Command Line Interface (CLI)

- Computer software is usually either accessible by a
 - graphical user interface (GUI) or a
 - command line interface (CLI)
- A lot of scientific software is based on a CLI
 - it takes effort to create a GUI
 - a CLI is easier to automate
- Starting a program on the CLI looks like
 - path_to_program/program_name required_argument1 --argument1_name argument1_value
 - path_to_program can be ./ for the local directory or omitted if the program is in the \$PATH variable
 - the number of required and optional arguments depends on the program

Running OpenMM