

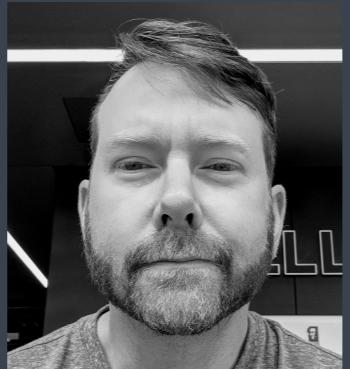
Introduction to the command-line interface (shell)

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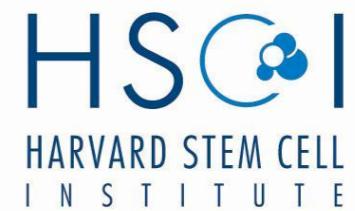
- RNA-seq analysis: bulk, single cell, small RNA
- ChIP-seq and ATAC-seq analysis
- Genome-wide methylation
- WGS, resequencing, exome-seq and CNV studies
- QC & analysis of gene expression arrays
- Functional enrichment analysis
- Grant support

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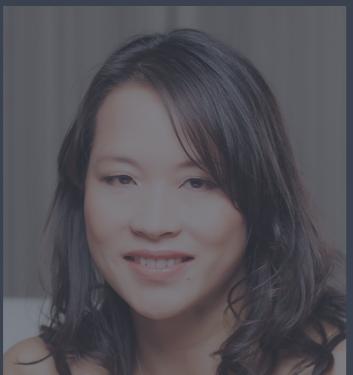
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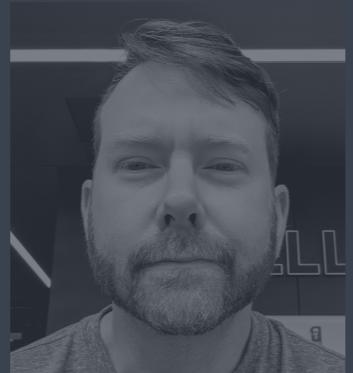
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Introductions!



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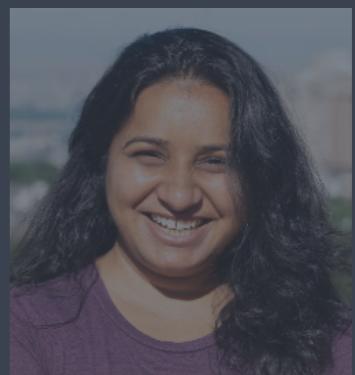
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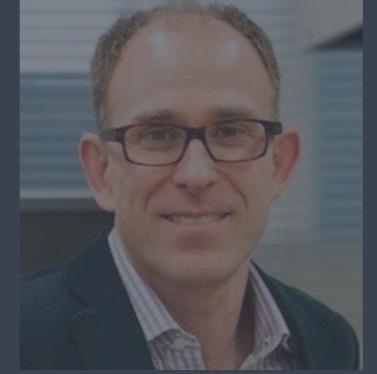
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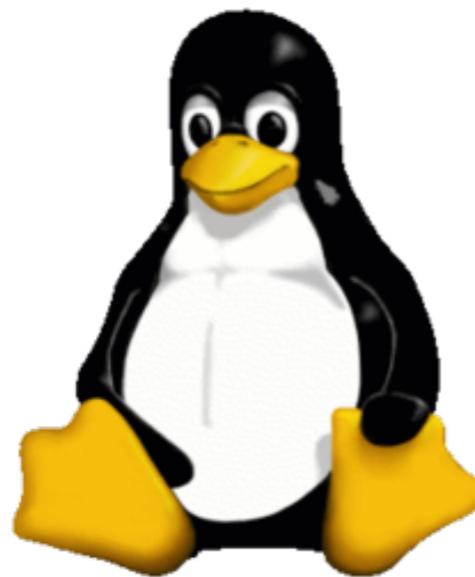


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Workshop scope



“Unix is user-friendly.

It's just very selective about who its friends are.”

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Bioinformatics:

- ◆ A lot of NGS-analysis tools are created for the Unix OS
- ◆ High-performance compute clusters which are necessary to analyze large datasets require a working knowledge of Unix

Linux

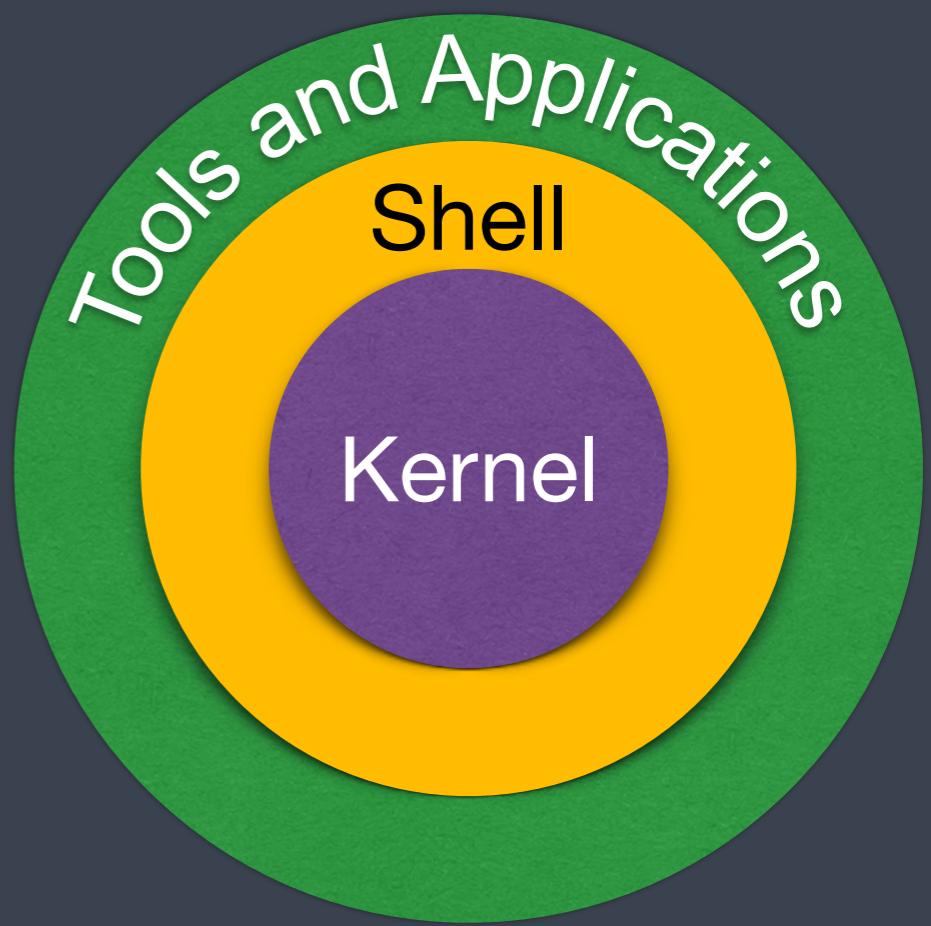
- ❖ Linux is a free, open-source operating system based on Unix
- ❖ It has the same components as the original, but the open source community is involved in active development of various distinct distributions of Linux



Components

The Unix/Linux system is functionally organized at 3 levels:

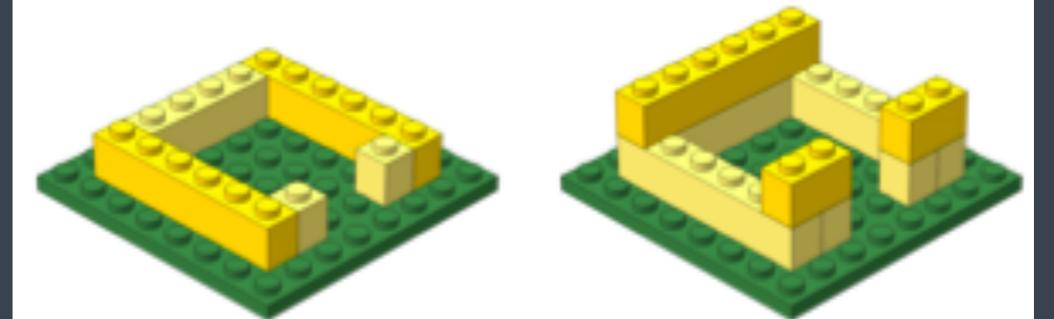
- ◆ **The kernel**, which schedules tasks and manages storage: *the brain of the system*
- ◆ **The shell**, *an interpreter* that helps interprets our input for the kernel
- ◆ **Utilities, tools and applications**, which use the shell to communicate with the kernel



The “shell”

- ◆ The shell is **an interpreter**
- ◆ It is independent of the operating system
- ◆ Dozens of shells have been developed throughout UNIX history, and a lot of them are still in use
- ◆ The most commonly used shell is **bash**

Learning Objectives



- ✓ Learn what a “shell” is and become comfortable with the command-line interface
 - Find your way around a filesystem using written commands
 - Work with small and large data files
 - Become more efficient when performing repetitive tasks
- ✓ Understand what a computational cluster is and why we need it

Logistics

Course webpage

<https://tinyurl.com/hbc-shell-fasrc-online>

Course schedule online

Workshop Schedule

Day 1

Time	Topic	Instructor
9:30 - 10:10	Workshop introduction	Meeta
10:10 - 11:40	Introduction to Shell	Mary
11:40 - 12:00	Overview of self-learning materials and homework submission	Jihe

Before the next class:

1. Please **study the contents** and **work through all the code** within the following lessons:
 - Wildcards and shortcuts in Shell
 - Examining and creating files
 - Searching and redirection
 - Shell scripts and variables in Shell

Course materials online



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[View on GitHub](#)

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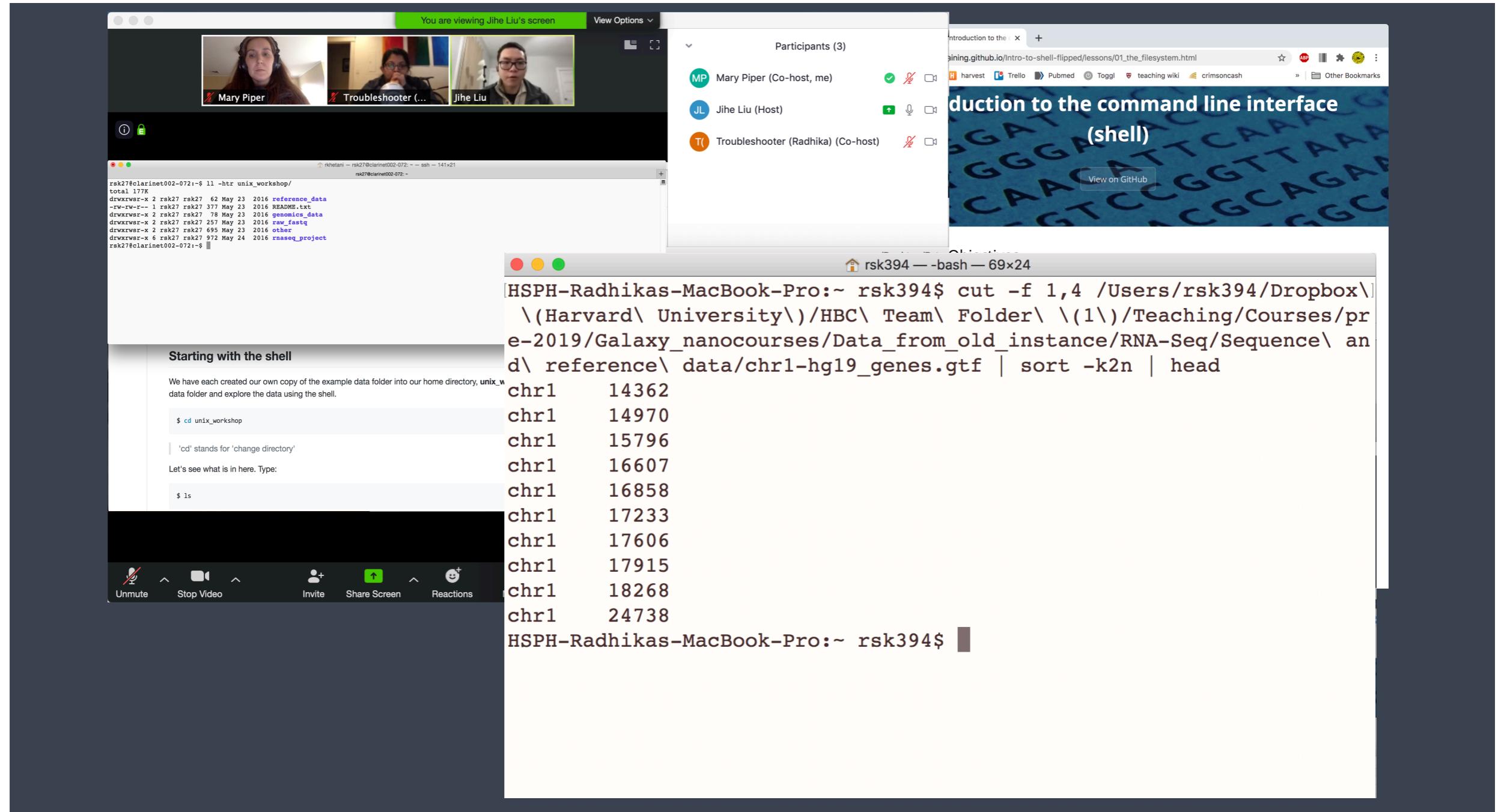
- How do you access the shell?
- How do you use it?
 - Getting around the Unix file system
 - looking at files
 - manipulating files
 - automating tasks
- What is it good for?

Setting up

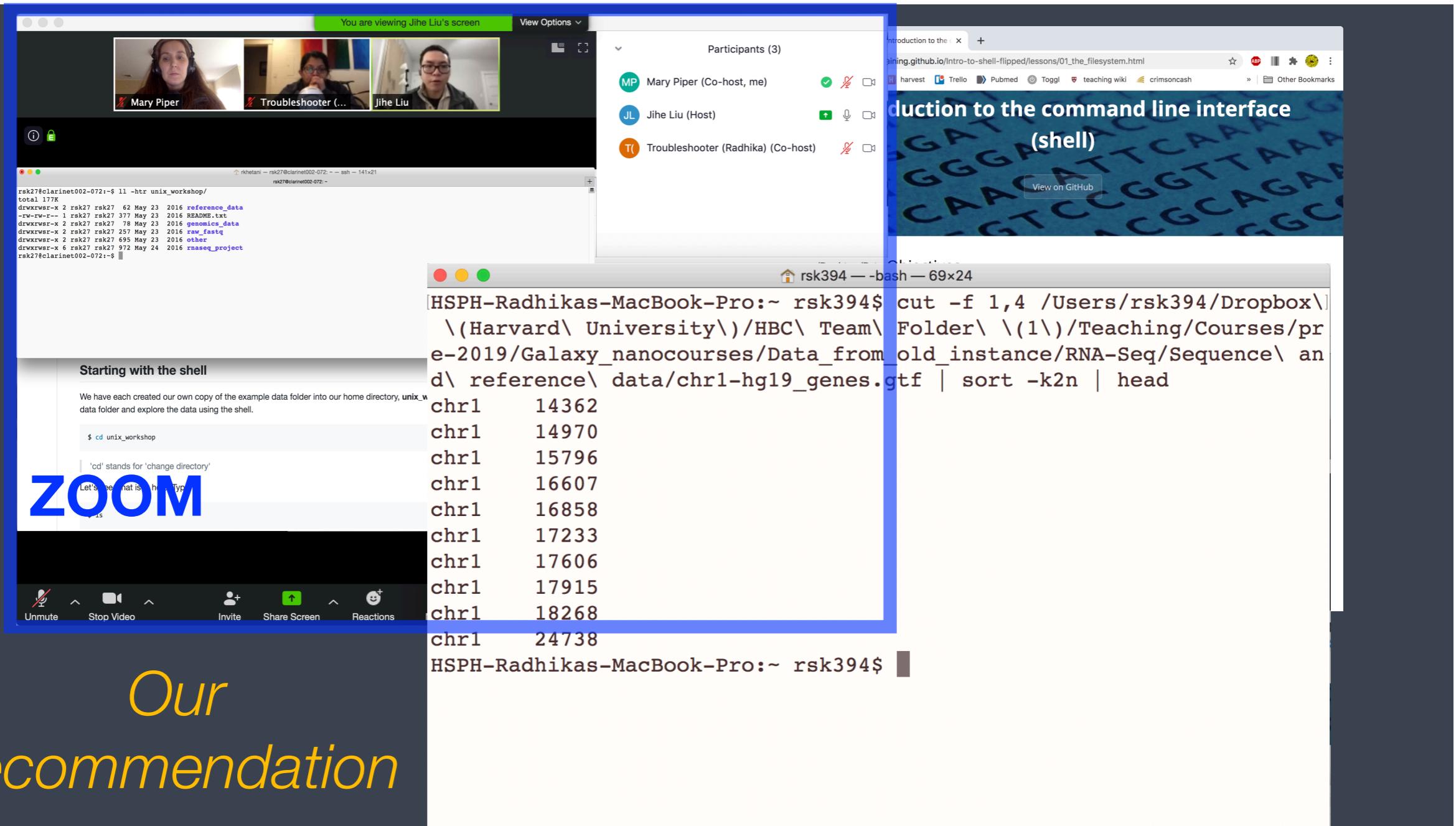
We will spend most of our time learning about the basics of the shell command-line interface (CLI) by exploring experimental data on the **O2** cluster. So, we will need to log in to this remote compute cluster first before we can start with the basics.

Let's take a quick look at the basic architecture of a cluster environment and some cluster-specific jargon prior to logging in.

Single screen & 3 windows?

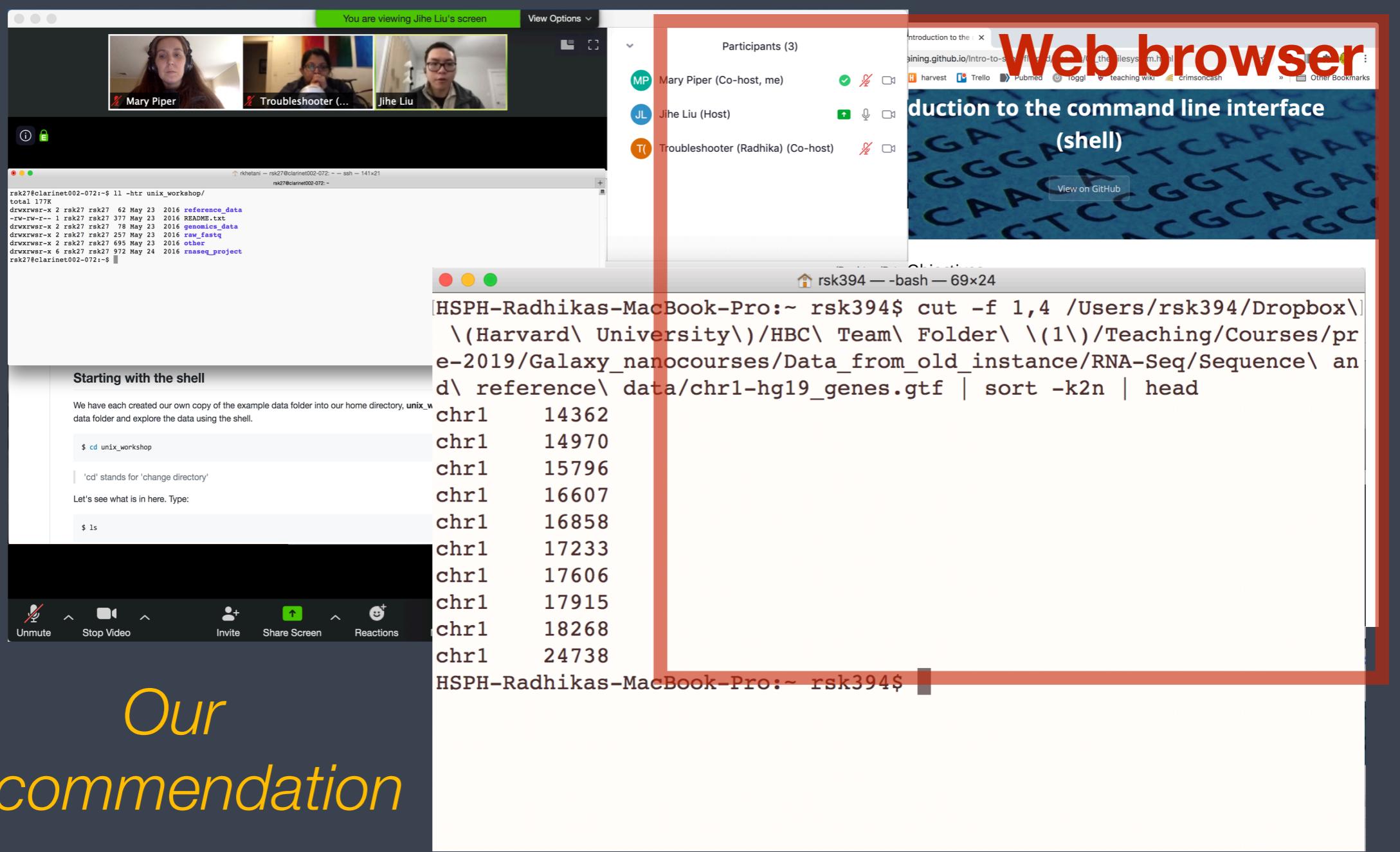


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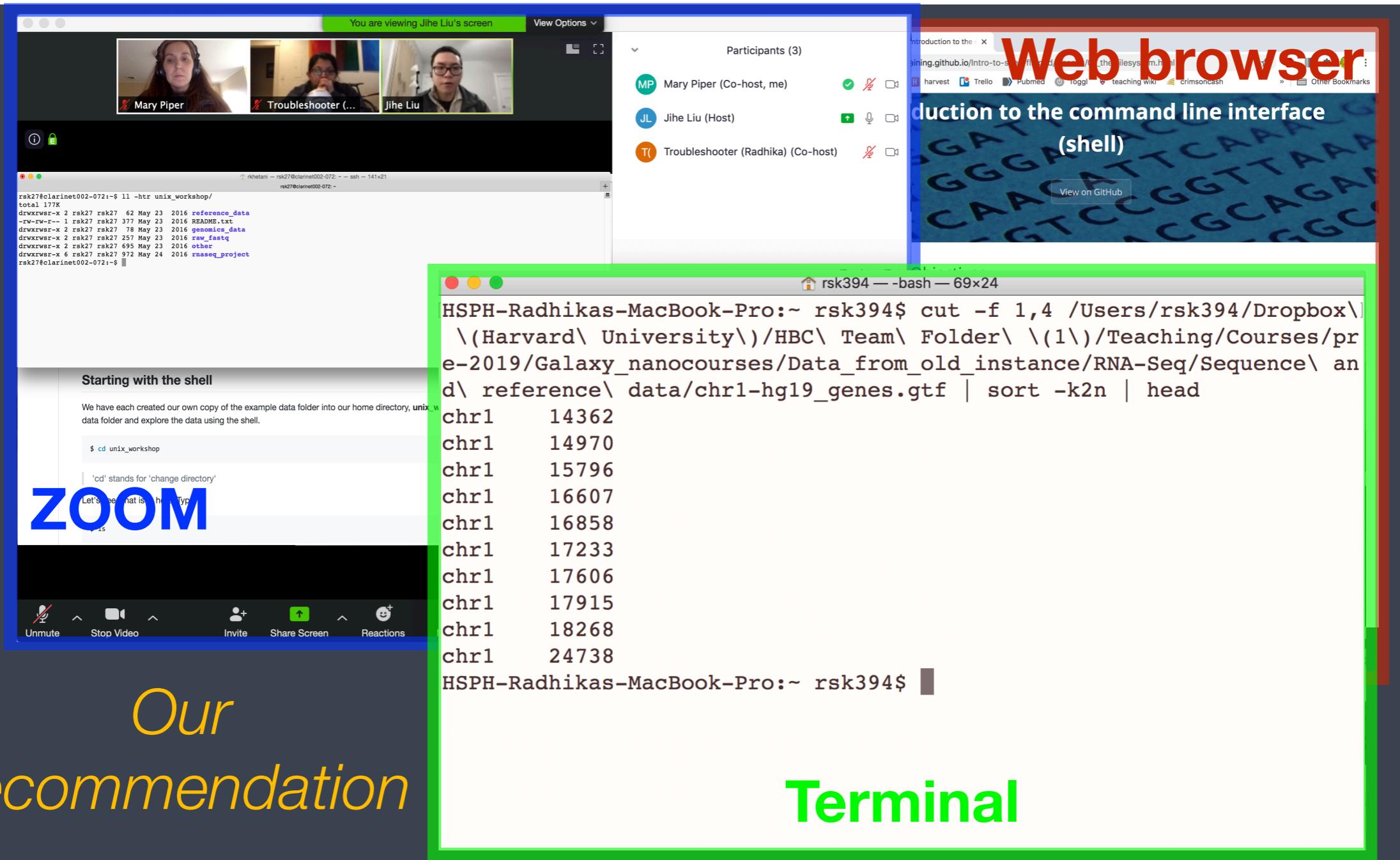
- Video Feed:** Shows three participants: Mary Piper, Troubleshooter (Radhika), and Jihe Liu.
- Participants List:** Shows three participants: Mary Piper (Co-host, me), Jihe Liu (Host), and Troubleshooter (Radhika) (Co-host).
- Terminal Session:** A green-highlighted window showing a command-line interface. The command run is:

```
rsk394 — bash — 69x24
HSPH-Radhikas-MacBook-Pro:~ rsk394$ cut -f 1,4 /Users/rsk394/Dropbox\(\Harvard\ University\)/HBC\ Team\ Folder\ \((1\))/Teaching/Courses/pre-2019/Galaxy_nanocourses/Data_from_old_instance/RNA-Seq/Sequence\ and\ reference\ data/chr1-hg19_genes.gtf | sort -k2n | head
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Terminal

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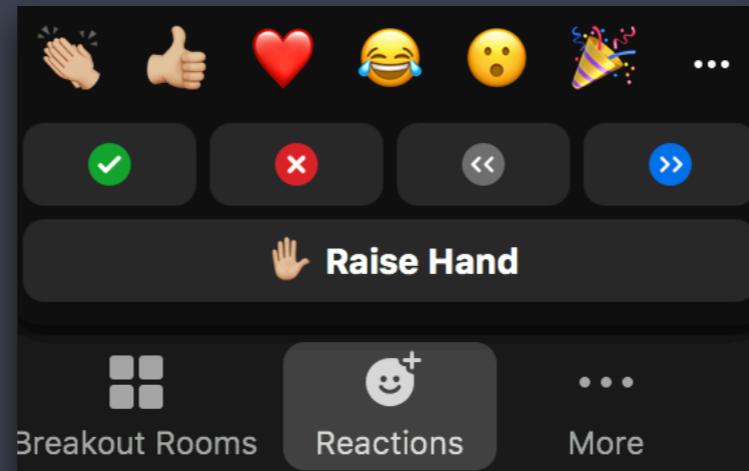


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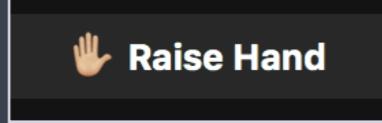
Odds and Ends (1/2)

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- ❖ Are you all set?
 - ▶  = "agree", "I'm all set" (equivalent to a **green post-it**)
 - ▶  = "disagree", "I need help" (equivalent to a **red post-it**)



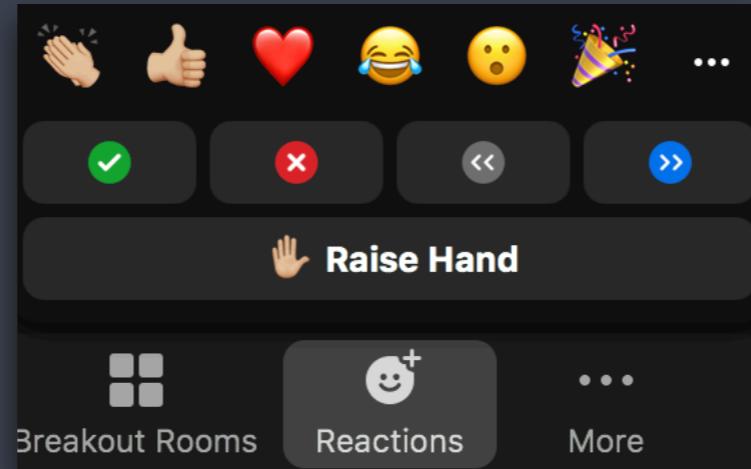
Odds and Ends (2/2)

❖ Questions for the presenter?

- Post the question in the Chat window OR
-  when the presenter asks for questions
- Let the Moderator know

❖ Technical difficulties with software?

- Start a private chat with the Troubleshooter with a description of the problem.



Thanks!

- Daniel Caunt and Maggie McFee from FAS-RC
- [Data Carpentry](#)

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