Introduction to Unix shell

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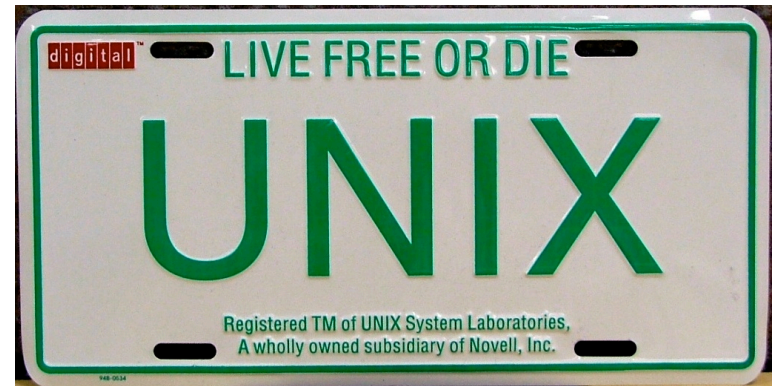Fitzwilliam College & MRC-LMB, Cambridge

Previous experience with Unix shell?

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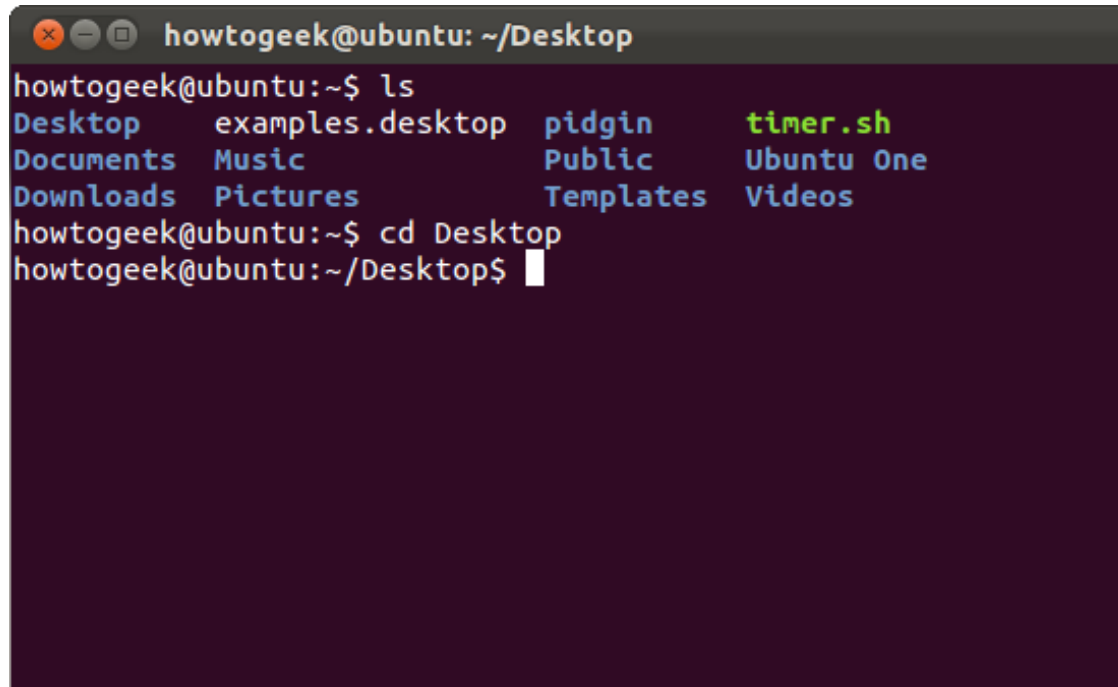github.com/alexeymorgunov/unixshellcourse

What is Unix?

- Modularly designed operating system
- Simple tools each performing well-defined functions
- Unified file system, means of communication
- Shell scripting and command language to combine simple tools into complex workflows
- Examples: Linux (incl. Android), Mac OS X (incl. iOS)

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What is shell?

- Program that accepts commands as text input
- Converts them to operating system functions
- Easy to automate via scripting (c.f. GUI)

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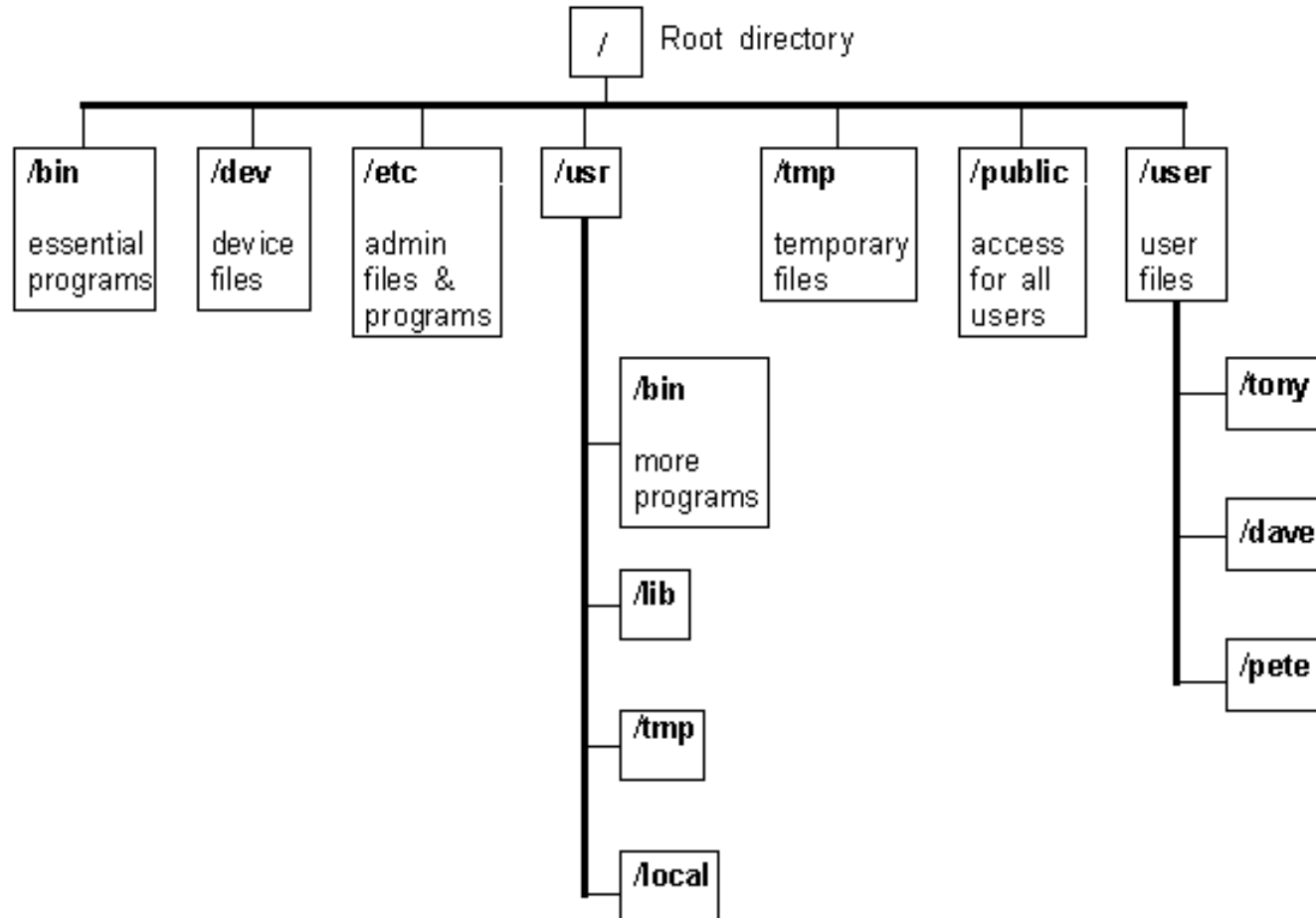## *(true for any language!)*

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- Google and Stack Overflow
  - Don't reinvent the wheel – someone somewhere is likely to have encountered the same problem before…

Command syntax

- *doSomething how toFiles*
- *doSomething how sourceFile destinationFile*
- *doSomething how < inputFile > outputFile*
- *doSomething how I doSomething how I doSomething how > outputFile*

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[command] -[parameters] [file or folder]
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Linux file system

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Thank you!

Have any questions, comments?
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