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**File system** The way files are stored ex: `/home/usr`

**Pathname** This is the location of a given file in your computer.

- Ex: `user/downloads/hp.dox` **Absolute path** The location of a file starting at the root of the file system
- Ex: `cd /usr/local/bin` **Relative path** The location of a file starting from a child directory of the current working directory or from the current directory itself
- Ex: `cd ../documents` **The difference between your home directory and the home directory** Your Home Directory is your user's personal directory where all your files are located.
- Ex: `cd ~` The Home directory: is the parent directory of all the home directories.
- Ex: `ls /home`

**Parent directory** a directory containing one or more directories and files

- Ex: `cd ..` **Child directory or subdirectory** This is a directory inside another directory
- Ex: `ls /home/user/documents` **Bash special characters** are function like commands that tell the shell to perform a specific action without having to type the complete command
- Ex: `$ .. /` **Environment variables** store values of a user's environment and can be used in commands in the shell
- Ex: `GREETING="Hello, World!" + echo $HOME` **User defined variables** These are variables you create in a Bash shell script or command line
- Ex: `GREETING="Hello, World!" echo $GREETING`

**Why do we need use \$ with variables in bash shell scripting?**

We need it because the symbol \$ tells the shell you want to store the value stored in the variable its like a short cut

- Ex: `#!/bin/bash + NAME="John" + echo "Hello, $NAME!"`