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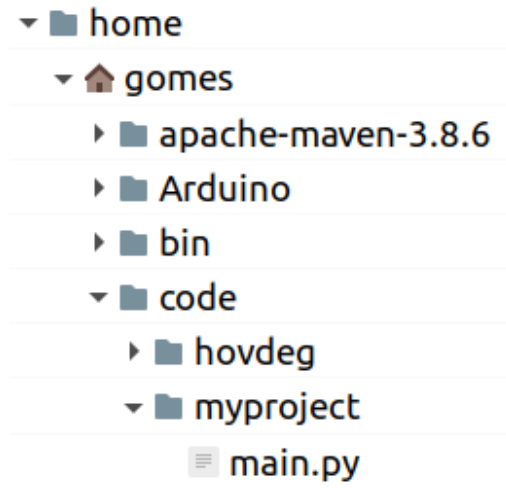
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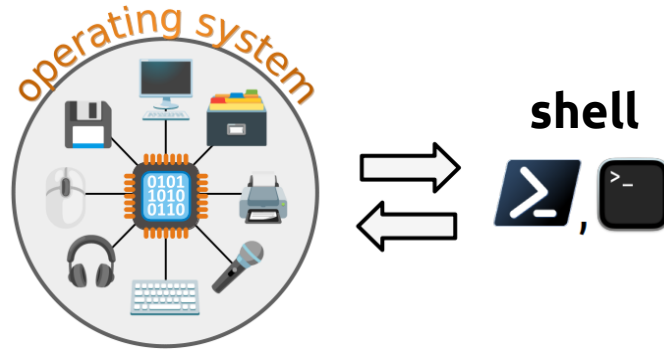
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# Terminology

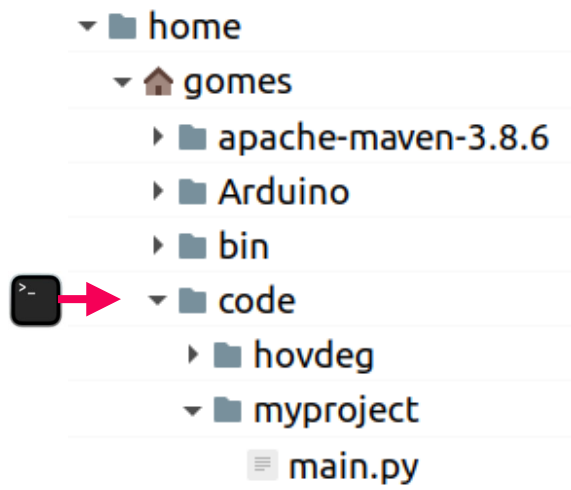
- **file**: document
- **directory**: folder (a container of files)



- **shell**: A program used to communicate with the operating system.
  - Windows: PowerShell
  - Mac/Linux: Terminal



- **path**: Address of the file or directory in the file system
  - **absolute** : with respect to the root of the file system.
  - **relative** : with respect to the shell's **current working directory**.
- **current working directory (cwd)** : directory currently referred to by the shell.



# pathlib

- Everything is based on the **Path** object:

```
from pathlib import Path
```

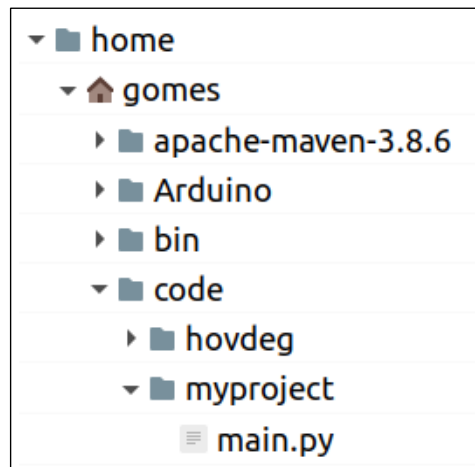
- A **Path** object represents a **file** or **directory** path.

```
path_cwd = Path.cwd()      # the directory from where the  
                           # interpreter was launched
```

```
path_home = Path.home()    # the user's home folder
```

- Moving down the tree: **slash operator (/)**

```
code_dir = path_home / 'code'  
main_file = path_home / 'code' / 'myproject' / 'main.py'
```



- Moving up the tree:

```
main_file.parent
```

is equal to

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path_home / 'code' / 'myproject'
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# Path methods

## Inspect

<code>Path.exists()</code>	... True if the path exists
<code>Path.is_file()</code>	... True if the path is a file
<code>Path.is_dir()</code>	... True if the path is a directory
<code>Path.name</code>	... Last part of the path
<code>Path.suffix</code>	... File extension, if any

## Create

<code>Path.touch()</code>	... Create new file
<code>Path.mkdir()</code>	... Create new directory

## Iterate through a directory

<code>Path.iterdir()</code>	... Iterator for a directory
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