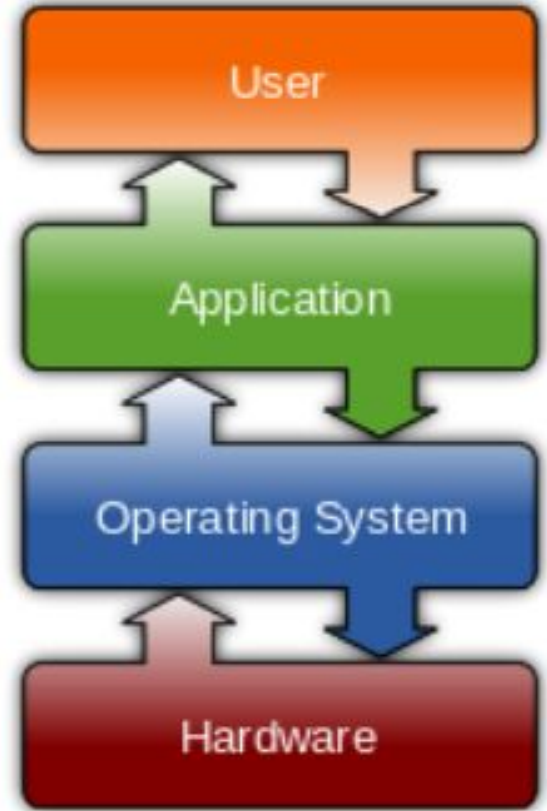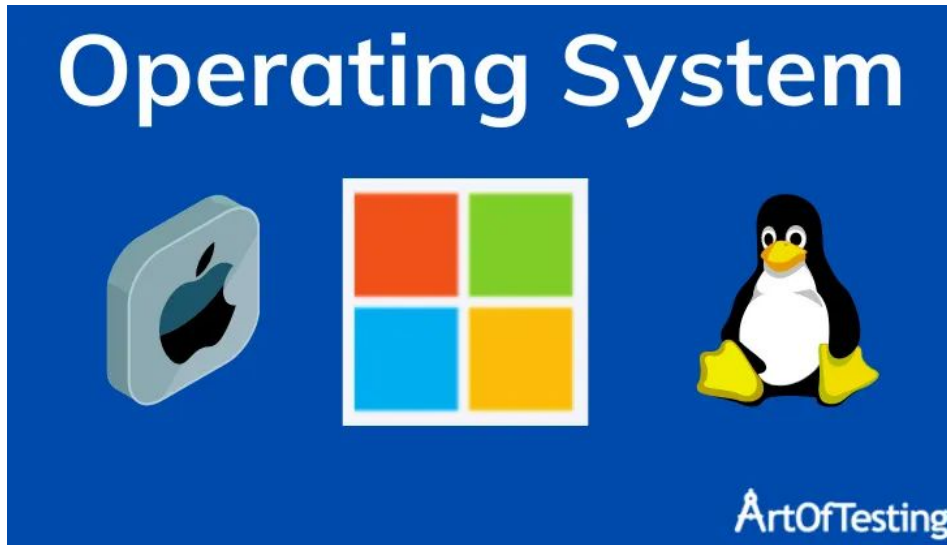# Introduction to Unix

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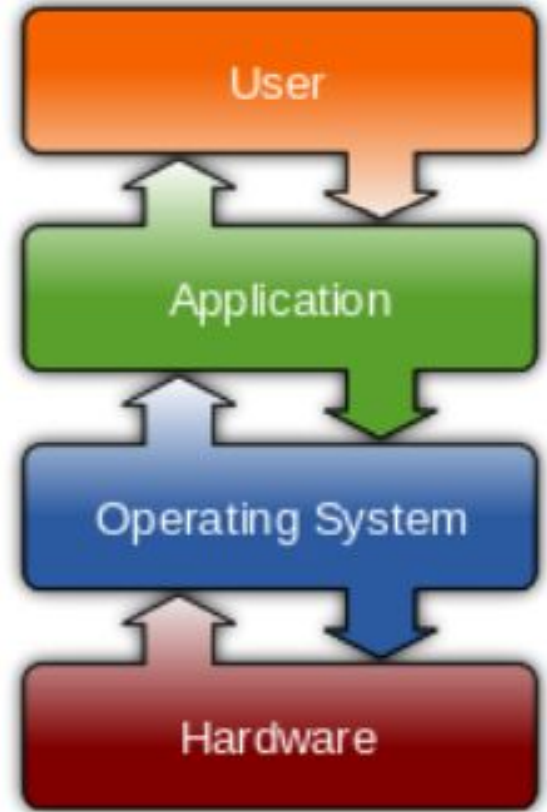
Operating system

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Passes instructions from user to computer hardware and software

Manages RAM, Random access memory, CPU, central processing unit

Operating system tells the compiler to translate instructions to machine language.
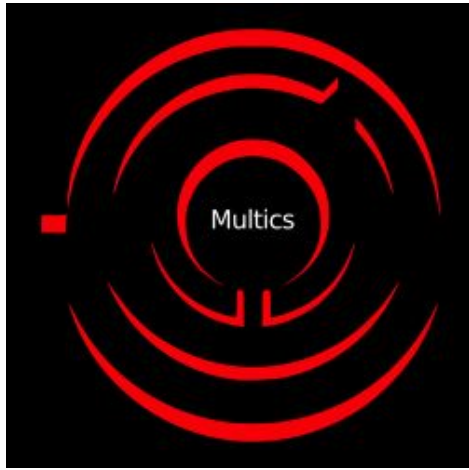
Origins of Unix

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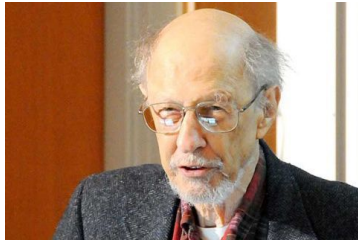MIT — Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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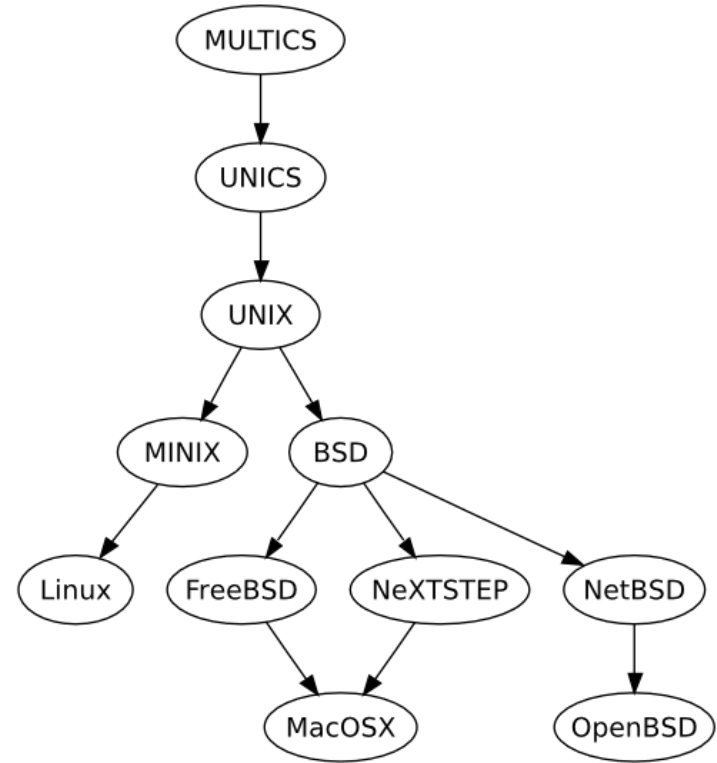**C**omputing **S**ervice,
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Uniplexed
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KEN THOMPSON

Inventors of UNIX.

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1960, creators of C compiler

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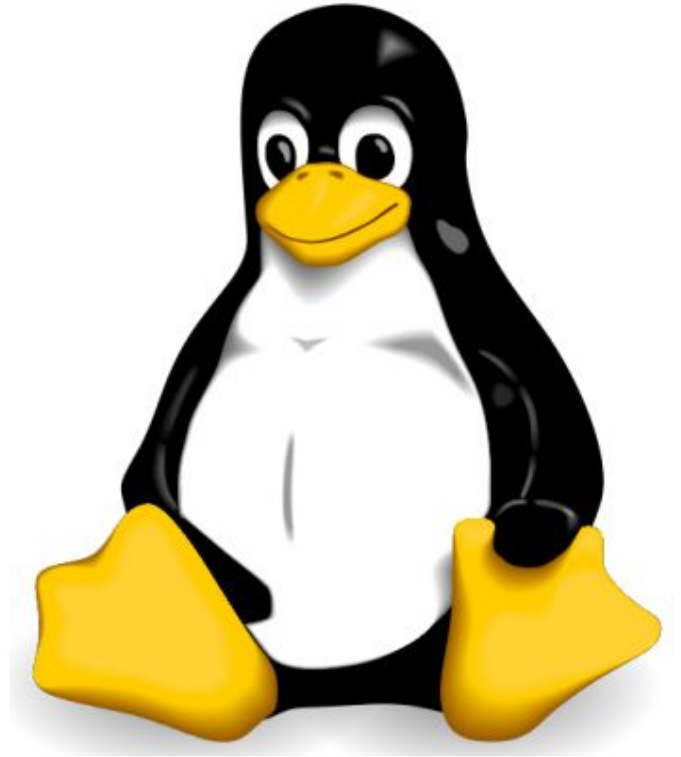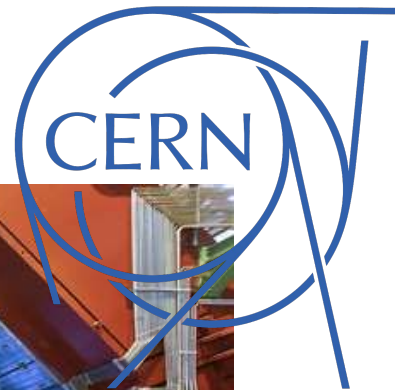
Unix family tree

Linux

Linux Is Not Unix

Recursive acronym

Based on MINIX

Linus Trovals - 1991

Free software

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Linux Distros

Linux kernel with various software packages

Introduction to Unix commands

Directory structure
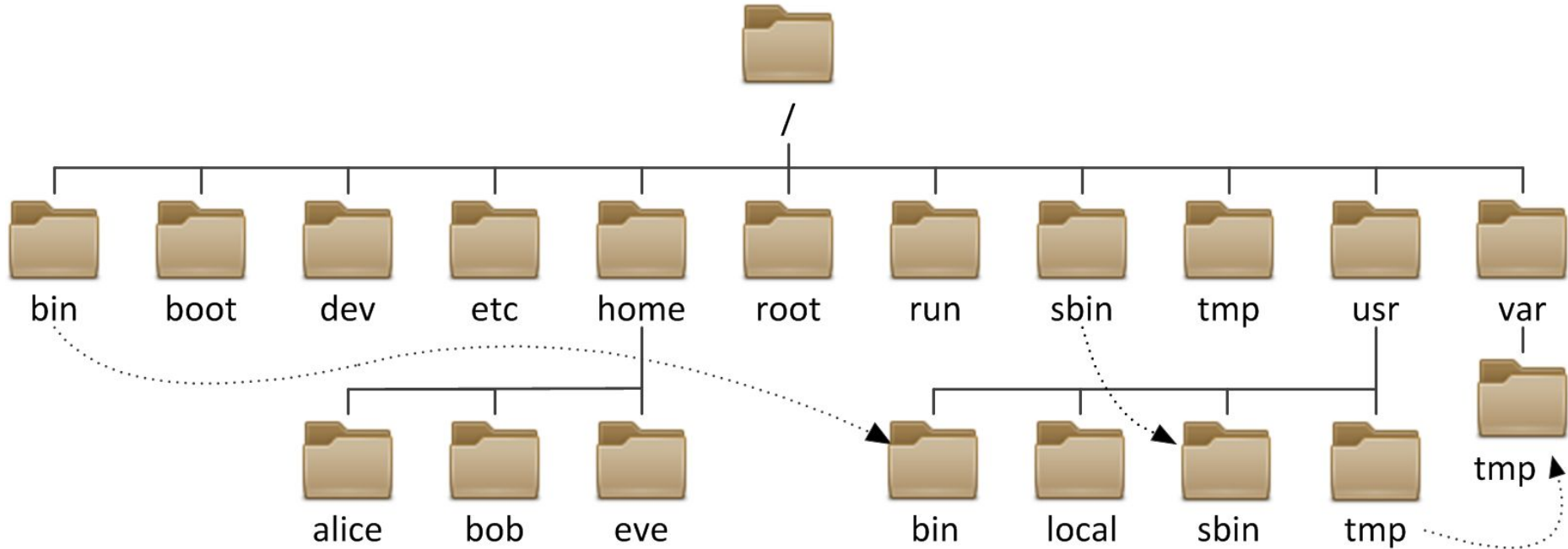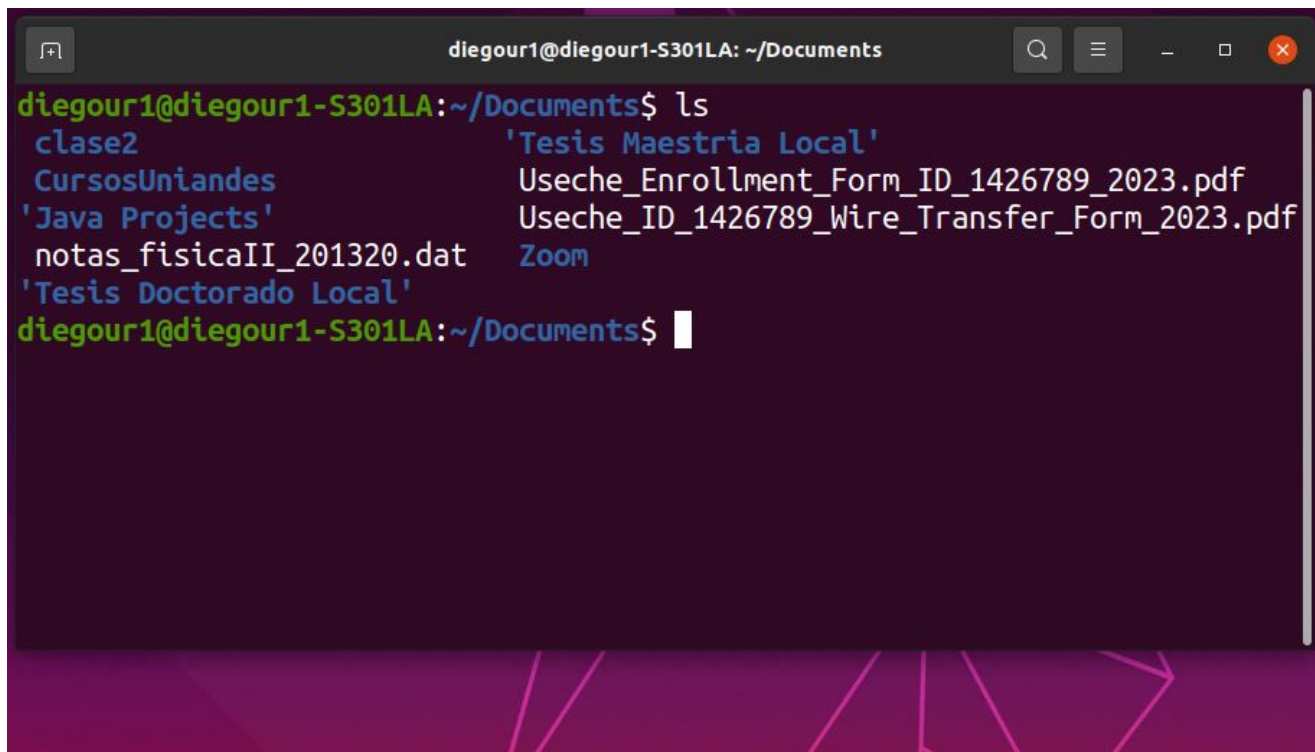
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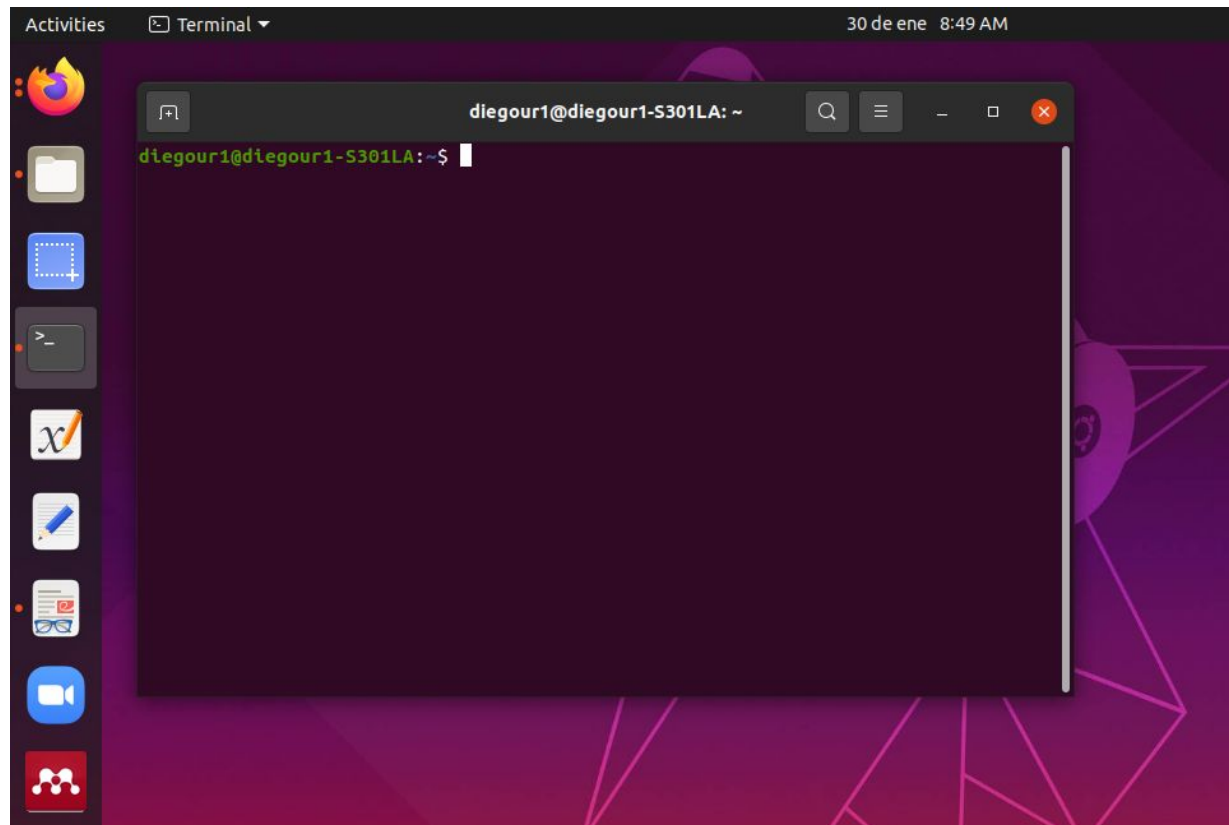
Basic commands: ls

ls

list of the files and folders inside a folder

Basic commands: man

man

manual to describe commands

Basic commands: cd (change directory)
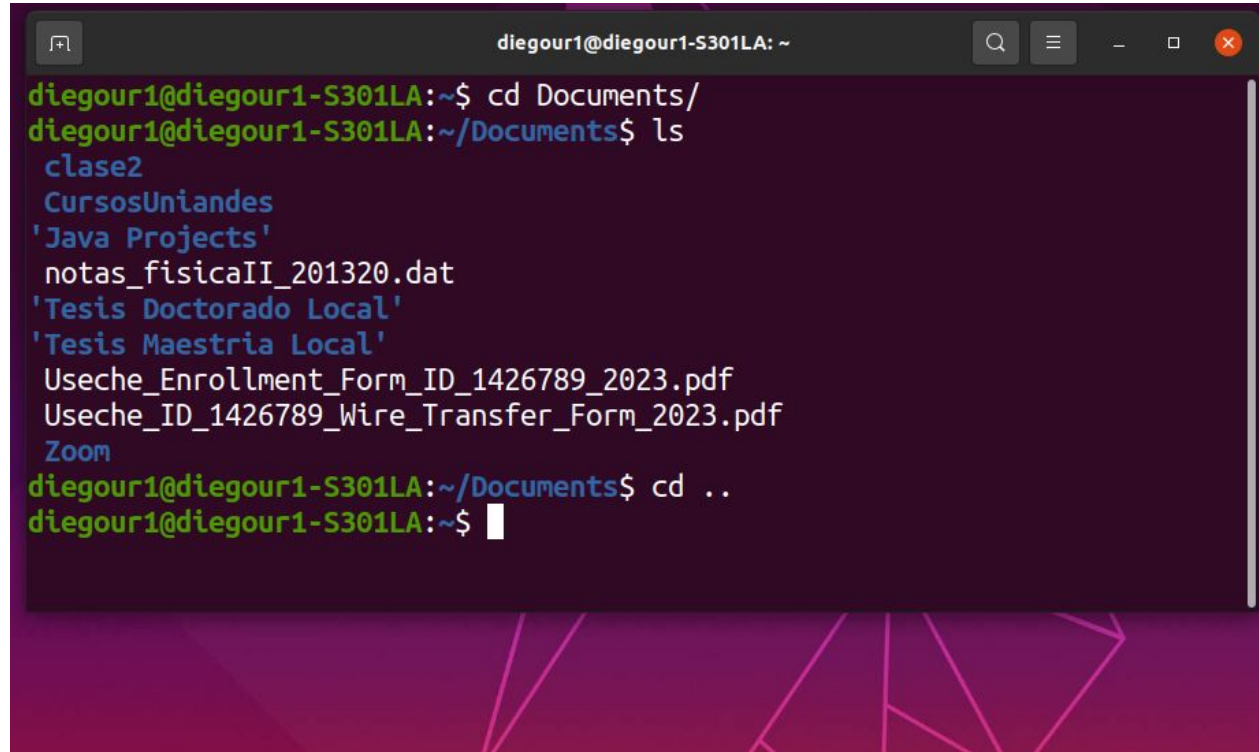
cd

cd Documents

move to Documents folder

cd ..

move to previous folder

Basic commands

mkdir Documents

make directory - creates de folder Documents

pwd

print current path directory

clear

clean current terminal screen

Basic commands

cp   ./exercise.py   /Documents/Tasks

copy file between two paths   ./   indicates current directory

mv   exercise.py   exercise_new.py

move   change the name of the file

touch   new_file.txt

create a new file from terminal

Danger zone

rm   exercise.py

remove   eliminate permanently a file

rm -r Documents

eliminate permanently a folder

-r   is a flag (option of the command rm)

Basic commands: text commands

wc the_raven.txt

word count   count number of words of a text file

wc -l the_raven.txt

count number of lines of a text file thanks to the flag -l

grep "Leonore" the_raven.txt

check in which lines appear the word "Leonore" in the_raven.txt

Basic commands

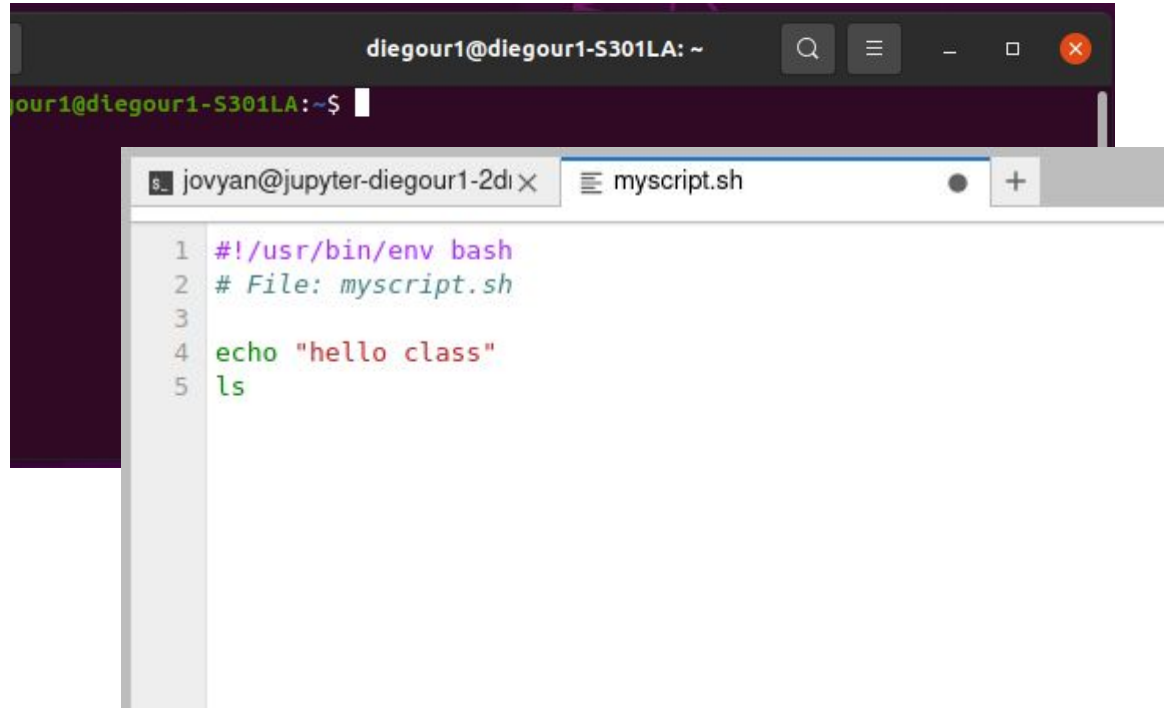|		
who	cp	cat
whoami	mv	head
cd	mkdir	tail
pwd	touch	
ls	rm	wc
clear	wget	grep
man		

Shell scripting

We can create a .sh file to perform various Linux commands

ls -l myscript.sh

list permission of file

chmod -x myscript.sh

some files are not executable chmod -x changes the permission of the file to be executable

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