The Filesystem Tree

The filesystem stores various kinds of objects.

The two most common are:

files — like text files, images, programs, HTML files, zip files, etc.

directories — named containers that can hold files, directories, other objects.

seen on a Windows or Mac system.

The Filesystem Tree

Files and directories have names ("filenames").

Filenames can contain any character except the slash. /

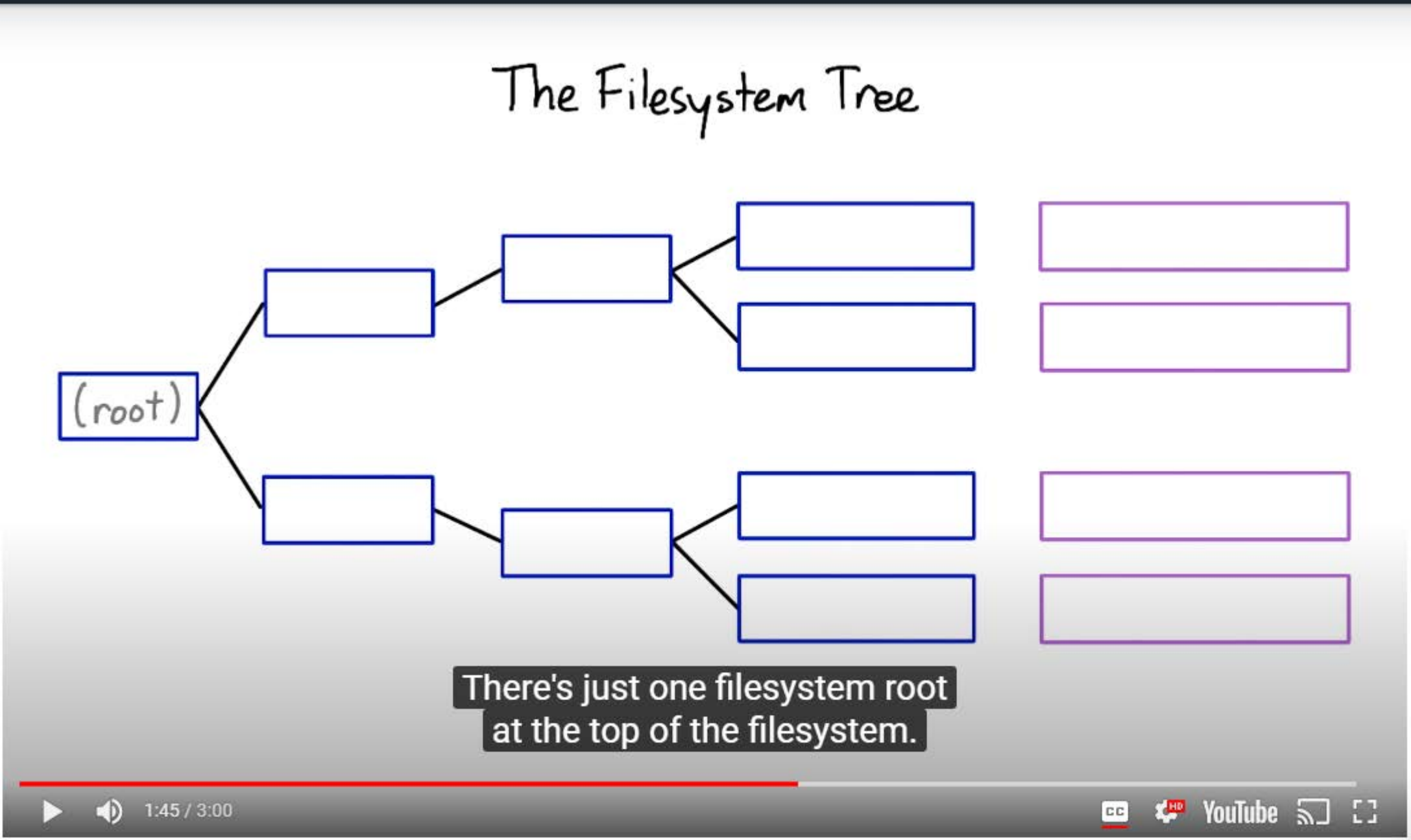
When you write a filename that contains spaces or punctuation such as ! $ # ( ) [ ] % & ; put the filename in 'quotes' or precede each special character with \.

Great Filename!
actual filename

'Great Filename!'
quoted

Great\ Filename\!
escaped

This is called Quoting and this is called Escaping.


The Filesystem Tree
(root)
There's just one filesystem root
at the top of the filesystem.
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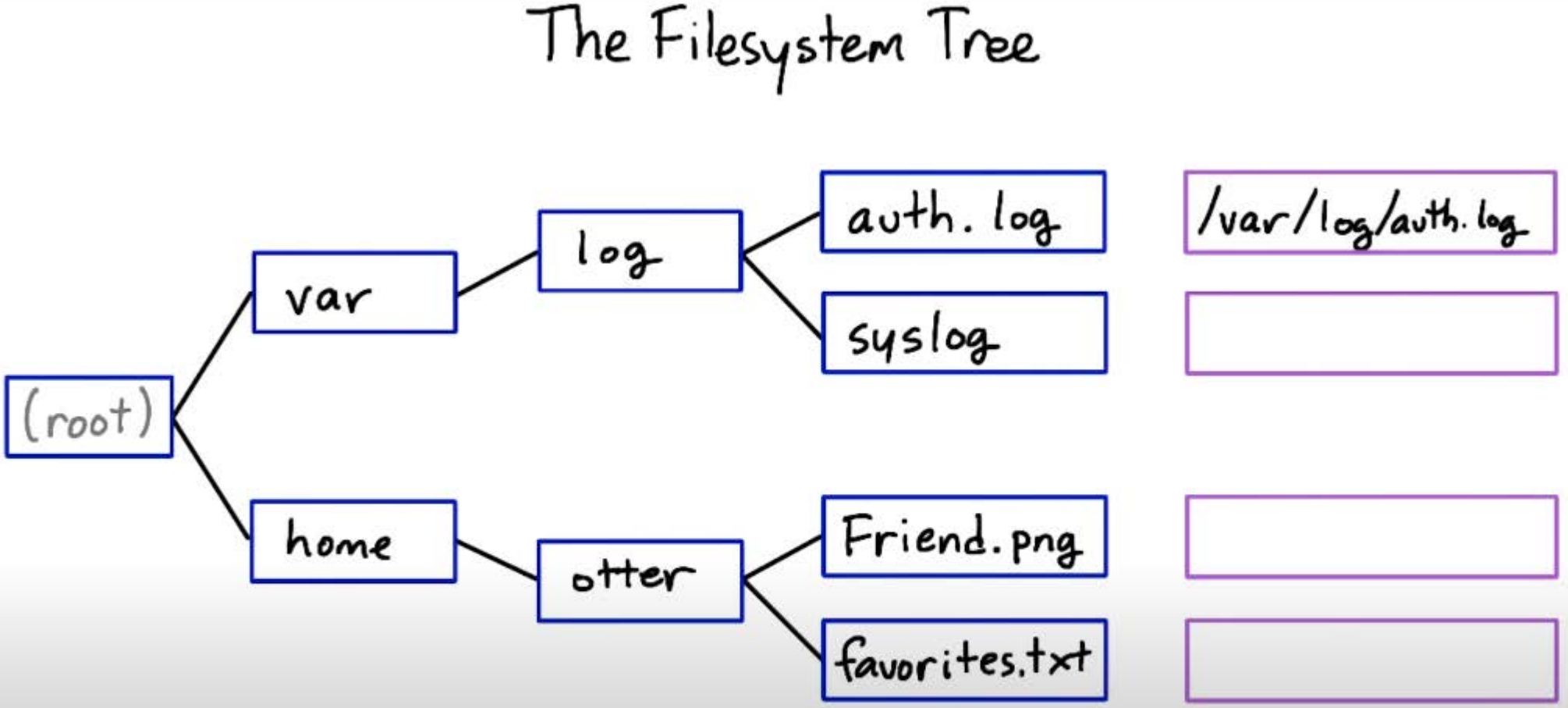
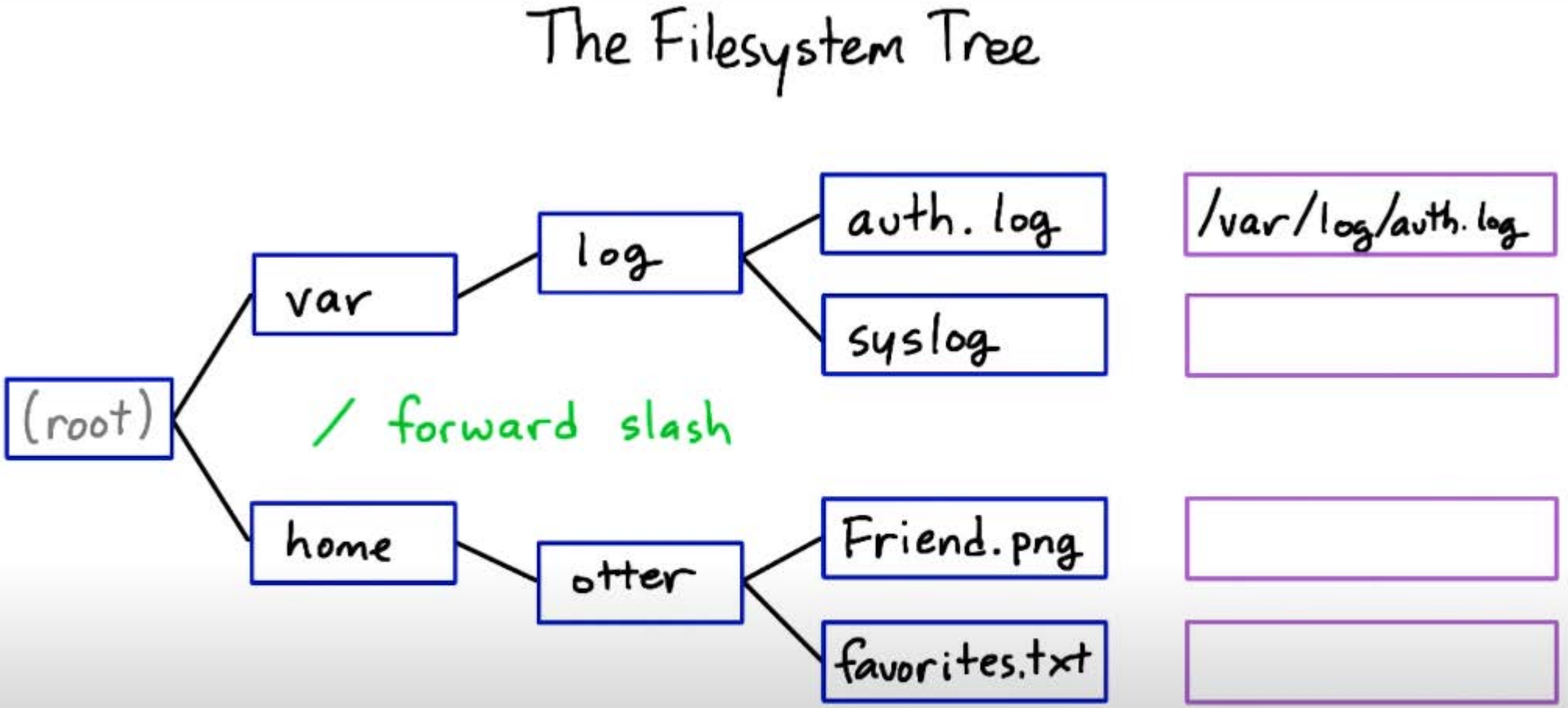
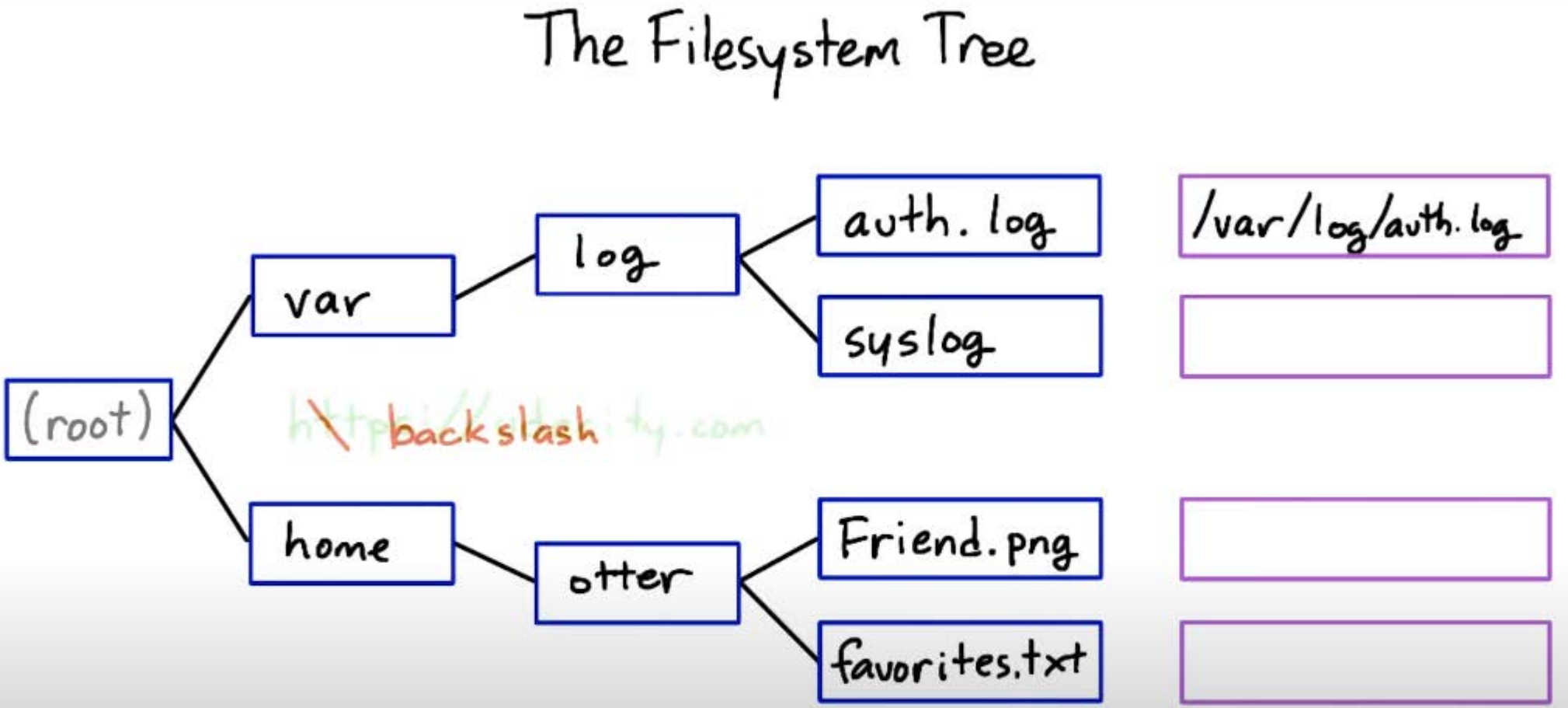




whereas Windows uses the back slash.



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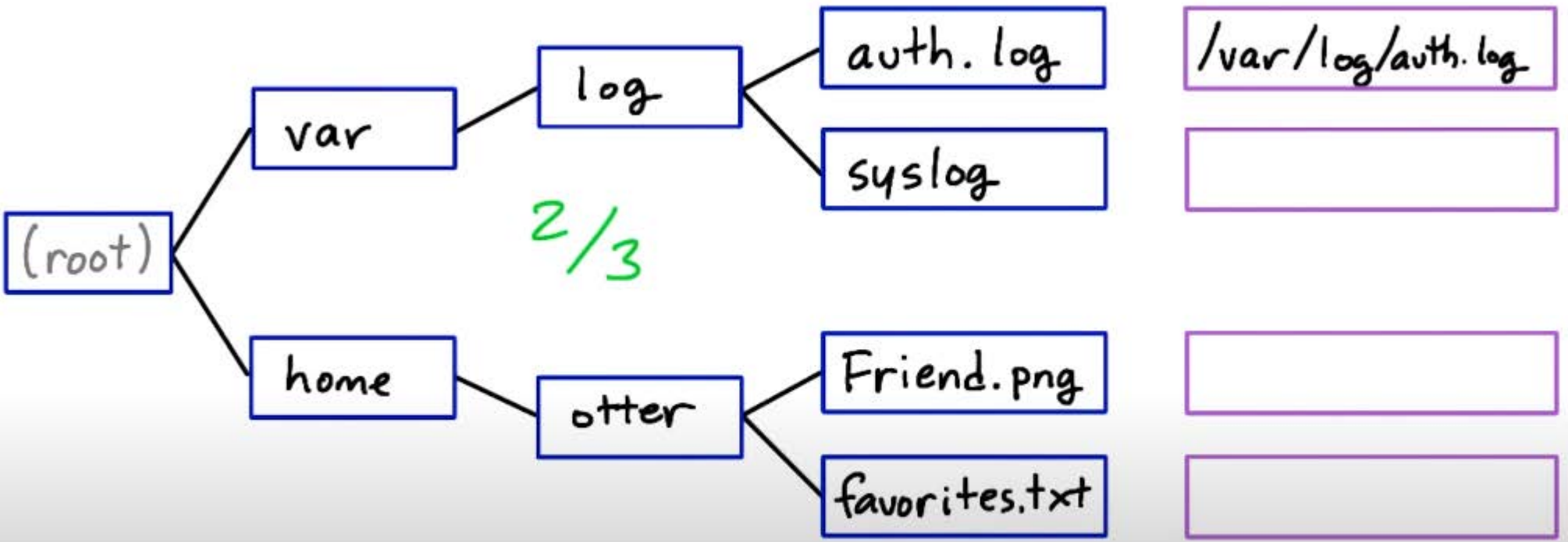

writing fractions like 2/3,
or in various other uses.

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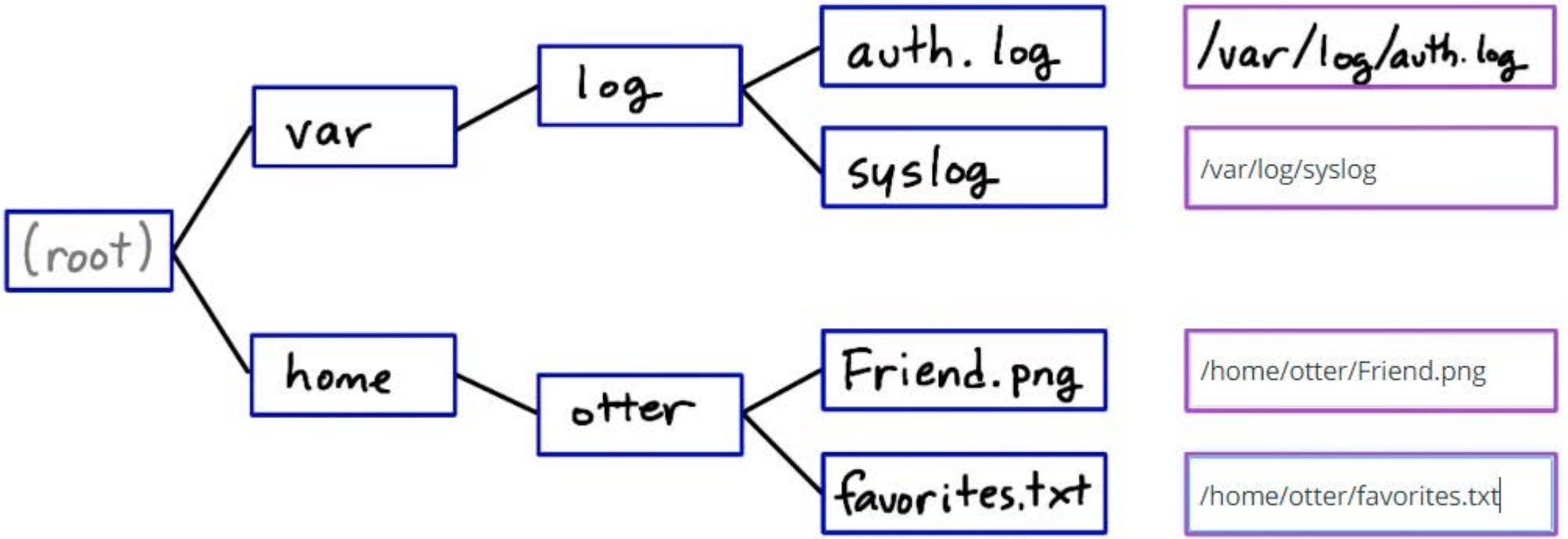
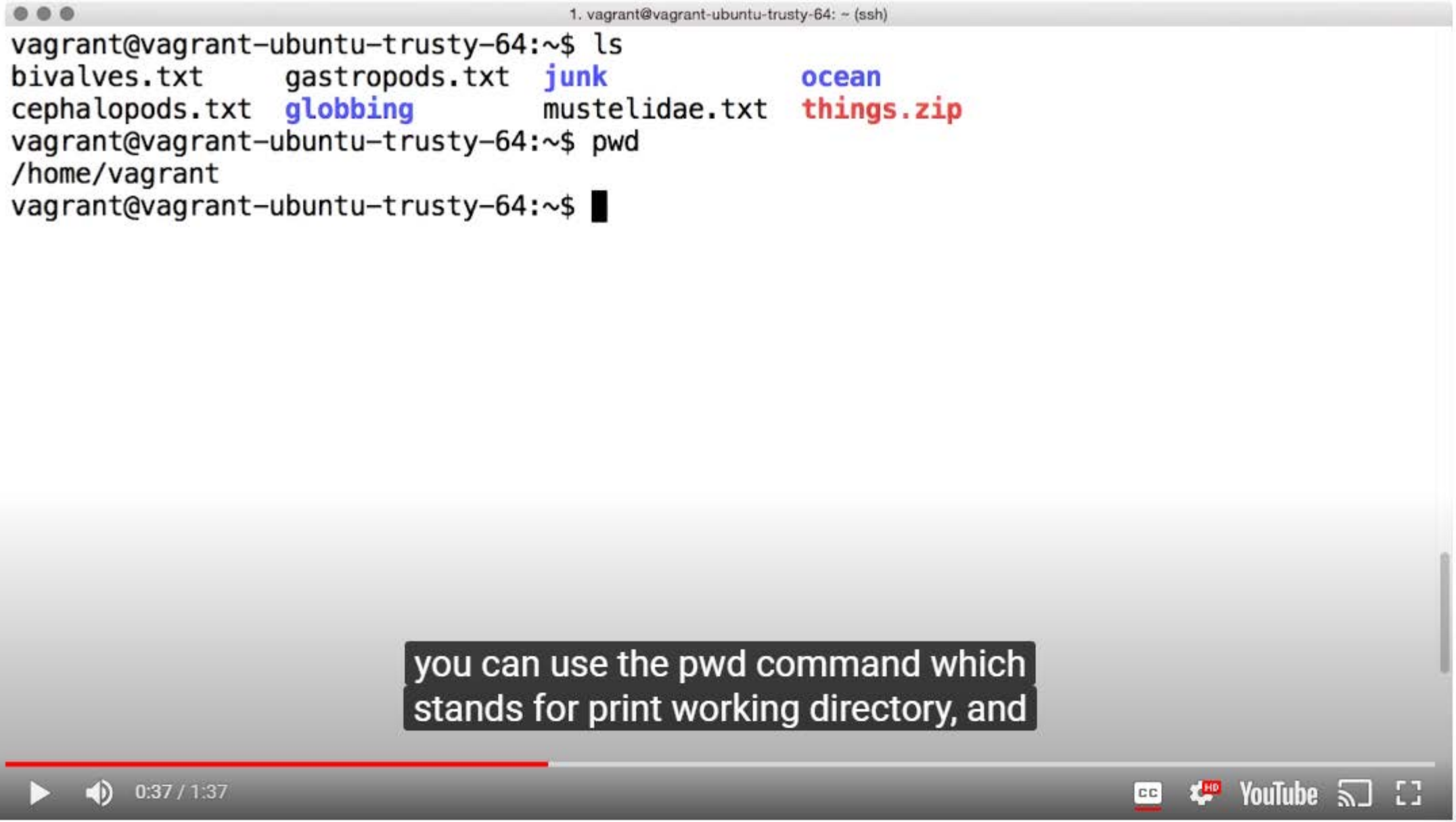


The Working Directory

focused on, or the one that it uses as the default location for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cephalopods.txt globbing mustelidae.txt things.zip
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~$ pwd
/home/vagrant
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~$
you can use the pwd command which
stands for print working directory, and
0:37 / 1:37
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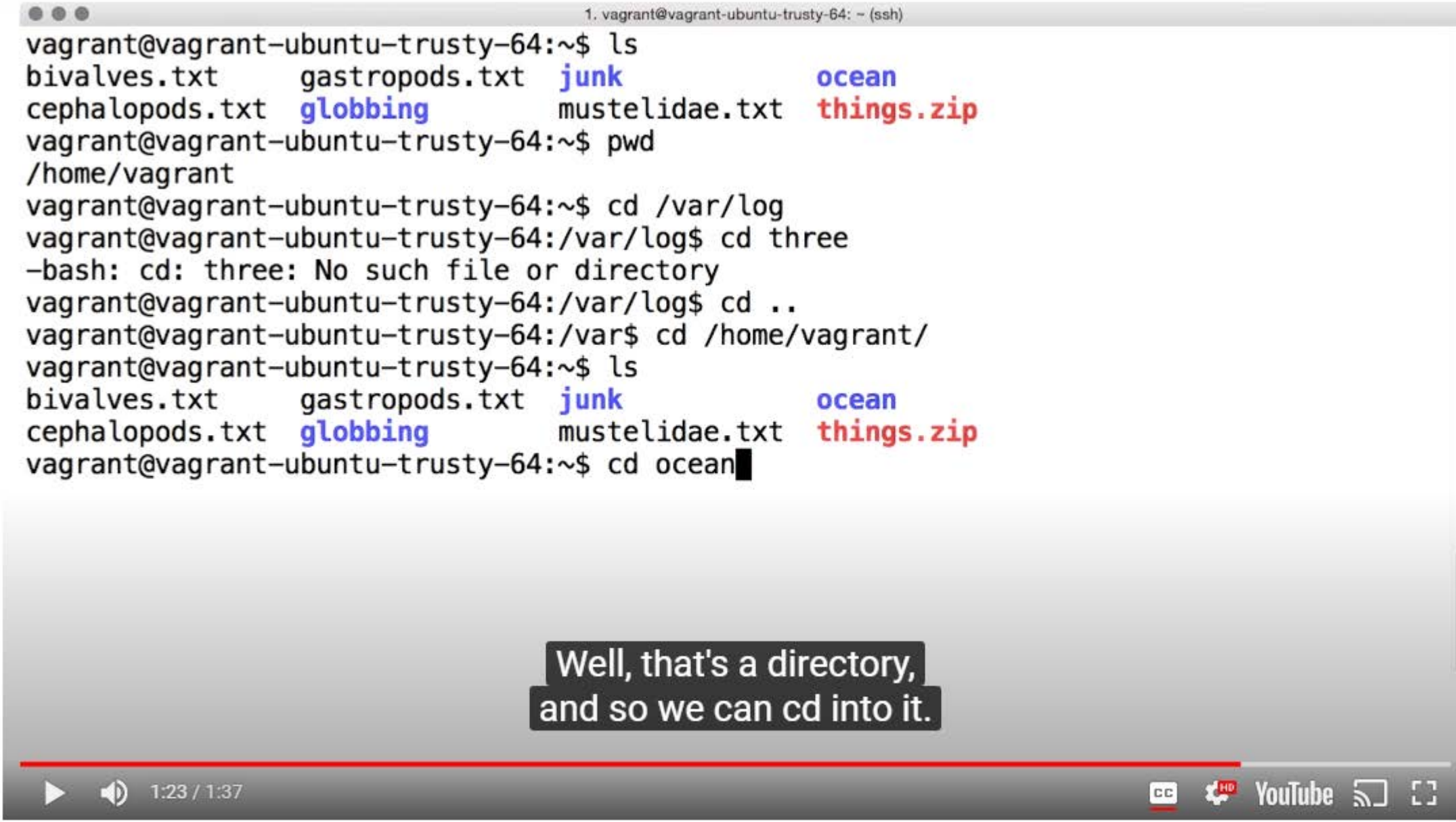
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/home/vagrant
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~$ cd /var/log
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:/var/log$ cd three
-bash: cd: three: No such file or directory
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:/var/log$ cd ..
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:/var$ cd /home/vagrant/
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~$ ls
bivalves.txt gastropods.txt junk ocean
cephalopods.txt globbing mustelidae.txt things.zip
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~$ cd ocean
Well, that's a directory,
and so we can cd into it.
1:23 / 1:37
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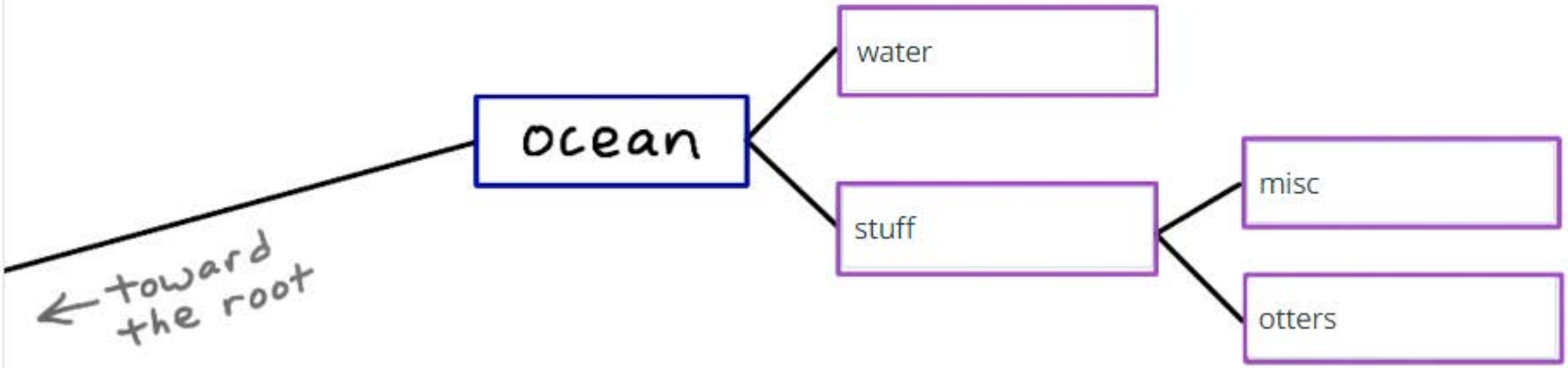
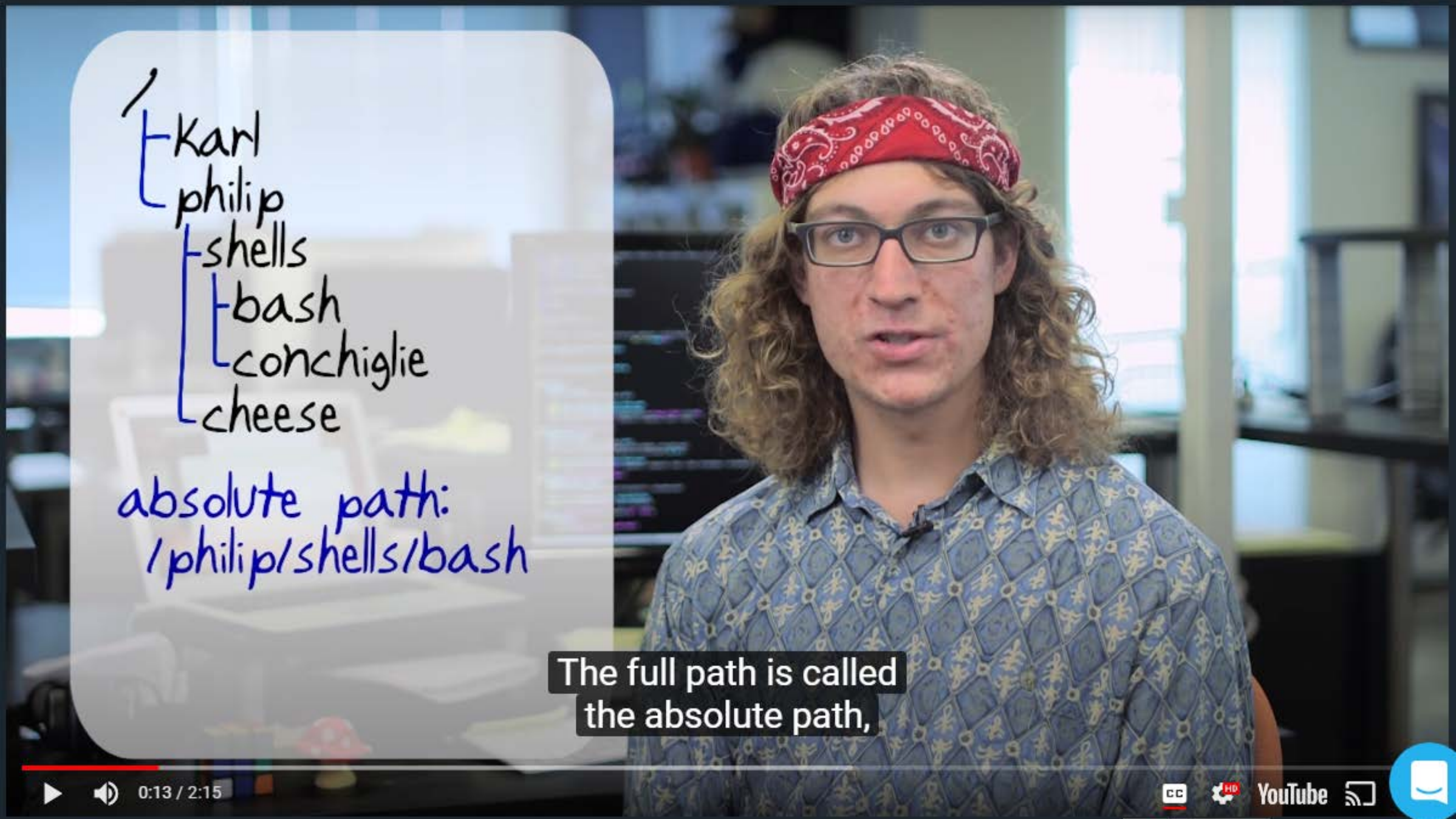
The Working Directory

Using cd and ls, map out the subdirectories and files within the ocean directory.




/
karl
philip
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absolute path:
/philip/shells/bash
The full path is called
the absolute path,
0:13 / 2:15
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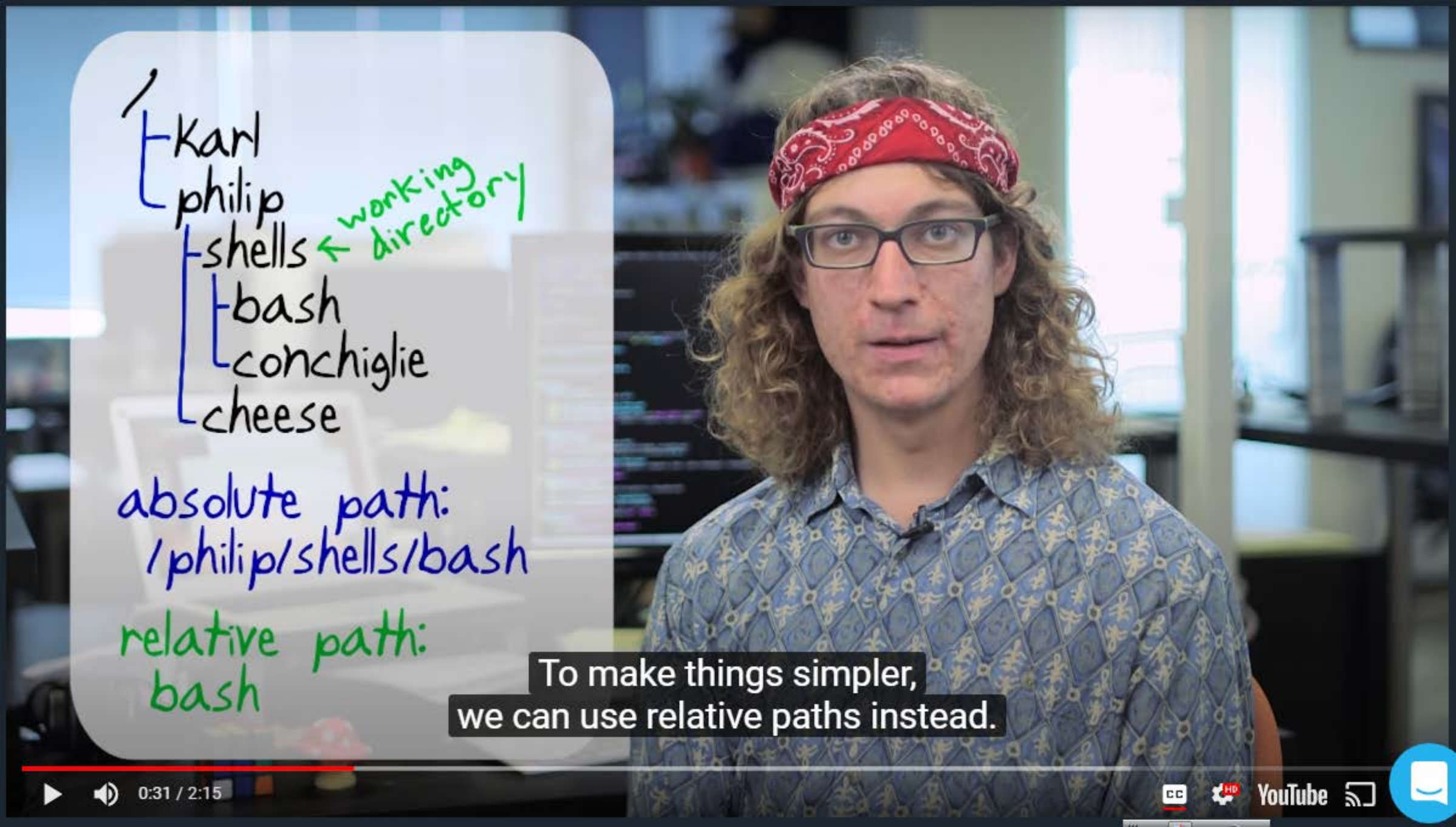
/
karl
philip
shells
working directory
bash
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cheese
absolute path:
/philip/shells/bash
relative path:
bash
To make things simpler,
we can use relative paths instead.
0:31 / 2:15
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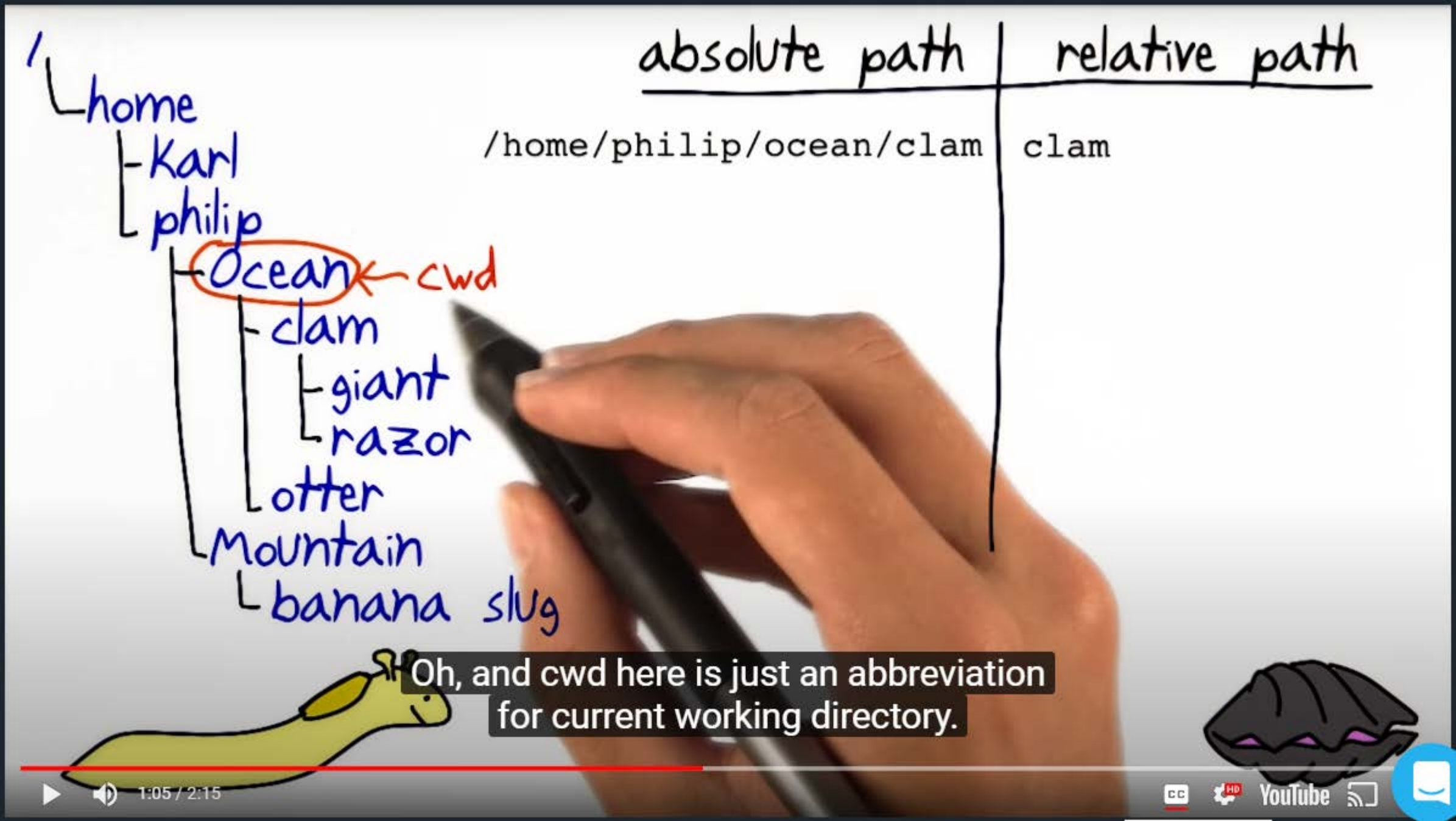
/
home
Karl
philip
Ocean
cwd
clam
giant
razor
otter
Mountain
banana slug
absolute path
relative path
/home/philip/ocean/clam
clam
Oh, and cwd here is just an abbreviation
for current working directory.
1:05 / 2:15
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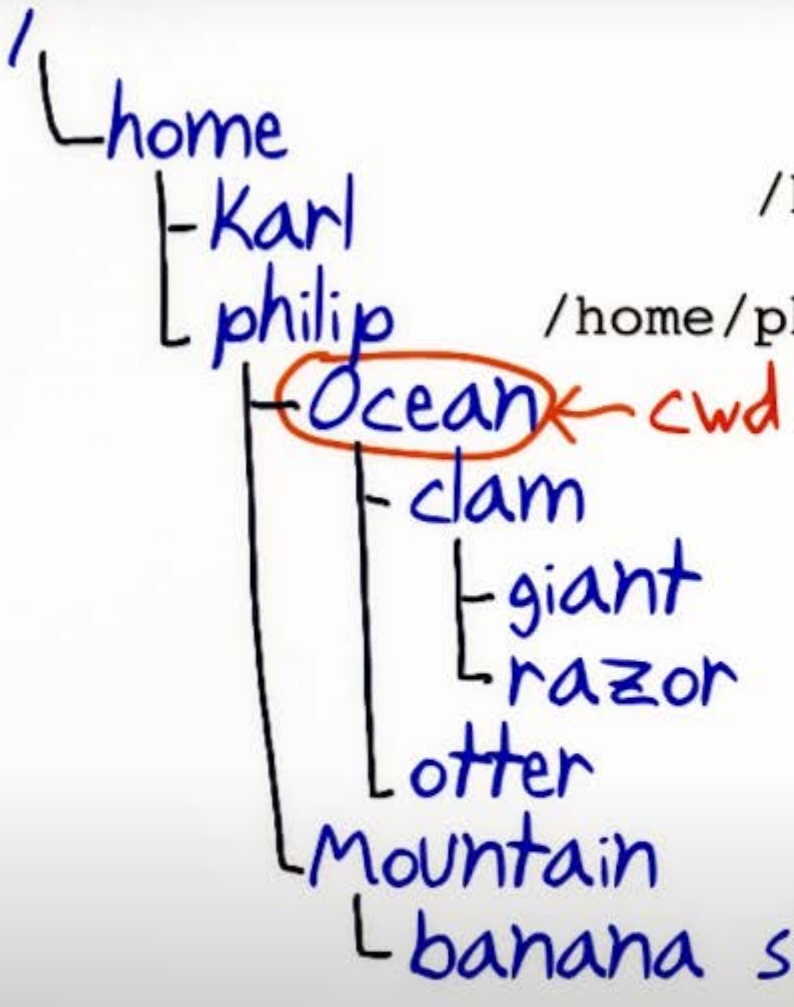
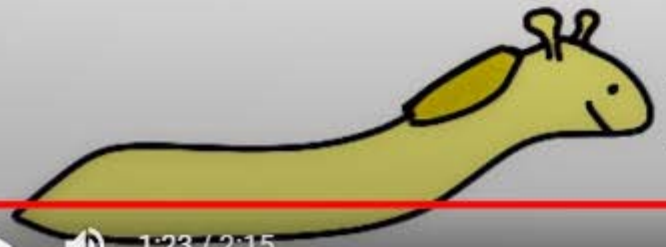
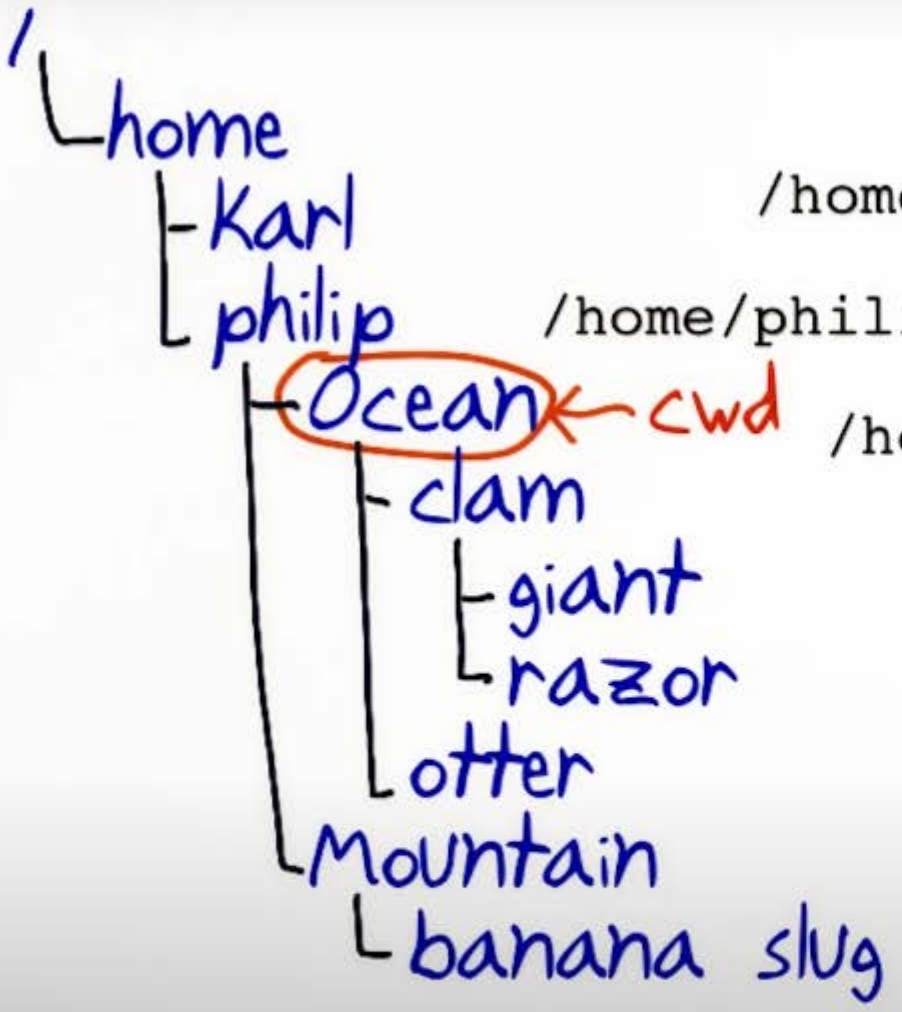


absolute path	relative path
/home/philip/ocean/clam	clam
/home/philip/ocean/clam/giant	clam/giant

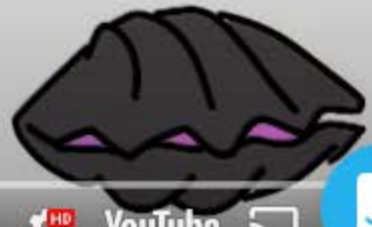


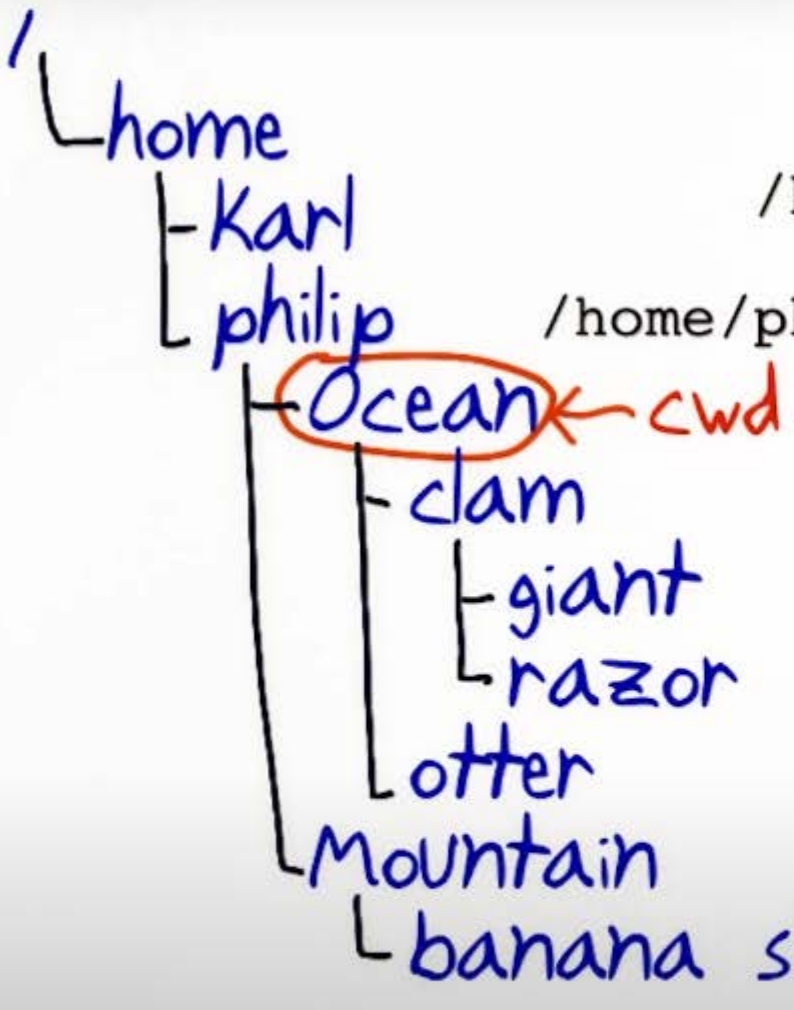
unlike a full path, the relative path does not start with a slash.



absolute path	relative path
/home/philip/ocean/clam	clam
/home/philip/ocean/clam/giant	clam/giant
/home/philip/mountain	../mountain

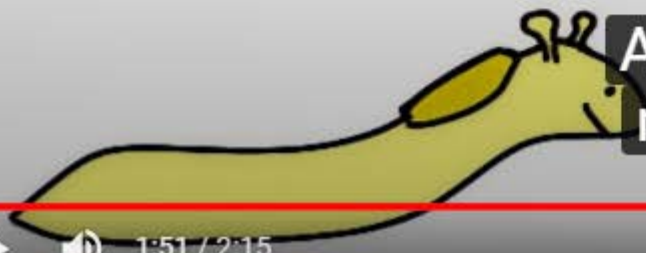
The special directory entry '..'
points from a directory to its parent.

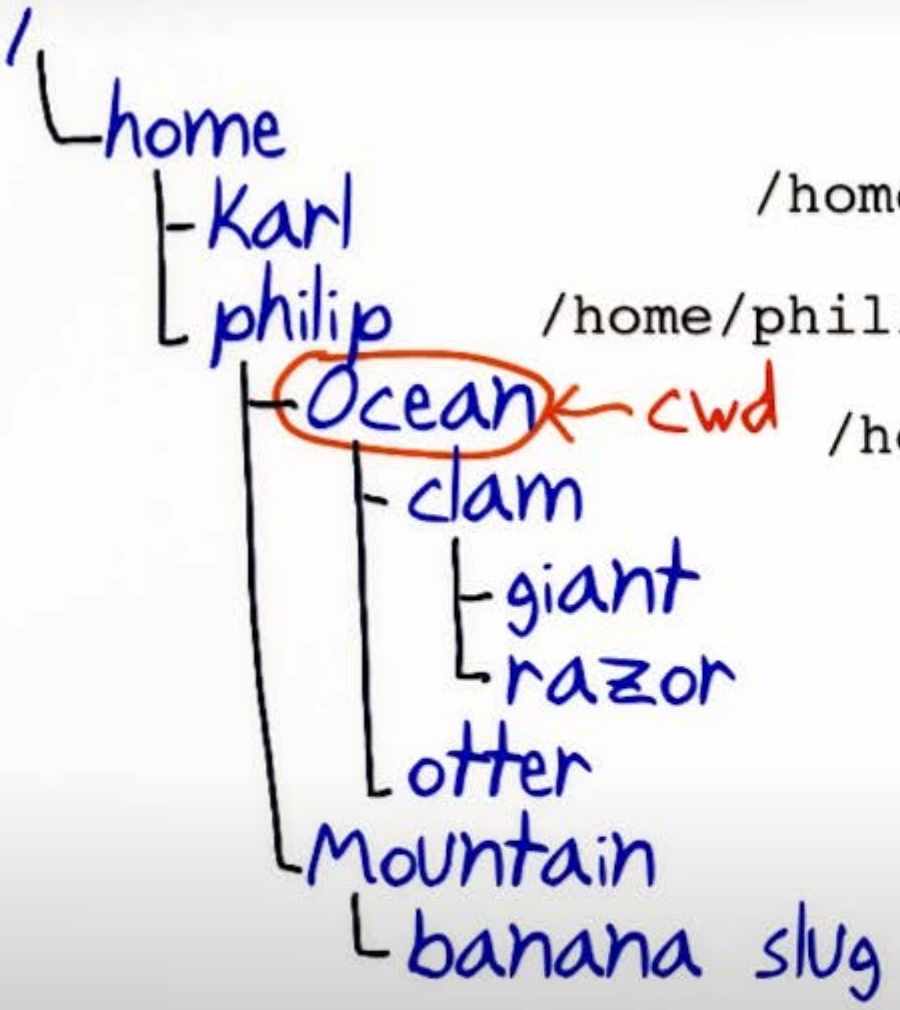




absolute path	relative path
/home/philip/ocean/clam	clam
/home/philip/ocean/clam/giant	clam/giant
/home/philip/mountain	../mountain

And if you refer to ../mountain, you're referring to /home/philip/mountain.





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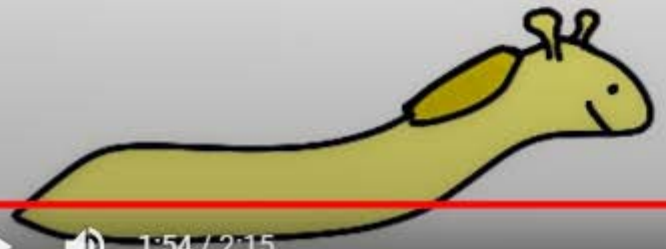
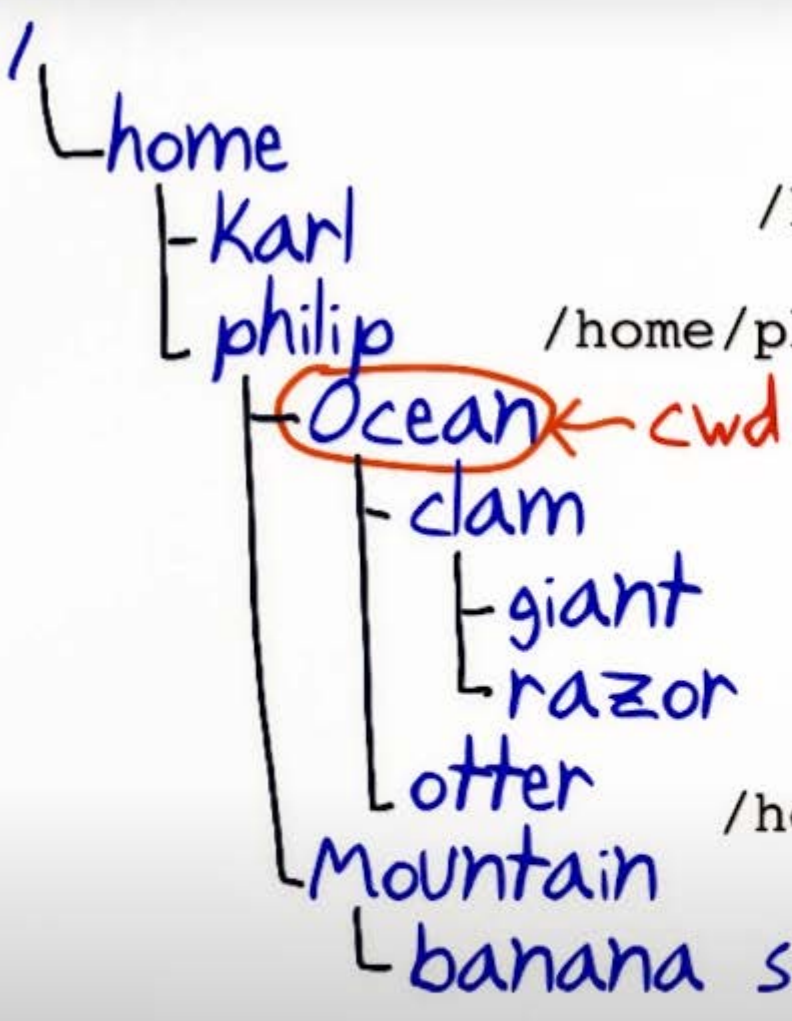
/home/philip/mountain	../mountain
/home/philip/ocean	.



'.' points from each directory to itself.



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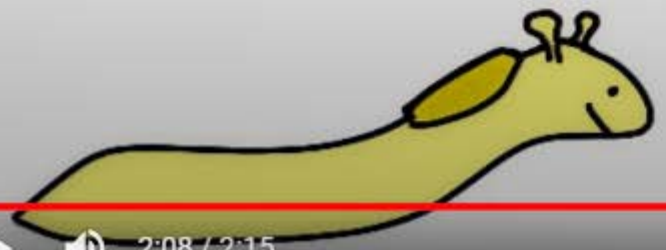
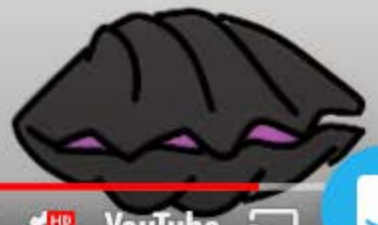
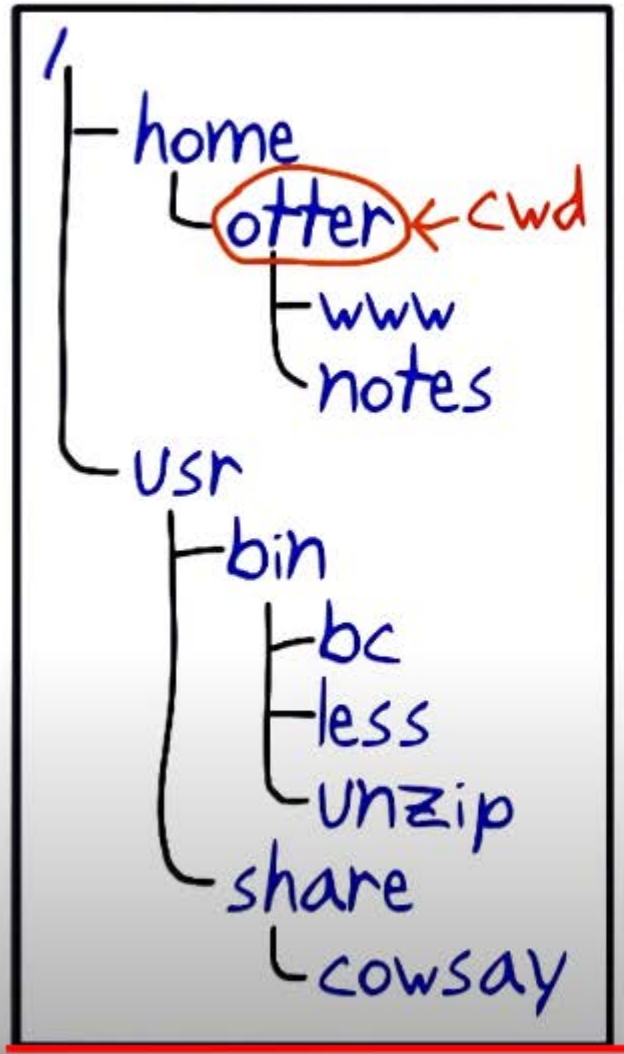
/home/philip/ocean	.
/home/philip	~
/home/philip/ocean/otter	~/ocean/otter



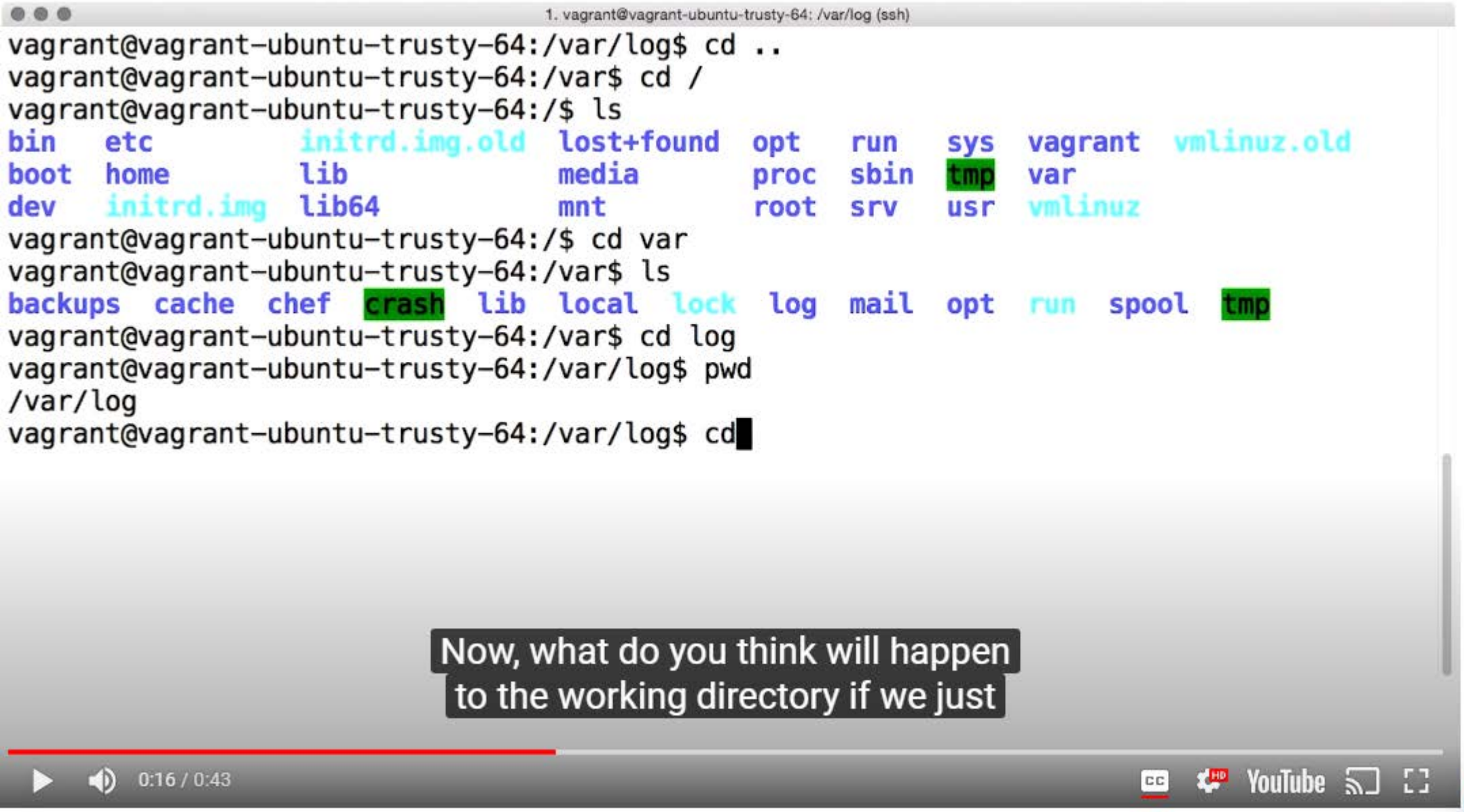
~ is an abbreviation for your own home directory.





Check each row where the two commands result in the same working directory.

☑	`cd /home`	`cd ..`
☑	`cd ../otter`	`cd /home/otter`
☑	`cd ./www`	`cd www`
☐	`cd ../www`	`cd ./www`
☑	`cd ../../usr`	`cd /usr`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vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:/var$ cd /
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:/$ ls
bin boot dev etc home initrd.img initrd.img.old lib lib64 lost+found media mnt opt proc root run sbin srv sys tmp usr vagrant var vmlinuz vmlinuz.old
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:/$ cd var
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:/var$ ls
backups cache chef crash lib local lock log mail opt run spool tmp
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:/var$ cd log
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:/var/log$ pwd
/var/log
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:/var/log$ cd
Now, what do you think will happen
to the working directory if we just
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Thanks for completing that!

`cd` without arguments is a shortcut to take you home.

As long as your home directory exists, you can always go home.

CONTINUE


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vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:/var/log$ cd ..
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:/var$ cd /
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:/$ ls
bin boot dev etc home initrd.img initrd.img.old lib lib64 lost+found media mnt opt proc root run sbin srv sys tmp usr vagrant var vmlinuz vmlinuz.old
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:/$ cd var
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:/var$ ls
backups cache chef crash lib local lock log mail opt run spool tmp
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:/var$ cd log
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:/var/log$ pwd
/var/log
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:/var/log$ cd
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~$ pwd
/home/vagrant
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~$
Yep, cd by itself just takes
you to your home directory.
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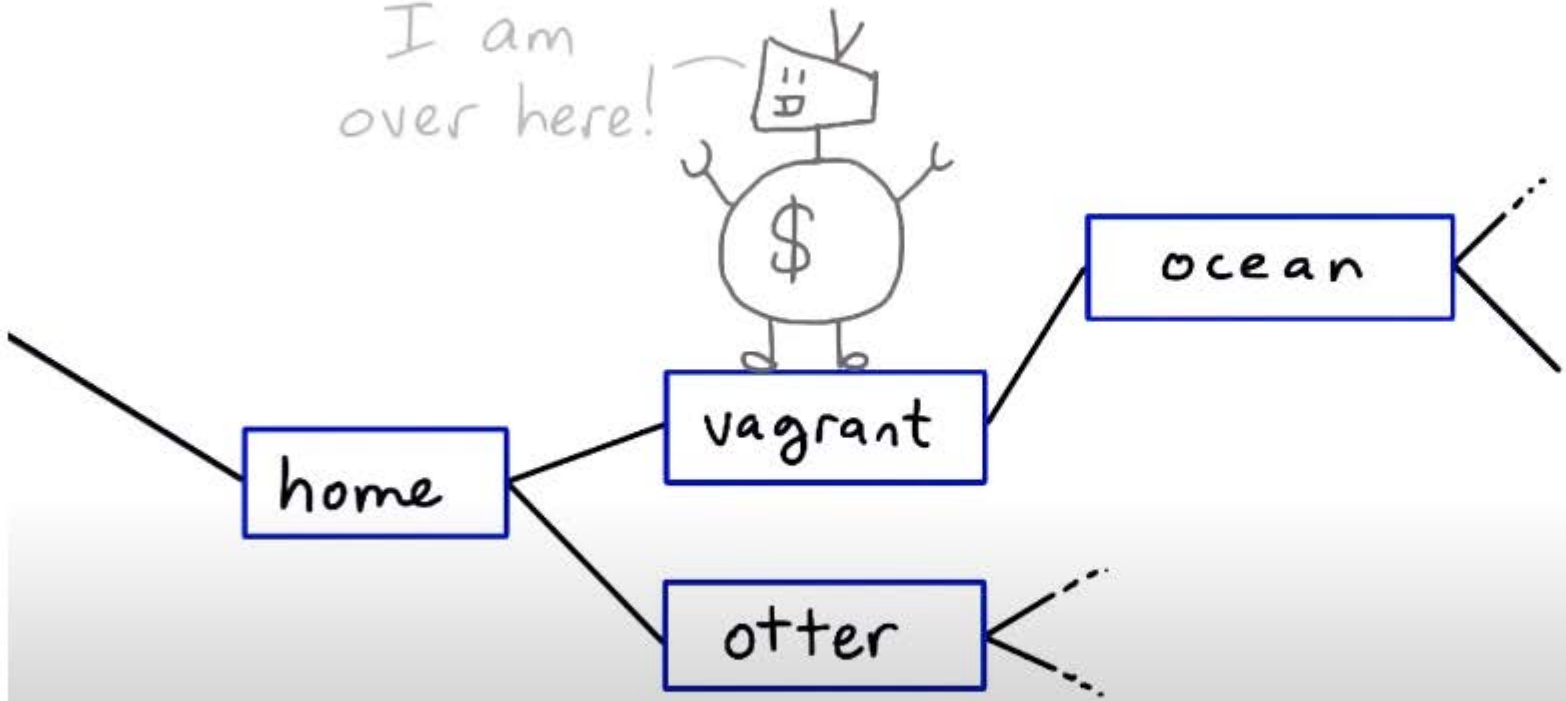
cd without arguments

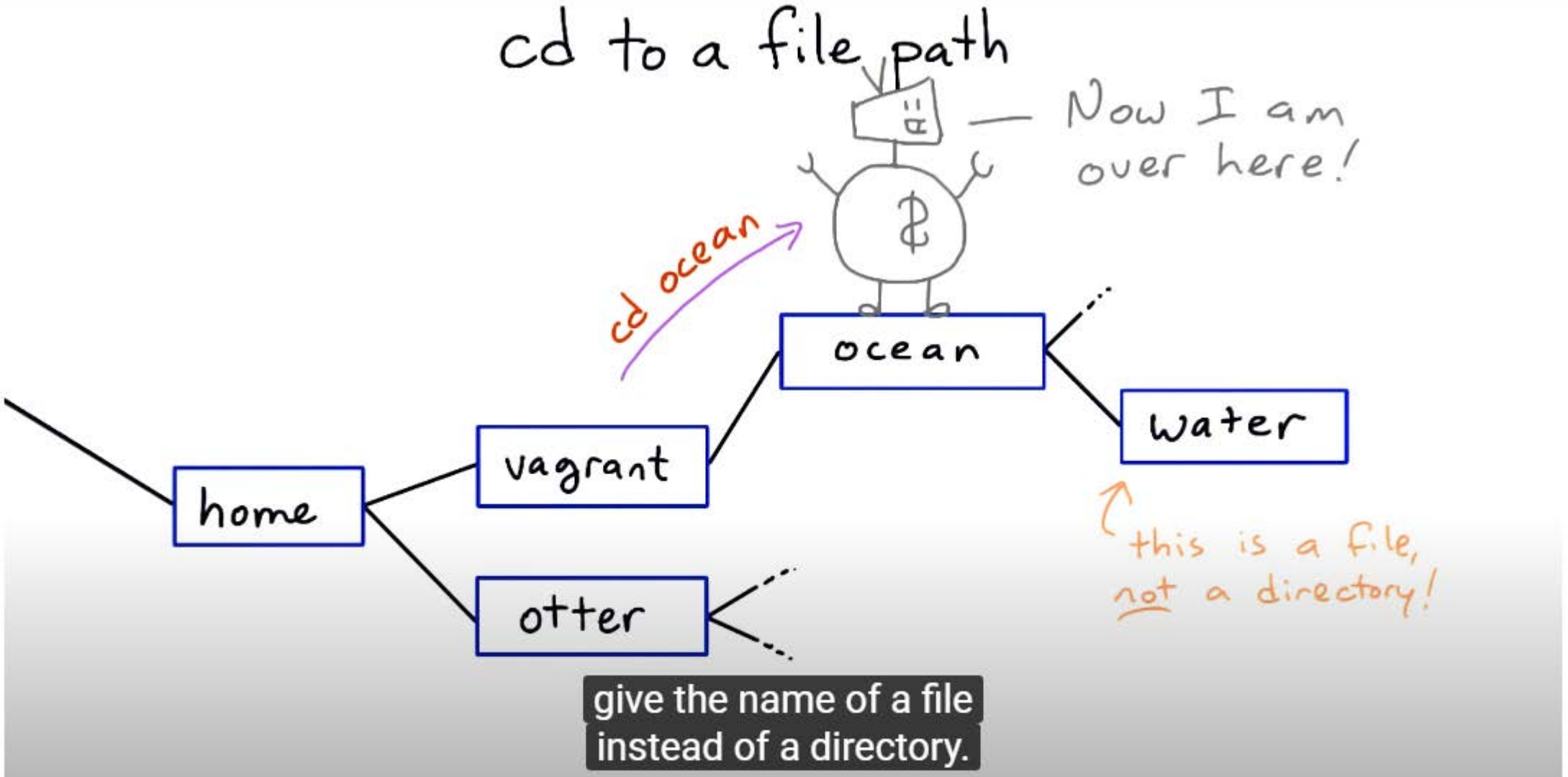
If you start in /var/log and run cd with no arguments, what do you expect will happen?

- [ ] Nothing – it stays in /var/log.
- [x] It goes to your home directory.
- [ ] It goes to the filesystem root.
- [ ] The shell stops having a working directory.
- [ ] It's an error.
- [ ] The shell prompt turns into a shark and eats you.

cd to a file path



the current working
directory as where we are.




1. vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64: ~/ocean (bash)
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/ocean$ ls
stuff water
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/ocean$ cd water
-bash: cd: water: Not a directory
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/ocean$ cat stuff
cat: stuff: Is a directory
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/ocean$
that matter, you'll just get
a harmless error message.
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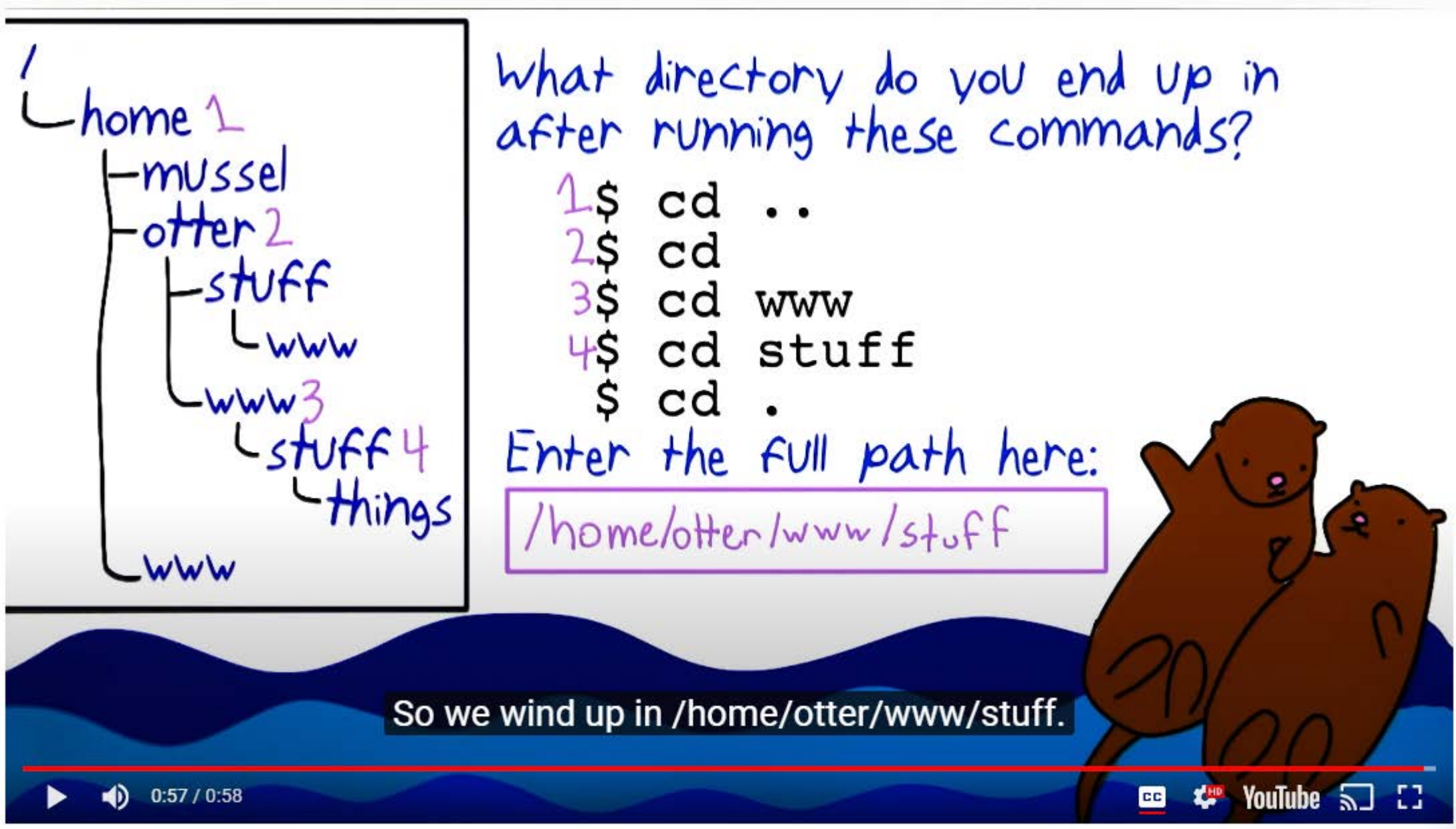
cd to a file path

Try to cd to a path that exists, but is a file, not a directory. What happens? Does it ...

- ○ Create a directory with the same name?
- ○ Show the contents of the file?
- ○ Do nothing?
- ✓ Show an error message?
- ○ Crash your Linux box?

doesn't do anything harmful.


/
home 1
mussel
otter 2
stuff
www
www 3
stuff 4
things
www
What directory do you end up in after running these commands?
1$ cd ..
2$ cd
3$ cd www
4$ cd stuff
$ cd .
Enter the full path here:
/home/otter/www/stuff
So we wind up in /home/otter/www/stuff.
0:57 / 0:58
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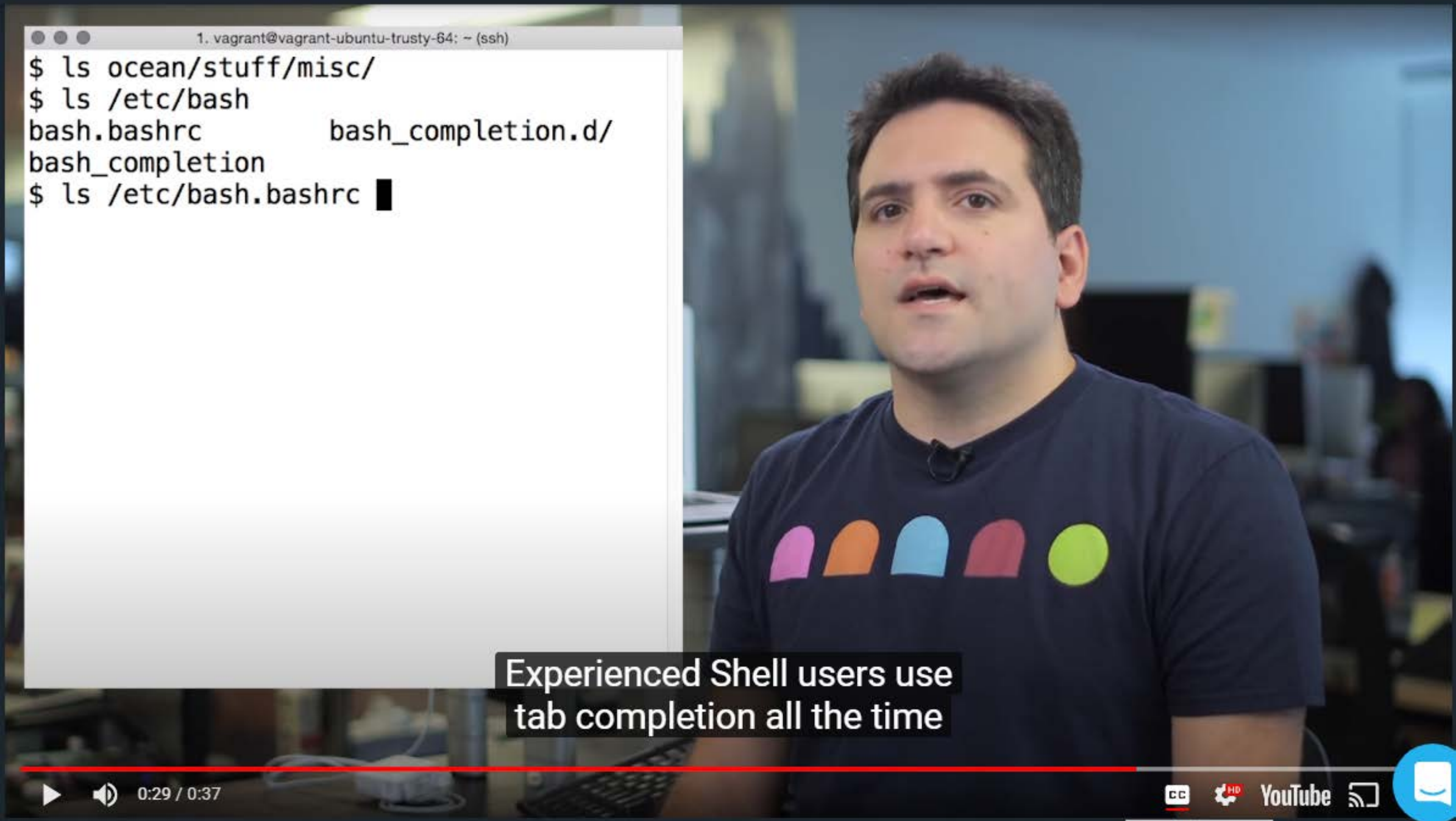
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$ ls ocean/stuff/misc/
$ ls /etc/bash
bash.bashrc bash_completion.d/
bash_completion
$ ls /etc/bash.bashrc
Experienced Shell users use
tab completion all the time
0:29 / 0:37
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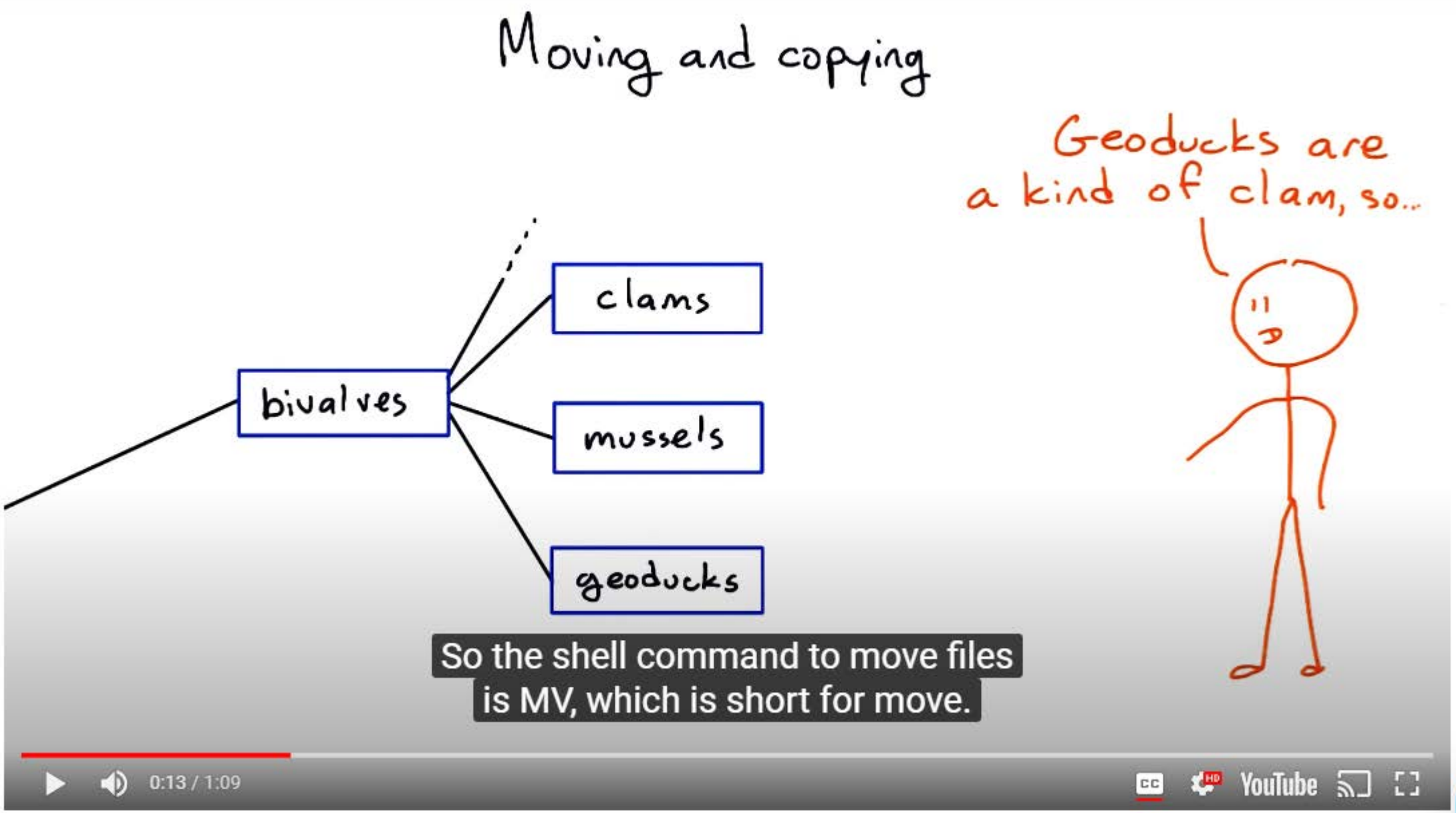
Moving and copying
bivalves
clams
mussels
geoducks
Geoducks are a kind of clam, so...
So the shell command to move files is MV, which is short for move.
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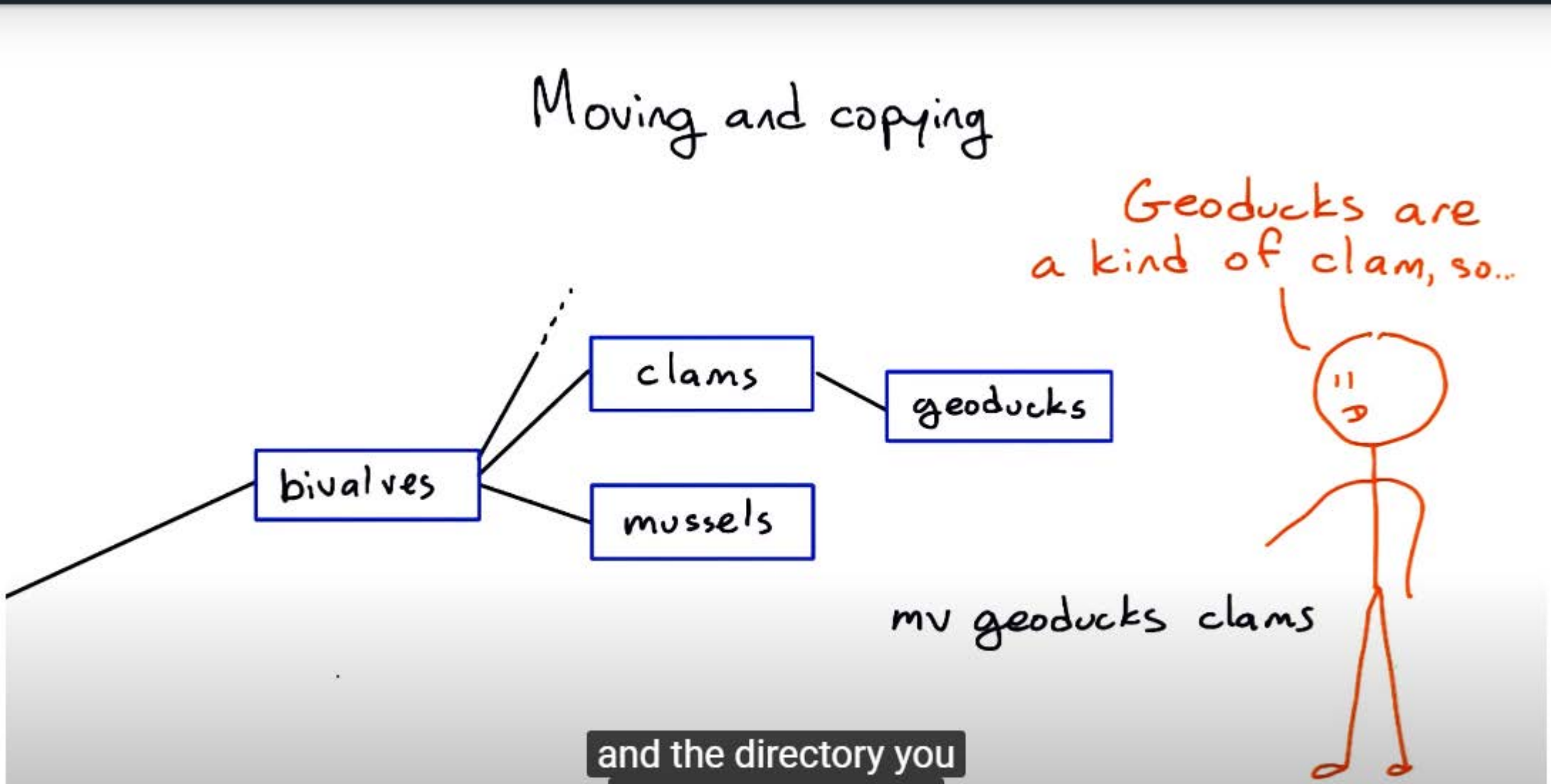
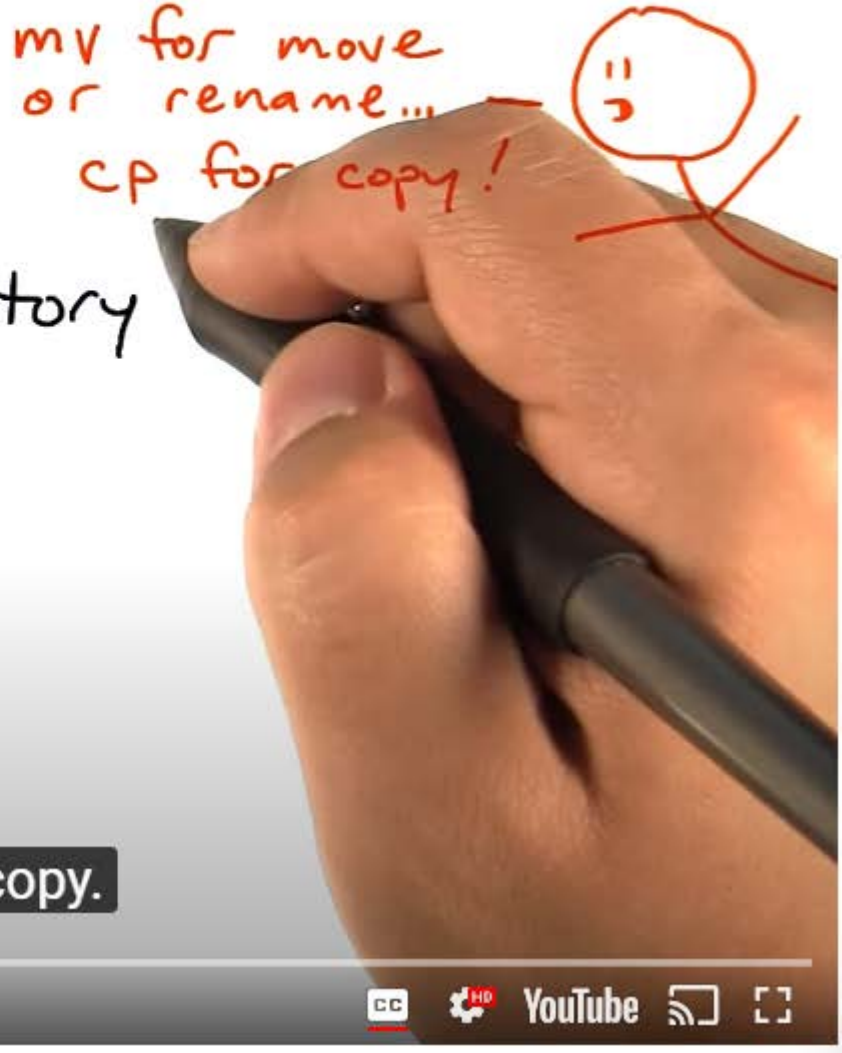


and the directory you want to move it to.

Moving and copying

mv source destination

mv item1 item2 ... directory



The command is cp for copy.

Moving and copying

mv for move or rename... — cp for copy!

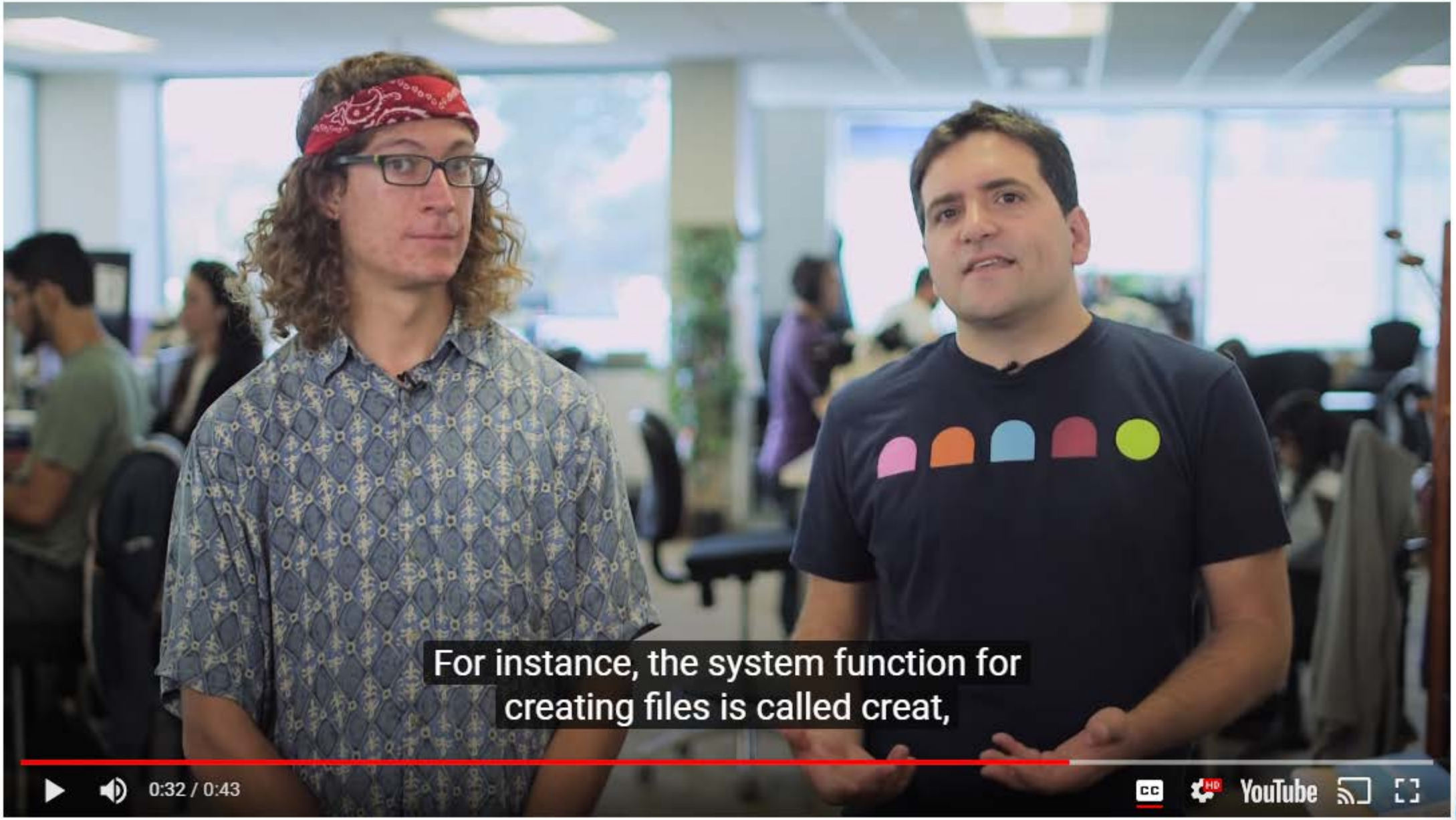
mv source destination

mv item1 item2 ... directory

These syntaxes work for cp too!

Read man mv and man cp for the details!

Both of these commands support a lot of options.


For instance, the system function for
creating files is called creat,
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Making and removing directories
Where do baby directories come from?
Well, when a parent directory and the mkdir command meet...
You can create new directories using the M-K-D-I-R or mkdir command.


1. vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64: ~ (ssh)
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~$ mkdir notes
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~$ mkdir /tmp/cache
to make a directory called
cache inside the tmp directory.
0:29 / 1:47
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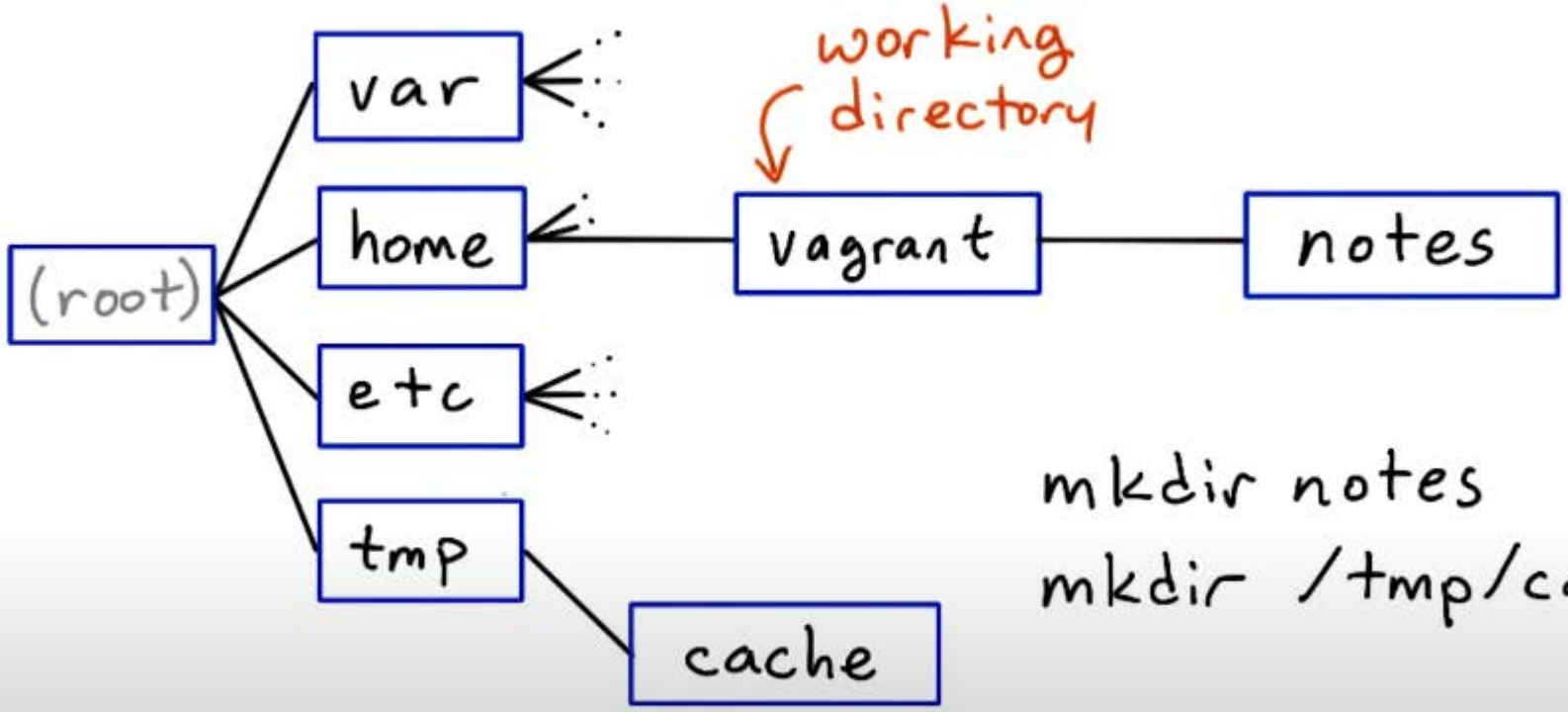
Making and removing directories

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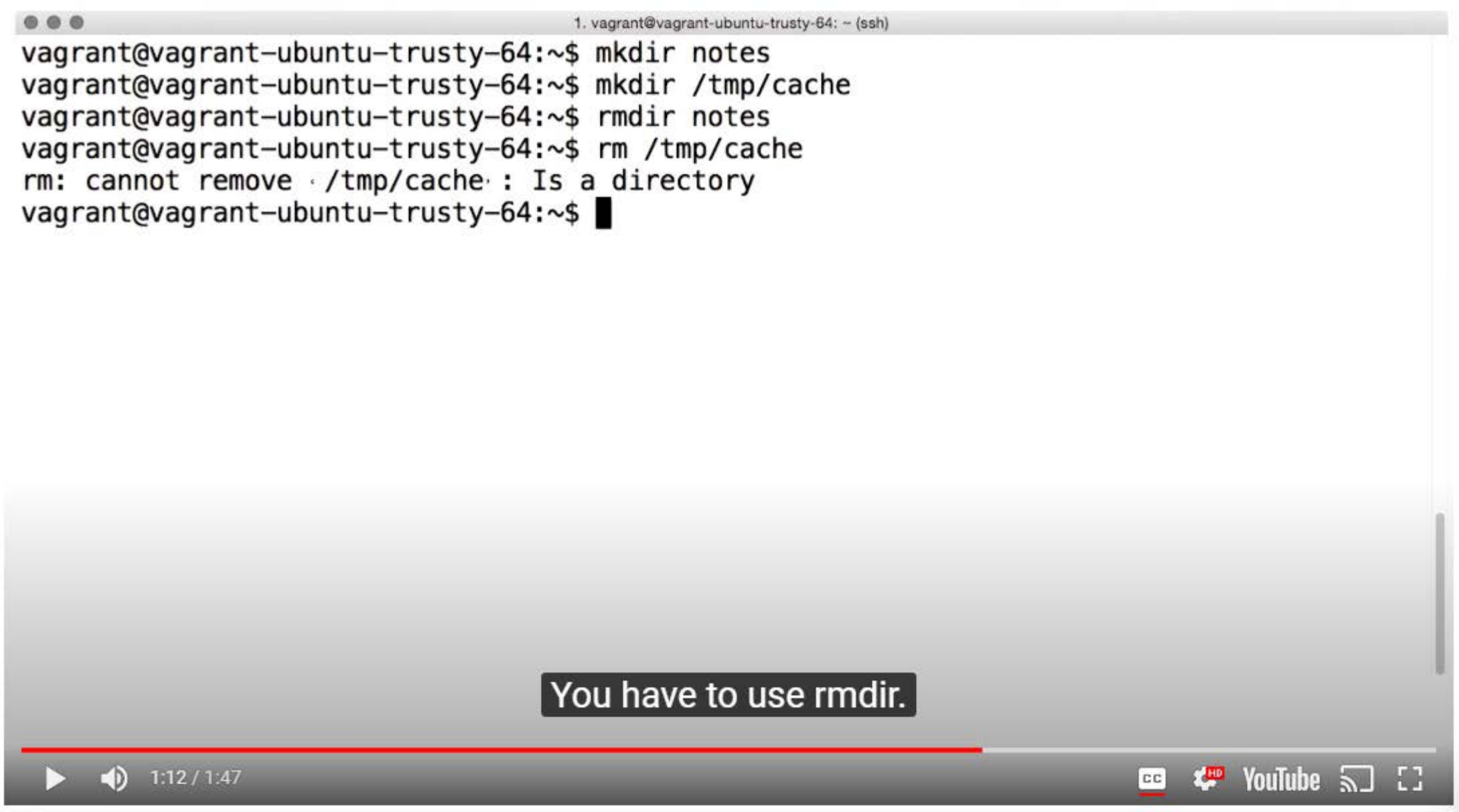
mkdir notes
mkdir /tmp/cache
```

or copy them with cp
like you've seen before.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vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~$ mkdir /tmp/cache
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~$ rmdir notes
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~$ rm /tmp/cache
rm: cannot remove '/tmp/cache': Is a directory
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~$
You have to use rmdir.
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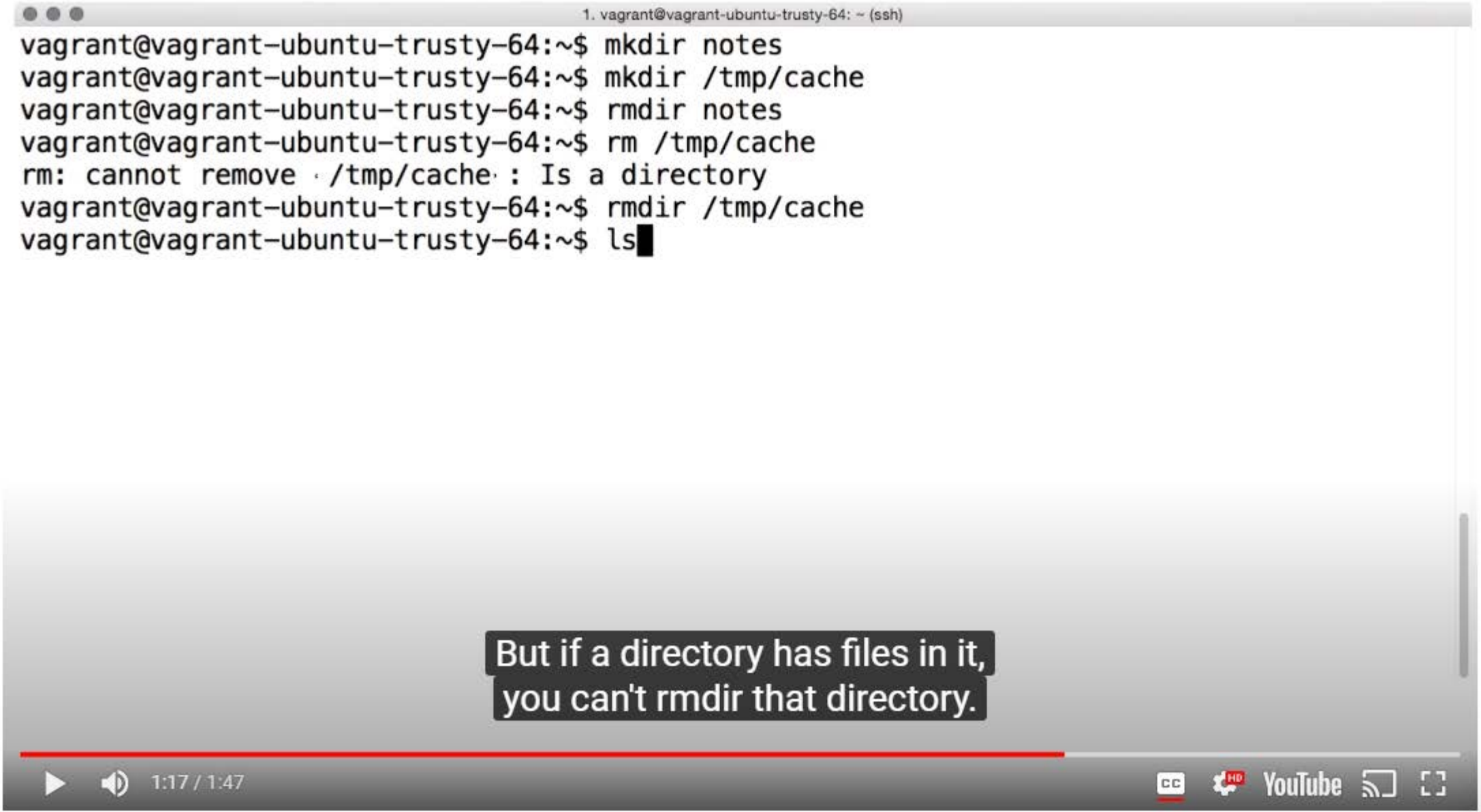
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vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~$ mkdir notes
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~$ mkdir /tmp/cache
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~$ rmdir notes
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~$ rm /tmp/cache
rm: cannot remove '/tmp/cache': Is a directory
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~$ rmdir /tmp/cache
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~$ ls
But if a directory has files in it,
you can't rmdir that directory.
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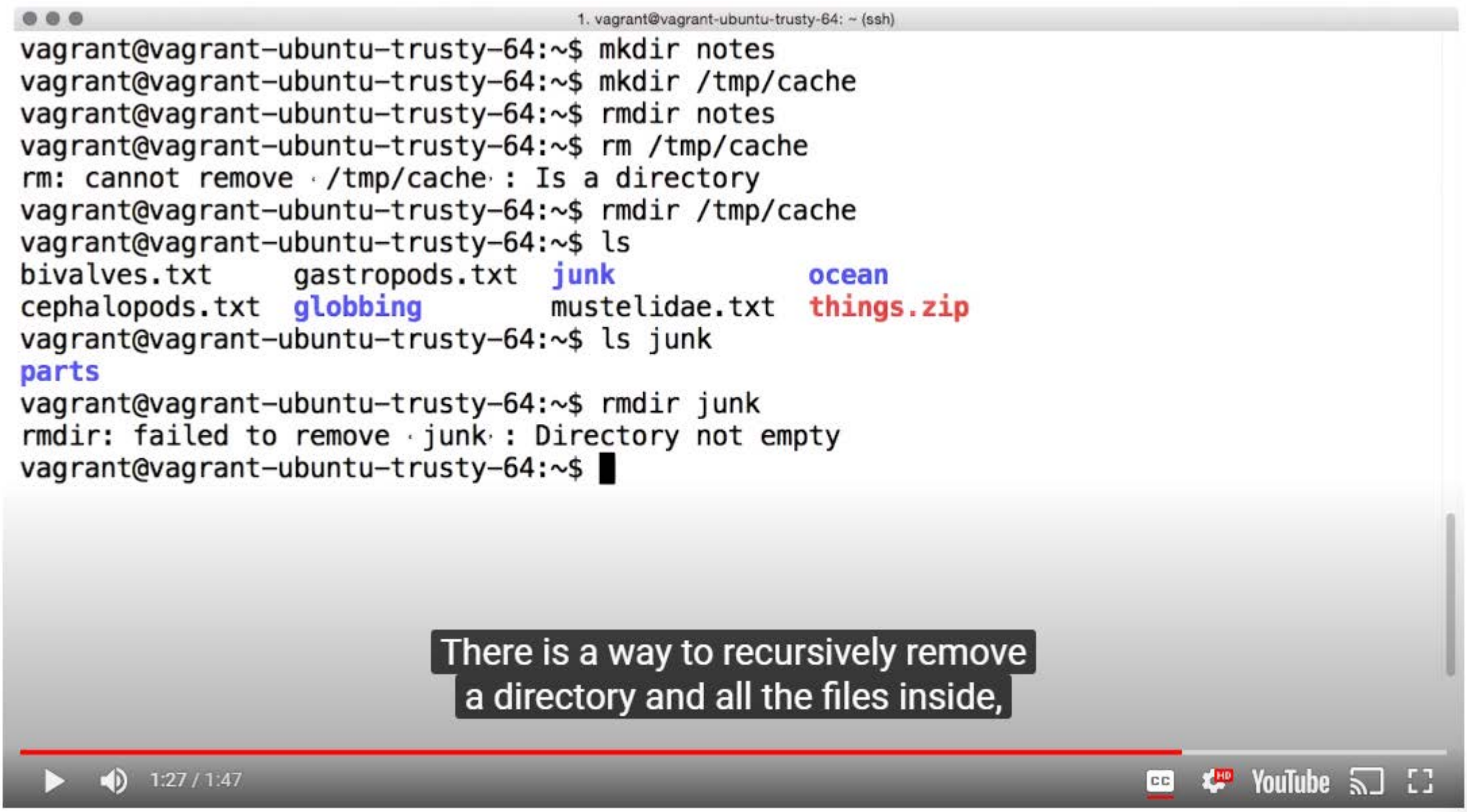
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vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~$ rmdir notes
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~$ rm /tmp/cache
rm: cannot remove '/tmp/cache': Is a directory
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~$ rmdir /tmp/cache
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~$ ls
bivalves.txt gastropods.txt junk ocean
cephalopods.txt globbing mustelidae.txt things.zip
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~$ ls junk
parts
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~$ rmdir junk
rmdir: failed to remove 'junk': Directory not empty
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~$
There is a way to recursively remove
a directory and all the files inside,
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Making and removing directories

Which of these commands will remove the directory junk and all its contents?

- ○ rmdir -f junk
- ○ curl -o junk empty
- ○ rm -r junk
- ○ mv junk Trash

Curl is for downloading from a web URL and empty isn't one of those.

Making and removing directories

Which of these commands will remove the directory junk and all its contents?

- ○ `rmdir -f junk`
- ○ `curl -o junk empty`
- ☑ `rm -r junk`
- ○ `mv junk Trash`

And if there isn't a directory called trash, it'll rename junk to trash.

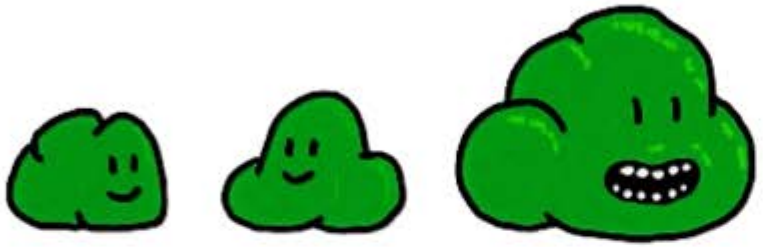
How would you make a new directory called Photos and move beach.jpg into it?

```
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~$ ls
beach.jpg                junk
bivalves.txt             mustelidae.txt
cephalopods.txt          ocean
gastropods_draft.txt     TheWindintheWillows.txt
gastropods.txt           things.zip
globbing
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~$
```

Enter the commands here:

```
mkdir Photos
mv beach.jpg Photos
```

Globbing: Matching Files



We are globs!
We eat your files.
... no, wait ...
... We match your files!

matching files by name
in the Unix shell.


1. vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64: ~/globbing (ssh)
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$ man glob
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$ ls
app.css app.js bear.png bees.png favicon.png JADE.jpg rose.JPG
app.html bean.png beer.png DAVE.JPG index.html john.jpg
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$ ls *html
app.html index.html
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$
For instance,
a star matches any string of characters.
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vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$ ls
app.css app.js bear.png bees.png favicon.png JADE.jpg rose.JPG
app.html bean.png beer.png DAVE.JPG index.html john.jpg
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$ ls *html
app.html index.html
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$ ls app*
You can use a star at the beginning or
at the end of a pattern.
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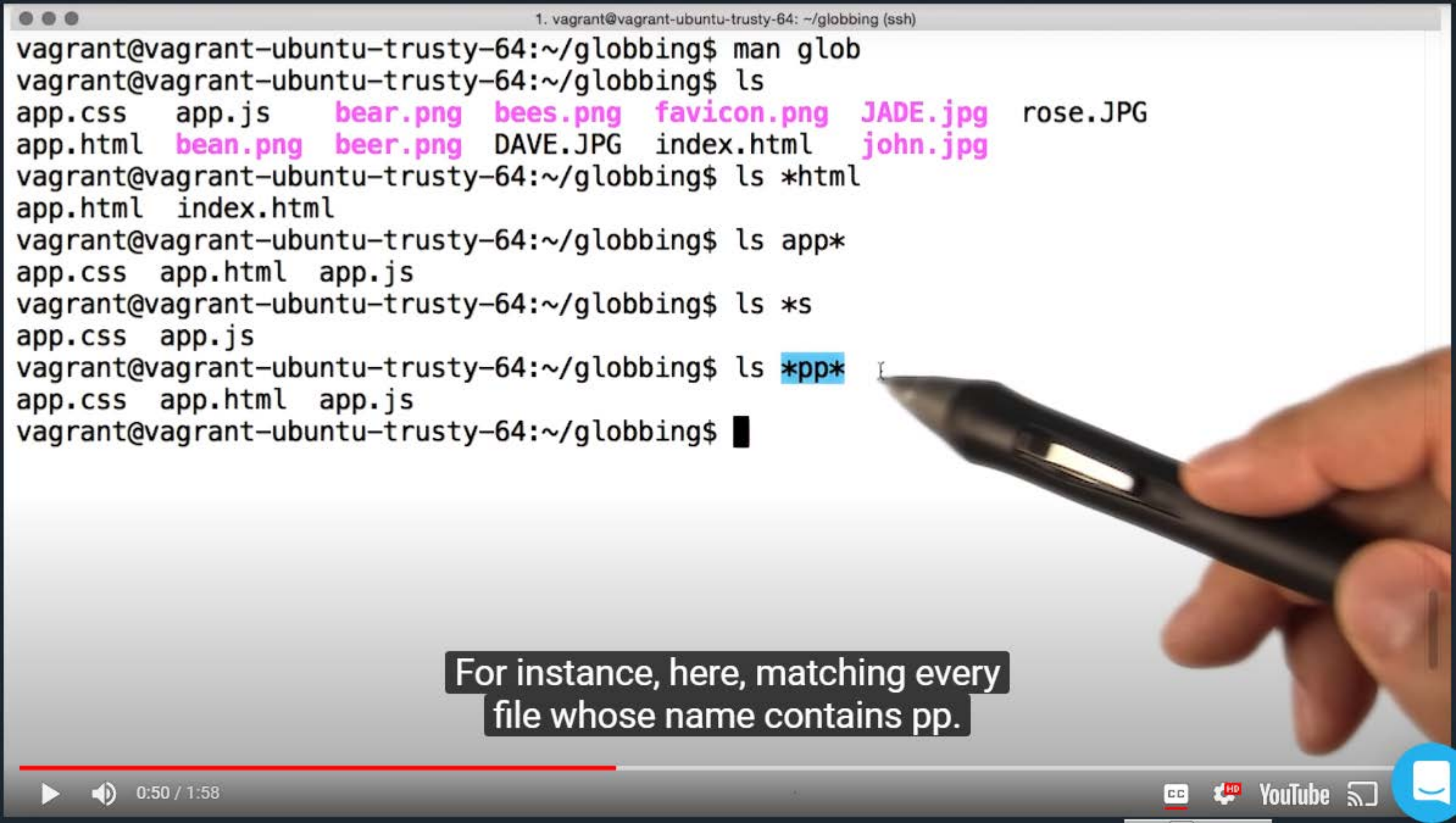
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vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$ man glob
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$ ls
app.css app.js bear.png bees.png favicon.png JADE.jpg rose.JPG
app.html bean.png beer.png DAVE.JPG index.html john.jpg
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$ ls *html
app.html index.html
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$ ls app*
app.css app.html app.js
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$ ls *s
app.css app.js
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$ ls *pp*
app.css app.html app.js
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$
For instance, here, matching every file whose name contains pp.
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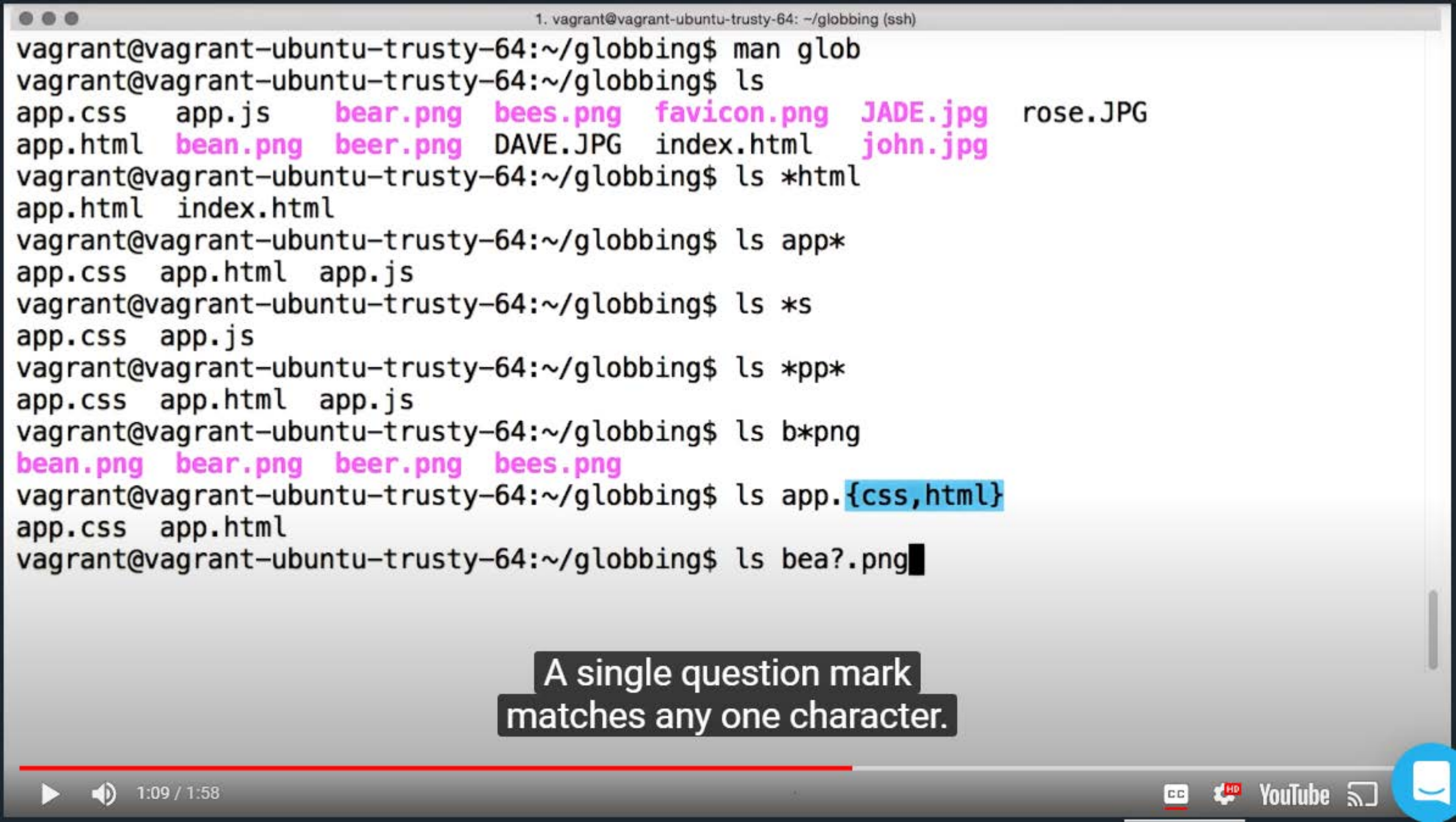
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vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$ man glob
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$ ls
app.css app.js bear.png bees.png favicon.png JADE.jpg rose.JPG
app.html bean.png beer.png DAVE.JPG index.html john.jpg
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$ ls *html
app.html index.html
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$ ls app*
app.css app.html app.js
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$ ls *s
app.css app.js
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$ ls *pp*
app.css app.html app.js
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$ ls b*png
bean.png bear.png beer.png bees.png
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$ ls app.{css,html}
app.css app.html
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$ ls bea?.png
A single question mark
matches any one character.
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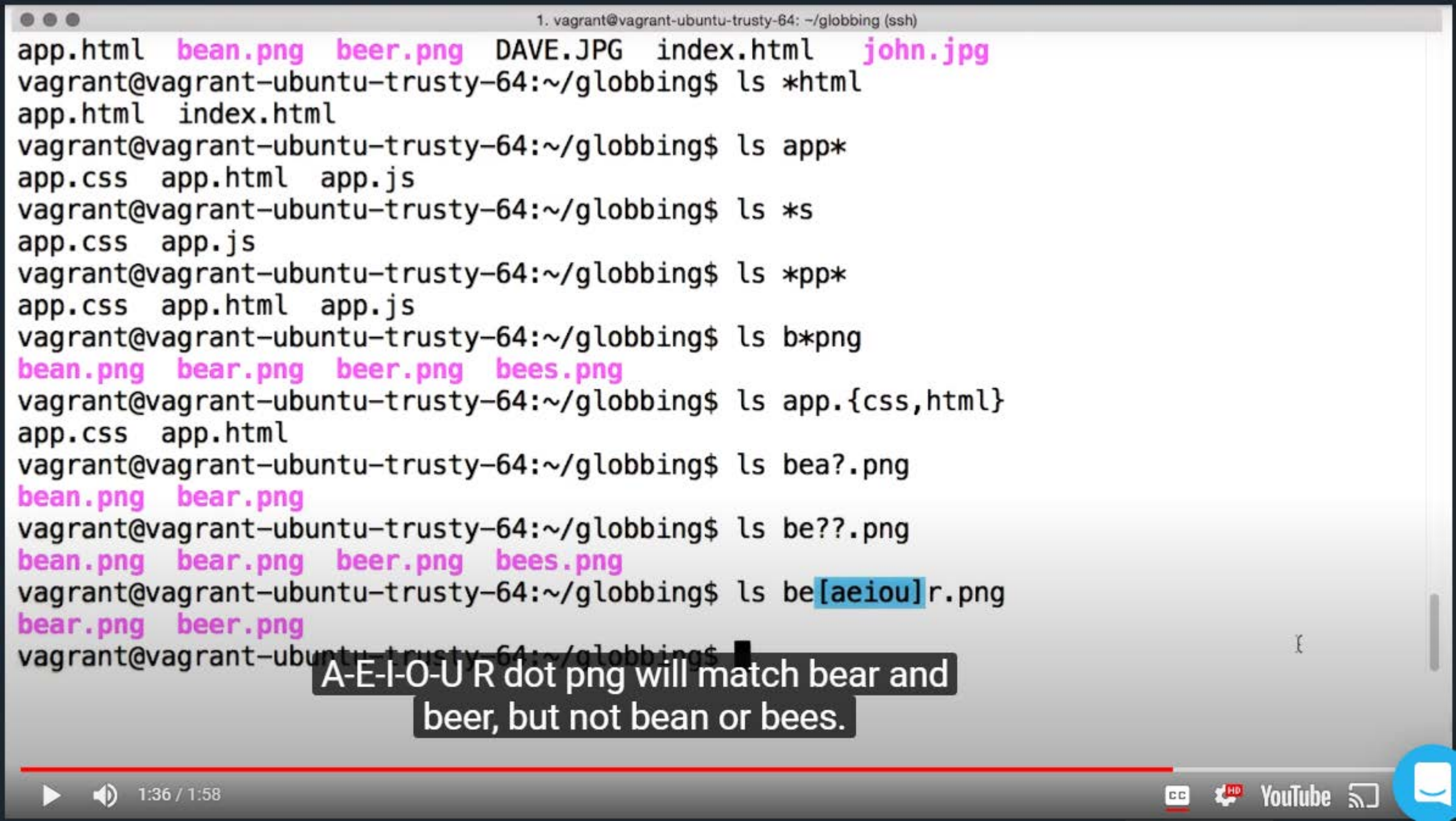
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vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$ ls *html
app.html index.html
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$ ls app*
app.css app.html app.js
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$ ls *s
app.css app.js
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$ ls *pp*
app.css app.html app.js
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$ ls b*png
bean.png bear.png beer.png bees.png
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$ ls app.{css,html}
app.css app.html
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$ ls bea?.png
bean.png bear.png
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$ ls be??.png
bean.png bear.png beer.png bees.png
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$ ls be[aeiou]r.png
bear.png beer.png
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$
A-E-I-O-U R dot png will match bear and beer, but not bean or bees.
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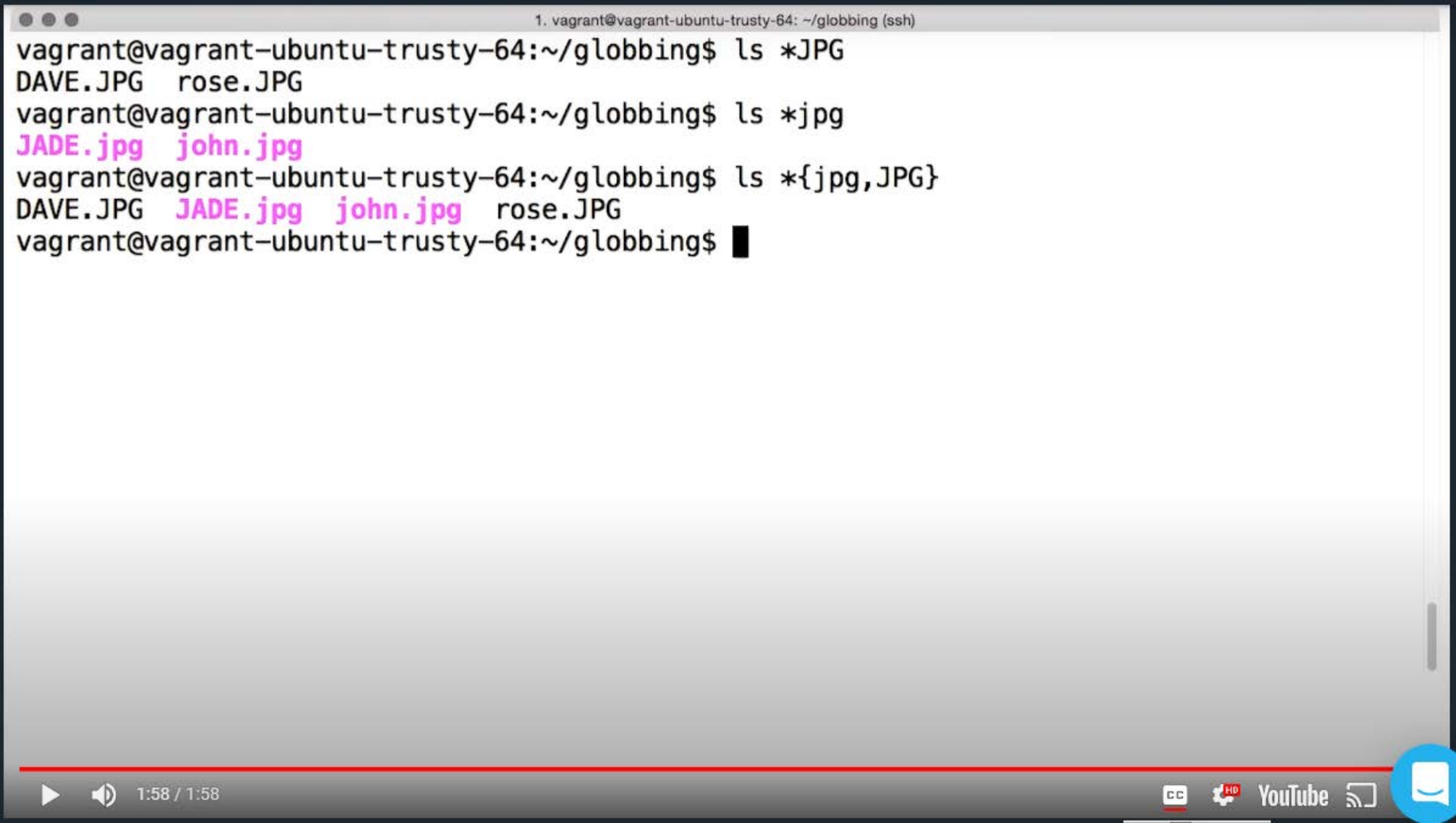
1. vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64: ~/globbing (ssh)
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$ ls *JPG
DAVE.JPG rose.JPG
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$ ls *jpg
JADE.jpg john.jpg
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$ ls *{jpg,JPG}
DAVE.JPG JADE.jpg john.jpg rose.JPG
vagrant@vagrant-ubuntu-trusty-64:~/globbing$
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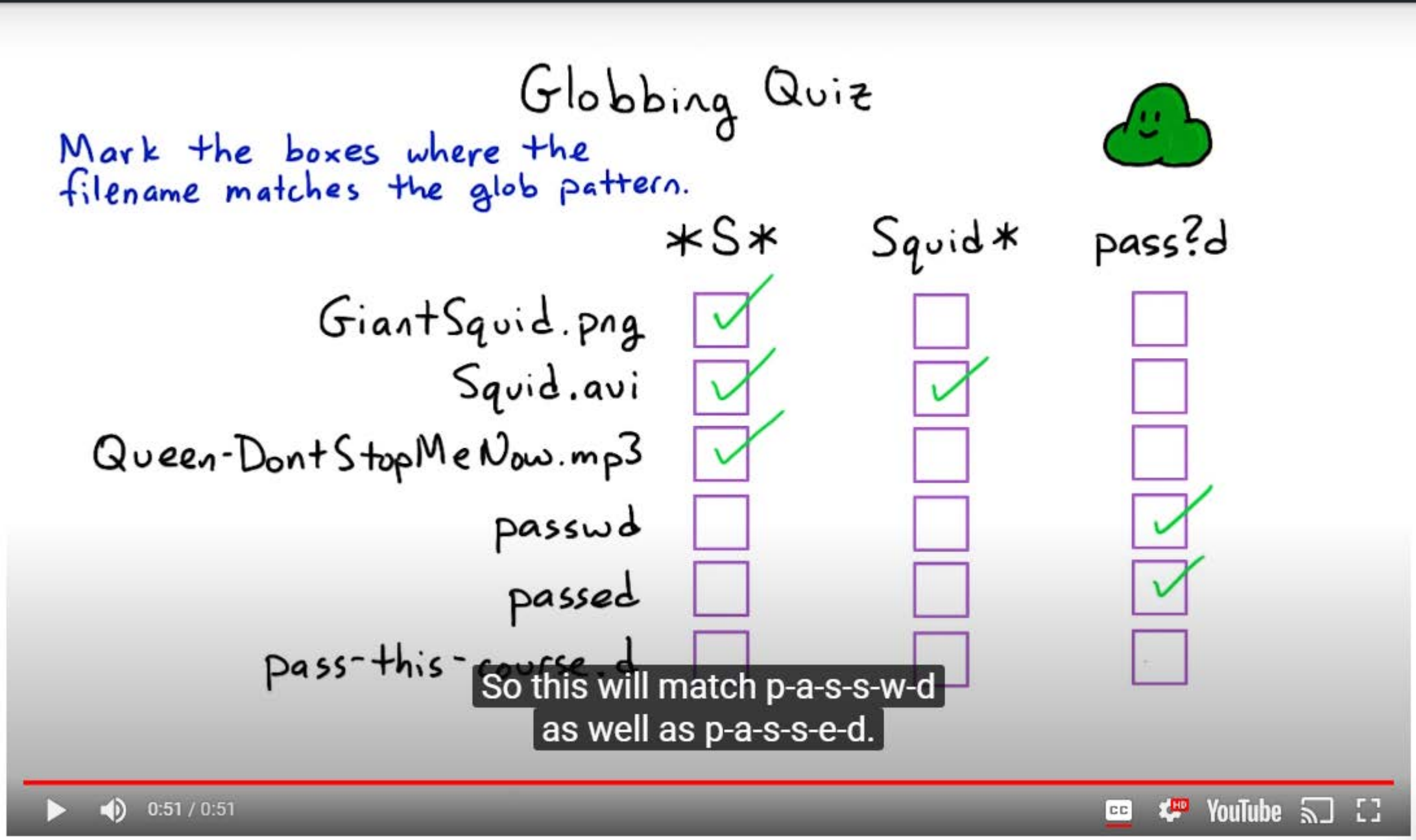
Globbing Quiz
Mark the boxes where the filename matches the glob pattern.
S
Squid*
pass?d
GiantSquid.png
Squid.avi
Queen-DontStopMeNow.mp3
passwd
passed
pass-this-course.d
So this will match p-a-s-s-w-d as well as p-a-s-s-e-d.
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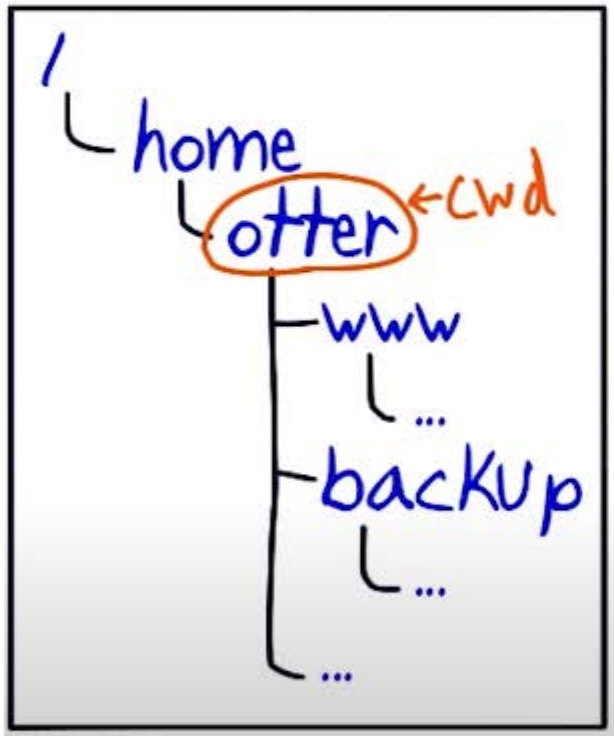
Write the comm

though, you'd want to escape those with a backslash or single quotes.



Copy all the files in the "www" directory that end in "html" to the "backup" directory.

```
cp www/*html backup
```

List all the files that end in "jpg" or "png" in the current directory.

```
ls *{jpg,png}
```
or
```
ls *jpg *png
```
or
```
ls *{jp,pn}g
```

Print "Short names:" followed by all the one-character filenames in the current directory.

```
echo Short names: ?
```