The Unix Shell

Introduction to the shell

Files and the file system

Creating and deleting files

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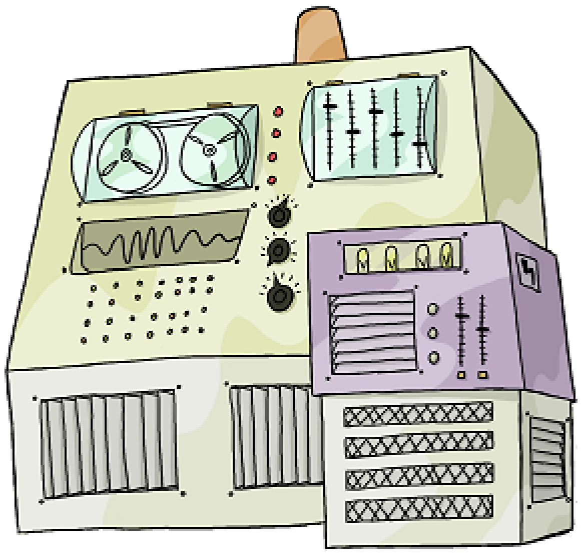

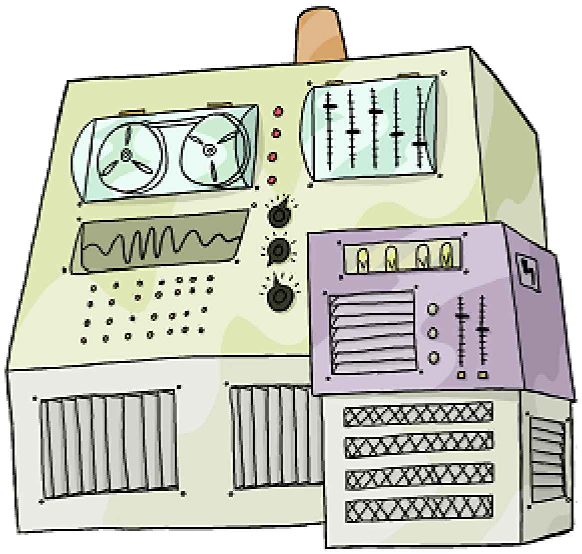

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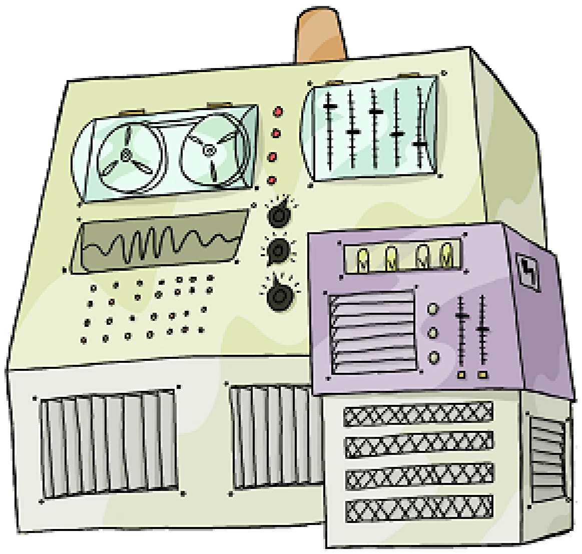

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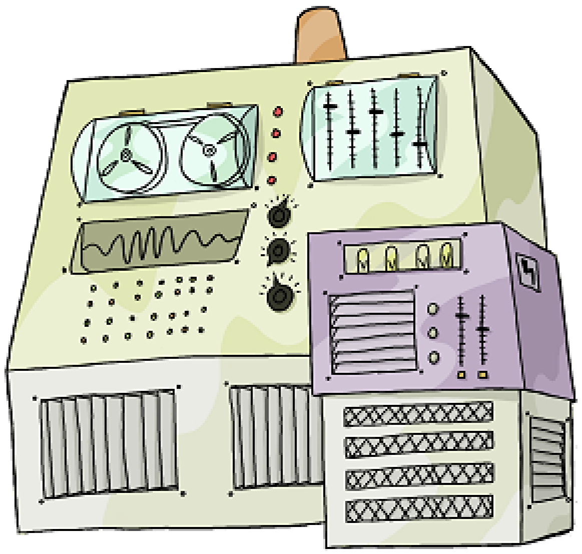

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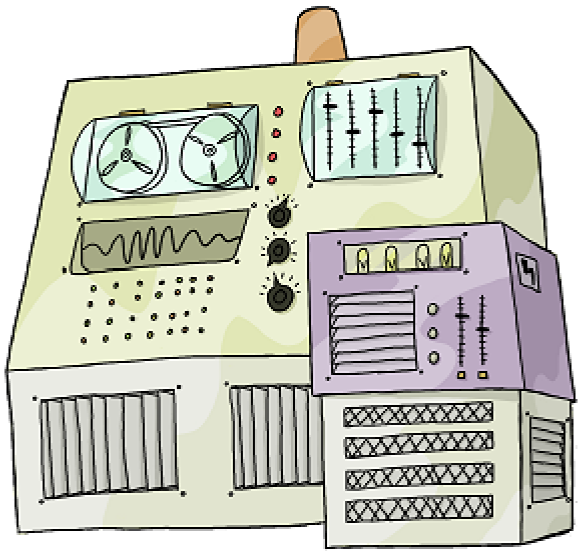

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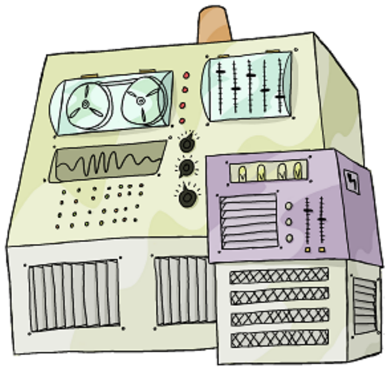

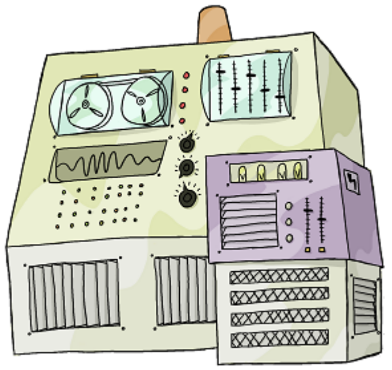

Interact

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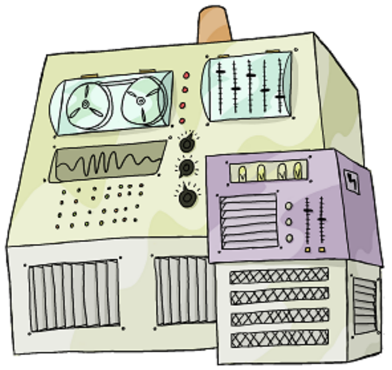
Telepathy



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Speech

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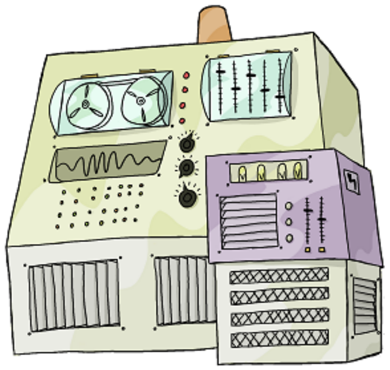
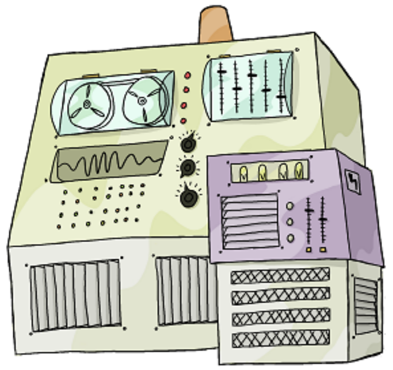
WIMP

(windows, icons, mice, pointers)





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Rewiring

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Interact with us

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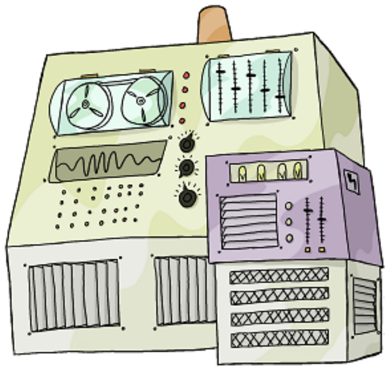

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Line printer + keyboard

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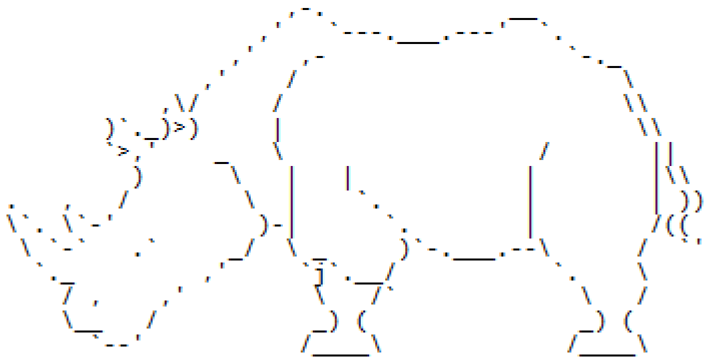

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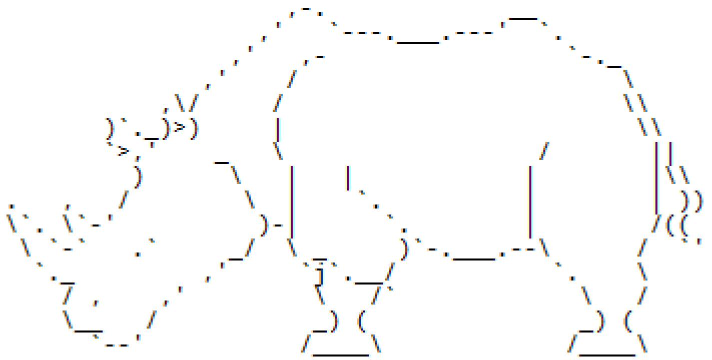

CLUI: command-line user interface

```
user logs in
```

```
user logs in
user types command
```

```
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computer executes command
  and prints output
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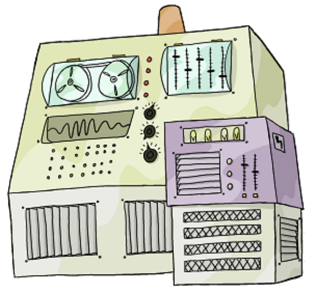

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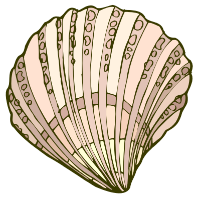

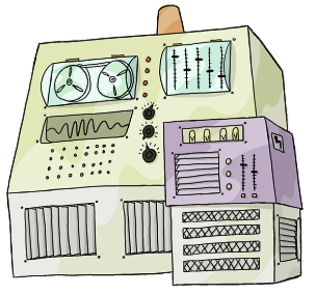

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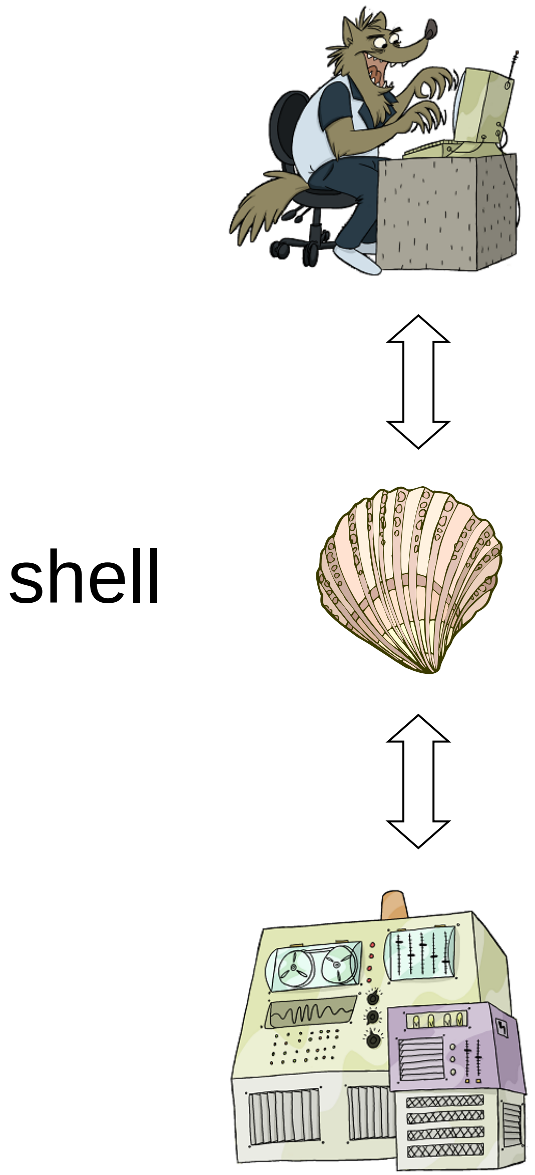

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– allows you to combine tools in powerful new ways

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Files and Directories

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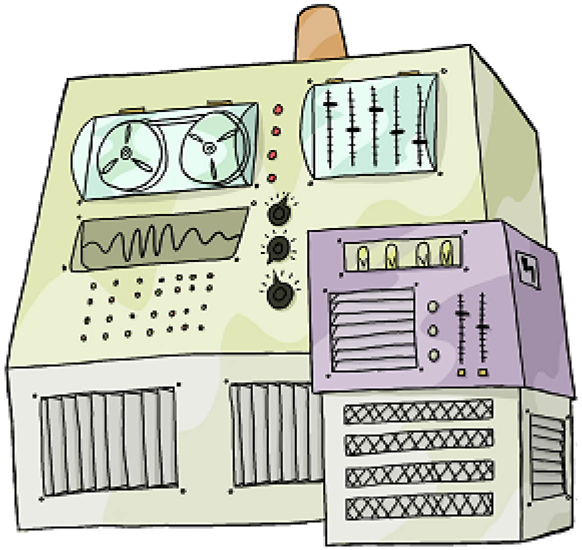

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Data

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Interact

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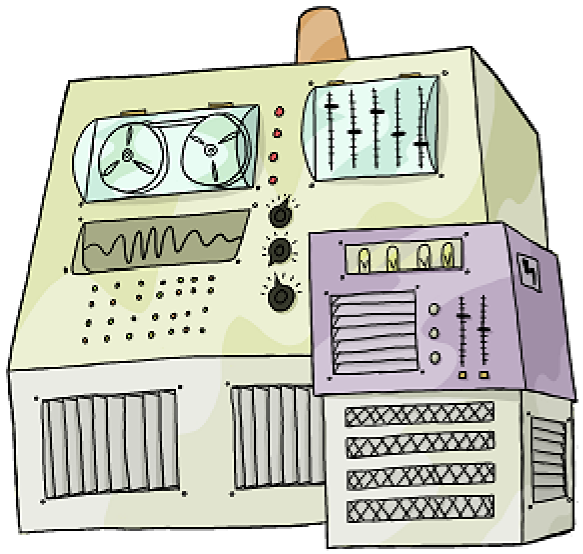

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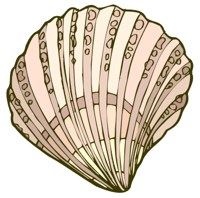

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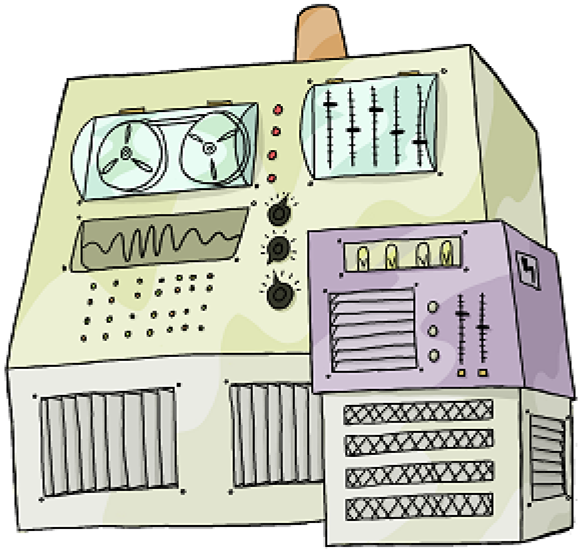

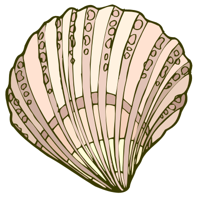

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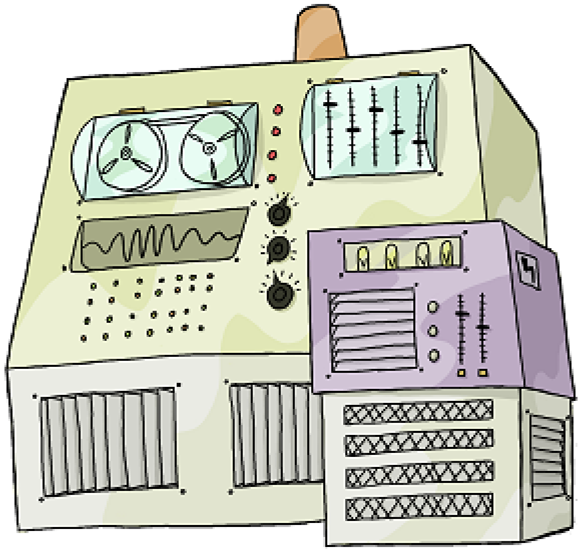
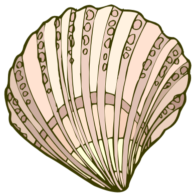




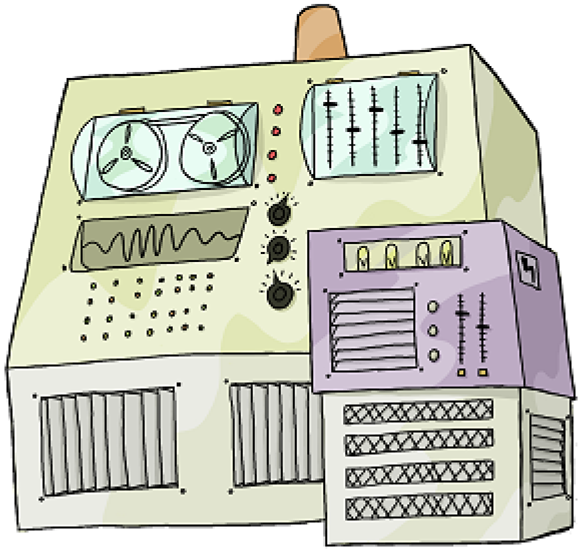
shell

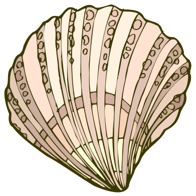
Store

Data

$\swarrow$

file system





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Data

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\text{files}
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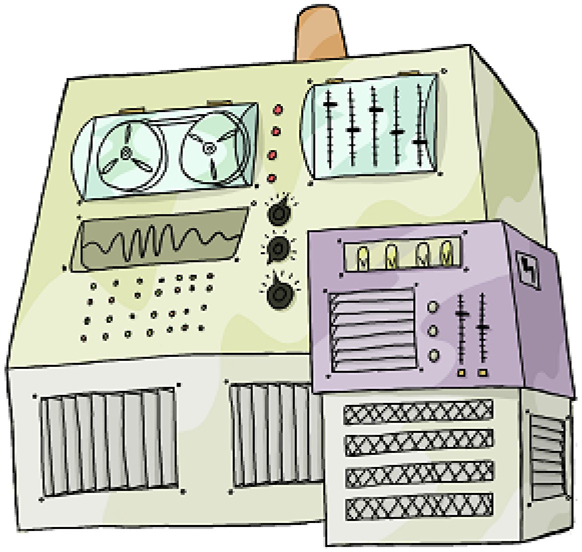

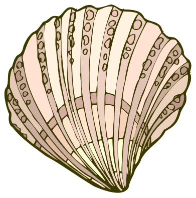

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Store

Data

$$\begin{tikzcd}
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\text{files} & & \text{directories}
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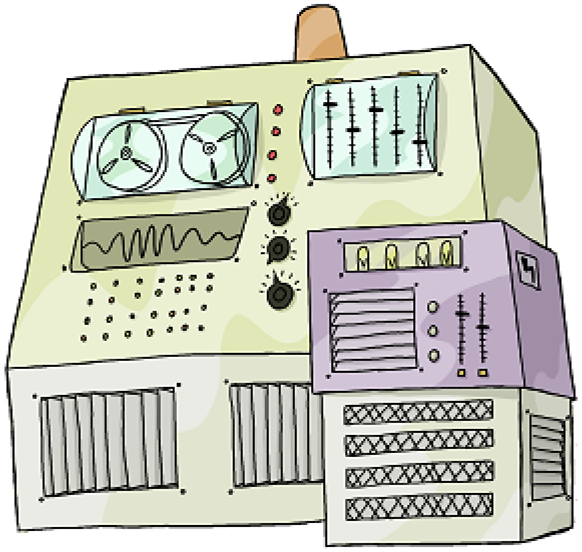

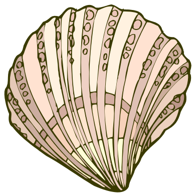

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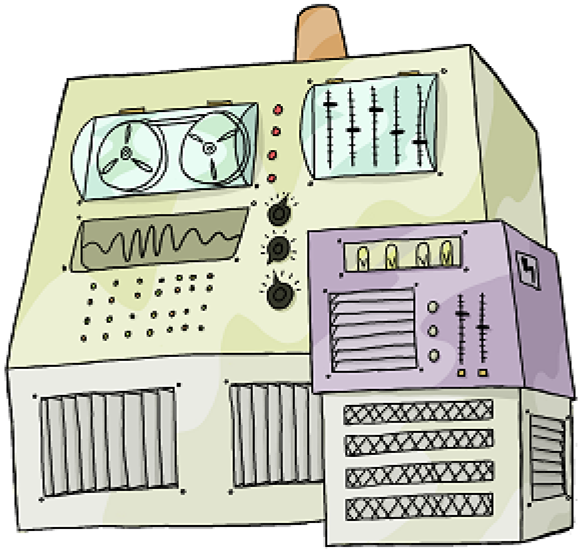
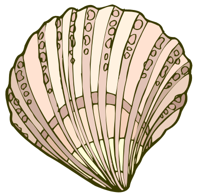
Use the shell

to view and change

the file system





shell

Use the shell

to run commands

to view what's in

the file system

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\text{file system} \arrow[d] \arrow[rd] \\
\text{files} & \text{directories}
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```
login:
```

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```

$\xleftarrow{\hspace{3cm}}$ computer prompt in **bold**

```
login:
```

computer prompt in **bold**

explanatory text in blue

```
login: vlad
```

$\longleftarrow$ user input in green

```
login: vlad
password: *********
```

$\xleftarrow{\hspace{3em}}$ password

```
login: vlad
password: *********
$
```

$\xleftarrow{\hspace{4cm}}$ shell prompt

```
login: vlad
password: *********
$
```

$\leftarrow$ shell prompt

like Python's >>> and …

```
login: vlad
password: *********
$ whoami
```

check user ID

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$\leftarrow$ check user ID

shell finds the `whoami` program

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prints its output

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check user ID

shell finds the `whoami` program

runs it

prints its output

displays a new prompt

```
login: vlad
password: *********
$ whoami
vlad
$ pwd
```

$\longleftarrow$ what is the *working directory*

```
login: vlad
password: *********
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```

what is the *working directory*

the directory used when no other directory is explicitly specified

```
login: vlad
password: *********
$ whoami
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$ pwd
/users/vlad
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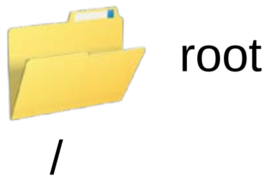

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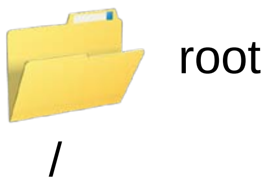

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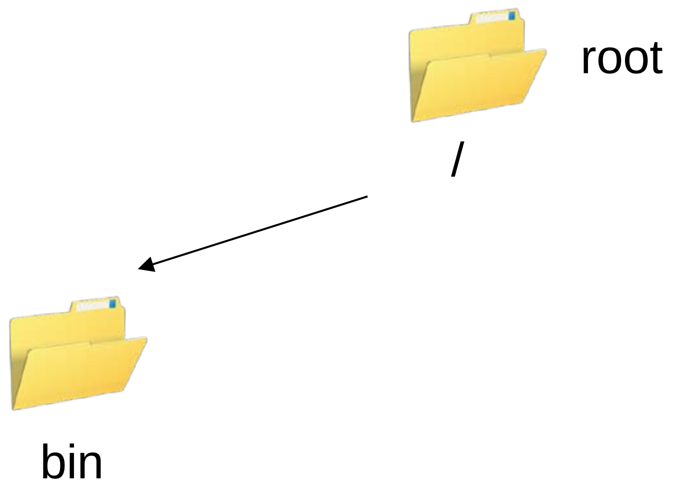

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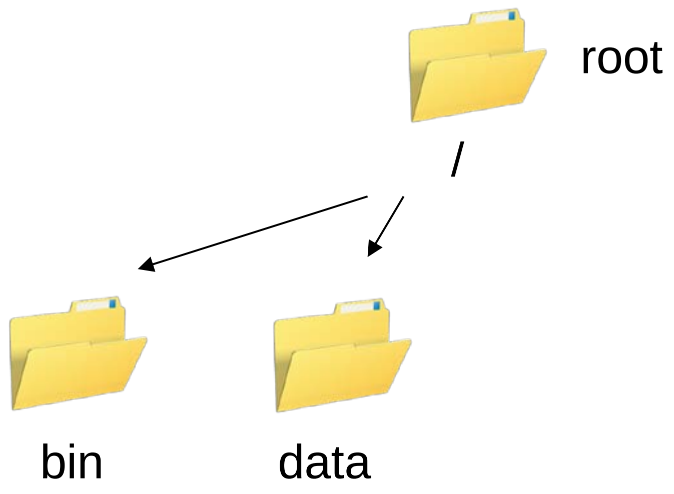

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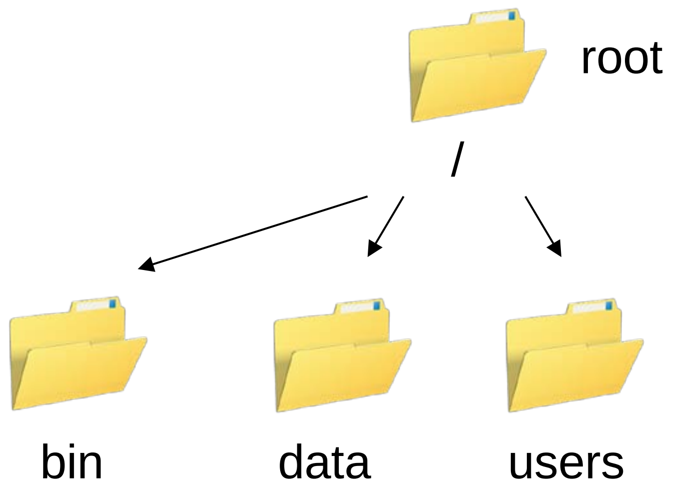

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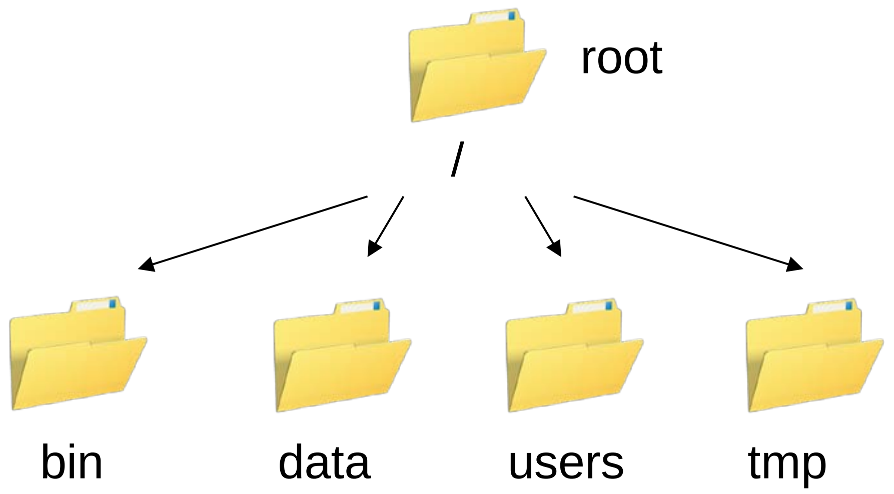

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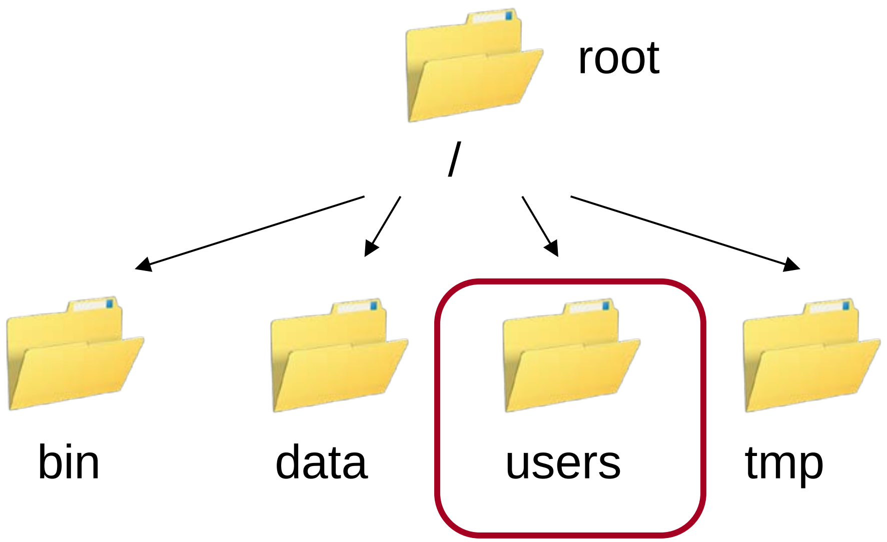

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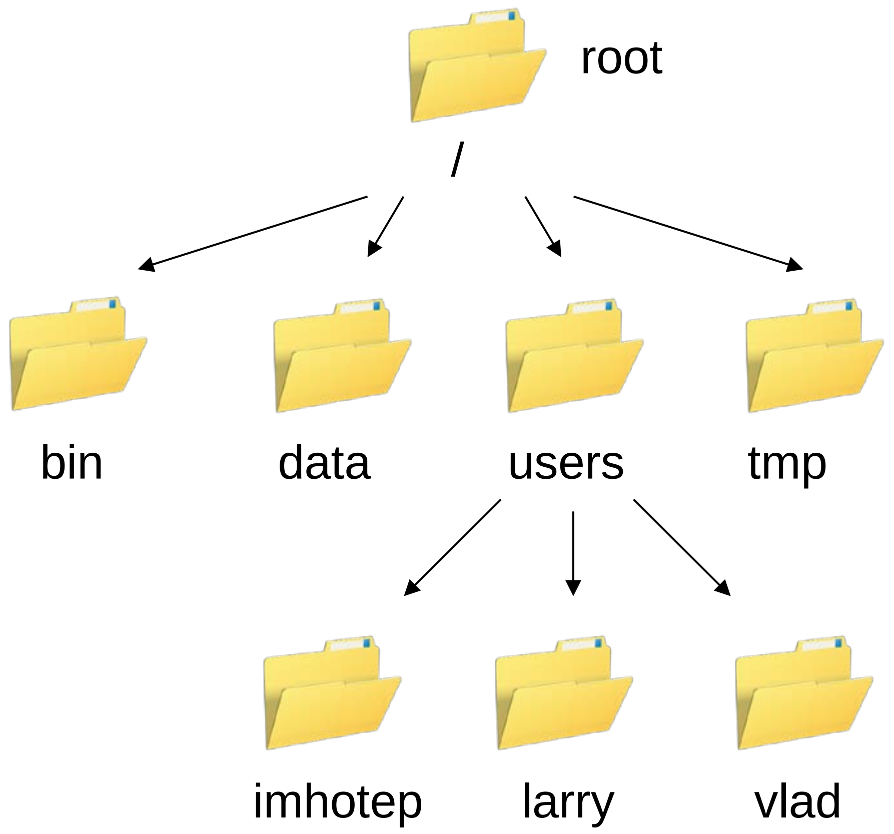

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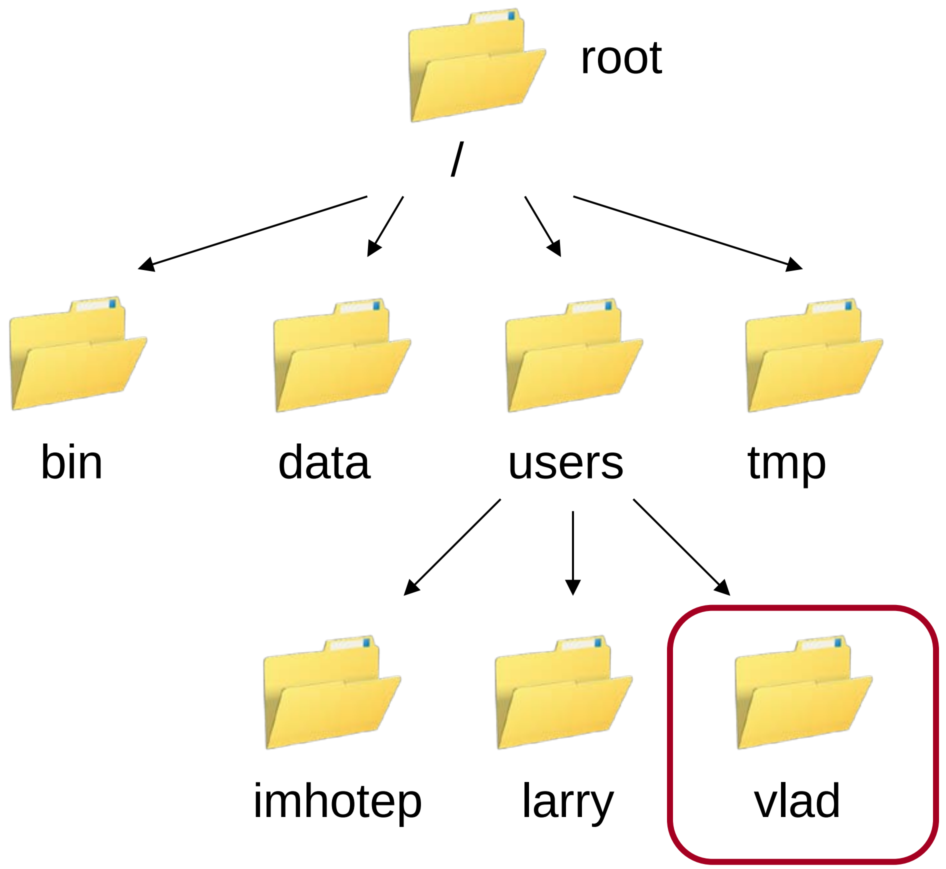

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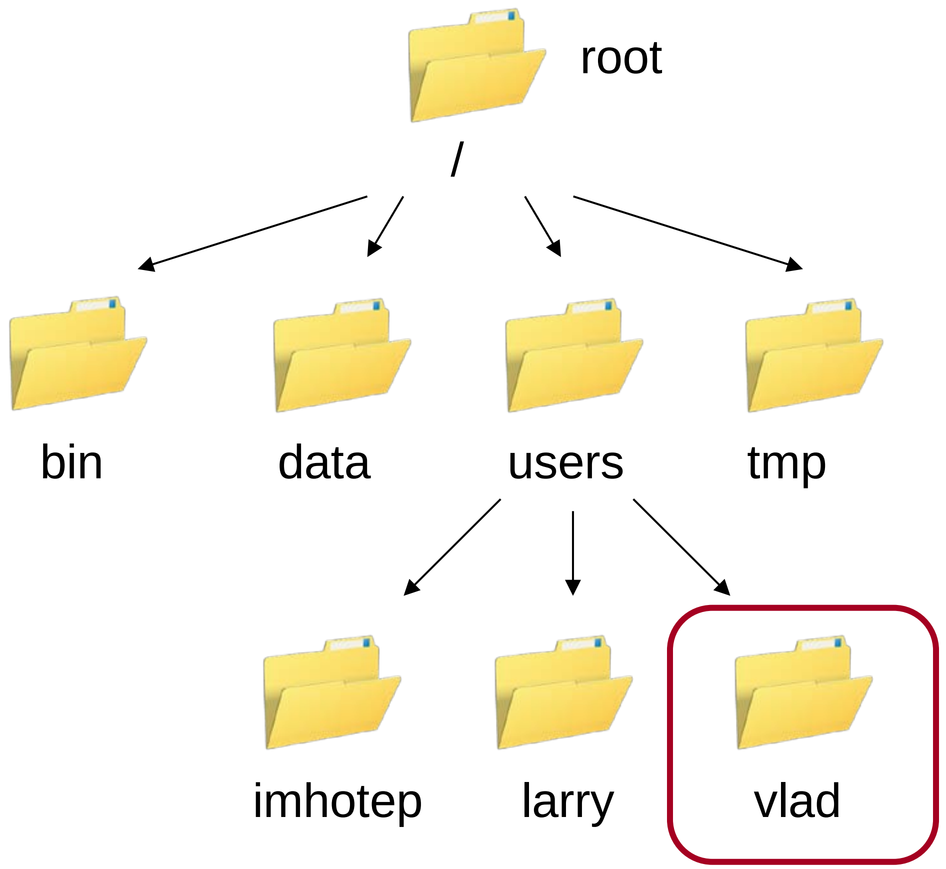

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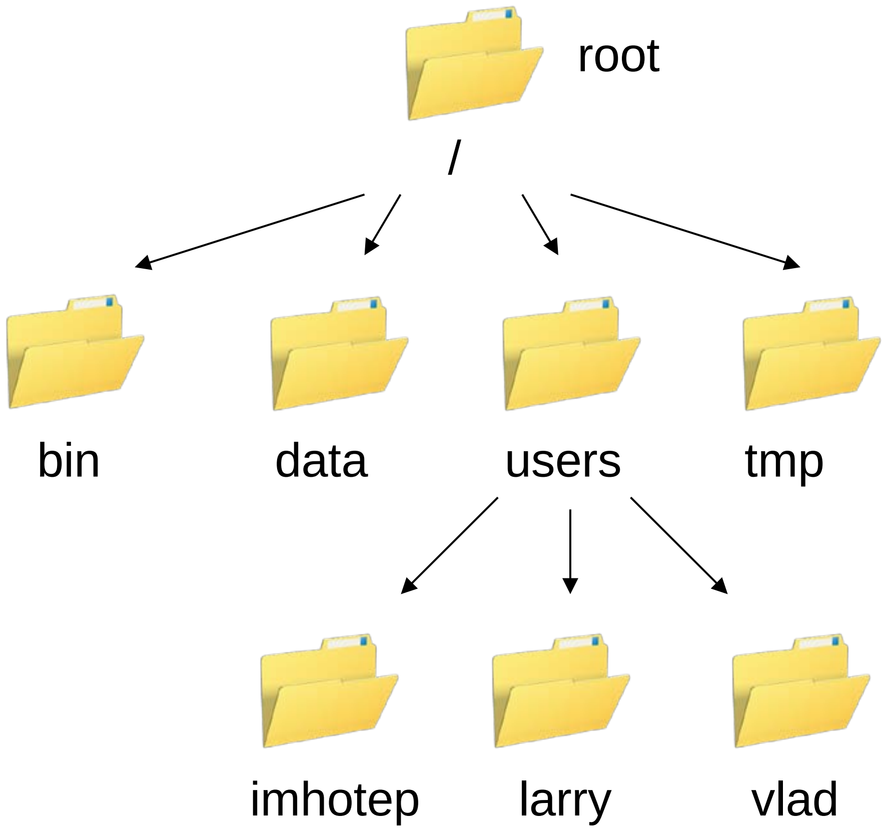

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$ ls
```

$\longleftarrow$ stands for "listing"

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stands for "listing"
sadly more memorable than
most command names

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login: vlad
password: *********
$ whoami
vlad
$ pwd
/users/vlad
$ ls
bin          data      mail       music
notes.txt    papers    pizza.cfg  solar
solar.pdf    swc
$
```

```
login: vlad
password: *********
$ whoami
vlad
$ pwd
/users/vlad
$ ls -F
bin/          data/     mail/      music/
notes.txt     papers/   pizza.cfg  solar/
solar.pdf     swc/
$
```

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

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password: *********
$ whoami
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$ pwd
/users/vlad
$ ls -F
bin/          data/     mail/       music/
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```

adds a trailing '/' to directory names

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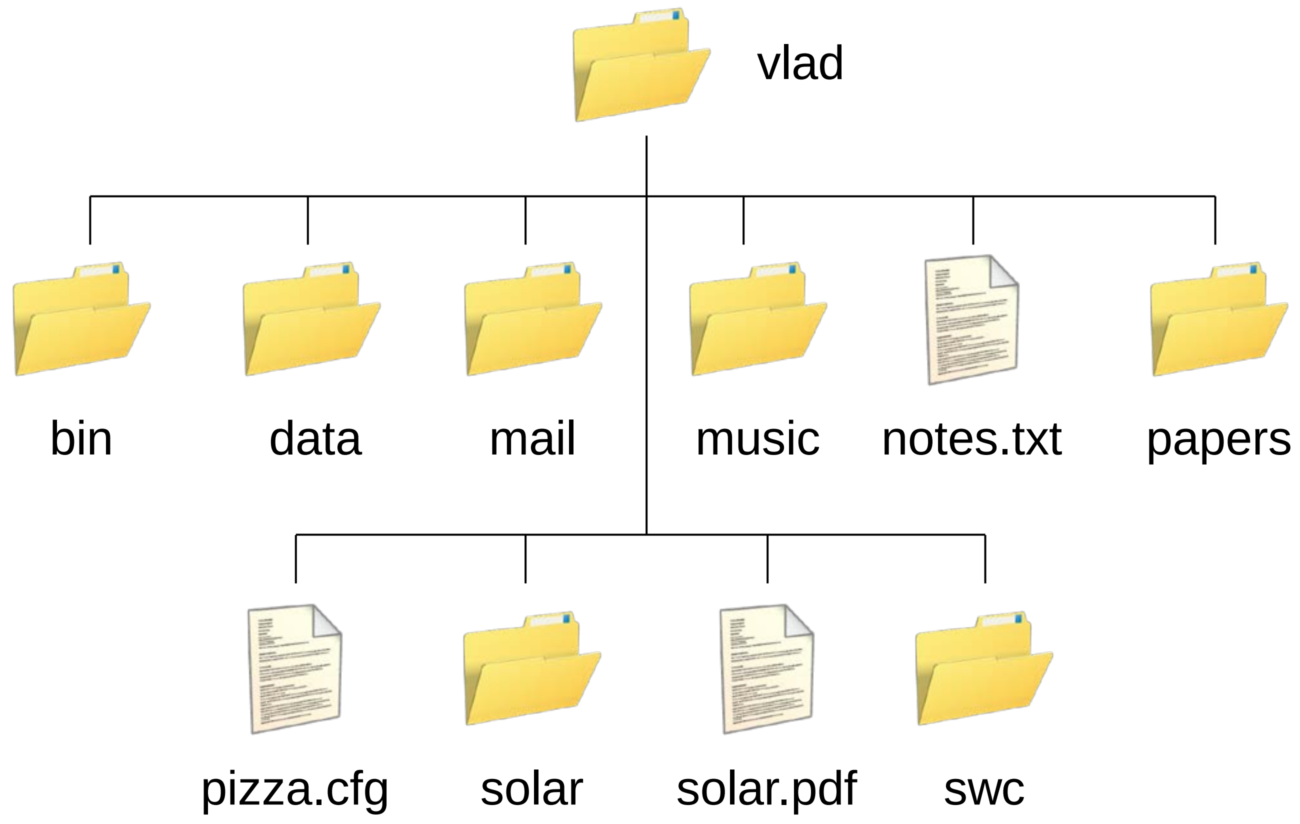

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But this is only a convention, not a guarantee

```
$ ls -F data
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amino_acids.txt   elements/     morse.txt
pdb/              planets.txt   sunspot.txt
$
```

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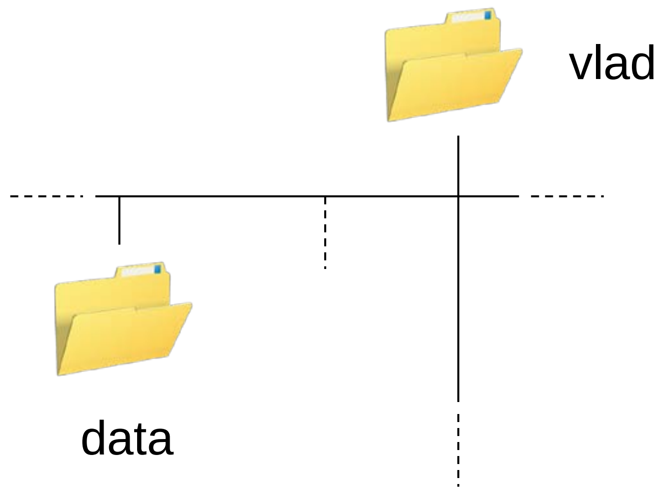
$
```

a *relative path*

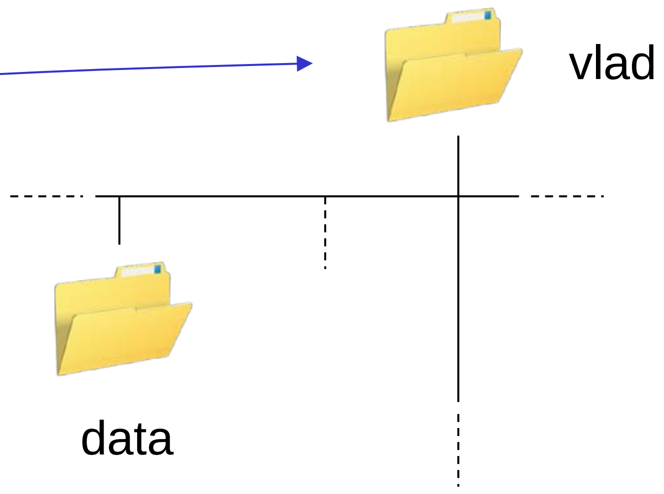


```
$ ls -F data
amino_acids.txt   elements/     morse.txt
pdb/              planets.txt   sunspot.txt
$
```

a *relative path*

relative to

current working directory



```
$ ls -F /data
access.log    backup/    hardware.cfg
network.cfg
$
```

```
$ ls -F /data
access.log    backup/    hardware.cfg
network.cfg
$
```

an *absolute path*

```
$ ls -F /data
access.log    backup/    hardware.cfg
network.cfg
$
```

an *absolute path*

leading '/' means "from root"

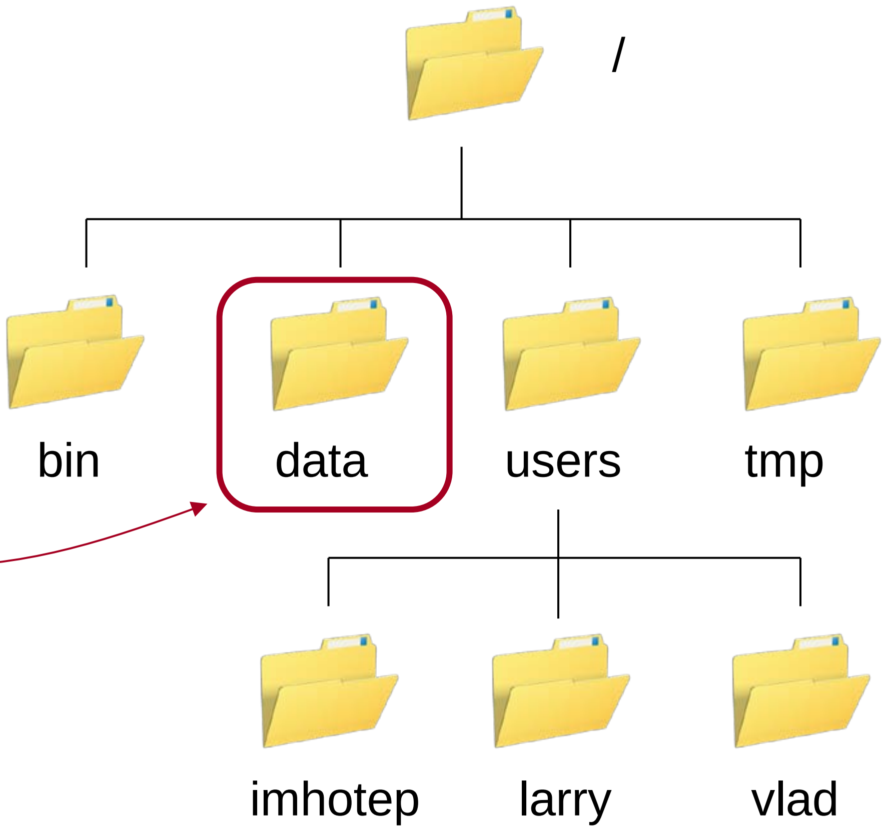
```
$ ls -F /data
access.log    backup/    hardware.cfg
network.cfg
$
```

an *absolute path*

leading '/' means "from root"

so it always refers to

this directory



```
$ pwd
/users/vlad
$
```

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad
$ ls
bin/          data/     mail/       music/
notes.txt     papers/   pizza.cfg   solar/
solar.pdf     swc/
$
```

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad
$ ls
bin/          data/     mail/       music/
notes.txt     papers/   pizza.cfg   solar/
solar.pdf     swc/
$ cd data
$ pwd
/users/vlad
$ ls
bin/          data/     mail/       music/
notes.txt     papers/   pizza.cfg   solar/
solar.pdf     swc/
$ cd data
```

$\leftarrow$ change directory

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad
$ ls
bin/          data/     mail/       music/
notes.txt     papers/   pizza.cfg   solar/
solar.pdf     swc/
$ cd data
```

change directory

actually doesn't change the directory

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad
$ ls
bin/          data/     mail/       music/
notes.txt     papers/   pizza.cfg   solar/
solar.pdf     swc/
$ cd data
```

change directory

actually doesn't change the directory

changes the shell's idea of

which directory we are in

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad
$ ls
bin/          data/      mail/       music/
notes.txt     papers/    pizza.cfg   solar/
solar.pdf     swc/
$ cd data
$ pwd
/users/vlad/data
$
```

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad
$ ls
bin/          data/     mail/      music/
notes.txt     papers/   pizza.cfg  solar/
solar.pdf     swc/
$ cd data
$ pwd
/users/vlad/data
$ ls
amino_acids.txt   elements/     morse.txt
pdb/              planets.txt   sunspot.txt
$
```

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad
$ ls
bin/          data/       mail/       music/
notes.txt     papers/     pizza.cfg   solar/
solar.pdf     swc/
$ cd data
$ pwd
/users/vlad/data
$ ls
amino_acids.txt   elements/      morse.txt
pdb/              planets.txt    sunspot.txt
$
```

because we're now "in" this directory

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad/data
$
```

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad/data
$ cd ..
$ pwd
/users/vlad/data
$ cd ..
```

the directory above the current one

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad/data
$ cd ..
```

$\xleftarrow{}$ the directory above the current one

its *parent directory*

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad/data
$ cd ..
$ pwd
/users/vlad
$
```

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad/data
$ cd ..
$ pwd
/users/vlad
$ ls
bin/         data/     mail/      music/
notes.txt    papers/   pizza.cfg  solar/
solar.pdf    swc/
$
```

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad/data
$ cd ..
$ pwd
/users/vlad
$ ls
bin/          data/     mail/      music/
notes.txt     papers/   pizza.cfg  solar/
solar.pdf     swc/
$ ls -F -a
./            ../       bin/       data/
mail/         music/    notes.txt  papers/
pizza.cfg     solar/    solar.pdf    swc/
```

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad/data
$ cd ..
$ pwd
/users/vlad
$ ls
bin/          data/     mail/      music/
notes.txt     papers/   pizza.cfg  solar/
solar.pdf     swc/
$ ls -F -a
./            ../       bin/       data/
mail/         music/    notes.txt  papers/
pizza.cfg     solar/    solar.pdf    swc/
```

"show all"

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad/data
$ cd ..
$ pwd
/users/vlad
$ ls
bin/           data/      mail/      music/
notes.txt      papers/    pizza.cfg  solar/
solar.pdf      swc/
$ ls -F -a
./             ../        bin/       data/
mail/          music/     notes.txt  papers/
pizza.cfg      solar/     solar.pdf    swc/
```

parent directory

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad/data
$ cd ..
$ pwd
/users/vlad
$ ls
bin/          data/     mail/       music/
notes.txt     papers/   pizza.cfg   solar/
solar.pdf     swc/
$ ls -F -a
./            ../       bin/        data/
mail/         music/    notes.txt   papers/
pizza.cfg     solar/    solar.pdf     swc/
```

parent directory

/users

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad/data
$ cd ..
$ pwd
/users/vlad
$ ls
bin/          data/      mail/      music/
notes.txt     papers/    pizza.cfg  solar/
solar.pdf     swc/
$ ls -F -a
./            ../        bin/       data/
mail/         music/     notes.txt  papers/
pizza.cfg     solar/     solar.pdf  swc/
```

this directory itself

Things are different on Windows

Things are different on Windows

```
C:\Users\vlad
```

Things are different on Windows

$$\boxed{\texttt{C:}}\texttt{\textbackslash Users\textbackslash vlad}$$

Drive letter

Things are different on Windows

```
C:\Users\vlad
```

Drive letter

Each drive is a separate file system

Things are different on Windows

```
C:\Users\vlad
```

Backslash \ as separator

Things are different on Windows

```
C:\Users\vlad
```

Backslash \ as separator

Unix uses \ to escape special characters

in names like `my\ files.txt`

Things are different on Windows

$$\underbrace{\texttt{C:\textbackslash Users\textbackslash}}_{\text{Case insensitive}}\texttt{vlad}$$

Things are different on Windows

$$\begin{tikzcd} & \underbrace{\texttt{C:\textbackslash Users\textbackslash vlad}}_{\text{Case insensitive}} \arrow[dl] \arrow[d] \arrow[dr] & \\ \texttt{c:\textbackslash users\textbackslash vlad} & \texttt{C:\textbackslash USERS\textbackslash VLAD} & \texttt{C:\textbackslash uSeRs\textbackslash Vl} \end{tikzcd}$$

Things are different on Windows

`C:\Users\vlad`

Cygwin: `/cygdrive/c/Users/vlad`

Map drive letters to "directories"

Things are different on Windows

`C:\Users\vlad`

Cygwin: `/cygdrive/c/Users/vlad`

Map drive letters to "directories"

And use / instead of \

Things are different on Windows

`C:\Users\vlad`

Cygwin: `/cygdrive/c/Users/vlad`

Map drive letters to "directories"

And use / instead of \

But still case insensitive

Things are different on Windows

`C:\Users\vlad`

Cygwin: $\underbrace{\texttt{/cygdrive/c}}\texttt{/Users/vlad}$

Map drive letters to "directories"

And use / instead of \

But still case insensitive

Can't put `backup.txt` and `Backup.txt` in a directory

pwd	print working directory
cd	change working directory
ls	listing
.	current directory
..	parent directory

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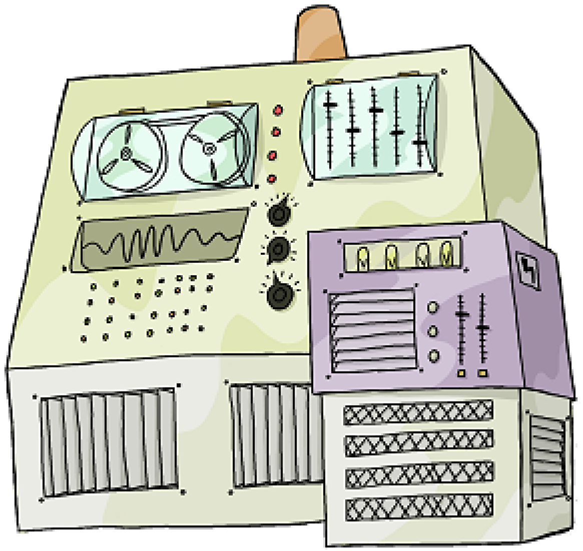
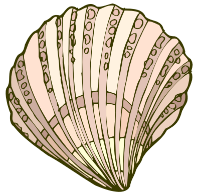
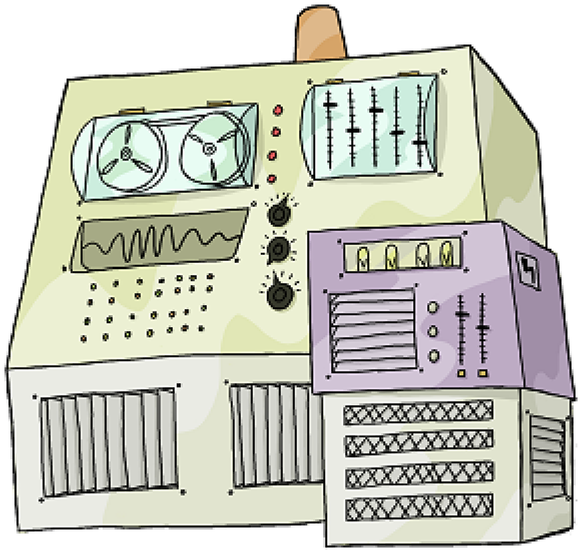
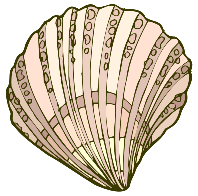




shell





shell

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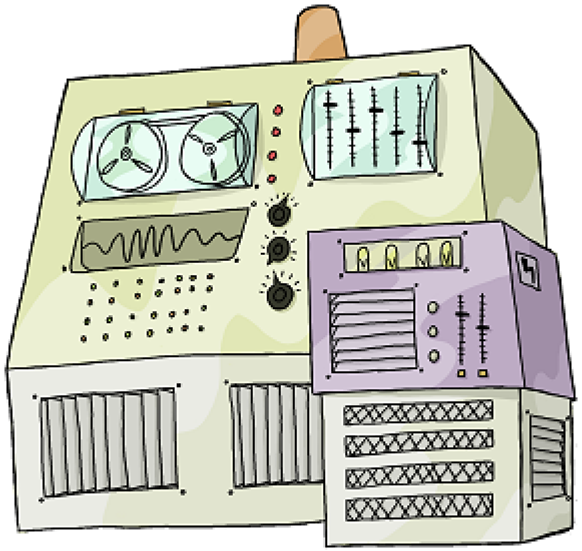
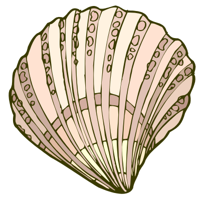
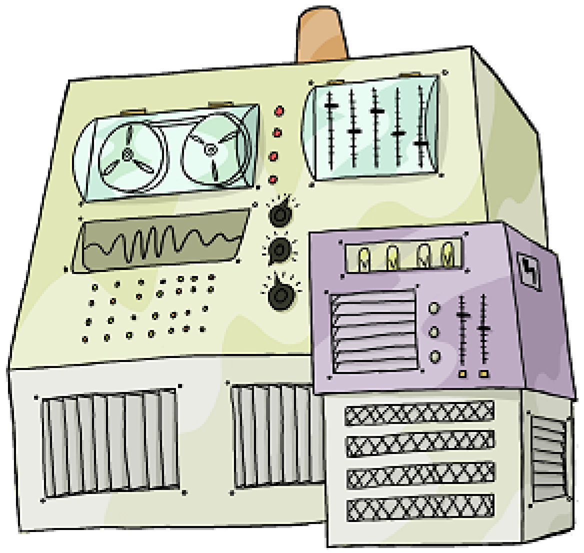
.	current directory
..	parent directory





shell

pwd	print working directory
cd	change working directory
ls	listing
.	current directory
.	parent directory



But how do we create things

in the first place?

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad
$
```

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad
$ ls -F
bin/          data/     mail/       music/
notes.txt     papers/   pizza.cfg   solar/
solar.pdf     swc/
$
```

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad
$ ls -F
bin/          data/     mail/      music/
notes.txt     papers/   pizza.cfg  solar/
solar.pdf     swc/
$ mkdir tmp
$ pwd
/users/vlad
$ ls -F
bin/          data/     mail/       music/
notes.txt     papers/   pizza.cfg   solar/
solar.pdf     swc/
$ mkdir tmp
```

make directory

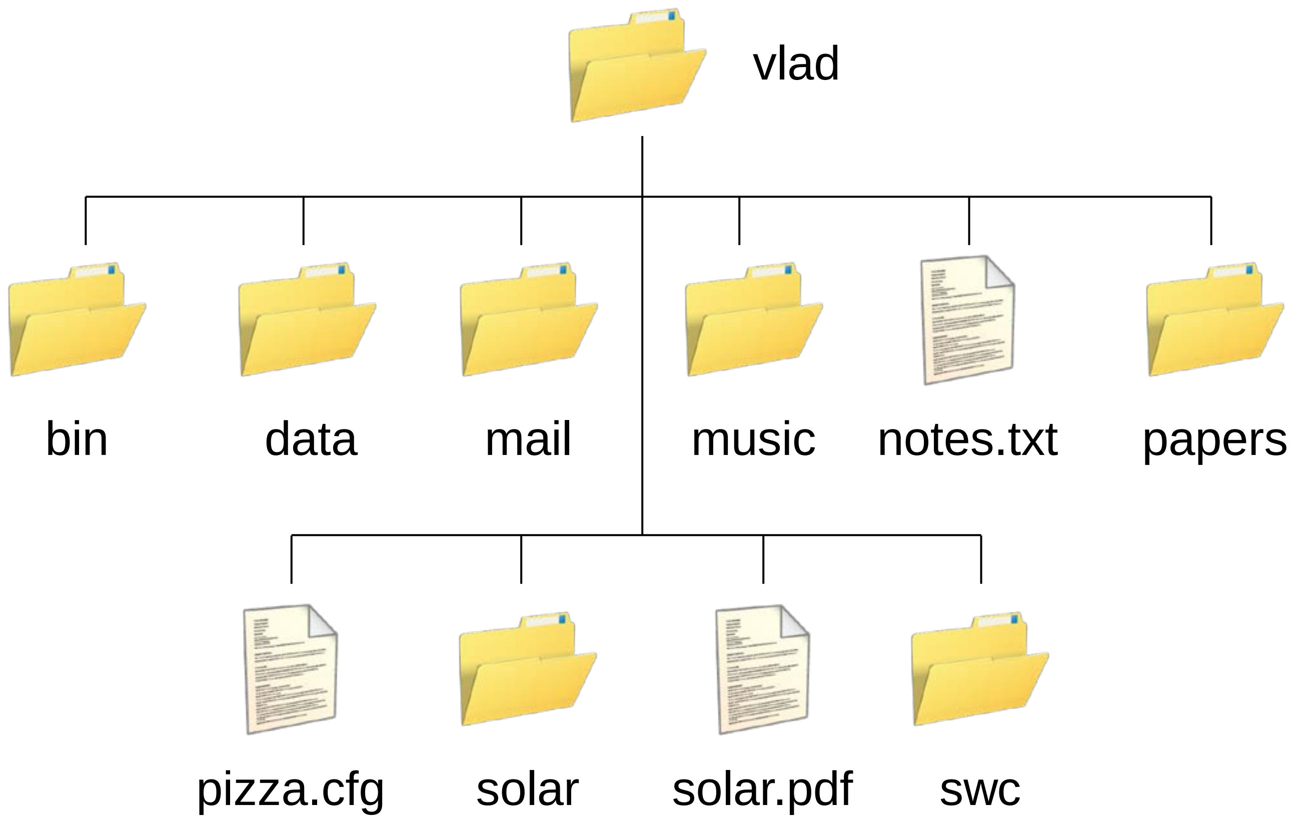
```
$ pwd
/users/vlad
$ ls -F
bin/          data/     mail/       music/
notes.txt     papers/   pizza.cfg   solar/
solar.pdf     swc/
$ mkdir tmp
```

make directory

a relative path, so the new directory is made below the current one

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad
$ ls -F
bin/         data/     mail/      music/
notes.txt    papers/   pizza.cfg  solar/
solar.pdf    swc/
$ mkdir tmp
$ ls –F
bin/         data/     mail/      music/
notes.txt    papers/   pizza.cfg  solar/
solar.pdf    swc/      tmp/
$
```

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad
$ ls -F
bin/          data/      mail/      music/
notes.txt     papers/    pizza.cfg  solar/
solar.pdf     swc/
$ mkdir tmp
$ ls –F
bin/          data/      mail/      music/
notes.txt     papers/    pizza.cfg  solar/
solar.pdf     swc/       tmp/
$
```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bin
data
mail
music
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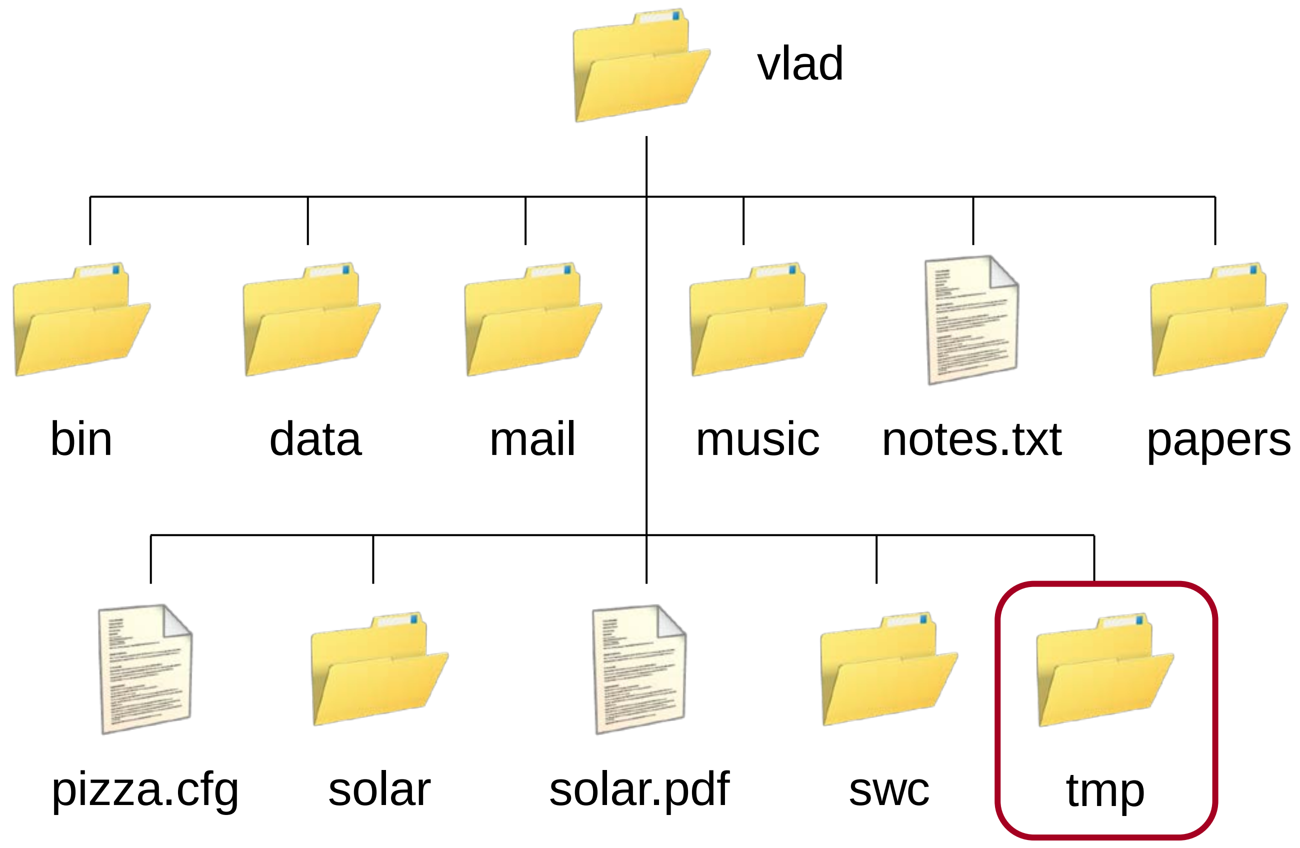
papers
pizza.cfg
solar
solar.pdf
swc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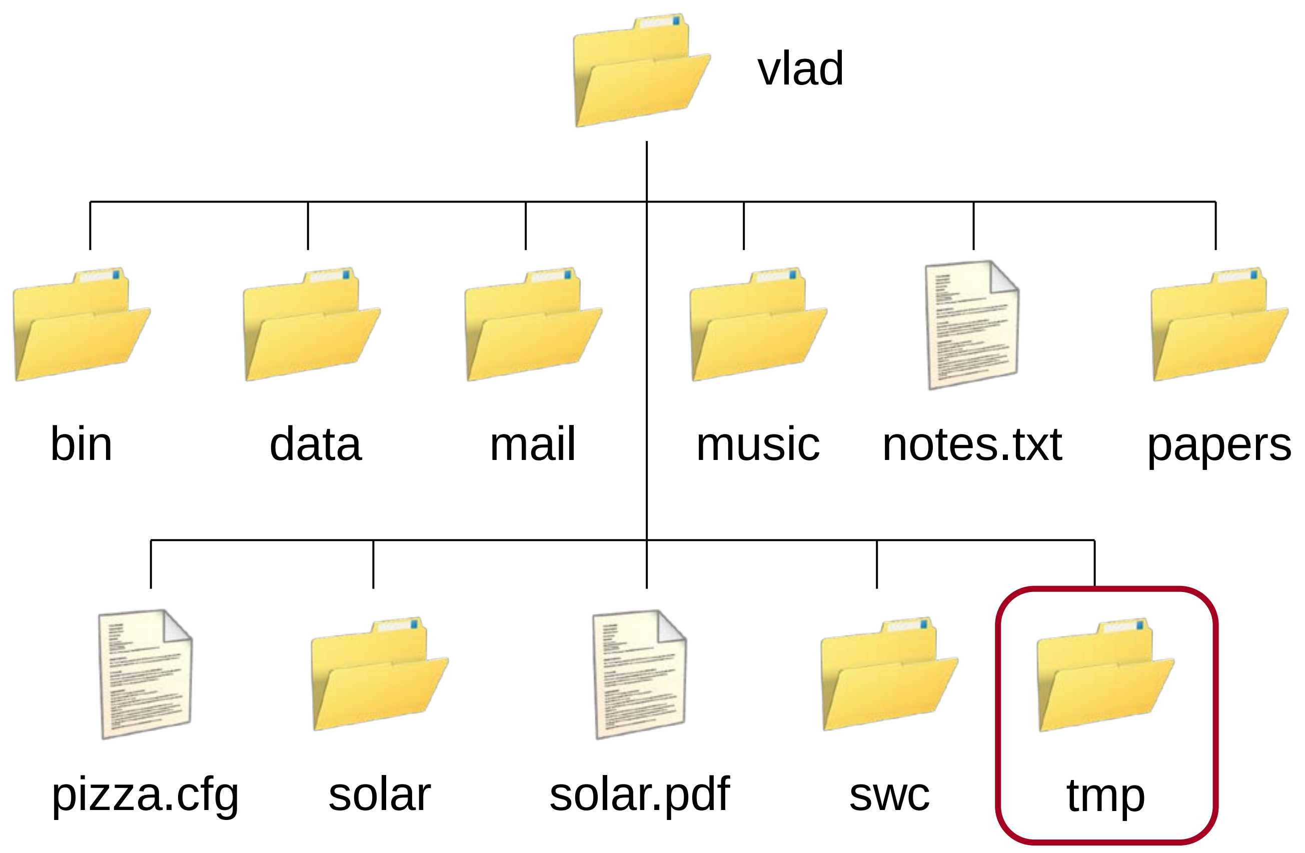
swc
tmp



nothing below it yet

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad
$
```

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad
$ ls tmp
$
```

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad
$ ls tmp
$
```

$\xleftarrow{\hspace{4em}}$ no output

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad
$ ls tmp
$ ls -a tmp
.             ..
$
```

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad
$ ls tmp
$ ls -a tmp
.             ..
```

$\uparrow$

/users/vlad/tmp

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad
$ ls tmp
$ ls -a tmp
.             ..
```

/users/vlad

```
$ cd tmp
$ nano junk
$ cd tmp
$ nano junk
```

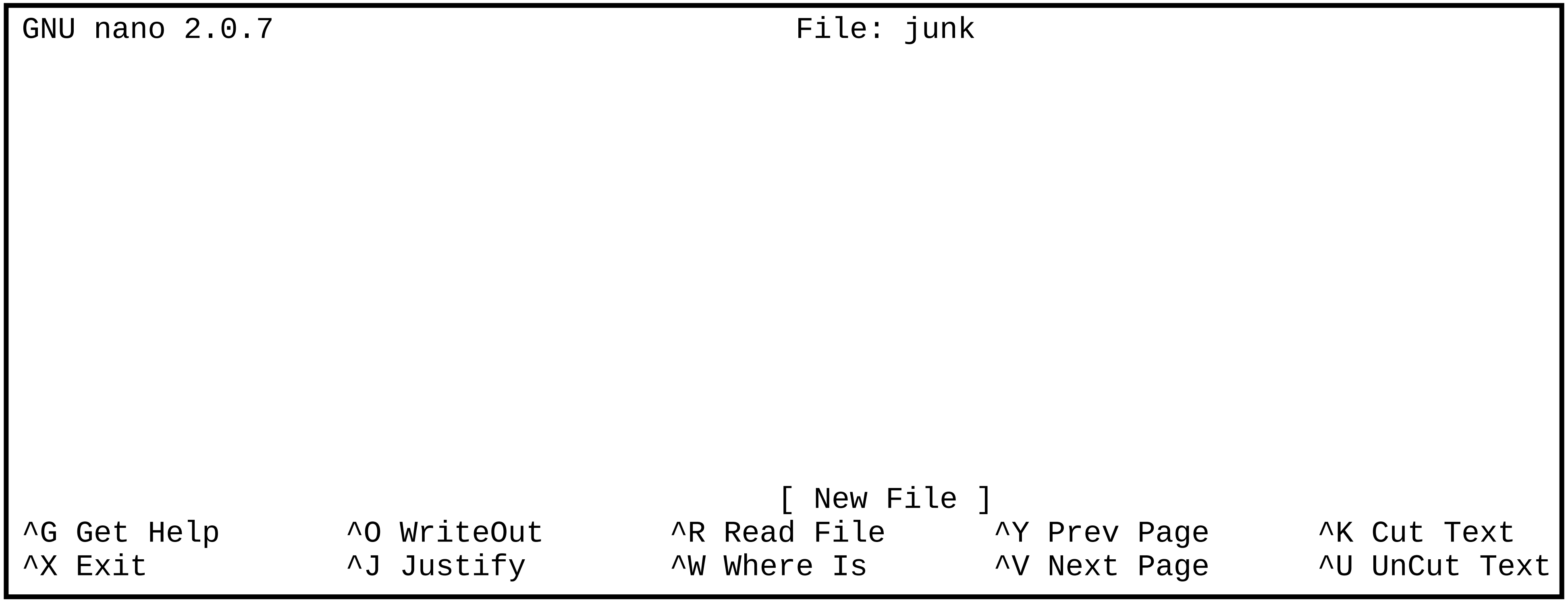
a text editor only a programmer could love

```
$ cd tmp
$ nano junk
```

a text editor only a programmer could love

really do mean "text"…

```
$ cd tmp
$ nano junk
```



```
GNU nano 2.0.7                              File: junk







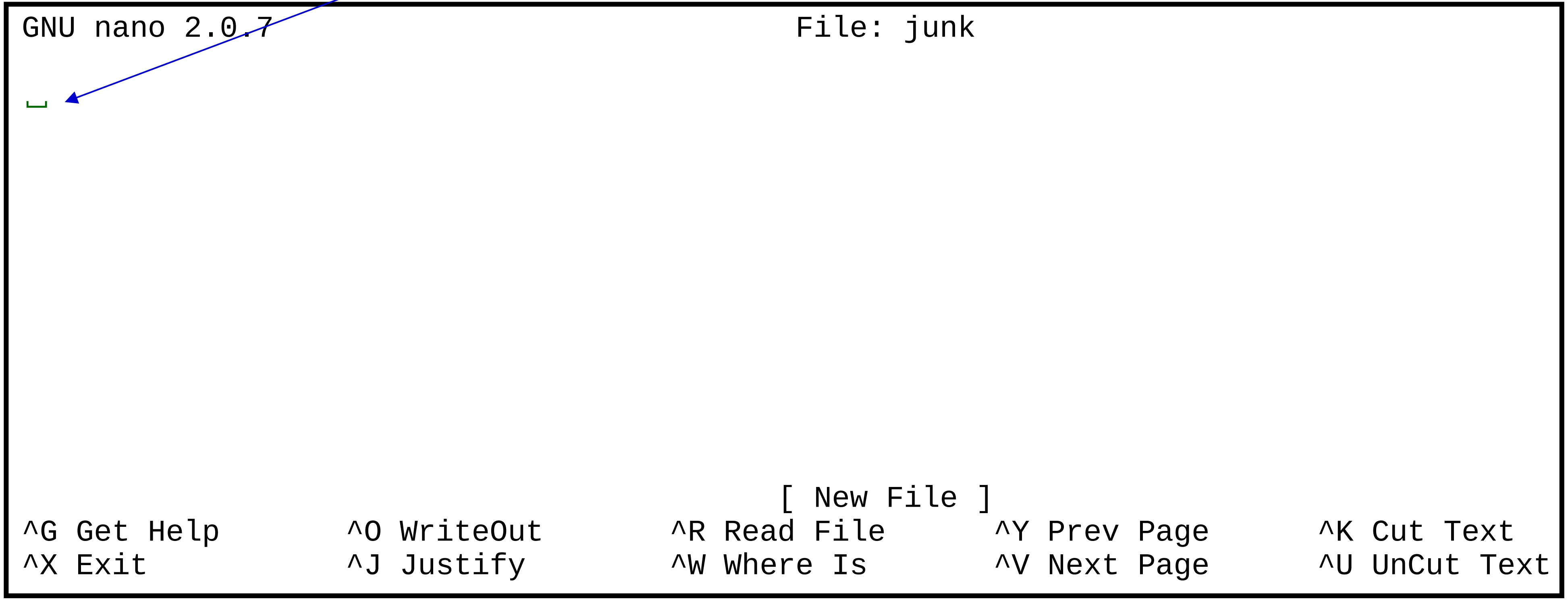




                                           [ New File ]
^G Get Help        ^O WriteOut        ^R Read File       ^Y Prev Page       ^K Cut Text
^X Exit            ^J Justify         ^W Where Is        ^V Next Page       ^U UnCut Text
```

```
$ cd tmp
$ nano junk
```

That's your cursor



```
GNU nano 2.0.7                                File: junk

␣









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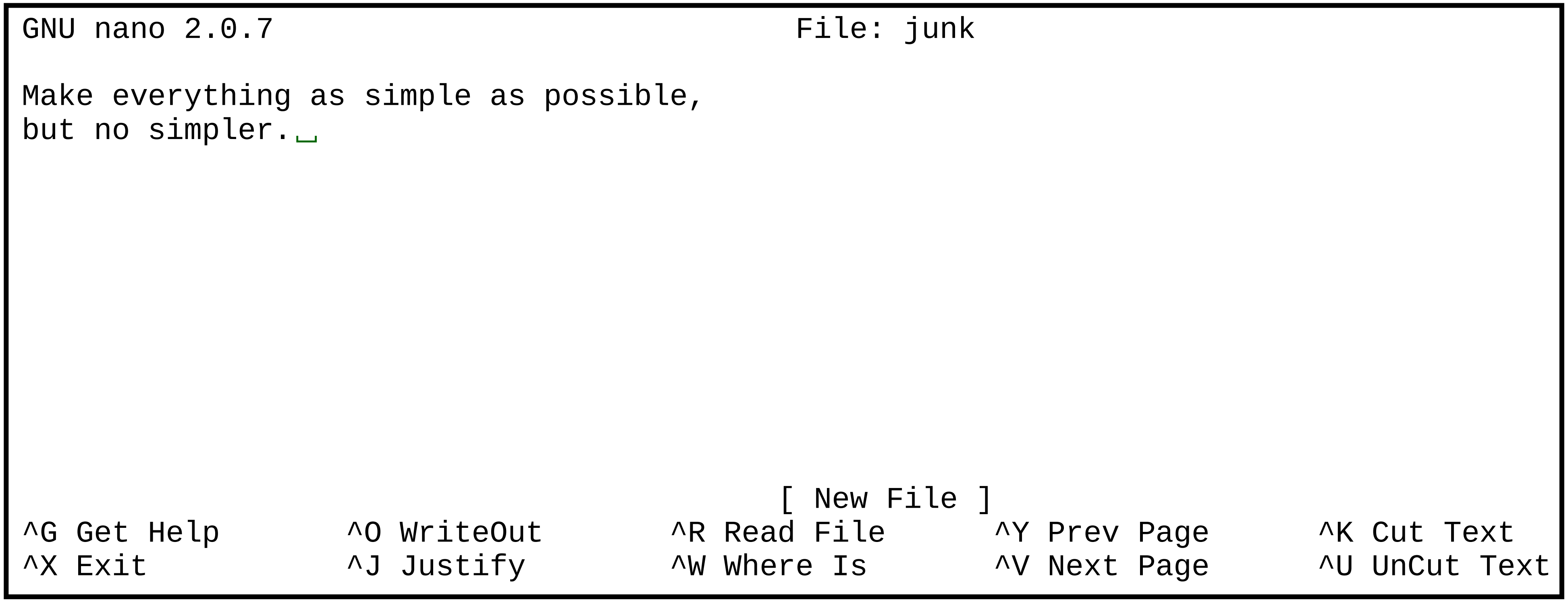
```

```
$ cd tmp
$ nano junk
```



```
GNU nano 2.0.7                                File: junk

Make everything as simple as possible,
but no simpler.␣



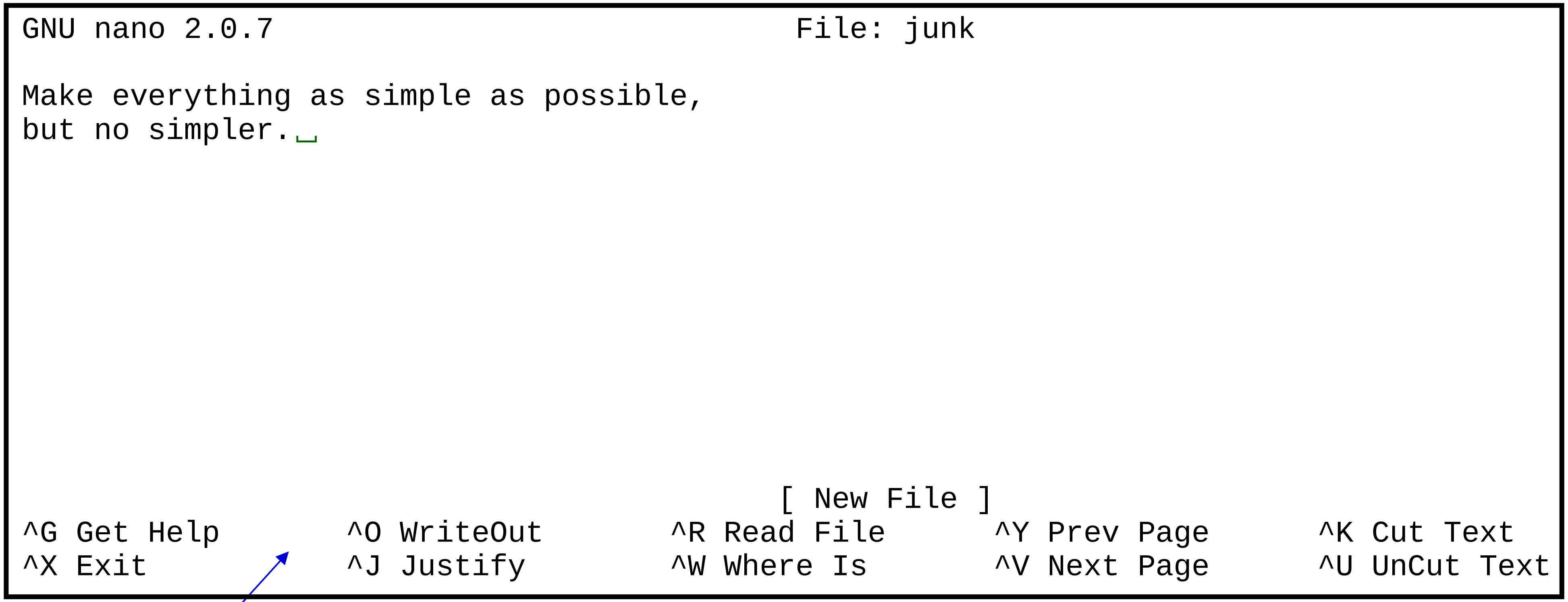







                                             [ New File ]
^G Get Help        ^O WriteOut        ^R Read File        ^Y Prev Page        ^K Cut Text
^X Exit            ^J Justify         ^W Where Is         ^V Next Page        ^U UnCut Text
```

```
$ cd tmp
$ nano junk
```



```
GNU nano 2.0.7                              File: junk

Make everything as simple as possible,
but no simpler.␣











                                            [ New File ]
^G Get Help       ^O WriteOut       ^R Read File      ^Y Prev Page      ^K Cut Text
^X Exit           ^J Justify        ^W Where Is       ^V Next Page      ^U UnCut Text
```

^O means "Control + O" (to save changes)

```
$ cd tmp
$ nano junk
```

```
GNU nano 2.0.7                           File: junk

Make everything as simple as possible,
but no simpler.␣











                                        [ New File ]
^G Get Help       ^O WriteOut       ^R Read File       ^Y Prev Page       ^K Cut Text
^X Exit           ^J Justify        ^W Where Is        ^V Next Page       ^U UnCut Text
```

^X to exit back to the shell

```
$ cd tmp
$ nano junk
$
```

nano doesn't leave any output on the screen after it exits

```
$ cd tmp
$ nano junk
$ ls
junk
$
```

← but it has created the file

```
$ cd tmp
$ nano junk
$ ls
junk
$ ls -s
   1  junk
$
```

$\leftarrow$ use -s to show sizes

```
$ cd tmp
$ nano junk
$ ls
junk
$ ls -s
   1  junk
$
```

use -s to show sizes

reported in disk blocks

```
$ cd tmp
$ nano junk
$ ls
junk
$ ls -s
   1  junk
$
```

use -s to show sizes

reported in disk blocks

a less helpful default

may have been possible…

```
$ cd tmp
$ nano junk
$ ls
junk
$ ls -s
   1  junk
$ ls -s -h
 512  junk
$
```

← use -h for human-friendly output

```
$ cd tmp
$ nano junk
$ ls
junk
$ ls -s
   1  junk
$ ls -s -h
 512  junk
$
```

use -h for human-friendly output

number of bytes

```
$ cd tmp
$ nano junk
$ ls
junk
$ ls -s
   1  junk
$ ls -s -h
 512  junk
$
```

use -h for human-friendly output

number of bytes

rounded up because computer stores things on disk using blocks of 512 bytes

```
$ cd tmp
$ nano junk
$ ls
junk
$ ls -s
   1  junk
$ ls -s -h
 512  junk
$ rm junk
$
```

← remove (delete) file

```
$ cd tmp
$ nano junk
$ ls
junk
$ ls -s
   1  junk
$ ls -s -h
 512  junk
$ rm junk
$
```

remove (delete) file

there is no (easy) un-delete!

```
$ cd tmp
$ nano junk
$ ls
junk
$ ls -s
   1  junk
$ ls -s -h
 512  junk
$ rm junk
$ ls
$
```

← check that it's gone

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad/tmp
$ nano junk
$ ls
junk
$
```

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad/tmp
$ nano junk
$ ls
junk
$ cd ..
$
```

change working directory to `/users/vlad`

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad/tmp
$ nano junk
$ ls
junk
$ cd ..
$ rm tmp
rm: cannot remove `tmp': Is a directory
$
```

`rm` only works on files

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad/tmp
$ nano junk
$ ls
junk
$ cd ..
$ rm tmp
rm: cannot remove `tmp': Is a directory
$ rmdir tmp
```

use `rmdir` to remove directories

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad/tmp
$ nano junk
$ ls
junk
$ cd ..
$ rm tmp
rm: cannot remove `tmp': Is a directory
$ rmdir tmp
rmdir: failed to remove `tmp': Directory not empty
$
```

but it only works when the directory is empty

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad/tmp
$ nano junk
$ ls
junk
$ cd ..
$ rm tmp
rm: cannot remove `tmp': Is a directory
$ rmdir tmp
rmdir: failed to remove `tmp': Directory not empty
$
```

but it only works when the directory is empty

(safety feature)

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad/tmp
$ nano junk
$ ls
junk
$ cd ..
$ rm tmp
rm: cannot remove `tmp': Is a directory
$ rmdir tmp
rmdir: failed to remove `tmp': Directory not empty
$ rm tmp/junk
$
```

so get rid of the directory's contents…

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad/tmp
$ nano junk
$ ls
junk
$ cd ..
$ rm tmp
rm: cannot remove `tmp': Is a directory
$ rmdir tmp
rmdir: failed to remove `tmp': Directory not empty
$ rm tmp/junk
$ rmdir tmp
$
```

…then get rid of the directory

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad/tmp
$ mkdir tmp
$ nano tmp/junk
$ ls tmp
junk
$
```

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad/tmp
$ mkdir tmp
$ nano tmp/junk
$ ls tmp
junk
$ mv tmp/junk tmp/quotes.txt
$
```

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad/tmp
$ mkdir tmp
$ nano tmp/junk
$ ls tmp
junk
$ mv tmp/junk tmp/quotes.txt
$
```

move a file

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad/tmp
$ mkdir tmp
$ nano tmp/junk
$ ls tmp
junk
$ mv tmp/junk tmp/quotes.txt
$
```

move a file (or directory)

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad/tmp
$ mkdir tmp
$ nano tmp/junk
$ ls tmp
junk
$ mv tmp/junk tmp/quotes.txt
$
```

move a file (or directory)

from here…

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad/tmp
$ mkdir tmp
$ nano tmp/junk
$ ls tmp
junk
$ mv tmp/junk tmp/quotes.txt
$
```

move a file (or directory)

from here…

…to here

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad/tmp
$ mkdir tmp
$ nano tmp/junk
$ ls tmp
junk
$ mv tmp/junk tmp/quotes.txt
$
```

move a file (or directory)

from here…

…to here

renames the file!

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad/tmp
$ mkdir tmp
$ nano tmp/junk
$ ls tmp
junk
$ mv tmp/junk tmp/quotes.txt
$ ls tmp
quotes.txt
$
```

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad/tmp
$ mkdir tmp
$ nano tmp/junk
$ ls tmp
junk
$ mv tmp/junk tmp/quotes.txt
$ ls tmp
quotes.txt
$ mv tmp/quotes.txt .
$
```

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad/tmp
$ mkdir tmp
$ nano tmp/junk
$ ls tmp
junk
$ mv tmp/junk tmp/quotes.txt
$ ls tmp
quotes.txt
$ mv tmp/quotes.txt .
$
```

current working directory

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad/tmp
$ mkdir tmp
$ nano tmp/junk
$ ls tmp
junk
$ mv tmp/junk tmp/quotes.txt
$ ls tmp
quotes.txt
$ mv tmp/quotes.txt .
$
```

move /users/vlad/tmp/quotes.txt
to /users/vlad/quotes.txt

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad/tmp
$ mkdir tmp
$ nano tmp/junk
$ ls tmp
junk
$ mv tmp/junk tmp/quotes.txt
$ ls tmp
quotes.txt
$ mv tmp/quotes.txt .
$ ls tmp
$
```

nothing left in `tmp`

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad/tmp
$ mkdir tmp
$ nano tmp/junk
$ ls tmp
junk
$ mv tmp/junk tmp/quotes.txt
$ ls tmp
quotes.txt
$ mv tmp/quotes.txt .
$ ls tmp
$ ls quotes.txt
quotes.txt
```

$\leftarrow$ `quotes.txt` now in this directory

```
$ pwd
/users/vlad/tmp
$ mkdir tmp
$ nano tmp/junk
$ ls tmp
junk
$ mv tmp/junk tmp/quotes.txt
$ ls tmp
quotes.txt
$ mv tmp/quotes.txt .
$ ls tmp
$ ls quotes.txt
quotes.txt
```

ls with a file or directory argument lists that file or directory

```
$ cp quotes.txt tmp/quotations.txt
$
```

copy a file

```
$ cp quotes.txt tmp/quotations.txt
$ ls quotes.txt tmp/quotations.txt
quotes.txt   tmp/quotations.txt
$
```

```
$ cp quotes.txt tmp/quotations.txt
$ ls quotes.txt tmp/quotations.txt
quotes.txt   tmp/quotations.txt
$ rm quotes.txt
$
```

```
$ cp quotes.txt tmp/quotations.txt
$ ls quotes.txt tmp/quotations.txt
quotes.txt   tmp/quotations.txt
$ rm quotes.txt
$ ls quotes.txt tmp/quotations.txt
ls: cannot access quotes.txt: No such file or direct
tmp/quotations.txt
$
```

```
$ cp quotes.txt tmp/quotations.txt
$ ls quotes.txt tmp/quotations.txt
quotes.txt   tmp/quotations.txt
$ rm quotes.txt
$ ls quotes.txt tmp/quotations.txt
ls: cannot access quotes.txt: No such file or direct
tmp/quotations.txt
$ cp tmp/quotations.txt .
$ ls quotations.txt
quotations.txt
$
```

```
$ cp quotes.txt tmp/quotations.txt
$ ls quotes.txt tmp/quotations.txt
quotes.txt   tmp/quotations.txt
$ rm quotes.txt
$ ls quotes.txt tmp/quotations.txt
ls: cannot access quotes.txt: No such file or direct
tmp/quotations.txt
$ cp tmp/quotations.txt .
$ ls quotations.txt
quotations.txt
$
```

this is a directory, so the copy has the same name as the original file

pwd	print working directory
cd	change working directory
ls	listing
.	current directory
..	parent directory
mkdir	make a directory
nano	text editor
rm	remove (delete) a file
rmdir	remove (delete) a directory
mv	move (rename) a file or directory
cp	copy a file

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