Linux and git

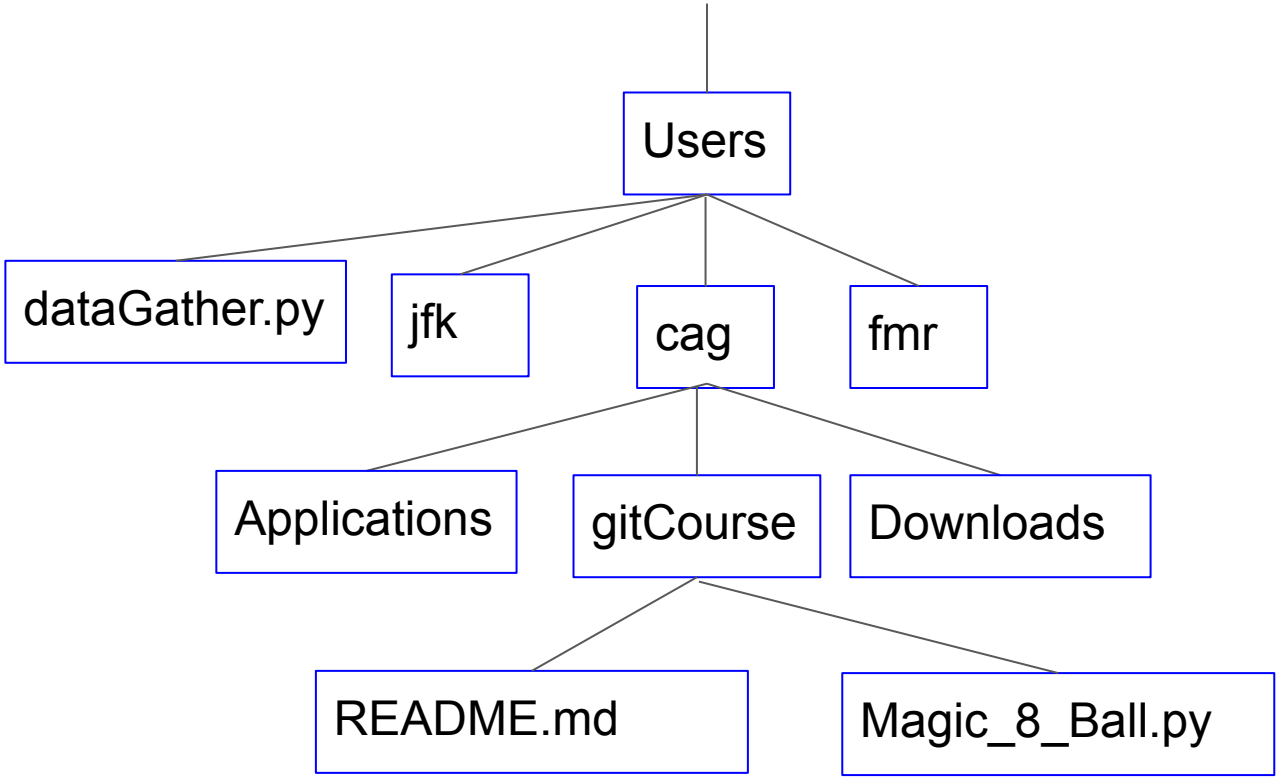
git for Field Technicians

Goals

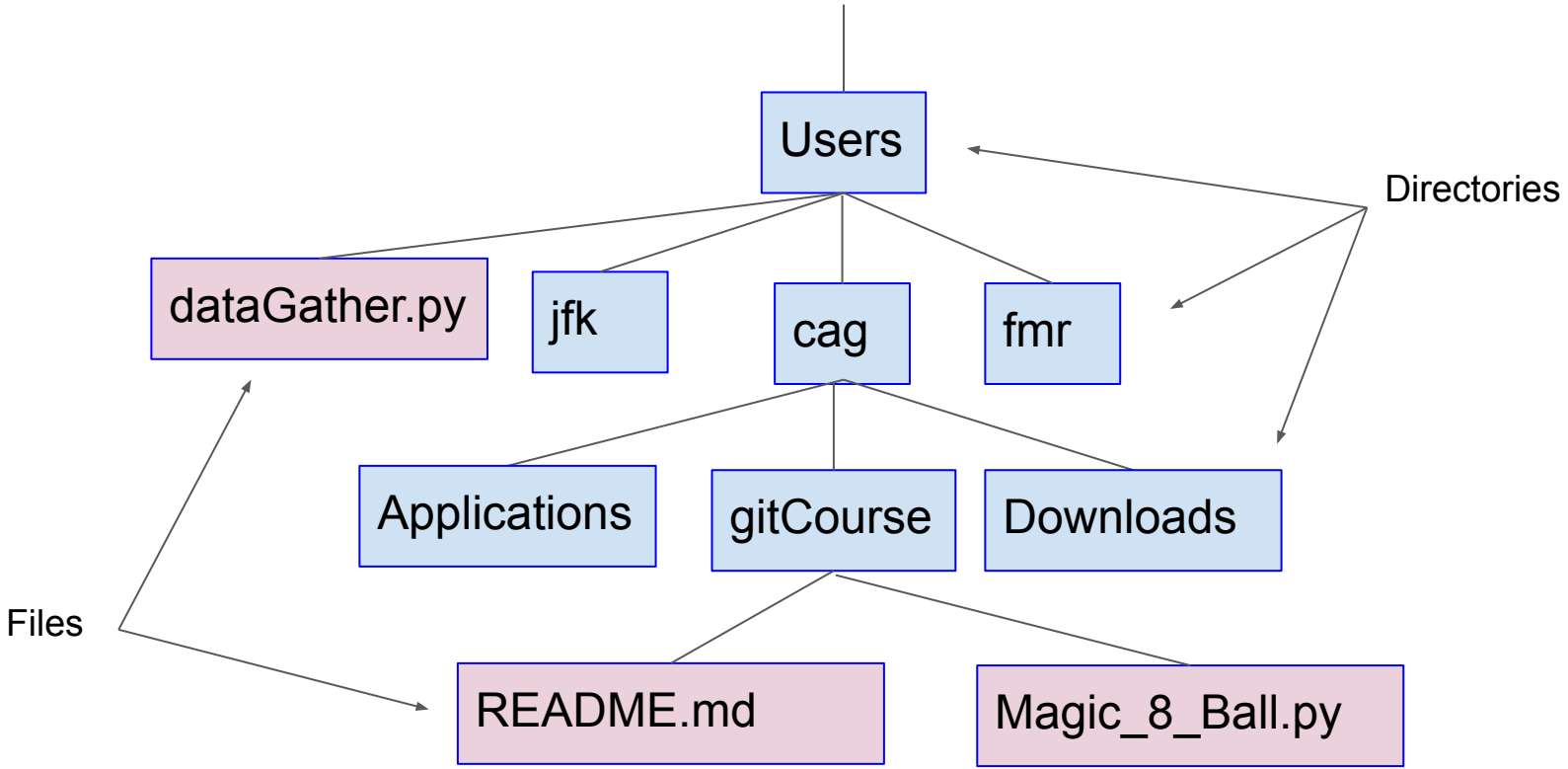
1. Check the status of the code on your computer
2. Check out, fetch, and pull your repository
3. Clone a git repository
4. Create a directory

Introduction to Linux

Linux is structured like a tree

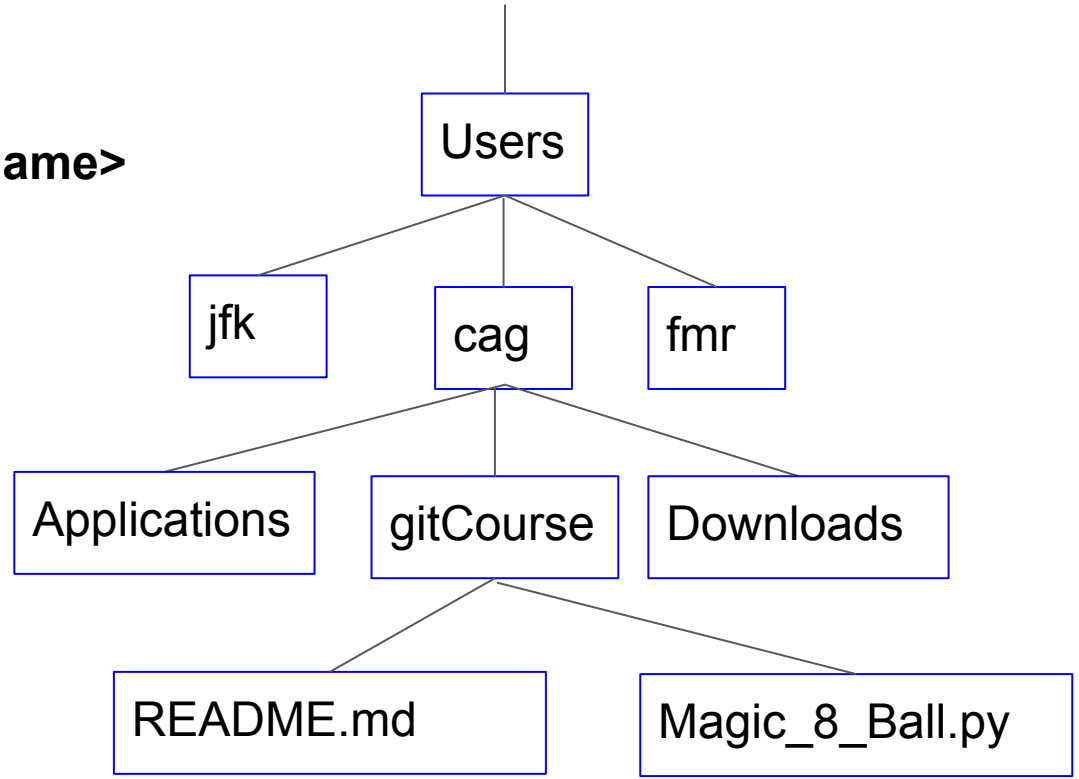


Directories can contain files and directories



Use the command **cd** to travel up and down the tree

cd <directory name>



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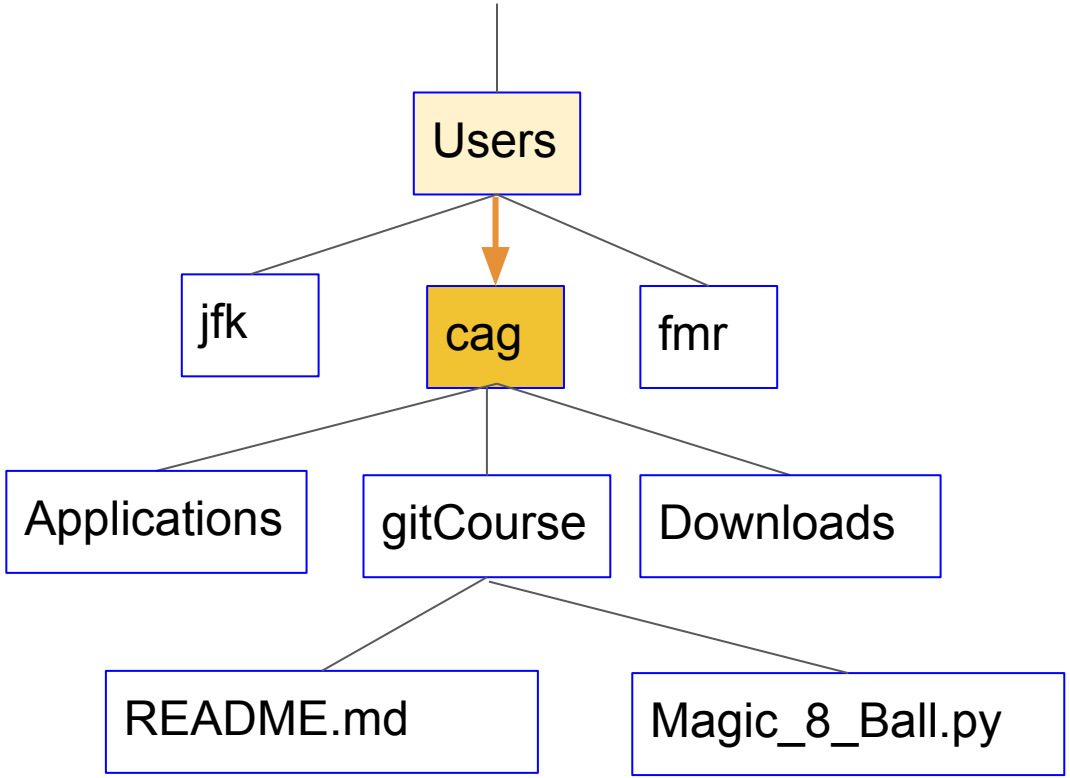

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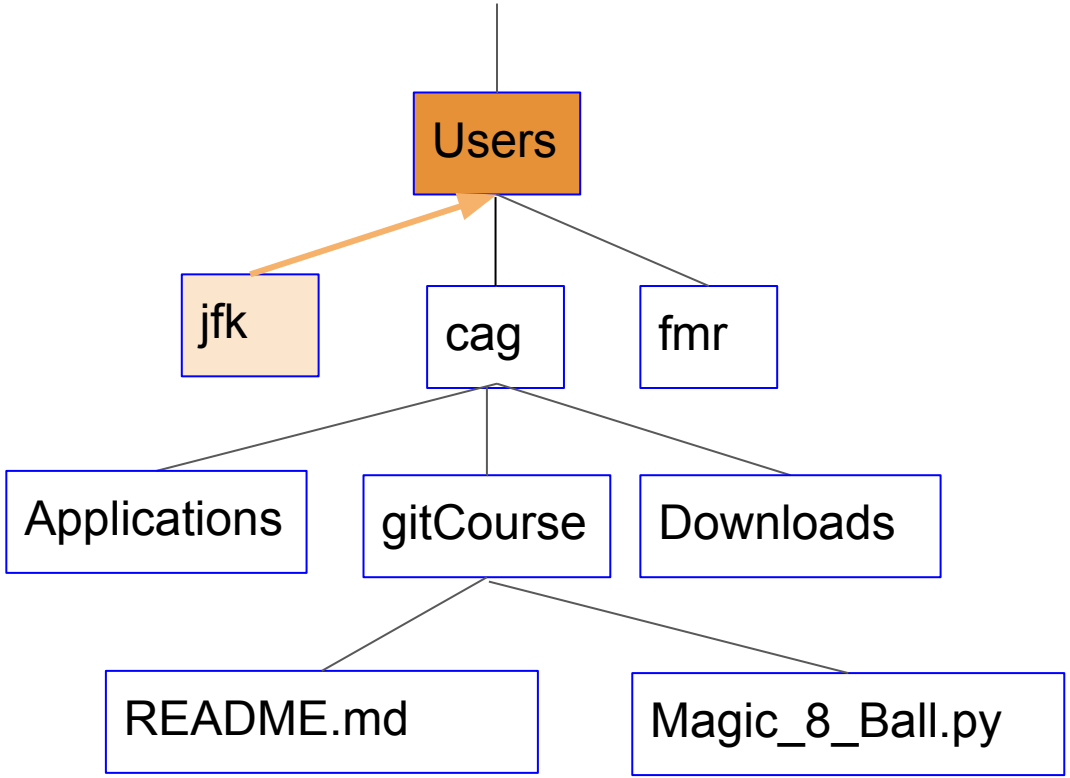
cd <directory name>

cd cag

Traversing up the tree



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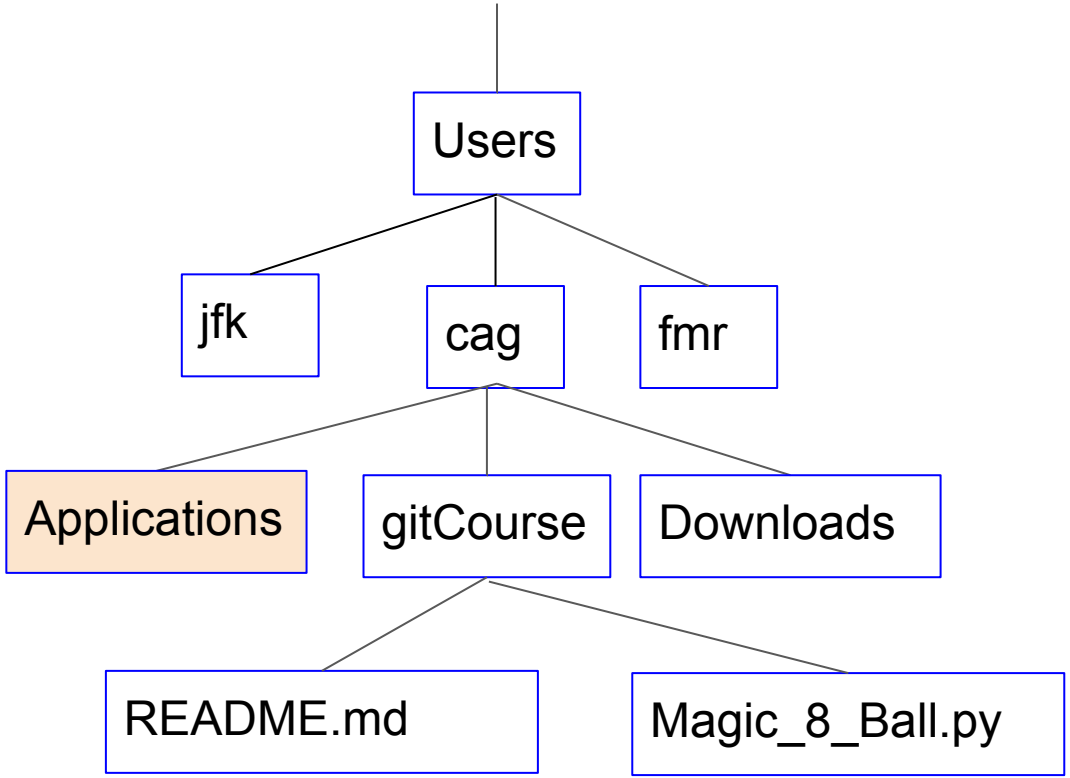

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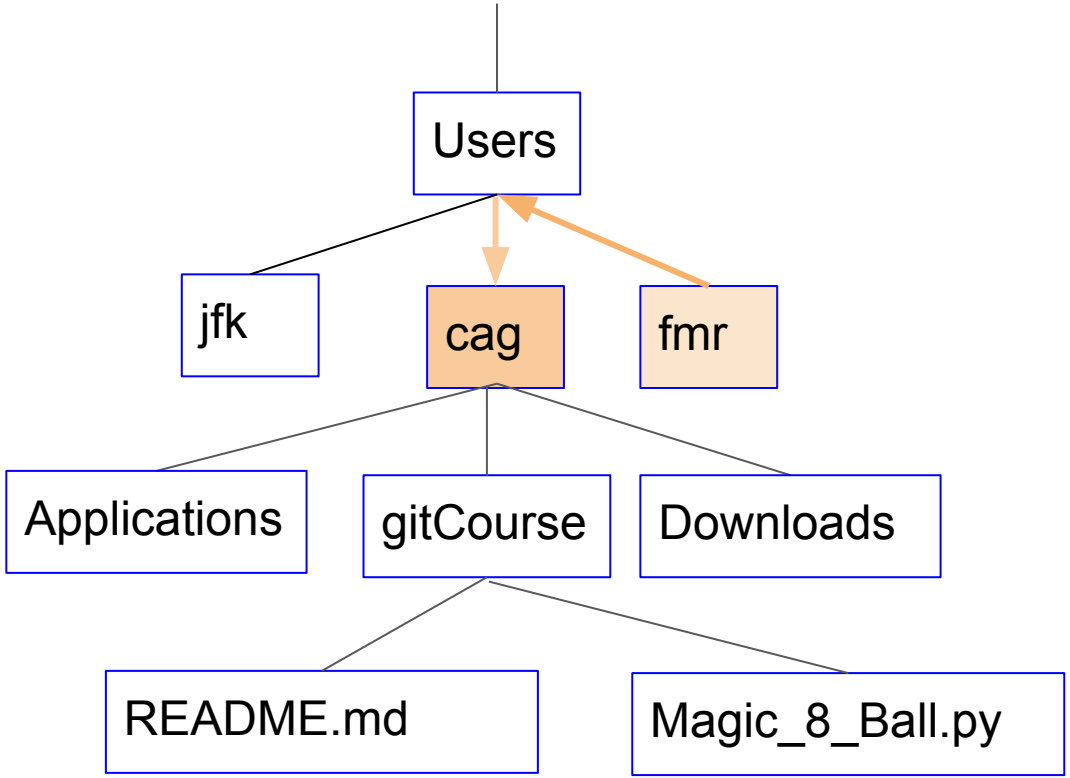
pwd

The name of the directory you are in is printed.

Going home



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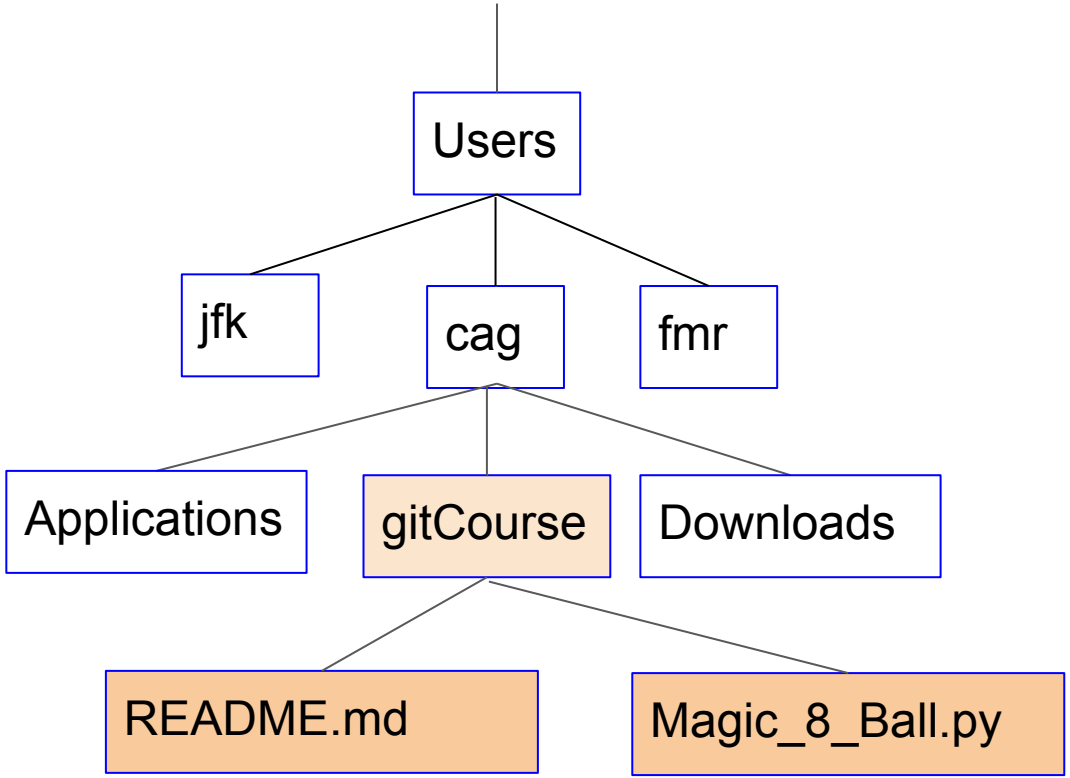
cd ~

You will return to your home directory

Listing directory contents



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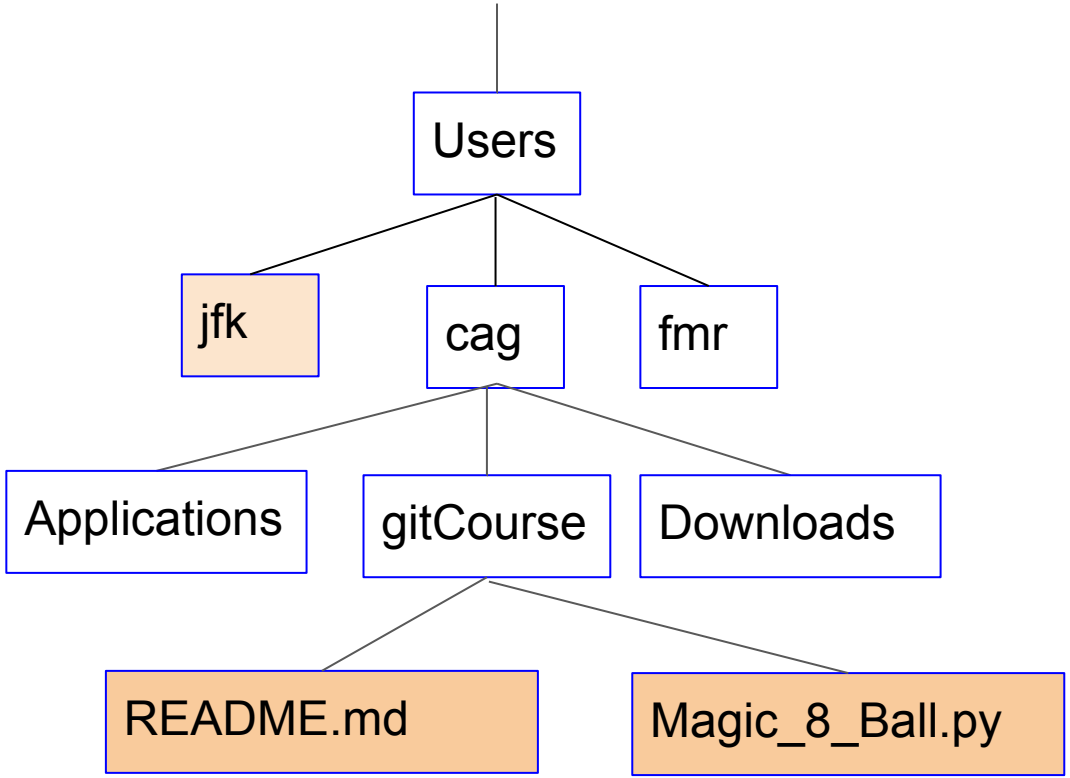
ls

The contents of gitCourse will be printed

Listing another directory's contents



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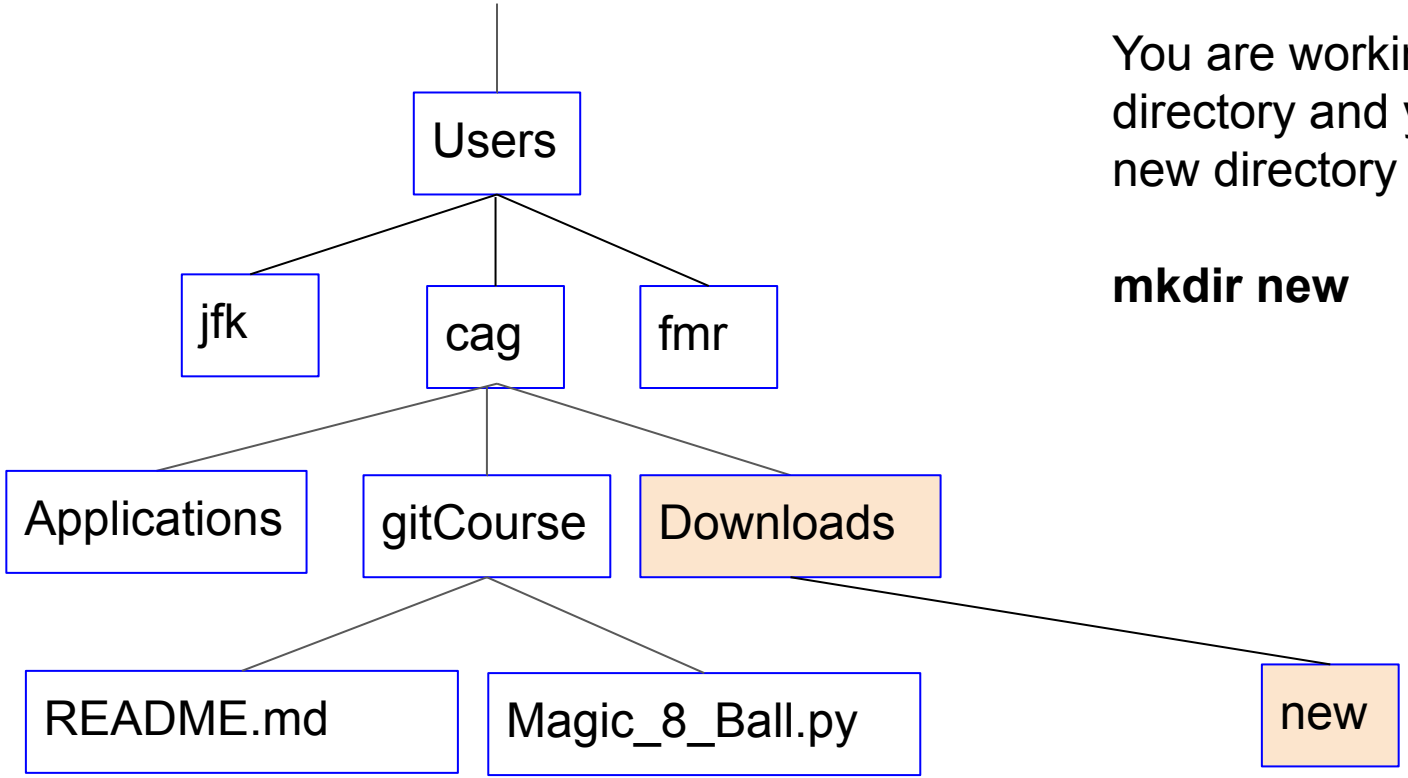
ls ~catherine.gamboa/gitCourse

The contents of gitCourse will be printed

Make a new directory



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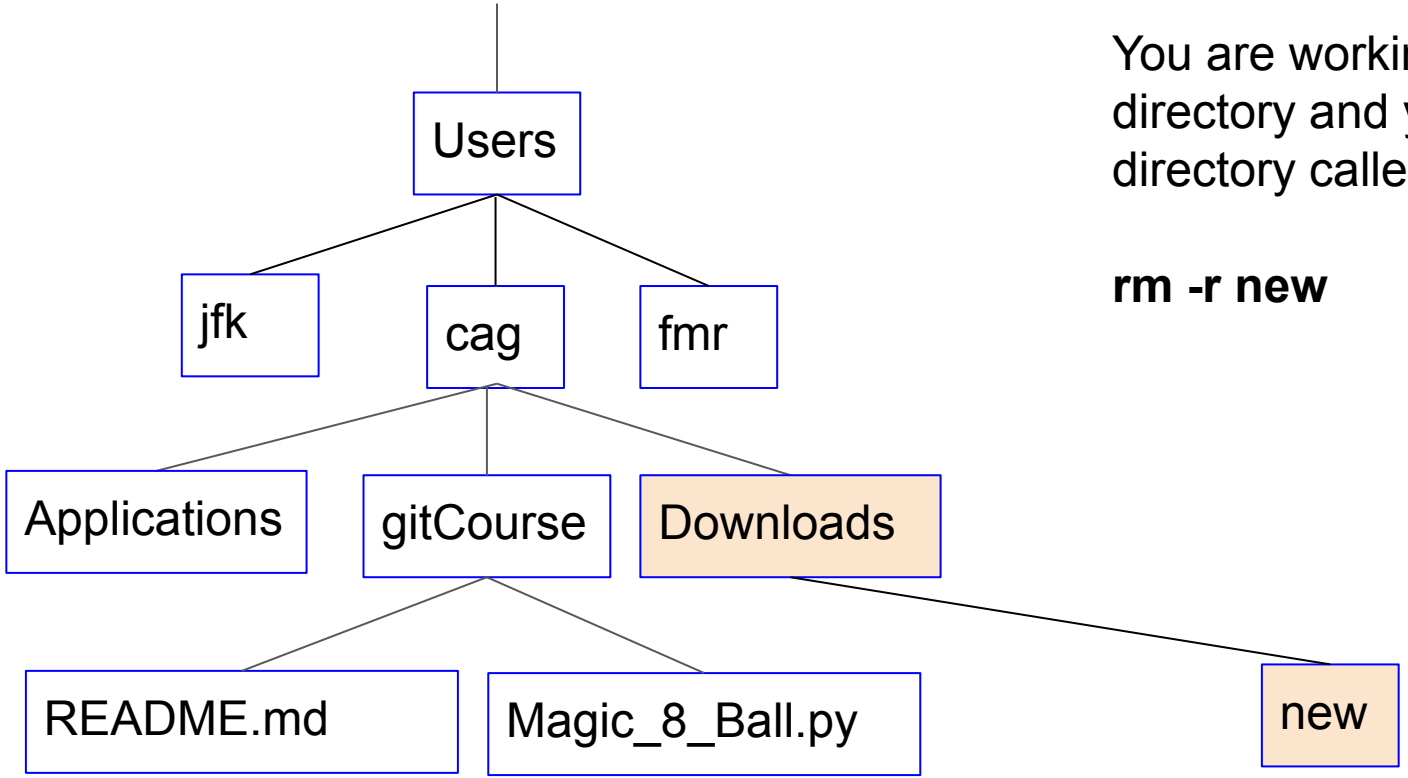
mkdir new

Delete a directory



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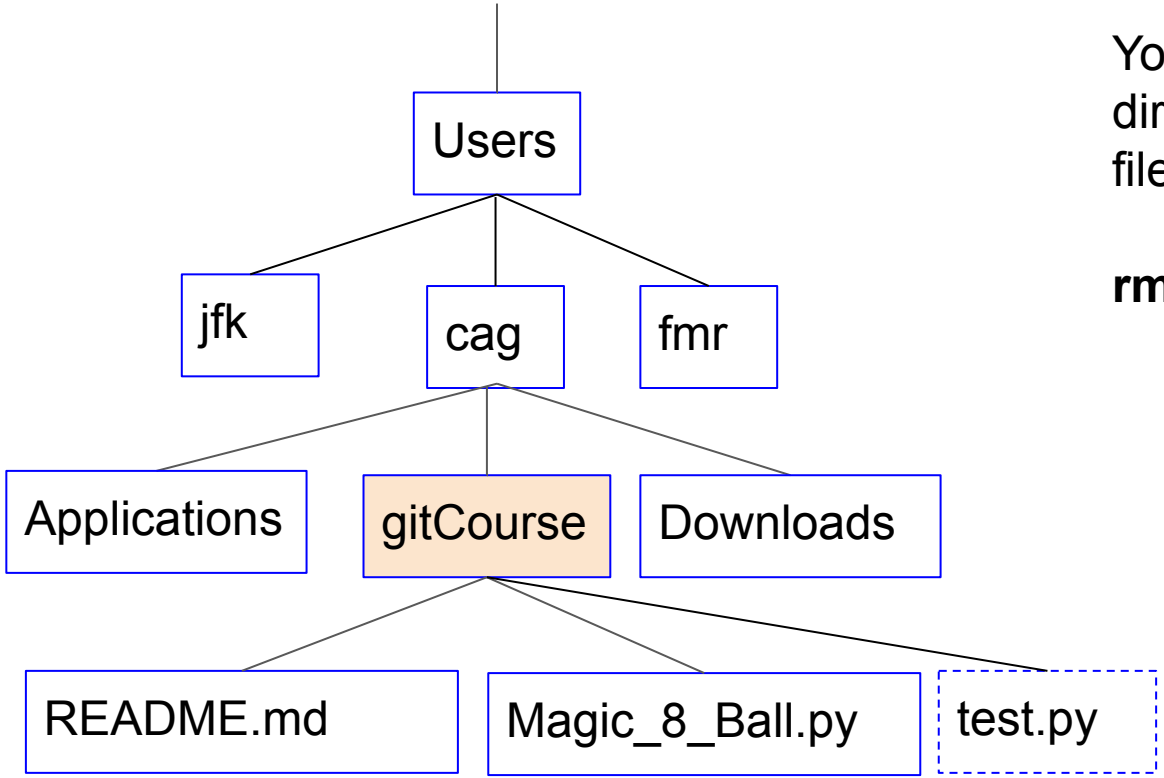
rm -r new

Delete a file



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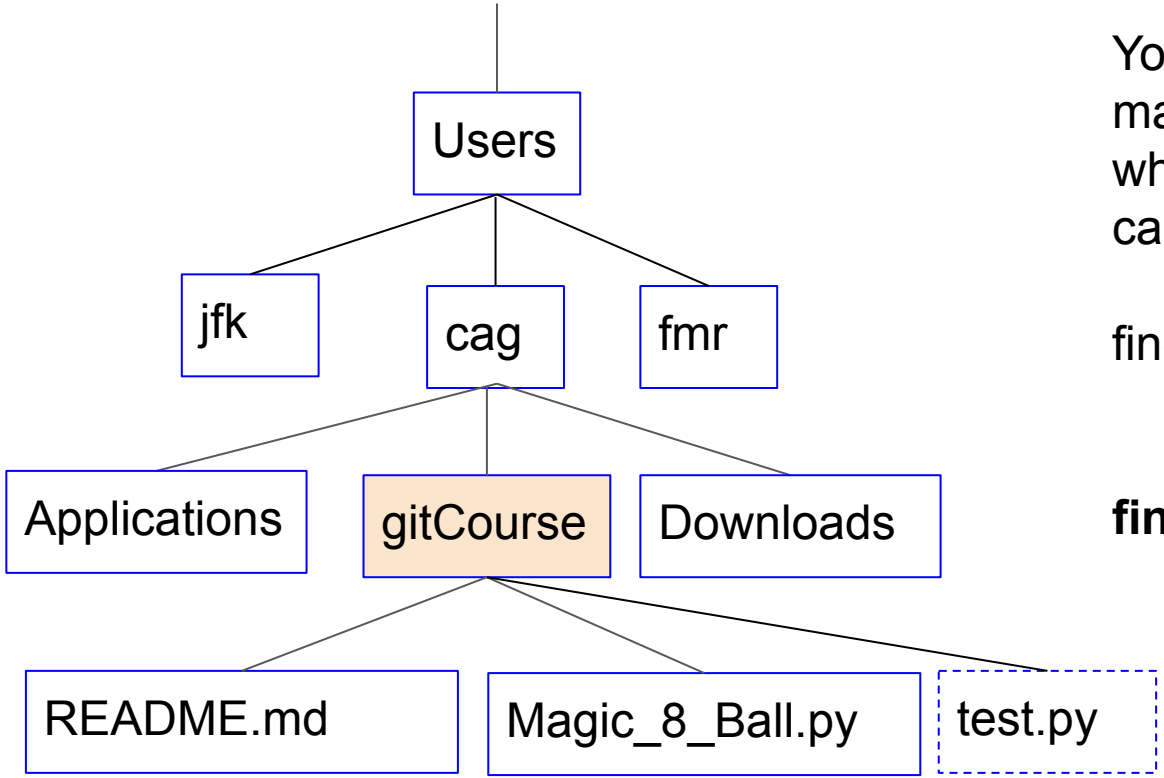
rm test.py

Find a file or directory



You are working on your Linux machine. You can't remember which directory contains your file called Magic_8_Ball.py

find ~/*/<file or directory name>

find ~/*/Magic_8_Ball.py

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The Linux Environment

Lab: The Linux environment

In this lab you:

Check for the presence of the correct directory

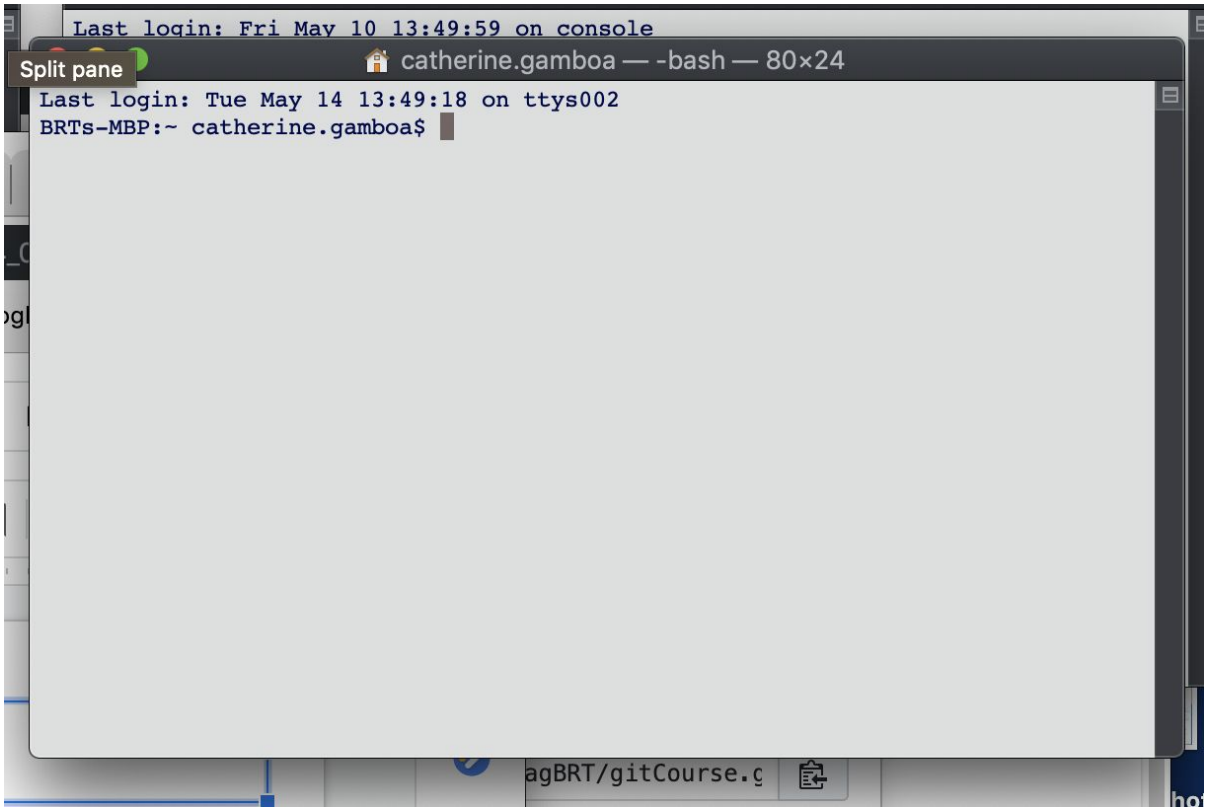
Make the directory if it is not present

Open a terminal window

You can open a terminal window using any method you choose.

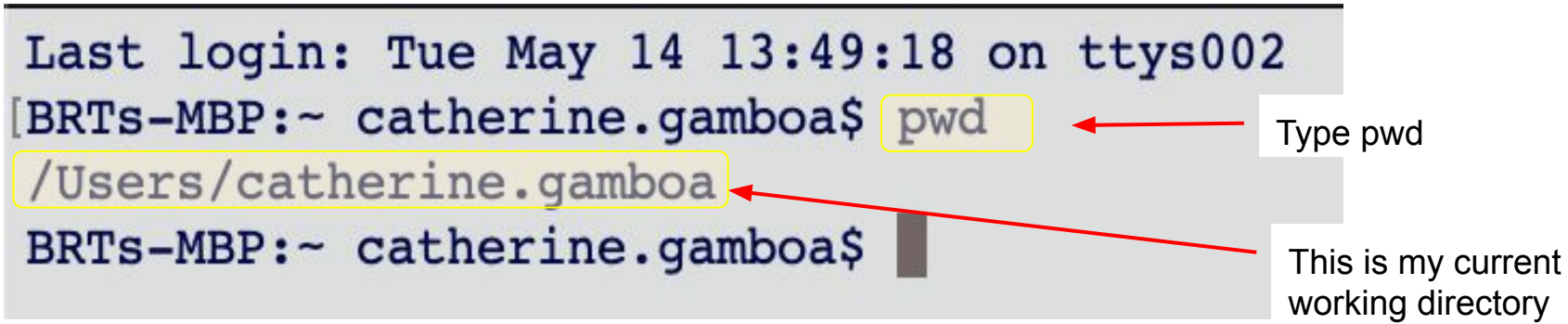
If you like, use the shortcut keys - Ctrl-Cmd-T

Use Linux commands in the terminal window



Use the command **pwd** to find where you are in the computer

pwd (print working directory): this command prints the current directory.



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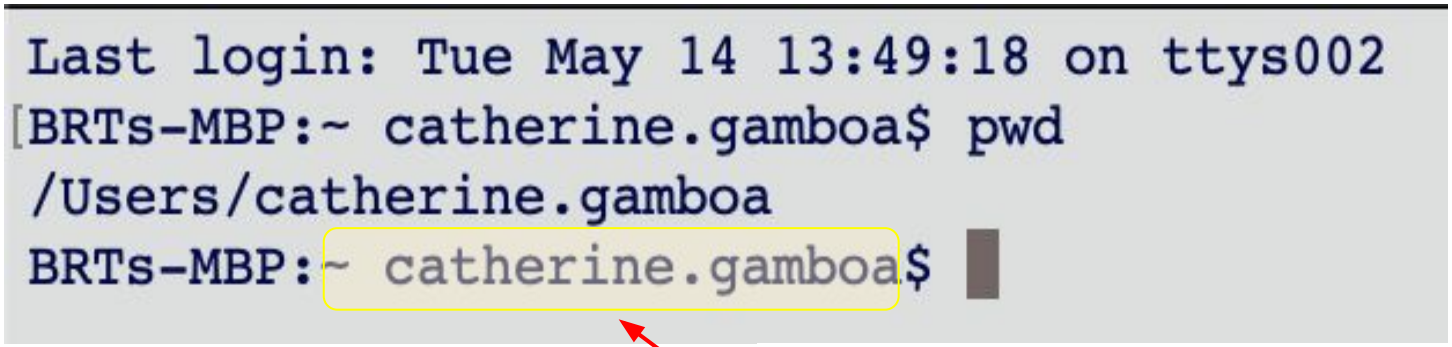
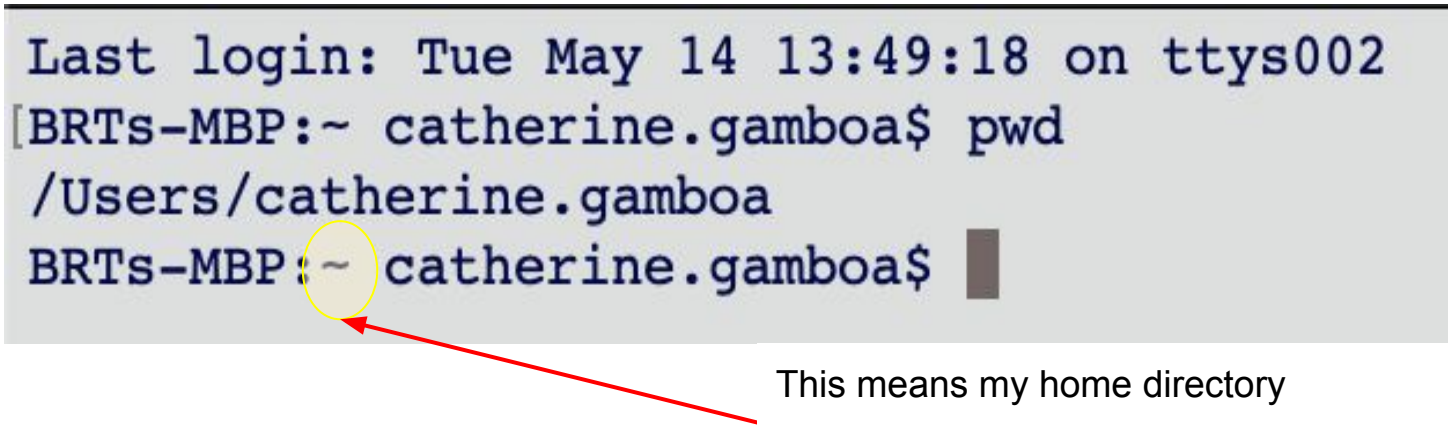


Notice the current directory name is included as part of the Linux prompt

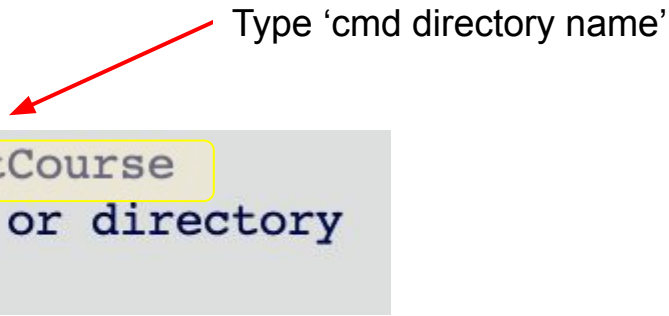
The ~ (tilda) command signifies your home directory



Use the command **cd** to change directories

cd (change directory): is used to change current working directory

For example cd <directory name>



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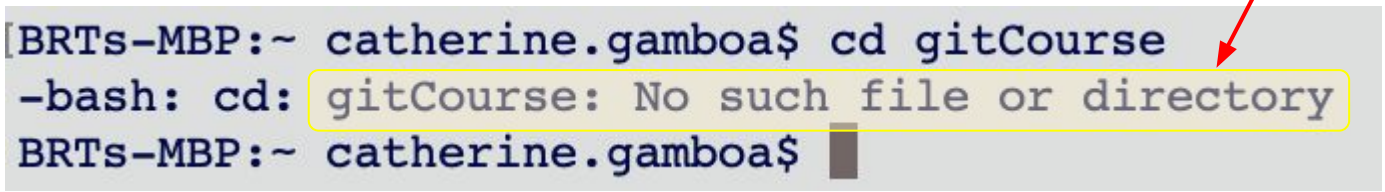


The directory may not exist

Caution: **it is a very common mistake to forget where you created your directory**.
If you use 'cd <directory name>' in the wrong directory, you will get this message, even though the directory exists somewhere on your computer.
(use the find command to find the file or directory)

The directory does not exist in my home directory

```
BRTs-MBP:~ catherine.gamboa$ cd gitCourse
-bash: cd: gitCourse: No such file or directory
BRTs-MBP:~ catherine.gamboa$
```

Create a directory

Step 1: make sure you are in the right directory

pwd

Step 2: make the directory using the ‘mkdir’ command

mkdir gitCourse

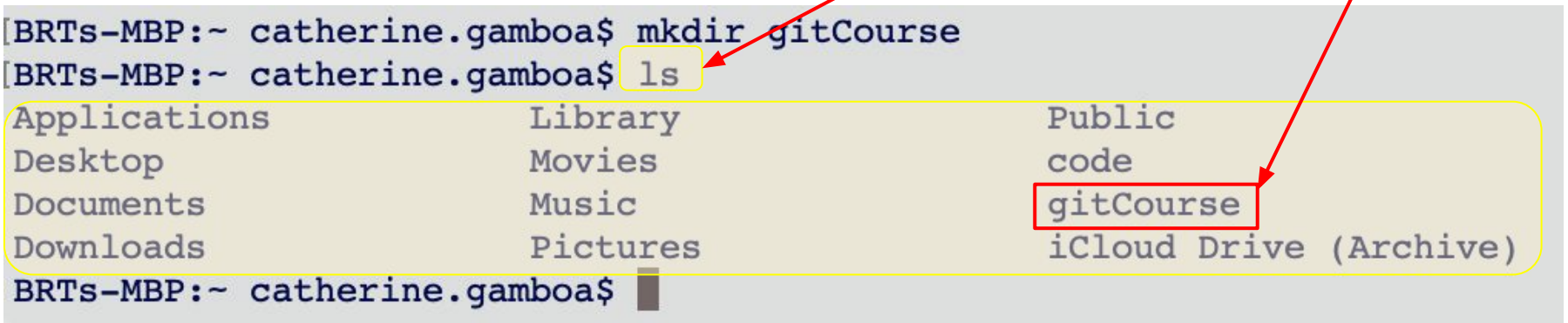
Make the directory called gitCourse

List the contents of the current directory to check that gitCourse was created

ls: list the contents of the directory

List the contents of the current directory

The directory gitCourse was created



Introduction to git

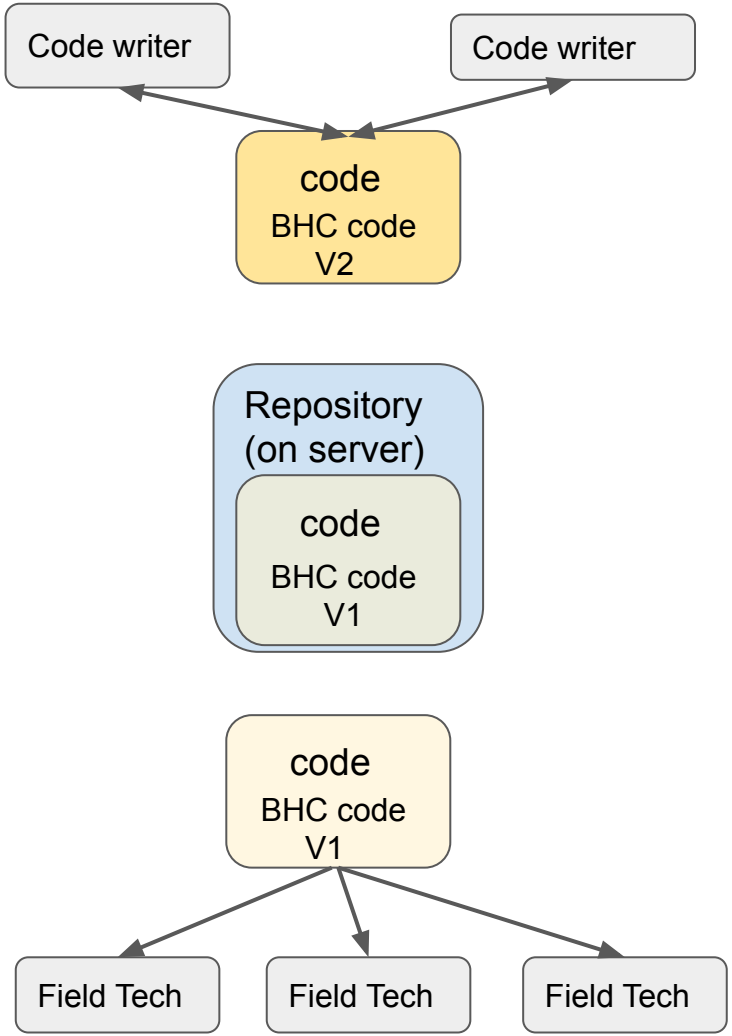
What is Git?

Git is a version control system to keep track of changes to files and projects over time.

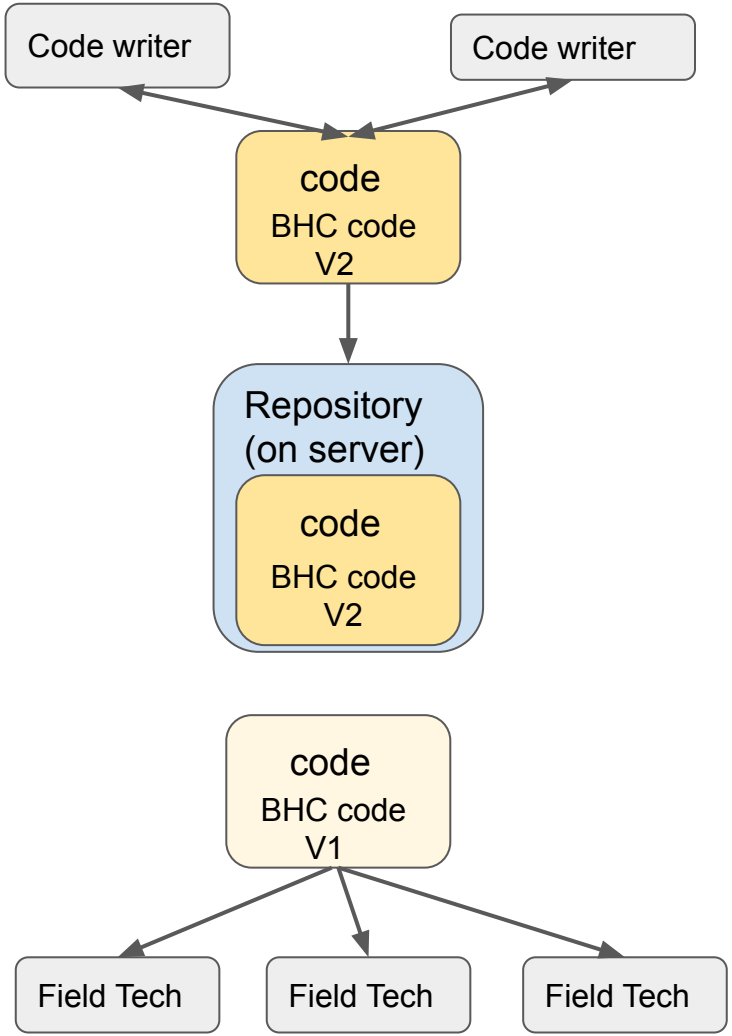
GitHub is a website that hosts Git repositories online, making it easier for developers to share code.

Repositories (or "repos") are folders which contain intentional snapshots of progress called commits.

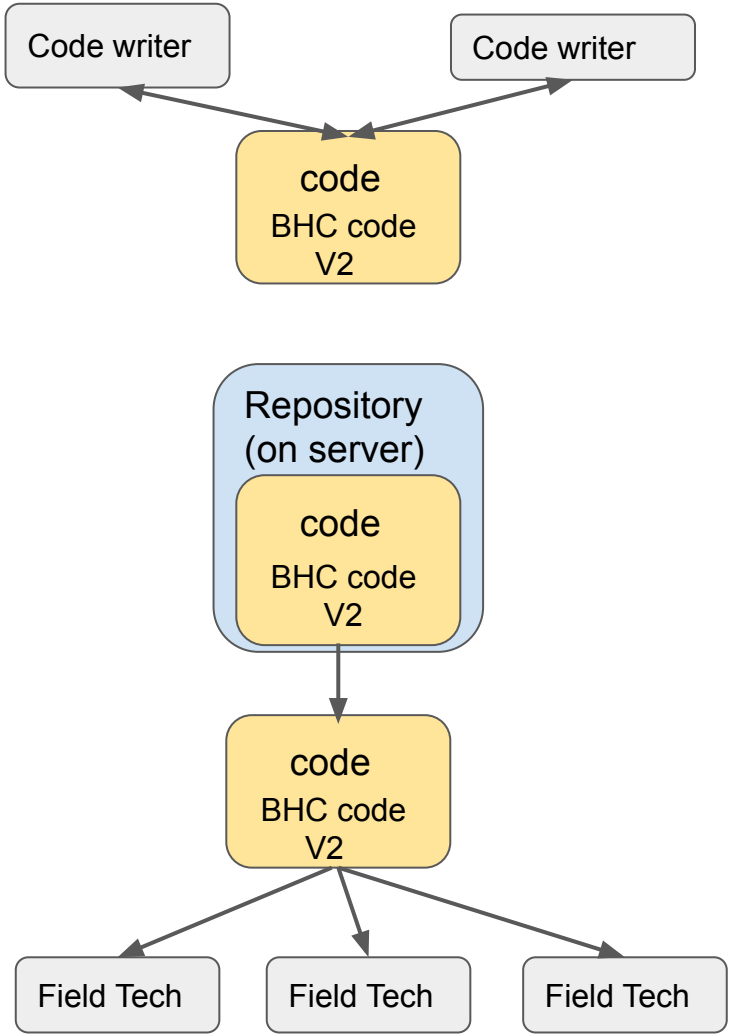
With git you can use a version of the software while Hari and Ramitha modify a copy of the code.



When Ramitha and Hari are ready, they can push their code to the server



Then you can pull the code and use it



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Using git

Lab: Cloning a git Repository

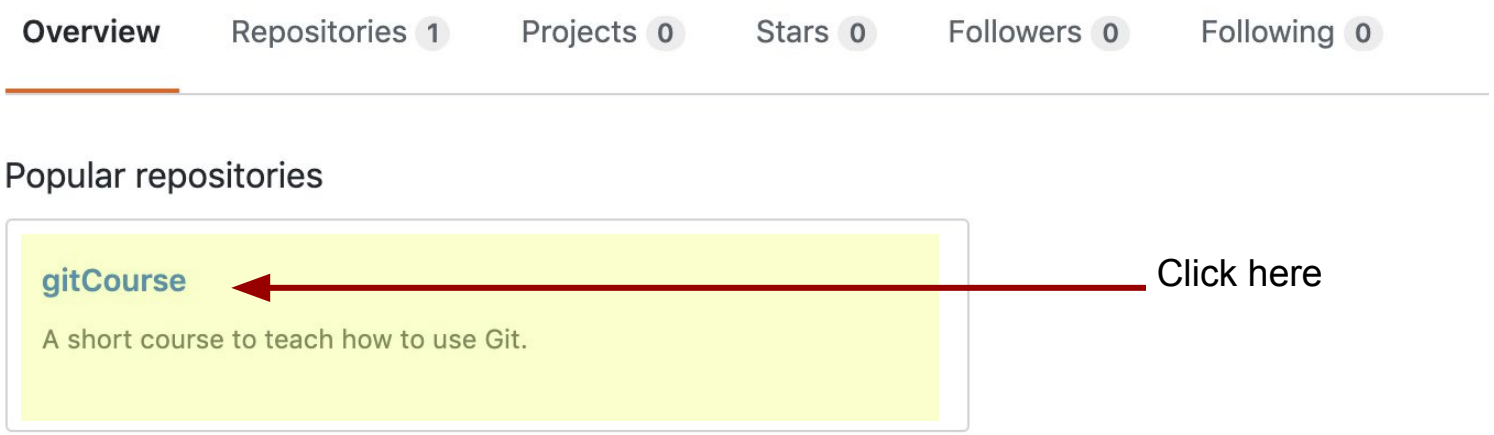
In this lab you:

Go to the gitHub for the course

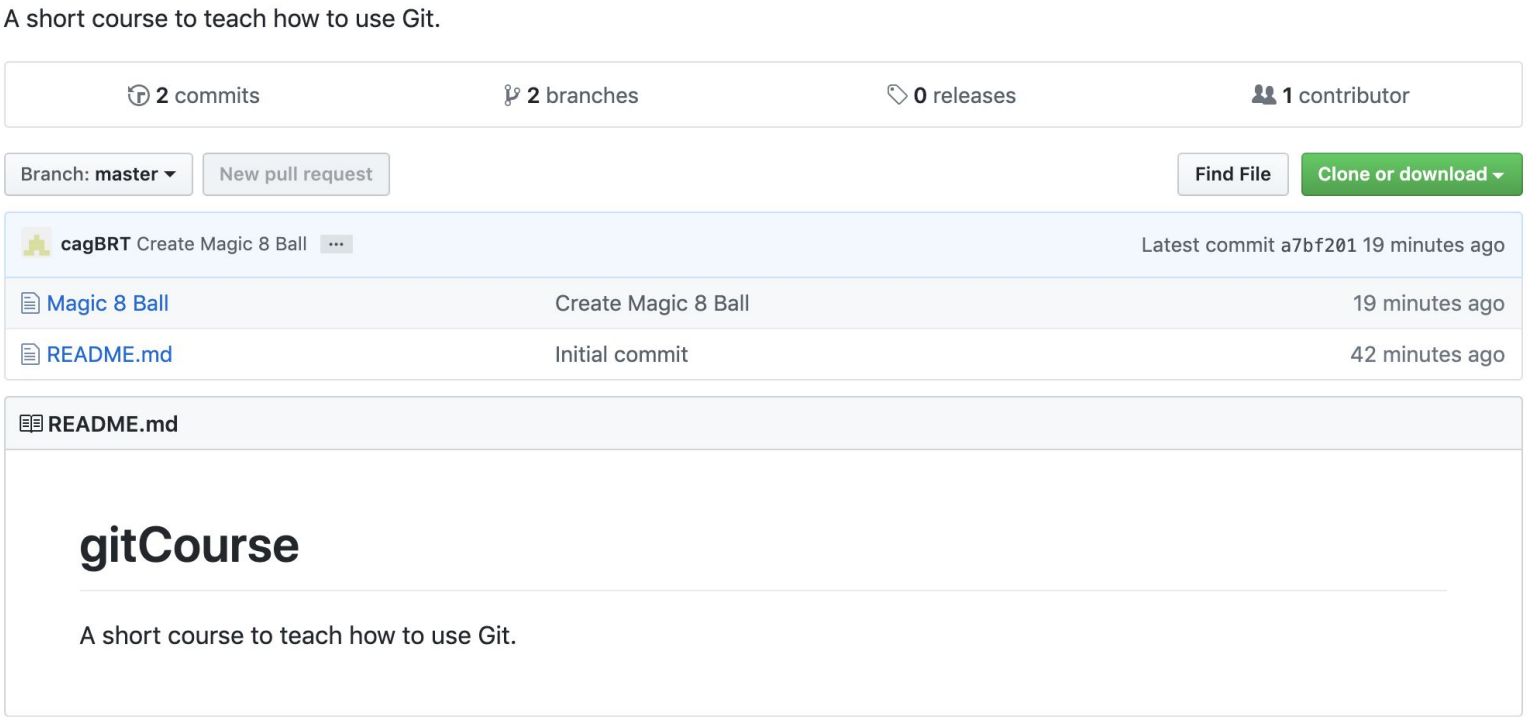
Go to the GitHub for this course

Go to https://github.com/cagBRT

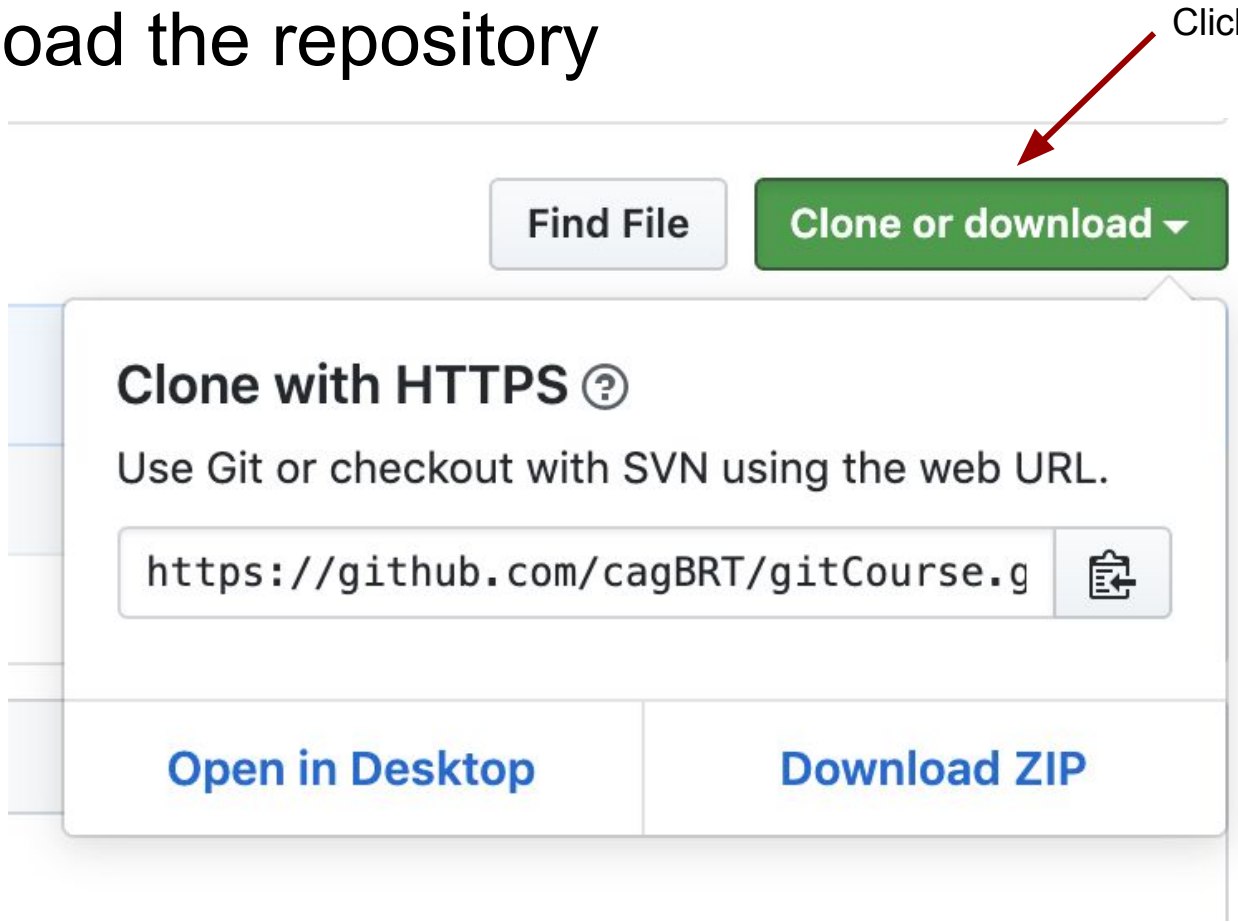
Select the gitCourse repository



The repository will have code called Magic 8 Ball



Download the repository



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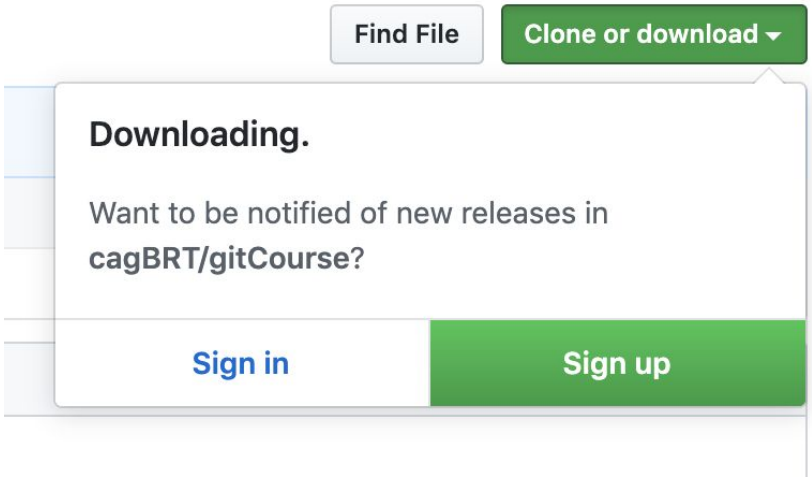
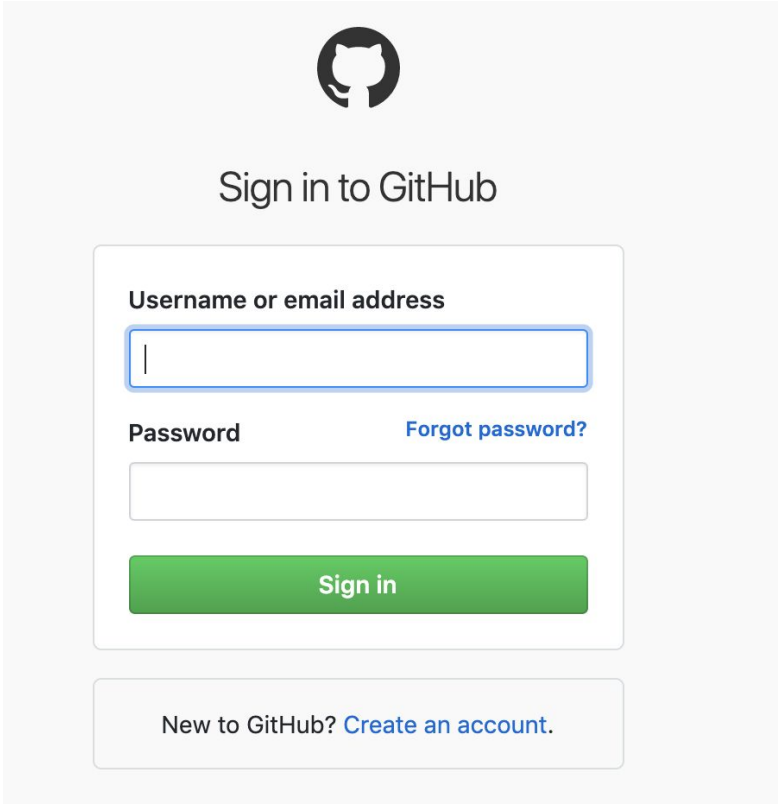
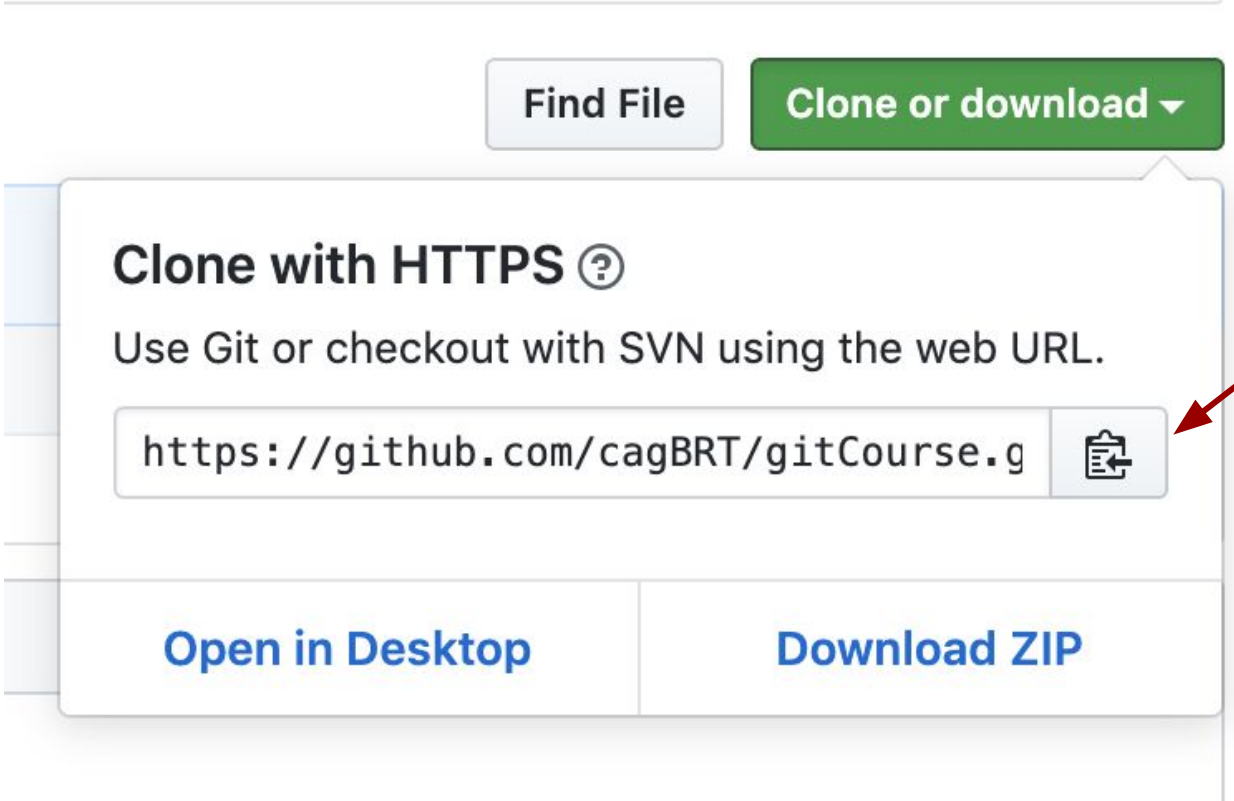




Clone with HTTPS



Save the URL

The URL is now copied into your clipboard.

It should look similar to this:

https://github.com/cagBRT/gitCourse.git

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Clone the repository to your directory

Check the contents of gitCourse

Use **ls** to check that gitCourse is an empty directory.

```
BRTs-MBP:gitCourse catherine.gamboa$ ls gitCourse
BRTs-MBP:gitCourse catherine.gamboa$
```

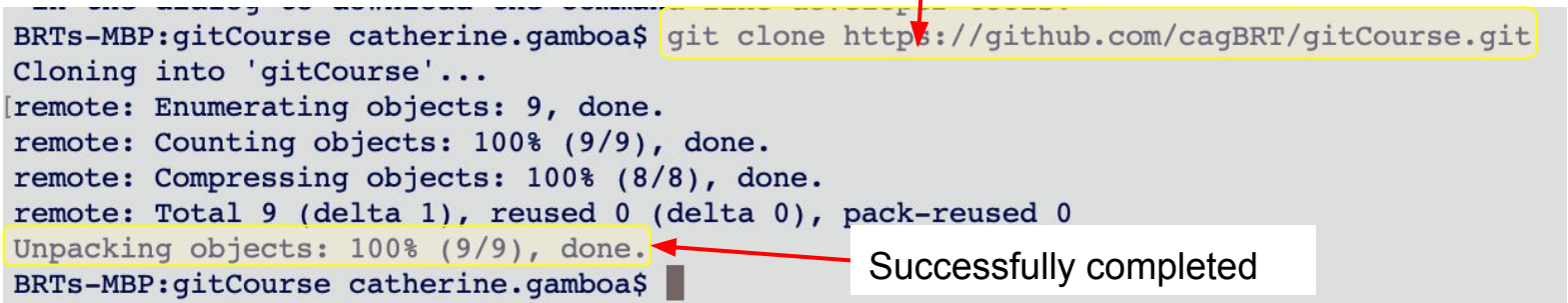
If gitCourse is not empty, the next step will give you a fatal error message. You learn how to handle this error soon.

Use the ‘git clone’ command to copy the repository to your directory

1. In your terminal window type **git clone <repository URL>**

   Paste the repository URL into the terminal after the **git clone** command

2. Then <**return**>



If your directory is not be empty, you will get this error message

git clone git-repository

```
[BRTs-MBP:gitCourse catherine.gamboa$ git clone https://github.com/cagBRT/gitCourse.git
fatal: destination path 'gitCourse' already exists and is not an empty directory.
```

Error! You will need to do a few more steps to fix this.
You learn to fix this later in the course.

Check that the repository was correctly copied

Use **ls gitCourse** to check the contents of gitCourse

There should be a file called Magic_8_Ball.py and one called README.md

```
BRTs-MBP:~ catherine.gamboa$ ls gitCourse
Magic_8_Ball.py README.md
```

If your repository copied correctly, you are ready to use the code

1. Go to the gitCourse directory (cd ~/gitCourse)
2. python Magic_8_Ball.py
3. Ask the magic 8 ball a question and it will give you an answer.

```
BRTs-MBP:gitCourse catherine.gamboa$ python Magic_8_Ball.py
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Ask the magic 8 ball a question: (press enter to quit)
BRTs-MBP:gitCourse catherine.gamboa$
```

Wow! Everyone will love this course!

*ignore the other answers

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Fatal Error: Directory already exists

If this happens to you, don’t panic, it can be fixed

git clone git-repository

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You will need to do a pull request and get the code again

1. Check which branch you are on: **git branch -a**

```
BRTs-MBP:gitCourse catherine.gamboa$ git branch -a
* master
  remotes/origin/HEAD -> origin/master
  remotes/origin/cagBRT-patch-1
  remotes/origin/master
```

You will need to do a pull request and get the code

1. Checkout the branch : **git checkout -b origin/master**
2. Check that you are on the right branch: **git branch -a**
3. Check the **git remote -v**

```
BRTs-MBP:gitCourse catherine.gamboa$ git remote -v
origin  https://github.com/cagBRT/gitCourse.git (fetch)
origin  https://github.com/cagBRT/gitCourse.git (push)
```

4. Get the new copy of the code: **git pull origin master**

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Check the status of your code

Check that your code has not been altered

Check that the code your computer has not been altered: **git status**

```
BRTs-MBP:gitCourse catherine.gamboa$ git status
On branch origin/master
nothing to commit, working tree clean
```

If you see this, you know the code you are using matches the source code on the repository.

If the code on your local machine has been altered

Check that your code has not been altered: **git status**

```
BRTs-MBP:gitCourse catherine.gamboa$ git status
On branch origin/master
Changes not staged for commit:
  (use "git add <file>..." to update what will be committed)
  (use "git checkout -- <file>..." to discard changes in working directory)

        modified:   Magic_8_Ball.py

no changes added to commit (use "git add" and/or "git commit -a")
```

If you see this, you know the code you are using does not match the source code. You will need to pull a fresh copy of the code (**git pull origin master**)

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Check that you have the latest version of the code

Lab: Before using the code, check that you have the latest version of it

Check that code is the latest version: **git remote show origin**

```
BRTs-MBP:gitCourse catherine.gamboa$ git remote show origin
* remote origin
  Fetch URL: https://github.com/cagBRT/gitCourse.git
  Push  URL: https://github.com/cagBRT/gitCourse.git
  HEAD branch: master
  Remote branches:
    cagBRT-patch-1 tracked
    master         tracked
  Local branch configured for 'git pull':
    master merges with remote master
  Local ref configured for 'git push':
    master pushes to master (local out of date)
```

Do you not have the latest version of the code

Lab: Get the newest version of the code

Get the newest version of the code: **git pull origin master**

```
BRTs-MBP:gitCourse catherine.gamboa$ git pull origin master
From https://github.com/cagBRT/gitCourse
 * branch            master     -> FETCH_HEAD
Updating 749a253..e2c64bc
Fast-forward
 Magic_8_Ball.py | 9 ++++++---
 1 file changed, 6 insertions(+), 3 deletions(-)
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Questions?

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