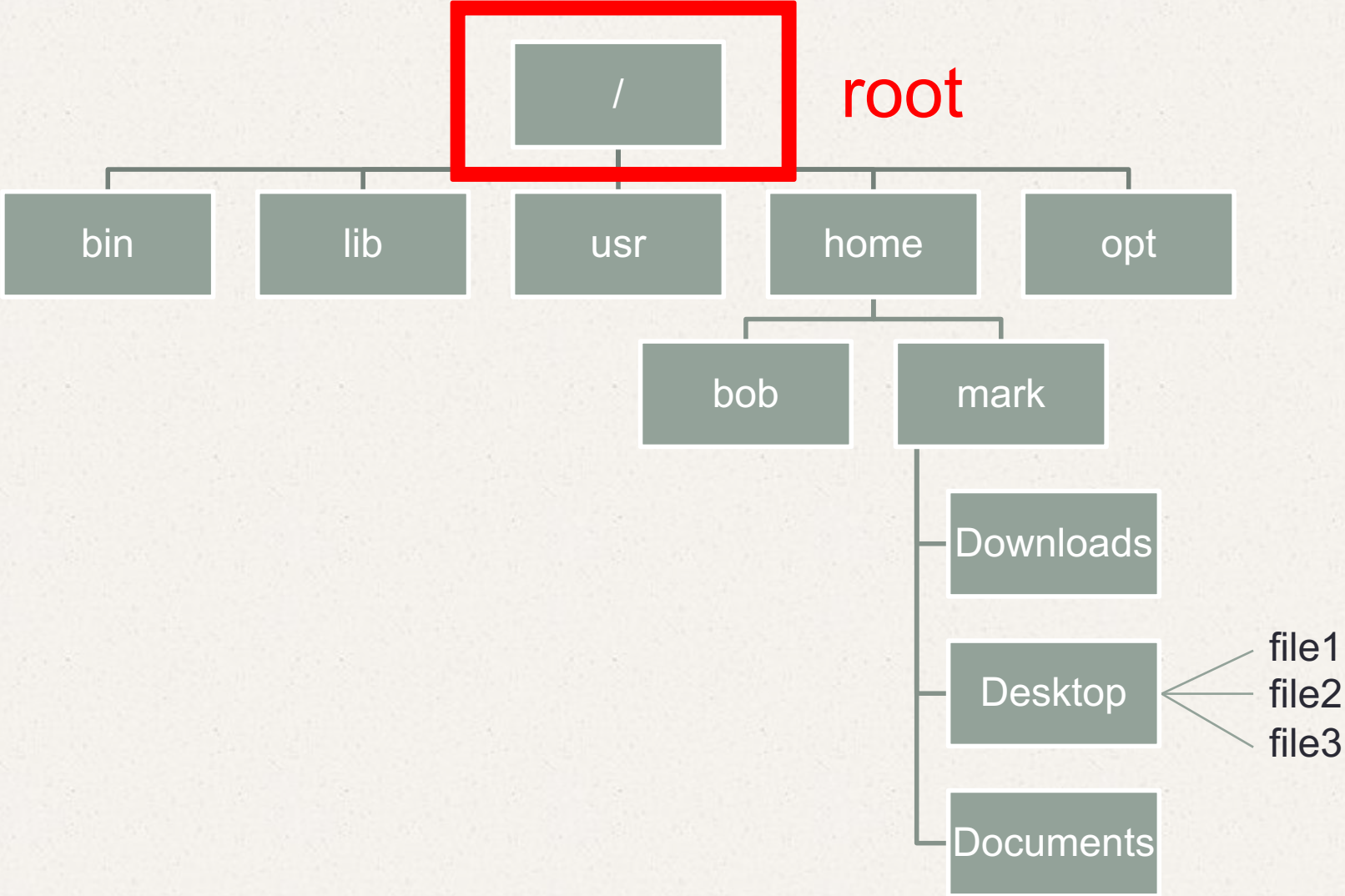
with the command line

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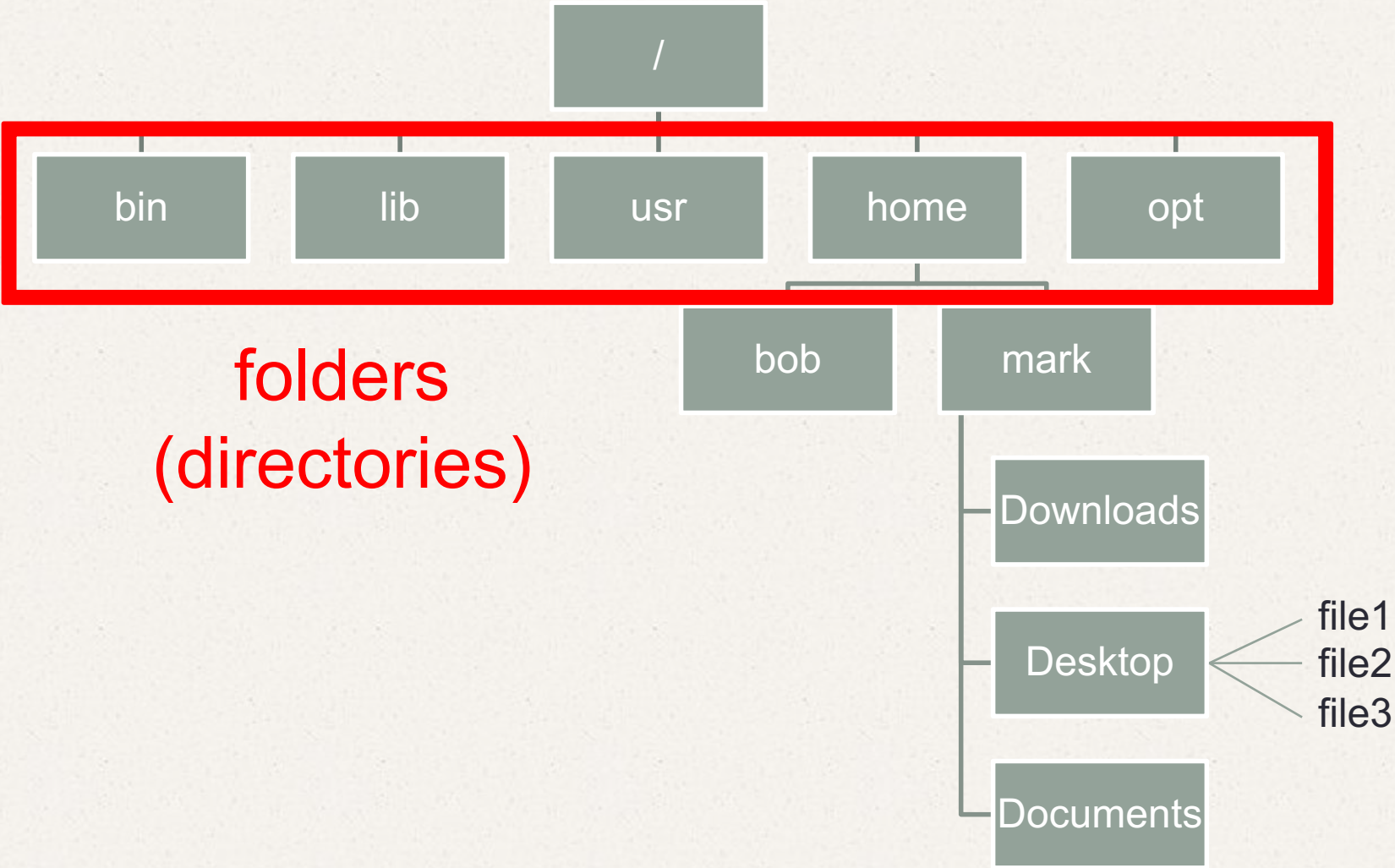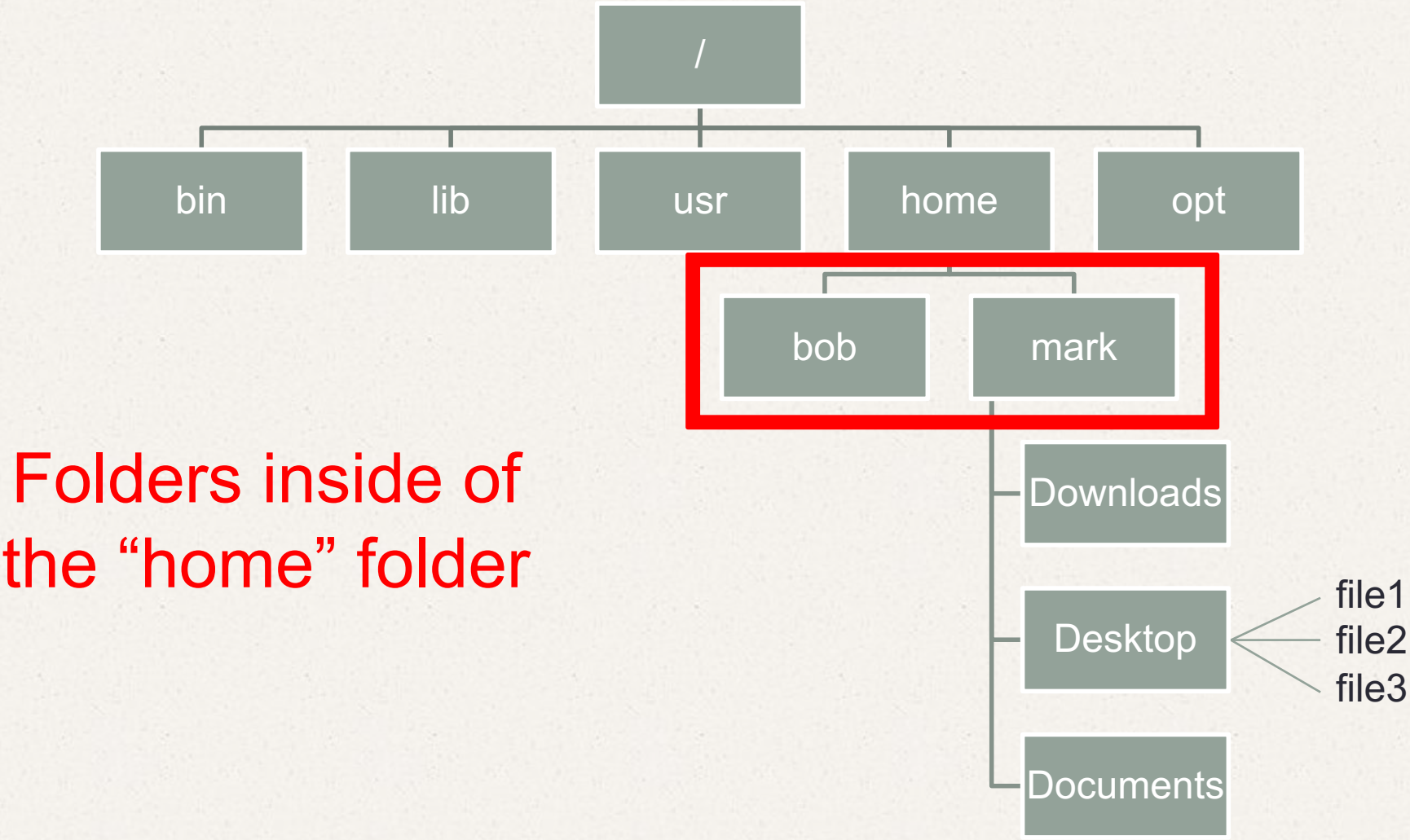
The file system

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folders
(directories)

/
bin lib usr home opt
bob mark
Downloads
Desktop — file1 file2 file3
Documents

The file system

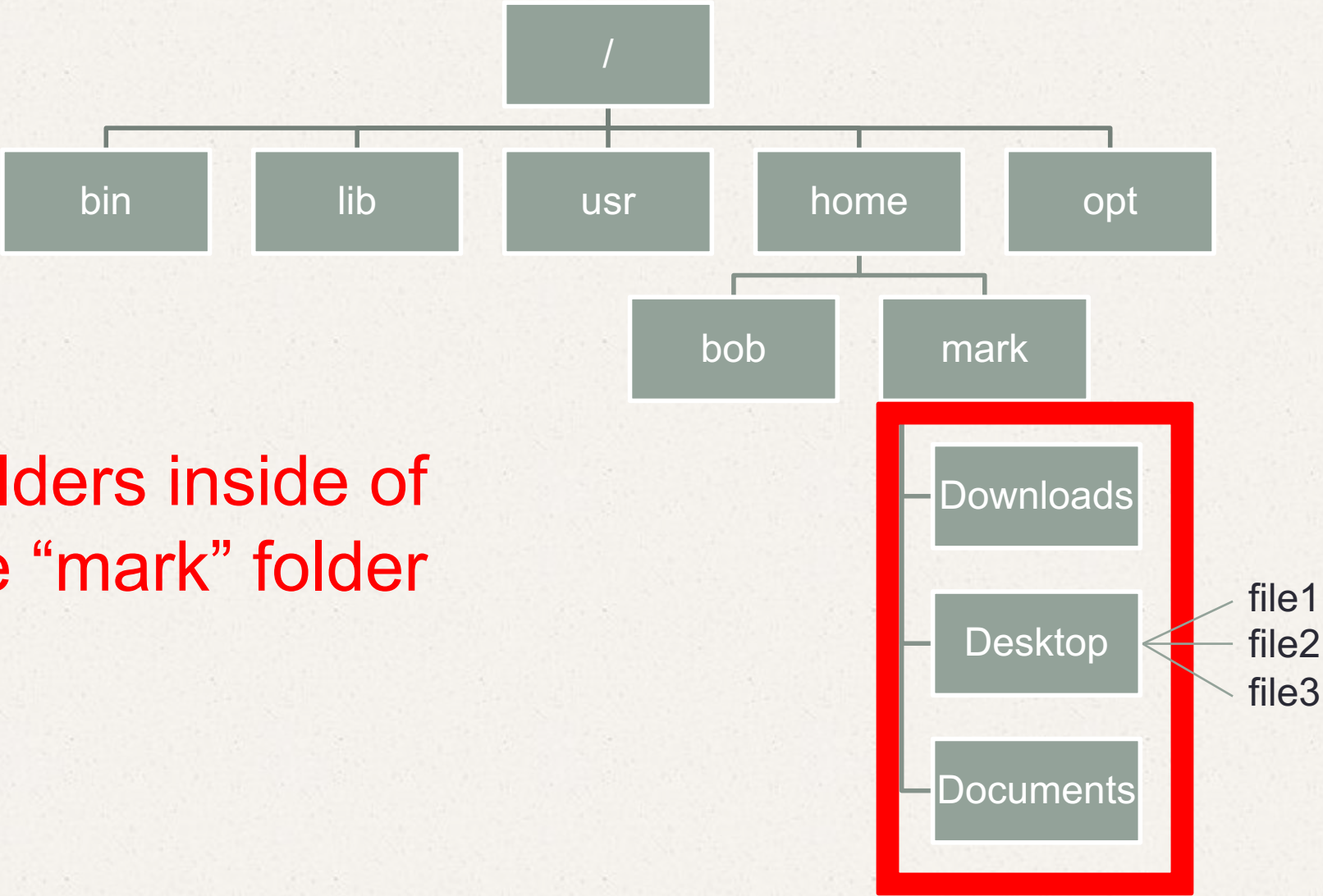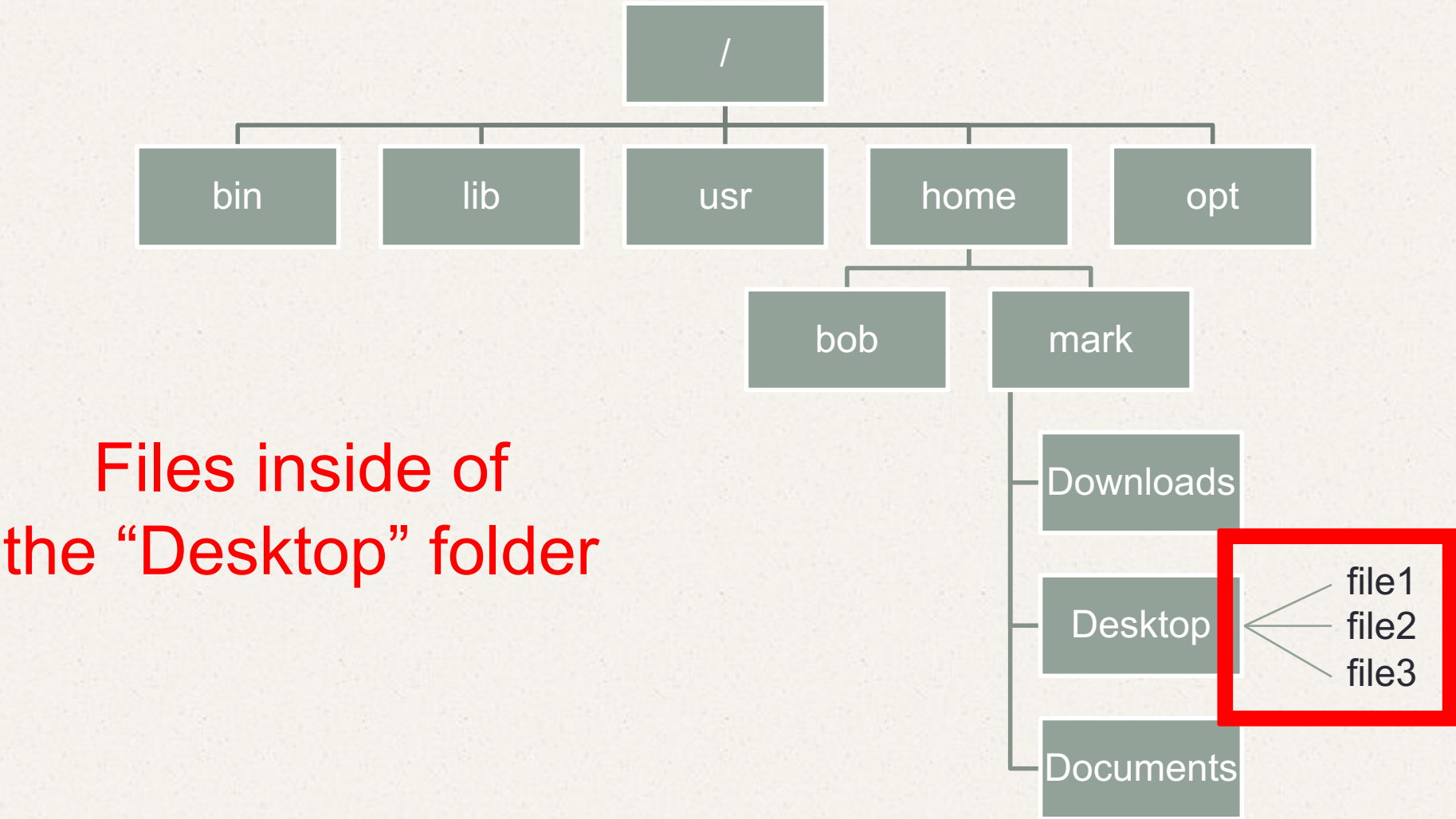Folders inside of the "home" folder

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Files inside of
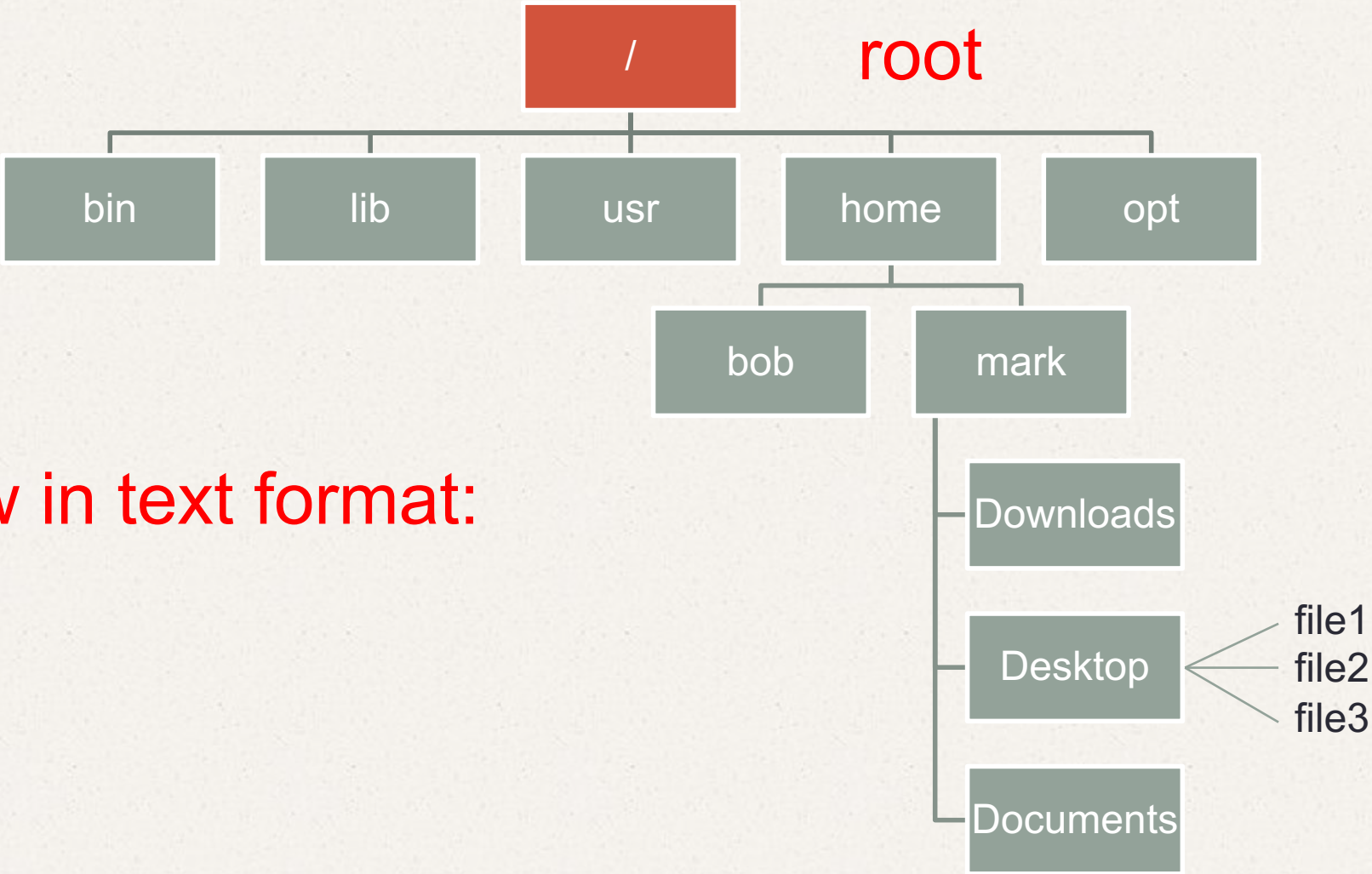the "Desktop" folder

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Now in text format:

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root

Now in text format:

/
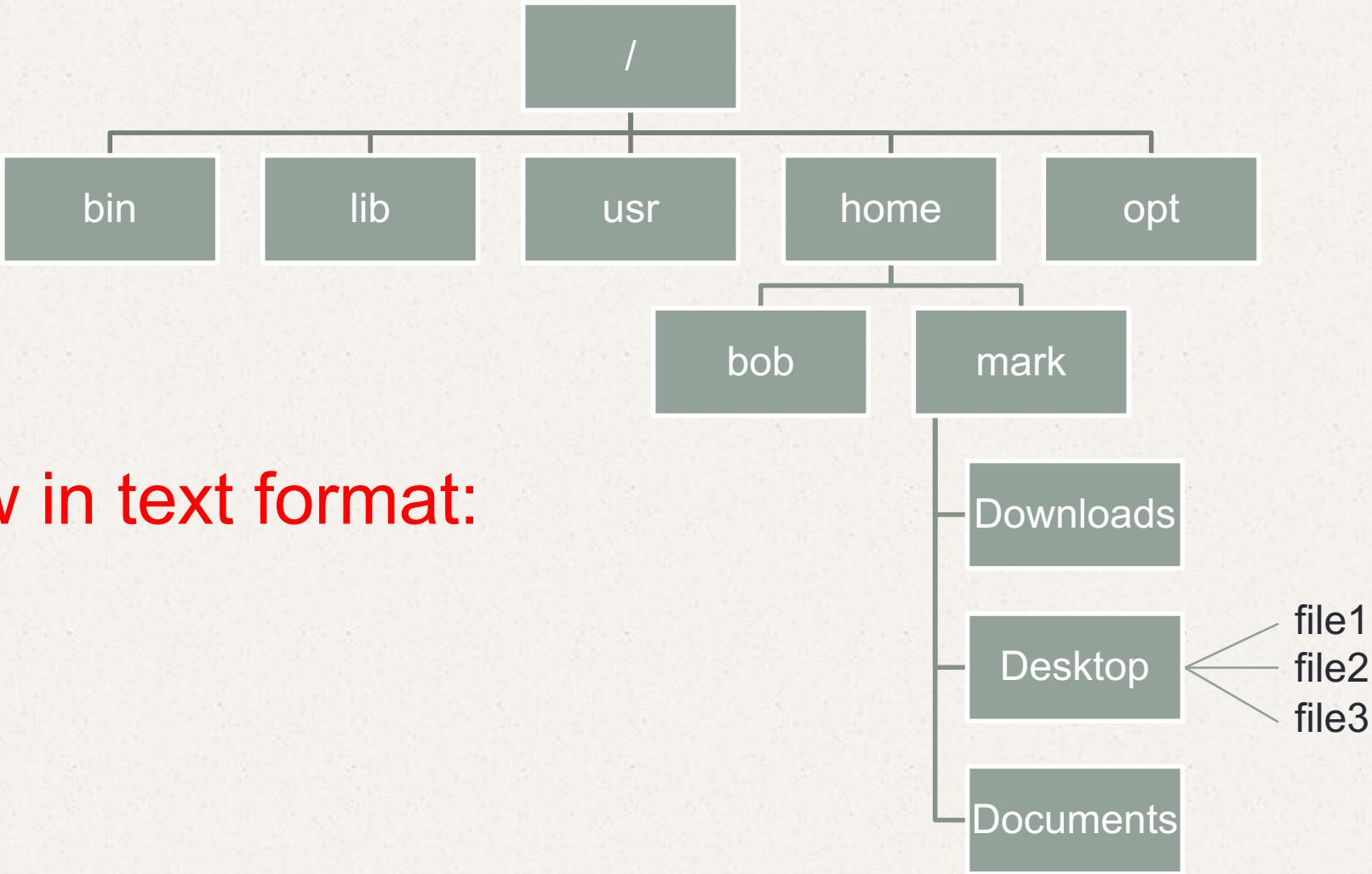
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Now in text format:

/home

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            ┌──────────┬──────────┼──────────┬──────────┐
          bin        lib        usr        home        opt
                                         ┌────┴────┐
                                        bob      mark
                                                  ├── Downloads
                                                  ├── Desktop ── file1
                                                  │              file2
                                                  │              file3
                                                  └── Documents
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Now in text format:

/home/mark

The file system

Now in text format:

/home/mark/Desktop

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Now in text format:

/home/mark/Desktop/file2

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path

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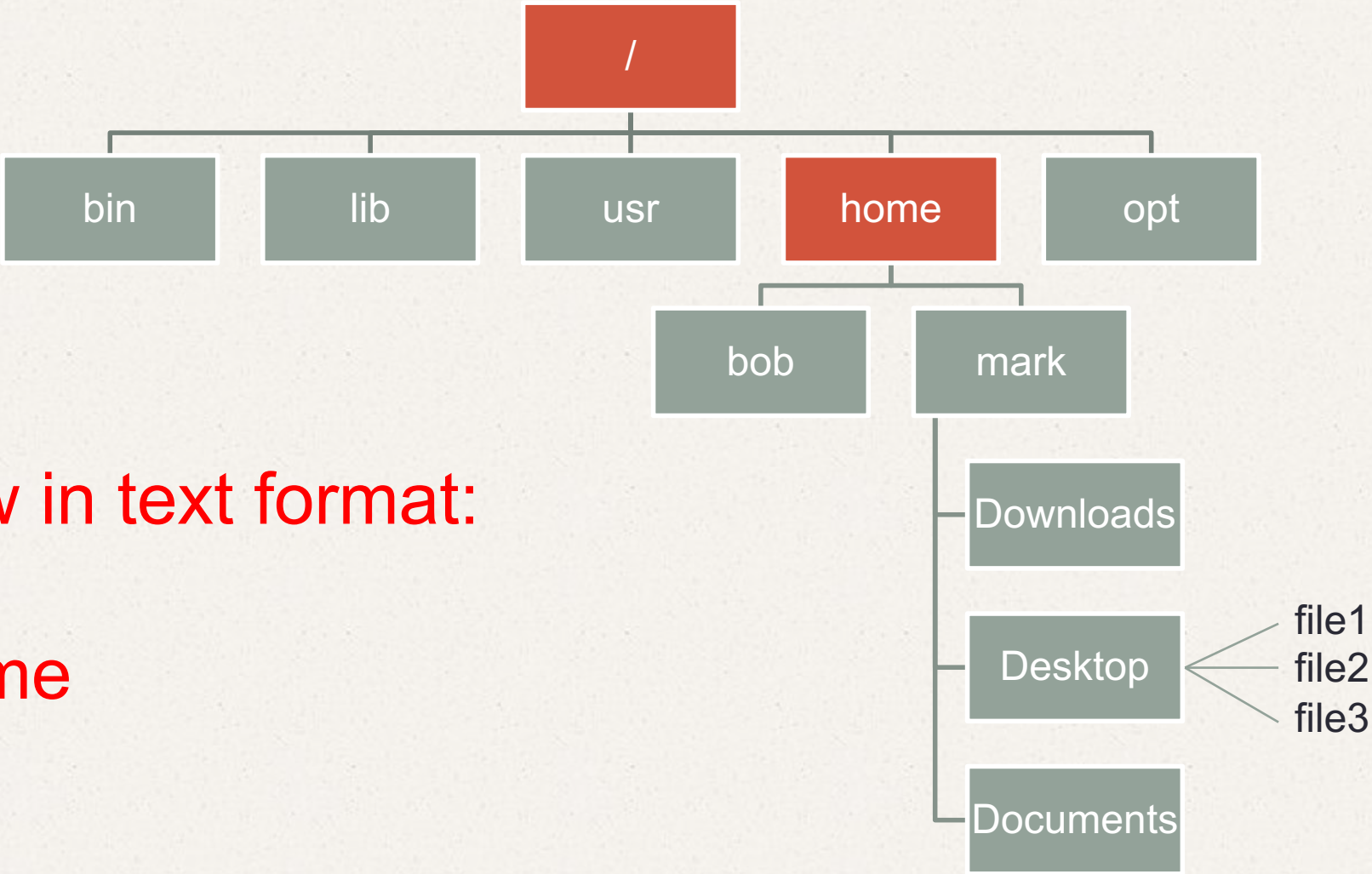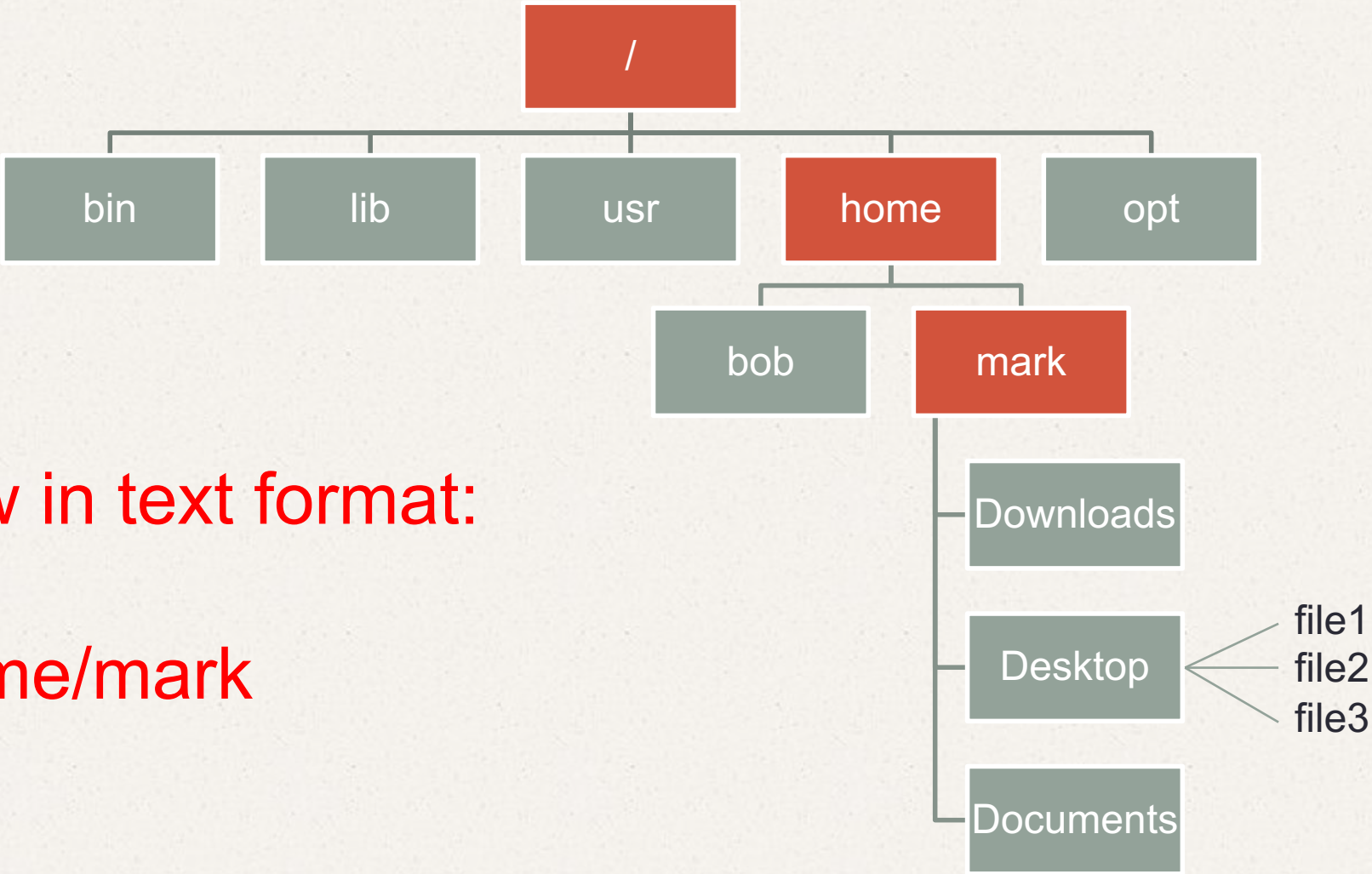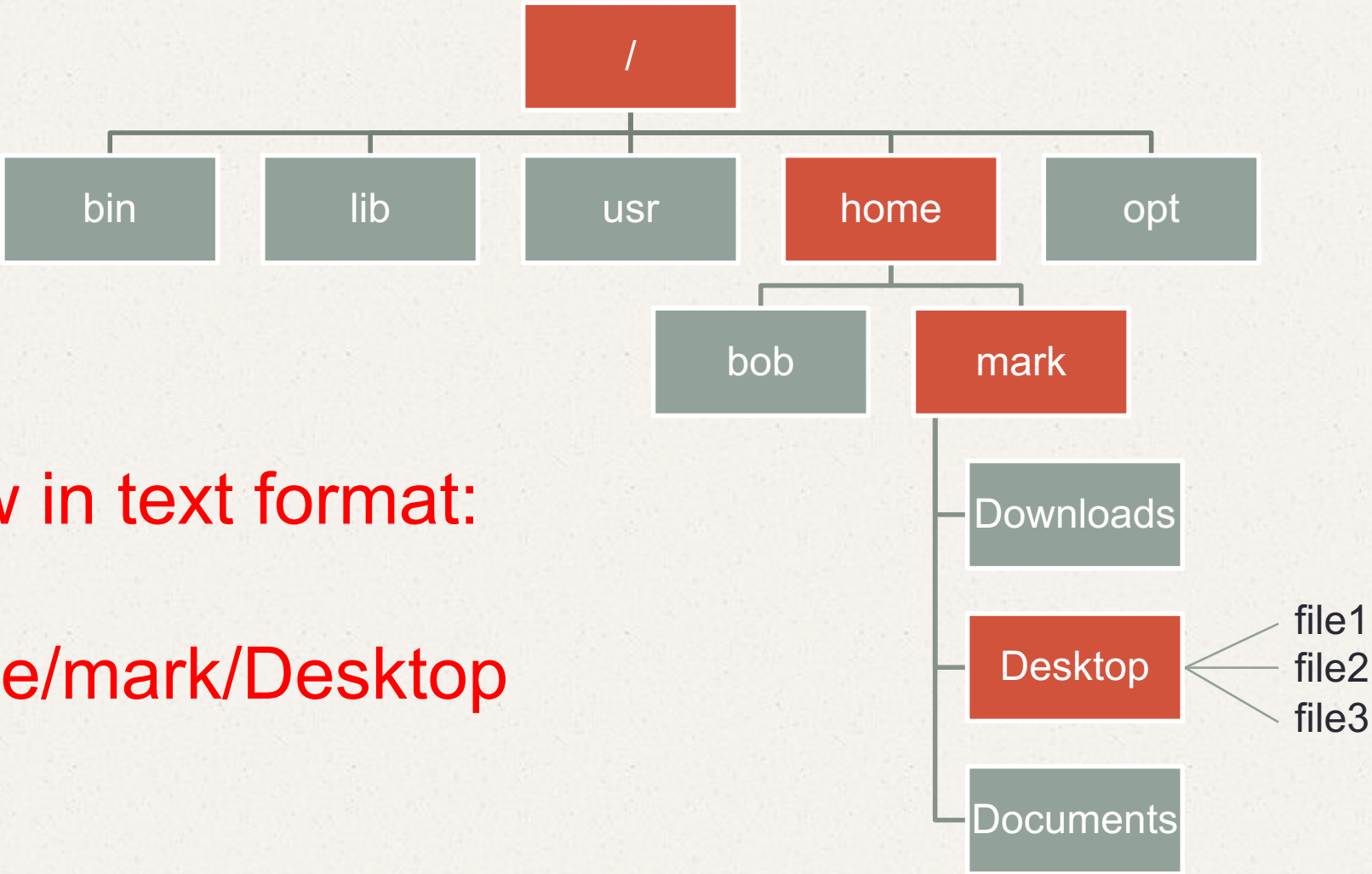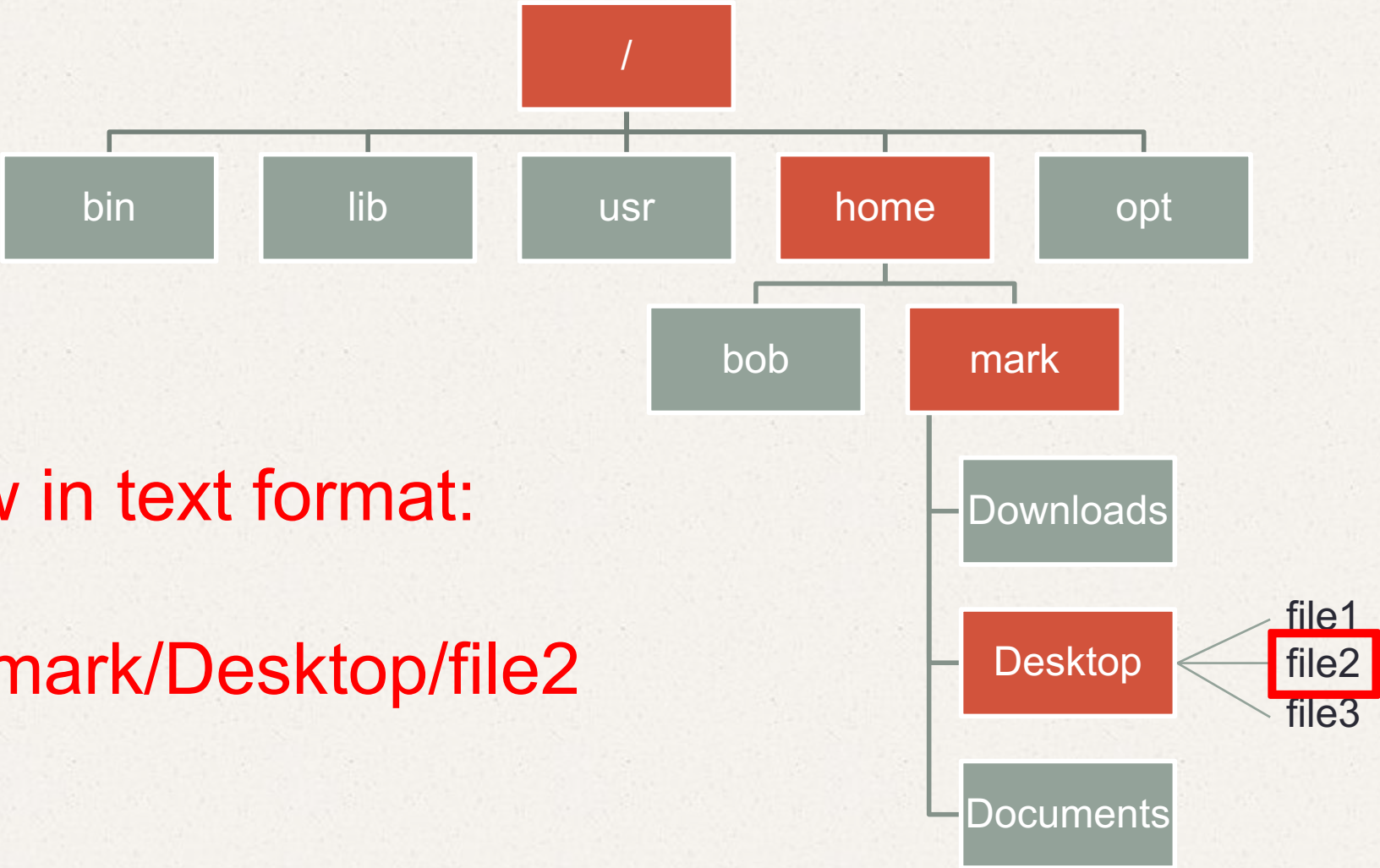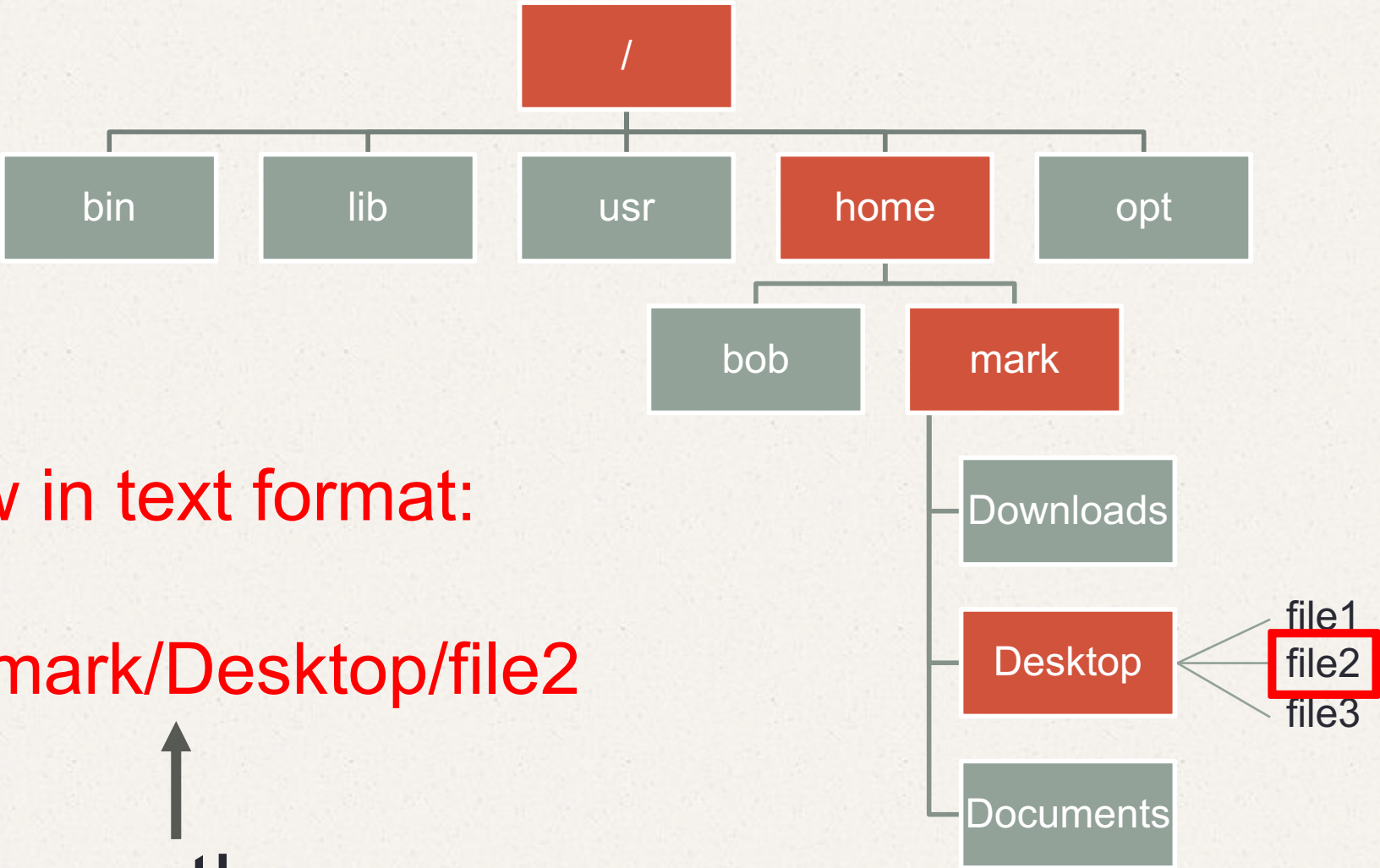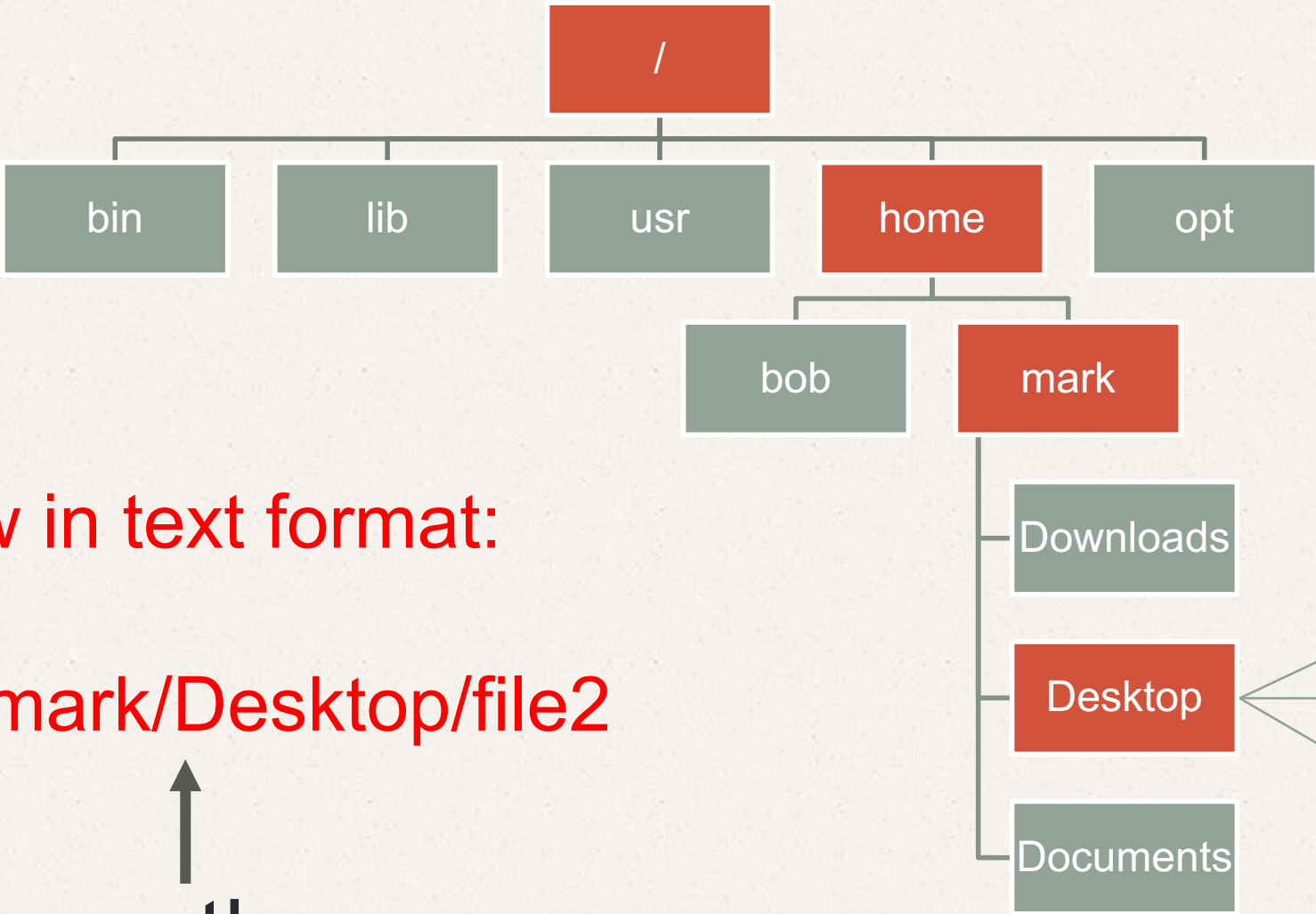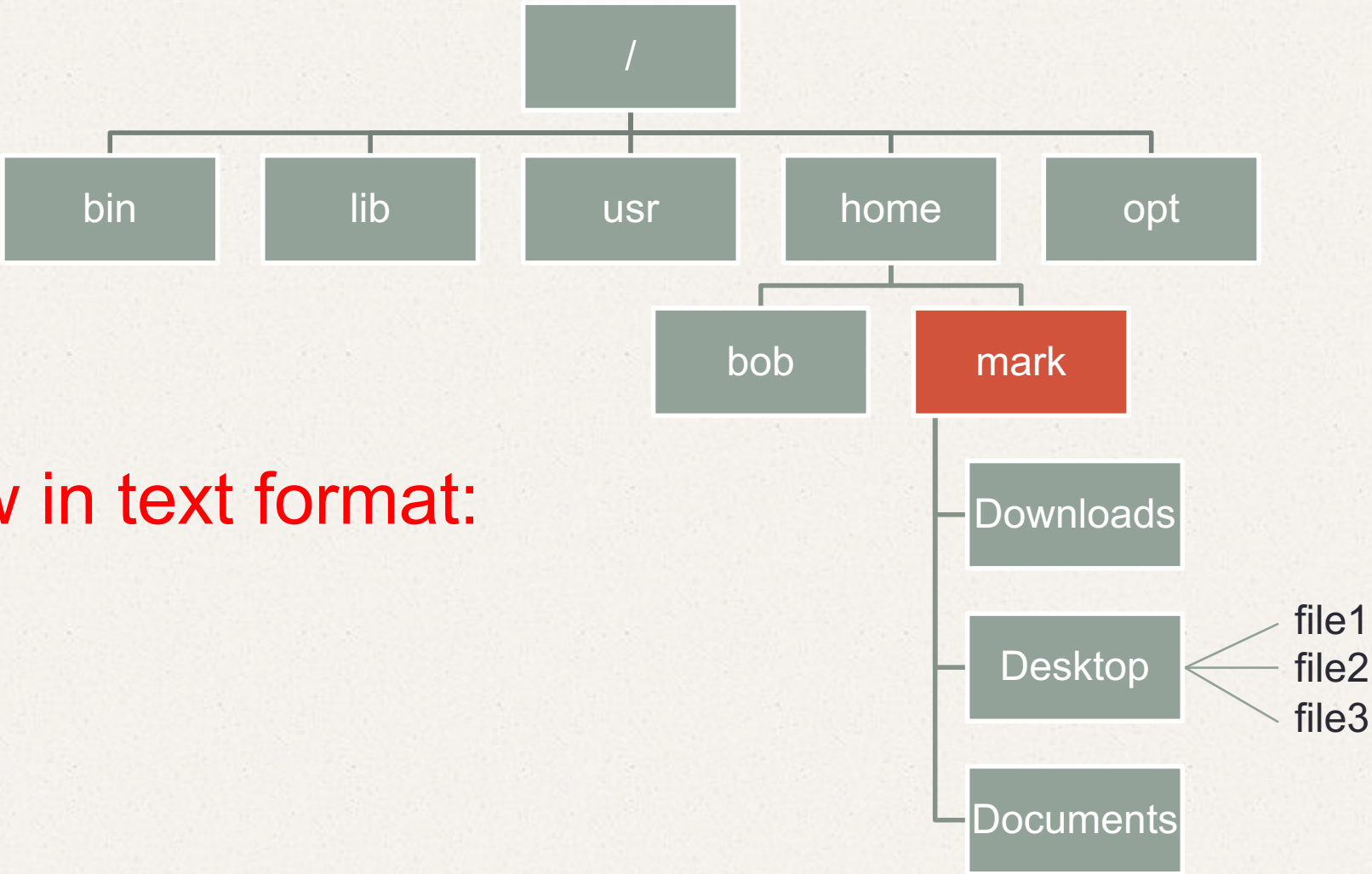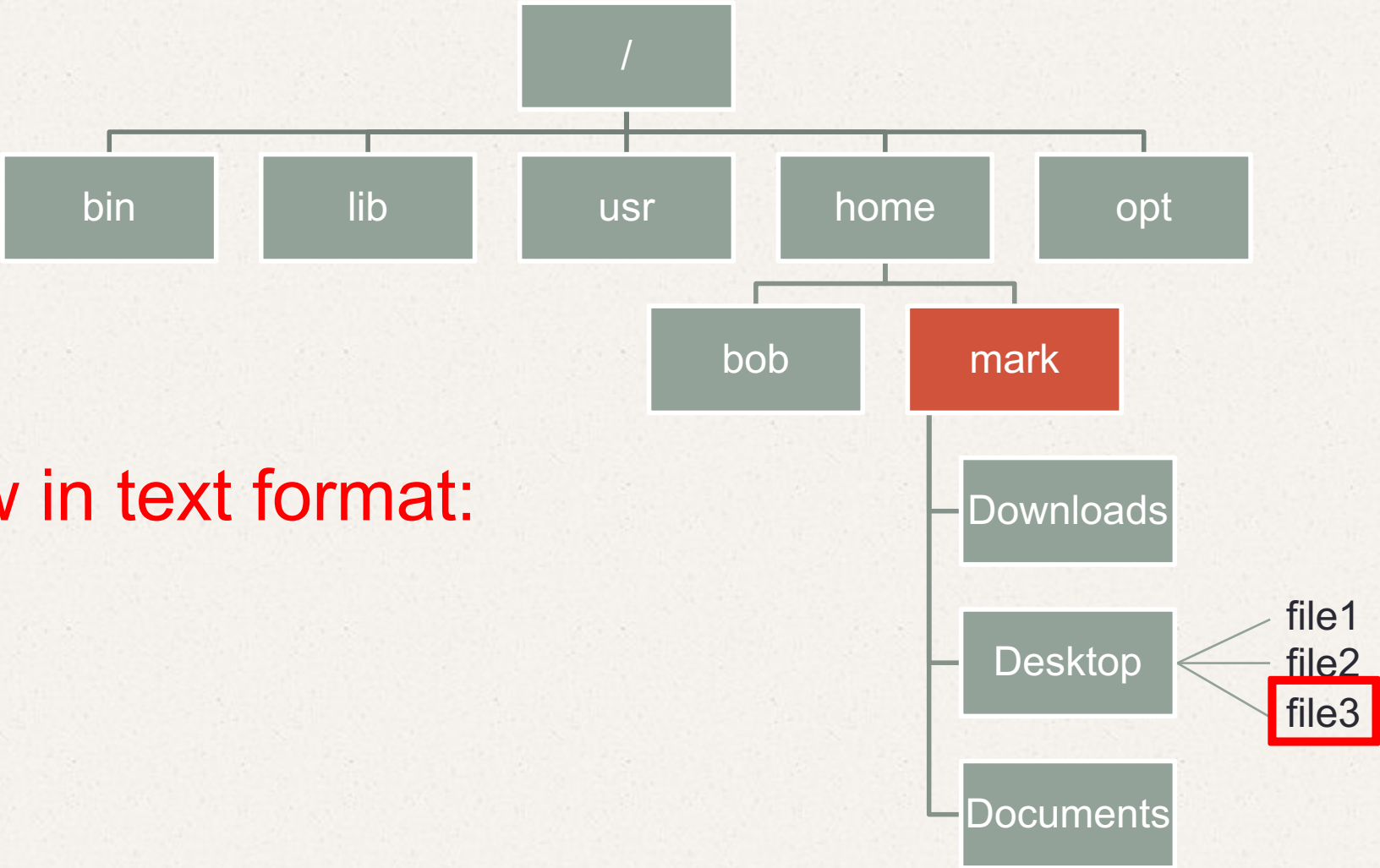/home/mark/Desktop/file2

absolute path

The file system

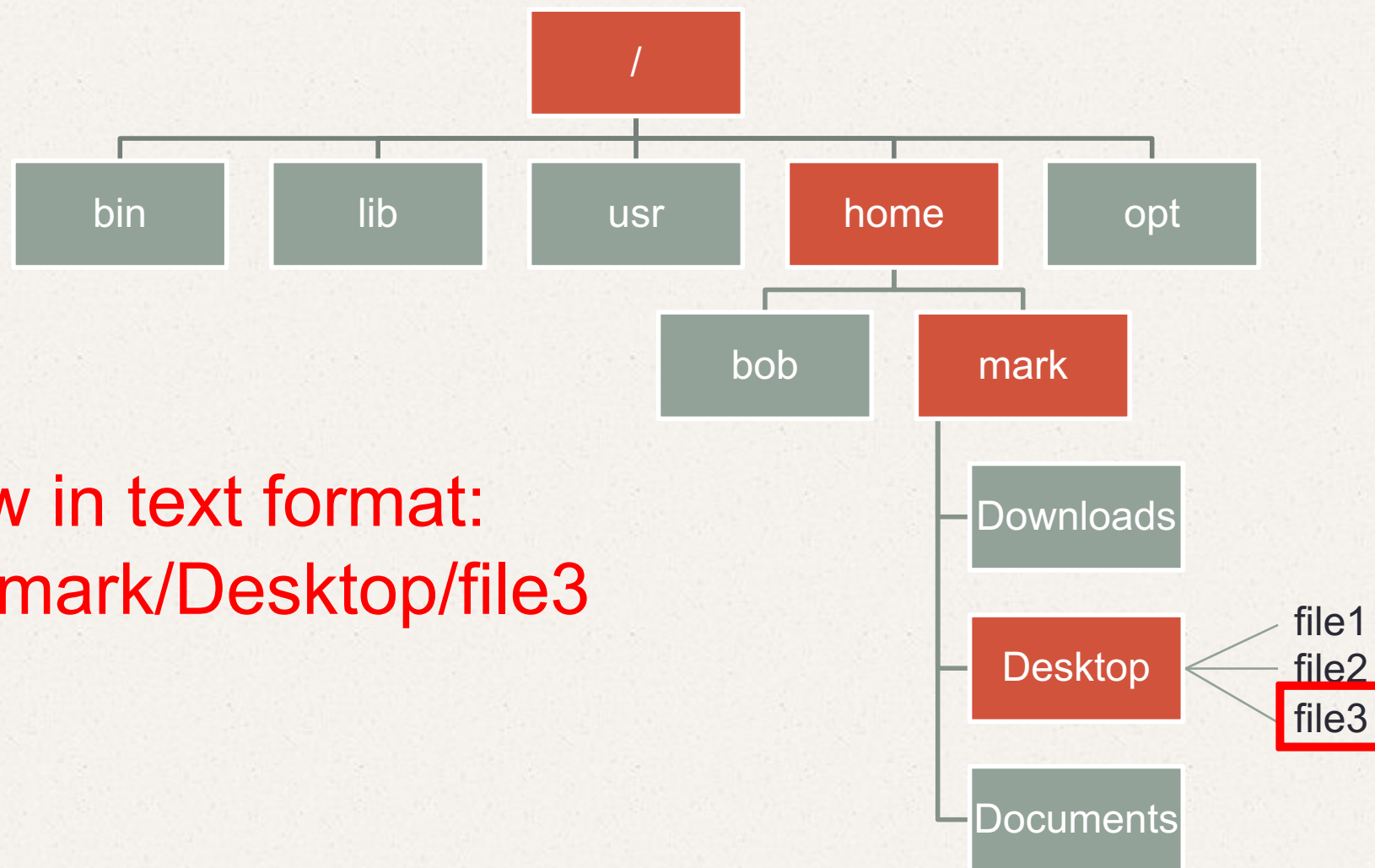Now in text format:
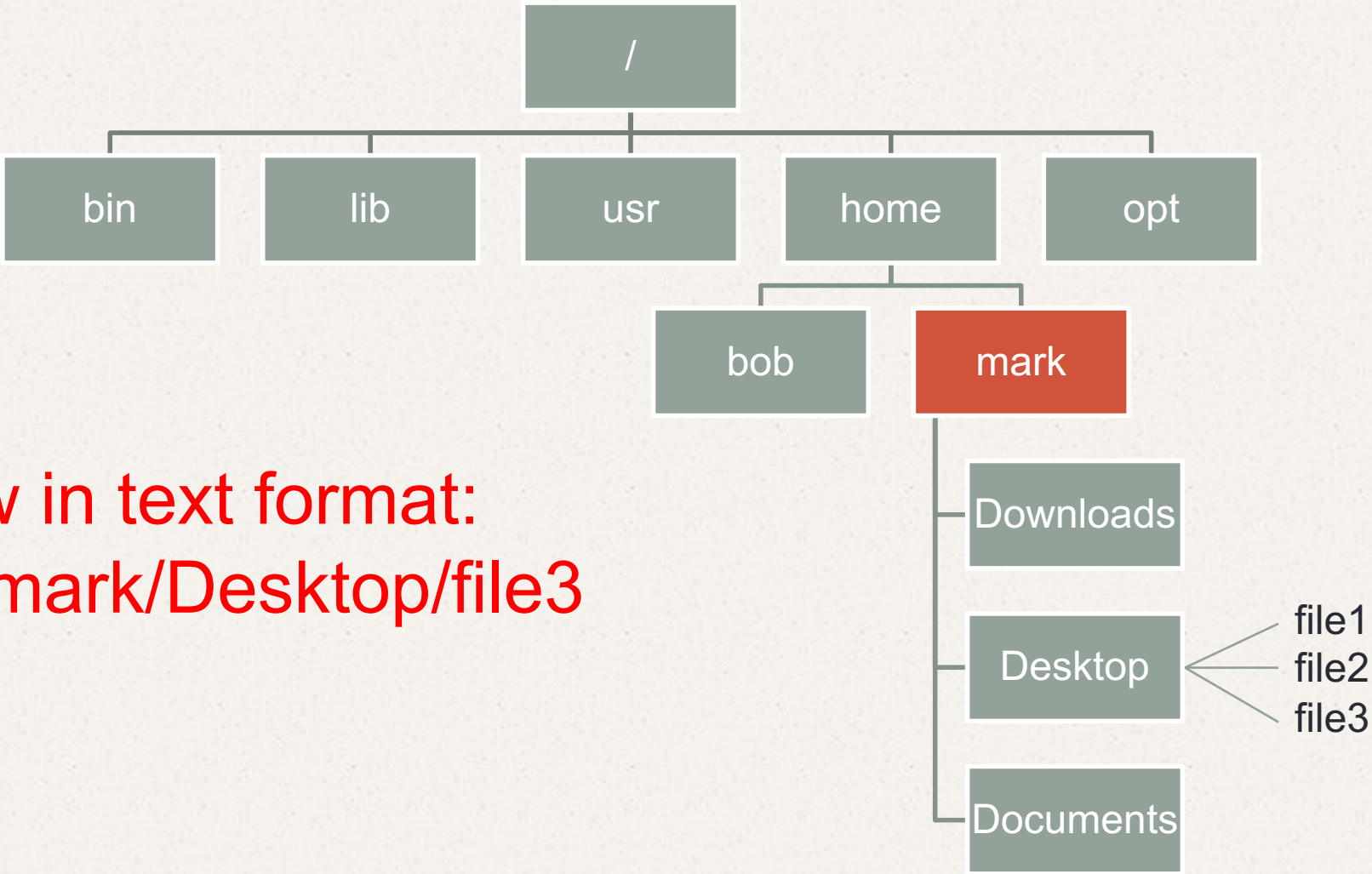
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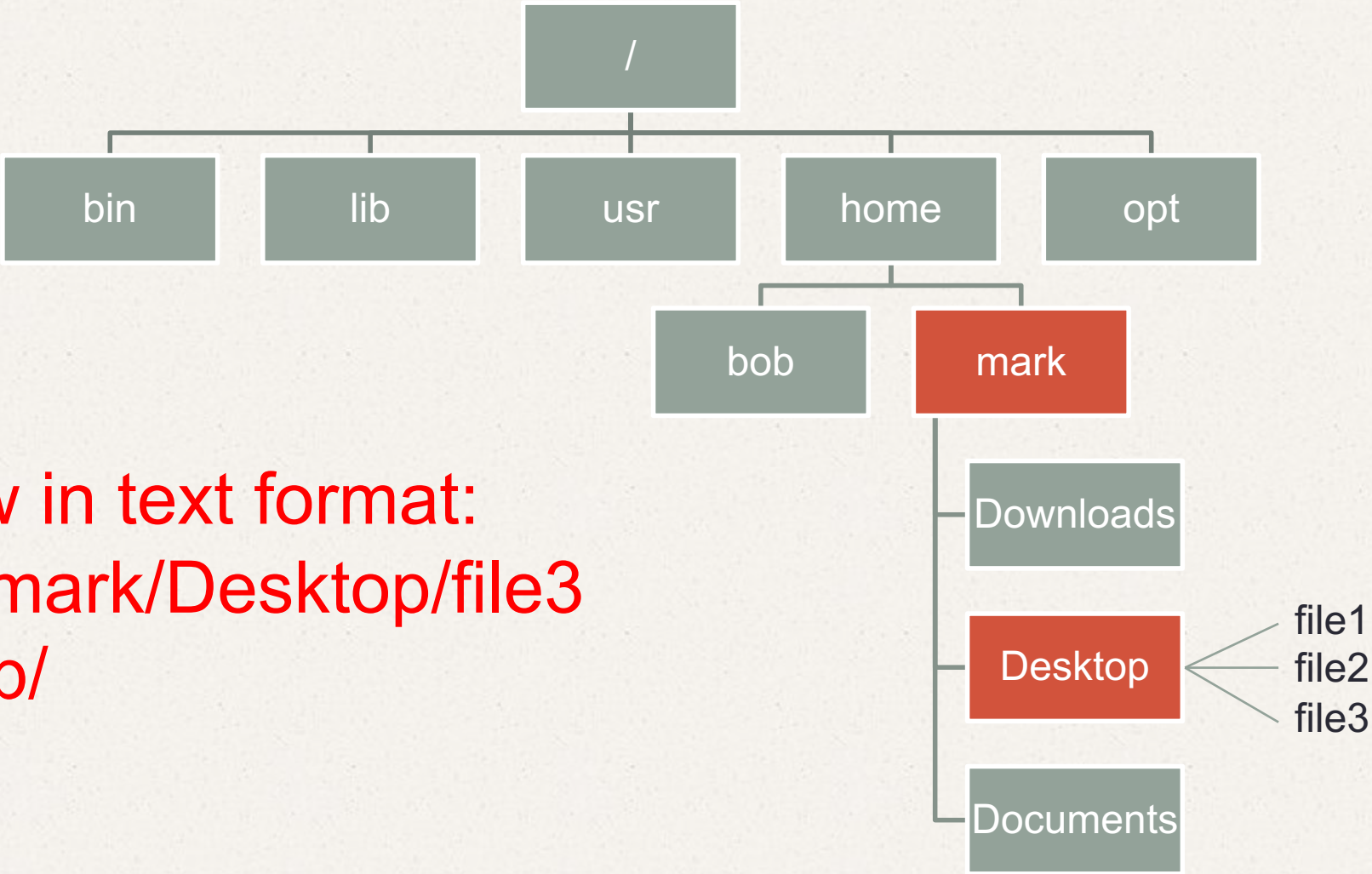

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/home/mark/Desktop/file3

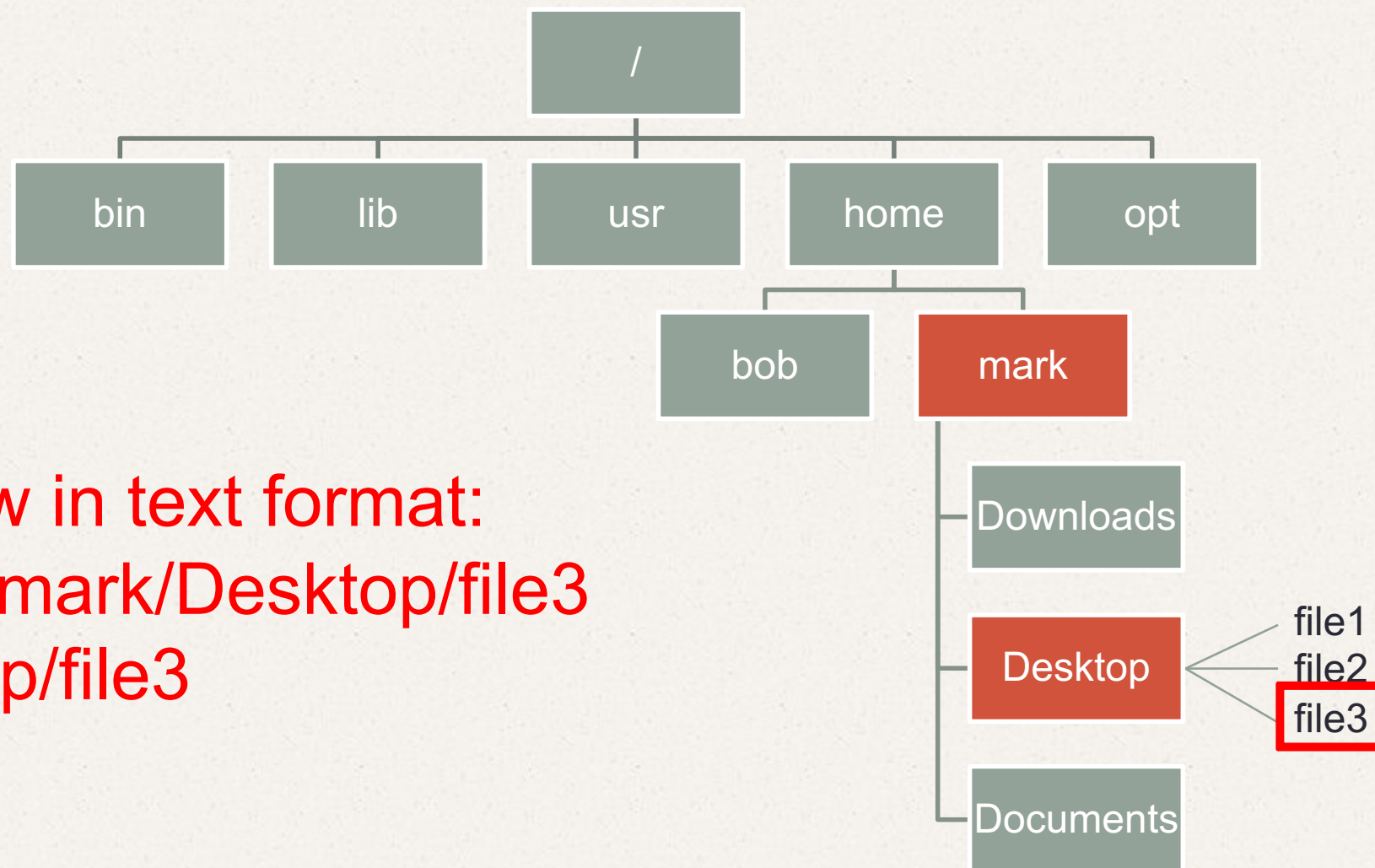# The file system

Now in text format:
/home/mark/Desktop/file3

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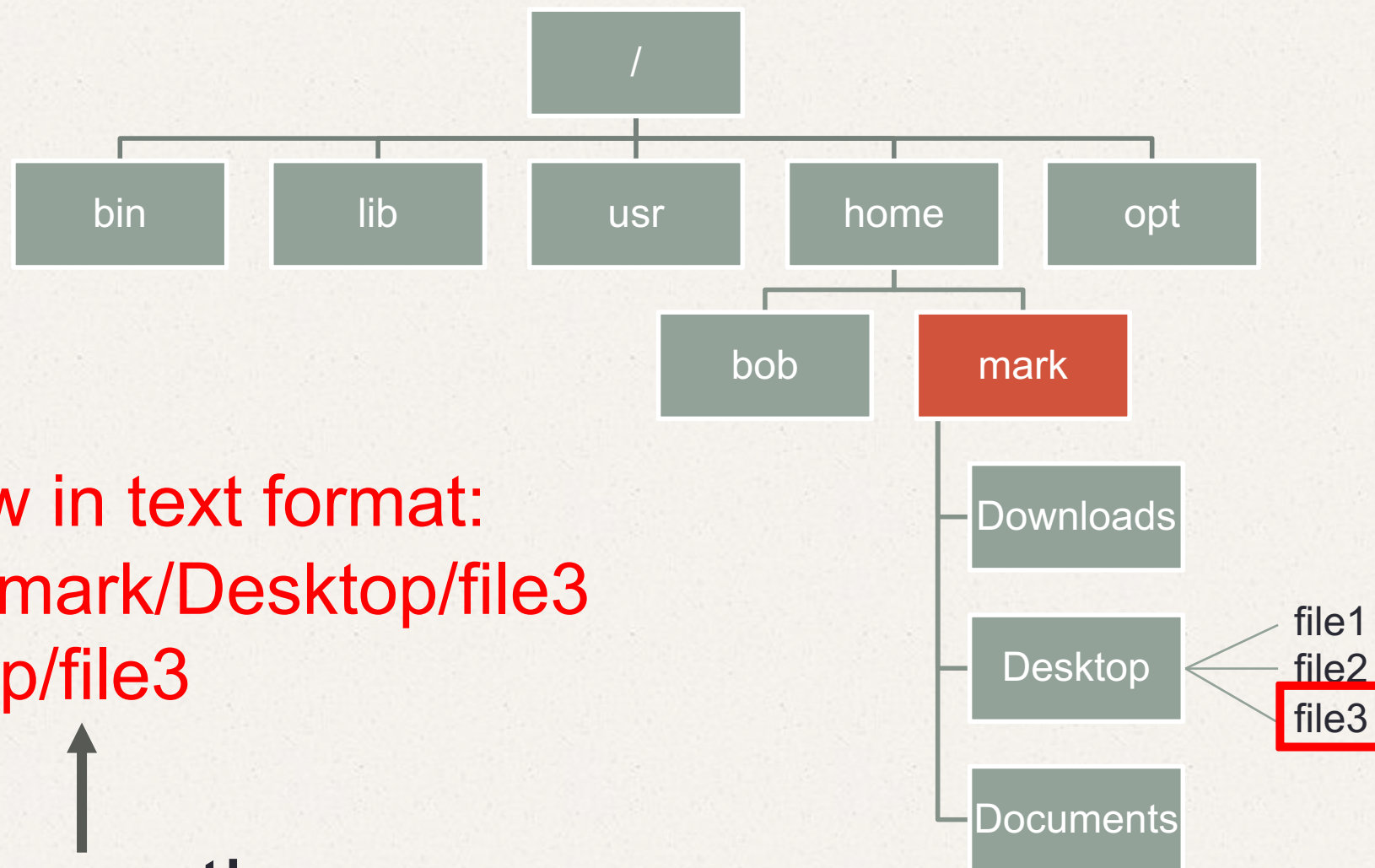

Now in text format:
/home/mark/Desktop/file3
Desktop/

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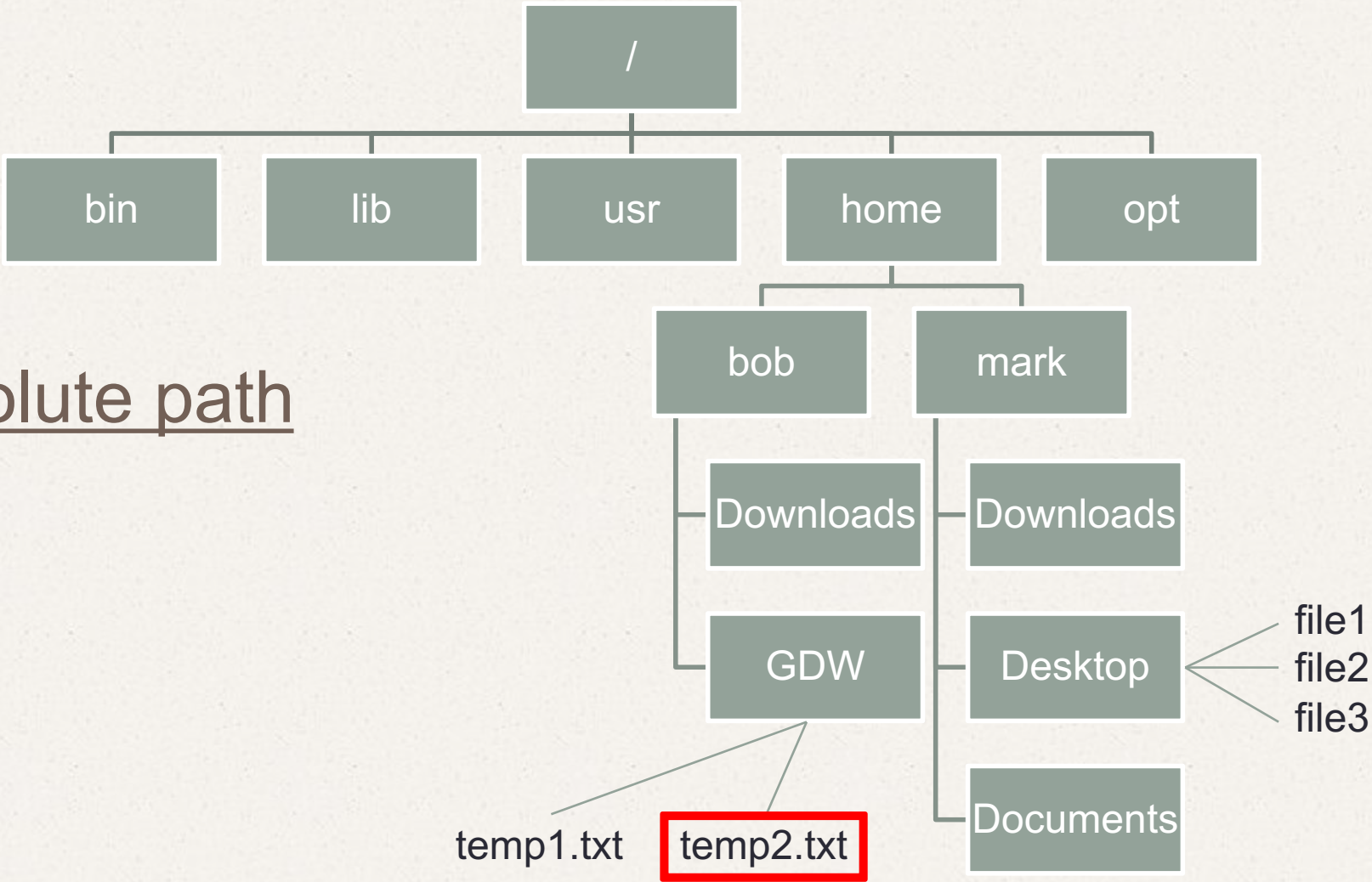/home/mark/Desktop/file3
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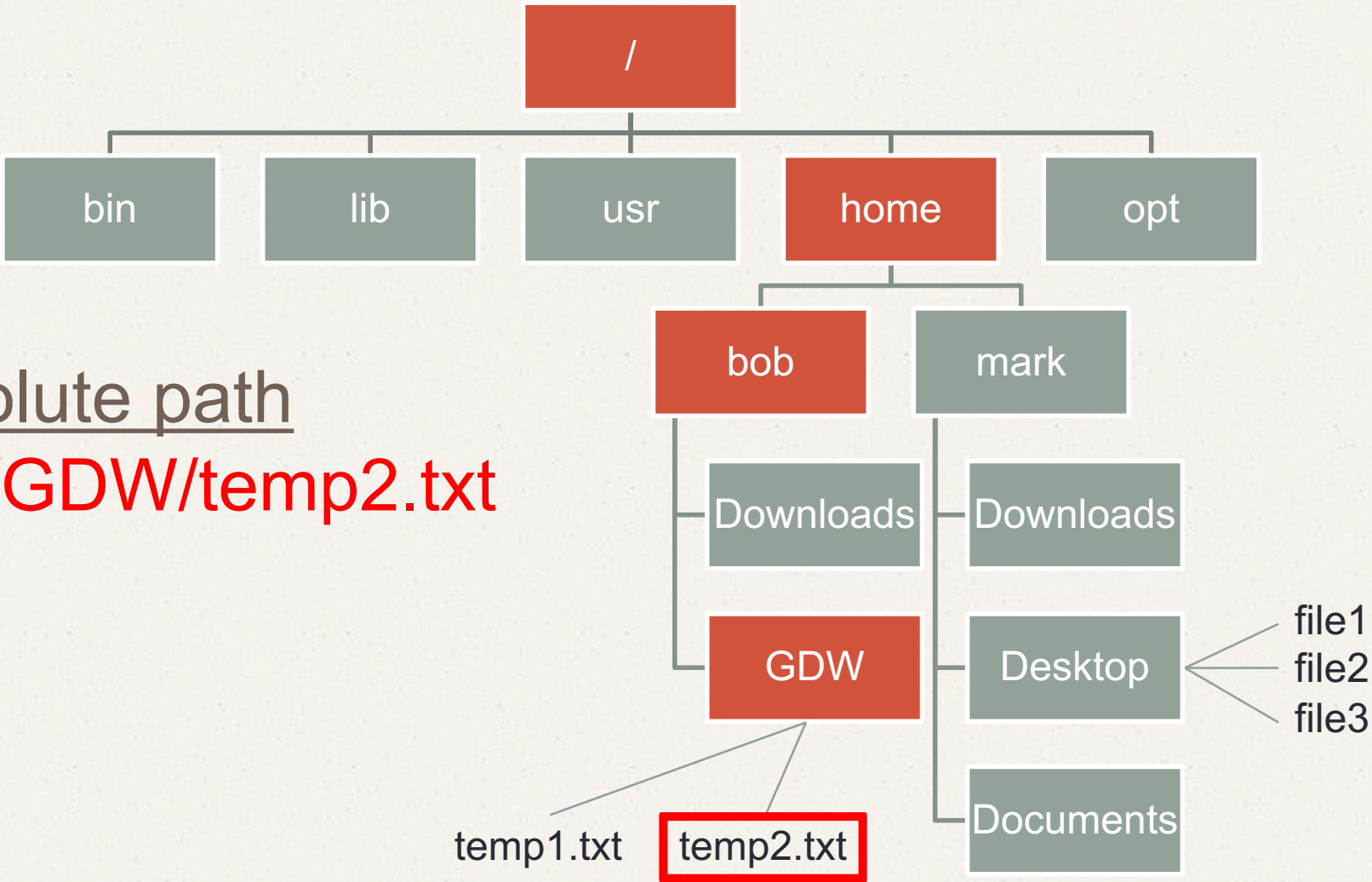/home/mark/Desktop/file3
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relative path

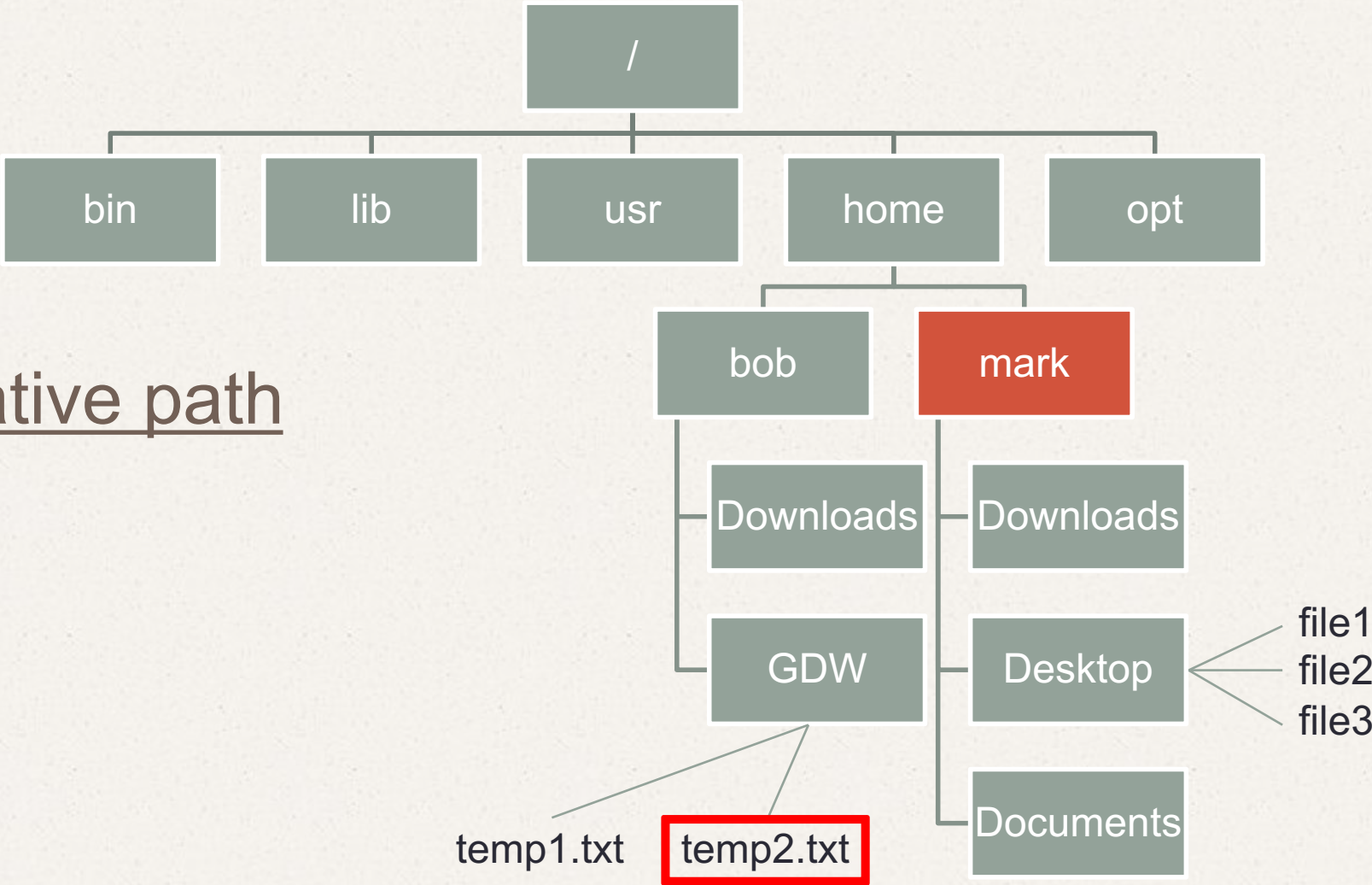# Quiz Time!

Absolute path

Quiz Time!

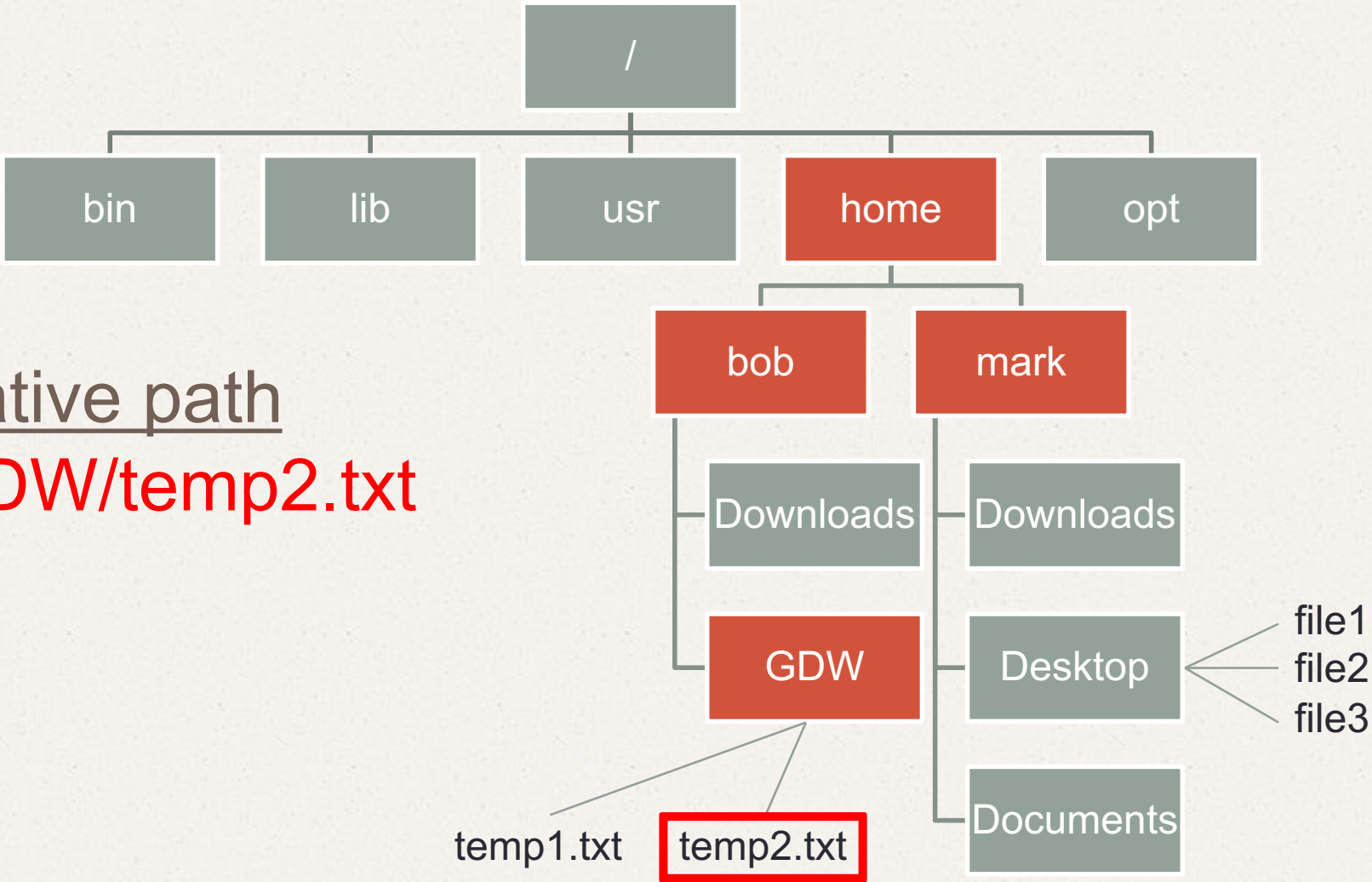## Absolute path
/home/bob/GDW/temp2.txt

Quiz Time!

Relative path

Quiz Time!

Relative path
../bob/GDW/temp2.txt

GitHub site:
https://github.com/gdw-workshop/2019_GDW_Workshop

TO YOUR TERMINALS!!!