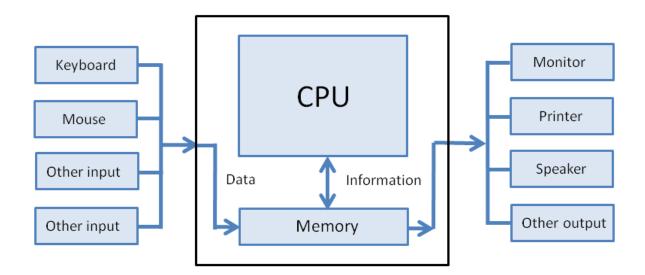
# Introduction to Unix and the Command Line

# Hardware, software, and Operating Systems

- harware = laptop, desktop, iphone
- software = word processing, spreadsheet, graphics, games email
- OS (also software) = Windows, Mac, Android, Ubuntu, Debian, Unix, Linux ## Computer Structure



#### **Interfaces**

How we interact with the computer (input and output)

#### **Graphical User Interface (GUI)**

• anything you see and and click (FileExplorer, Finder) ### Command Line Interface (CLI)

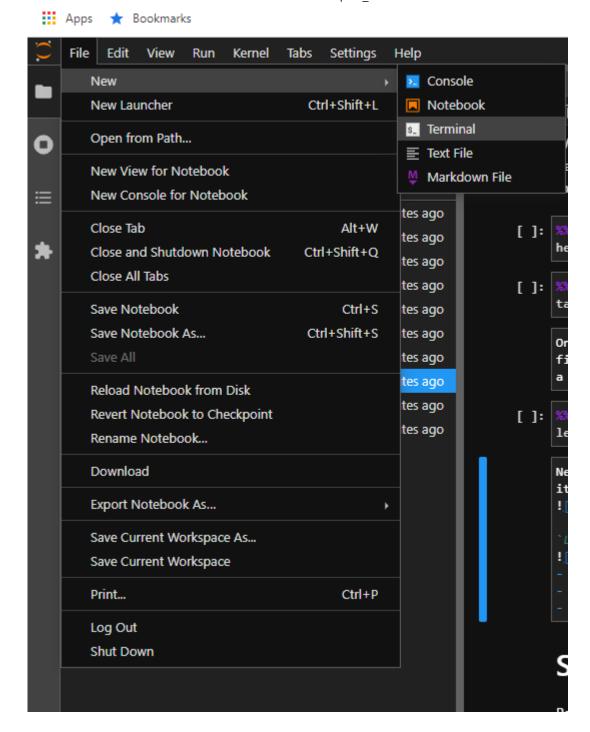
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ariel@macbook-pro-60:~/bcmb_bootcamp2020$ ls
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ariel@macbook-pro-60:~/bcmb_bootcamp2020$ cd day1/
ariel@macbook-pro-60:~/bcmb_bootcamp2020/day1$ ls
assignments/ notebooks/ slides/
ariel@macbook-pro-60:~/bcmb_bootcamp2020/day1$ cd notebooks/
ariel@macbook-pro-60:~/bcmb_bootcamp2020/day1/notebooks$ ls
Day1-Afternoon-Intro_to_python.ipynb
Day1-Morning-CLI_intro_and_git.ipynb
Day1-Morning-CLI_intro_and_git_AG.ipynb
Day1-overview.md
Screen Shot 2020-08-18 at 10.33.52 AM.png
chr1.fa.gz
computer_diagram.png
knownGene.txt.gz
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## File Systems

control data storage and retrieval by partitioning files and controlling access

# Now Let's Code Along

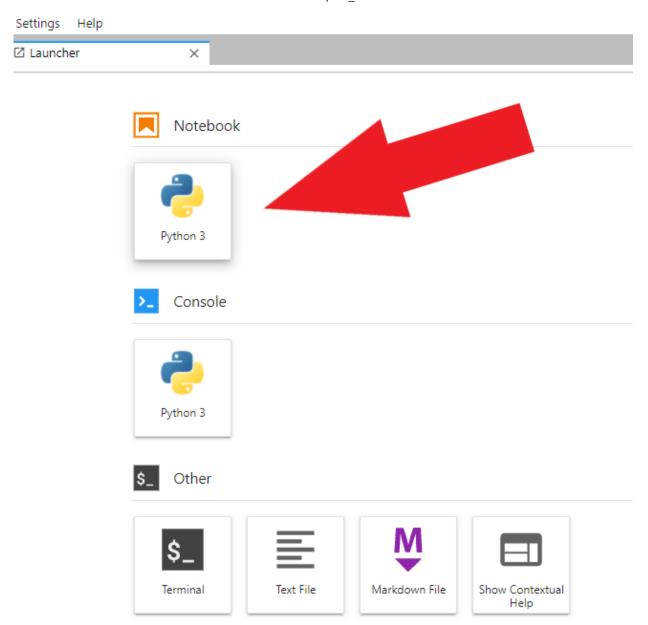
In the remainder of this document we are demonstrating how to run a shell command within a python notebook by starting each cell with <code>%%bash</code>. This tells the python interpreter to utilize your computers Unix-like system (either the MacOSX operating system or the Linux distribution installed by Windows users). If you do not wish to use a python notebook, you can open up a terminal directly in Jupyter by going to File > New > Terminal and enter the commands directly into the command line <code>without</code> using <code>%%bash</code> preceding the command. See the command line interface screenshot above as an example.



### Open a Python Notebook

Launch JupyterLab and click to create a new Python3 notebook

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## Navigating the File System

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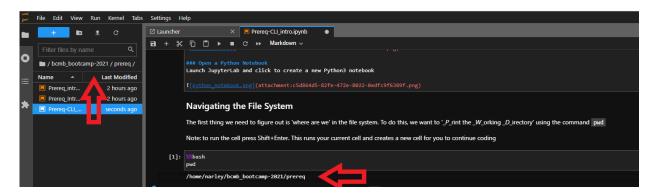
The first thing we need to figure out is 'where are we' in the file system. To do this, we want to '\_Print the Working D\_irectory' using the command pwd

Note: to run the cell press Shift+Enter. This runs your current cell and creates a new cell for you to continue coding

In [ ]: %%bash pwd

If you are using a python notebook, notice how the output of the directory should match the file

system navigator on the left of the python notebook.



We can list the contents of the directory using the built-in program 1s

#### **Options/Input arguments**

Bash/shell commands can take input arguments or options. One convention is to use a dash ( - ) to specify arguments. For example, we can ask 1s to show a more detailed list of information for each file/folder:

```
In []: %%bash ls -1
```

We can aggregate different options by directly appending options one after another. The following shows how to display file sizes in human readable formats ( -h ):

```
In [ ]: %%bash ls -lh
```

Sometimes commands take in arguments for various purposes. Again, using 1s as example, it can take path as an argument. Without the path, it will by default show the current listings, as shown above. Given a path, it will list items in that path. The following command lists all the files and directories in the directory directly above your current directory:

## Manual Pages (man)

It is certainly not expected that you memorize all arguments for every command. This is where the manual ( man ) comes in handy. You can use man command\_name to find information about how to use a specific command. For example:

Here, man is a command that takes one input argument (which should be a Bash command) and outputs the corresponding manual.

## **Creating and Navigating Folders**

Now that we have a basic overview of how to interact with the computer in bash, it will be useful to understand how to create folders (directories) and navigate around our system. We've already used the pwd command to learn where we currently are. But what if we wanted to make a new directory to contain a project?

The mkdir command stands for "make directory". It takes in a directory name as an *argument*, and then creates a new directory in the current working directory.

Nothing seemed to happen? Lets check and see if our new directory was made:

```
In []: %%bash ls -1
```

There it is, lets try and move into the directory.

cd stands for "change directory". Just as you would click on a folder in Windows Explorer or Finder on a Mac, cd switches you into the directory you specify. In other words, cd changes the working directory.

Note that within the above cell, you actually ran two commands in Bash, one right after the other. You first changed your location within the file system by using the cd command. Then you used the pwd command to list out your current location in the file system. All scripting will follow this type of linear instruction list unless we create a loop (more on that later!).

Now we have moved into the folder/directory we just made. We can move back into the previous directory by using the shortcut ..

And finally, we can remove an (empty) directory using rmdir.

#### Review

- The command line is a text interface for the computer's operating system. To access the command line, we use the terminal.
- A filesystem organizes a computer's files and directories into a tree. It starts with the root directory. Each parent directory can contain more child directories and files.
- From the command line, you can navigate through files and folders on your computer
  - pwd outputs the name of the current working directory.
  - 1s lists all files and directories in the working directory.
  - cd switches you into the directory you specify.
  - mkdir creates a new directory in the working directory.
  - rmdir removes an empty directory

## Viewing and changing files

### **Creating files**

There are several ways to create a file. One of the easiest is to just create an empty file by touching it ( touch )

## Side Note about Wildcards and tab complete

- The \* matches one or more occurrence of any character
- The ? matches a single occurrence of any character
- Another shortcut is tab completion, type the beginning of a file or directory, then hit tab for it to automatically fill in the rest

You just looked at the files that are in your current directory when you used <code>ls -1</code> and you should see your new file <code>myBrandNewFile.txt</code>. Let's test out using the wildcard and tab complete options.

I can attempt to list that file in the following two ways:

#### OR

```
ls my?randNewFile.txt
```

Additionally, test out the tab complete option. In a new cell start typing the name of on of your files and press Tab . For example I would type:

Note: If you have not typed sufficient letters to identify a unique file, a list of potential files will pop up in a menu for you to select. In this example, the directory had multiple files that start with Day1:

Side note over. Let's get back to writing files!

We created the file and gave it a name, but it is completely empty at this point. We can write directly to a file by *redirecting* some content into the file. This is achieved with the > . Imagine that this is an arrow pointing to where you want to put the output. Here we will also introduce you to the echo command which simply repeats the first argument (in this case the argument is the text 'Hello World'). Here we're going to have the output of echo *redirected* into our new file.

We can now view the contents of a file by using the command cat which returns the entire contents of the file.

#### Moving and removing files

The mv command has a couple of different uses. You can use it to move files from one directory to another (imagine moving a file from your 'Downloads' to your 'Desktop'). The mv command could also be used to rename files or directories. Let's first explore renaming our file using the mv command below which take the file to be moved as the primary argument and new name of the file as the secondary argument:

We now renamed our file to 'myOlderFile.txt'.

In the above cell we 1) made a new directory 2) moved our file into that directory 3) changed our location within the file system to our new directory 4) printed out our location 5) listed our currect directory contents

And finally, we can remove a file using the rm command. The rm command removes files or directories (removed files will be gone forever, proceed with caution):

Remember you can navigate to your previous location by using the command cd .. and remove the new directory by using the command `rmdir "

## **Key Concept**

You may have already noticed that in our file and directory names we do not use spaces. This is because bash commands often use spaces as a way to separate arguments. Spaces in the titles of your files or directories are interpreted by bash commands as additional arguments. Best practice is to use naming conventions like 'CamelCase' (where the first letter of a new word is capitalized) or use an underscore to separate words. Examples: MyNewFile.txt or my\_new\_file.txt

# File properties

We have now created, deleted, moved, and manipulated files, but what if we simply want to know more about their contects without actually changing them? For example, we can download a chromosome file from a database and learn more about its contents.

#### Downloading files from the internet

We can use the wget command followed by the URL. The file will be downloaded into your current directory location. This may take a minute to download

#### File sizes

The command du, which stands for 'disk usage' provides you with information about your file and directory sizes. If we pass our newly downloaded file 'chr01.fsa' to the command du as an

argument, it will tell us size of our file.

#### File compression/uncompression

This is done using programs such as gzip/gunzip. File compression may be key when dealing with large file sizes such as sequencing data. Let's test it out!

In this example we are using gzip directly on the chr01.fsa file. If we wanted to zip the file, but keep the original unzipped file as well, we could use the -k argument. Test it out!

To count the number of words, lines, and characters in your file you can use the command wc

### **Ownership and Permissions**

We have used 1s -1h previously to look at the file in our directory, but now that we know a little bit more about the files and how to manipulate them, we should understand a little bit more about file ownership and permissions.

```
[4]: %%bash
ls -lh

total 236K
drwxrwxrwx 1 narley narley 512 Aug 12 13:29 NewDirectory
-rwxrwxrwx 1 narley narley 2.5K Aug 12 13:35 Untitled.ipynb
-rwxrwxrwx 1 narley narley 229K Oct 25 2019 chr01.fsa
-rwxrwxrwx 1 narley narley 0 Aug 12 11:02 myOlderFile.txt
```

- the first line corresponds to the total size of all the files contained within the directory
- the remaining lines are each of the files or directories contained within that directory

- for each line the information is as follows:
  - a) the first character 'd' or '-' tells you if the item is a directory or file, repectively
  - b) characters 2-10 designate the permissions of the file owner (characters 2-4), group owner (characters 5-7), and all other users (characters 8-10)
    - 'r' for read which allows the contents of the file or directory to be read or listed
    - o 'w' for write which allows the file or directory to be created, deleted, or edited
    - 'x' for execute which allows the file to perform commands or searching through a directory
  - c) identity of the current file owner
  - d) identity of the current file group
  - e) size of file or byte block size of the directory
  - f) date and time the file or directory was last modified
  - g) file or directory name

Many times users will run into error messages because they do not have appropriate permissions to read, write, or execute a file or directory. Keep this in mind for the future if you run into errors! You can 1s -1h in your current directory to check out your own permissions.

```
In [ ]:  %%bash ls -lh
```

# Viewing files

We previously used the command cat too look at the contents of small files. However, for large files (like our chromosome file with over 3000 lines, commands like cat are not particularly useful if we perhaps only need a small subset of that information. A few other commands we can use to view file content are head and tail which display the first 10 lines and the last 10 lines of the file, respectively. If you wish to view more, you can use the argument -n, for example, head -n 20 <your\_file\_name> would display the first 20 lines of your file.

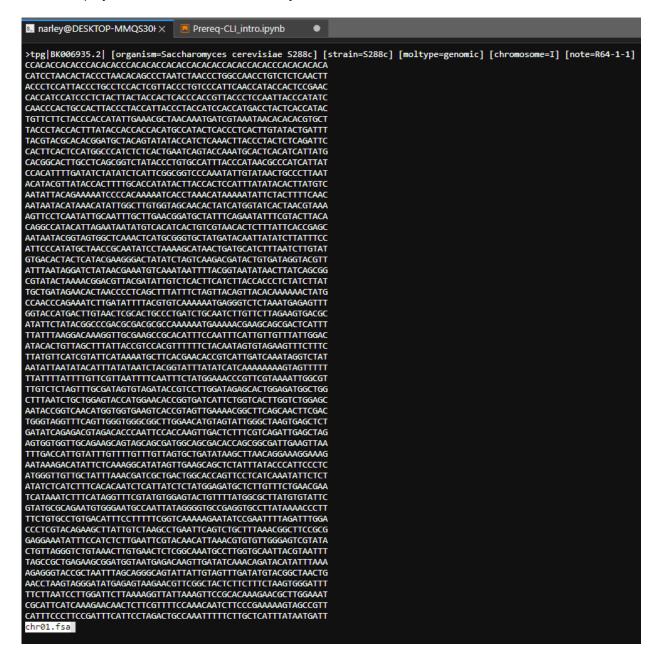
One command that does not function similarly in a python notebook and the command line is the command less. In a python notebook using less <your\_file\_name> prints out the entire file. In the command line interface (either Terminal for Mac OSX or your Linux distribution for Windows), less displays the contents of a file, but does not print out the files contents. Try both and see the difference! First with the less command in a python notebook:

```
In [ ]:  %%bash less chr01.fsa
```

Next, try using less by opening up a terminal.

```
(base) narley@DESKTOP-MMQS30H:~/bcmb_bootcamp-2021/day1$ less chr01.fsa ■
```

Less displays the contents of the file and you can use it as follows:



- use up and down arrows to scroll
- spacebar scrolls down 1 page at a time
- hit q to quit

# Searching in files

Rather than scanning through the entire 3000+ lines of the file, you can also use the grep command to pull out specific words or lines in the case of this chromosome file. Using the -c

argument tells the grep command to return the number of times the pattern occurred.

grep can also utilize wildcards in the search pattern. The . wildcard is used for searching for a single character substitution in the given pattern. The \* wildcard is used for searching for any number of character substitutions within the given pattern.

# Piping/redirection

Most of the commands that we have used thusfar have utilized a single command that returned its output to the command line. Perhaps you want to save the ouput of your command to a new file, which can be done using the redirect > symbol. Here we are taking the last 10 lines from the chr01.fsa file and writing them to a new file which we are calling *tail.txt* 

If you want to use more than one command on a piece of data and don't necessarily want to write the output to a new file every single time, we can *pipe* the commands together using the | symbol. In this example we are printing out the contents of our chr01.fsa file using the cat command, passing that output to the head command which will only take the first 10 lines, and finally passing that output (those first 10 lines only) to the tail command which will take the last 5 lines of that input. Essentially what we have now done is pulled out lines 5 through 10 of our chr01.fsa file.

## You made it through this intro! Great job!

Let the TAs know if you have any questions and we will expand upon these lessons in class.