

Introduction to Shell

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- A **distribution** (often shortened to **distro**) refers to a specific version or variant of the **Linux operating system** that is packaged with the Linux kernel, system utilities, and application software.
- A **distribution** typically includes everything you need to run a complete operating system, including a package manager, graphical user interface (GUI), software libraries, and pre-installed applications.



- **Purpose:** Designed for penetration testing and cybersecurity.
- **Features:** Comes pre-installed with numerous tools for ethical hacking and digital forensics.
- **Target Audience:** Security professionals and ethical hackers.



- **Purpose:** A user-friendly distribution for desktops, servers, and cloud.
- **Features:** Focuses on ease of use, stability, and strong community support.
- **Target Audience:** General users, developers, and businesses.



- **Purpose:** Known for its stability and reliability.
- **Features:** Used as the foundation for many other distributions, including Ubuntu; offers free software and long-term support.
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Kernel Program

- The **kernel** is a **low-level software program**, written in programming languages (commonly **C**).
- The **kernel** is the **core component** of an operating system.
- It acts as an intermediary between the **hardware** and the **software** running on a computer.
- The kernel's main job is to **manage system resources** (CPU, memory, storage, etc.) and allow different programs to interact with the hardware in a controlled way.
- **Functions:**
 - **Process management:** Handling multiple programs and processes simultaneously.
 - **Memory management:** Allocating and managing the system's memory.
 - **Device management:** Interfacing with hardware devices (e.g., hard drives, printers).
 - **File system management:** Managing files and data storage.
 - **Security and access control:** Enforcing permissions and protecting the system.

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Library

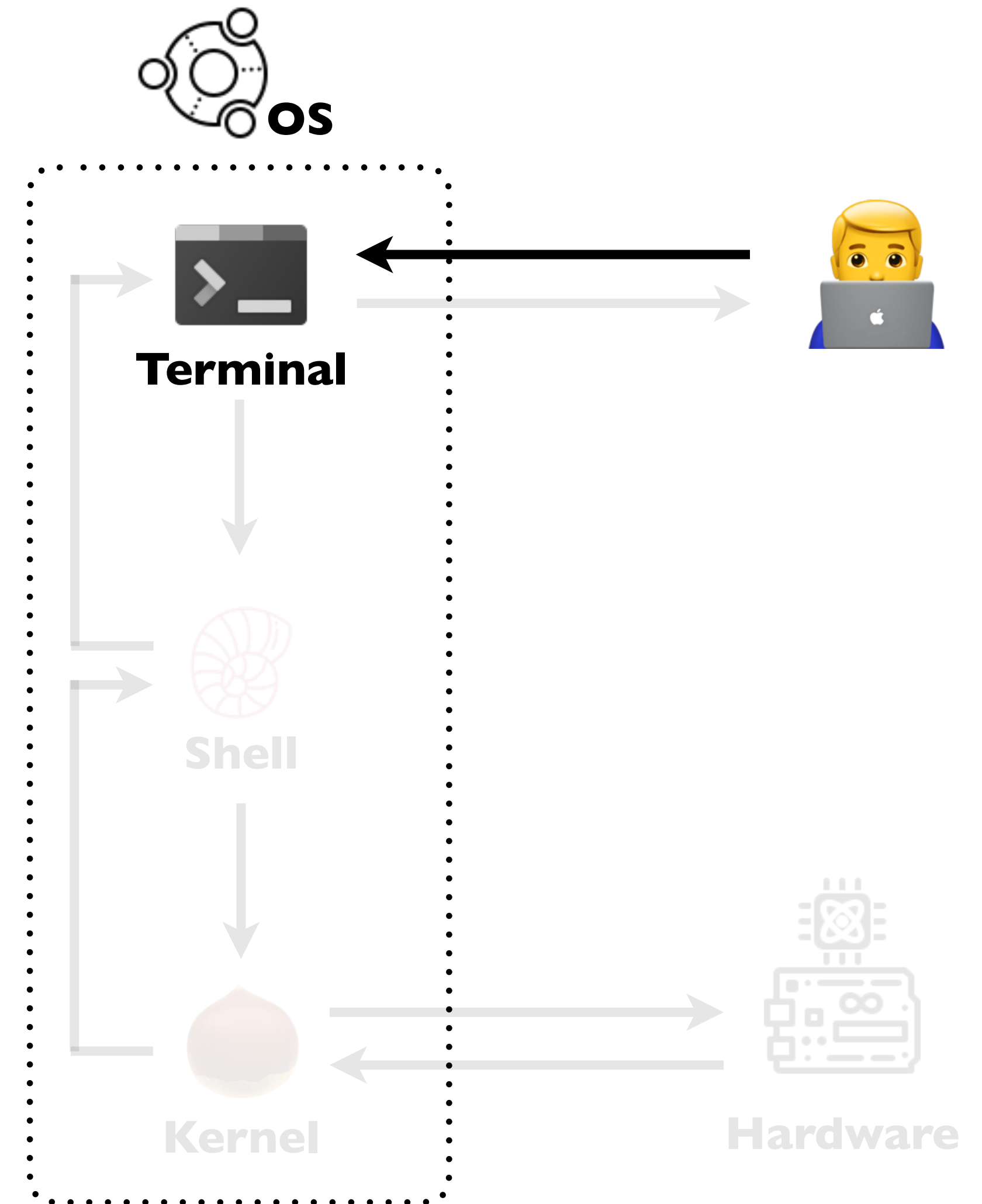
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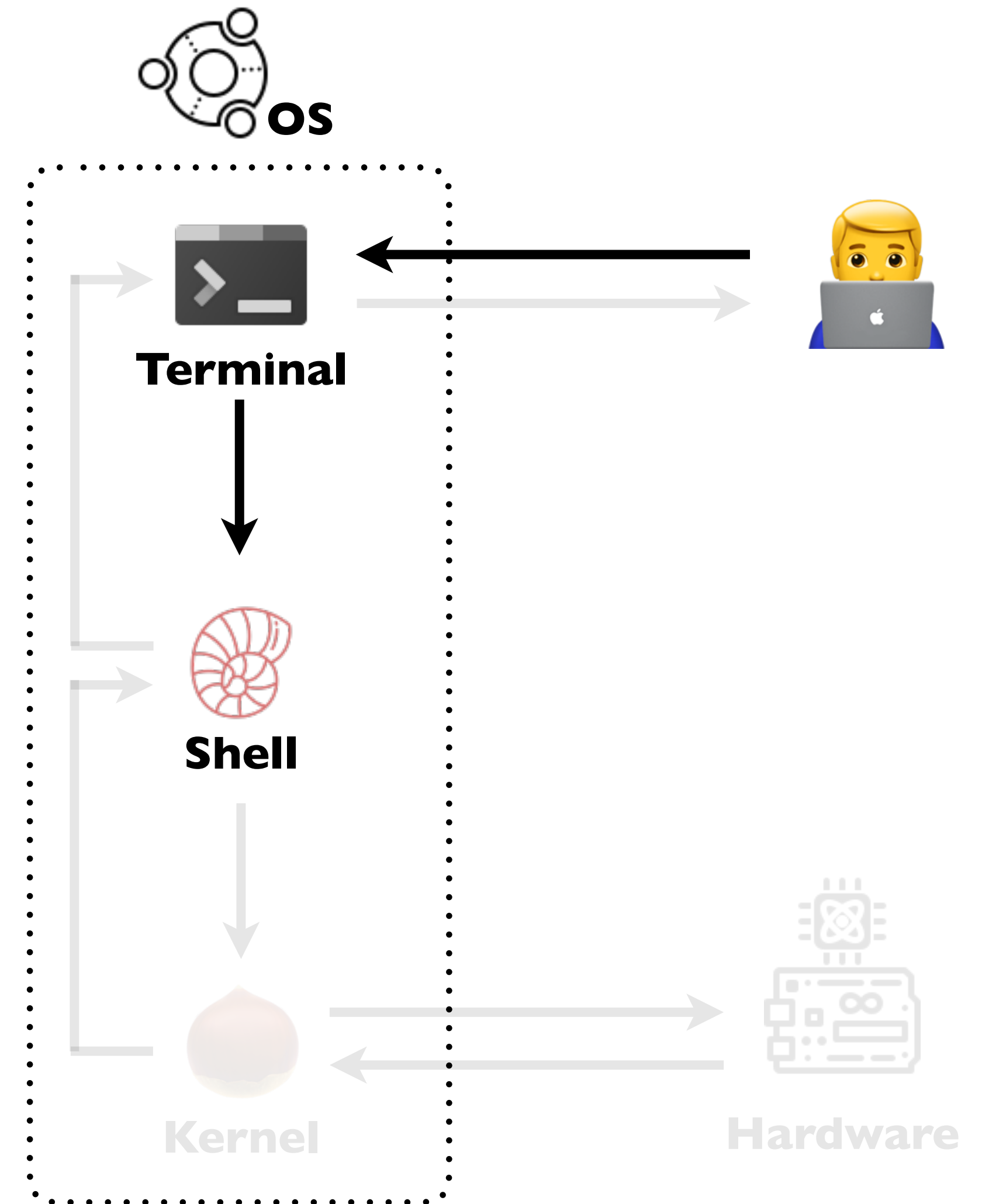
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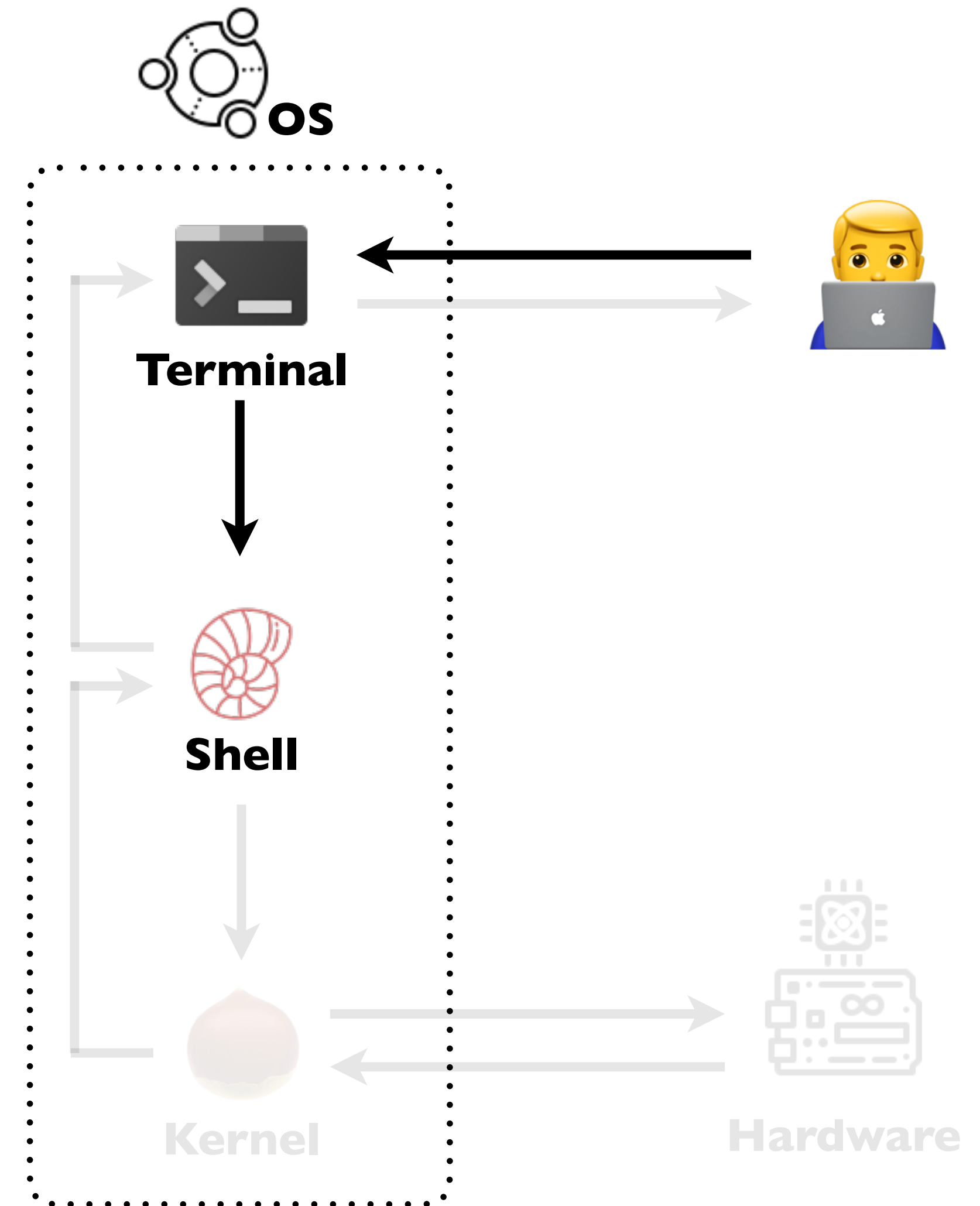
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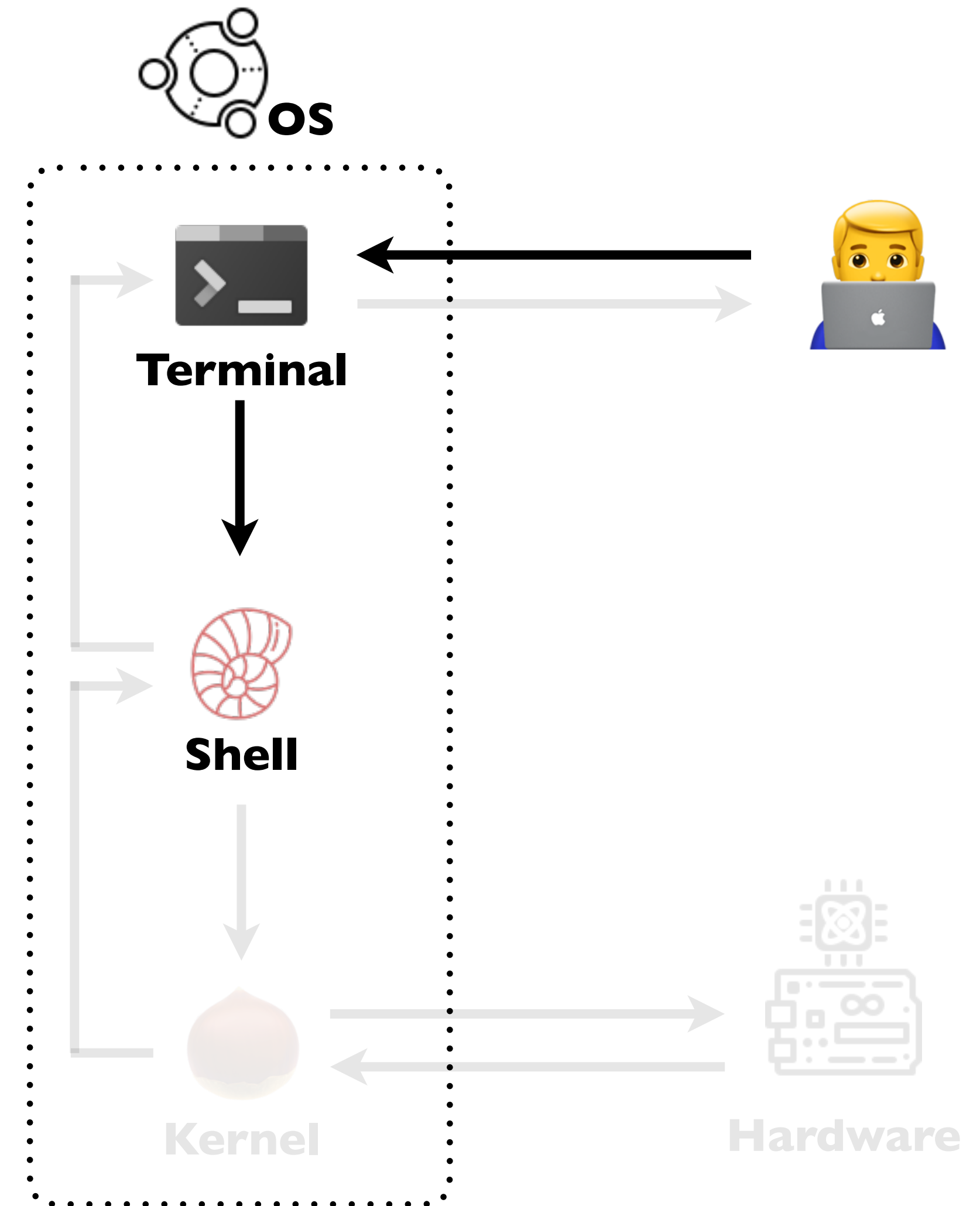
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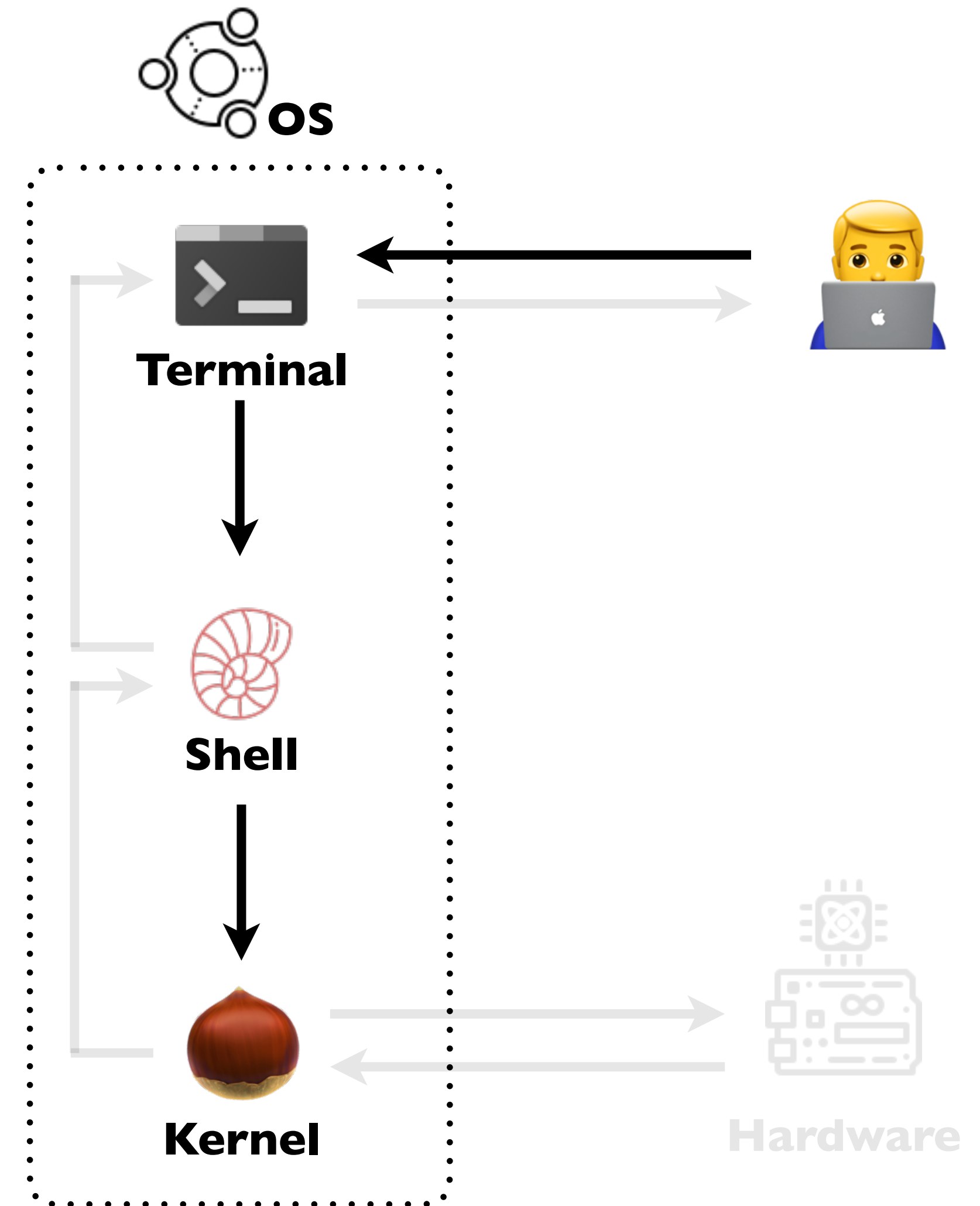
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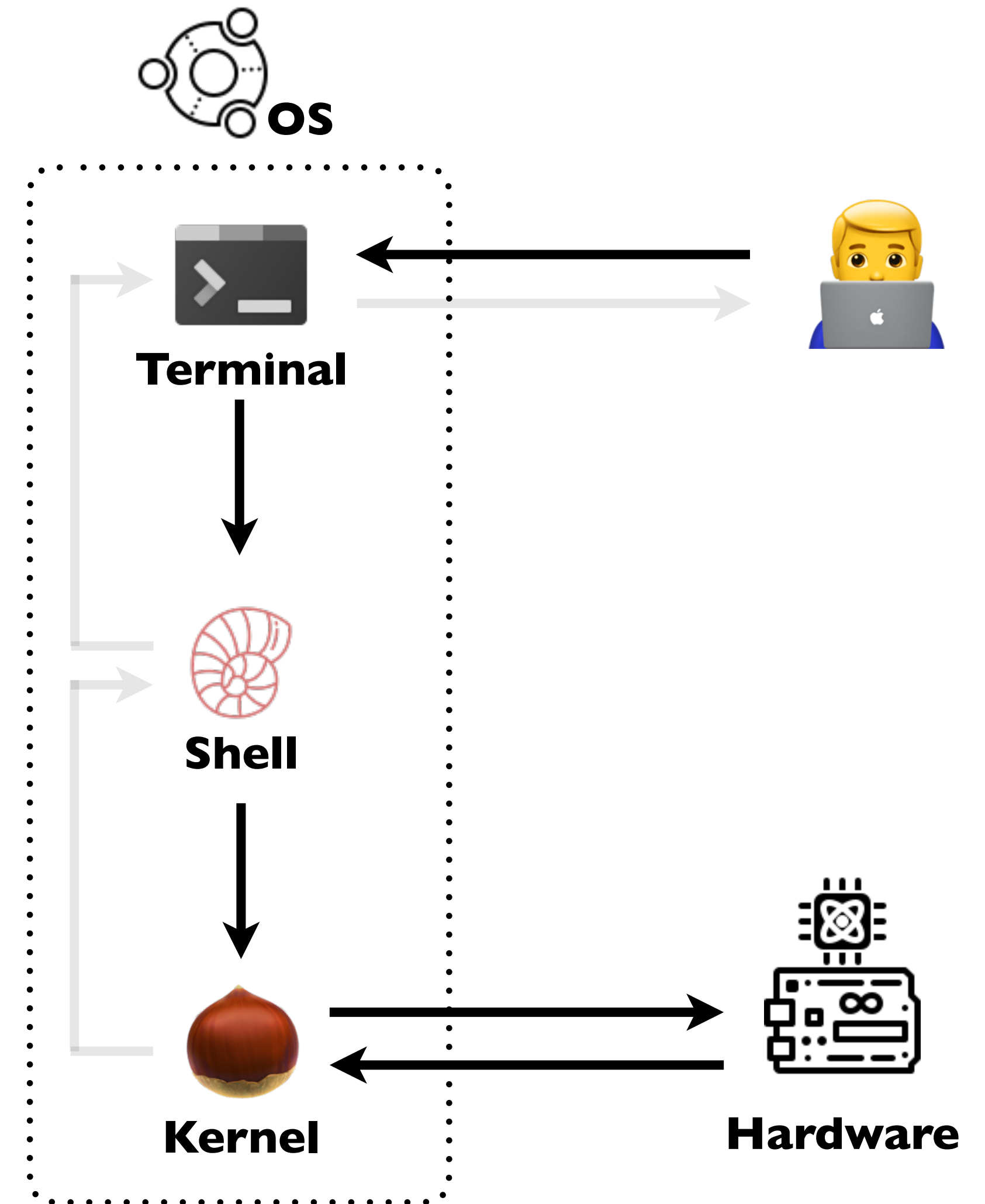
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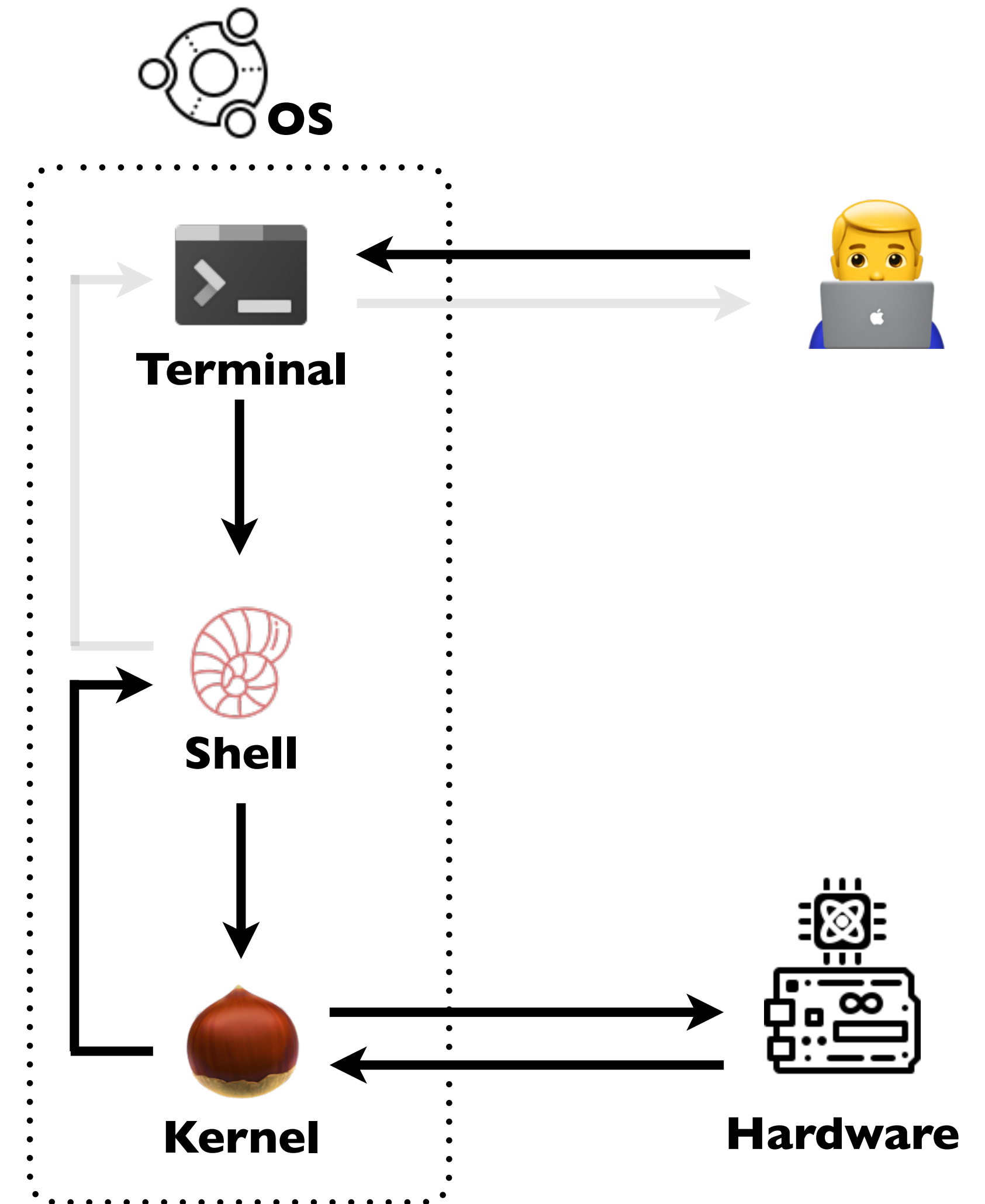
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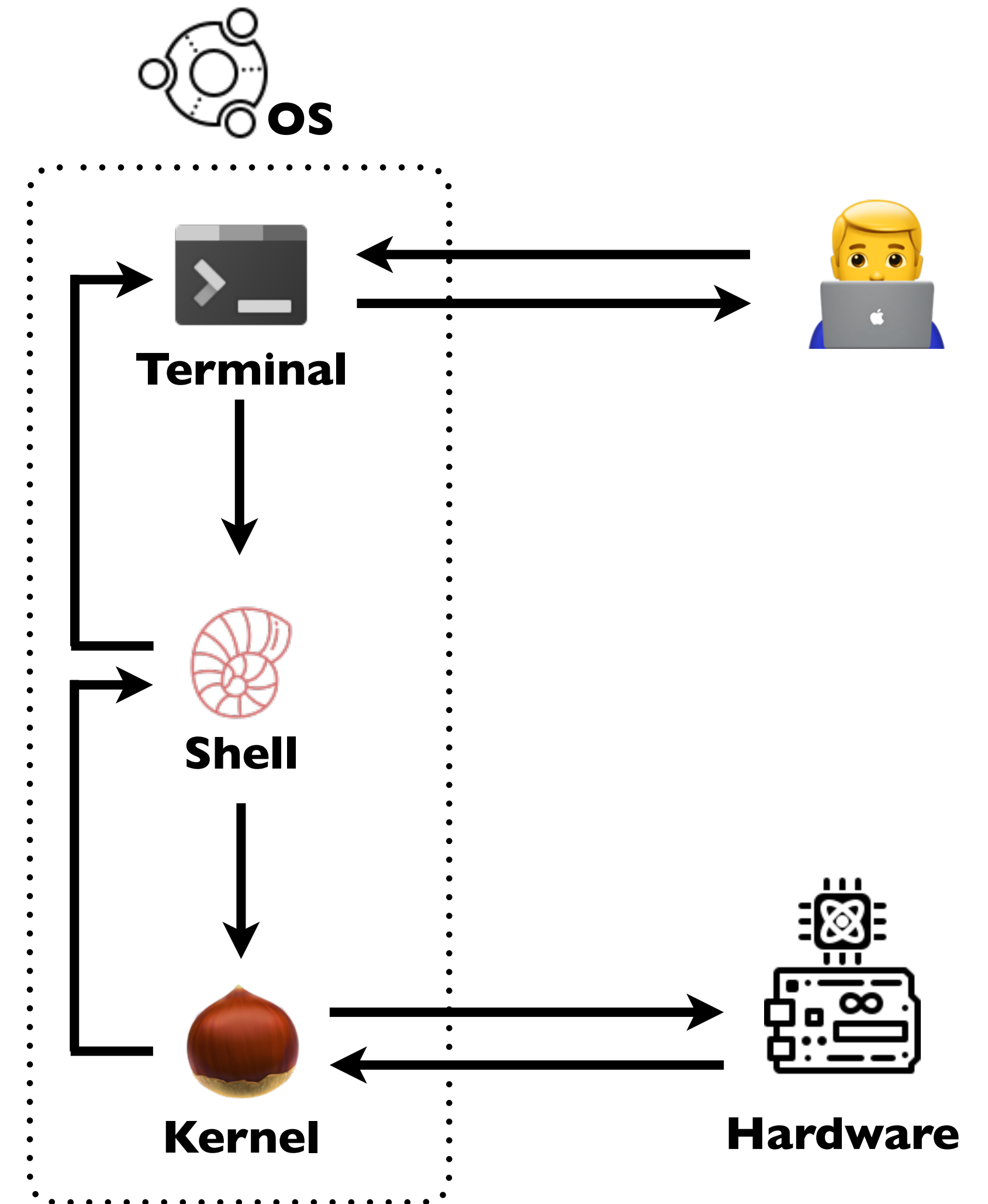
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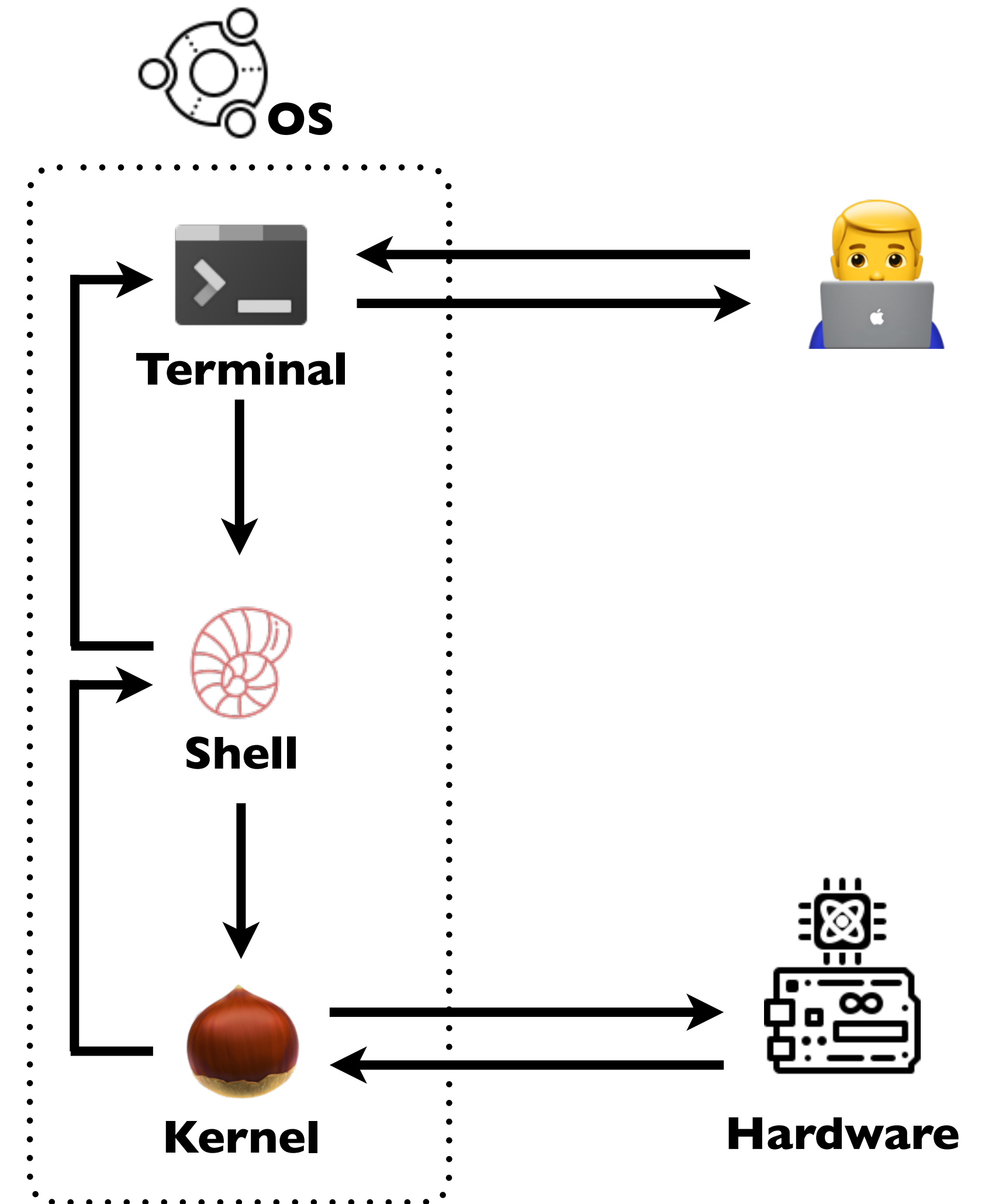
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Basic Commands

Print

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$ echo "Hello World"
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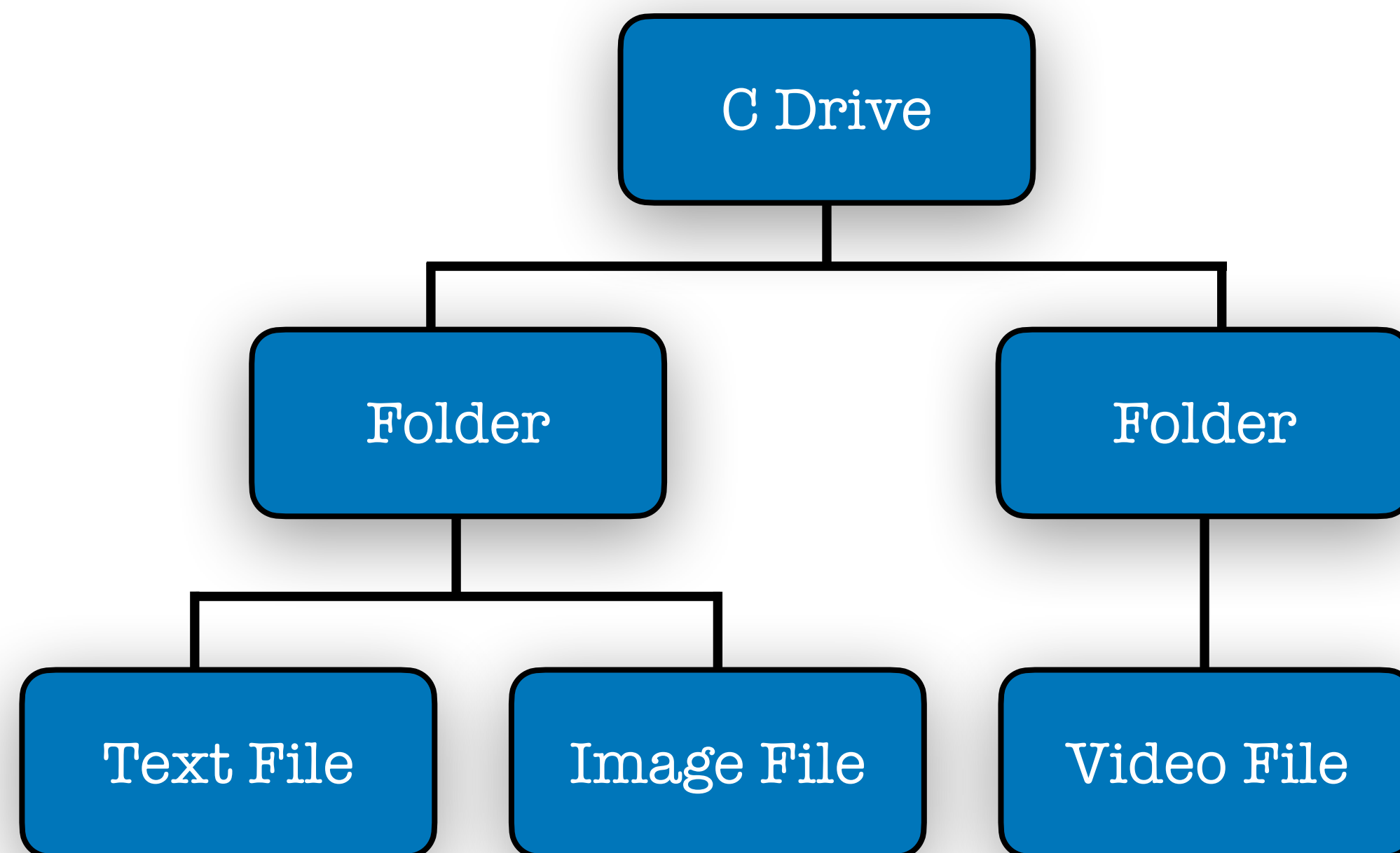
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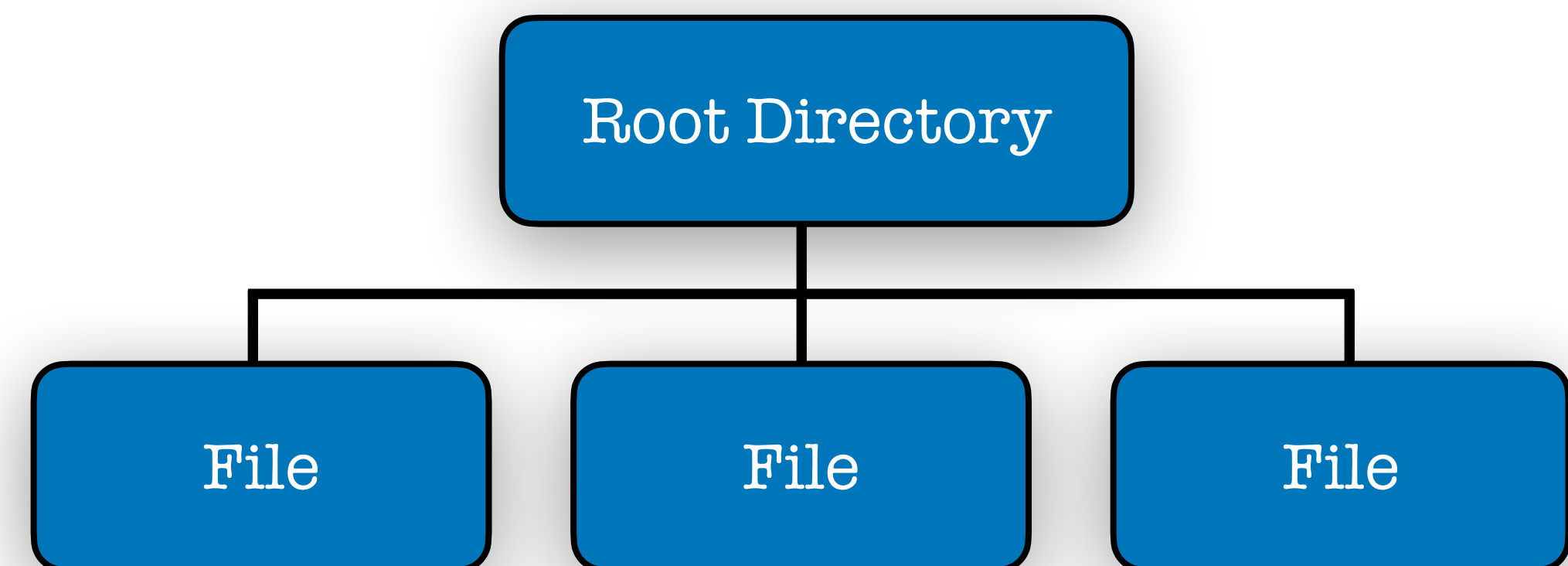
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Windows vs Unix-like OS

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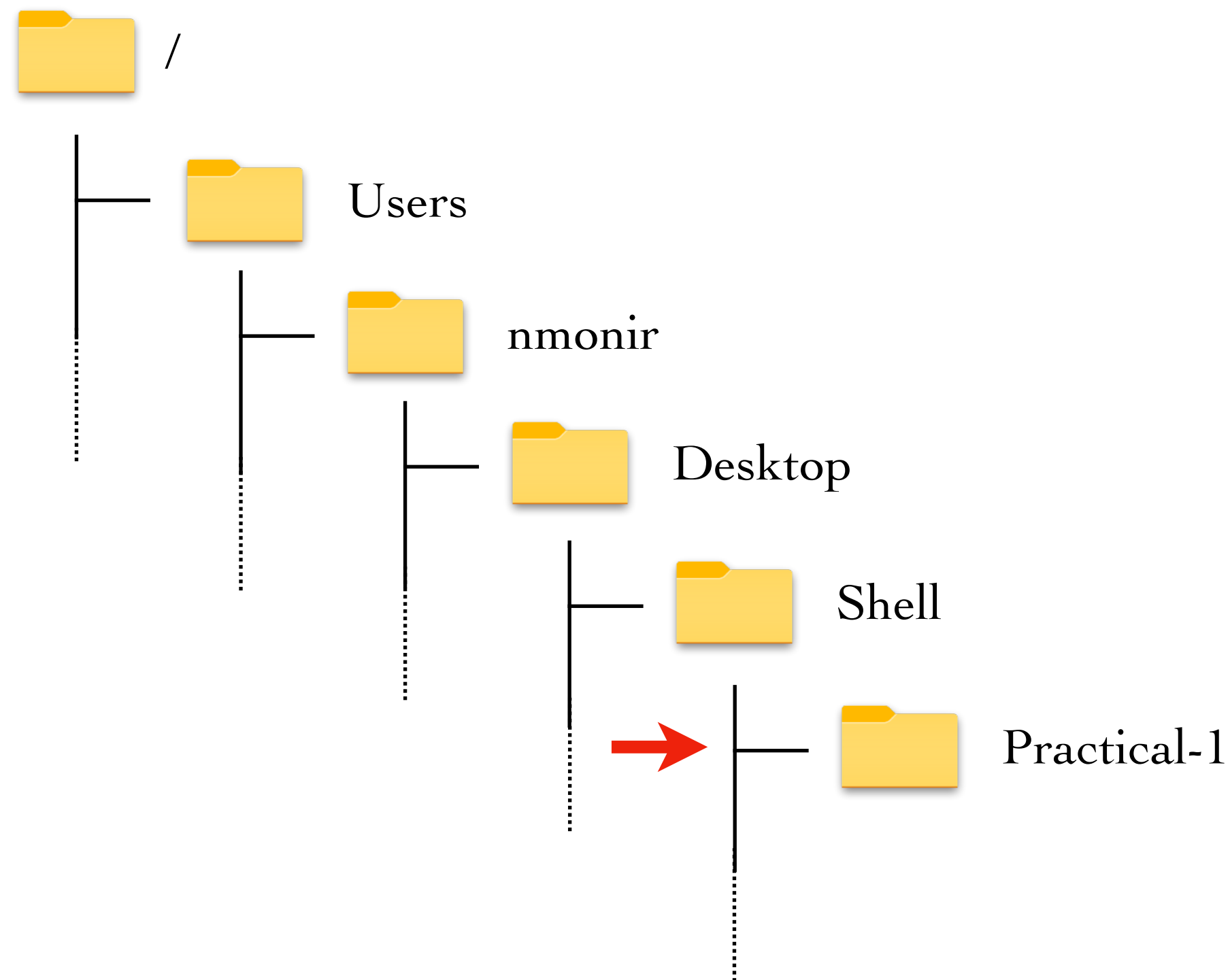
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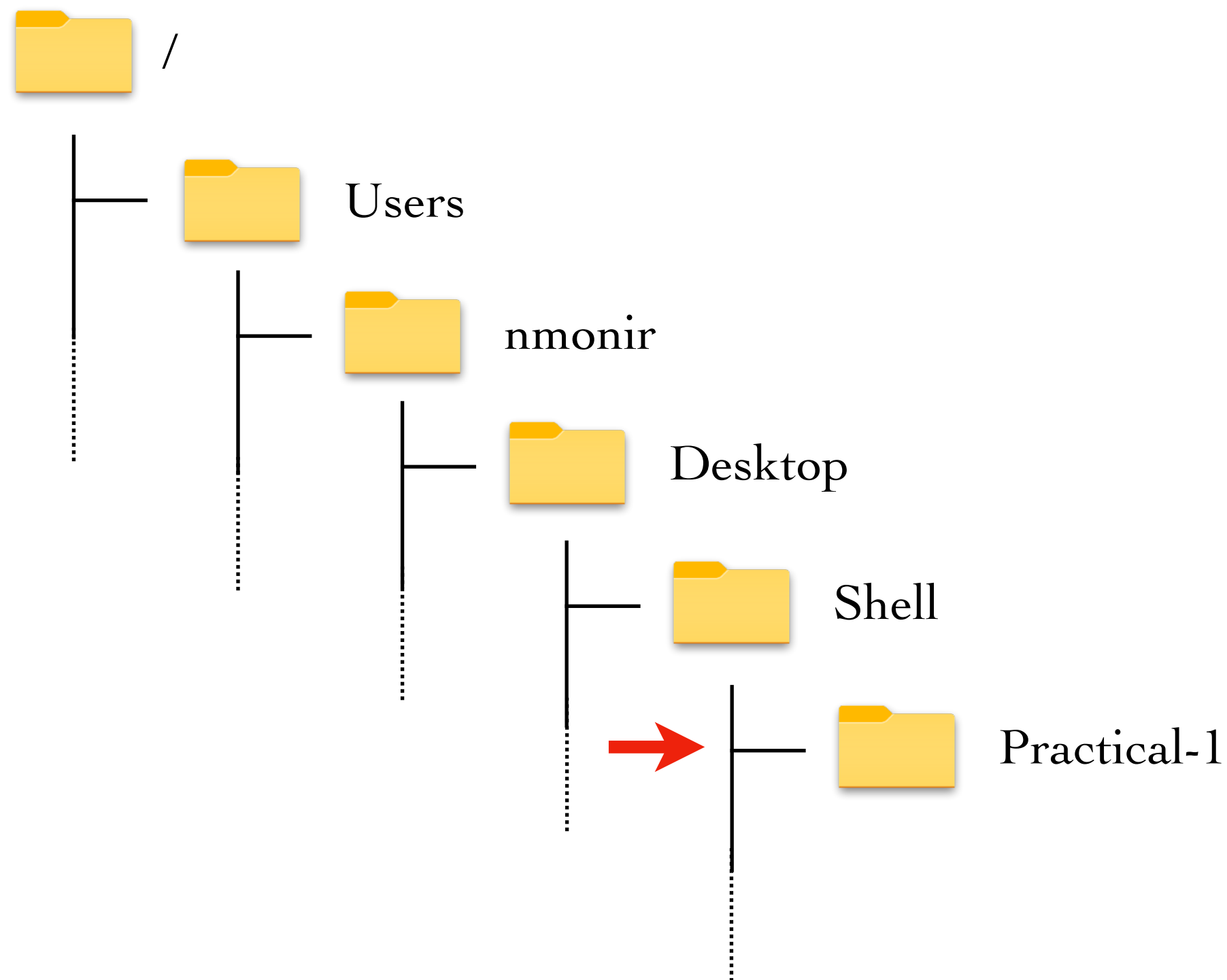
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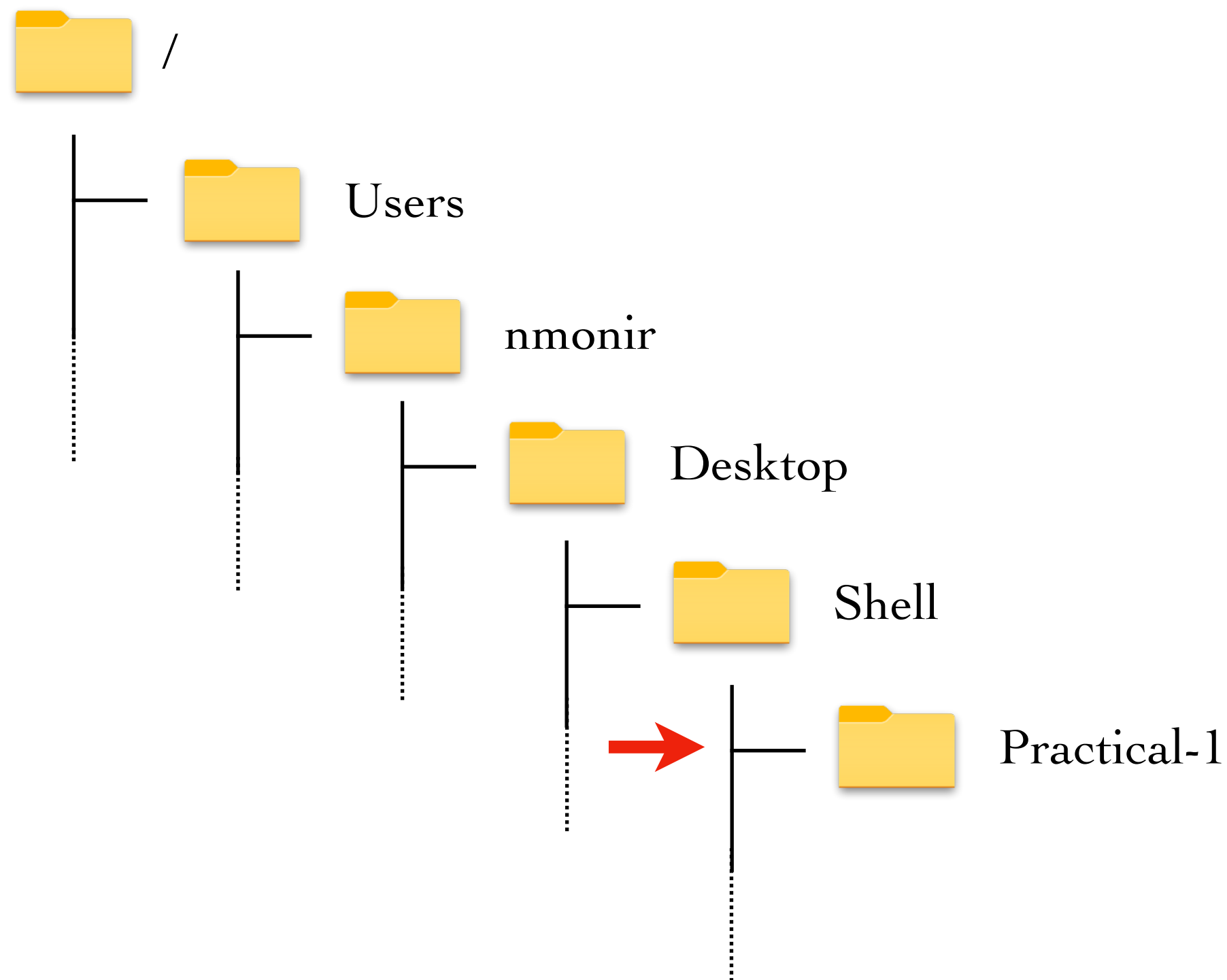
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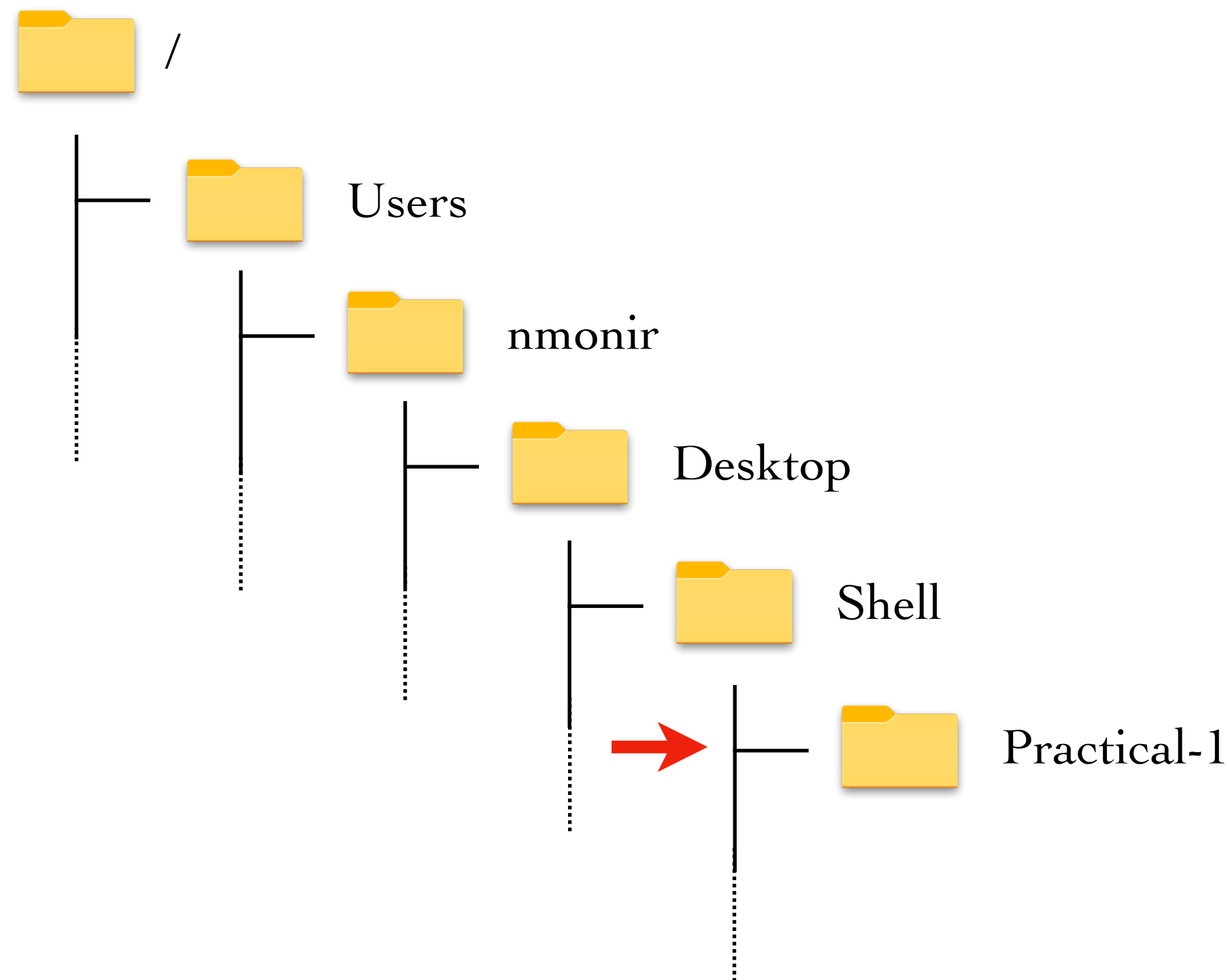
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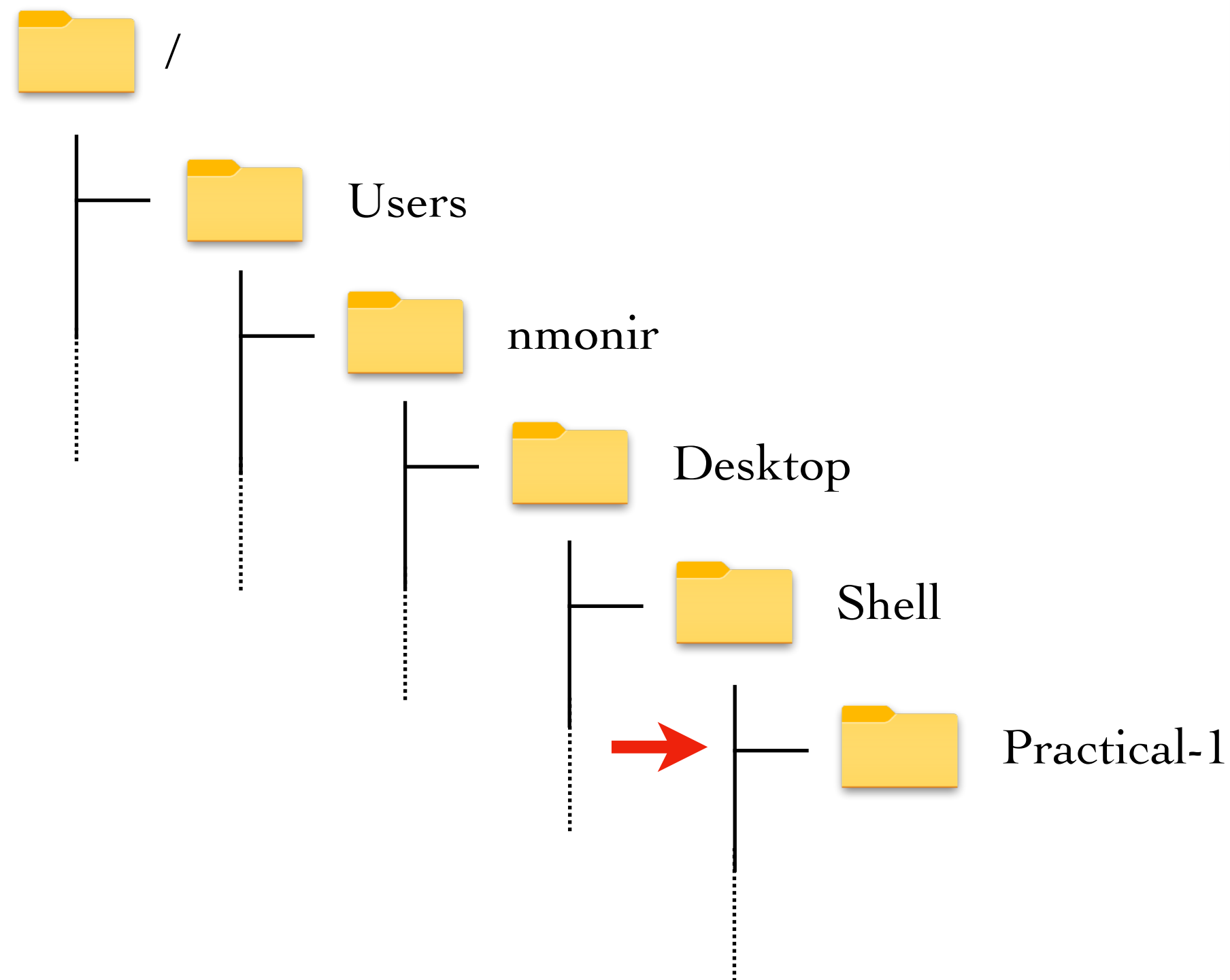
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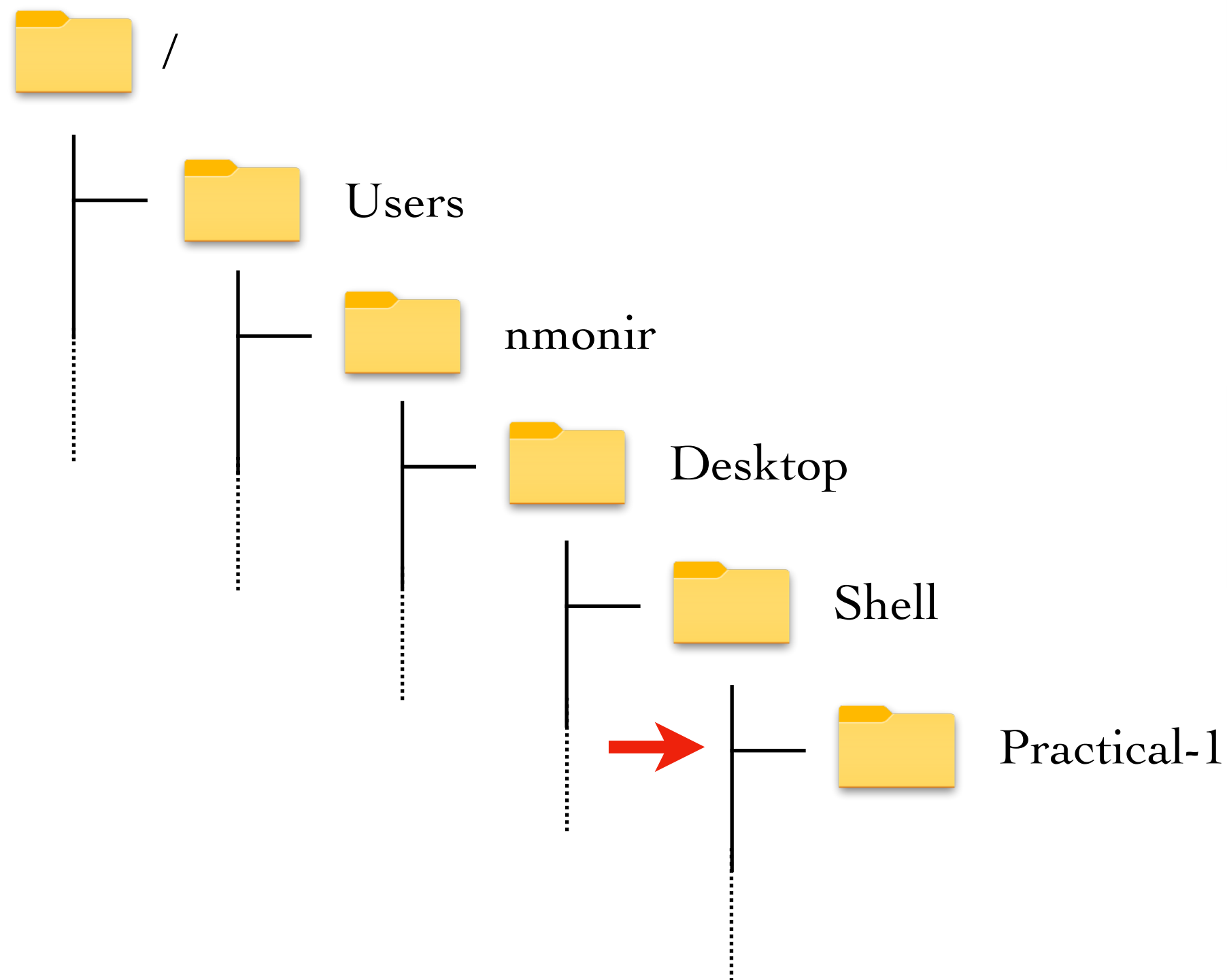
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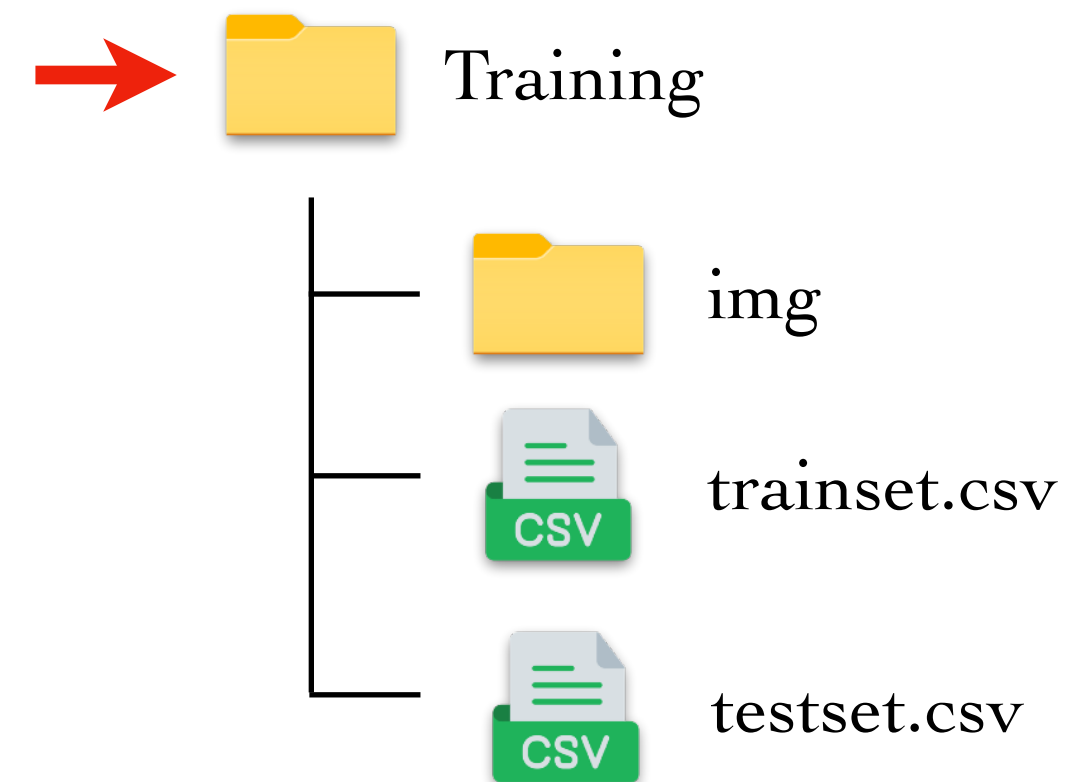
~ User working directory

.. Previous directory

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List (files and directories)

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Shell

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Training/$ ls
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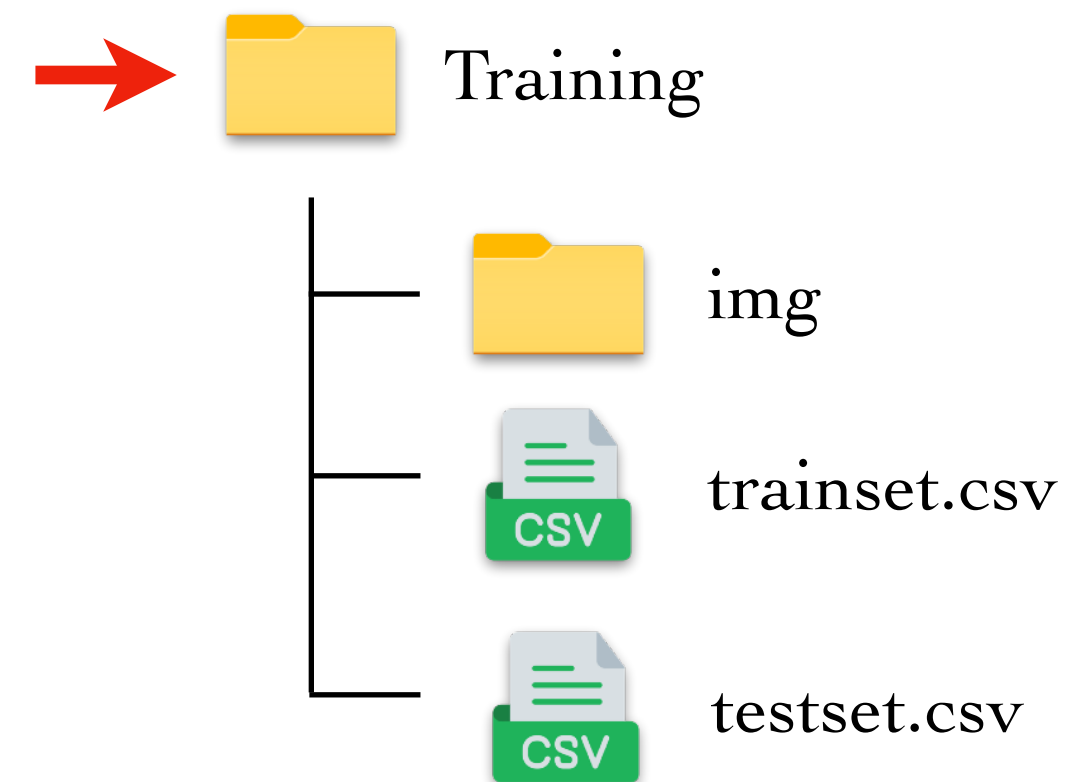
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```
>> img trainset.csv testset.csv
```

Navigating the File System

List (files and directories)

Tree



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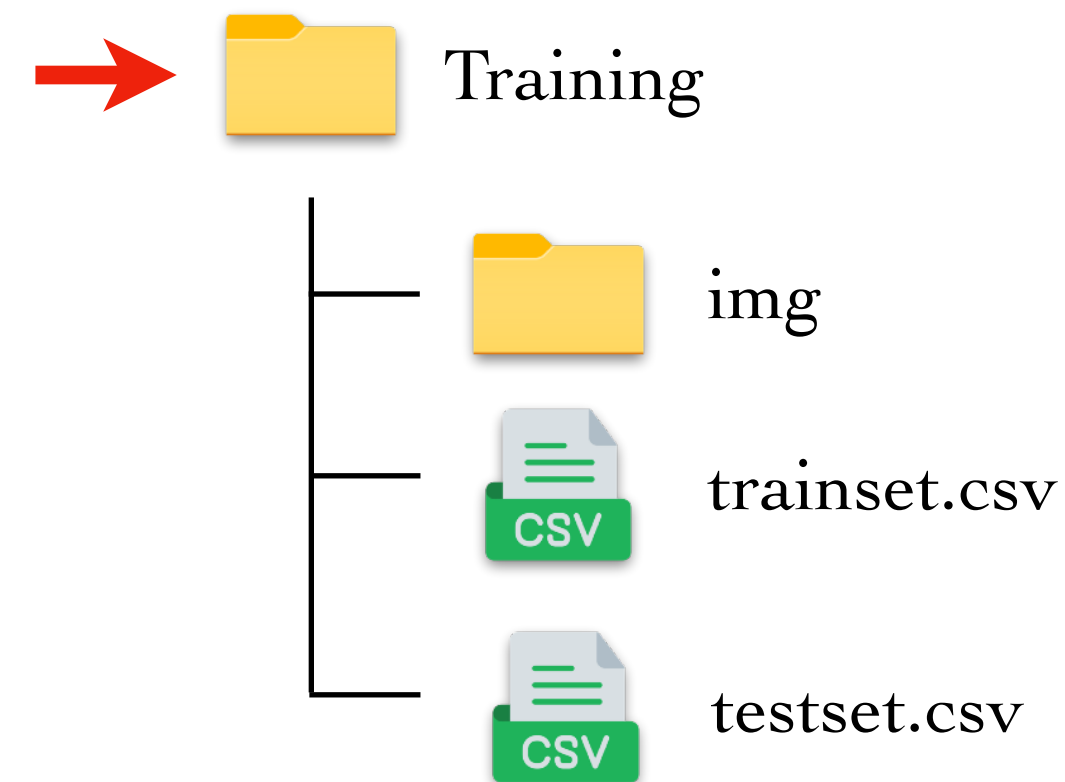
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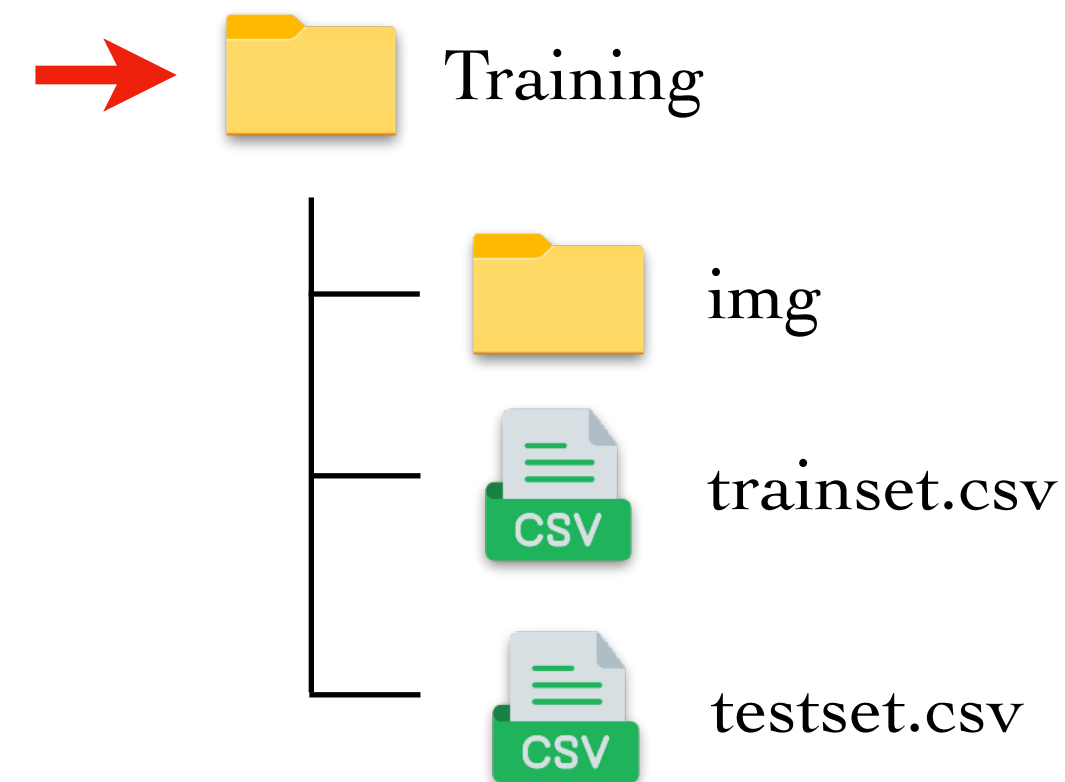
Output

```
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```


Navigating the File System

Change Directory

Tree



Shell

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Training/$ cd img/
```

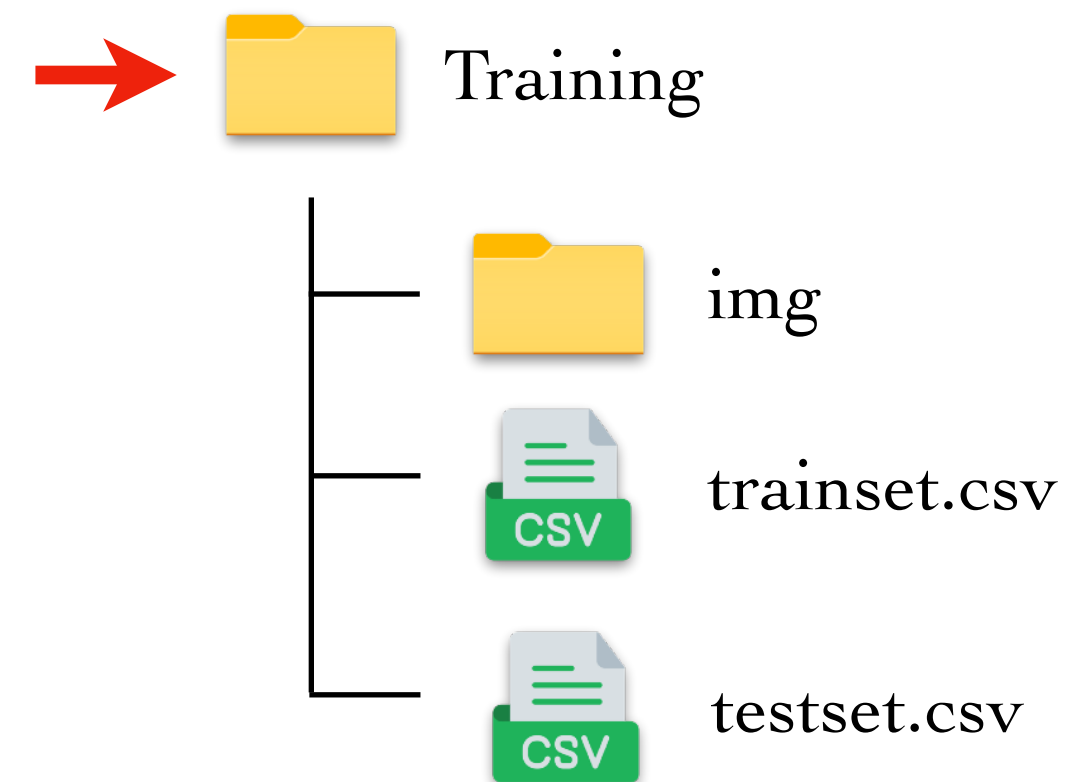
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Navigating the File System

Change Directory

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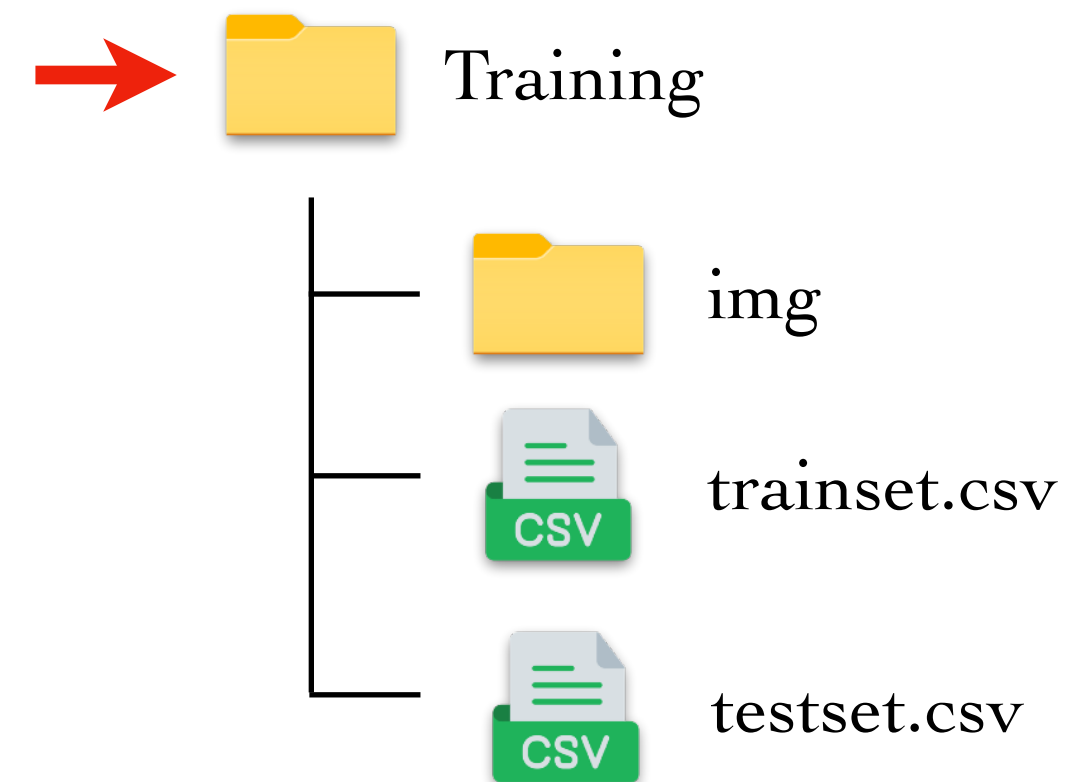
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Navigating the File System

Change Directory

Tree



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Output

```
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Shells

Question Time ?

I am in my user working directory. What happens if I run the following command ?

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...$ cd ~
```

A Change to Root directory

B Change to Desktop directory

C One step back

D Nothing

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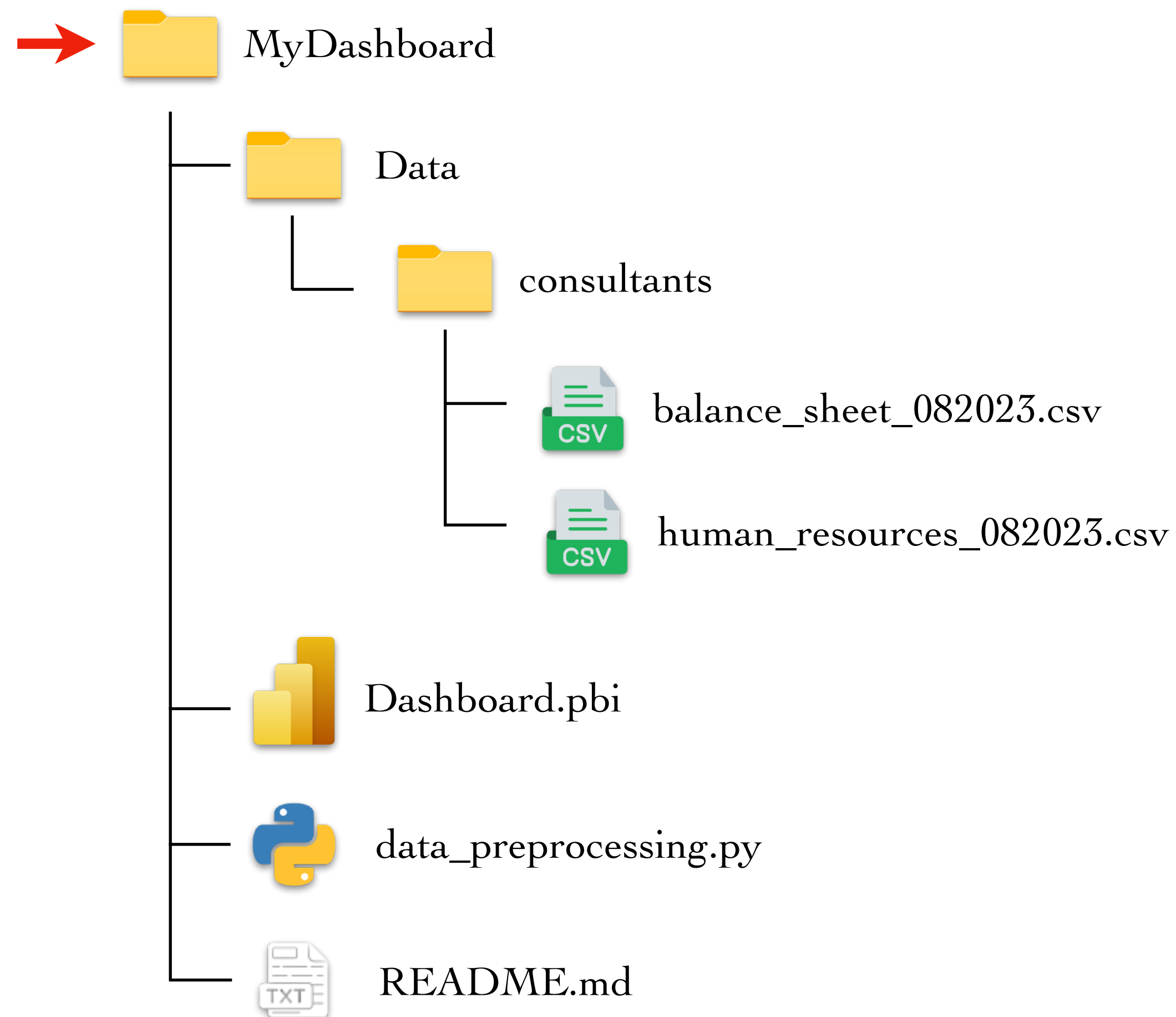
One step back

D

Nothing

Navigating the File System

Question 1



What is the depth of  balance_sheet_082023.csv ?

A

1

B

2

C

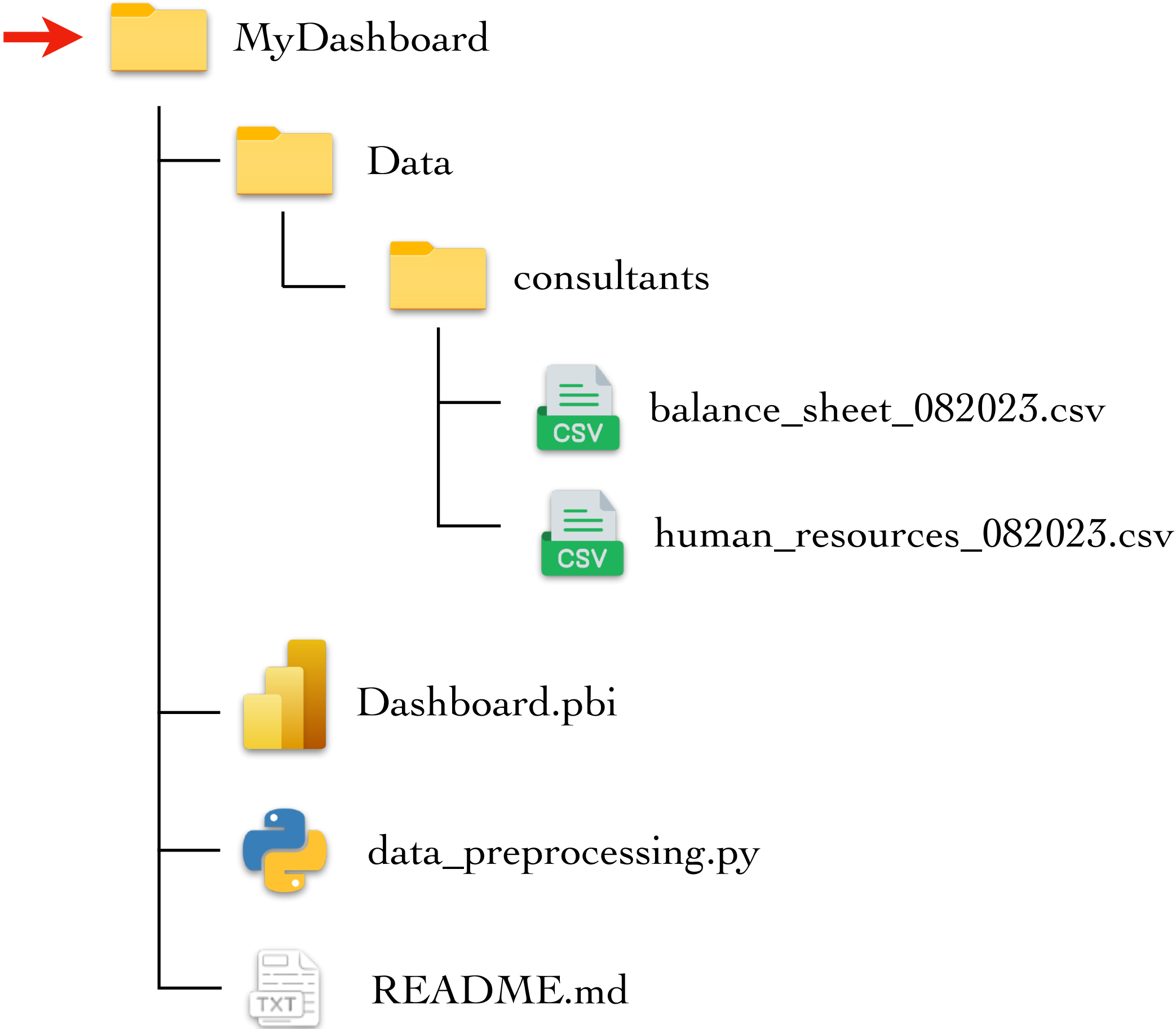
3

D

4

Navigating the File System

Question 1



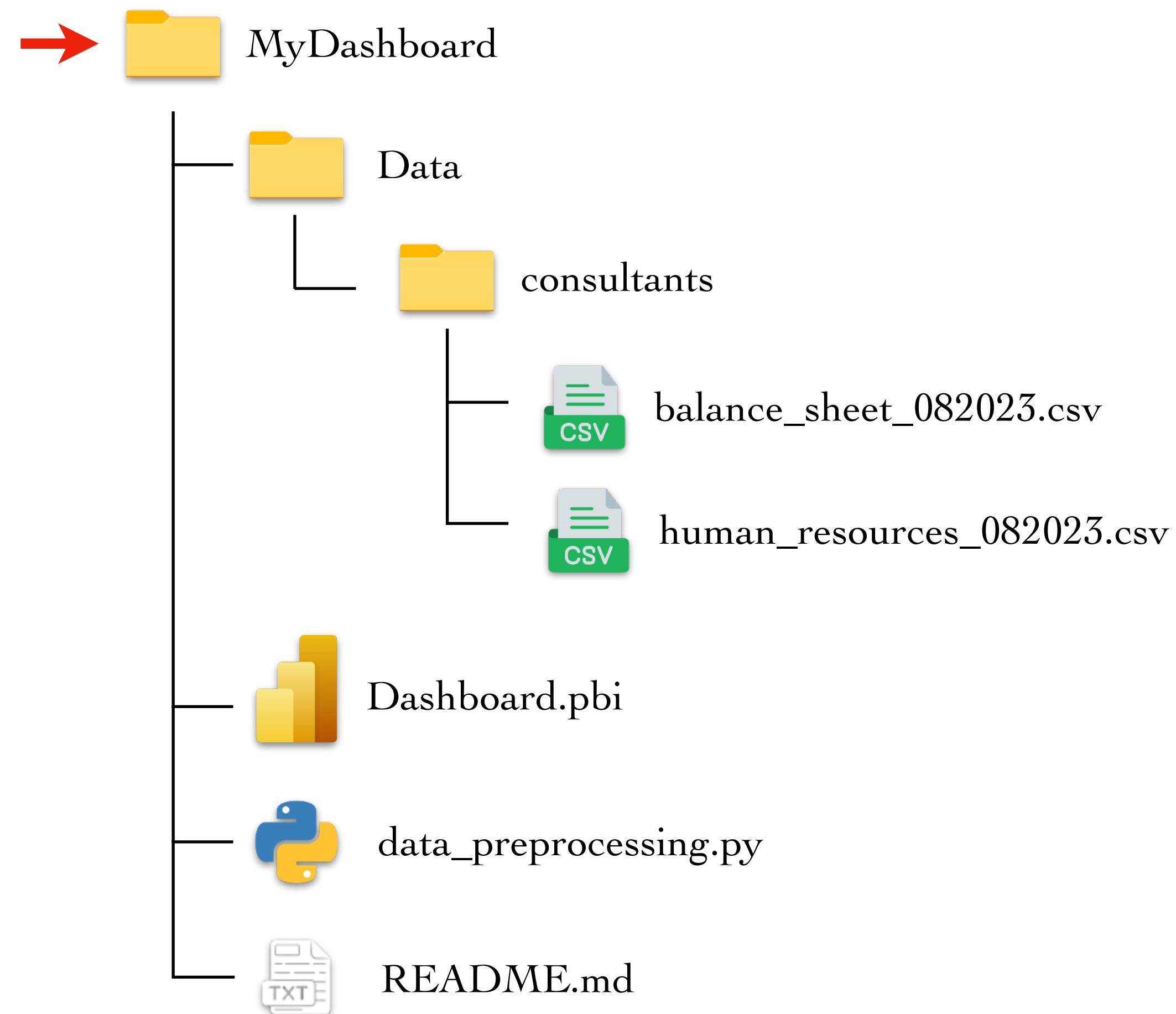
What is the depth of  balance_sheet_082023.csv ?

- A 1
- B 2
- C 3
- D 4

Navigating the File System

Question 2

Which command allows you to display the list of files in  consultants ?



A `ls consultants`

B `cd Data/Consultants`

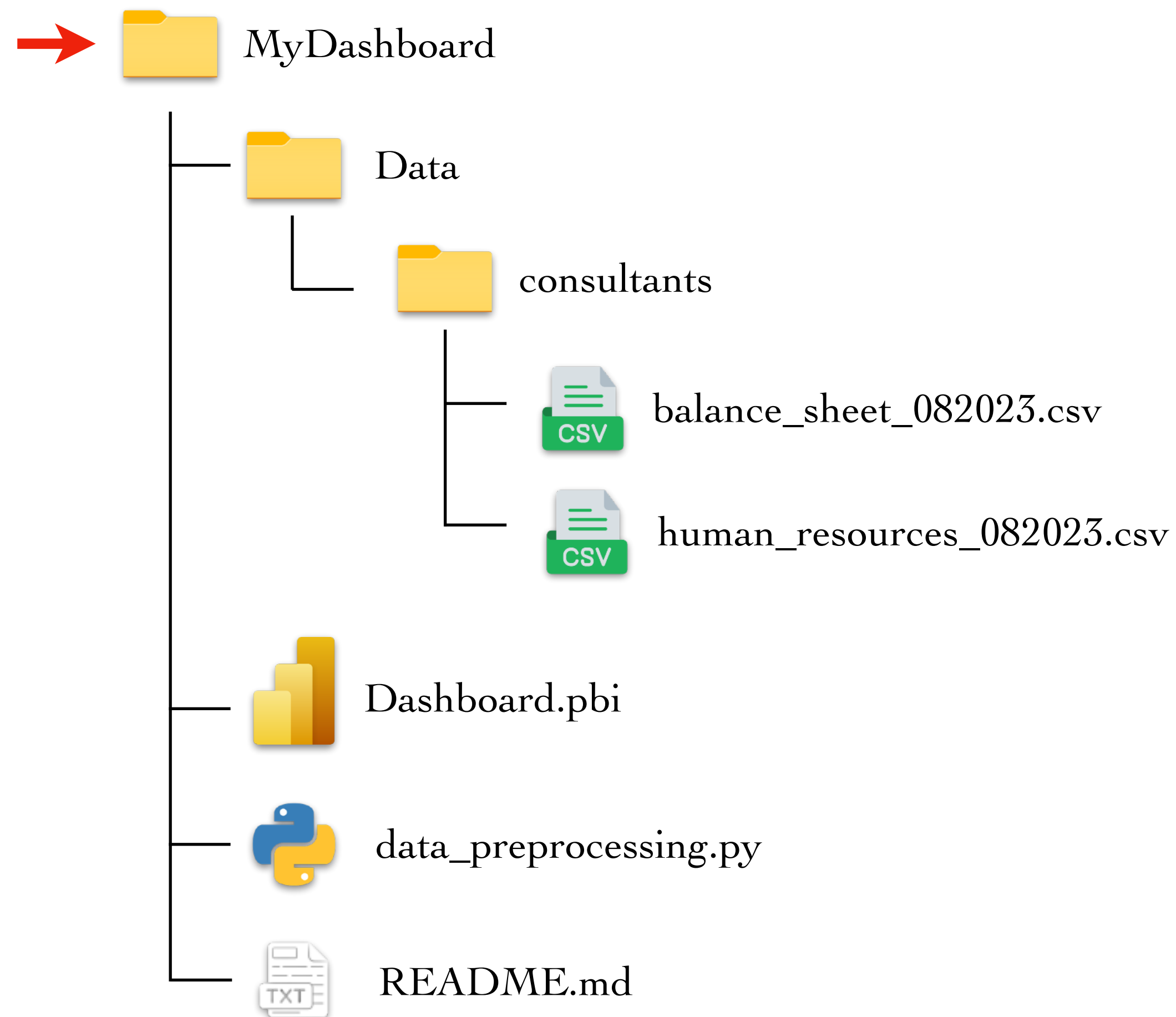
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Navigating the File System

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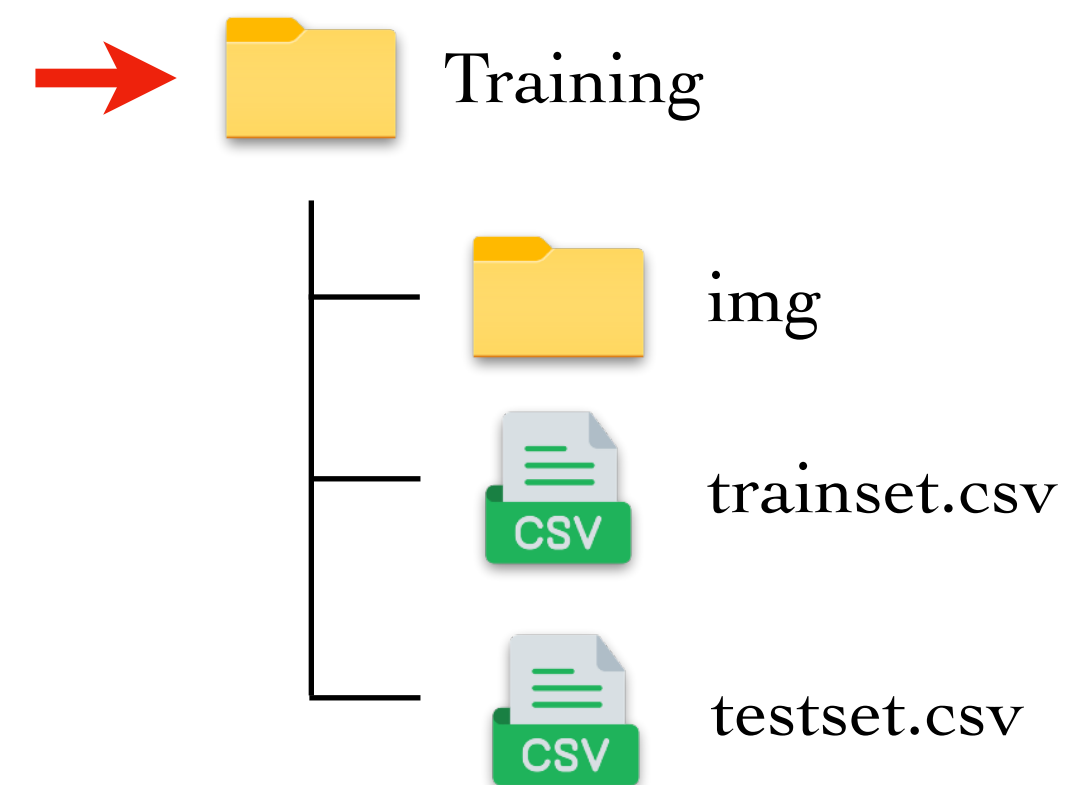
C `ls Data/Consultants`

D `ls Data/consultants`

File Operations

Creating a file (1/2)

Tree



Shell

```
Training/$ touch README.md
```

Output

```
Training/$
```

File Operations

Creating a file (2/2)

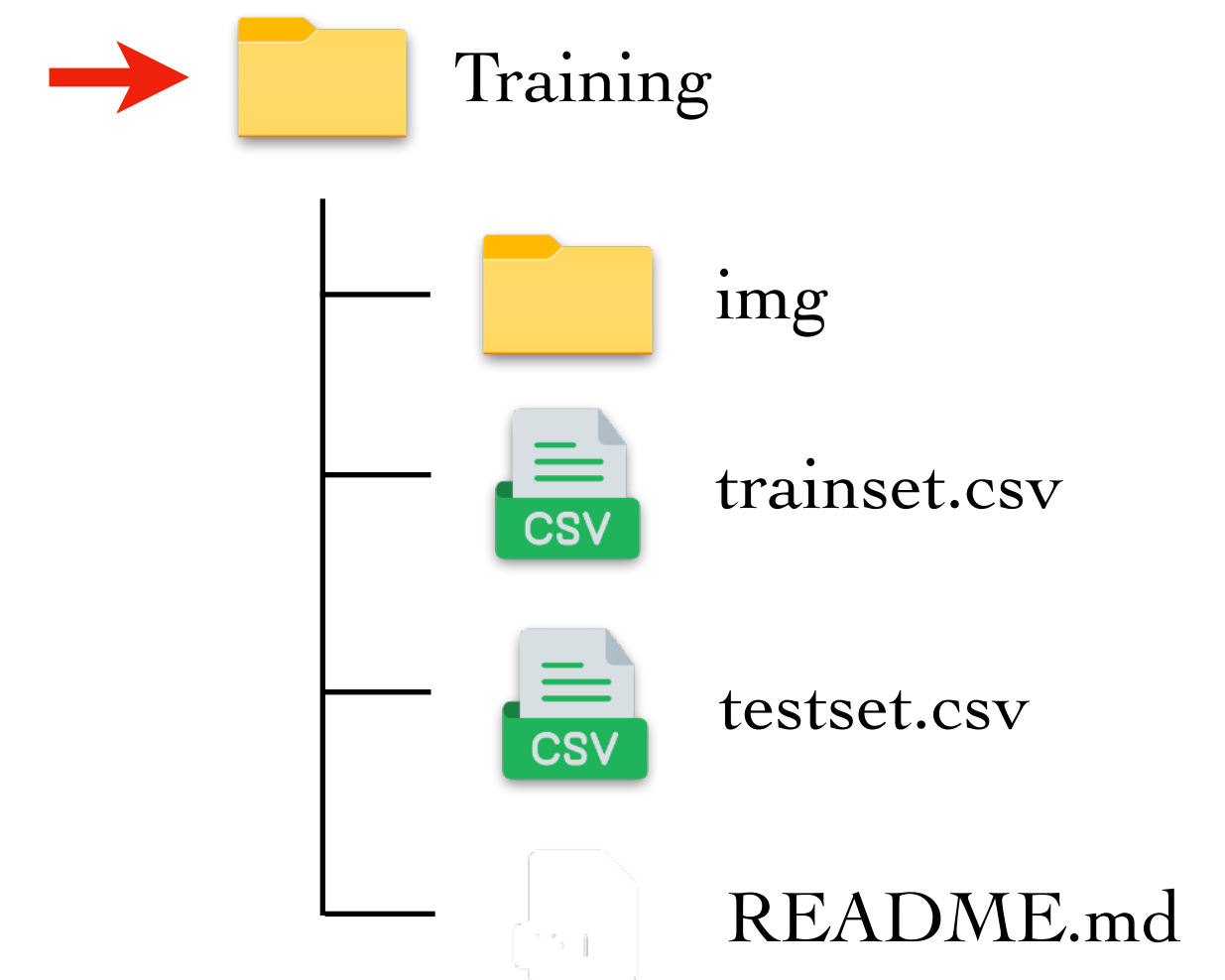
Shell

```
Training/$ touch README.md
```

Output

```
Training/$
```

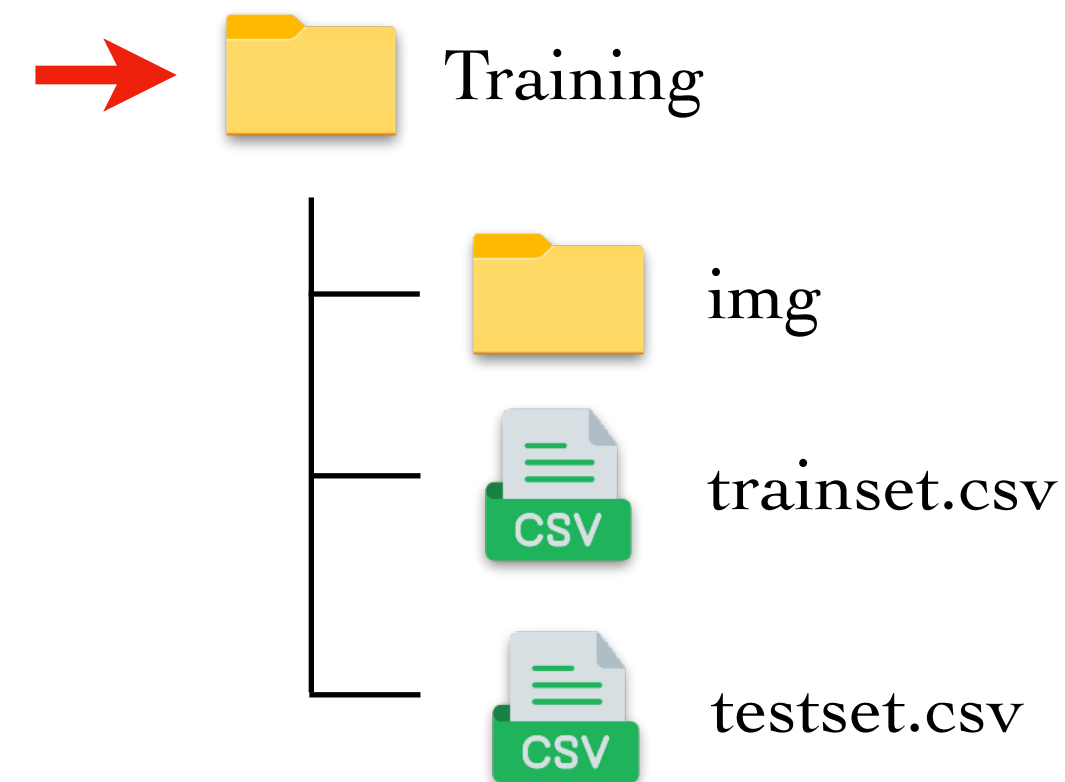
Tree



File Operations

Creating a directory (1/2)

Tree



Shell

```
Training/$ mkdir models
```

Output

```
Training/$
```

File Operations

Creating a file (2/2)

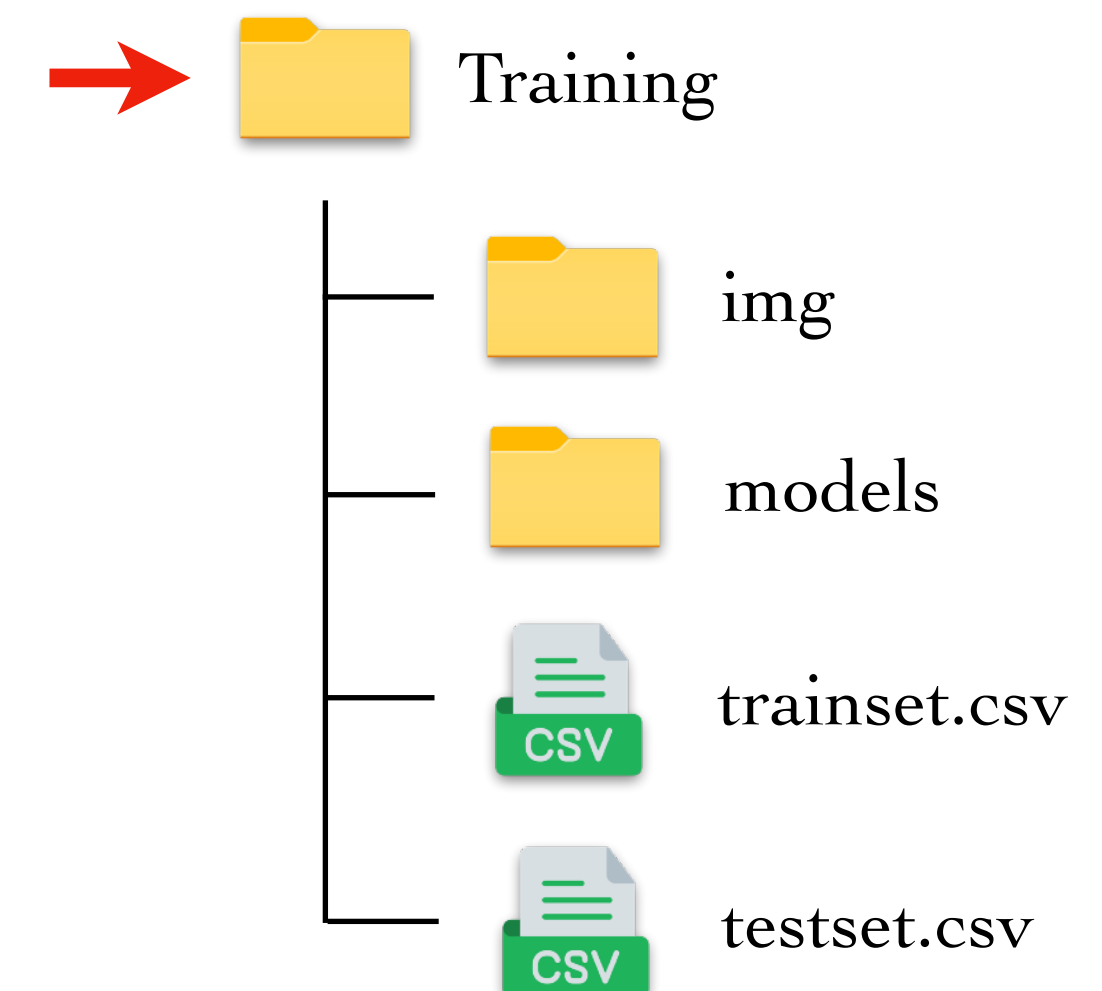
Shell

```
Training/$ mkdir models
```

Output

```
Training/$
```

Tree



File Operations

Copying a file/directory (1/2)

Copying a file

```
$ cp <file-path> <destination>
```

<destination>

<destination-file> : new name

<destination-directory> : same name

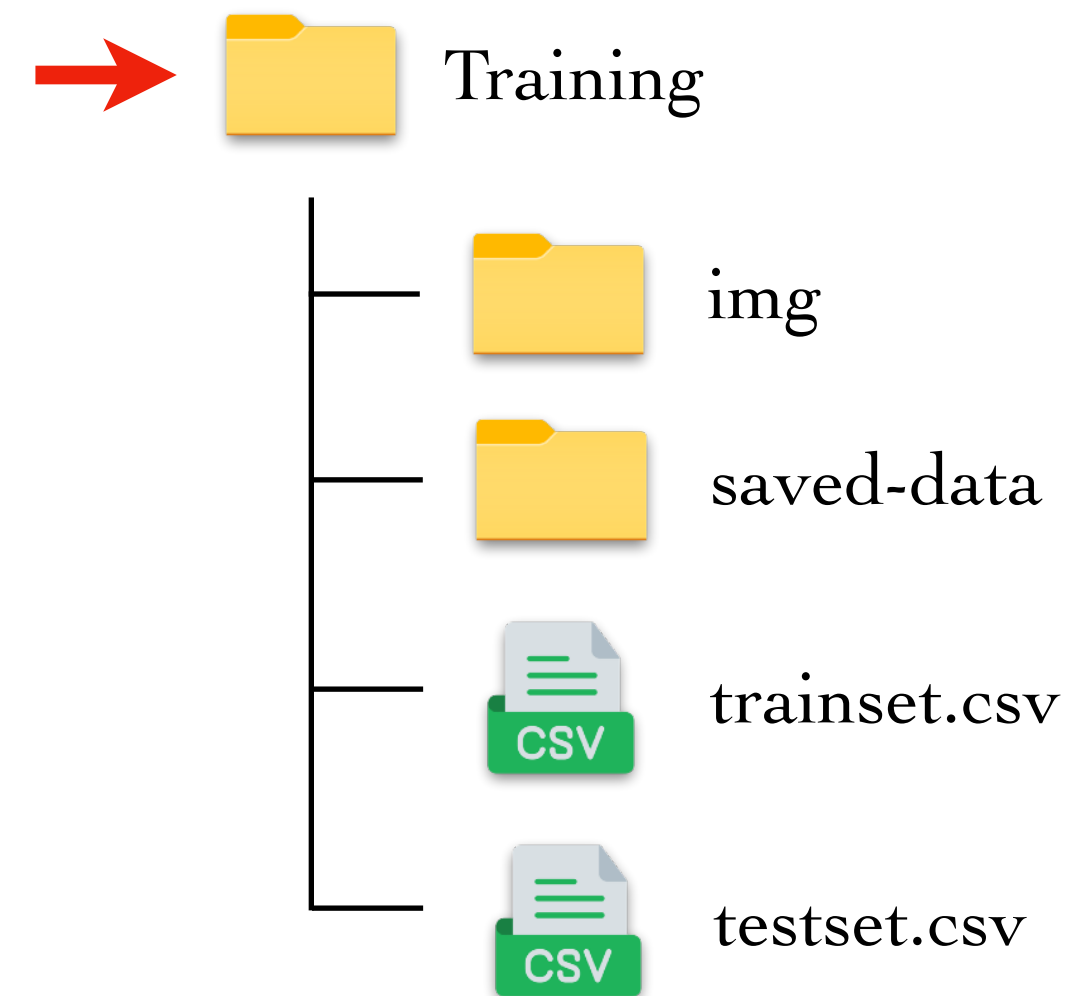
Copying a directory

```
$ cp -r <directory-path> <destination-directory>
```

File Operations

Copying a file/directory (2/2)

Tree



Copying a file

```
Training/$ cp trainset.csv trainset_copy.csv
```

```
Training/$ cp trainset.csv saved-data/
```

Copying a directory

```
Training/$ cp -r img/ img-copy/
```

File Operations

Moving a file/directory

Moving a file to another directory

```
$ mv <file-path> <destination-directory>
```

Moving a directory to another directory

```
$ mv <directory-path> <destination-directory>
```

File Operations

Renaming a file/directory

Renaming a file

```
$ mv <file-name> <new-file-name>
```

Renaming a directory

```
$ mv <directory-name> <new-directory-name>
```


File Operations

Removing a file/directory

Removing a file

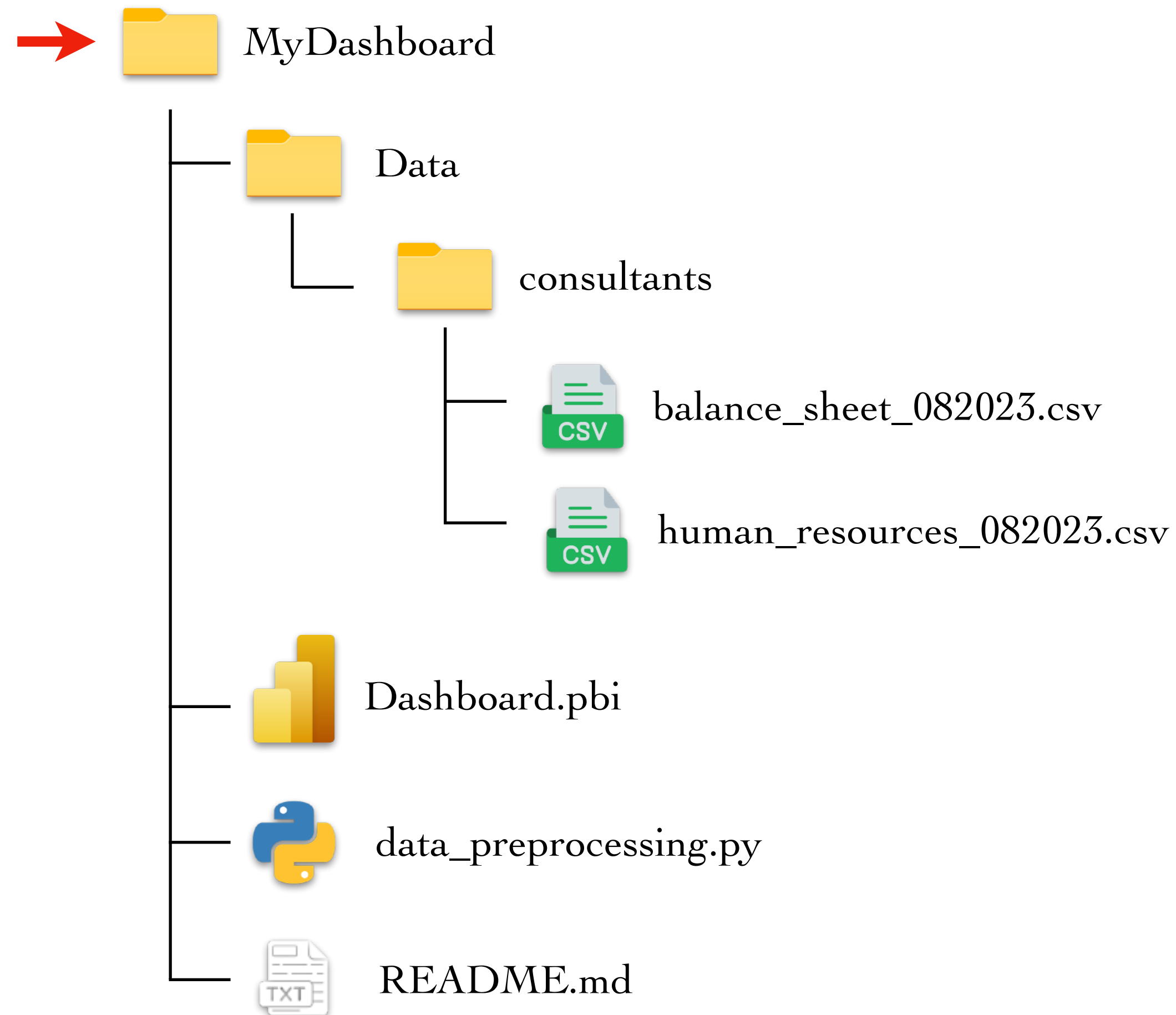
```
$ rm <file-path>
```

Removing a directory

```
$ rm -r <directory-path>
```

File Operations

Question 1



How to remove all  files?

A

`rm files.csv`

B

`rm Data/consultant/*.csv`

C

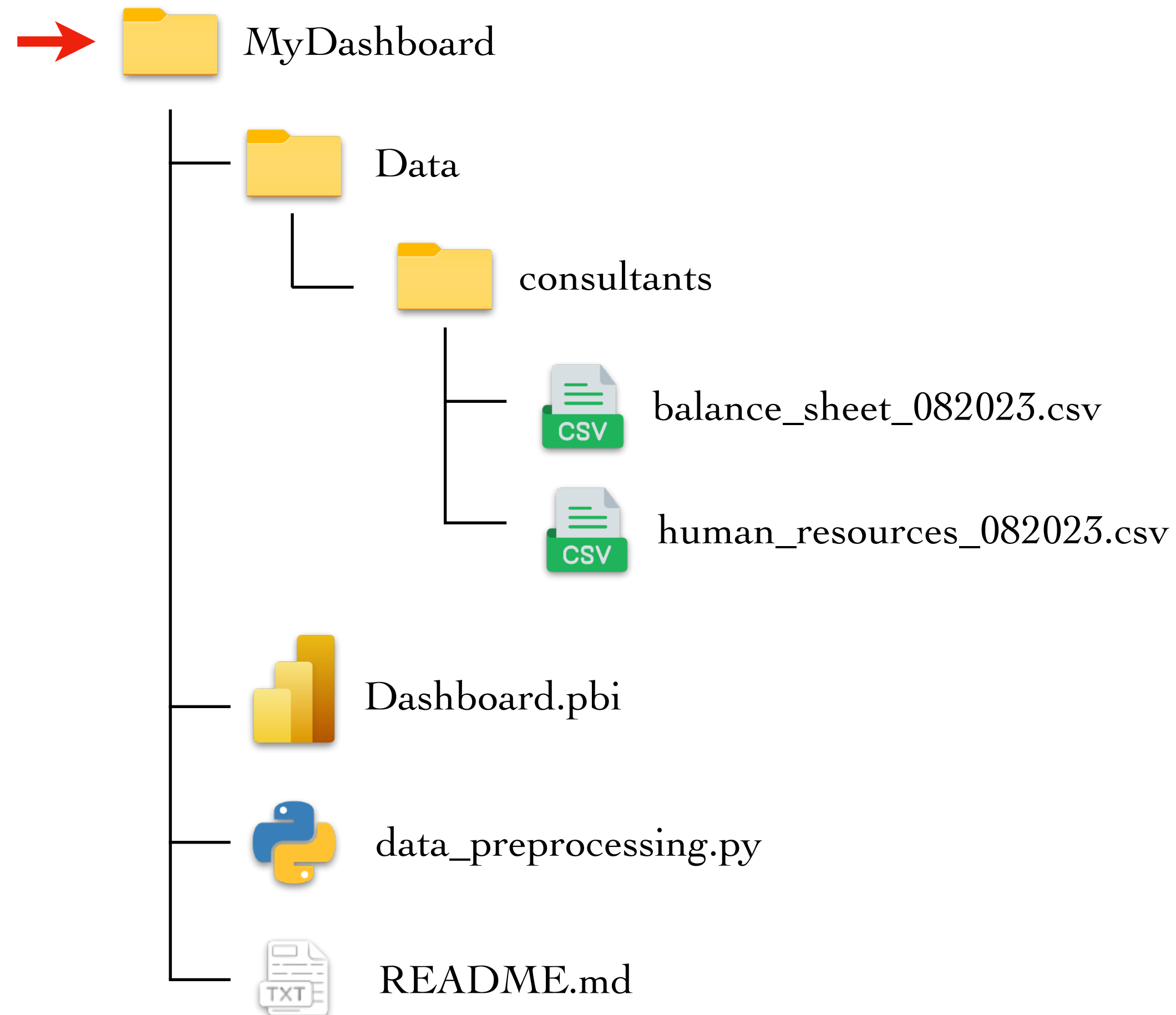
`rm -r Data/consultant/*.csv`

D

`rm *.csv`

File Operations

Question 1



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A

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B

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C

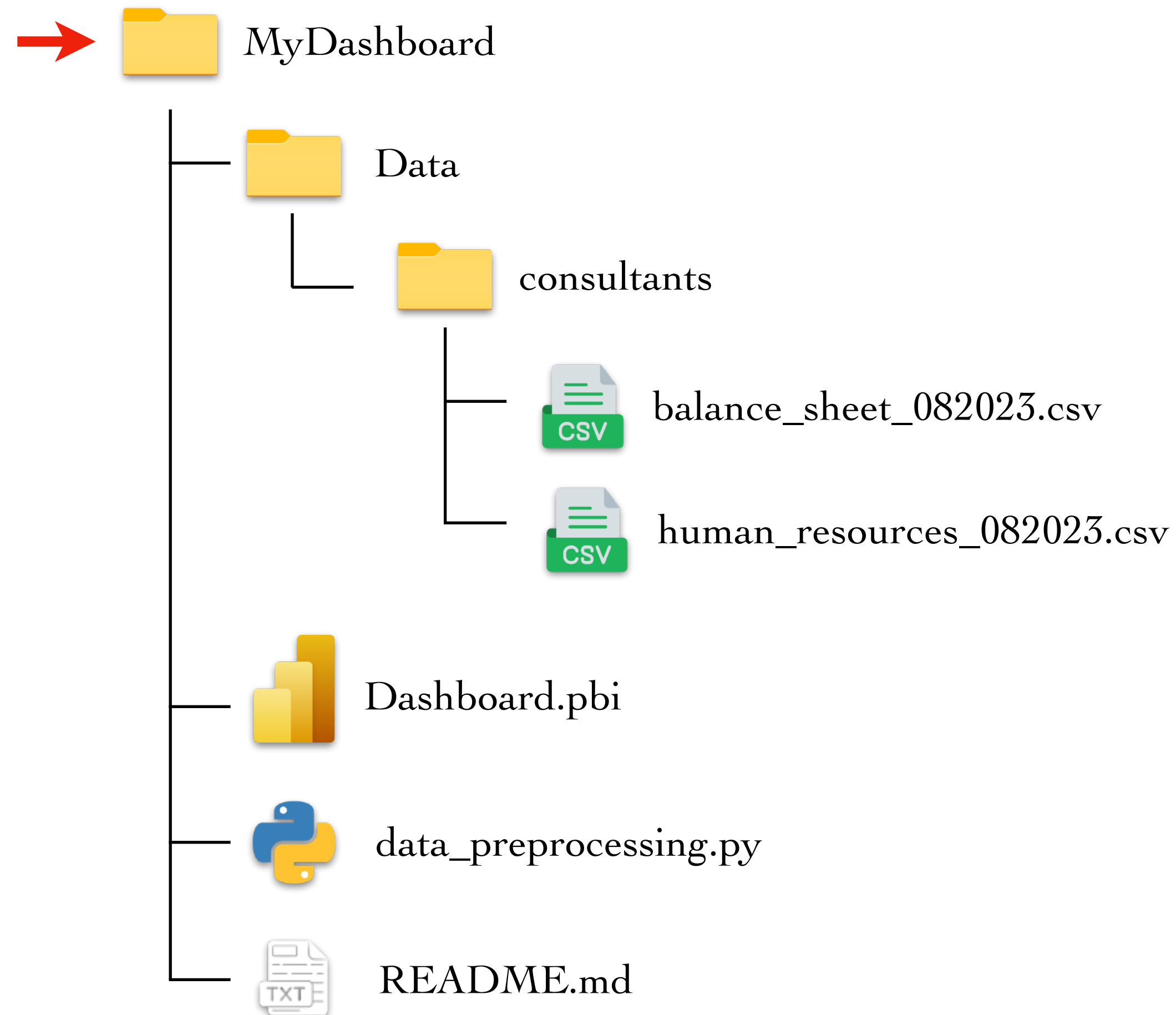
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D

`rm *.csv`

File Operations

Question 2



Create  img as a subfolder of  Data ?

A

`mk Data/img`

B

`mk img`

C

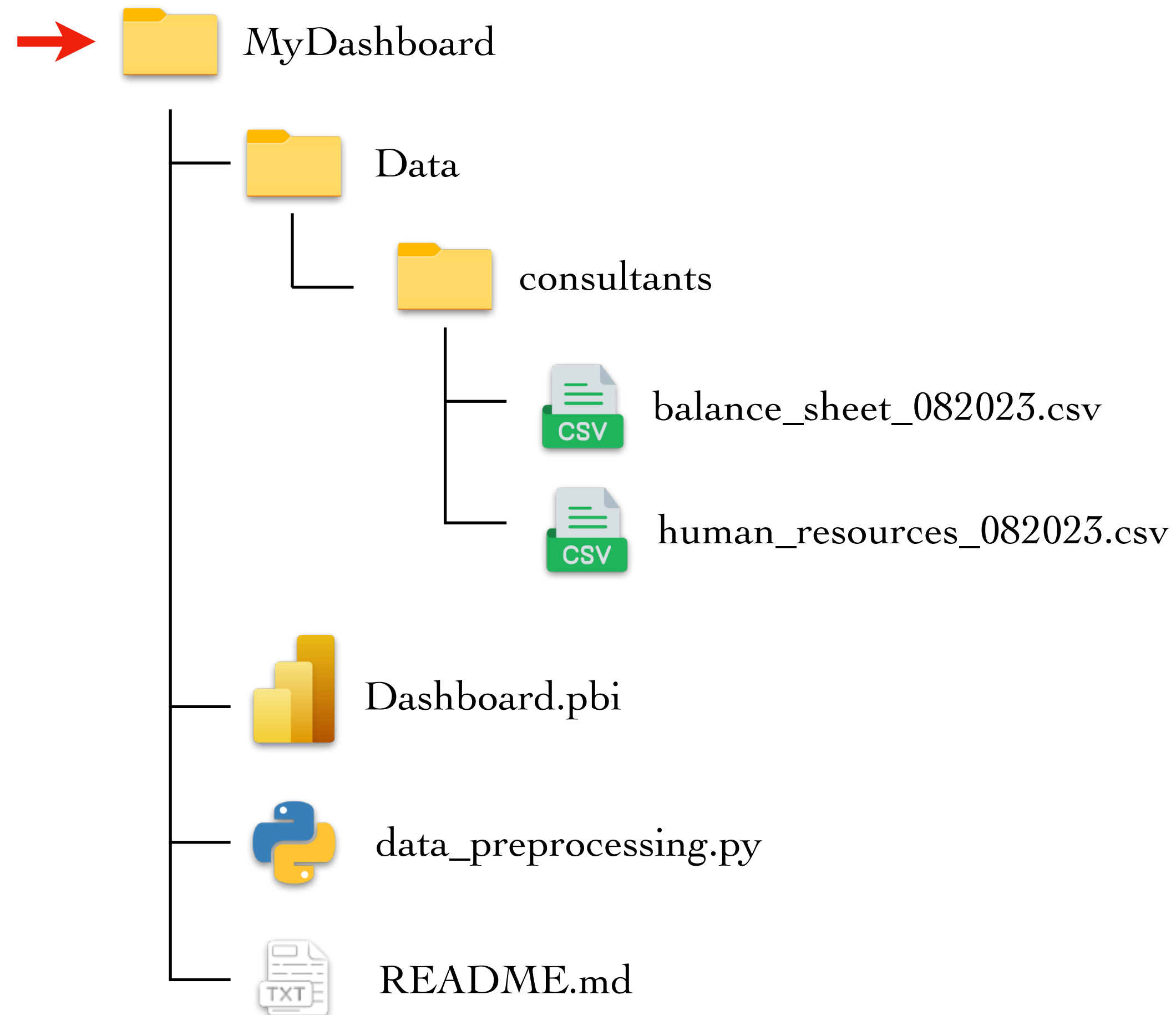
`mkdr Data/img`



D

`mkdir Data/img`

File Operations

Question 2



Create  img as a subfolder of  Data ?

A

`mk Data/img`

B

`mk img`

C

`mkdr Data/img`

D

`mkdir Data/img`

Text Files

Display

Shell

```
$ cat <file-path>
```


Text Files

Write and Redirect

Write and Redirect (Create/Erase and Add)

```
$ cat file1.txt > file2.txt
```

Write and Redirect (Create or Append)

```
$ cat file1.txt >> file2.txt
```

Text Files

Searching

General command

```
$ grep "keyword" <file-path>
```

Text Files

Searching Examples

Case-Insensitive Search

```
$ grep -i "apple" file.txt
```

Whole words only

```
$ grep -w "apple" file.txt
```

Multiple files

```
$ grep "apple" *.txt
```

Recursively in directories

```
$ grep -r "apple" *.txt
```

Text Files

Sort & Uniq

Sorting

```
$ sort <file-path>
```

Keep unique (distinct) adjacent lines

```
$ uniq "keyword" <file-path>
```

Editors

Vim

```
$ vim <file-path>
```

```
"file.txt" 0L, 0B
```

Editors

Nano

```
$ nano <file-path>
```

A screenshot of the Nano text editor interface. The top status bar shows "UW PICO 5.09" on the left and "File: file.txt" on the right. The main editing area is empty with a cursor at the top left. The bottom status bar displays various keyboard shortcuts: ^G Get Help, ^O WriteOut, ^R Read File, ^Y Prev Pg, ^K Cut Text, ^C Cur Pos; ^X Exit, ^J Justify, ^W Where is, ^V Next Pg, ^U UnCut Text, ^T To Spell.

```
UW PICO 5.09                                     File: file.txt
```

```
^G Get Help    ^O WriteOut    ^R Read File   ^Y Prev Pg    ^K Cut Text    ^C Cur Pos
```

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^X Exit        ^J Justify     ^W Where is    ^V Next Pg    ^U UnCut Text  ^T To Spell
```


Editors

Non-Native Editors



Sublime Text



Visual Studio Code



Atom



PyCharm

Permissions

chmod

General Syntax

```
$ chmod [options] <mode> <file-path>
```

Permissions

chmod options

General Syntax

```
$ chmod [options] <mode> <file-path>
```

Options

- **-R** : Recursively change permissions for directories and their contents
- **-v** : Verbose mode, displays a message for each file processed
- **-c** : Similar to -v, but only displays messages for files whose permissions are changed
- **-f** : Similar to -v, but only displays messages for files whose permissions are changed

Permissions

chmod mode

General Syntax

```
$ chmod [options] <mode> <file-path>
```

Mode

```
d-rwx-rwx-rwx  
  user  group other
```

user: owner of the file/directory

group: group that owns the file/directory

other: other users who have access to the file/directory

Permissions

Listing permissions

General Syntax

```
$ ls -l
```

Human readable

```
$ ls -lh
```

Basic Scripting

Bash Script Structure

1. Create a new file

```
$ touch script.sh
```

2. Open the file and write your shell script

```
#!/bin/bash  
<your script>
```

3. Make the script executable (rights)

```
$ Chmod +x script.sh
```

4. Run the script

```
$ ./script.sh
```


Basic Scripting

if/else conditions

General Syntax

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
if [ condition ]; then
```

```
    # Code to execute if the condition is true
```

```
elif [ another_condition ]; then
```

```
    # Code to execute if another_condition is true (optional)
```

```
else
```

```
    # Code to execute if none of the conditions are true (optional)
```

```
fi
```

Basic Scripting

for-loop

General Syntax

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
for variable in list_of_items; do  
    # Code to execute for each item  
done
```

Terminal

Open a Terminal

- Linux : **Ctrl+Alt+T**
- MacOS : **Cmd+Space** + 'Terminal'
- Windows : Bad News 😞

→ Install Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL)

- ▶ En : <https://itsfoss.com/install-bash-on-windows/>
- ▶ Fr : <https://blog.ineat-group.com/2020/02/utiliser-le-terminal-bash-natif-dans-windows-10/>