

# Directory Structures and changing directories

We quickly learned that no one has done much command line programming. Back in the day.....  
(But that just dates me...)

But we need to understand some command line work and how a computer is set up to make our life easier. We don't need to know much yet. But we need to know how to move around directories. when programming I usually find it easier to program in the directory I have things saved and to use relative directories. This will make sense in a second. So here are a few lines of code in order to show a directory structure. Lets look and then practice.....

The easiest way to avoid directories is to go to the directory you are working in and open your iPython notebook from there. But sometimes you can't do that. But we can use some linux or dos commands to move around

If you want to know the path to your current directory type pwd

**Your answers will look different than mine. So don't freak out. Take your time and this will make sense**

## Today's goals

- Become more comfortable with directories
- work in different directories
- know absolute and relative paths

## Some common nomenclature

- pwd - tells you the path or directory you are in
- ls - lists everything in that folder or directory you are in
- cd - change directory. Lets you change a directory
  - cd name changes directory into that folder
  - cd .. moves you up a directory
  - cd / moves you to root or the top of all your folders

Now Typing pwd shows you the path of where you are working

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In [22]: pwd
```

```
Out[22]: 'C:\\work-teaching\\python\\fall18\\BigDataPython'
```

If you want to know what is in your directory type list or "ls" on a mac or "dir" on a pc

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In [23]: ls
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Volume in drive C is Windows  
Volume Serial Number is 5E50-87CB
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```
Directory of C:\\work-teaching\\python\\fall18\\BigDataPython
```

```

09/03/2018 02:43 PM <DIR> .
09/03/2018 02:43 PM <DIR> ..
08/30/2018 09:57 AM <DIR> .git
08/30/2018 09:57 AM <DIR> .ipynb_checkpoints
10/17/2017 09:57 PM 171 ~$Species-Arsenic-Data.xlsx
09/16/2005 09:05 PM 192,305 127_2800.JPG
04/15/2015 05:22 PM 169,375 128.png
09/16/2005 09:05 PM 216,200 128_2801.JPG
01/28/2015 10:32 PM 814 addition.html
01/28/2015 06:04 PM 100 addition.txt
01/28/2015 10:37 PM 667 addition1.html
01/29/2015 10:17 AM 569 addition-1to50.html
10/15/2015 01:05 PM 153,511 Arctic-Shrub_Christa.xlsx
02/24/2015 10:37 AM 20,280 array-axes.png
10/13/2015 09:47 AM 133,993 As-corr.pdf
10/15/2015 03:39 PM 67,017 As-corr14.png
10/17/2017 09:42 PM 133,993 As-corr2.pdf
10/13/2015 10:19 AM 66,118 As-corr4.png
03/05/2015 04:01 PM 94,685 As-corr-4.png
10/17/2017 09:53 PM 96,264 As-corr6.png
08/11/2015 04:30 PM 0 bad-Fit a line answers.ipynb
08/31/2015 01:25 PM 88,992 bad-FitALine.ipynb
12/20/2017 01:01 PM 8,109,922 BarnardTree.html
11/22/2016 01:23 PM 113,976 basic_animation.mp4
11/12/2017 11:09 PM 12,693 BloodLeadData.xlsx
11/12/2017 11:29 PM 13,247 BloodLeadDataStateFolium.xlsx
11/12/2017 10:40 PM 657,143 BloodLeadNTA.html
10/11/2016 12:11 PM 53,847 boxplot_structure.png
10/10/2016 09:09 AM 3,139 Brian!.png
10/10/2016 09:09 AM 1,380 Brian.csv
10/10/2016 09:10 AM 6,168 brianhw.ipynb
11/12/2017 10:36 PM 495,917 brooklynLocations.html
11/12/2017 09:45 PM 48,875 BrooklynPublicLead.xlsx
11/11/2015 09:55 AM 16,225 Cartopy.docx
03/25/2015 10:29 PM 203,178 cartopy-extras.ipynb
08/30/2018 09:57 AM <DIR> cb_2016_us_cd115_5m
08/30/2018 09:57 AM <DIR> cb_2016_us_state_5m
01/22/2015 06:29 PM 4,093,009 central_park.csv
10/22/2015 08:49 AM 61,510 central_park_core.jpg
01/21/2016 06:16 AM 283,904 check_for_correlations.ipynb
10/20/2015 10:47 AM 312,364 Chillrud-Abstract.png
10/19/2015 04:20 PM 84,555 Chillrud-es9807892.pdf
10/19/2015 04:24 PM 111,179 Chillrud-es9807892_Page_1.png
10/19/2015 04:24 PM 205,754 Chillrud-es9807892_Page_2.png
10/19/2015 04:24 PM 169,148 Chillrud-es9807892_Page_3.png
10/19/2015 04:24 PM 140,387 Chillrud-es9807892_Page_4.png
10/19/2015 04:24 PM 106,436 Chillrud-es9807892_Page_5.png
10/19/2015 04:24 PM 26,296 Chillrud-es9807892_Page_6.png
04/15/2015 05:32 PM 1,442,071 china.gif
10/20/2016 11:00 AM 533,710 christa.pdf
10/21/2015 12:09 PM 4,573 Christa_axis_names.ipynb
10/20/2016 11:10 AM 290,679 Christa_thesis.ipynb
10/20/2016 11:08 AM 52,161 christa-4.png
10/20/2016 11:08 AM 70,384 christa-6.png
10/23/2015 01:01 PM 25,338 co2-2000-diff.png
10/23/2015 01:01 PM 36,674 co2-diff.png
10/23/2015 01:01 PM 10,768 co2-monthly-diff.png
11/10/2017 04:49 PM 12,920 CO2Stations.xlsx
11/03/2017 09:37 AM 7,498,981 convert.json
10/20/2015 10:55 AM 1,642 CoreEM09GC01.csv
11/02/2015 10:34 AM 1,661 CoreEM09GC01-extra-line.csv
08/30/2018 09:57 AM <DIR> directories
01/23/2015 05:28 PM 966,364 directory-structure.html
09/03/2018 02:43 PM 775,848 directory-structure.ipynb

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03/24/2015	04:03 PM	5,998,832	EM09-GC-01_comp.jpg
10/28/2015	05:10 PM	106,895	EM09-GC01-Cropped.jpg
03/04/2015	02:59 PM	90,615	enumerate.ipynb
09/20/2017	05:25 PM	17,738	equationoffline.ipynb
09/20/2017	05:17 PM	17,738	equationoffline_v2.ipynb
09/25/2017	11:13 AM	37,465	equationoffline-answer.ipynb
10/14/2016	04:53 PM	42,402	File-3D_Vector.svg
10/12/2015	04:43 PM	15,973	filetest.pdf
03/04/2015	11:00 AM	21,955	filetest3.pdf
10/12/2015	04:46 PM	136,975	filetest4.pdf
11/12/2017	11:43 PM	5,823	FirstMap.html
11/19/2017	05:11 PM	74,744	FirstTrySST.png
09/29/2017	01:42 PM	57,933	Fit a line answers.ipynb
10/02/2017	09:01 AM	117,882	FitALine.ipynb
03/19/2015	12:38 PM	64,749	fldav_ljo.csv
10/05/2017	12:53 PM	4,709	for-loop-HW.ipynb
09/23/2017	01:30 PM	46,303	for-loops.ipynb
02/13/2015	04:23 PM	2,180	gdp.csv
08/31/2015	02:26 PM	2,180	gdp_and_lifespan.csv
02/12/2015	04:46 PM	4,841	GDP_Lifespan_all_data.csv
08/31/2015	02:29 PM	1,125	gdp_only.csv
08/31/2015	02:26 PM	2,180	gdp2 - Copy.csv
08/31/2015	02:26 PM	2,180	gdp2.csv
08/11/2015	04:28 PM	1,999	gdp2015.csv
02/12/2015	04:46 PM	4,841	GDP-Lifespan - Copy.csv
02/12/2015	04:46 PM	4,841	GDP-Lifespan.csv
08/30/2018	09:57 AM	<DIR>	gif
03/25/2015	05:39 PM	112,257	globe.jpg
08/30/2018	09:57 AM	<DIR>	grading_rubrics
11/29/2016	05:55 PM	55,614	groupby.ipynb
11/29/2016	04:51 PM	9,931	groupby.xlsx
11/01/2017	09:18 AM	3,436,530	gz_2010_us_050_00_20m.json
09/24/2015	03:52 PM	15,097,040	Harris-fit-a-line.pdf
01/16/2015	03:42 PM	3,142	hw2-picture.png
08/30/2018	09:57 AM	<DIR>	icec
11/19/2017	03:16 PM	72,210,029	icec.day.mean.2016.v2.nc
09/26/2017	06:15 PM	100,259	ifelif.ipynb
09/25/2017	09:14 PM	13,391	ifelif-lga-jfk-answer.ipynb
08/11/2015	04:30 PM	0	ifelif-lga-jfk-answer-bad.ipynb
10/14/2016	04:56 PM	1,221	ijk.gif
08/30/2018	09:57 AM	<DIR>	images
01/23/2015	05:28 PM	240,077	intro-to-python-types-print-lists.html
09/13/2017	11:21 AM	31,982	intro-to-python-types-print-lists.ipynb
12/19/2015	10:01 AM	20,135	jps2192_hw12.ipynb
11/05/2015	11:05 AM	58,494	latitude-longitude.jpg
11/06/2017	11:11 AM	5,082	lead.html
11/12/2017	09:14 PM	5,652	LeadPublic.html
11/12/2017	09:14 PM	5,652	LFirstMap.html
03/04/2015	10:38 PM	45,389	libby.png
03/05/2015	02:44 PM	110,086	libby.svg
03/05/2015	04:43 PM	163,756	libby_thesis.ipynb
03/07/2015	04:01 PM	16,753	Libby_Thesis_Data.csv
10/15/2015	09:42 AM	162,712	libby_thesis-Copy1.ipynb
03/05/2015	12:29 PM	59,728	libby2.pdf
03/05/2015	04:42 PM	45,683	libby-4.png
03/05/2015	04:43 PM	66,755	libby-6.png
03/02/2015	11:11 PM	151,796	lin1.pdf
09/14/2017	10:20 AM	5,679	line_styles_reference.png
09/20/2017	08:53 AM	16,485	lists.ipynb
01/23/2015	05:28 PM	276,129	make-a-list-plot-it.html
09/20/2017	08:54 AM	197,794	make-a-list-plot-it.ipynb
10/31/2017	02:08 PM	5,643,471	mapping_v1.ipynb
10/31/2017	02:07 PM	5,643,471	mapping_v1-Copy1.ipynb
11/21/2017	01:55 PM	12,305,332	mapping_v2-2017.ipynb
11/12/2017	10:41 PM	9,225,170	mapping_v2-2017-Copy1.ipynb

11/12/2017	07:23 PM	175,804	MappingHW2017_v1.ipynb
10/31/2017	09:42 AM	105,038	ML0-Bonus-BoxModel.ipynb
02/04/2016	08:14 AM	99,961	ML0-Bonus-BoxModel-Answers.ipynb
10/05/2017	12:15 PM	242,591	more-line-fit.ipynb
10/03/2016	09:02 AM	96,595	more-line-fit-GDP-answers.ipynb
10/01/2016	09:19 AM	208,126	more-line-fit-old-with-poly1d.ipynb
02/28/2015	04:47 PM	146,851	multipage4.pdf
02/24/2015	02:04 PM	37,289	mystery.csv
11/19/2017	09:56 PM	1,245,566	netcdf-hw.ipynb
11/20/2017	09:49 AM	595,449	netcdf-v1.ipynb
04/24/2018	09:46 AM	202,918	NYC-School-Lead.ipynb
10/14/2016	04:47 PM	73,603	Pandaborg.jpg
02/28/2015	11:49 AM	112,729	pandas_hw_scatter_plot.ipynb
10/11/2017	08:57 AM	388,499	Pandas_Well_Data.ipynb
03/11/2015	10:08 AM	485,825	pandas_well_data_cut.ipynb
10/17/2017	09:41 PM	1,169,979	pandas_well_data_part2.ipynb
10/04/2015	05:32 PM	423,840	pandas_well_data_part3.ipynb
03/02/2015	11:14 PM	491,186	pandas_well_data_part4.ipynb
04/15/2015	05:23 PM	1,201,433	pandas-china-air.ipynb
11/11/2017	06:57 PM	1,178,733	pandas-correlations.ipynb
08/30/2018	09:57 AM	<DIR>	pandas-correlations.ipynb1k9g48
11/06/2017	04:37 PM	283,825	pandas-mauna-lao.ipynb
10/18/2016	12:13 PM	1,753,449	pandas-related.jpg
10/31/2017	11:45 AM	511,774	pandastimeseries.ipynb
10/20/2016	11:23 AM	112,633	pandas-unit-convert.ipynb
10/14/2016	04:47 PM	155,287	PeterPanda2-phineas-pherb.jpg
10/24/2017	10:53 AM	10,061,715	plotcoredata.ipynb
10/27/2017	11:45 AM	475,701	plotcoredata_answer.ipynb
09/20/2016	12:10 PM	23,724	Plot-HW.ipynb
11/19/2017	05:19 PM	35,212,696	PolarSeaIce-ezgif.com-gif-maker.gif
11/06/2017	11:10 AM	8,011,881	pyshp-demo.json
01/22/2015	06:29 PM	4,201	python.jpg
10/01/2015	03:28 PM	1,723	random-numbers.ipynb
09/21/2016	11:14 AM	151,351	range-linspace.ipynb
01/22/2015	06:29 PM	122	README.md
11/03/2017	11:42 AM	3,299,727	schoolDistricts.json
09/17/2005	10:34 AM	187,843	Seawolf.JPG
09/20/2016	11:34 AM	26,926	SineAndB.jpg
10/19/2016	09:18 AM	37,636	Species-Arsenic-Data.xlsx
08/30/2018	09:57 AM	<DIR>	sst
11/15/2016	12:27 PM	474,352,740	sst.day.mean.2014.v2.nc
11/16/2015	05:47 PM	416,131,525	sst.day.mean.2015.v2.nc
11/19/2017	09:58 PM	18,304,578	sst-2014-ezgif.com-gif-maker.gif
10/14/2016	04:57 PM	19,495	standard_unit_vectors_3d.png
11/12/2017	11:31 PM	2,209,819	states.html
01/26/2015	11:14 AM	2,759	stringhw.ipynb
09/14/2017	02:08 PM	11,428	strings.ipynb
11/12/2017	07:19 PM	13,121	summary_2015C02State.xlsx
11/06/2017	10:42 AM	3,487,715	testScores.html
11/12/2017	10:41 PM	9,225,170	This has the NTA Lead Map.ipynb
01/23/2015	05:28 PM	443,034	time-series-first-analysis_v2.html
09/03/2018	01:17 PM	208,363	time-series-first-analysis_v2.ipynb
01/30/2015	02:44 PM	281	try-except.ipynb
02/23/2015	10:49 PM	102	twoD1.csv
10/05/2017	11:36 AM	429,350	TwoDArrays.ipynb
08/10/2015	03:04 PM	9,256	Untitled.ipynb
11/20/2016	09:26 PM	1,315,318	Untitled1.ipynb
10/15/2017	10:38 PM	18,530	Untitled2.ipynb
08/30/2018	09:57 AM	<DIR>	uploadMe
10/31/2017	04:57 PM	89,263	us-states.json
03/27/2015	09:58 AM	53,449	weekly_mlo.csv
10/09/2015	11:37 AM	78,886	well_data.csv
03/26/2015	03:27 PM	128	well_sites.csv
02/27/2015	04:09 PM	2,589	Well-As.csv
01/28/2015	10:38 PM	14,896	worksheets.ipynb

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08/30/2018 09:57 AM <DIR> zips
02/14/2014 10:01 AM 3,194,354 zips.json
11/01/2017 09:06 AM 671,409 zips.zip
182 File(s) 1,160,198,642 bytes
15 Dir(s) 274,611,818,496 bytes free

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We can move up a directory using `cd ..`

In [24]: `cd ..`

C:\work-teaching\python\fall18

In [25]: `ls`

Volume in drive C is Windows  
Volume Serial Number is 5E50-87CB

Directory of C:\work-teaching\python\fall18

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08/30/2018 09:58 AM <DIR> .
08/30/2018 09:58 AM <DIR> ..
08/30/2018 09:57 AM <DIR> arsenic
08/30/2018 09:57 AM <DIR> bakker
05/18/2015 11:09 AM 272,677 Barnard_-_Lecture-Se_May_18__2015.pdf
08/30/2018 09:57 AM <DIR> basic-python
09/03/2018 02:43 PM <DIR> BigDataPython
08/30/2018 09:57 AM <DIR> BigDataPython-old
02/24/2015 04:11 PM 10,849 Brian.png
08/30/2018 09:57 AM <DIR> central-park
10/03/2014 10:13 AM 224,821 code-academy-python-part1.pdf
06/03/2014 09:48 AM 312,629 computationalpython_ipython.pdf
08/30/2018 09:57 AM <DIR> figures
08/30/2018 09:57 AM <DIR> grades
08/30/2018 09:57 AM <DIR> Homeworks
11/05/2015 12:52 PM 234,397 latitude-longitude.pptx
08/30/2018 09:57 AM <DIR> libby
09/19/2014 01:29 PM 90,464 map
03/25/2015 10:13 PM 1,248 map addresses for class 2015-40df218c02fc
copy.txt
09/19/2014 01:29 PM 90,464 map.png
09/17/2014 08:25 PM 14,906 myfirstpythonfigure.pdf
08/30/2018 09:57 AM <DIR> netcdf-old
08/30/2018 09:57 AM <DIR> New folder
08/13/2017 08:15 PM <DIR> New folder (2)
08/30/2018 09:57 AM <DIR> poster-session
10/03/2017 11:01 AM 1,317,920 p-values-s41562-017-0189-z.pdf
01/19/2015 12:02 PM 16,859 Python how to.docx
06/03/2014 09:48 AM 343,040 Re python.msg
09/03/2018 01:54 PM <DIR> ScreenFlow Videos
08/30/2018 09:58 AM <DIR> shortcourse
09/02/2018 06:49 PM <DIR> syllabus
08/30/2018 09:58 AM <DIR> temp-for-print
10/12/2015 08:54 AM 160,036 What Really Keeps Women Out of Tech - The
New York Times.pdf
01/29/2015 11:17 AM 17,101 worksheets.ipynb
08/30/2018 09:58 AM <DIR> worldprecip
14 File(s) 3,107,411 bytes
21 Dir(s) 274,611,818,496 bytes free

```

now you can move down a directory. Tab complete will help you.

In [26]: `cd BigDataPython/`

C:\work-teaching\python\fall18\BigDataPython

we can move to root (root is the main directory and I think it is called root after a tree..

```
In [27]: cd /
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C:\

now we can copy and paste and move all the way back. Having no spaces in you file and folder names makes life simpler

```
In [30]: cd C:\\work-teaching\\python\\fall18\\BigDataPython
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C:\work-teaching\python\fall18\BigDataPython

```
In [31]: pwd
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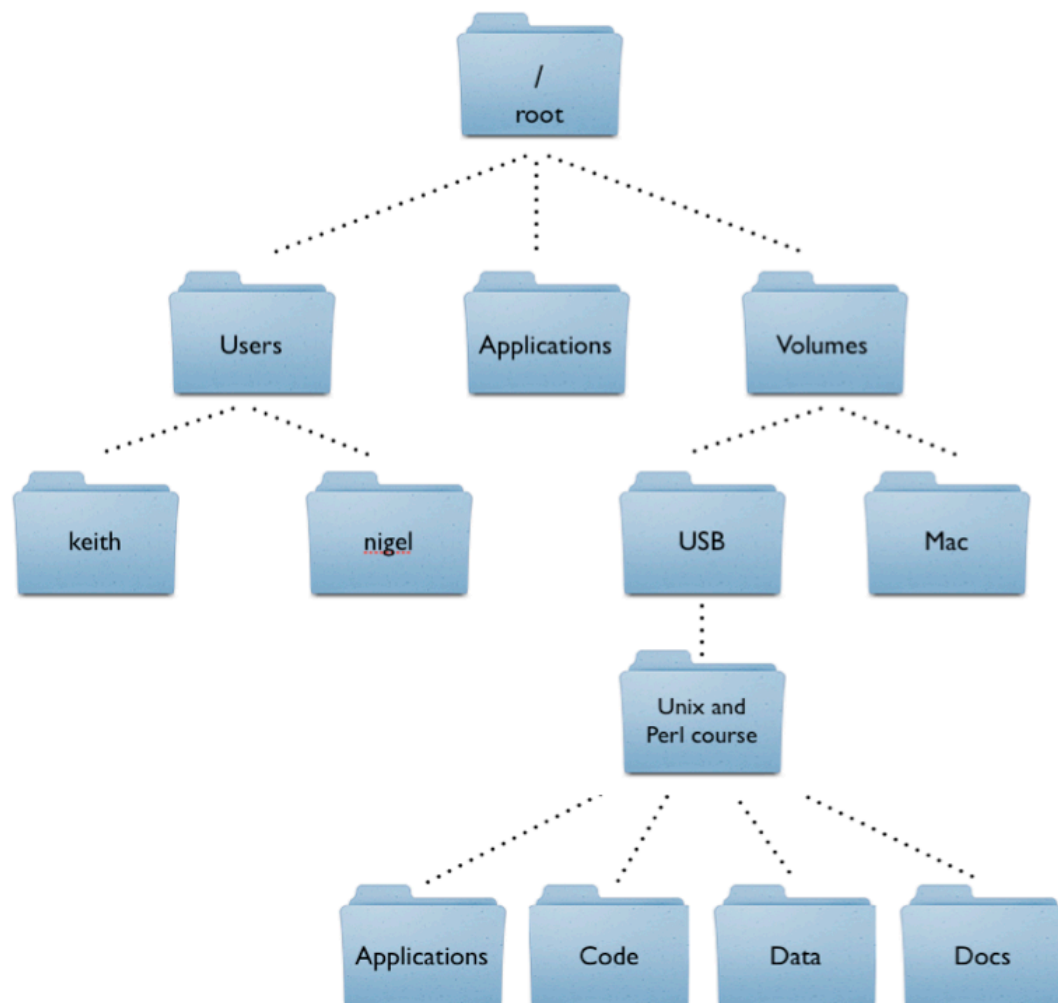
```
Out[31]: 'C:\\work-teaching\\python\\fall18\\BigDataPython'
```

Now I am going to show a picture below to show you what the directory structure looks like on a mac and then on a pc. But also look at the code and this is how you add an image using ipython! I turned on or imported the display library and then we are using it. This won't work for you yet because you don't have that image. I will show you how to add images later

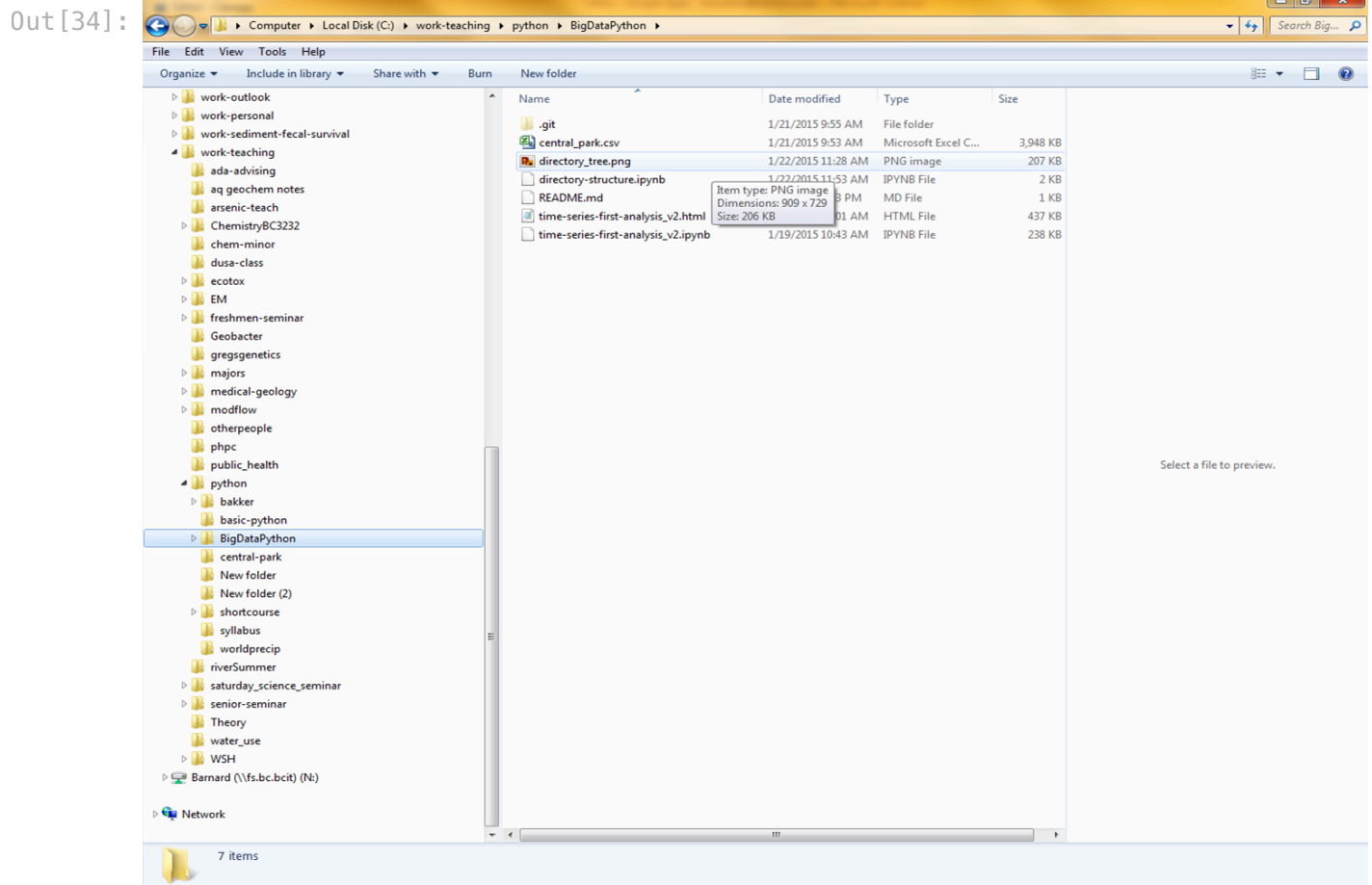
```
In [32]: from IPython.display import Image
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In [33]: Image(filename='directories/directory_tree.png')
```

Out[33]:



In [34]: `Image(filename='directories/folder-structure-home-comp.png')`



## Let's see if this all makes sense...

Your goal should be able to download a photo and then move to the correct directory and open it. You could also open them with an absolute path! As I did for the python image. Absolute paths can get you in trouble if you move folders around so i try to keep things with relative paths.

`Image(filename='/work-teaching/python/fall18/BigDataPython/python.jpg')`

can you download an image from the web and show it? Here is a webpage that gives you a lot of information about making ipython notebooks look good!

<http://nbviewer.ipython.org/github/adrn/ipython/blob/1.x/examples/notebooks/Part%20%20-%20Rich%20Display%20System.ipynb>

## Add something about Directory and organizing a computer and delete the mkdir

You can also make a new directory if you need it with mkdir

In [45]: `mkdir "space space"`

I added the quotes because I had white space in the name. Now that you are coding I would remove white space from names. It keeps life simple. Make sure you are comfortable moving around and getting to the usb key. What images are you going to load?

Finally if you want to learn about

\ backslashes

and

/ forward slashes

go here [https://pc.net/helpcenter/answers/backslash\\_vs\\_forward\\_slash](https://pc.net/helpcenter/answers/backslash_vs_forward_slash)

## Some thoughts

- I never make a directory in Python
- I know where I am working
- I open my notebook from that directory
- I save files I need into that directory
- I use the Mac Finder or Windows Explorer to make new directories as needed.
- On a Mac I like to see my harddrive on the desktop. THIS REALLY HELPS! You can turn this option on by going to Finder->Preferences and then making sure the hard drive box is checked.

## Before going forward!

- You need to turn to a neighbor
- Tell the neighbor what directory you are working in and where you will store files this semester

In [ ]: