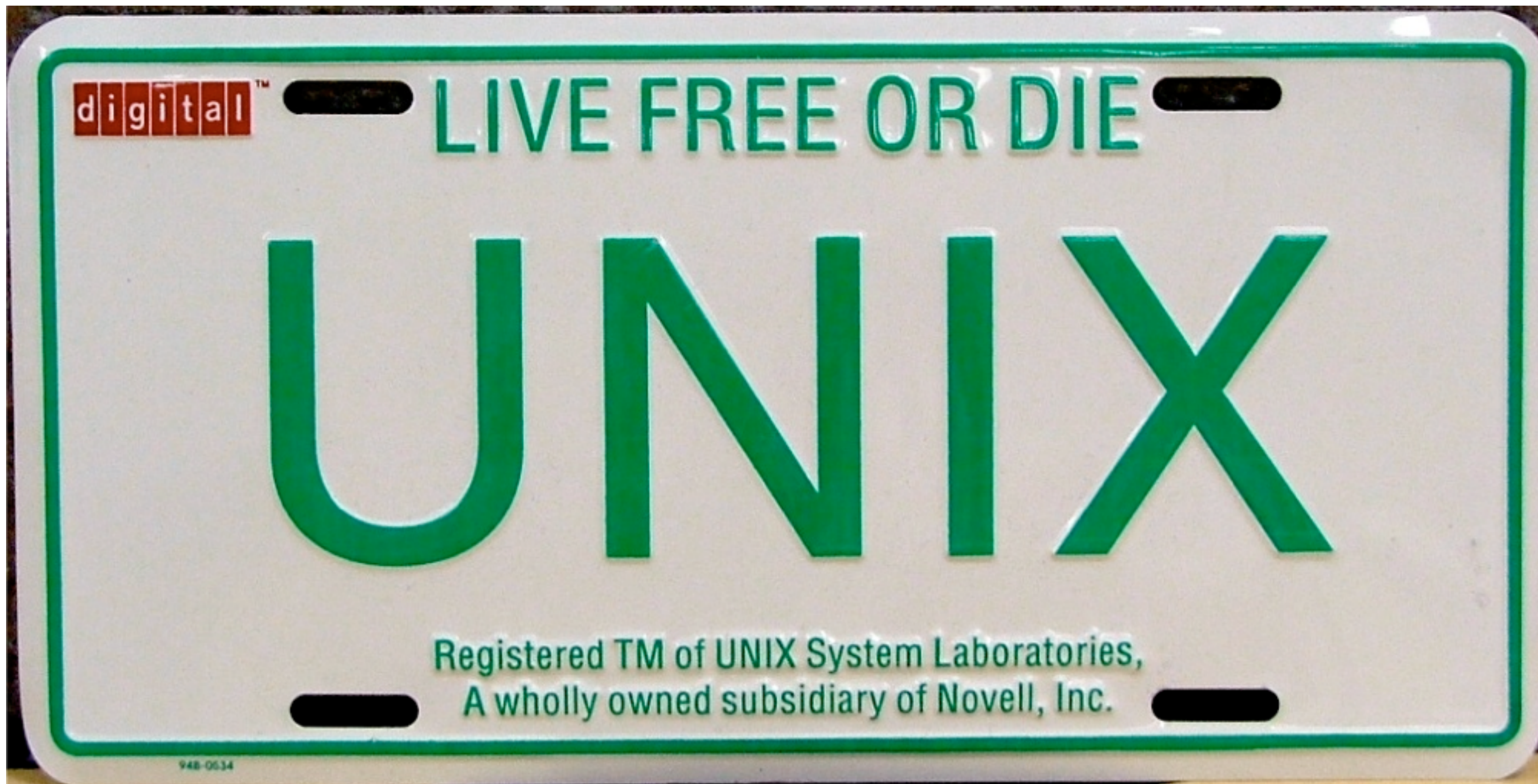
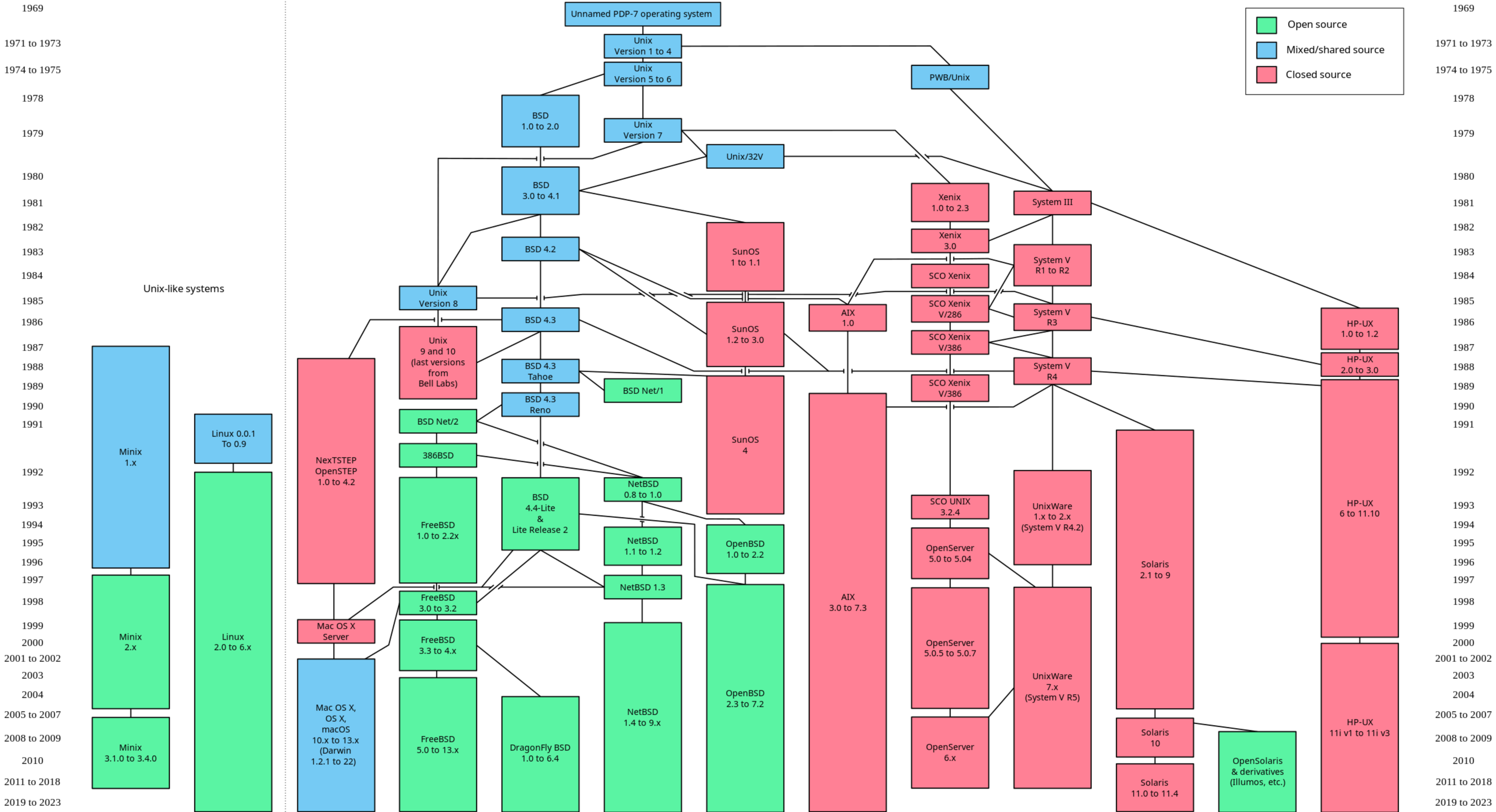


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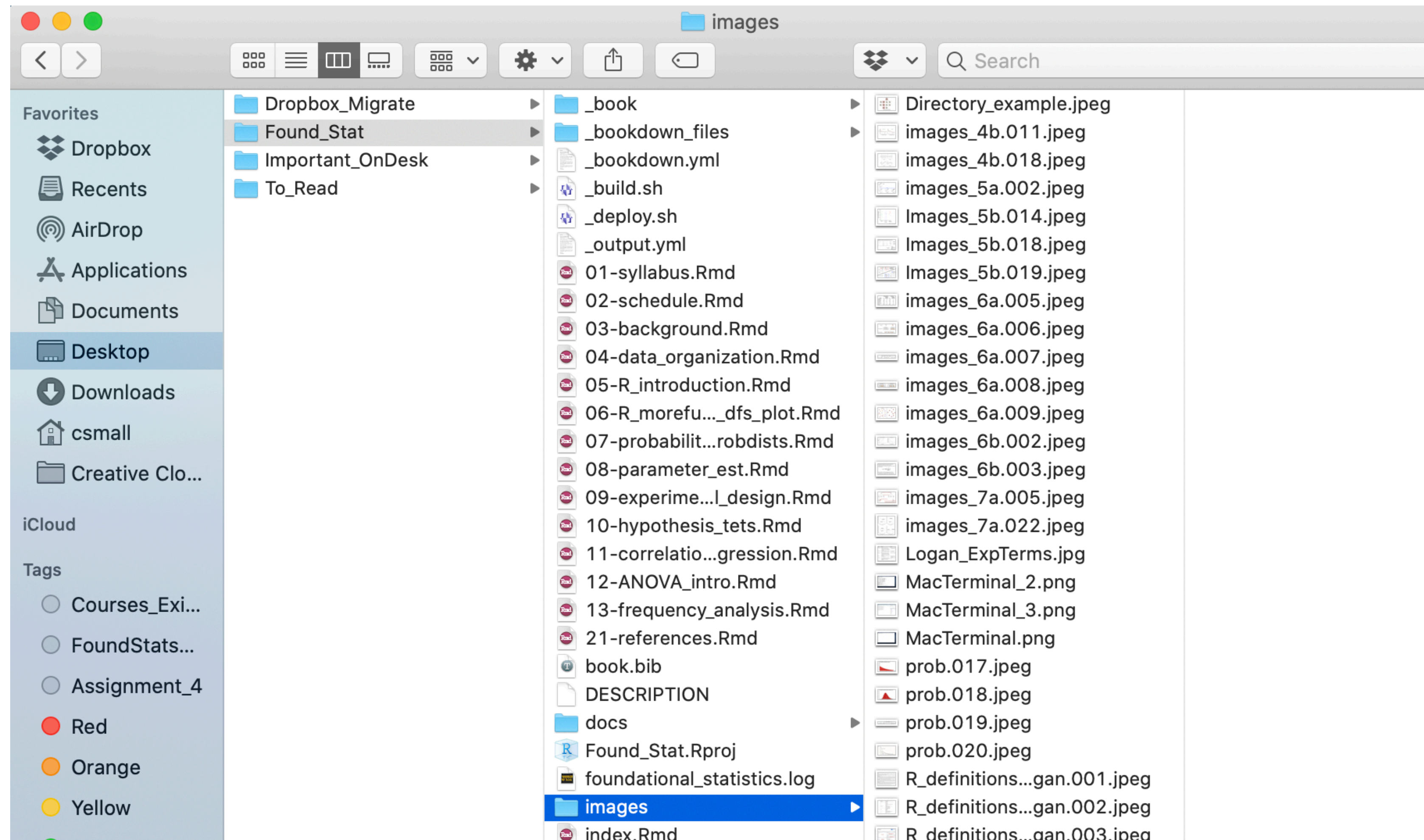
## **Data File Management and Manipulation**







# 1. File and File System Organization and Navigation



## Hierarchical Structure

Root -> Users -> csmall -> Desktop -> Found\_Stat -> images

# File and File System Organization and Navigation

**Navigation from the command line is a useful data management skill!**

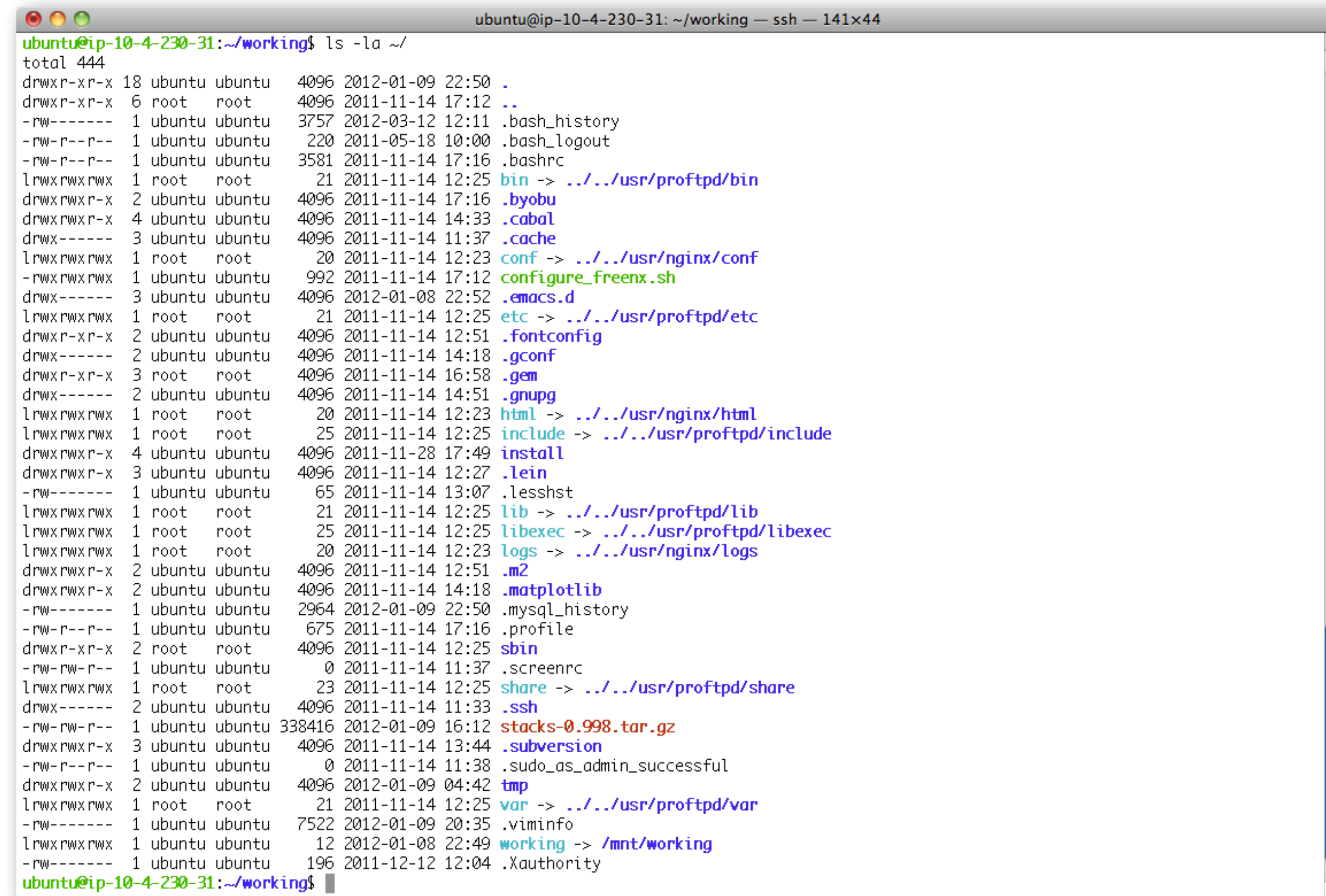
**Why?**

- Some software can only be run from the terminal (no GUI)
- Working remotely on shared computing resources
- Speed and efficiency!



# Unix and Unix-like environments:

Convenient handling and manipulation of data files from a “terminal window”

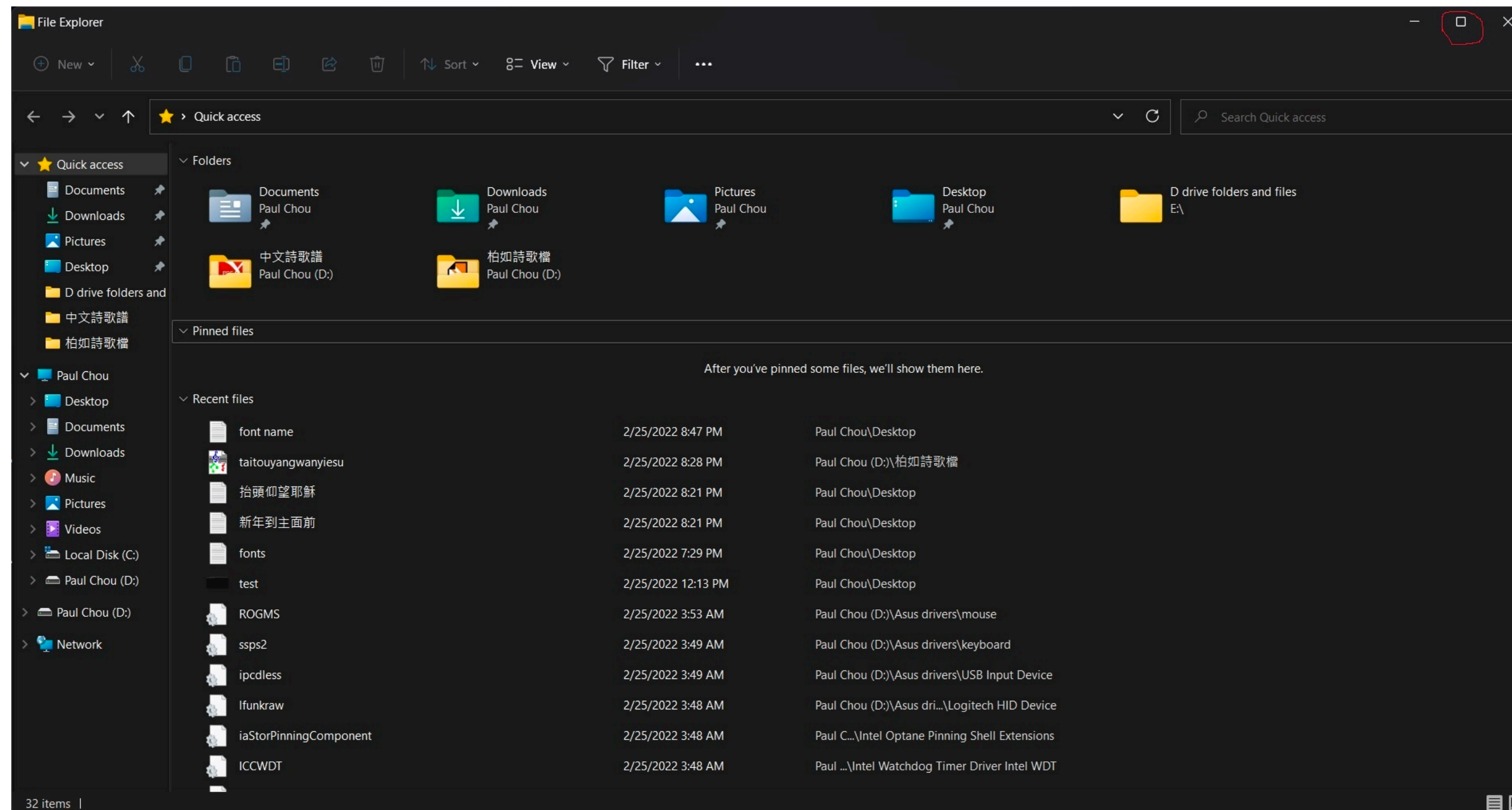


```
ubuntu@ip-10-4-230-31: ~/working$ ls -la ~/
total 444
drwxr-xr-x 18 ubuntu ubuntu 4096 2012-01-09 22:50 .
drwxr-xr-x  6 root   root   4096 2011-11-14 17:12 ..
-rw-r----- 1 ubuntu ubuntu 3757 2012-03-12 12:11 .bash_history
-rw-r----- 1 ubuntu ubuntu  220 2011-05-18 10:00 .bash_logout
-rw-r----- 1 ubuntu ubuntu 3581 2011-11-14 17:16 .bashrc
lrwxrwxrwx  1 root   root    21 2011-11-14 12:25 bin -> ../../usr/proftpd/bin
drwxrwxr-x  2 ubuntu ubuntu 4096 2011-11-14 17:16 .byobu
drwxrwxr-x  4 ubuntu ubuntu 4096 2011-11-14 14:33 .cabal
drwx----- 3 ubuntu ubuntu 4096 2011-11-14 11:37 .cache
lrwxrwxrwx  1 root   root    20 2011-11-14 12:23 conf -> ../../usr/nginx/conf
-rwxrwxrwx  1 ubuntu ubuntu  992 2011-11-14 17:12 configure_freemx.sh
drwx----- 3 ubuntu ubuntu 4096 2012-01-08 22:52 .emacs.d
lrwxrwxrwx  1 root   root    21 2011-11-14 12:25 etc -> ../../usr/proftpd/etc
drwxr-xr-x  2 ubuntu ubuntu 4096 2011-11-14 12:51 .fontconfig
drwx----- 2 ubuntu ubuntu 4096 2011-11-14 14:18 .gconf
drwxr-xr-x  3 root   root   4096 2011-11-14 16:58 .gem
drwx----- 2 ubuntu ubuntu 4096 2011-11-14 14:51 .gnupg
lrwxrwxrwx  1 root   root    20 2011-11-14 12:23 html -> ../../usr/nginx/html
lrwxrwxrwx  1 root   root    25 2011-11-14 12:25 include -> ../../usr/proftpd/include
drwxrwxr-x  4 ubuntu ubuntu 4096 2011-11-28 17:49 install
drwxrwxr-x  3 ubuntu ubuntu 4096 2011-11-14 12:27 .lein
-rw-r----- 1 ubuntu ubuntu  65 2011-11-14 13:07 .lessht
lrwxrwxrwx  1 root   root    21 2011-11-14 12:25 lib -> ../../usr/proftpd/lib
lrwxrwxrwx  1 root   root    25 2011-11-14 12:25 libexec -> ../../usr/proftpd/libexec
lrwxrwxrwx  1 root   root    20 2011-11-14 12:23 logs -> ../../usr/nginx/logs
drwxrwxr-x  2 ubuntu ubuntu 4096 2011-11-14 12:51 .m2
drwxrwxr-x  2 ubuntu ubuntu 4096 2011-11-14 14:18 .matplotlib
-rw-r----- 1 ubuntu ubuntu 2964 2012-01-09 22:50 .mysql_history
-rw-r----- 1 ubuntu ubuntu  675 2011-11-14 17:16 .profile
drwxr-xr-x  2 root   root   4096 2011-11-14 12:25 sbin
-rw-rw-r--  1 ubuntu ubuntu  0 2011-11-14 11:37 .screenrc
lrwxrwxrwx  1 root   root    23 2011-11-14 12:25 share -> ../../usr/proftpd/share
drwx----- 2 ubuntu ubuntu 4096 2011-11-14 11:33 .ssh
-rw-rw-r--  1 ubuntu ubuntu 338416 2012-01-09 16:12 stacks-0.998.tar.gz
drwxrwxr-x  3 ubuntu ubuntu 4096 2011-11-14 13:44 .subversion
-rw-r----- 1 ubuntu ubuntu  0 2011-11-14 11:38 .sudo_as_admin_successful
drwxrwxr-x  2 ubuntu ubuntu 4096 2012-01-09 04:42 tmp
lrwxrwxrwx  1 root   root    21 2011-11-14 12:25 var -> ../../usr/proftpd/var
-rw-r----- 1 ubuntu ubuntu 7522 2012-01-09 20:35 .viminfo
lrwxrwxrwx  1 ubuntu ubuntu  12 2012-01-08 22:49 working -> /mnt/working
-rw-r----- 1 ubuntu ubuntu  196 2011-12-12 12:04 .Xauthority
ubuntu@ip-10-4-230-31: ~/working$
```

- Apple OS X Macs
- Linux workstations and servers (and HPCs)
- Virtual Machines
- Google’s Android phones

# Aside (for folks running Windows Subsystem for Linux):

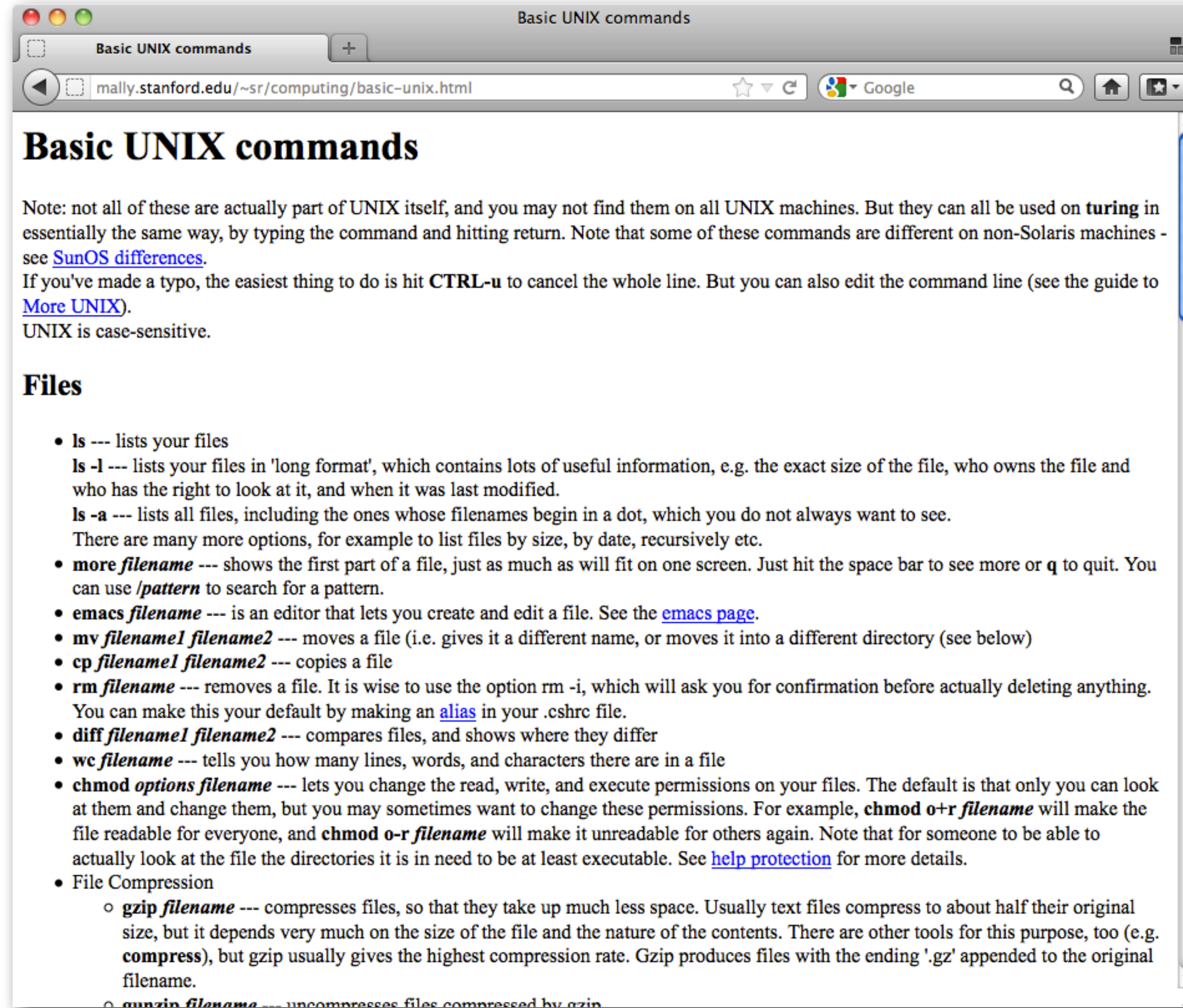
If you want to access / navigate to the files on your primary Windows partition



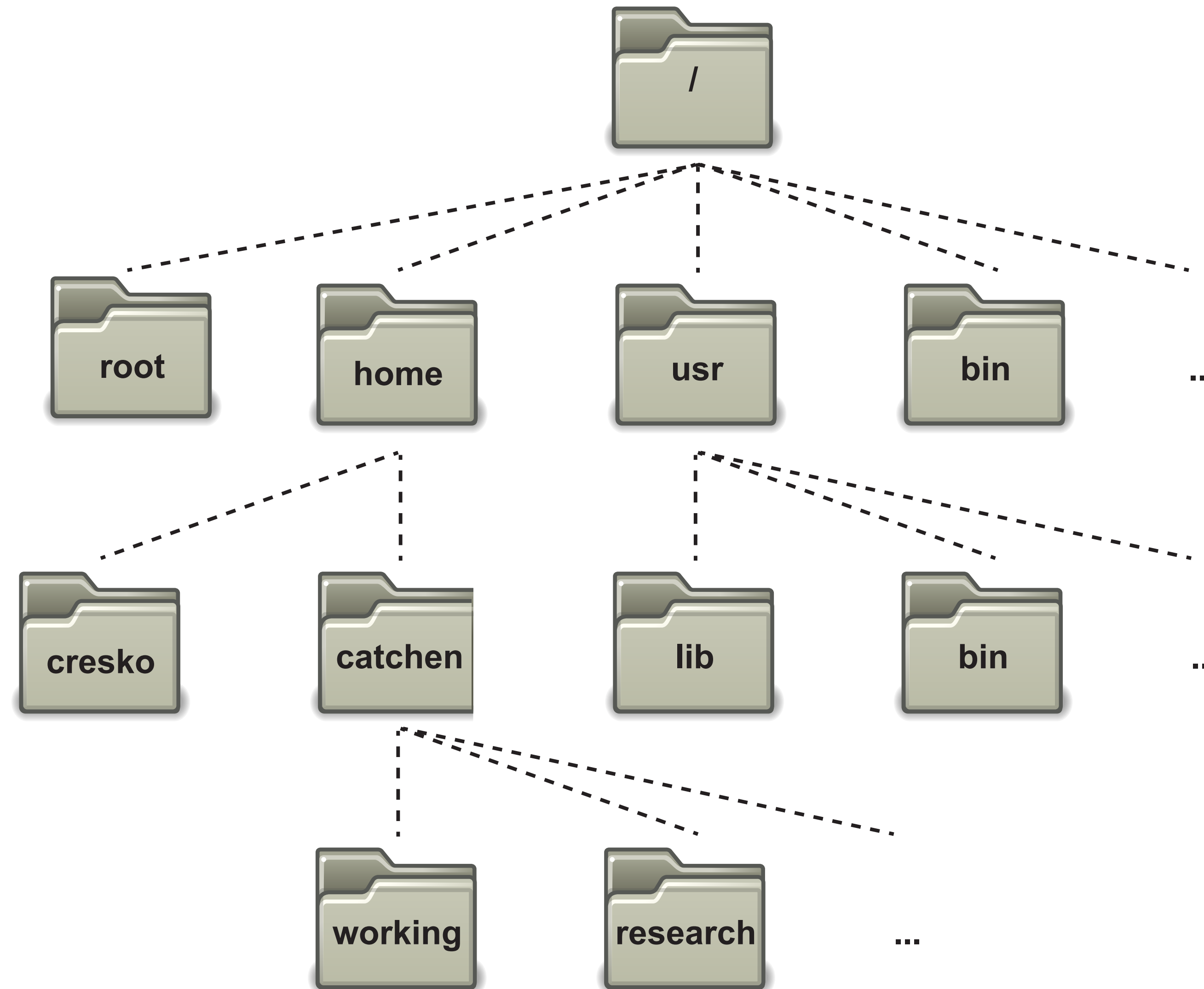
```
cd /mnt/c/Users/<your_Windows_username>
```



UNIX commands help us navigate and edit  
google “unix commands” to find your own “cheat sheet”

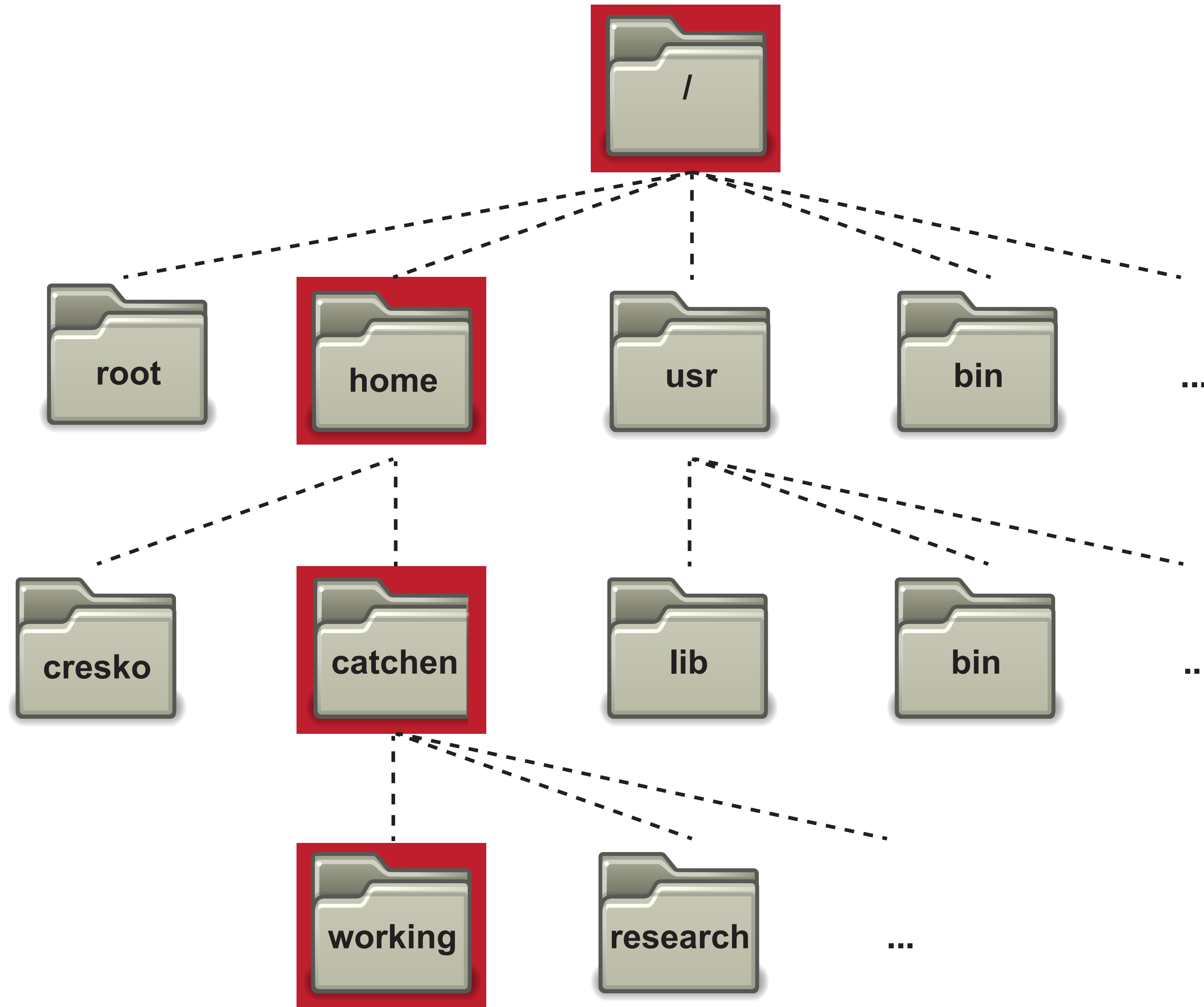


In UNIX everything is a file organized in a hierarchy



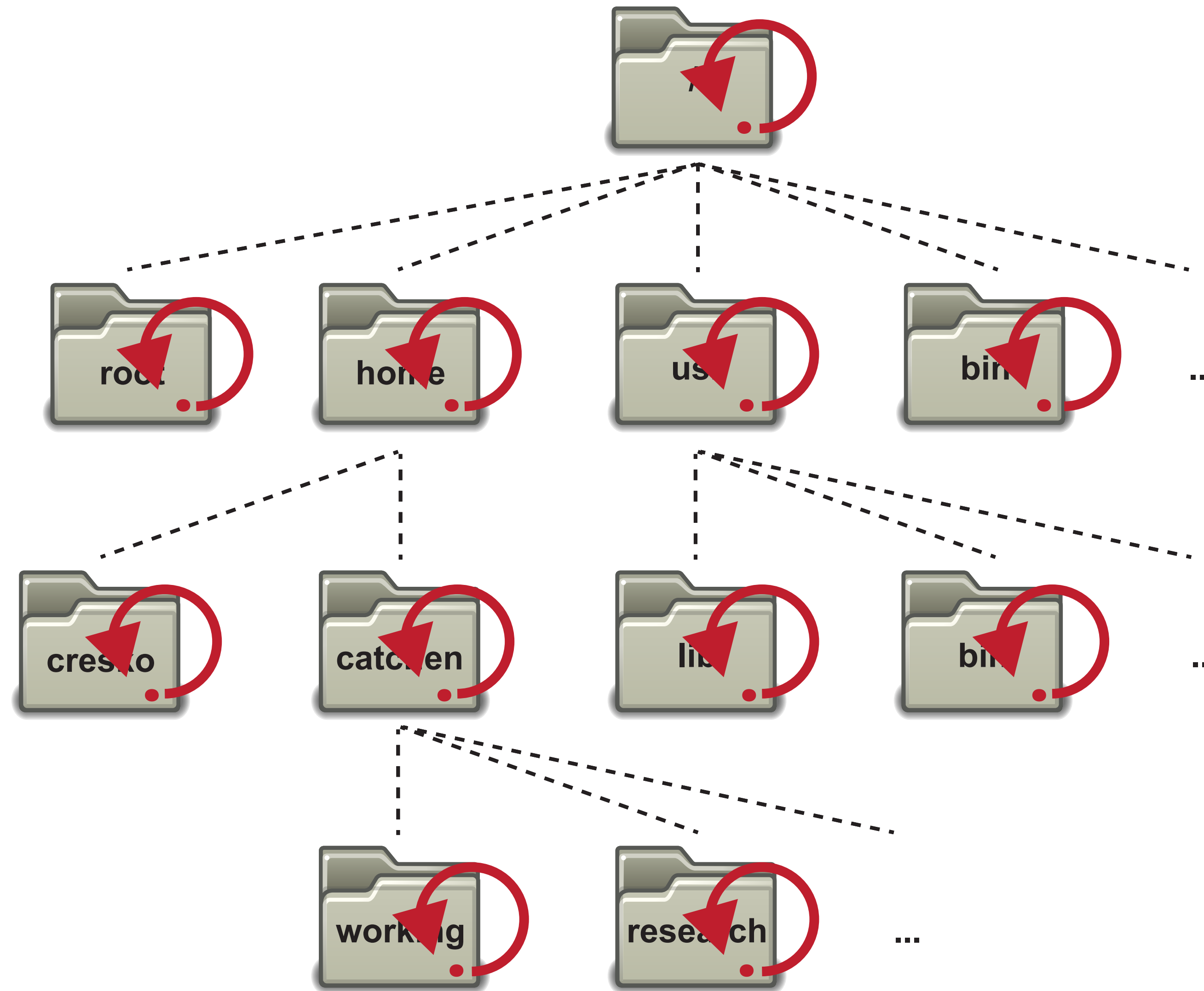


# Paths



/home/catchen/working

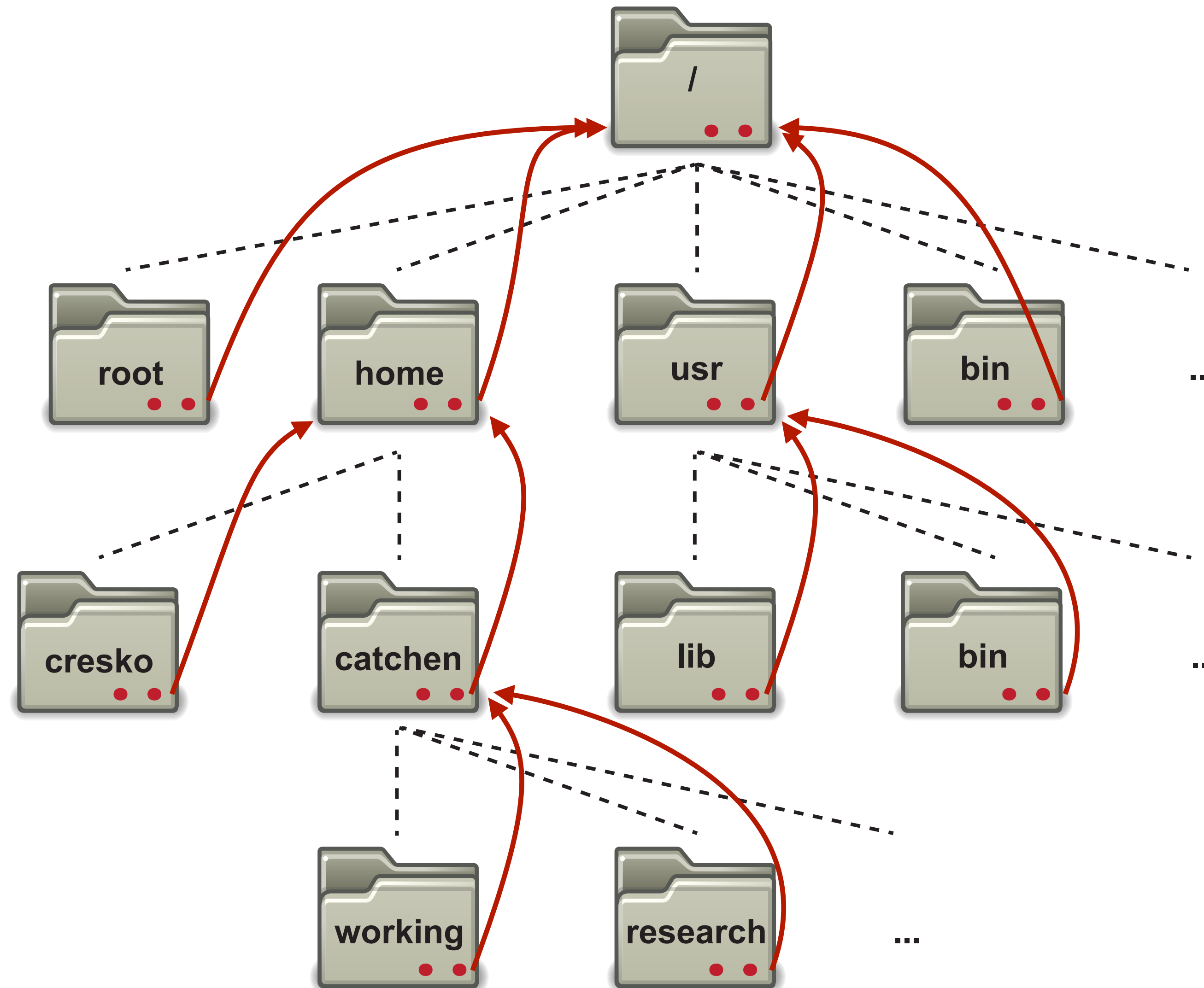
# Special files -- '*dot*'



Is a representation for “current directory”

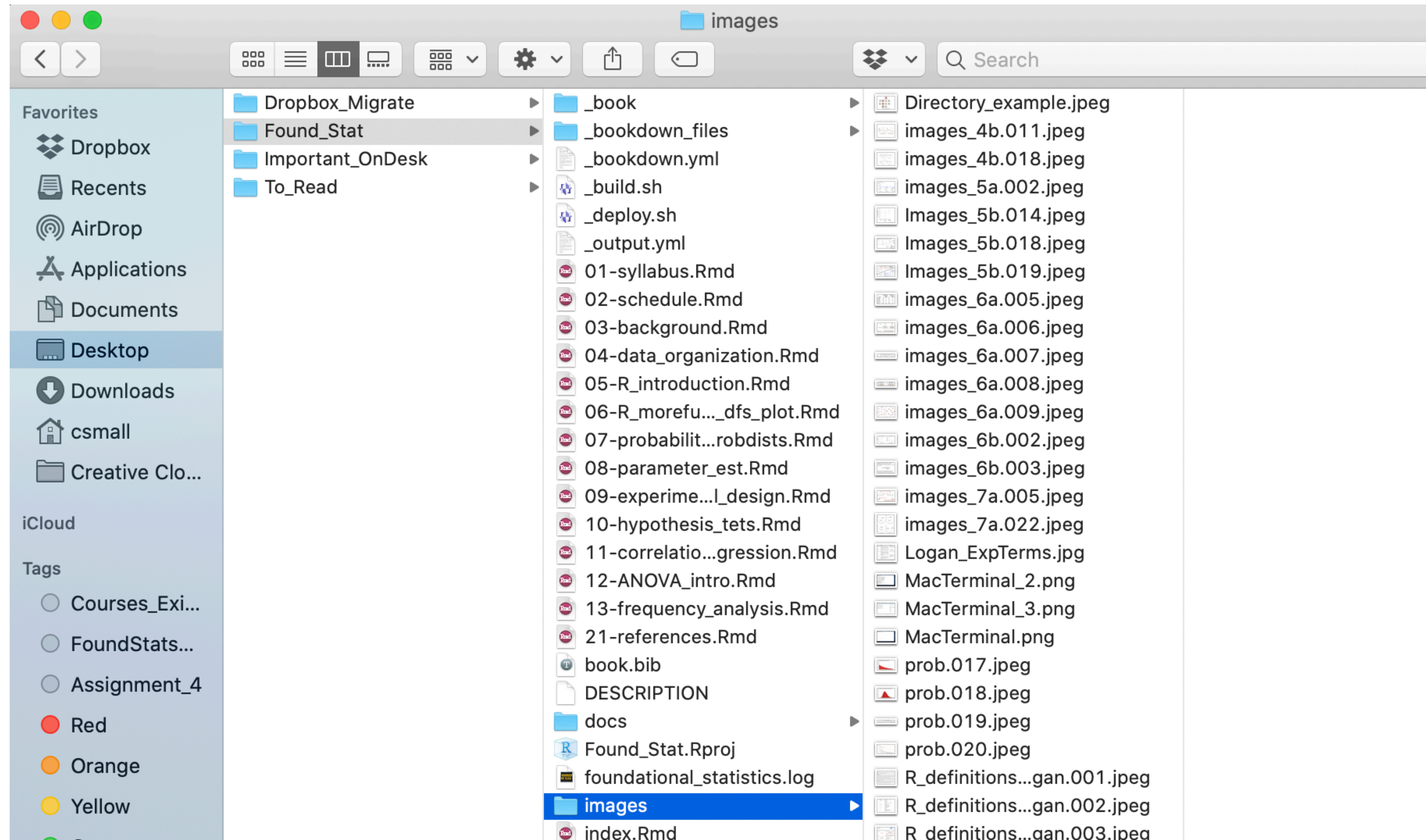


# Special files -- '*dot dot*'



Is a representation for “the directory above”

“absolute paths” include the full path, from root to endpoint



## Hierarchical Structure

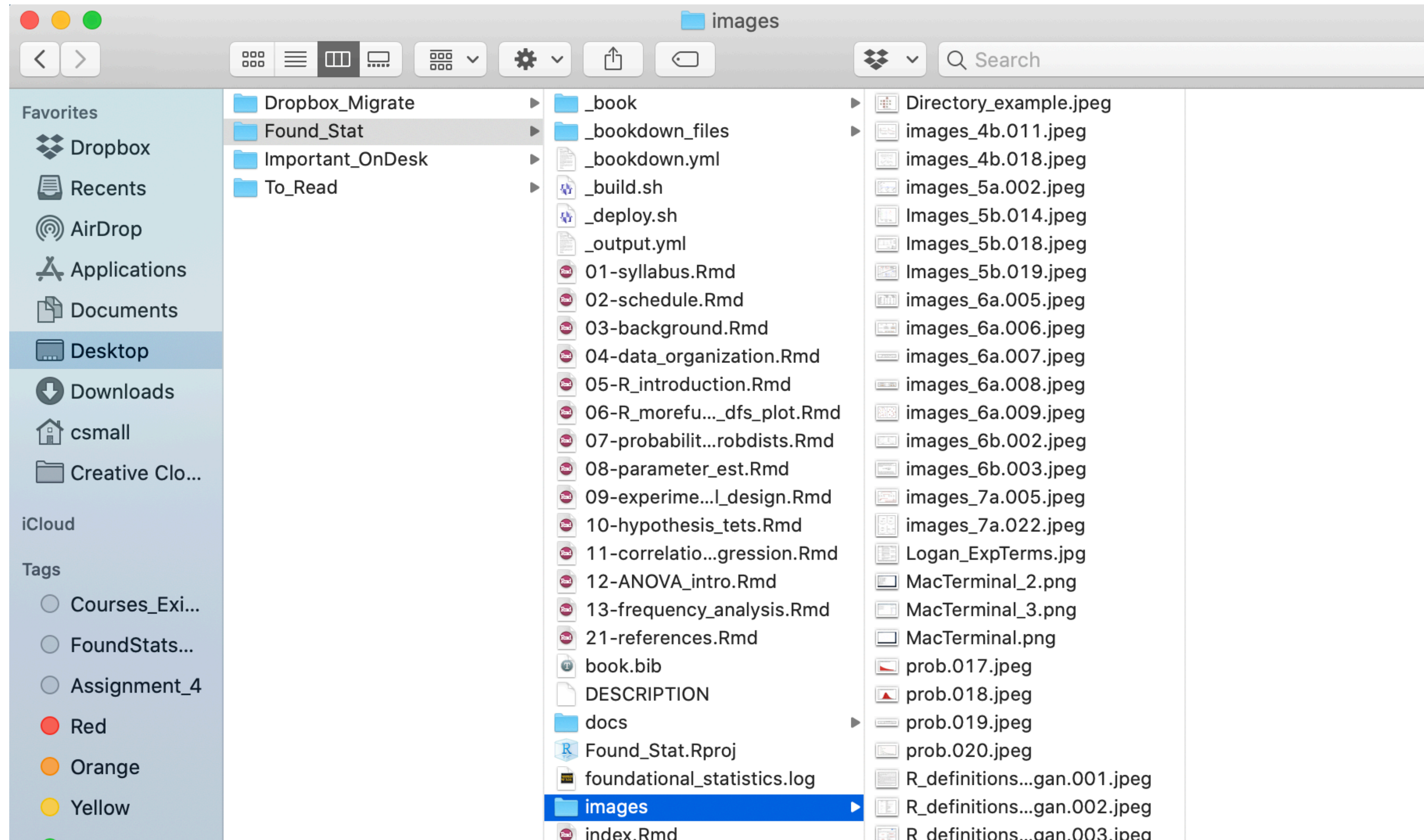
Root -> Users -> csmall -> Desktop -> Found\_Stat -> images

## Absolute Path:

/Users/csmall/Desktop/Found\_Stat/images



“relative paths” use your current location as a reference point



We are in the `images` directory, but we want to reference a file called `doc_1.Rmd` in `docs`

Relative Path:

`../docs/doc_1.Rmd`

# Important UNIX navigation and organization commands

`pwd` - prints working directory

`ls` - lists directory contents

`cd` - changes your current directory

`mkdir` - makes a new directory

`touch` - creates a new, empty file

`rmdir` - deletes an empty directory

`rm` - deletes a file, or (with the `-r` flag) a directory and its contents

`cp` - copies a file or directory

`mv` - moves or renames a file or directory



# Structure of a command

\$ **command** **-options** **arguments**

\$ **ls** **-lh** **/Users/csmall/Desktop**

# Take some time to practice using one or more of these commands

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## 2. File summary, formatting, and manipulation

**The command line is also very useful for “looking at” a file’s contents, summarizing it, or reformatting it!**

- Avoids having to load large files into spreadsheet software
- Don’t always have spreadsheet “GUI” software available
- Very fast and efficient (“heavy lifting” for big files)
- NOTE: Can also do some of this (esp. formatting) effectively within R

# Many ways to view a file

more	less	head	tail	cat
View text file one screen at a time	Same as more, but allows backwards movement	View the first 10 lines of a file	View the last 10 lines of a file	Spit out the whole file at once
Space-bar: scroll q: quit	Arrow keys: scroll Space-bar: end of file q: quit	-n num Controls the number of lines	-n num Controls the number of lines	

# Many ways to summarize or “subset” a file

WC	cut	sort	grep
“word count”	Isolates “columns” of a file if field-delimited (e.g. csv)	Sort file based on a given column	Find lines in a file with specific patterns
-l (counts lines)	-f (column number) -d (column delimiter)	-k (column key) -r (reverse) -n (numeric) -u (unique)	-c (counts line matches) -v (“reverse”: finds lines without the pattern)



# `sed` - a powerful “search and replace” tool

- `s/query/replacement/flag`
  - The pattern to find: (query)
  - The text you want to swap: (replacement)
  - Options for frequency of replacements: (flag)

```
$ sed 's/sample1/sampleA/g' file.txt
```

(the “global” `g` flag specifies ALL replacements)

# awk - the UNIX “utility knife”

**It’s actually a stream-based programming language!**

- Works effectively in a field (column)-wise manner
  - `$0` - entire line
  - `$1` - column 1
  - `$2` - column 2 , etc.
- Complex, with multiple built-in functions (e.g. `print`)
- Patterns can be logical evaluations
  - `$3 > 0` if column 3 is greater than 0
  - `$1 == 32` if column 1 equals 32
  - `$1 == “consensus”` if column 1 is the string “consensus”

```
$ awk -F, ' $1 > 1000 {print $1,$2}' ./file.txt
```

# “pipes” and “carrots”- controlling information flow

| (“pipe”) - passes output from one command as input to another

```
cat ./file.txt | grep 'data' | wc -l
```

< (STDIN) - an input stream going into a command

```
wc -l < ./file.txt
```

```
wc -l <(cat ./file.txt ./file2.txt)
```

> (STDOUT) - writes stream output to a specified file name (will overwrite)

```
wc -l ./file.txt > ./wc.txt
```

>> will append to a file instead of overwriting



Take some time to practice subsetting and reformatting text files

# **Do these** for data files and data sets

- Store a copy of data in nonproprietary software and hardware formats, such as plain ASCII text (aka a flat file). Good options are tab- or comma-separated
- Leave an uncorrected file when doing analyses
- Use **descriptive** names for your data files and variables
- Include a **header line** with descriptive variable names
- Maintain effective **metadata** about the data
- When you add new **observations** to a file or spreadsheet, add rows, not columns
- When you add new **variables** to a database, add columns, not rows
- Use a scripted program like **R** for analysis, and **RMarkdown** for documentation and clear presentation

# **Do not** do this for data files and data sets

- Don't include multiple data types in the same column
- Don't use non-alphanumeric characters in file or directory names ( \_ is okay)
- Don't use characters that are common field delimiters in individual data entries (e.g. “medium,2”)
- Don't copy and paste data from rich text-formatted files (like Microsoft Word, .pdfs, etc.) into primary data files.