



# INTRO TO BASH

THE BOURNE-AGAIN SHELL

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## School of Chemistry: Python and Unix Shell

26-27 Sep 2019

9:00 pm - 1:00 pm (Thursday) and 9:00 pm - 5:00 pm (Friday)

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We will use this [collaborative document](#) for chatting, taking notes, and sharing URLs and bits of code.

## General Information

[Software Carpentry](#) aims to help researchers get their work done in less time and with less pain by teaching them basic research computing skills. This hands-on workshop will cover basic concepts and tools, including program design, version control, data management, and task automation. Participants will be encouraged to help one another and to apply what they have learned to their own research problems.

*For more information on what we teach and why, please see our paper "[Best Practices for Scientific Computing](#)".*

**Who:** The course is aimed at 4th and 5th year student with a computational component in their project as well as PhD students. **You don't need to have any previous knowledge of the tools that will be presented at the workshop.**

# Schedule

## Day 1: 26/09/2019: Joseph Black Building T40

Before	<a href="#">Pre-workshop survey</a>
09:00	Automating Tasks with the Unix Shell
10:30	Coffee break
12:50	Wrap-up
13:00	END
13:00	Potential trouble shooting Python installation

### SYLLABUS

- Files and Directories
- History and Tab Completion
- Pipes and Redirection
- Looping Over Files
- Creating and Running Shell Scripts
- Finding Things

# SHELL - 🤔?

## WHAT?

- Command line interface between YOU and UNIX (& its friends)

## WHY?

- Introduce some fundamental ideas of using computers  
*repetitive tasks be gone!*
- Things depend on it – supercomputers, installing programs, ...
- Gives you access to tools/resources 😊

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# The Unix Shell

The Unix shell has been around longer than most of its users have been alive. It has survived so long because it's a power tool that allows people to do complex things with just a few keystrokes. More importantly, it helps them combine existing programs in new ways and automate repetitive tasks so they aren't typing the same things over and over again. Use of the shell is fundamental to using a wide range of other powerful tools and computing resources (including "high-performance computing" supercomputers). These lessons will start you on a path towards using these resources effectively.

## ✦ Prerequisites

This lesson guides you through the basics of file systems and the shell. If you have stored files on a computer at all and recognize the word "file" and either "directory" or "folder" (two common words for the same thing), you're ready for this lesson.

If you're already comfortable manipulating files and directories, searching for files with `grep` and `find`, and writing simple loops and scripts, you probably want to explore the next lesson: [shell-extras](#).

## Schedule

	Setup	Download files required for the lesson
00:00	1. <a href="#">Introducing the Shell</a>	What is a command shell and why would I use one?
00:05	2. <a href="#">Navigating Files and Directories</a>	How can I move around on my computer? How can I see what files and directories I have? How can I specify the location of a file or directory on my computer?
00:45	3. <a href="#">Working With Files and Directories</a>	How can I create, copy, and delete files and directories? How can I edit files?

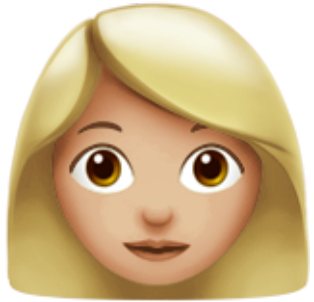


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/Users/valentina/Desktop
~/Desktop >>> cd data-shell
~/D/data-shell >>> ls
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data               north-pacific-gyre pizza.cfg          writing
~/D/data-shell >>> cd north-pacific-gyre
~/D/d/north-pacific-gyre >>> ls
2012-07-03
~/D/d/north-pacific-gyre >>> cd 2012-07-03
~/D/d/n/2012-07-03 >>> ls
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NENE01751A.txt NENE01843B.txt NENE02018B.txt NENE02043A.txt
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total 280
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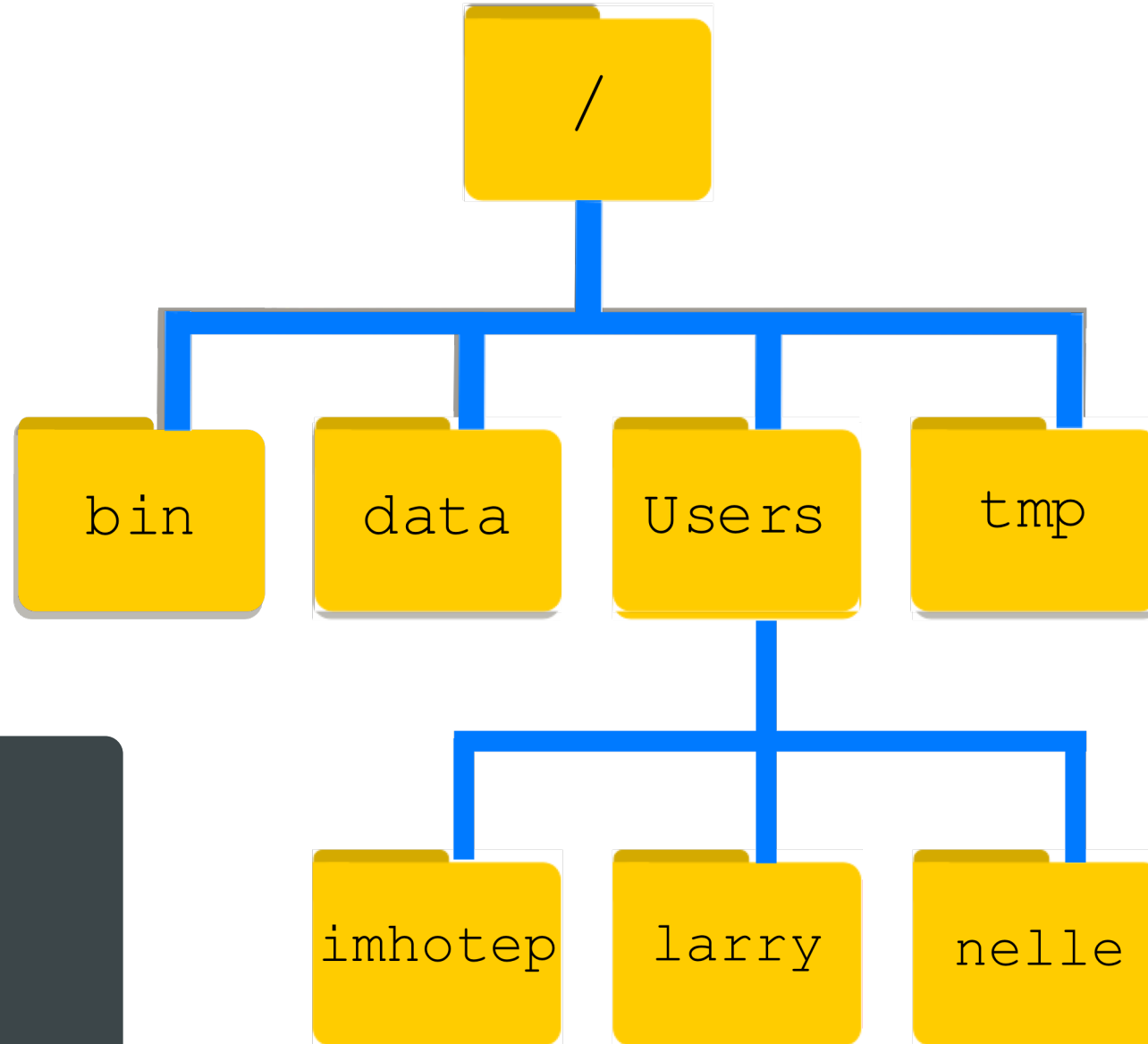
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nelle

nelle's computer



```
$ pwd
```

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/Users/nelle
```

nelle's  
folder



# How to Name files and directories?

- **no spaces**



north pacific gyre



north-pacific-gyre

- **no strange symbols**



Peter & Mary



Peter\_Mary

- **with extensions**



mydocument



mydocument.txt





# Removing on Linux is for **REAL!**



```
$ rm text.txt
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will remove the file completely (no Bin/Trash/..)

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$ rm -i text.txt
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rm: remove regular file 'text.txt'?
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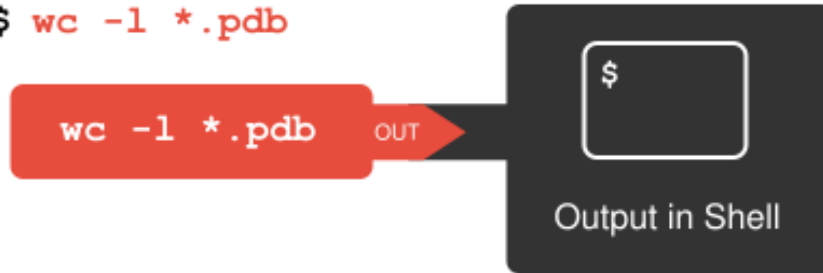
will prompt you to

confirm by typing `y`

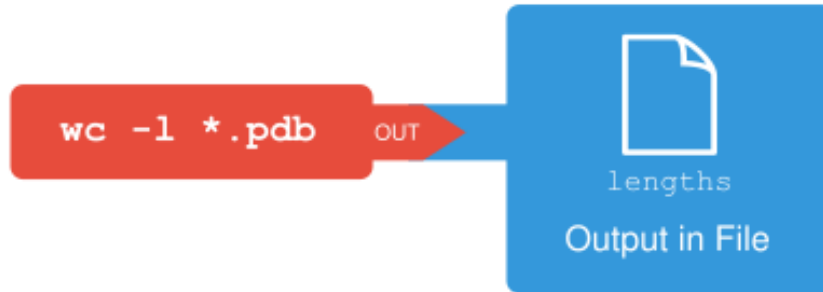
or cancel by typing `n`

# Pipe lines with Filters

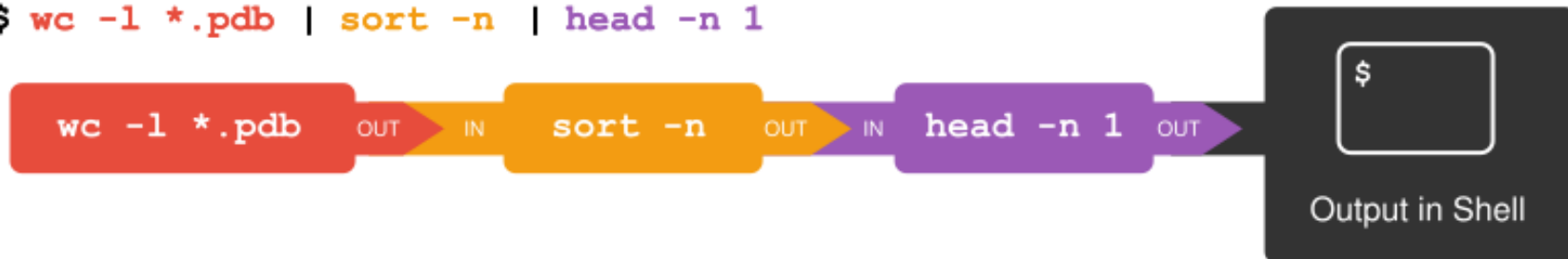
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$ wc -l *.pdb
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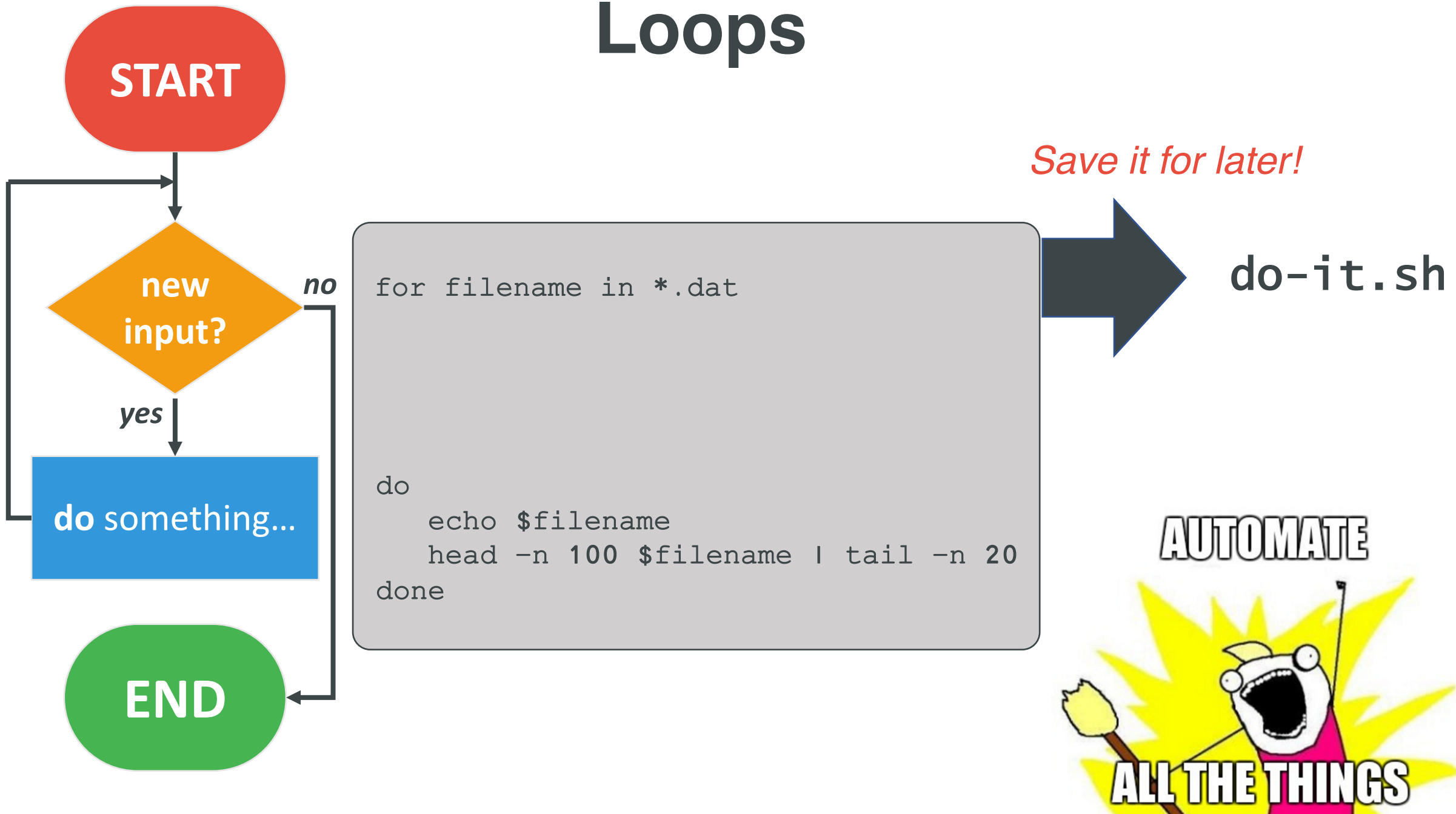
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$ wc -l *.pdb > lengths
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$ wc -l *.pdb | sort -n | head -n 1
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# Loops



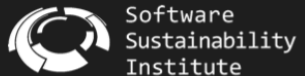
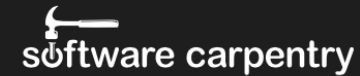
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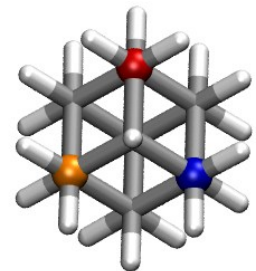
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write down a command-line to see the help text that matches each argument

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