DATA SCIENCE TOOLS

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LET'S DISCUSS THE CURRENT LESSON OBEJCTIVES

▸ Identify the data science toolkit we'll be using in class

▸ Learn how to navigate Git and the Command Line

▸ Download the course Git repository and practice some git commands

▸ Make a probability and odds IPython notebook (time permitting)

▸ Slides will be available on the course repository for your reference.

INTRO

‣ Name

‣ Familiarity with programming, languages used

‣ Familiarity with UNIX/command line tools

‣ What you do for work/why you're taking data science

Please post your github username in the slack channel so I can add you to our demo repository!

TOOLS OF THE TRADE

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‣ Today we are going to review some of the tools we use in data science.

‣ We'll see how they fit into the wider programming environment.

‣ We'll start with the command line. This is your portal to your computer and the outside world.

LOCAL MACHINE

‣On your local computer, you have a variety of tools at your disposal.

    ‣Text editor

    ‣Programs/tools

    ‣Your files
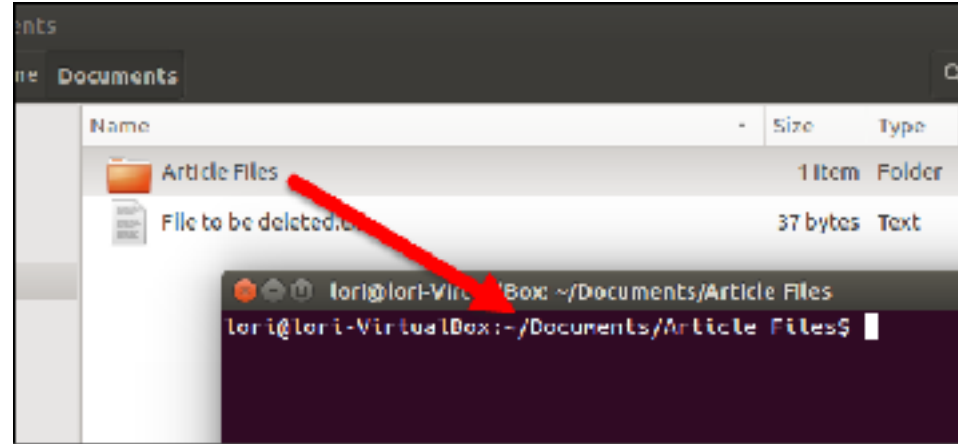
‣All of these can be accessed through the terminal or through a GUI (Graphical User Interface).

‣You can navigate your files through the terminal or through Finder.

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Outside World

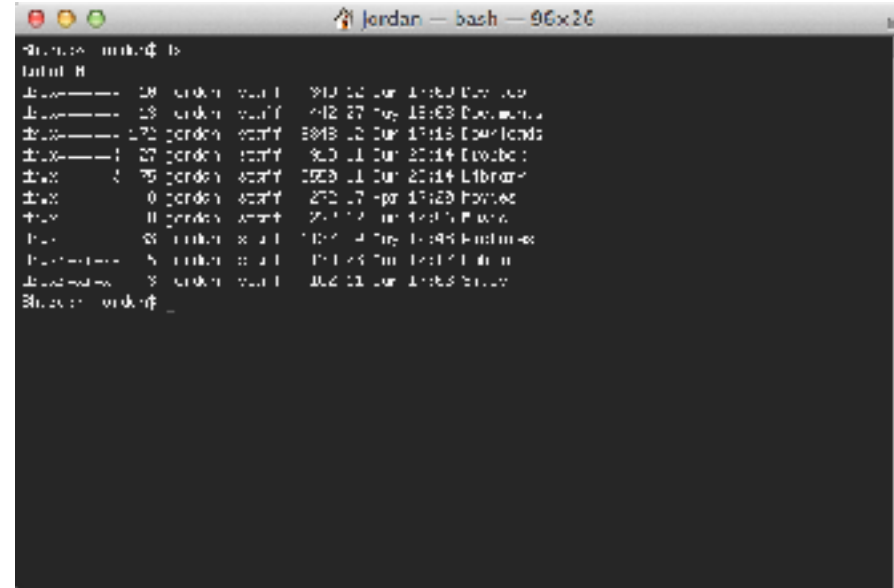Local Machine
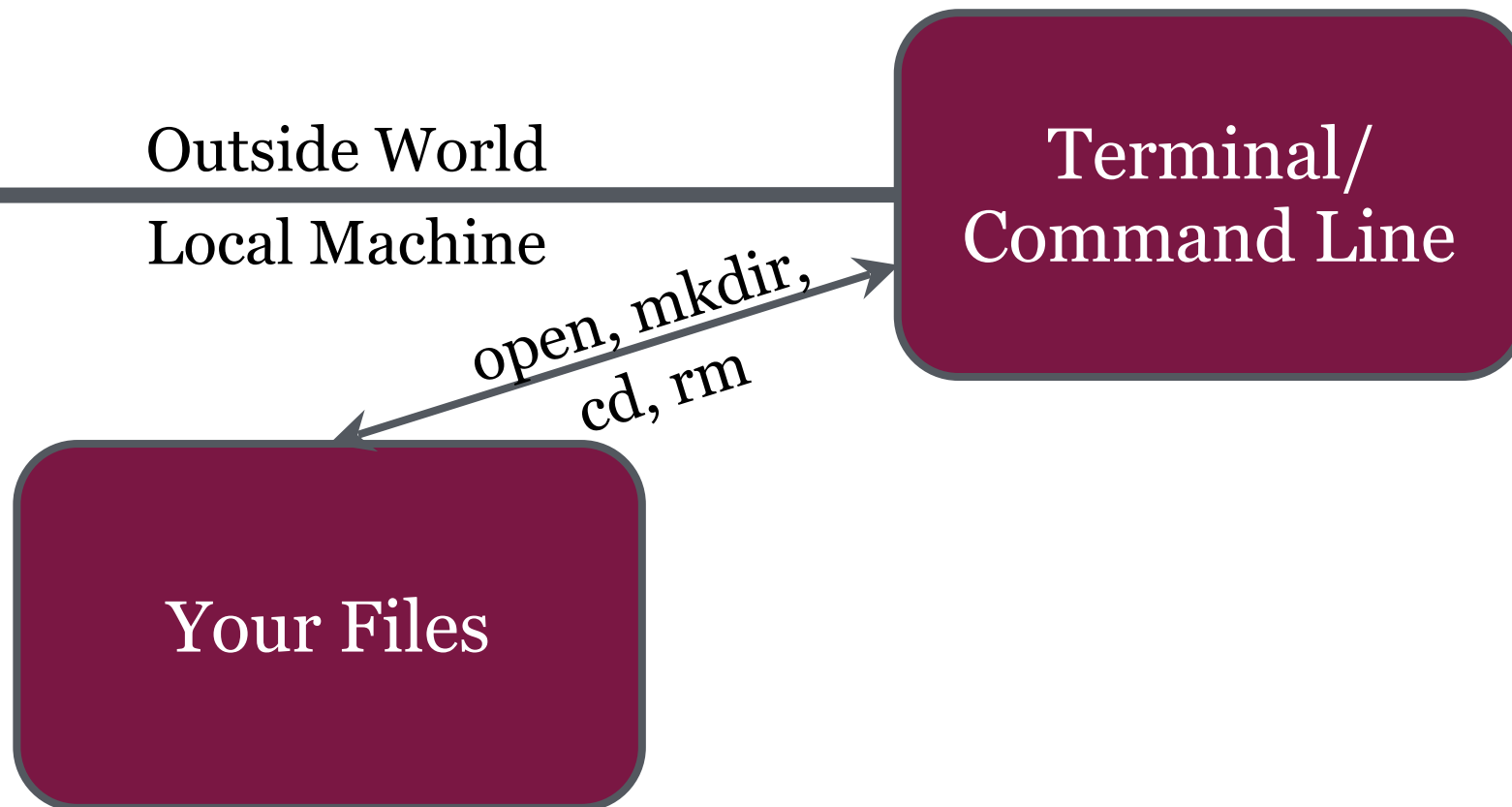
Terminal/
Command Line

COMMAND LINE

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‣ Let's walk through a few very basic commands.

   ‣ `cd`

   ‣ `pwd`

   ‣ `$home`

   ‣ `mkdir`

   ‣ `open`

‣ We can access many tools with the terminal. Let's walk through a few.

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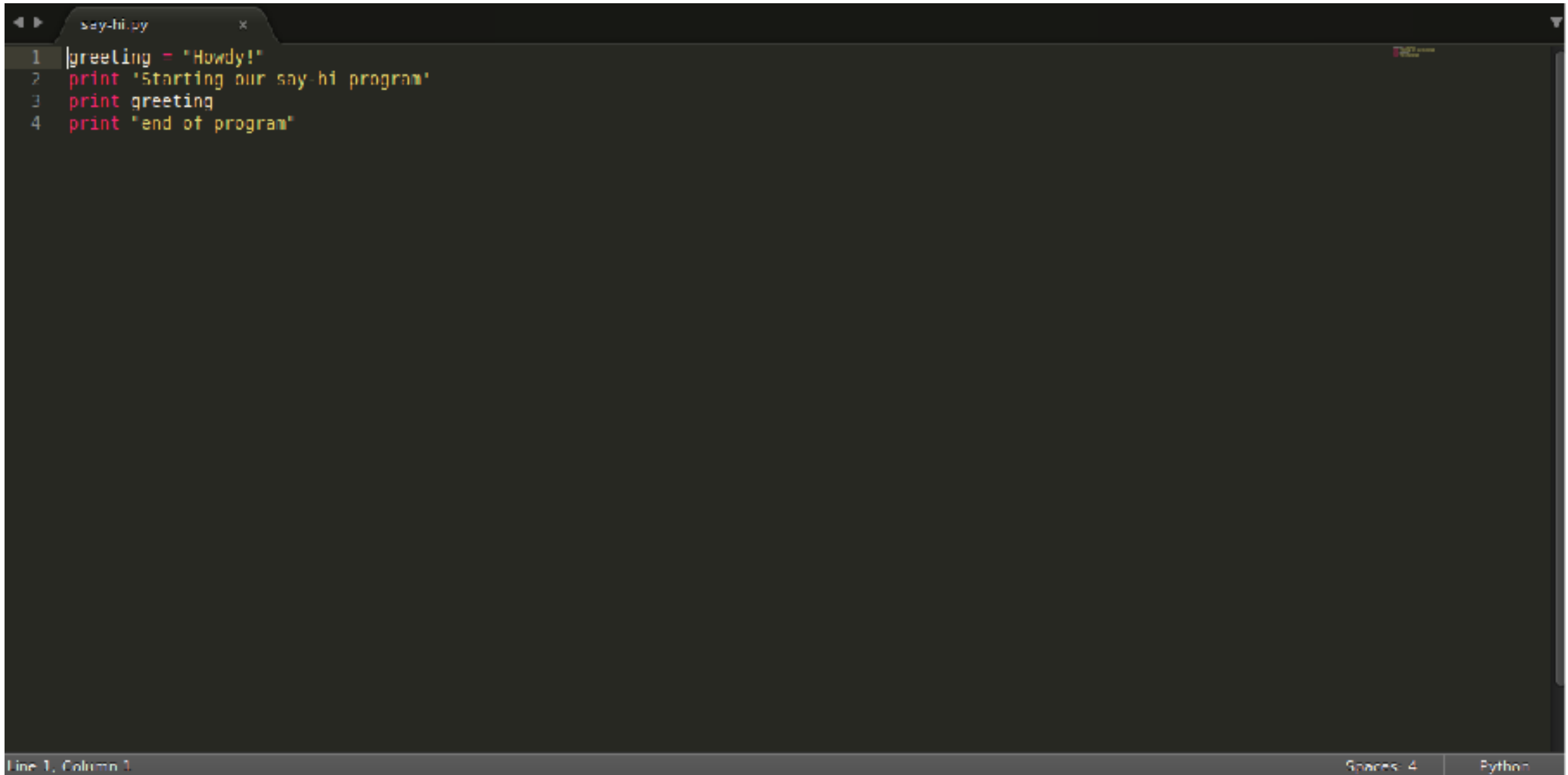
Terminal/
Command Line

open, mkdir,
cd, rm

Your Files

TEXT EDITORS

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‣So far, we've used iPython Notebooks in place of a text editor.

‣However, there are many options available

  ‣eMacs

  ‣Vim

  ‣Sublime Text

  ‣IDE (Integrated Development Environments) such as PyCharm or Eclipse

  ‣Many programmers love to [argue at length about which is the 'best' one.](#)

‣Let's see what Sublime Text looks like with Python!

TEXT EDITORS

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‣ Open "say-hi.py", found in the lesson-02 folder of the class repo, in Sublime Text to see it for yourself.

‣ Check out the difference between saving a text file in MS Word and using sublime text

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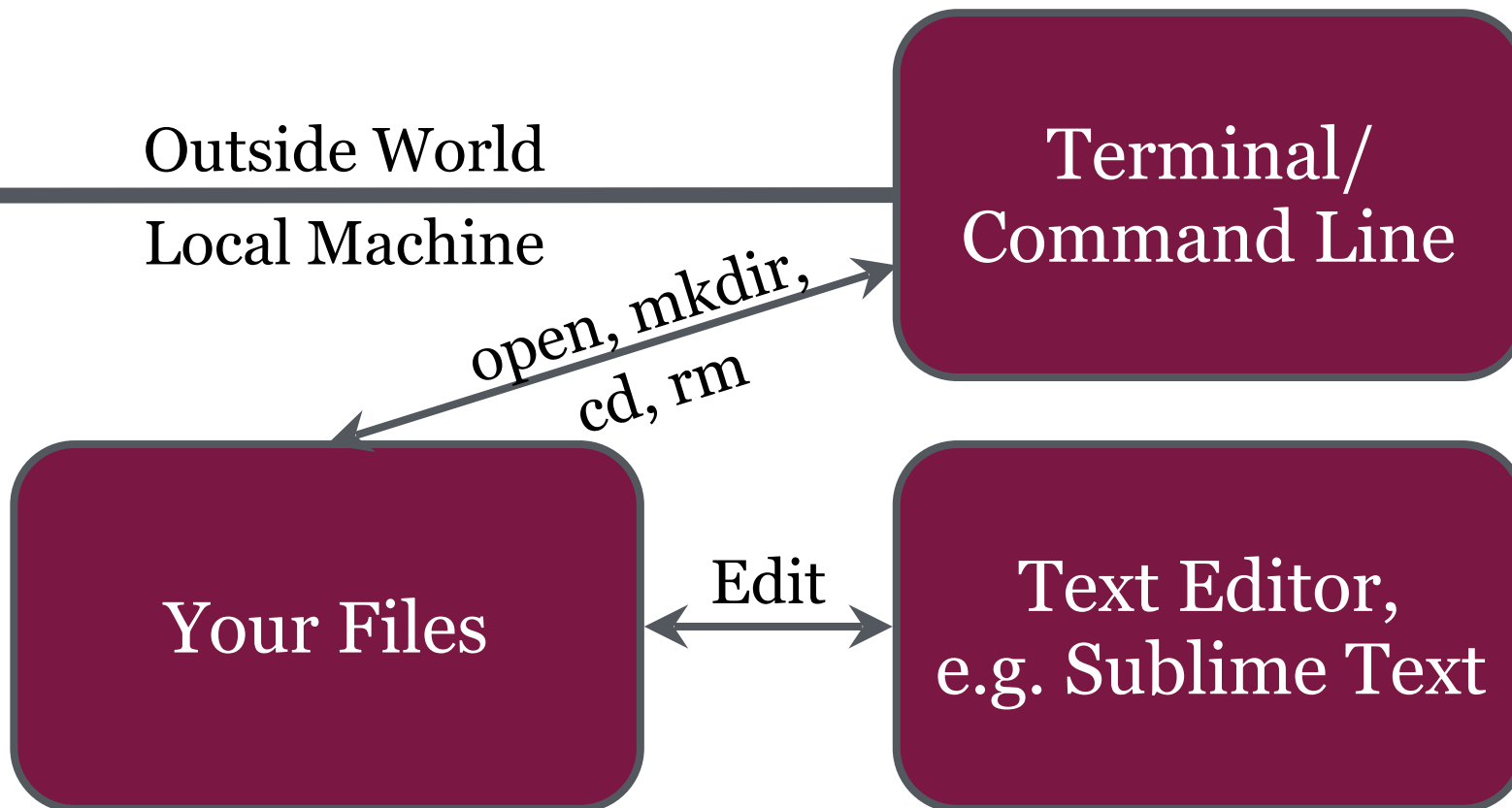
ACTIVITY: KNOWLEDGE CHECK

EXERCISE

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

1. Who has a text editor they like that I didn't talk about? Why do you like it?
2. What are some good reasons to use a programming text editor instead of Microsoft Word or Google Docs?
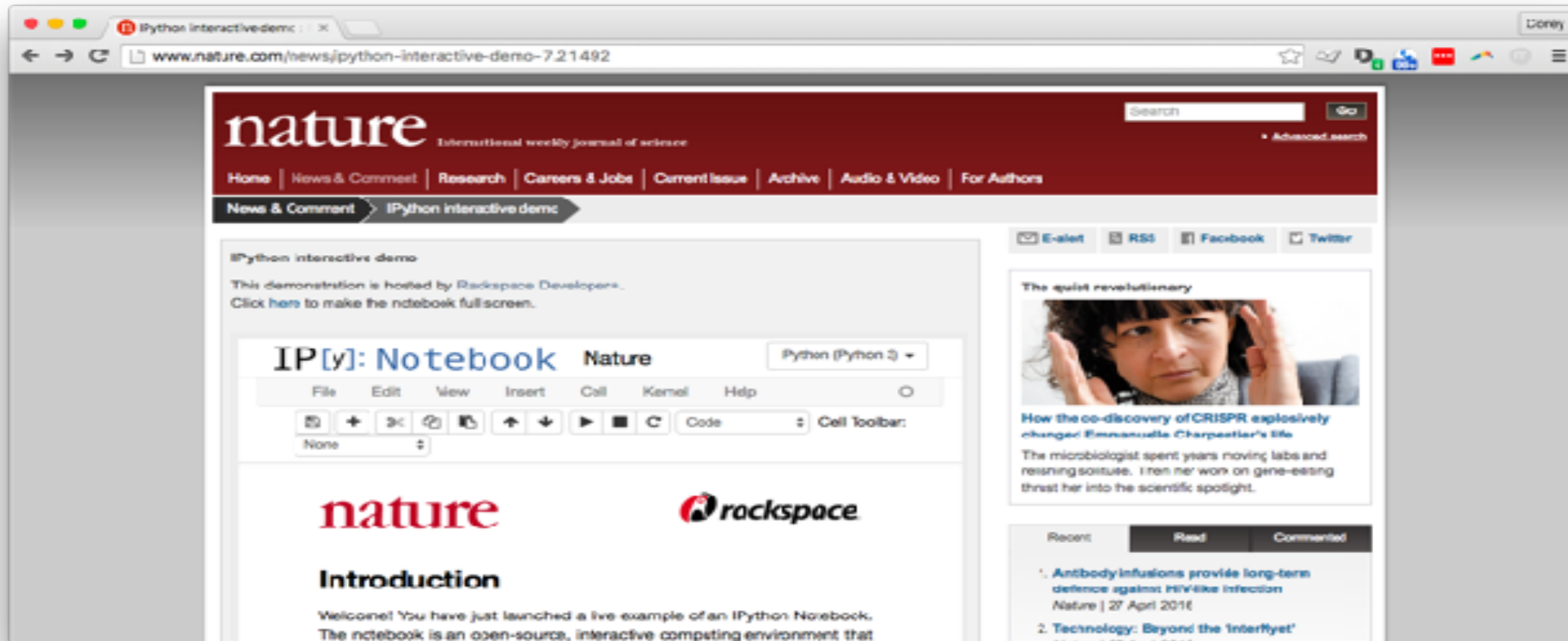
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Answers to the above questions

IPYTHON NOTEBOOK

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▸Where does iPython Notebook fit in?

▸We can refer to the iPython Notebook docs to get a better idea: the notebook combines the console, web apps, and markdown to capture the whole computation process.

▸IPython notebooks combine three components in sequential 'cells' that can be edited and run in any order:
  ▸Text (Markdown/HTML/Plain text)
  ▸Code
  ▸Output (plots, command line output, etc)

IPYTHON NOTEBOOK

‣ IPython notebook demo:
    https://nature.tmpnb.org

ACTIVITY: KNOWLEDGE CHECK

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

EXERCISE

1. What are the three components of IPython notebooks?
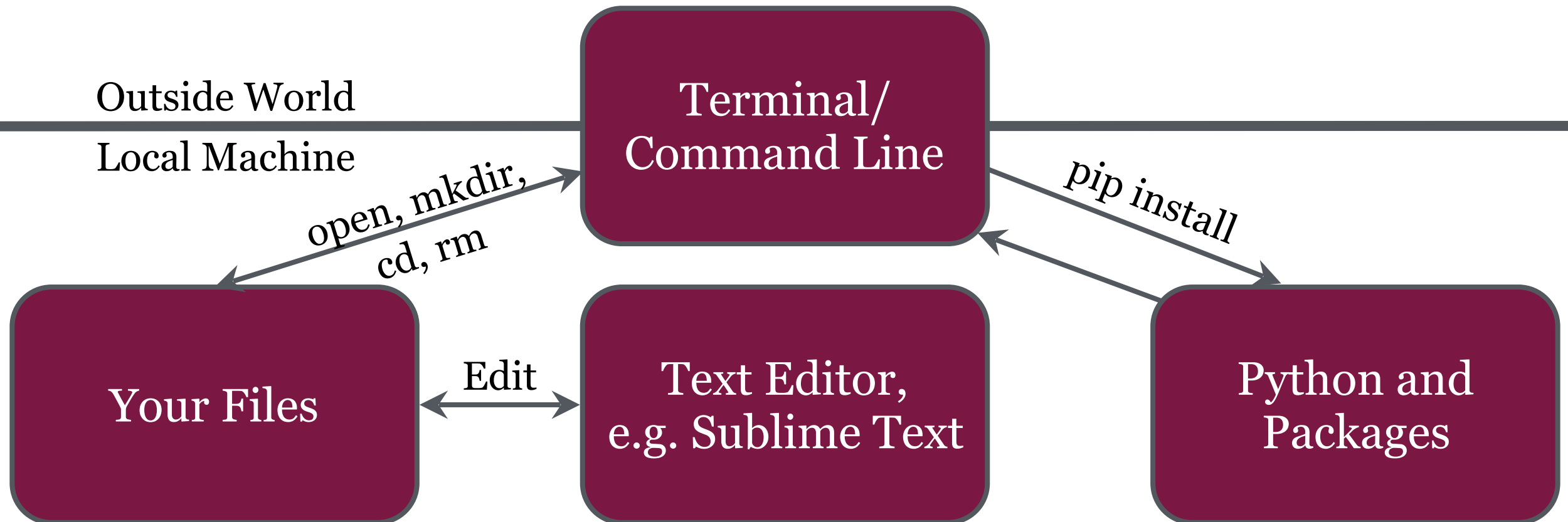
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PYTHON PACKAGES

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‣ The terminal allows us to run programs and reach out to the outside world.

‣ We can add programs and packages as needed.

‣ To add Python packages, we use a tool called *pip*.

‣ Let's `pip install` a package with the command line. We'll install Beautiful Soup, a HTML/XML parsing package.

```
pip install beautifulsoup4
```

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Outside World
Local Machine

Terminal/
Command Line

open, mkdir,
cd, rm

pip install

Your Files

Edit

Text Editor,
e.g. Sublime Text

Python and
Packages

THE OUTSIDE WORLD

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‣ The command line also allows you to download and use other tools and packages.

‣ There are many tools for different purposes available in the outside world.

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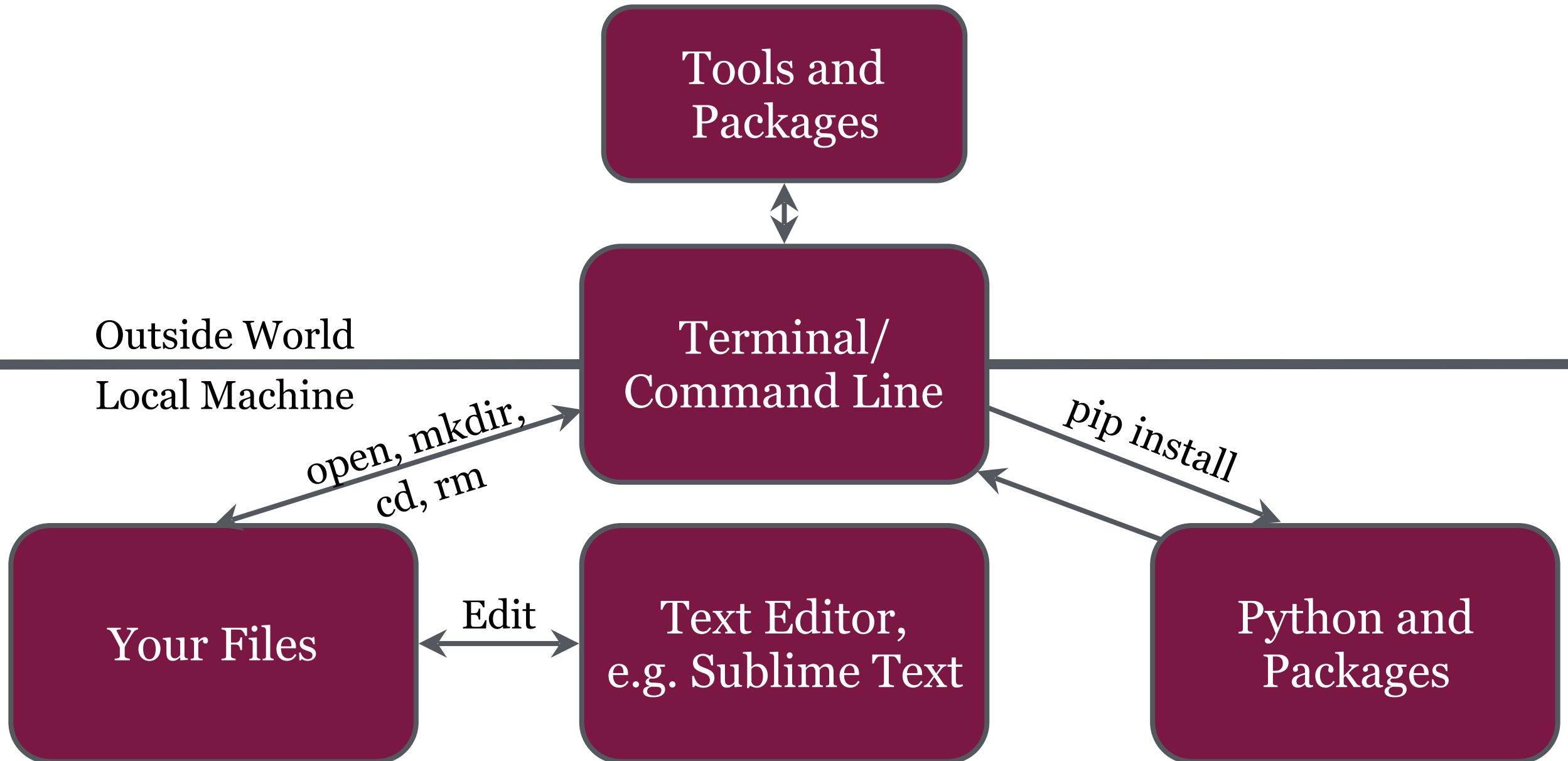
THE OUTSIDE WORLD

▸ As we saw with pip, the command line can connect us to the outside world. This becomes more important for data.

▸ We may have HIPAA protected data. This means we can't leave this sensitive data on our *local* machine (i.e. laptop).

▸ We need to communicate with a *remote* machine (i.e. server) to access the data via command line.

▸ Let's see a demonstration of this.

THE OUTSIDE WORLD

‣ AWS EC2 demo
  ‣ SSH
  ‣ Local database
  ‣ Text files
‣ S3 Demo

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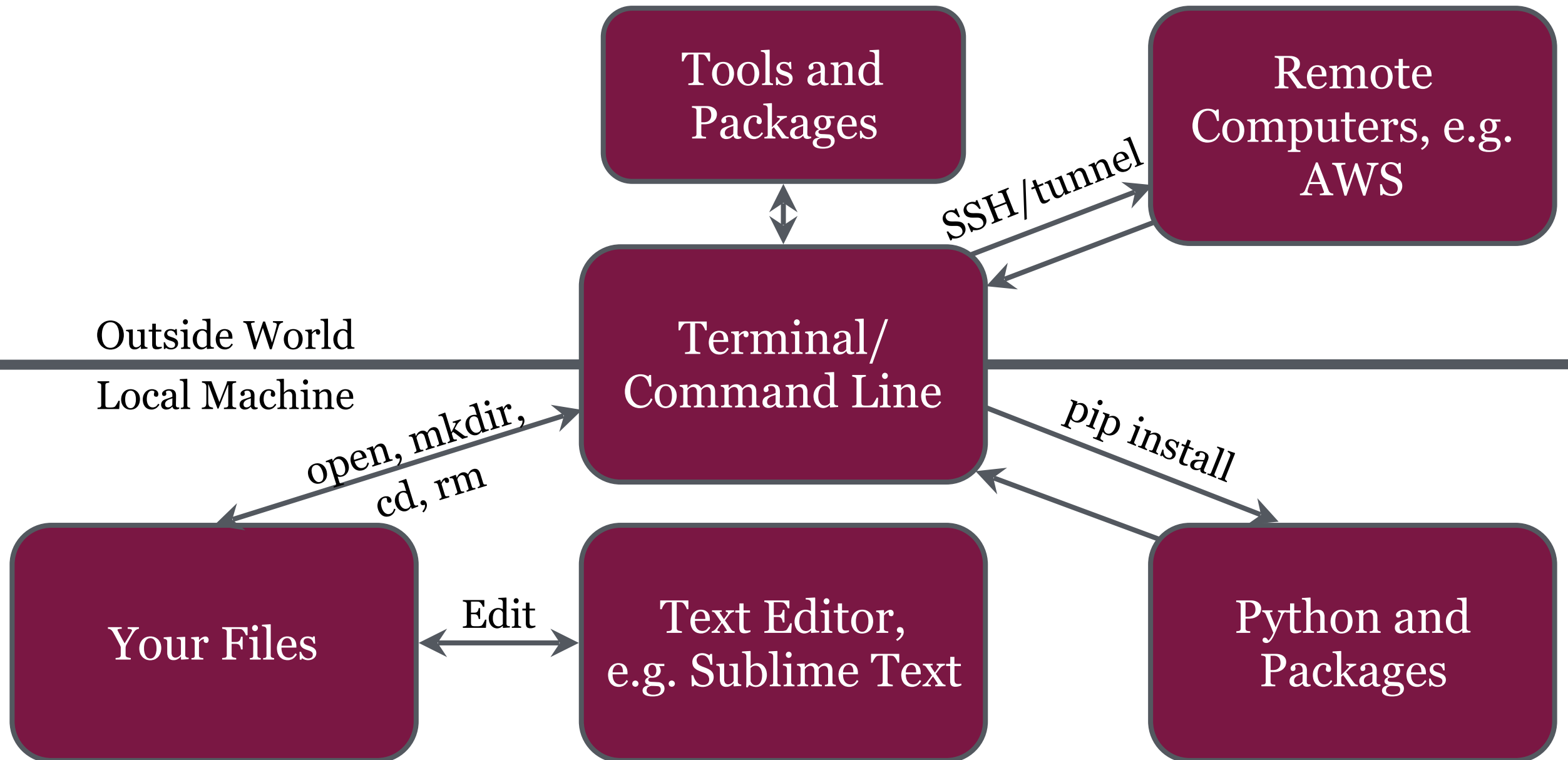
BREAK

10 mins

GIT

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▸ Version control is necessary when working on complex projects.

▸ Git is a way of tracking changes we've made to our programs that allows us to go back in time to fix errors.

▸ Combined with Github, Git is a powerful tool for collaborating with colleagues. You can work on different aspects of projects simultaneously and merge the changes together seamlessly.

▸ There are many different ways to use these tools.

GIT

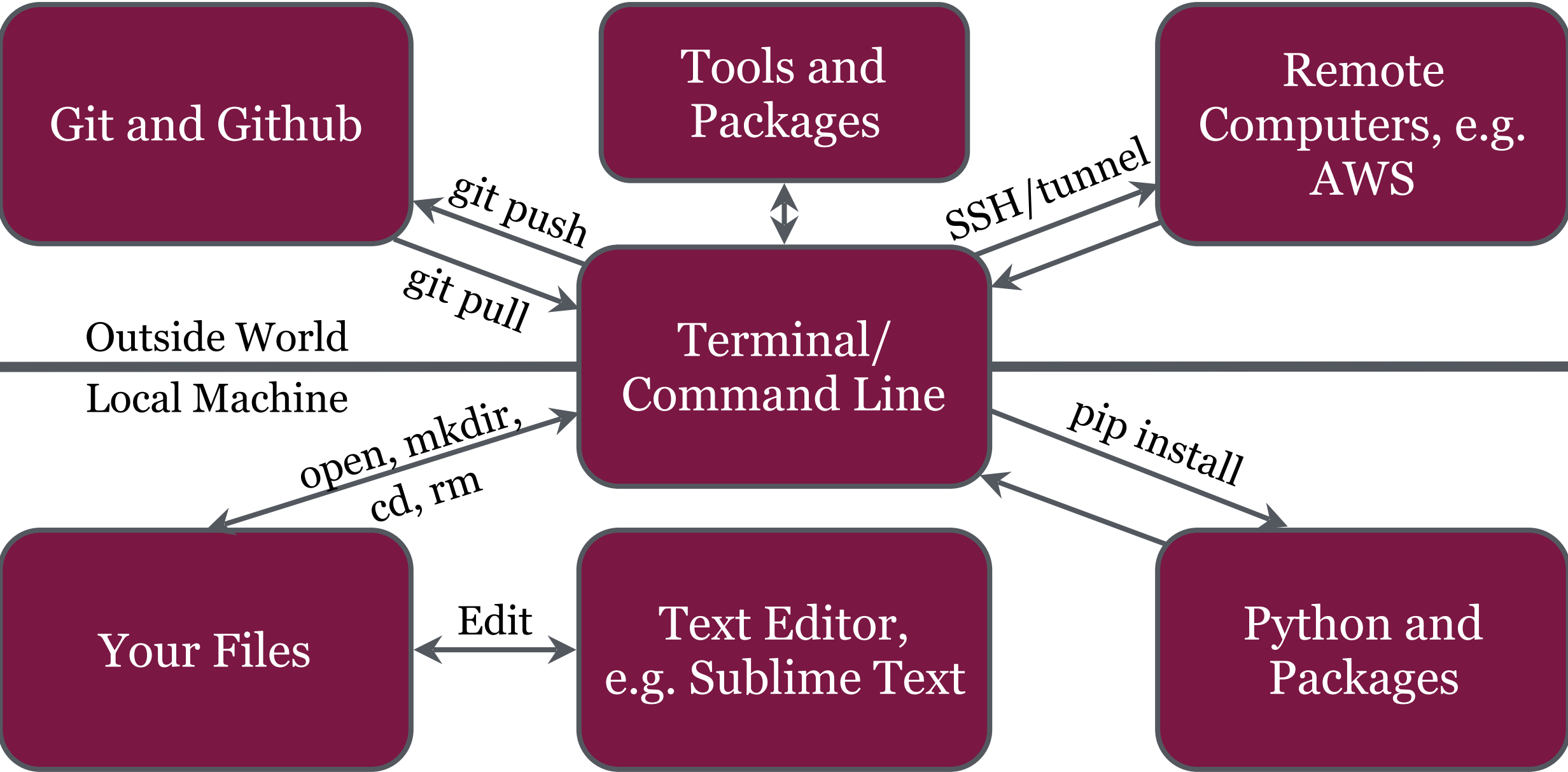‣Let's see an example of using Git and Github.

‣There are three primary commands we'll use.

    ‣`git add`

    ‣`git commit`

    ‣`git push`

‣When a colleague wants to implement our change, we may use the command `git pull`.

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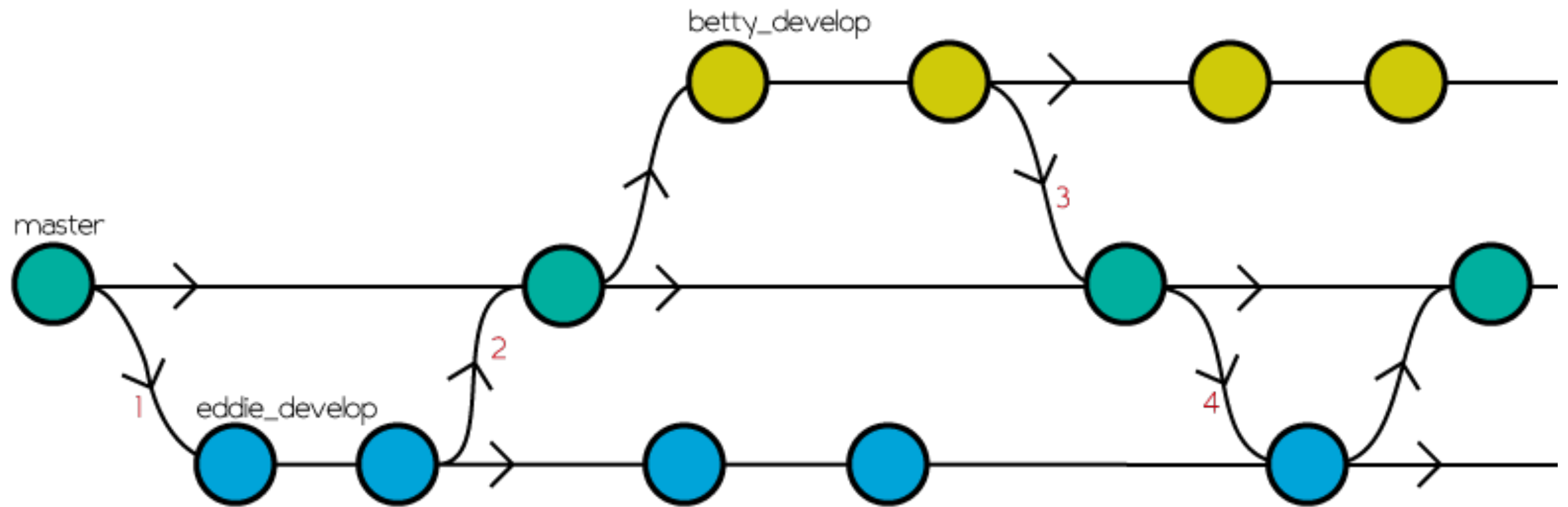
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EXERCISE

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

1. How are Python software modules shared?
2. What tools do you use to find and get new Python software?

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Answers to the above questions

GIT AND COMMAND LINE

ACTIVITY: GIT AND COMMAND LINE

DIRECTIONS (30 minutes)

1. https://guides.github.com/activities/hello-world/
2. https://try.github.io/
3. Don't forget to paste your github username in the slack channel if you haven't done so already

EXERCISE

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Github username

Q & A

BREAK

10 mins

GIT EXERCISE

GIT

‣ **Goal:** to fork and clone our own repositories on github, make sure we can edit a trivial file, and push it back up.
‣ **Secondary goal:** become comfortable wrestling the Git monster.

When the office git expert has to come fix everything

source: http://wheningit.tumblr.com/post...

BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER

EXERCISE

Activity (20 mins)

1. Break into groups of 4
2. Fork and clone the class repository at https://github.com/DAT-44-...
3. Create a text file in students/firstnamelastname.txt with your first name, last name, favorite food, and first place you would go if someone gave you a free plane ticket anywhere in the world.
4. 'Git add' the text file to your local repository
5. 'Git commit -m "type a commit message here"'
6. 'Git push origin'

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A link to your text file on github in the slack channel

ODDS AND PROBABILITY

ACTIVITY: ODDS & PROBABILITY

EXERCISE

DIRECTIONS (20 minutes)

Some of you may already be familiar with odds and probability.

1. We will use the starter code in lesson-02 of the class repo to review the concepts of odds and probability.

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Answer the questions in the notebook

TOPIC REVIEW

REVIEW

‣ What are some common data science tools?

‣ Why are these tools useful?

‣ Any other questions?

BEFORE NEXT CLASS:

Practice Git, review today's lesson, and schedule office hours with me, if needed.

EXIT TICKET

DON'T FORGET TO FILL OUT YOUR EXIT TICKET
=Will send link in slack