

Unix Basics

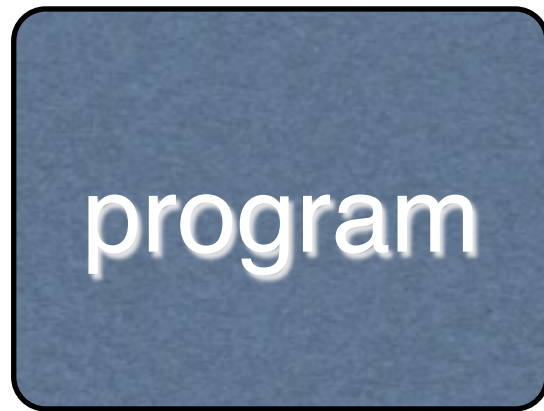
Our Goal Tonight

provide *fundamental concepts* and give you a
solid understanding

when we're done, there will still be *a lot* you
don't know.

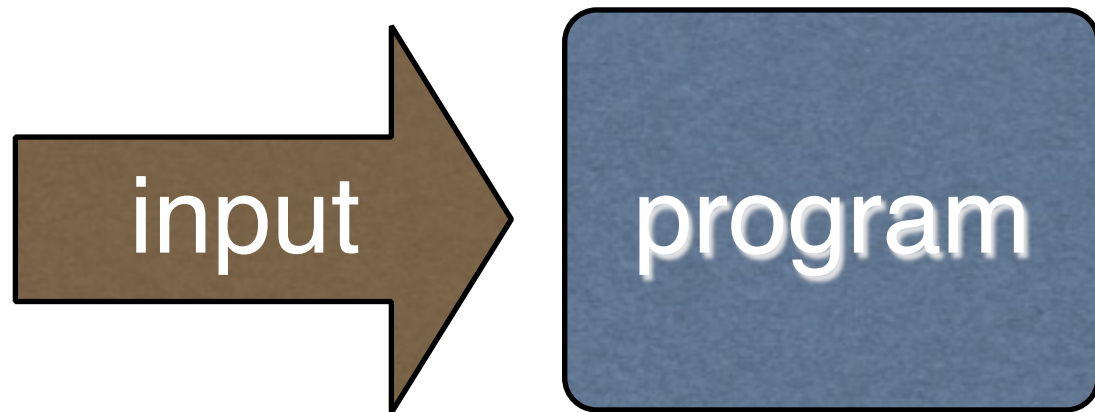
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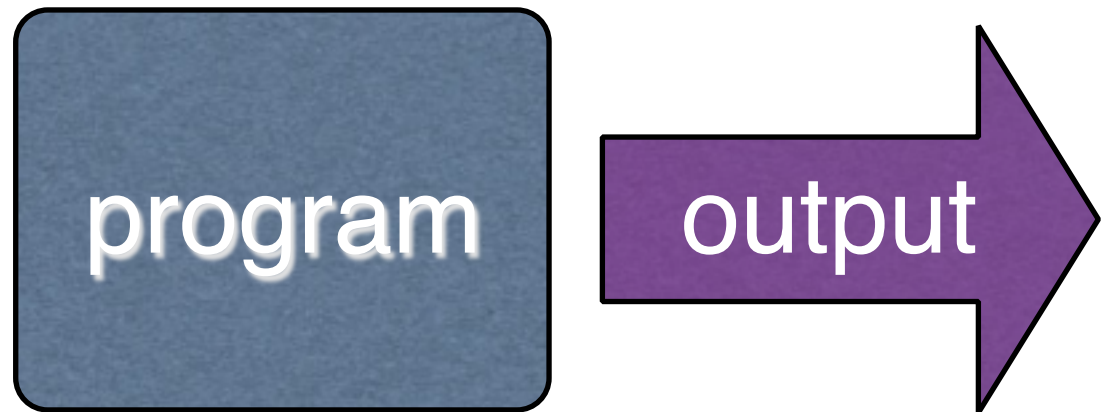


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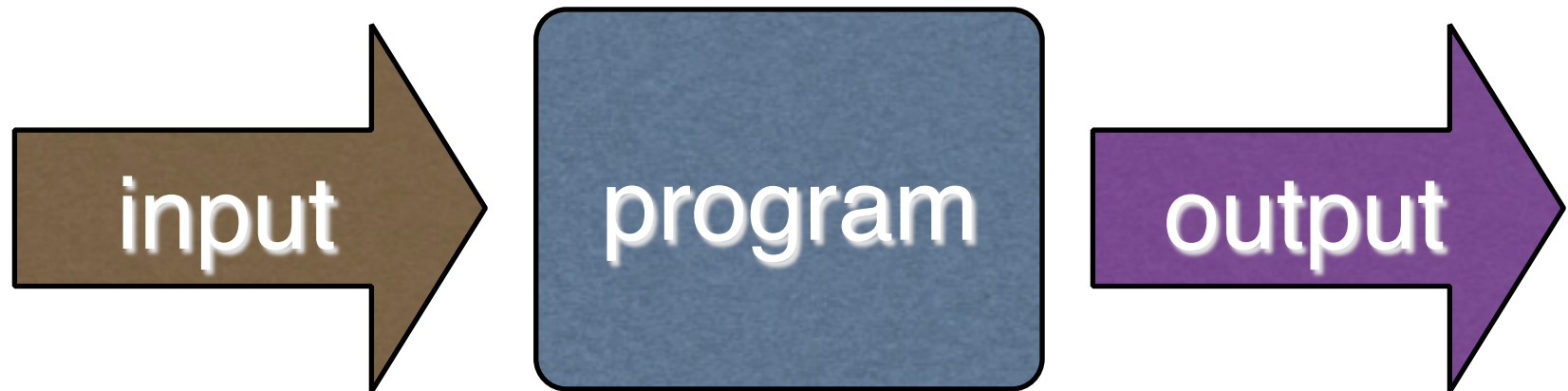
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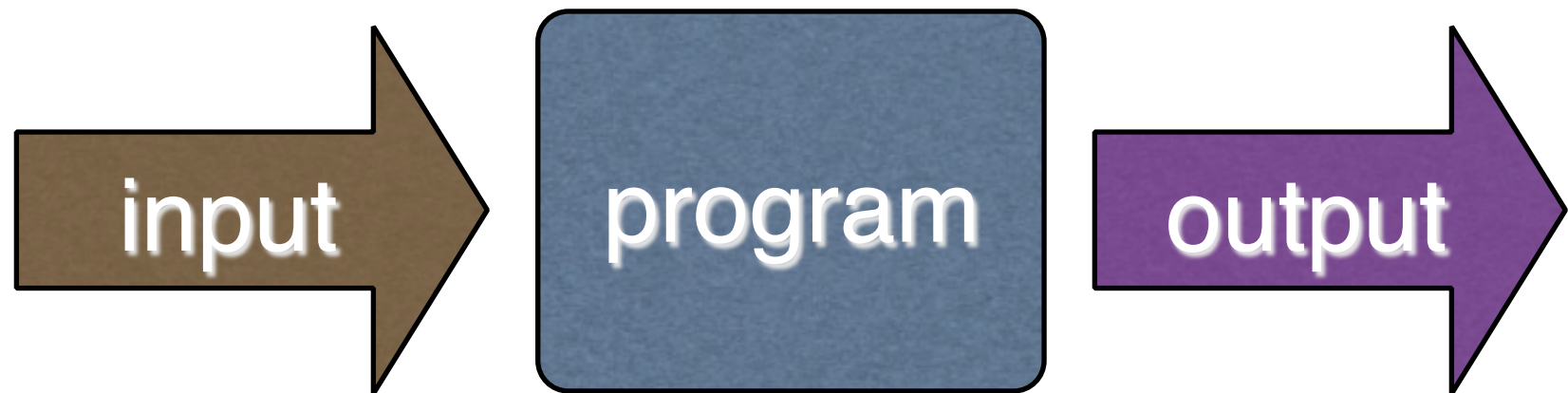
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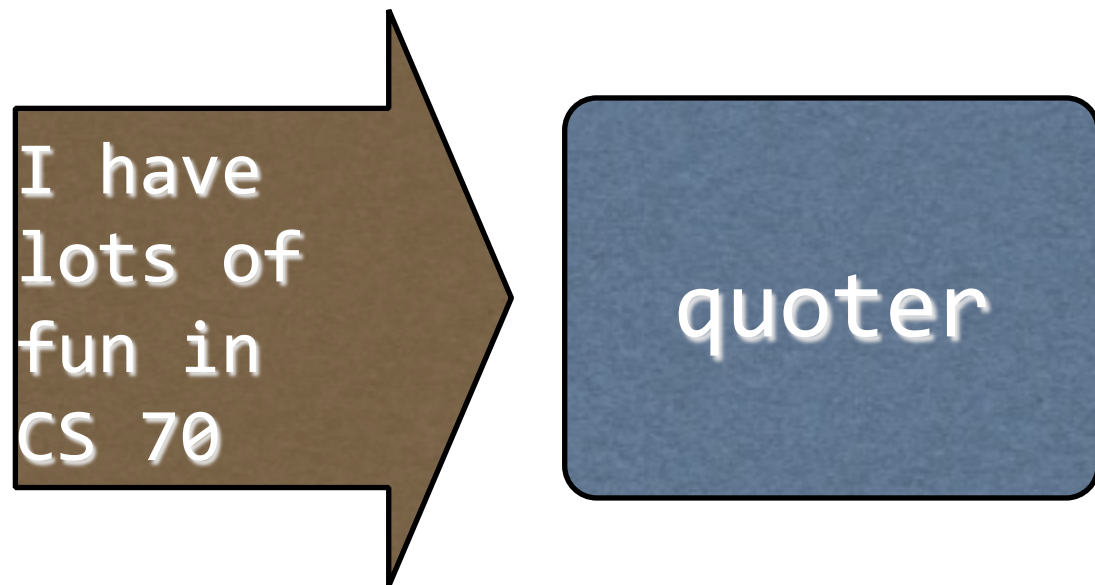
Something
you can read
from...

(e.g., contents of file,
keyboard input, etc.)

Something
you can write
to...

(e.g., contents of file,
display output, etc.)

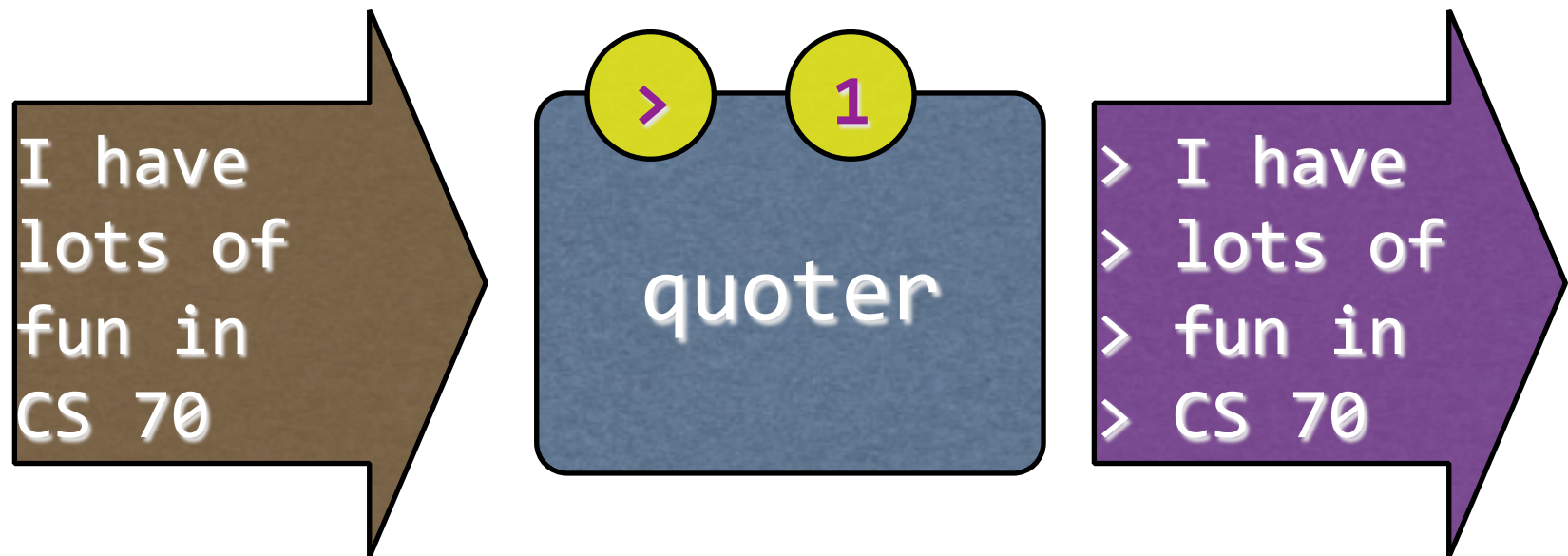
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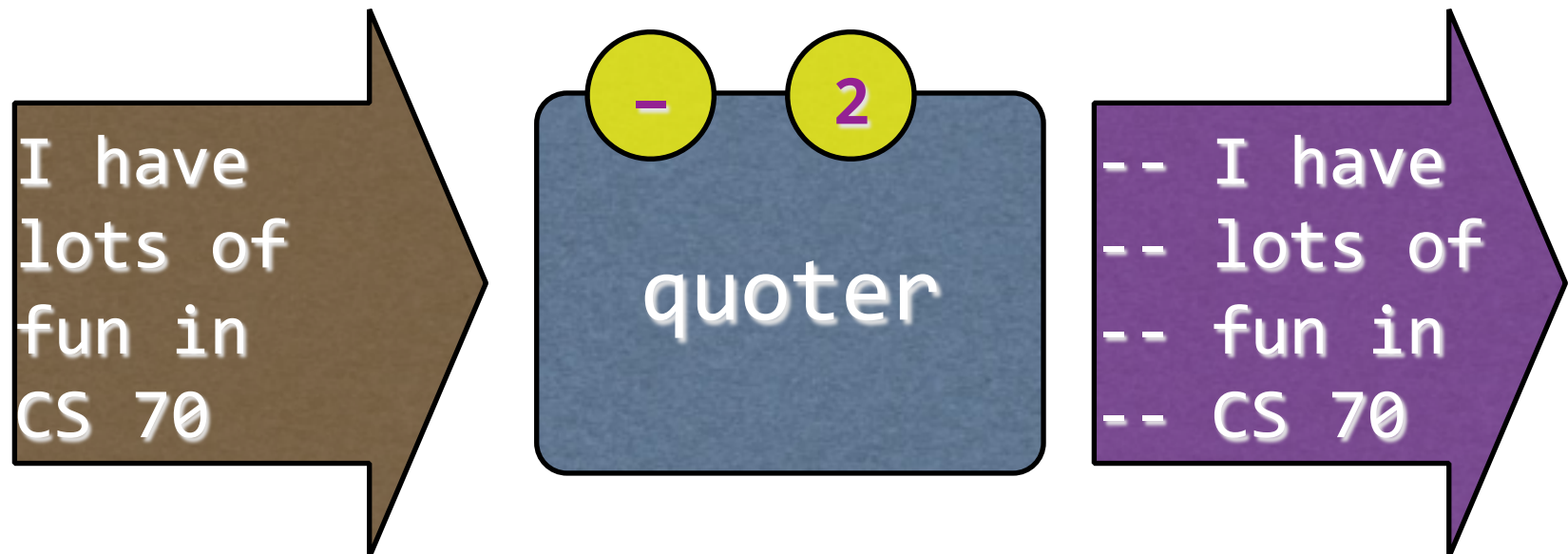
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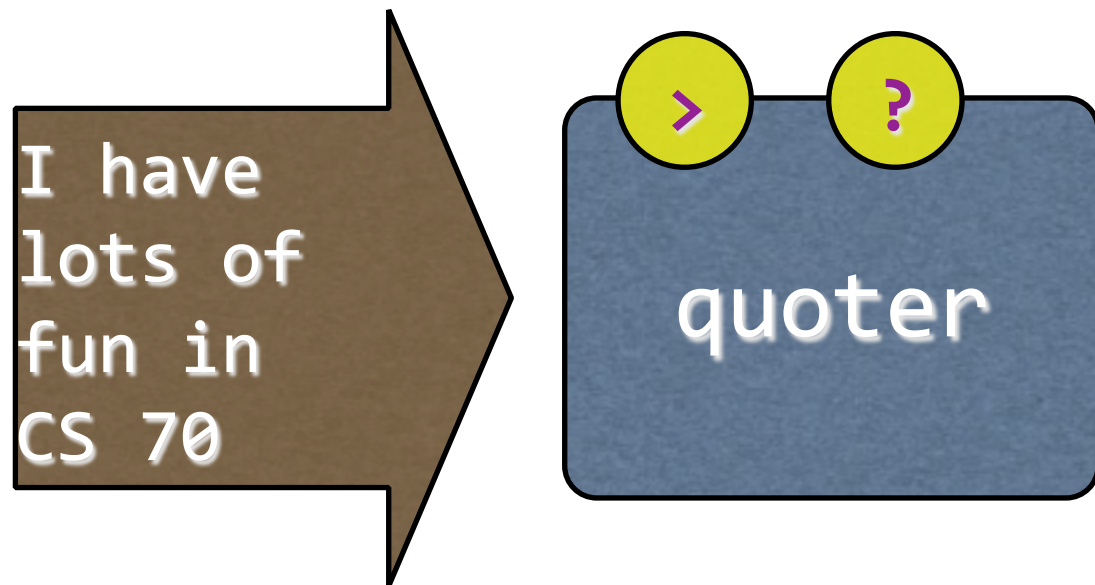
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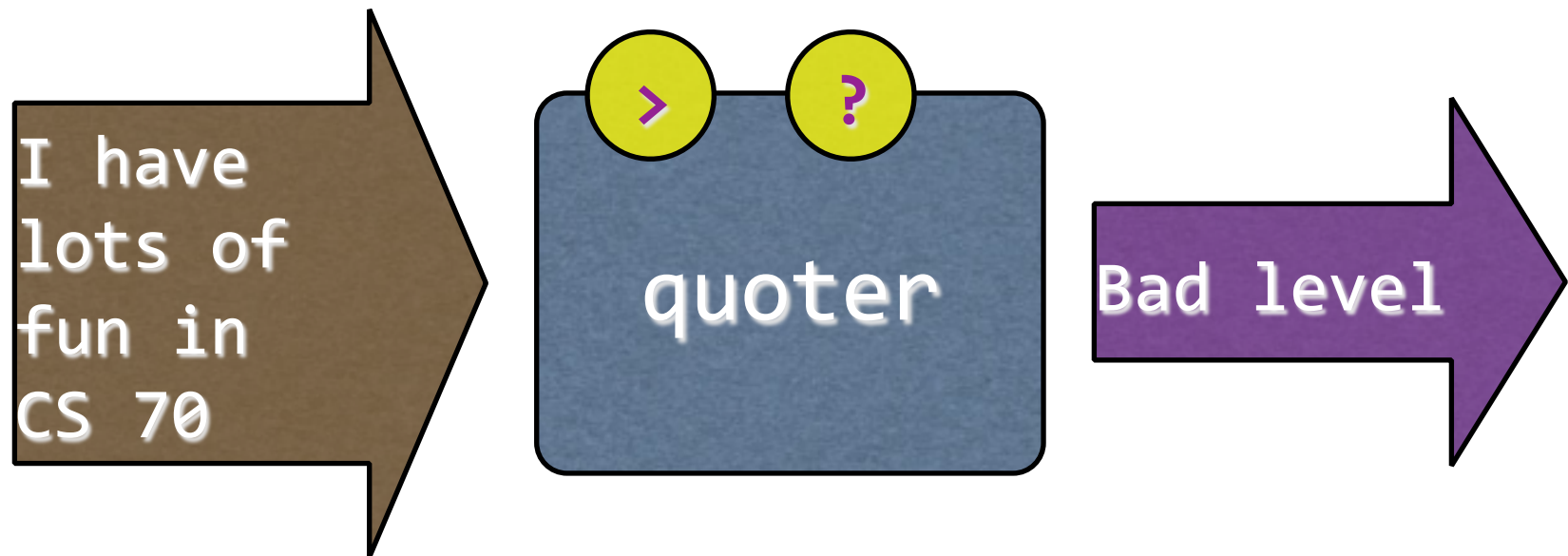
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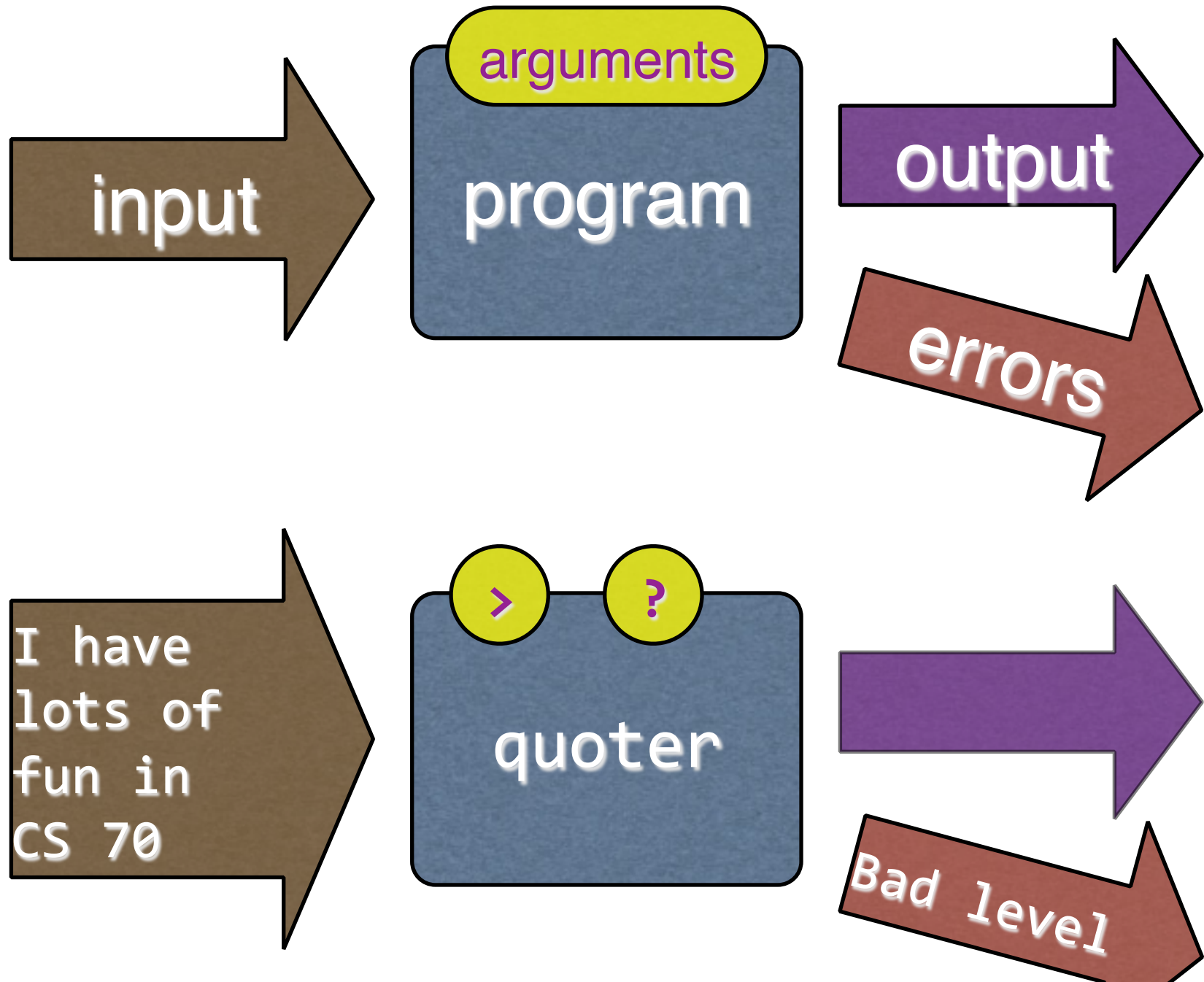
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tory So Far

programs have

- ' Arguments
- ' Input stream
- ' Output stream
- ' Error stream

Implemented as

- Array of strings
 - ♦ Arguments to `main`

the Shell

program that just exists to run other programs

- Does the necessary setup first

- Can be *graphical* or *text-based*

Shell Basics

Shell reads a line from the user of the form

program-to-run arg1 arg2 arg3

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```
/home/nfakaji/bin/quoter % 2
```

Standard input, output and error output default to the terminal

Tip: Pressing Control-D signifies “end of input”

paths

Doing this is a pain

```
➤ /home/nfakaji/bin/quoter % 2
```

We'd like to say

```
➤ quoter % 2
```

Shell has notion of a *search path*

➤ List of directories in which to look for programs

More about Arguments

Contrast these

```
☛ quoter % 2
```

```
☛ quoter %%% 2
```

```
☛ quoter % % 2
```

Need some way to tell the shell what we mean

To get the last one right, we can use

```
☛ quoter "% %" 2
```

```
☛ quoter '% %' 2
```

O Redirection

What if we don't want the input and output (I/O) defaults?

How to ask shell to set up I/O differently?

○ Redirection

For Shell's Convention, add “dummy arguments”:

`< file` — Standard input reads from *file*

`> file` — Standard output writes to *file*

`2> file` — Standard error writes to *file*

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```
quoter % 2 < quoteme.txt
```

```
quoter % 1 < quoteme.txt > result.txt
```

Doing More Things...

Suppose we also had another program, shout.

```
quoter % 1 < quoteme.txt > quoted.txt
```

```
shout < quoted.txt > loud.txt
```

```
rm quoted.txt
```

A nicer option would be to feed output of one program straight into the input of another (a pipe”).

```
quoter % 1 < quoteme.txt | shout > loud.txt
```

Unix Philosophy

Provide simple but powerful tools

• Each tool has a single proficiency

• Plug them together in pipelines

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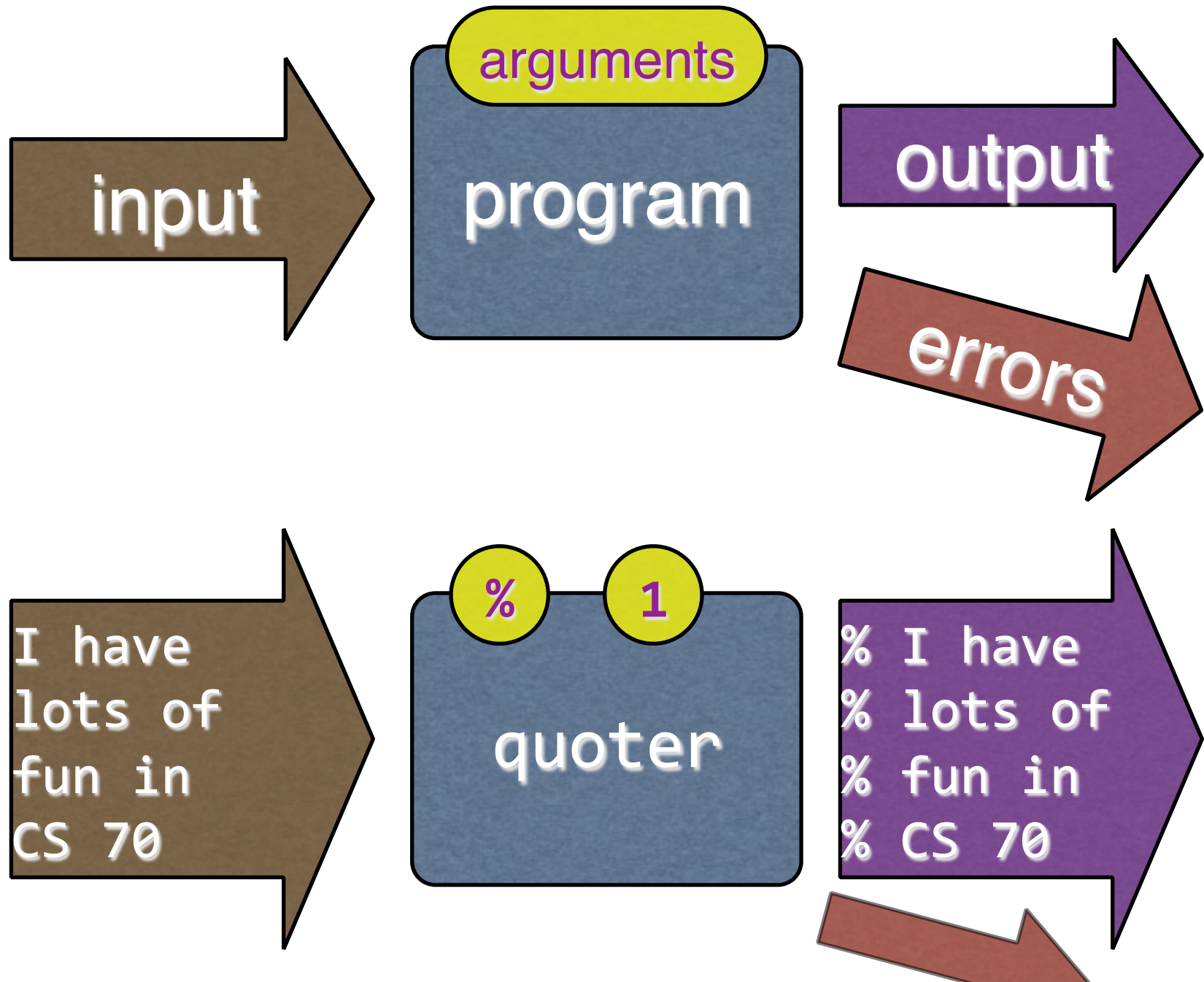
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• head

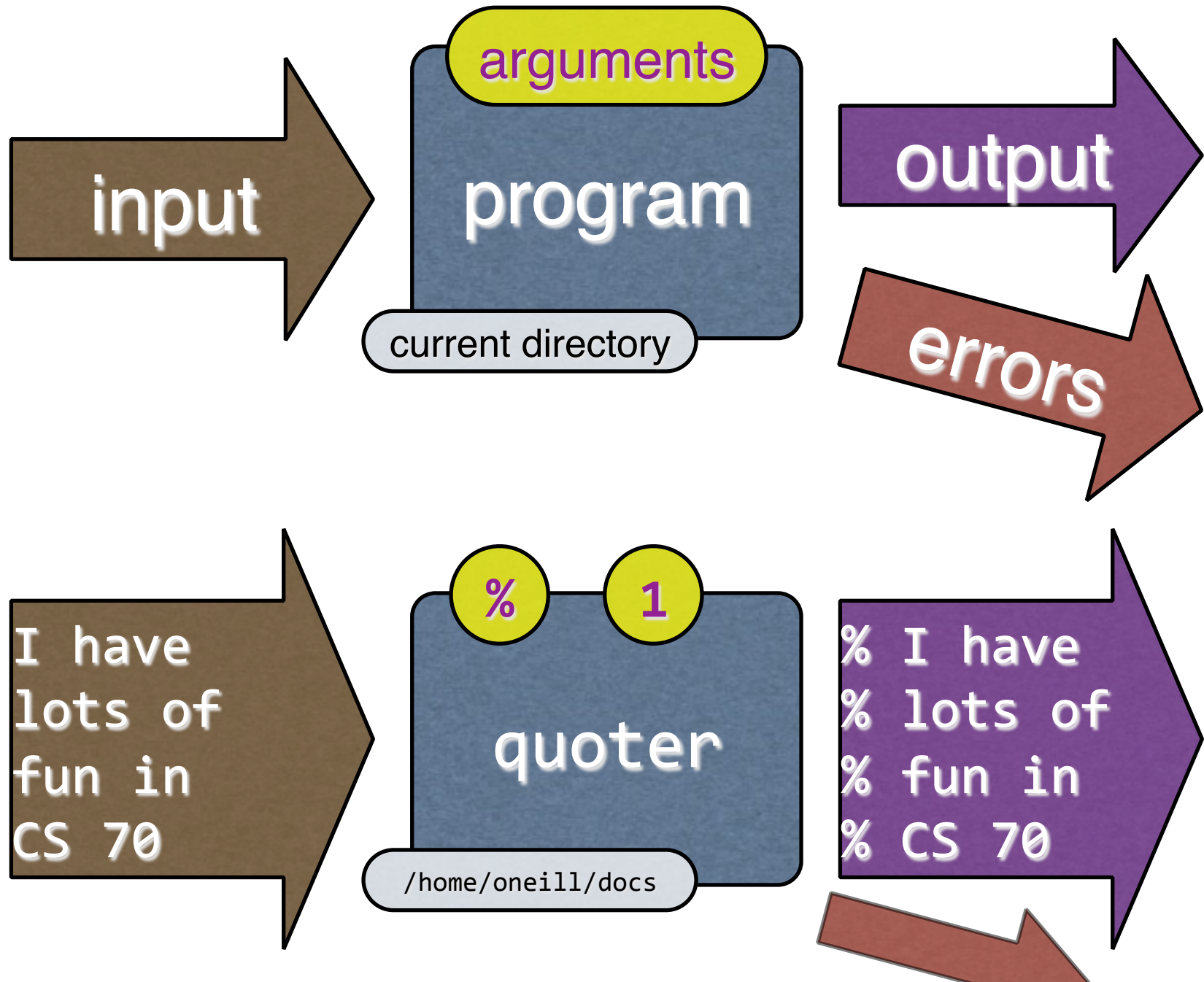
• tail

• uniq

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Programs vs Functions

Programs are a lot like functions

- Execute them to do stuff

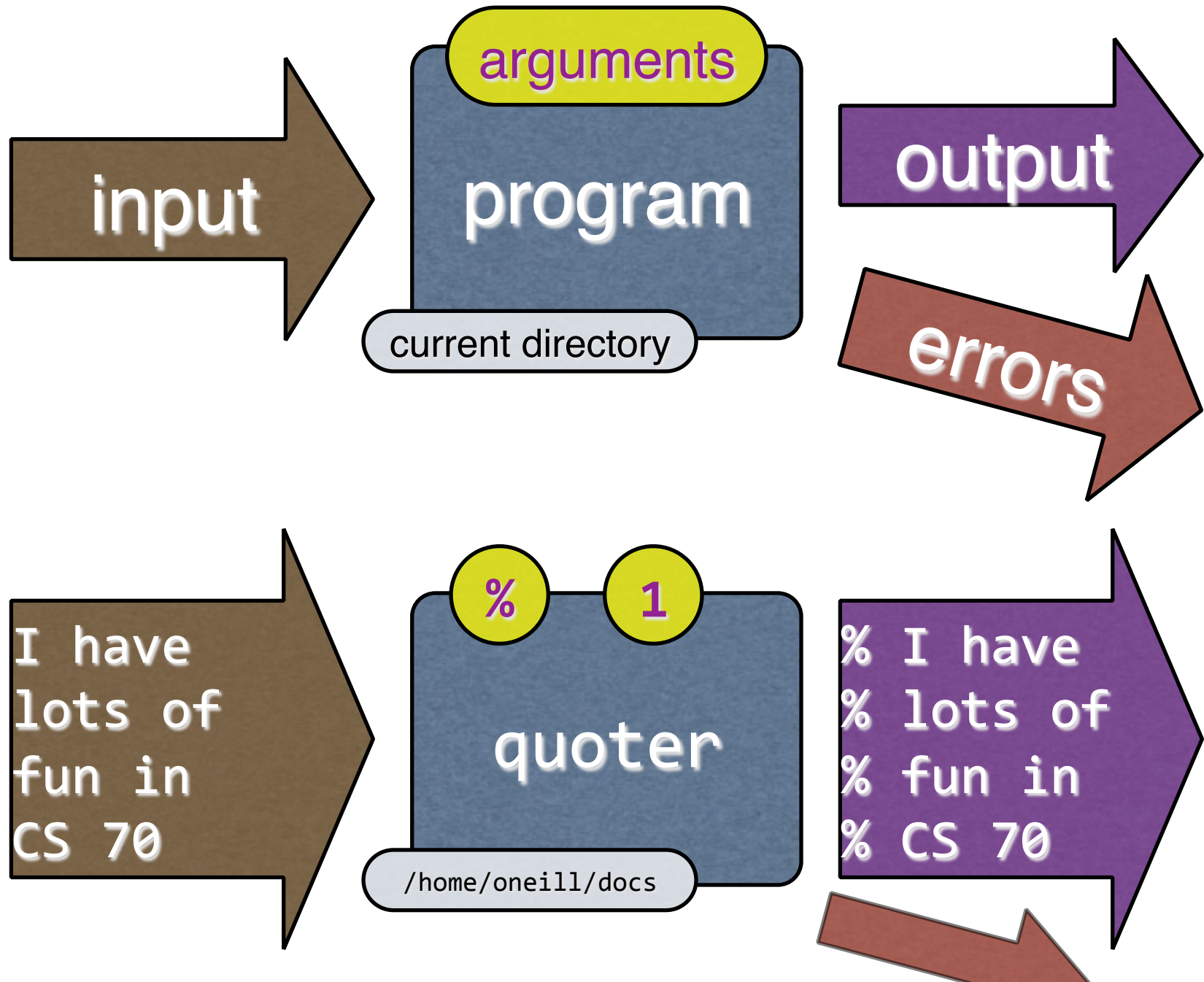
- Take arguments

but functions can refer to global constants

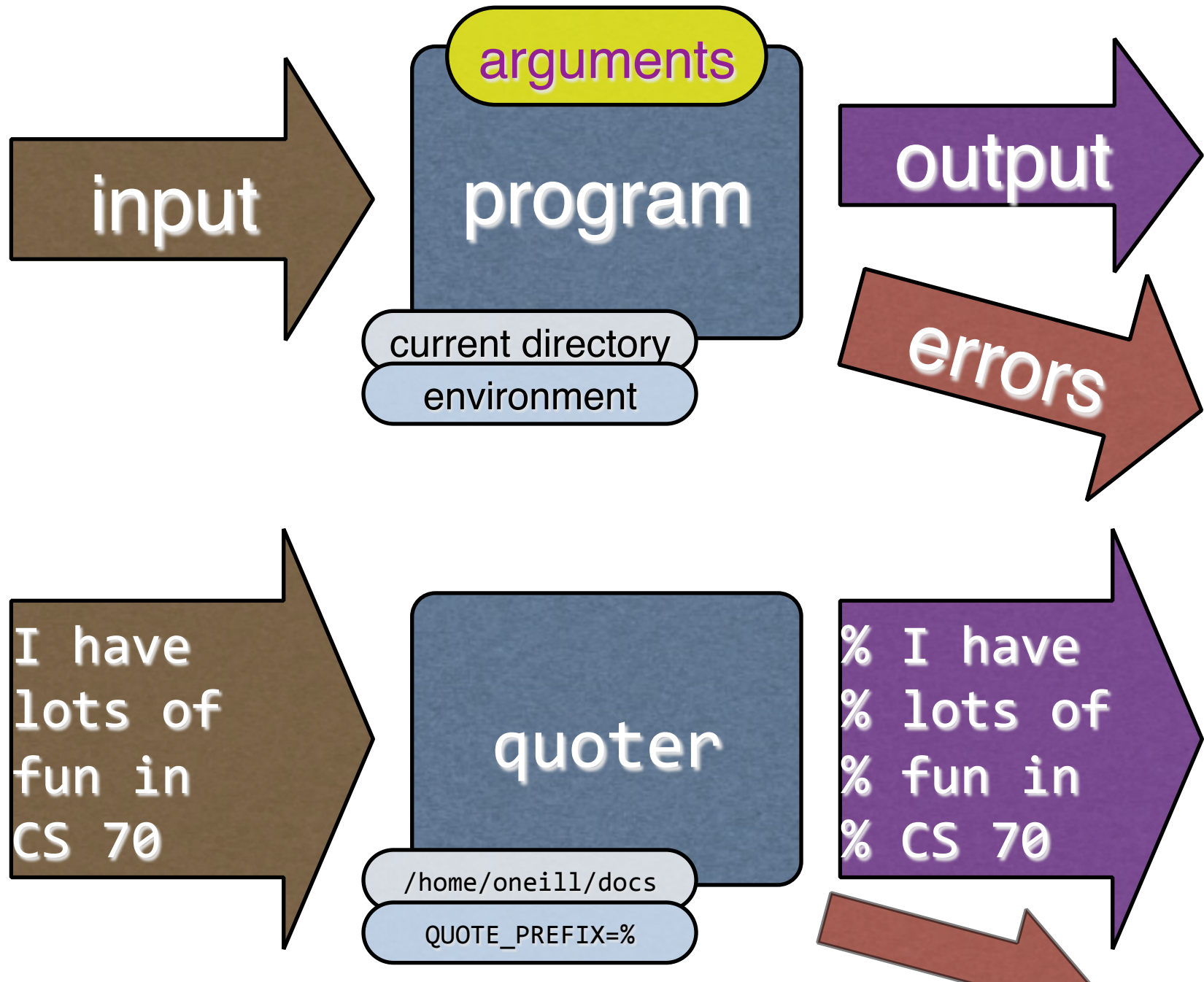
- It'd be nice to do the same for programs

Name	Value
QUOTE_PREFIX	%
QUOTE_LEVEL	0

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Useful Environment Variables

Several already exist, by convention...

Name	Value
PATH	/bin:/usr/bin:/usr/local/bin:/opt/local/bin
EDITOR	emacs

change by saying

```
export EDITOR=pico
```

Wildcards

remove all files ending with “.o”, we can say

```
rm *.o
```

like the `del` command in windows,
the *shell* handles the mechanics of expanding

```
[ *.o
```

nuth & Lab Macs

Similarities

- Same student directories
- Not the same as CIS
- Both Unixish

Differences

- Different flavors of Unix (Linux vs MacOS X)
- Code compiled on one won't run on the other

Connecting to knuth

log into knuth from the lab macs, use

- `ssh -Y knuth`

the `-Y` means “forward X11” as a trusted client

electing an Editor

u don't have to use emacs or vim

' Xcode is fine, as are other editors

' gedit is fine

Helpful Commands

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<filename>

ff *<filename1> <filename2>*

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manu

Shows documentation for a program

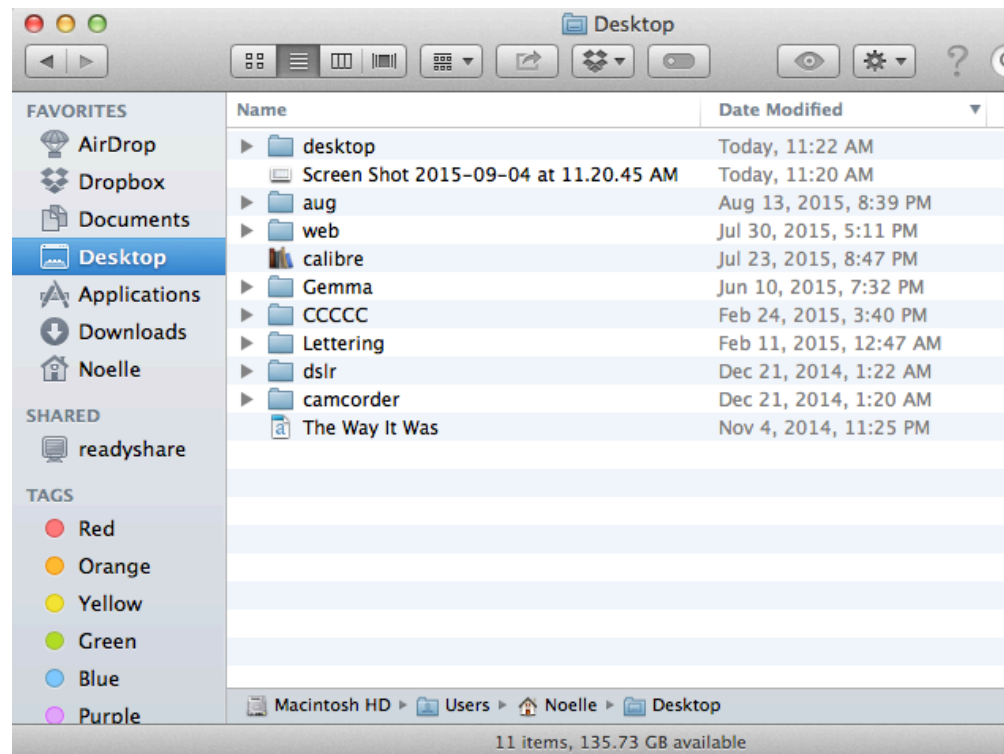
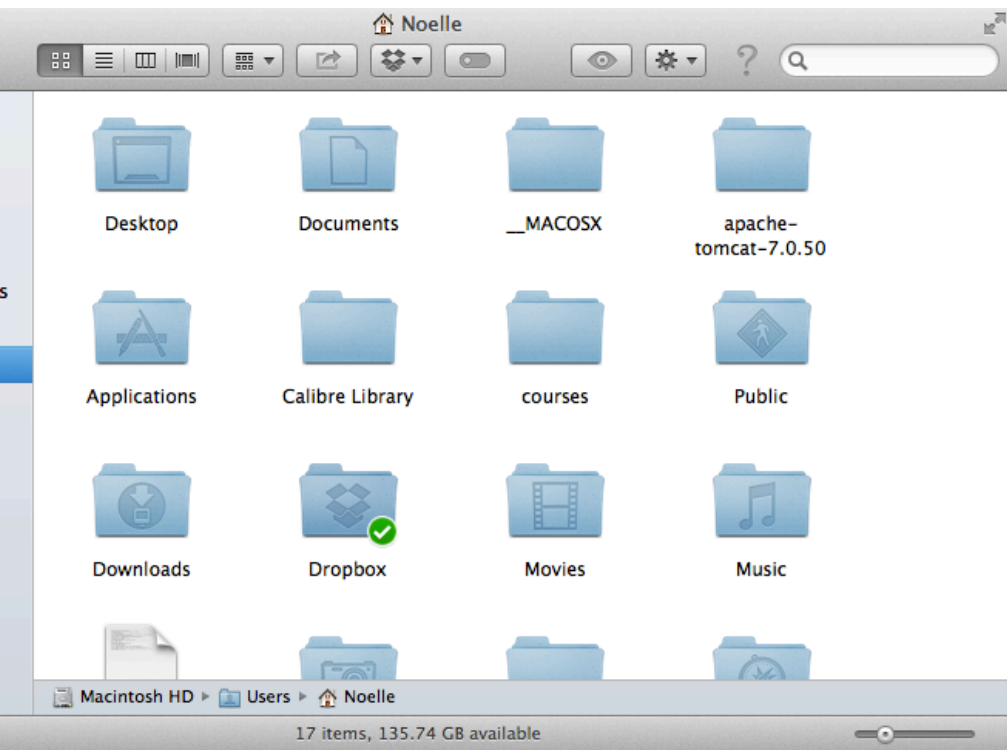
- `man <program>`
- `man -k <program>`

cd change directory

navigate through directories

```
cd <directory>
```

```
cd ..
```



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lists the files in the current directory

- `ls`
- `ls -l`
- `ls -a`

There are many more options, for example to sort files by size, by date, recursively etc.

Other hints

Hit the up arrow

Tab completion

Getting Help

ts of ways

- Class Wiki (add things too!)
- Google (including for tutorials, etc.)
- Ask grutors and instructors

To the lab!

Grab a handout!