

Introduction to Linux Part 1

Bridging the Bench-Machine Learning Gap

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Learning Objectives

- Become familiar with the terminal
- Learn to navigate the terminal and understand file structures
- Develop strategies for good data practices and version control
- Learn various methods for viewing large files
- Learn to move large files between and within machines

We will be using Open OnDemand but there are other ways of interfacing with the Terminal

Mac



Command + Space type “Terminal”

Finder + Search type “Terminal”

PC

1

Open your computer's Start menu. Click the Windows  icon on the bottom-left corner of your desktop or press the  Win key on your keyboard.

- Alternatively, you can click the search or Cortana button next to the Start menu icon.

2

Type cmd , Command Prompt or PowerShell . After opening the Start menu, type this on your keyboard to search the menu items. Command Prompt or PowerShell will show up as the top result.

- Alternatively, you can manually find Command Prompt or PowerShell on the Start menu.
- Command Prompt or PowerShell is in the **Windows System** folder on Windows 10 & 8, and in the **Accessories** folder under All Programs on Windows 7, Vista & XP.

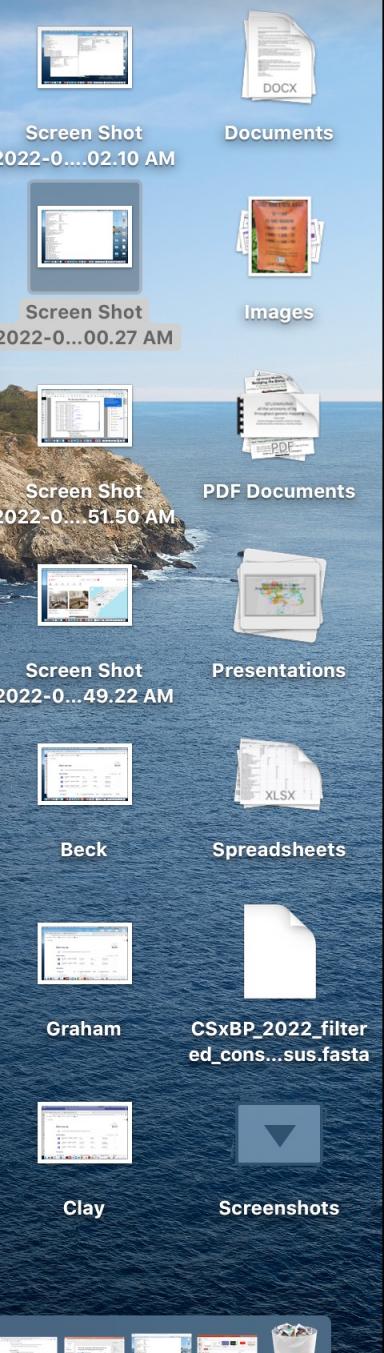
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Click the  Command Prompt or PowerShell app on the menu. This will open the Command Prompt or PowerShell terminal in a new window.

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Last login: Wed May 25 10:01:17 on ttys002  
emilybeck@dyn-10-108-13-34 ~ %
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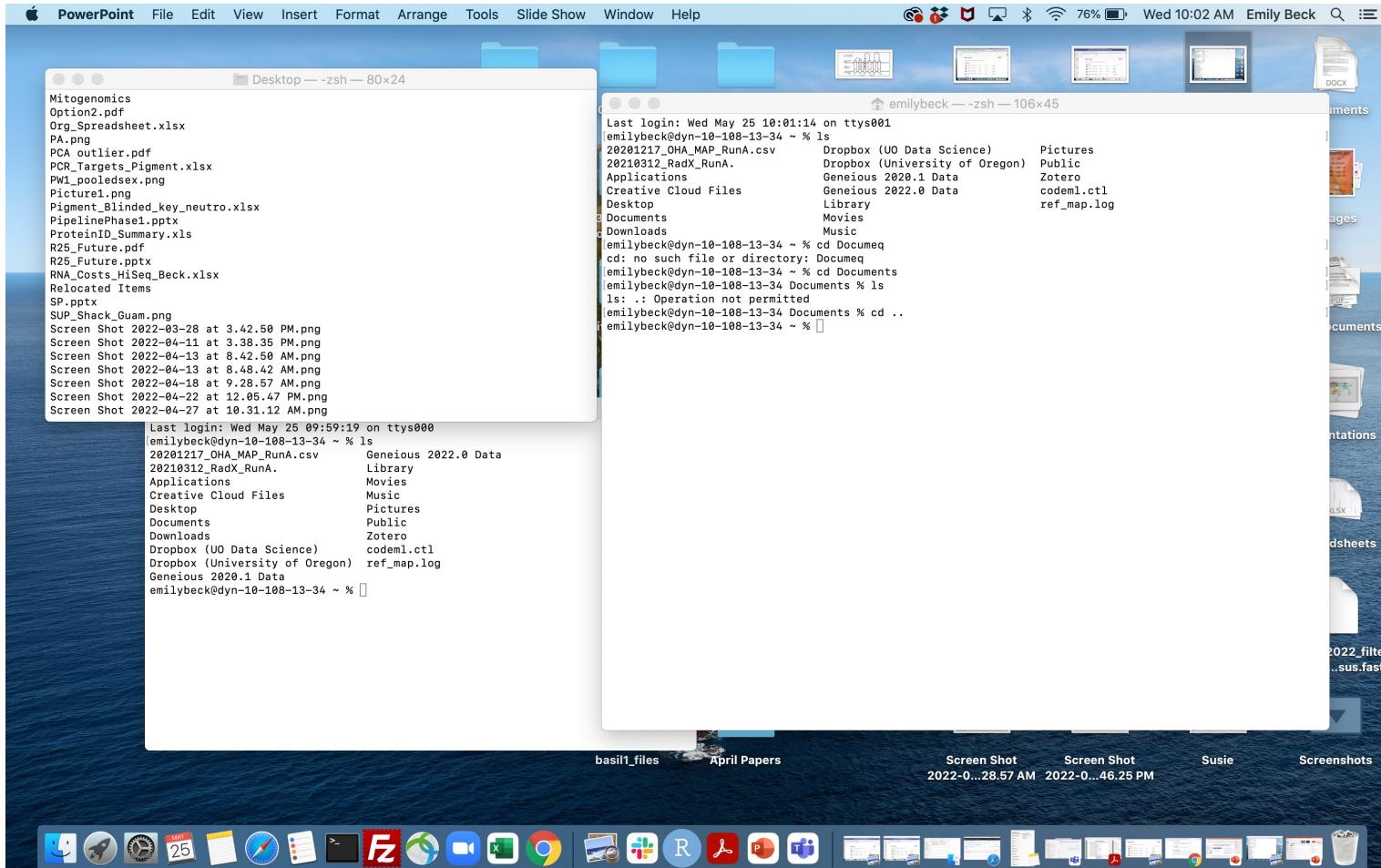
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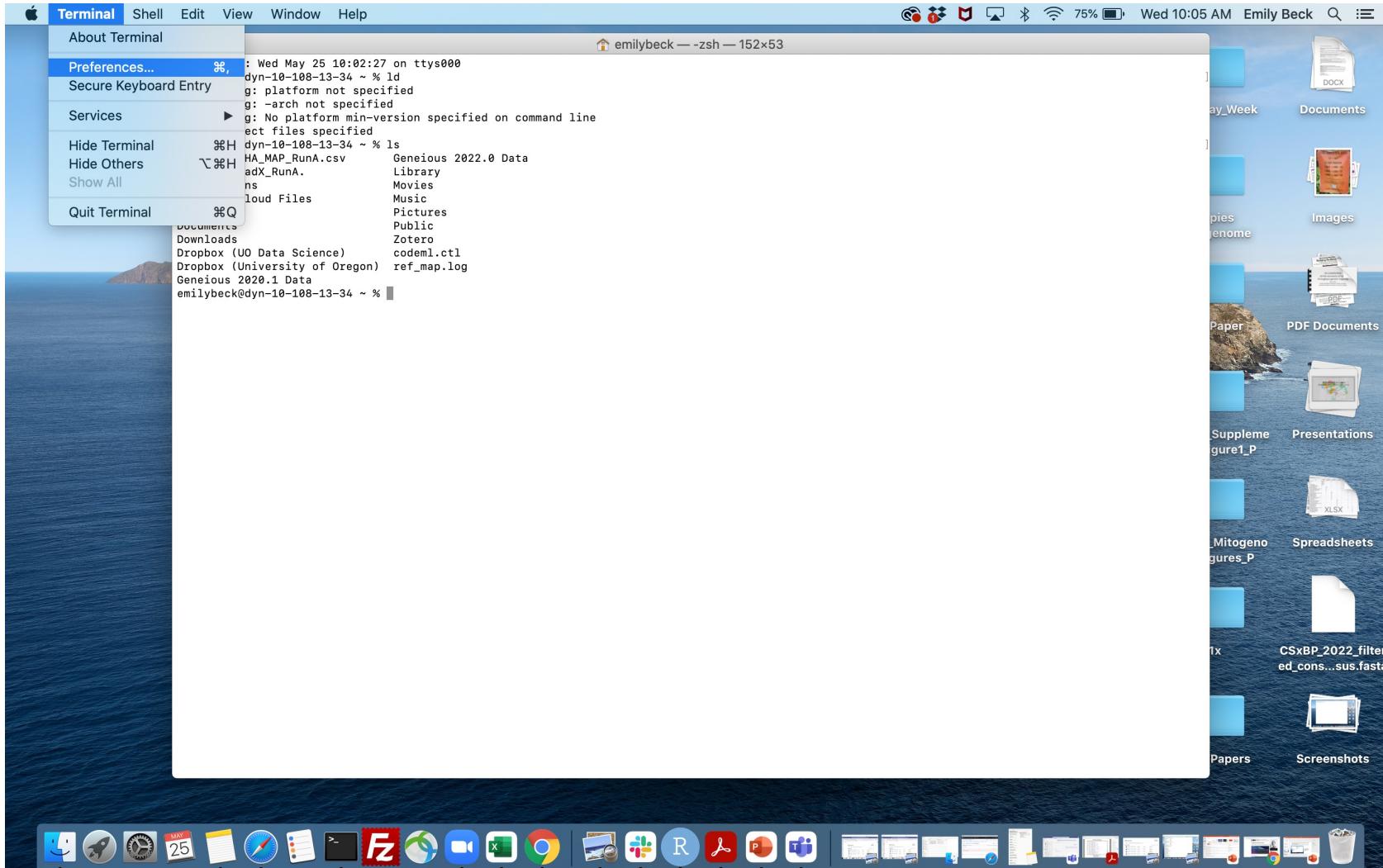
You can open multiple terminals which is useful for multi-tasking

(We will learn more ways to multi-task later during our Programming Powerup)

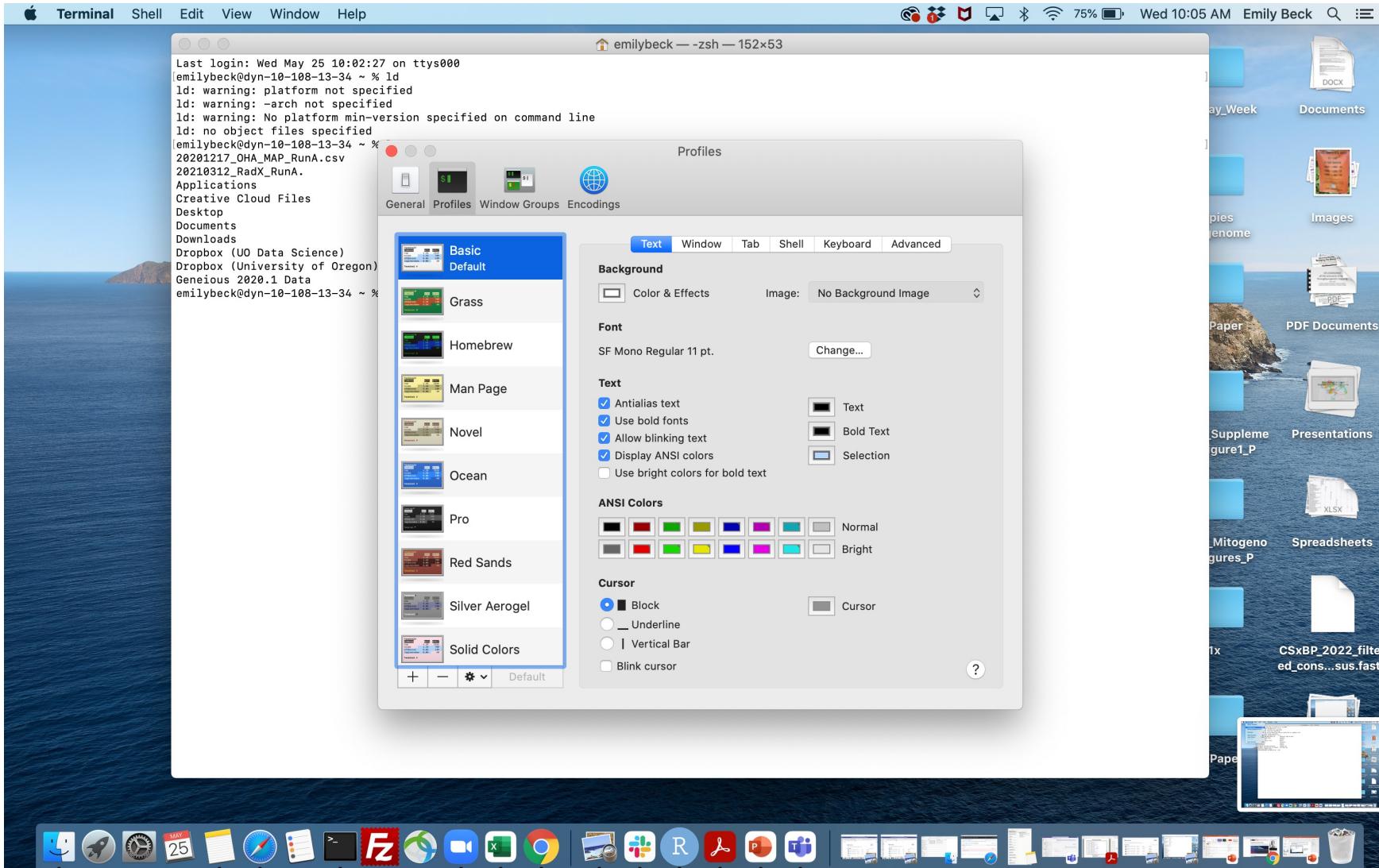


You can resize the terminal or customize it based on your color preferences!

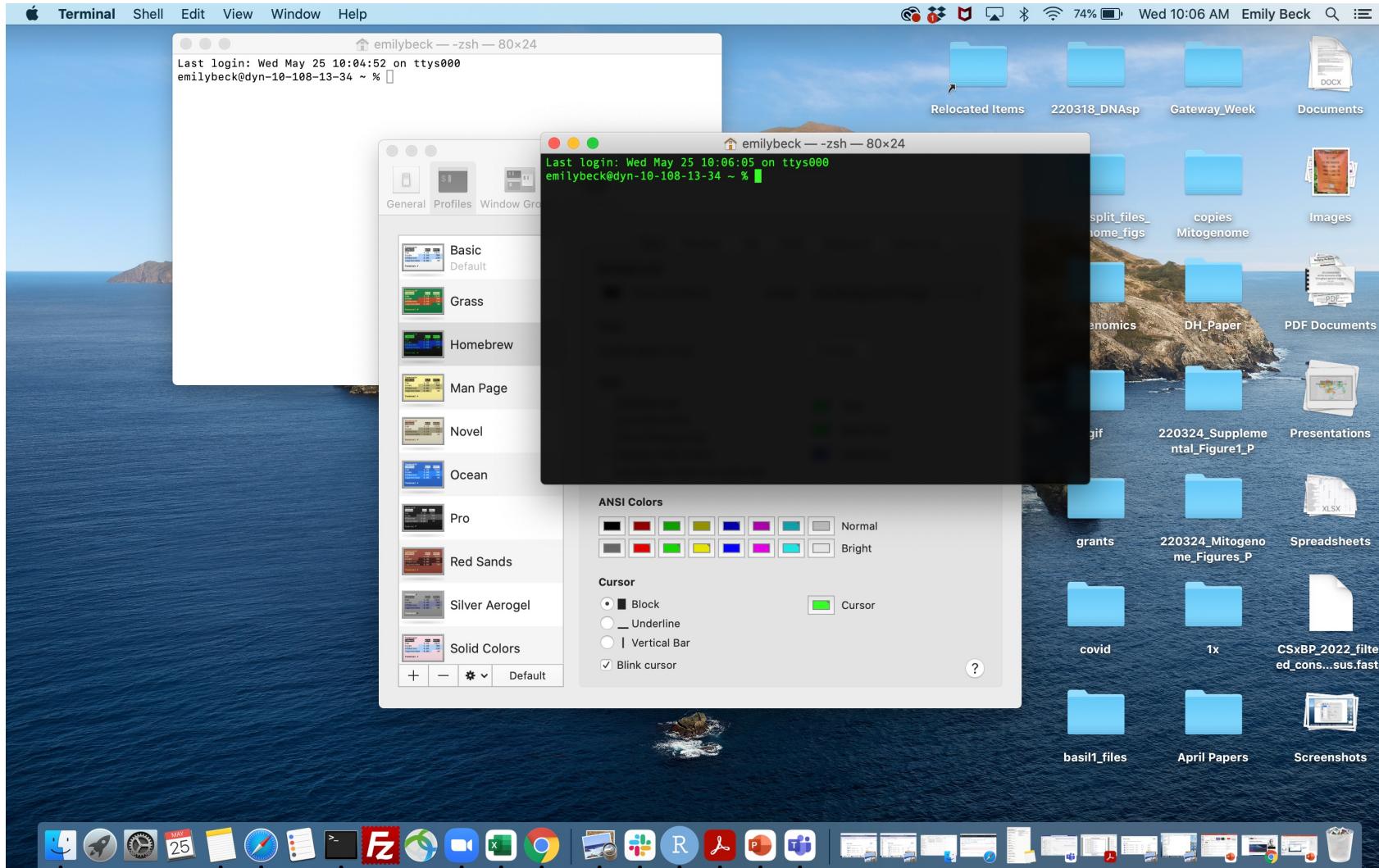
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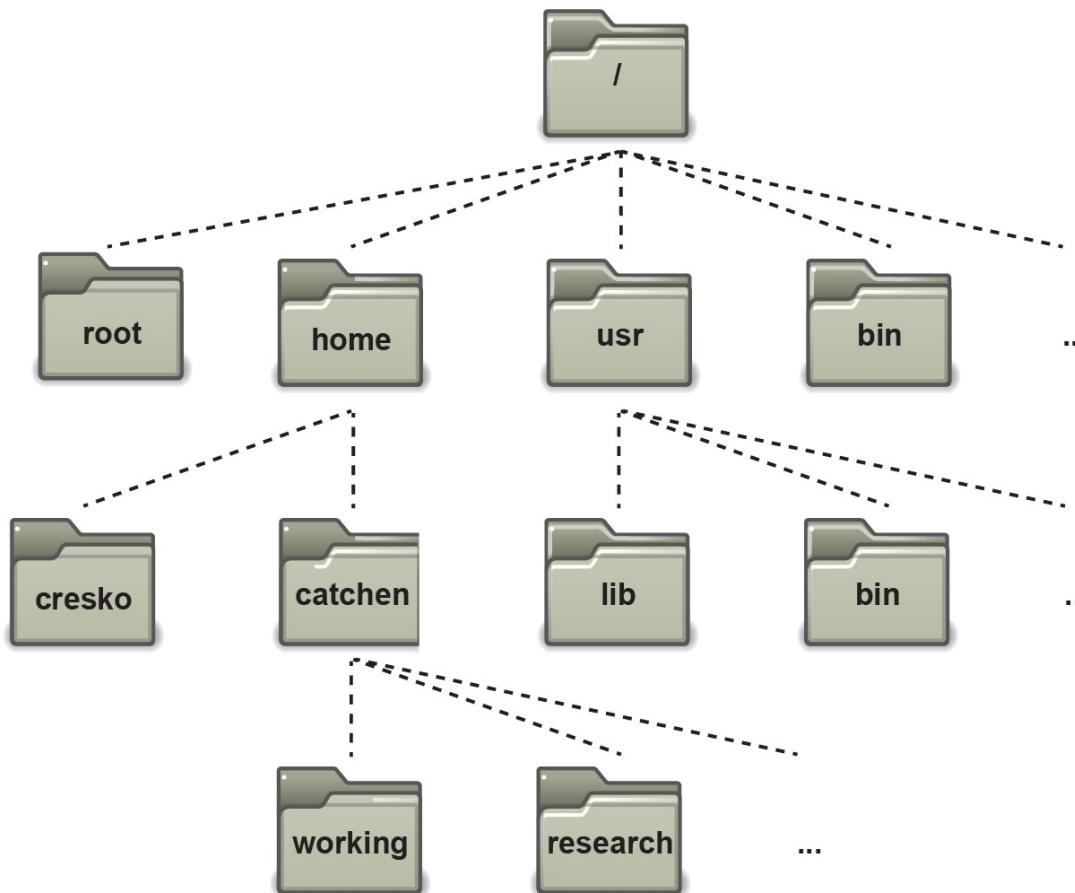


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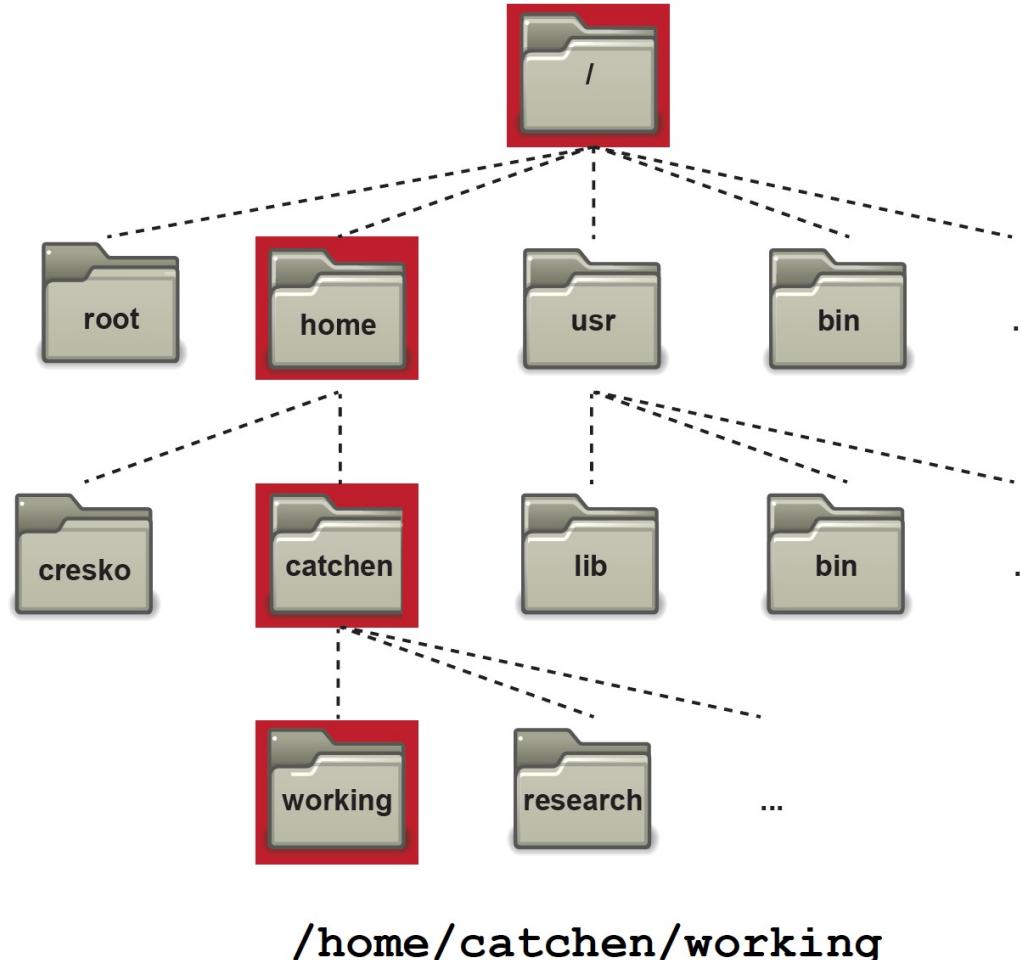


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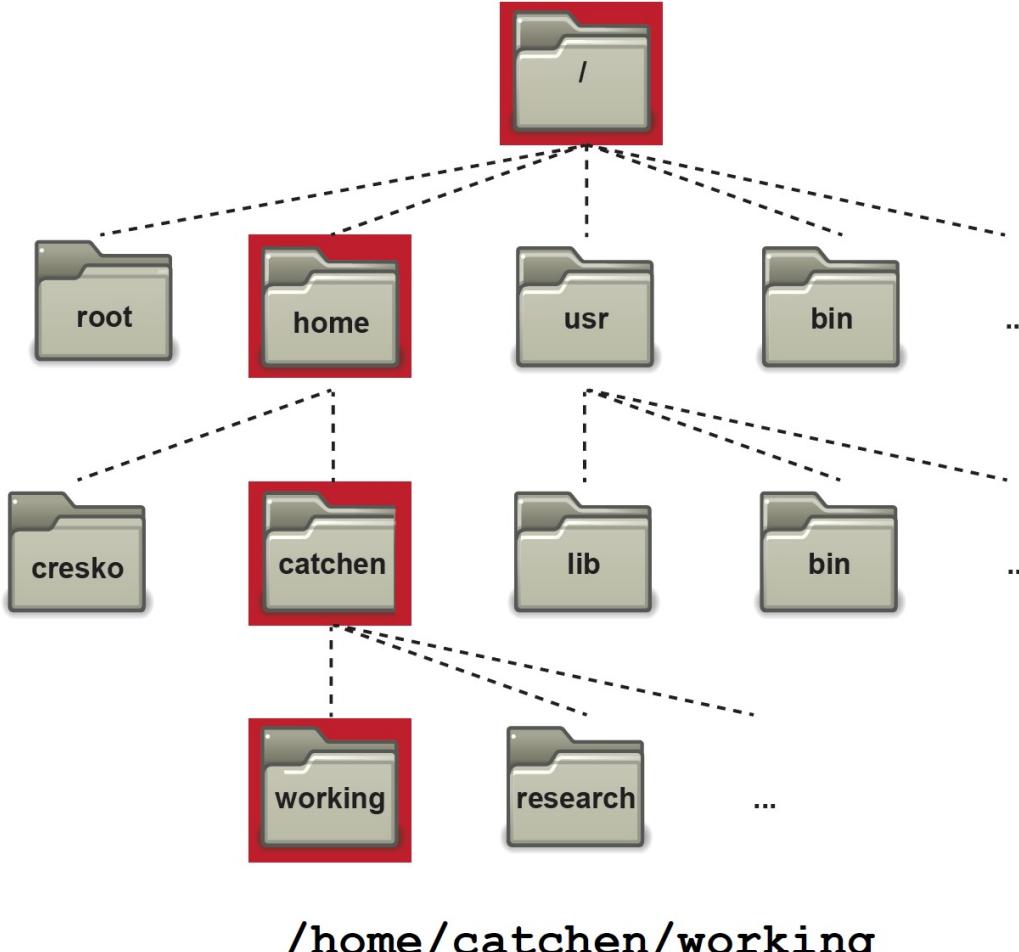


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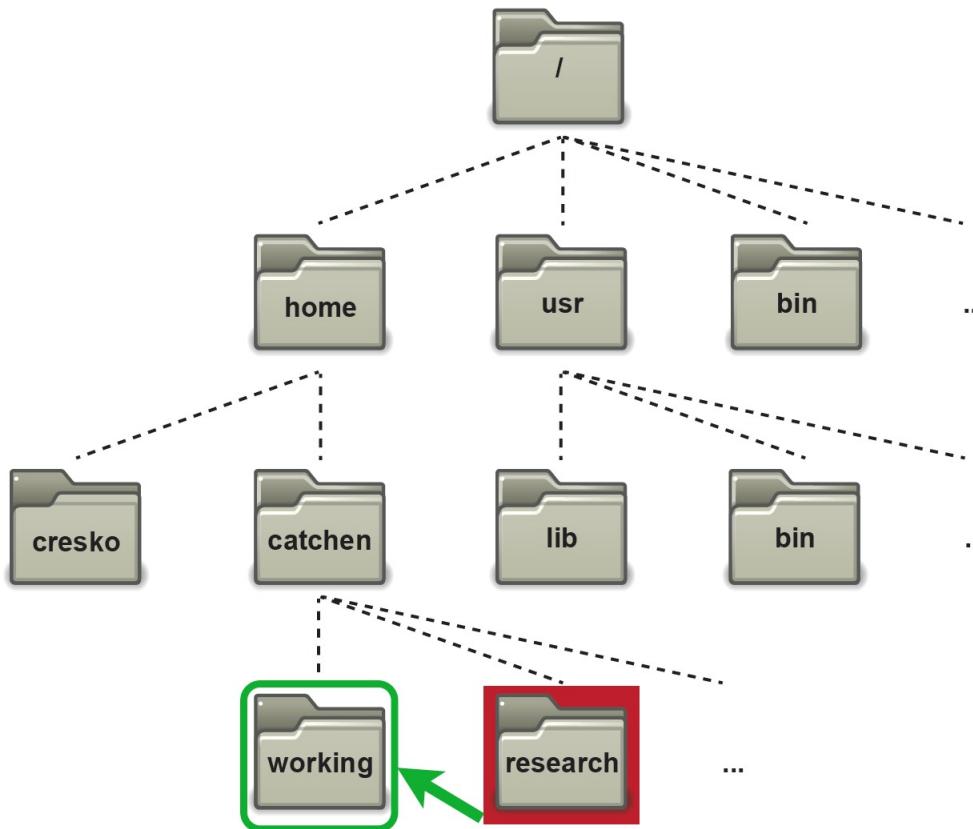


This is how we represent a “Path” which lets you know where you are

The Absolute Path is the Path from my home directory to the folder of choice

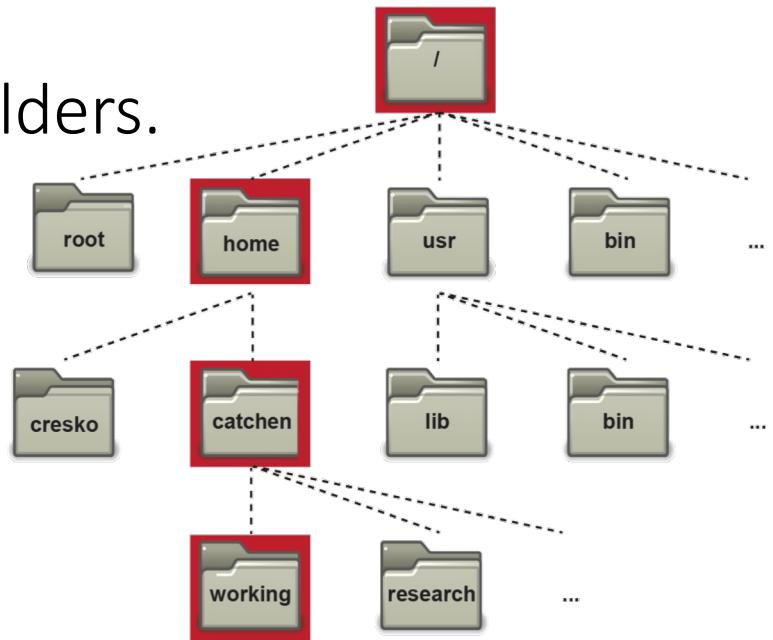
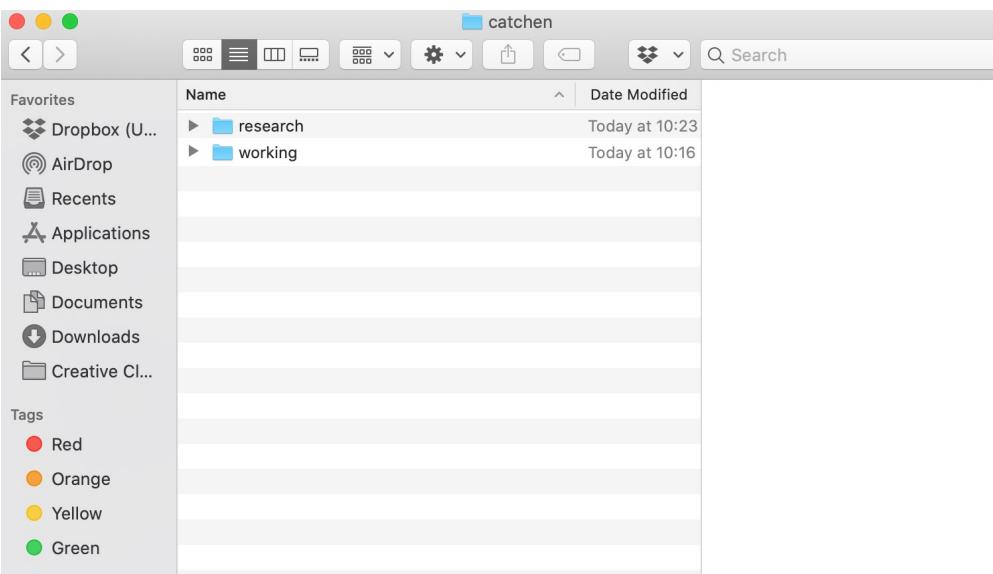
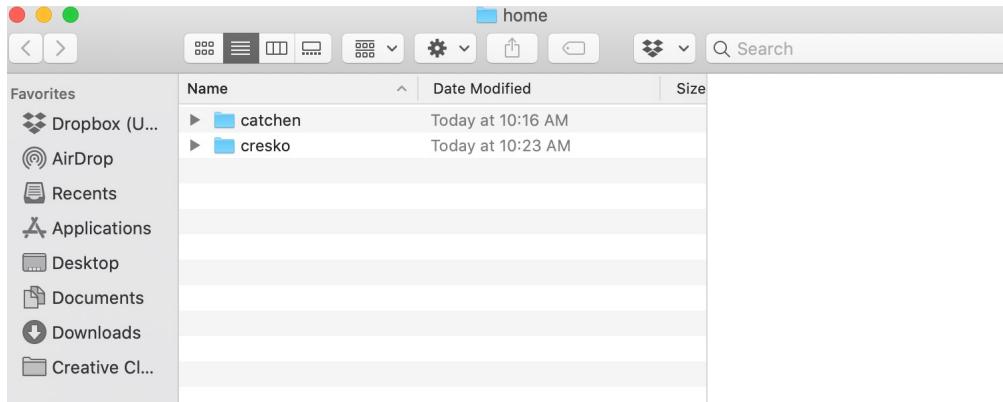
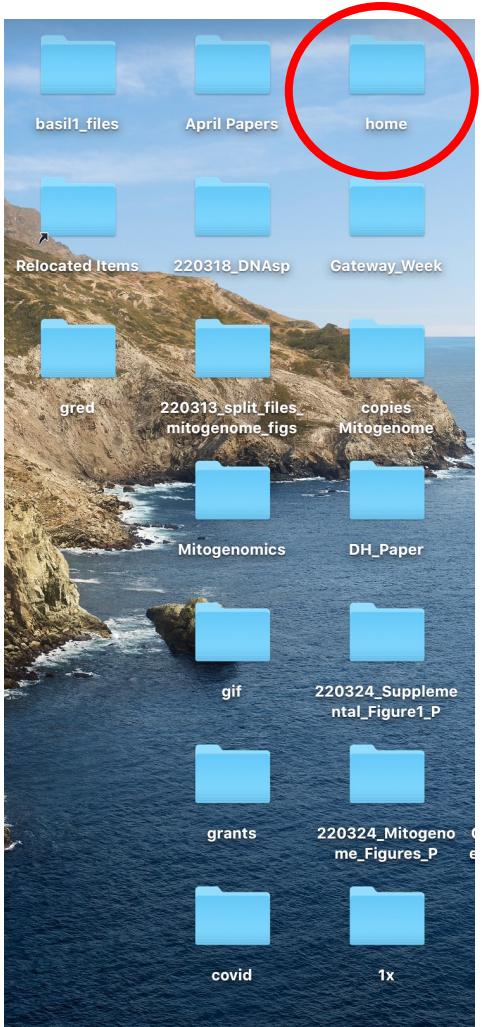


The Relative Path is the Path from wherever I am to where I want to go



Terminal vs GUI

Don't worry yet about how I am navigating to these folders.
Just focus on the layout!

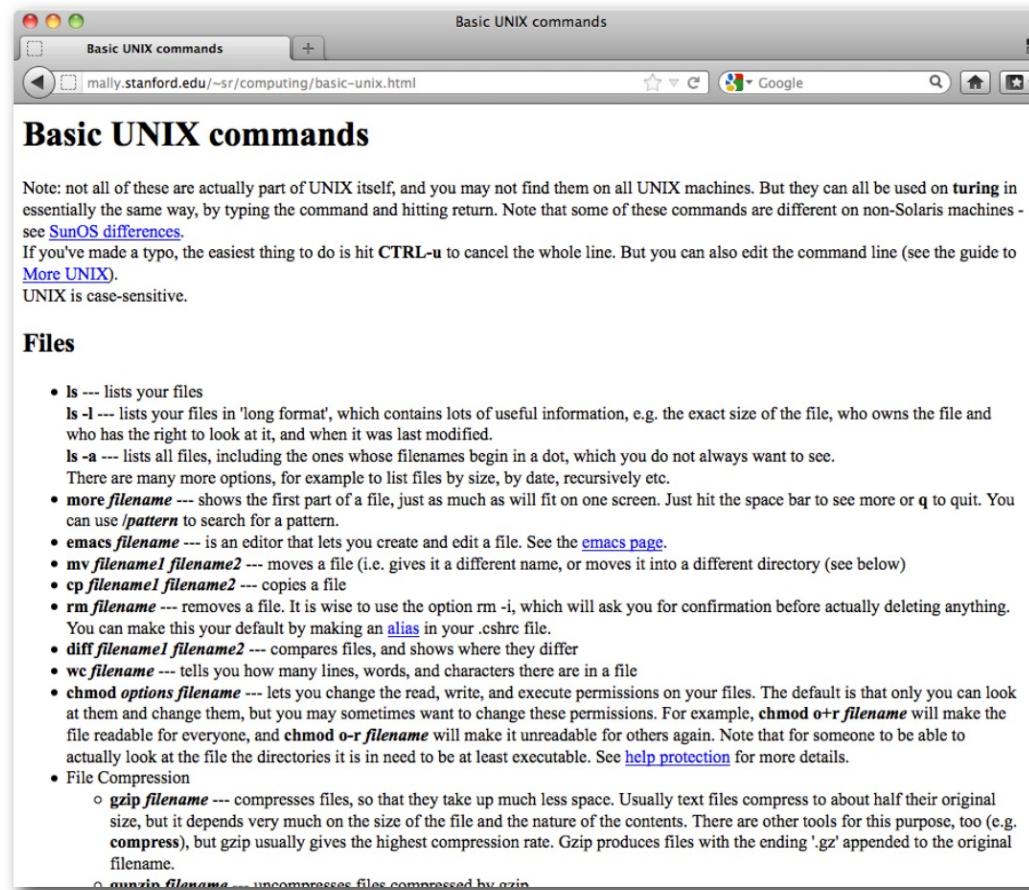


/home/catchen/working

Let's play around in the terminal

Step 1 in any new endeavor: Obtain a Cheat Sheet!

google “unix commands”



Most common commands I use:

cd- "change directory" primary command for moving between directories

mkdir- "make directory" create a new folder or directory

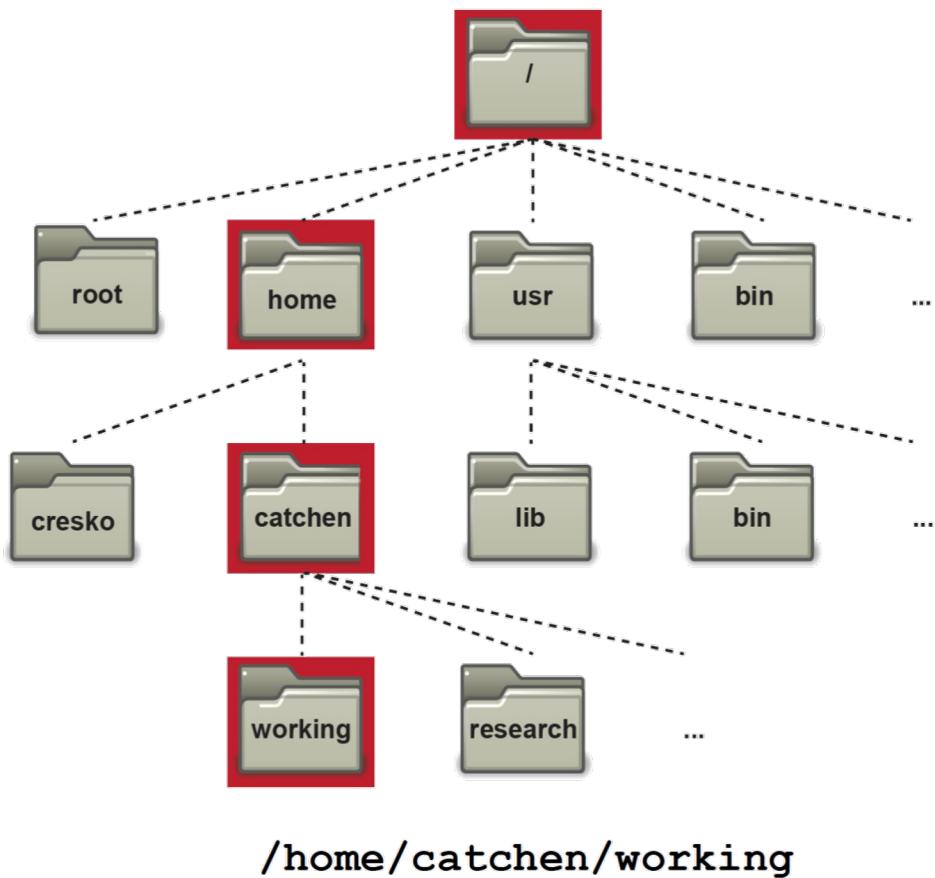
pwd- "print working directory" tells you where you are!

ls- "list" lists all the files in your current directory

cp- "copy" makes a copy of a file

mv- "move" moves a files

Moving forward in Easy!



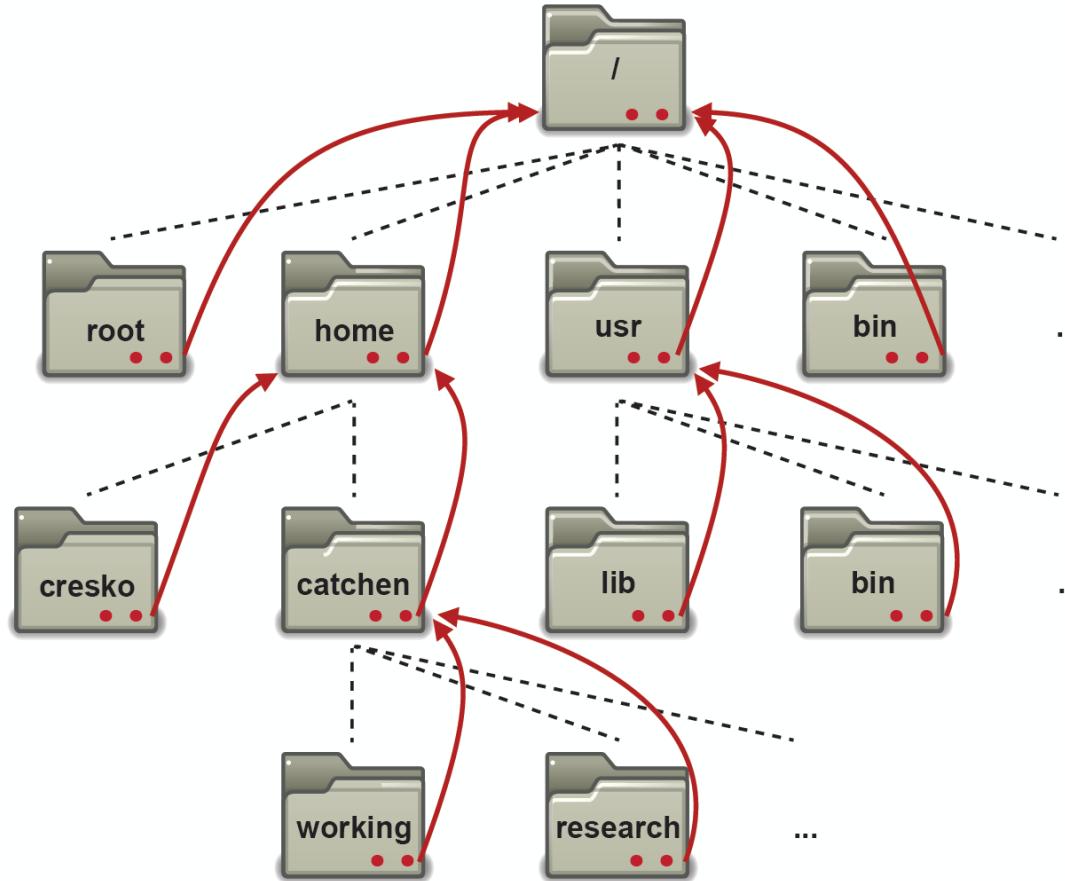
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cd home  
cd catchen  
cd working
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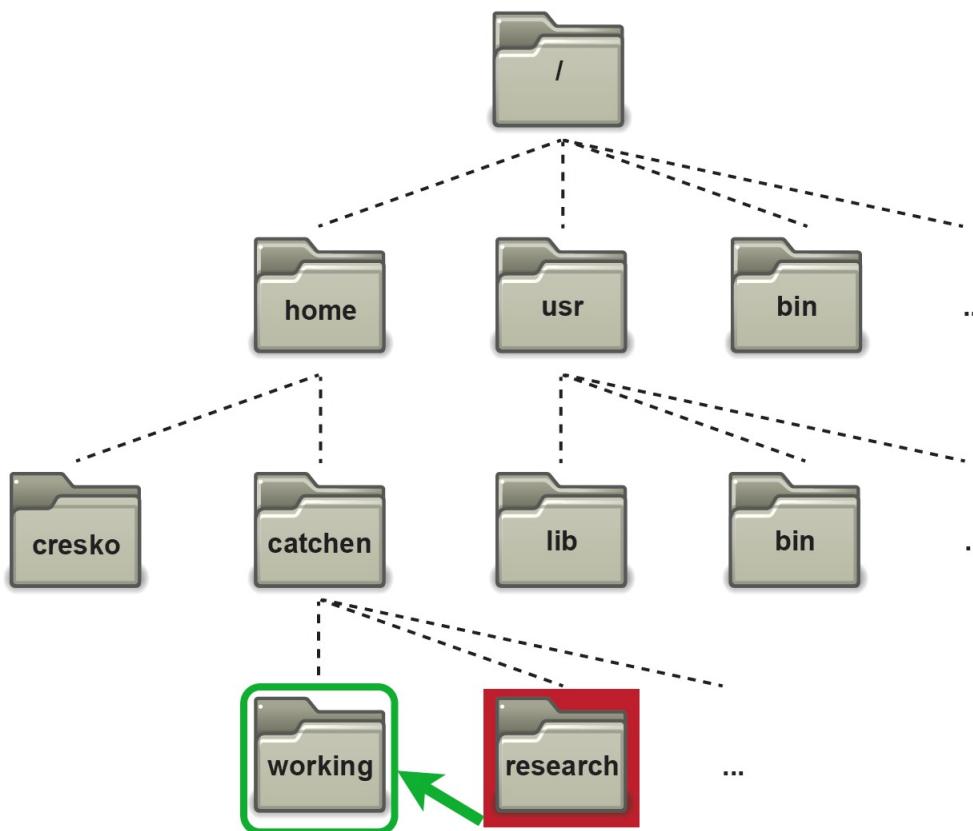
Option 2:

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Pwd (where am I)  
cd home/catchen/working
```

How do I move backward? Use *dot dot*



How would I move from *research* to *working*



Open OnDemand

Where am I? *Type pwd*

What else is here? *Type ls*

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Tip #1: Save yourself a headache and avoid special characters
Using underscores in place of spaces makes things much easier

Raw_data vs Raw data

Are you typing? You are doing it wrong!

Tip #2: Tab Complete!

Tab-completion:

- Tab once to complete uniquely
- Tab twice to see all possible completions

Up-arrow:

- Find your most recently used commands

Want to look back at what you have already done?

Type: history

You can search for something specific in your history using ctrl + r in your history

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Example:

RADseq_PopulationOcean1_R1.fastq
RADseq_PopulationOcean1_R2.fastq
RADseq_PopulationOcean2_R1.fastq
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RADseq_PopulationFreshwater1_R1.fastq
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If I want to move all my files I can type cp R*

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If I want to move all my ocean files I can type cp RADseq_O*

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If I want to move all my ocean files for a single population I can type cp RADseq_Ocean2*

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Protecting yourself with chmod

Remember from *Good Data Practices* that we want to keep a raw copy of our data safe.

One way to add protection to to change the permissions on your raw data so they cannot be overwritten.

Chmod is a useful command for altering permissions

Chmod ### <file> is used to change permissions

First number: User permissions

Second number: Group permissions

Third number: Other user permissions

These different classes exist to give you fine control over who can view and manipulate your data

#	Sum	rwx	Permission
7	4(r) + 2(w) + 1(x)	rwx	read, write and execute
6	4(r) + 2(w)	rw-	read and write
5	4(r) + 1(x)	r-x	read and execute
4	4(r)	r--	read only
3	2(w) + 1(x)	-wx	write and execute
2	2(w)	-w-	write only
1	1(x)	--x	execute only
0	0	---	none

Chmod 777 means anyone can read, write, and execute your file.

What does Chmod 740 mean?

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Exercise 5: Change permissions on your “Raw_data” files do they cannot be overwritten

Now that I have my working directory let's learn how to view files in the terminal

more	head	tail	cat
view a text file one screen full at a time	view the top 15 lines of a file	view the last 15 lines of a file	spit the whole file at once
space-bar: scroll q: quit	-n num controls the number of lines	-n num controls the number of lines	

We will work with other regular expressions that can be used to pull specific parts of large data files in the next session

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How many columns are in penguins.csv?

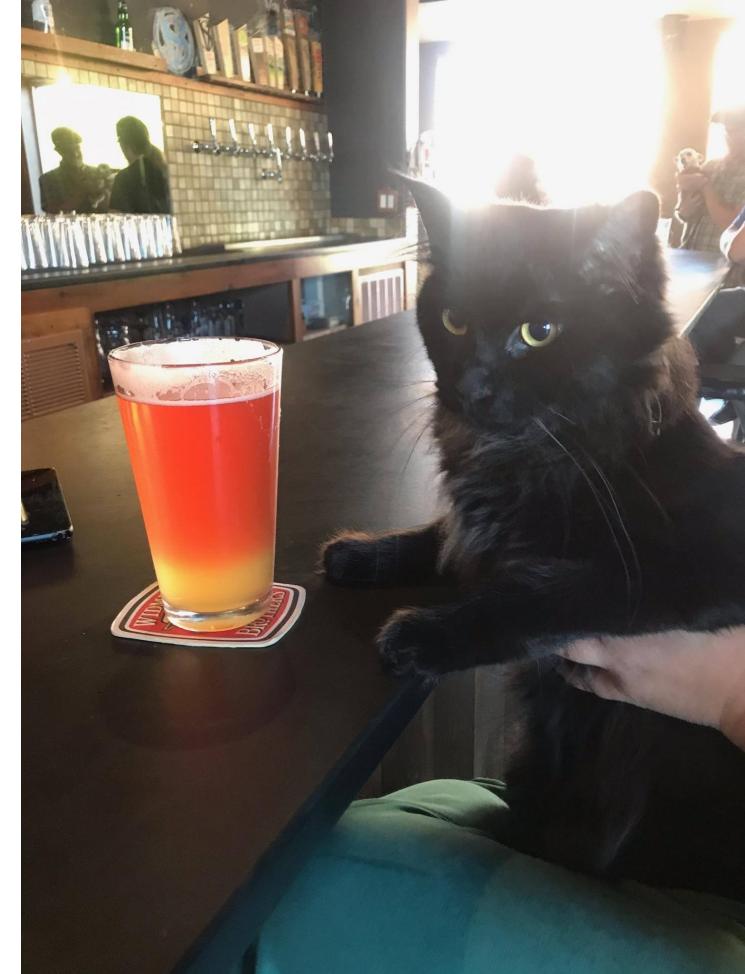
What Island was the penguin from line 50 collected from?

How many species of penguins are represented in this file?

If you accidentally get “hung-up” in the terminal ctrl +c will reset you!

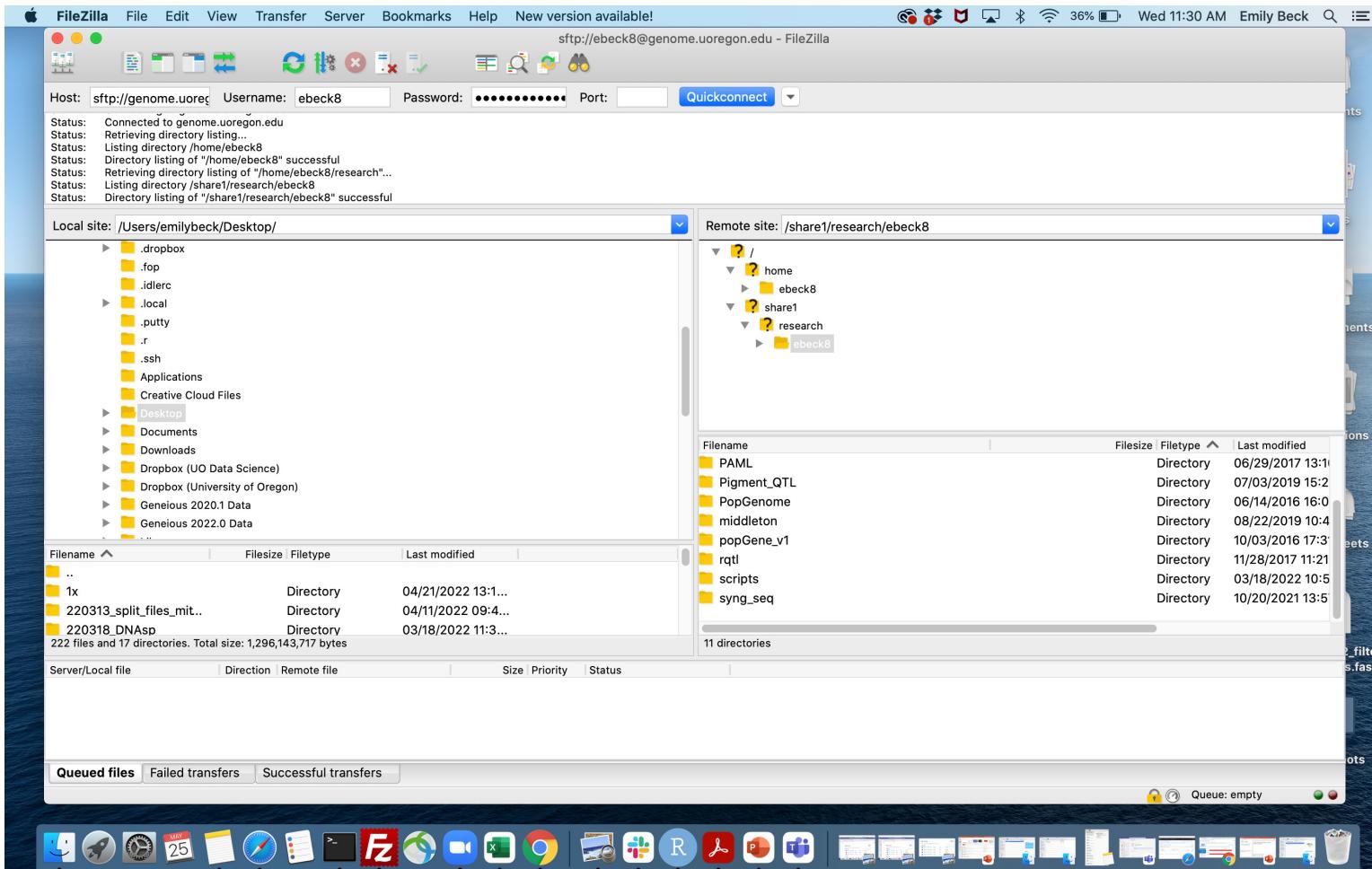
An alternate use for cat:

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Cat can be used to concatenate files together cat file1 file2 > bigfile

PIVOT: Let's learn other ways to move files between computers Option 1: FTP



PIVOT: Let's learn other ways to move files between computers Option 2: scp in the terminal

Scp is a secure copy command. Use it to:

- transfer files from your local system to a remote system
- transfer files from a remote system to your local system
- transfer files between remote systems

General format:

scp -r [Source] [Destination]

Transferring a file from Jake's Desktop to Talapas:

scp ~/Desktop/my_file.csv jsearcy@talapas-ln1.uoregon.edu:~/

**TIME FOR
A BREAK**

