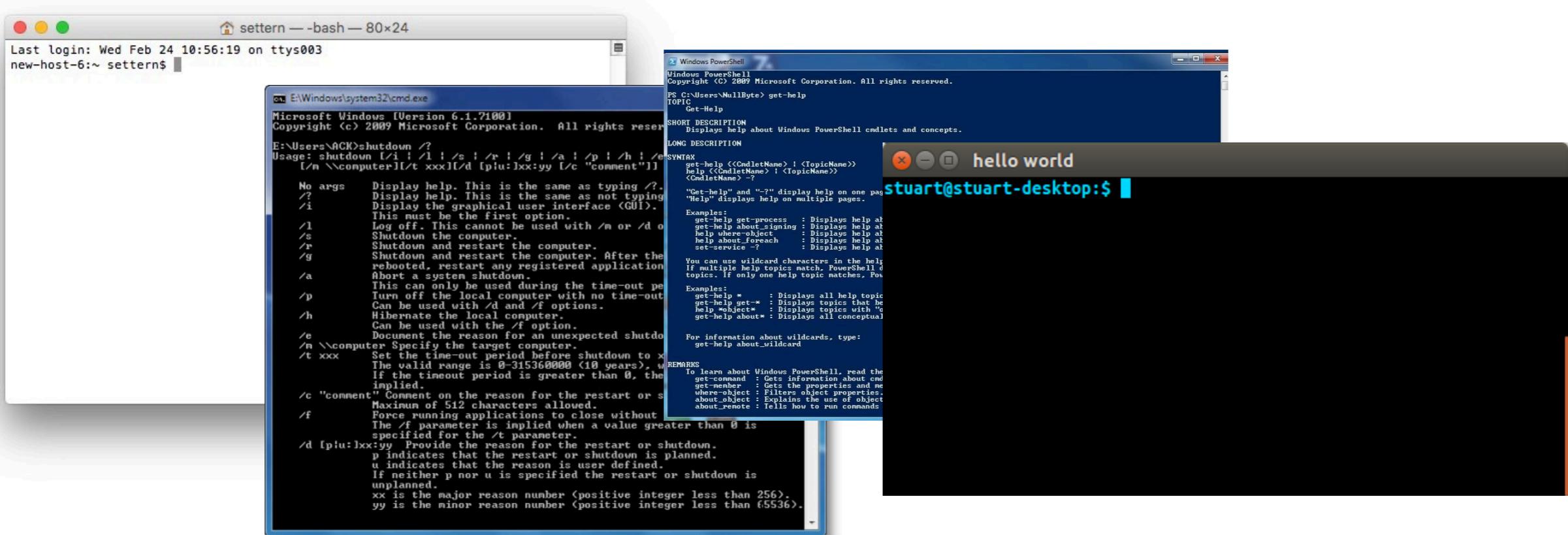


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- Terminal history
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- Running programs from a shell

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History: the original terminals



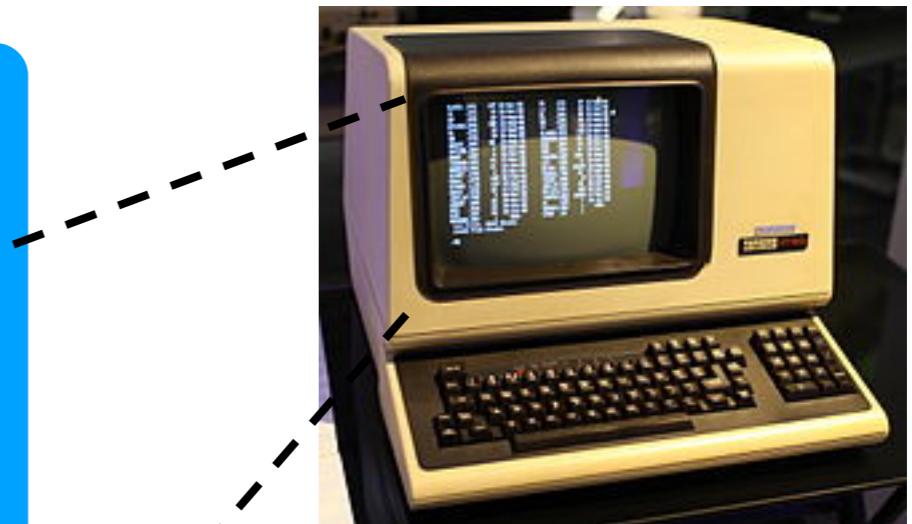
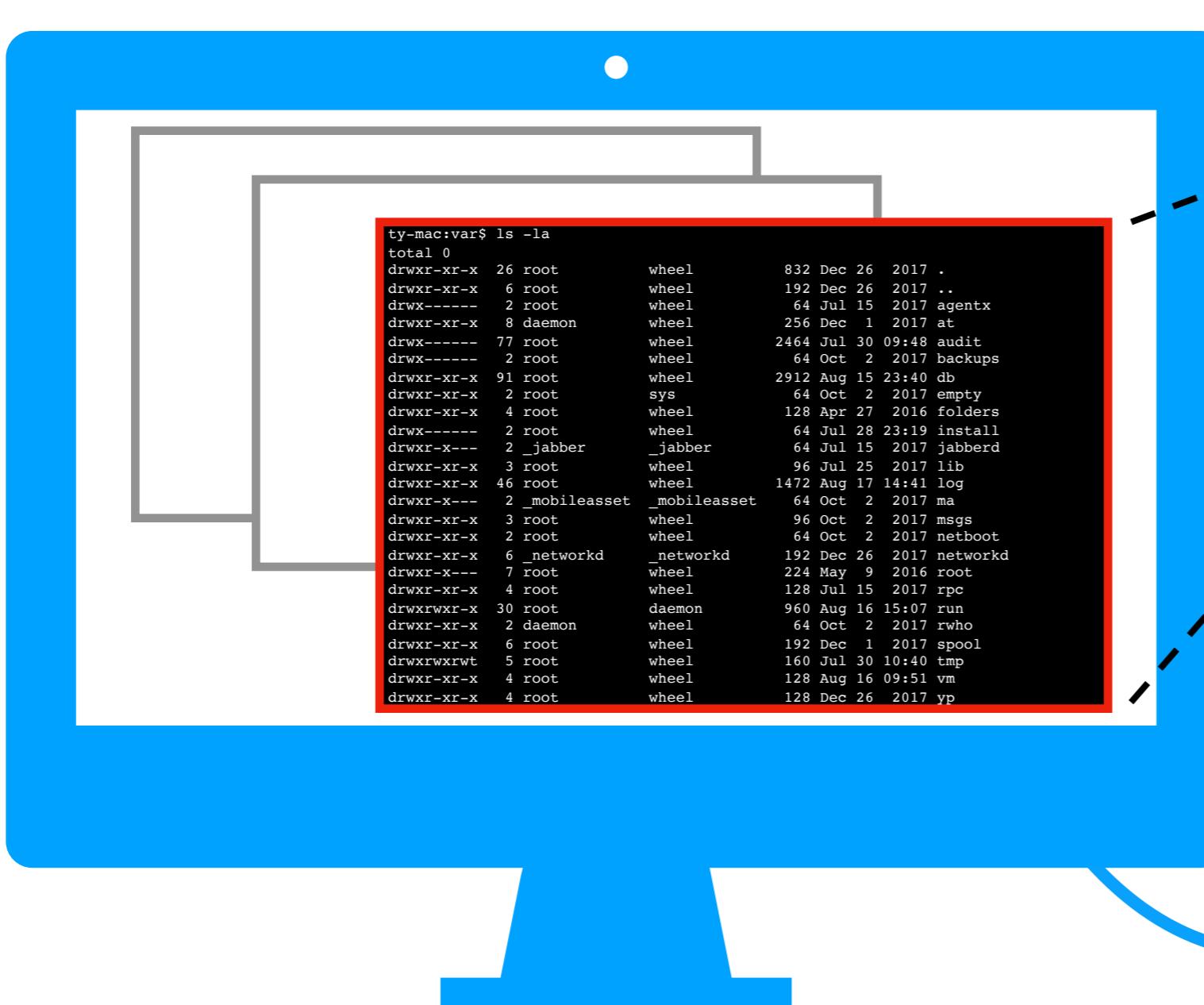
**Mainframe
(powerful computer)**

How to share it?



**dumb terminals
(text based)**

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why???



fast



slow



**local computer
(e.g., personal)**

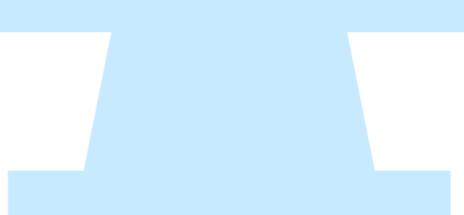
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Career Tip I: know the difference between **familiar** tools and **good** tools

Practice using good tools that are unfamiliar

Investment is more important than working hard

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drwxr-xr-x  2 daemon    wheel        64 Oct  2  2017 rwho
drwxr-xr-x  6 root       wheel      192 Dec  1  2017 spool
drwxrwxrwt  5 root       wheel     160 Jul 30 10:40 tmp
drwxr-xr-x  4 root       wheel     128 Aug 16 09:51 vm
drwxr-xr-x  4 root       wheel     128 Dec 26  2017 yp
```



local computer
(e.g., personal)

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Career Tip 2: master the tools that let you work from anywhere

Work for the highest-paying place from the most enjoyable place (home? beach?)

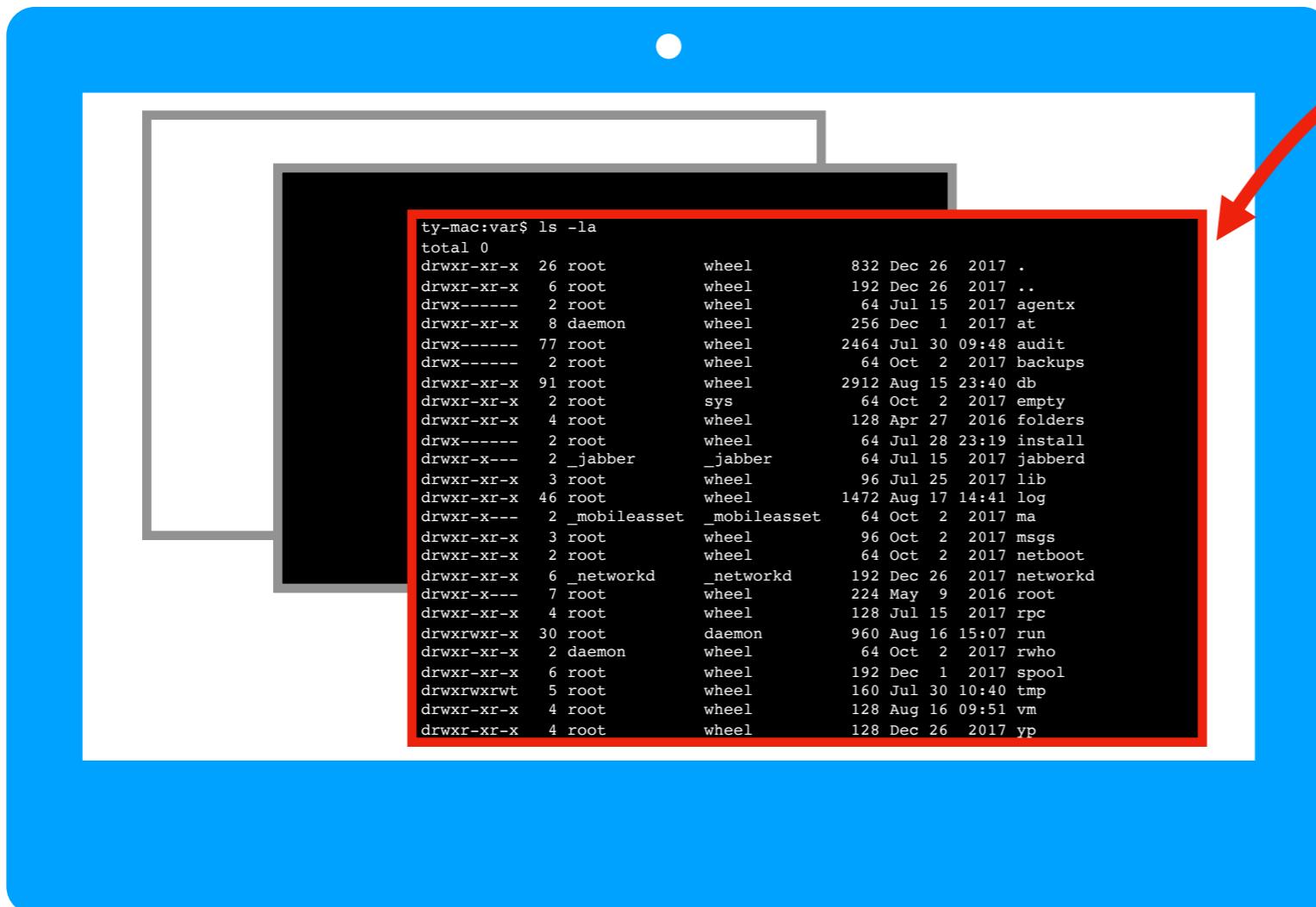


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Terminal emulators



**programming running in
the terminal emulator
is called a "shell"**

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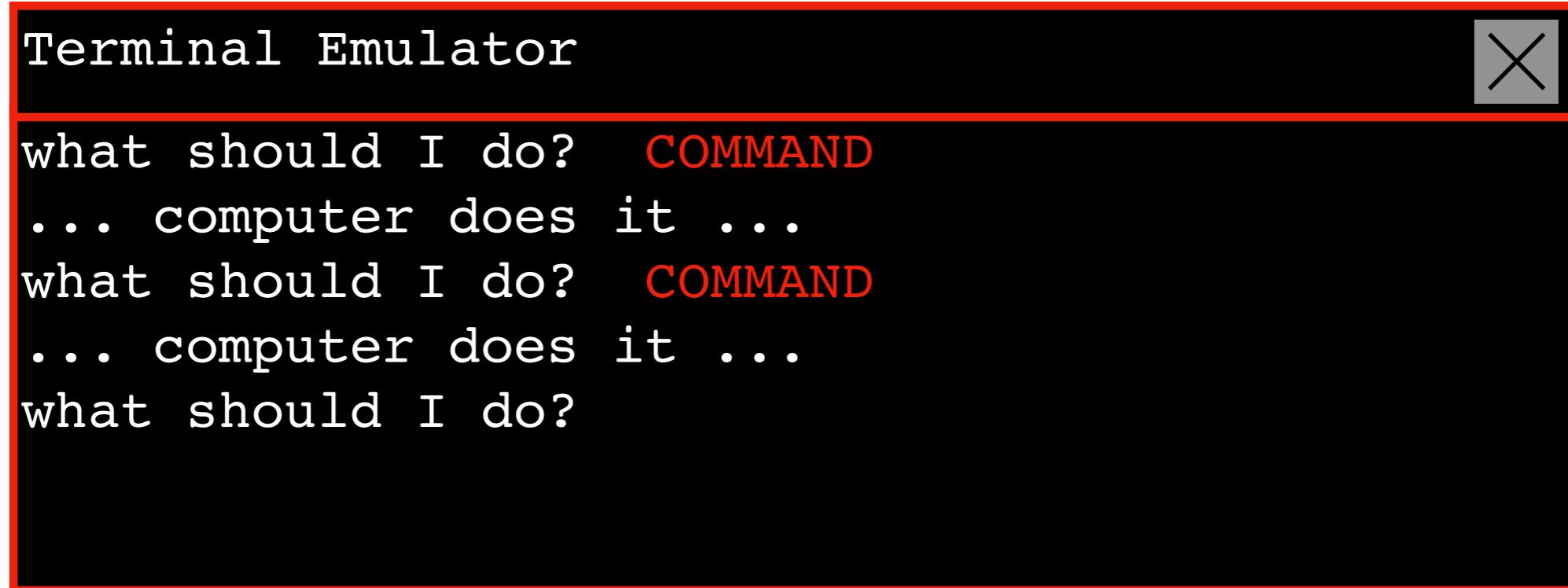
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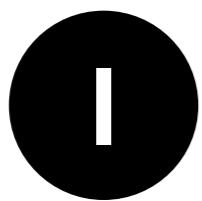
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Shell: the most helpful program



A screenshot of a terminal emulator window titled "Terminal Emulator". The window has a red border and a close button in the top right corner. Inside, the text shows a loop of interaction:

```
what should I do? COMMAND
... computer does it ...
what should I do? COMMAND
... computer does it ...
what should I do?
```



1 **navigate:** dig through ~~folders~~ directories and files



2 **run programs**

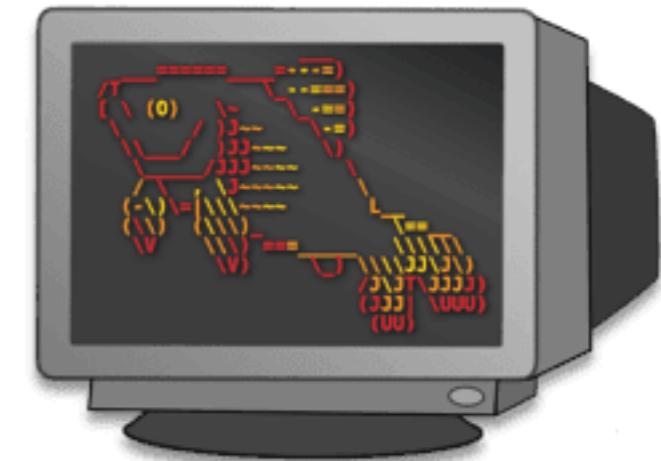
You have a few options when it comes to shells...



cmd



PowerShell



fish



ksh



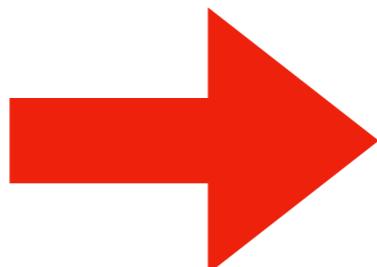
/bin/sh
Bourne Shell

1979

Stephen Bourne

zsh

today



BASH
THE BOURNE-AGAIN SHELL

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Running Programs

Running programs is easy, just type name of the program and hit enter:

program name

```
prompt ty-mac:var$ ls
agentx      jabberd      root
at           lib          rpc
audit        log          run
backups     ma          rwho
prompt ty-mac:var$
```

a "prompt" is the question, *what should I do?*

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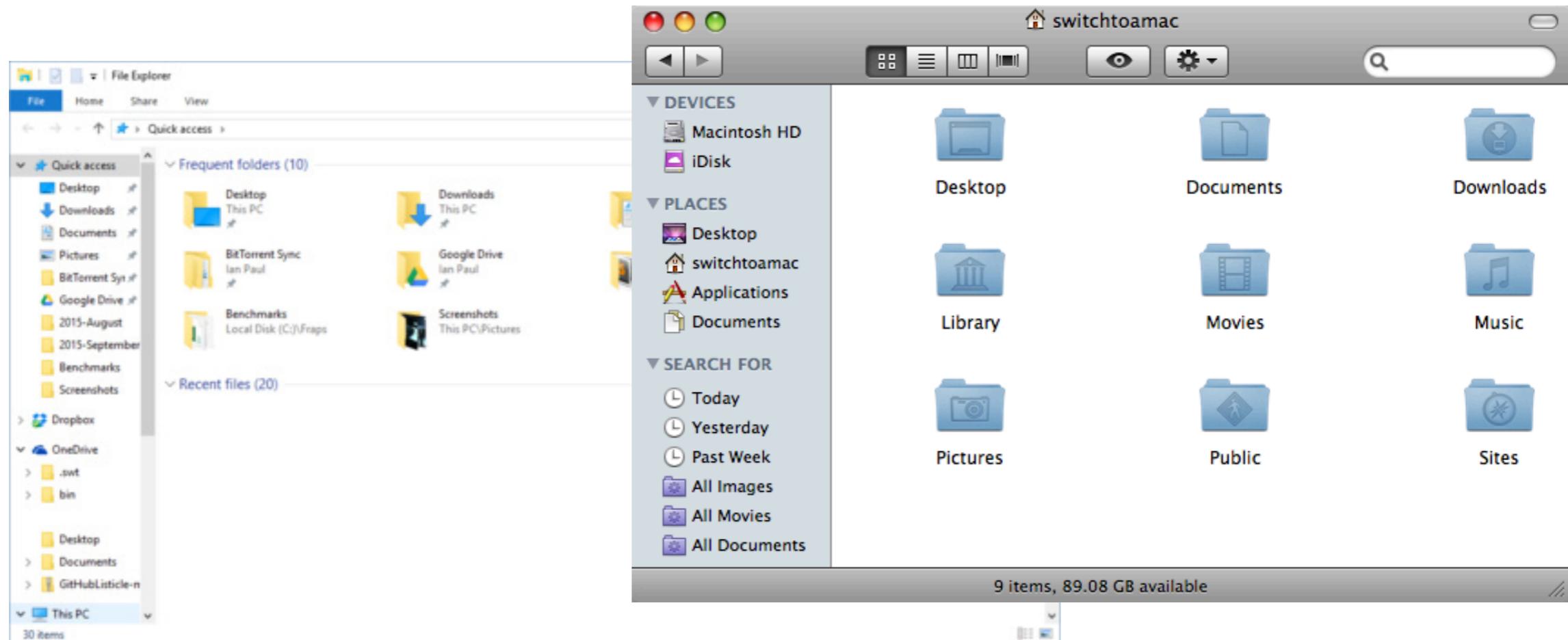
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What is navigation?

Navigation is looking around for files/folders you want

Navigation programs

- File Explorer (Windows)
- Finder (Mac)



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With shell, navigate w/ various commands...

pwd

cat

...

ls

cd

mkdir

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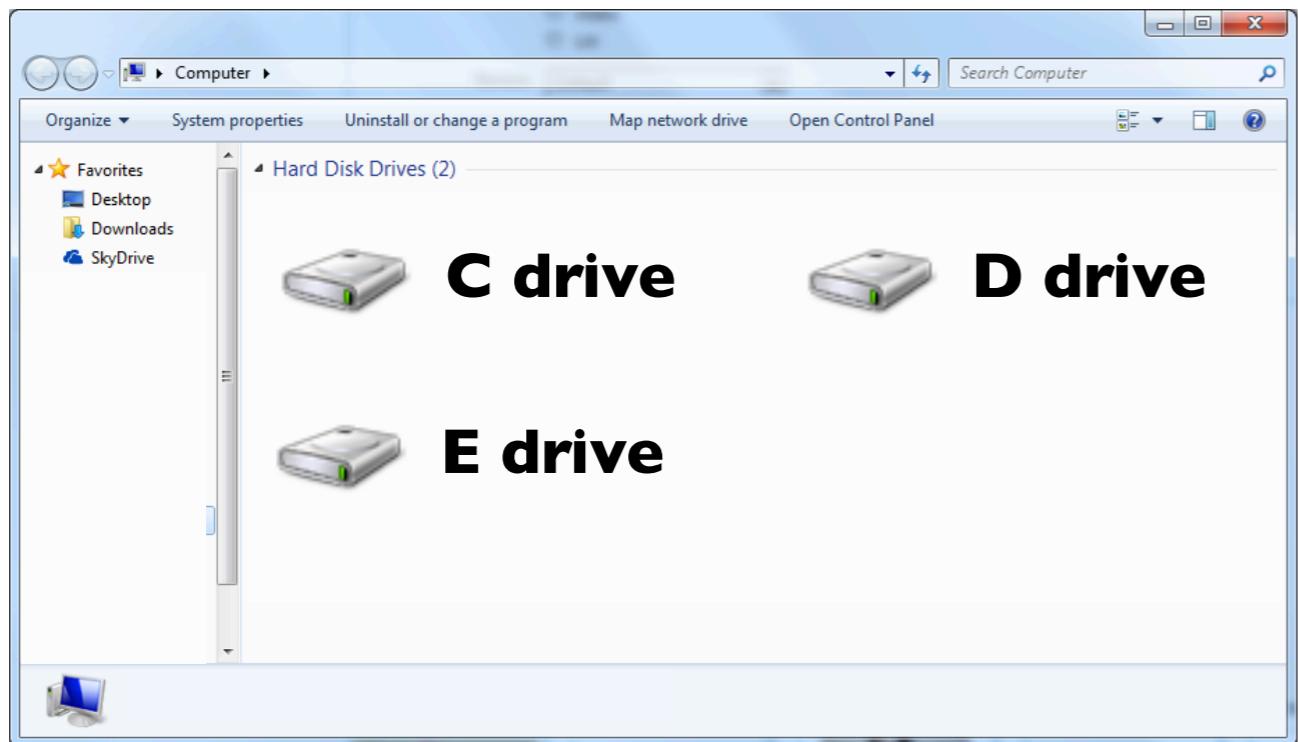
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Windows Storage Drives



**Each added drive is given
its own drive letter**



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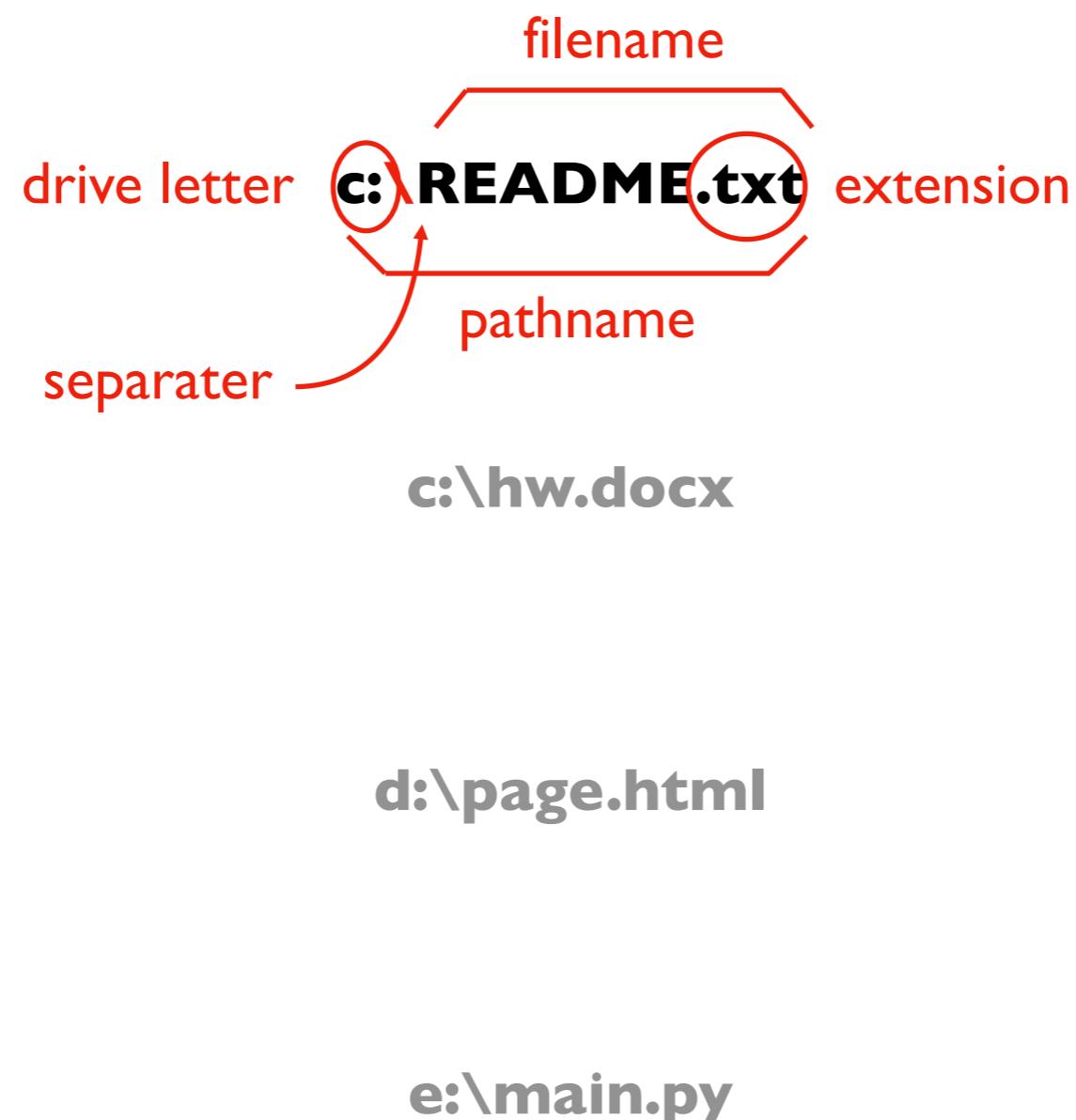
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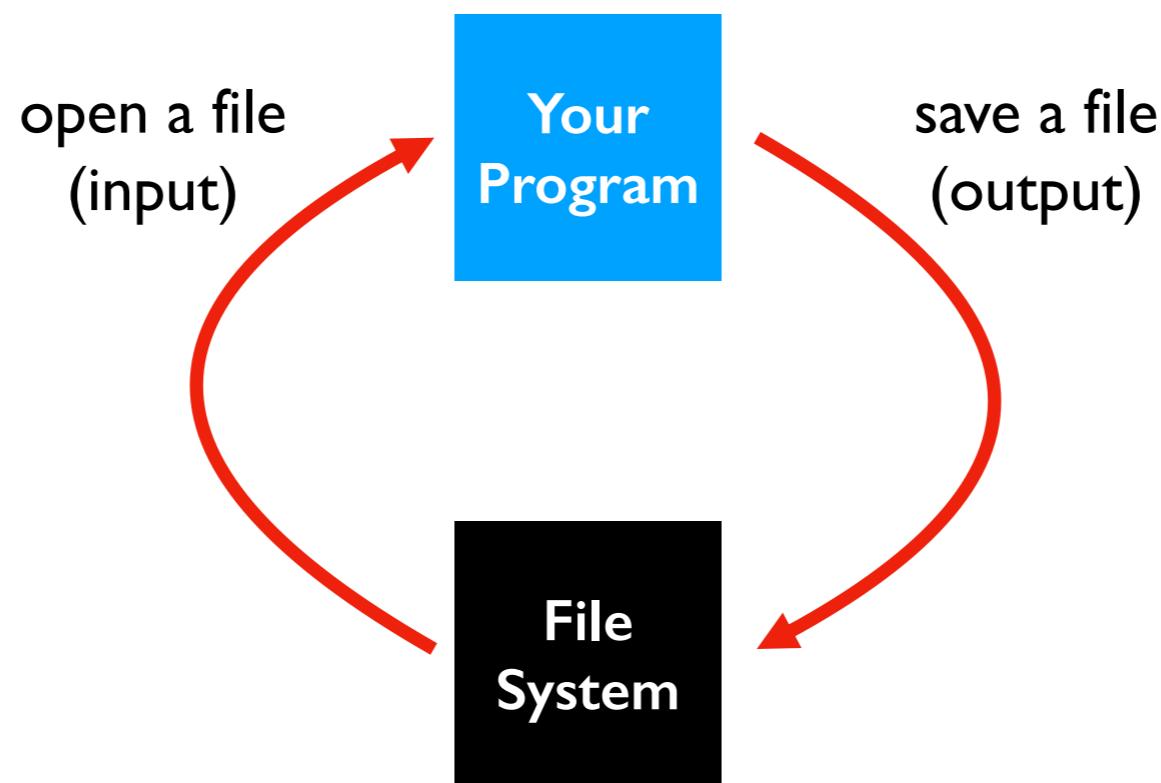
Files

Each file has a name, called a “path name”



Files

Files might be either **input** or **output** for your programs



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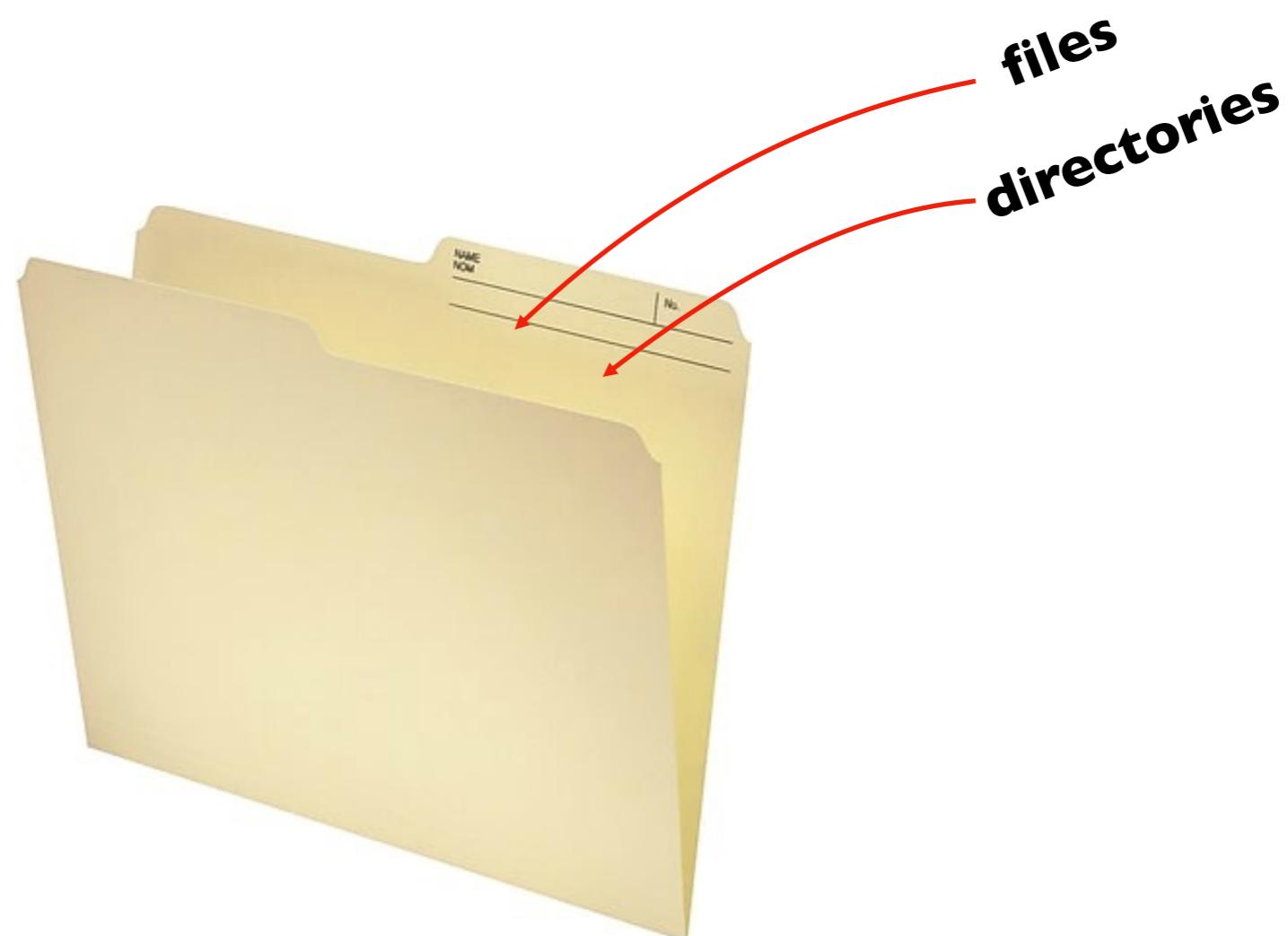
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Directories

Directories are used to organize files and sub directories

- Also called “folders”
- A directory also has pathname



https://www.staples.ca/en/Staples-Recycled-File-Folder-1-2-Cut-Letter-Size-11-pt-Manila-100-Pack/product_13579_I-CA_I_20001

Directories

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Example paths:

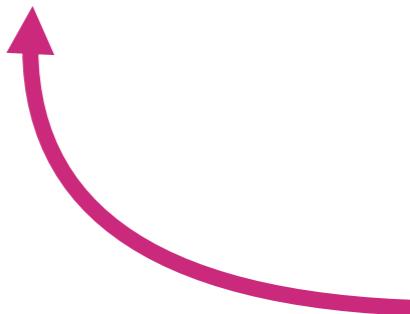
- c:\my-directory\file1.docx
- c:\my-directory\file2.docx
- c:\my-directory\file3.docx
- c:\directory1\directory2\file1.docx
- c:\same-dir\same-dir\readme.txt

two types of paths: relative or absolute

Relative Paths

Where is the Computer Science building?

- **Answer 1:** 1210 W Dayton St, Madison, WI 53706
- **Answer 2:** on the other side of Johnson street



When is Answer 2 appropriate?

- When you're in the psychology building
- It may be more convenient

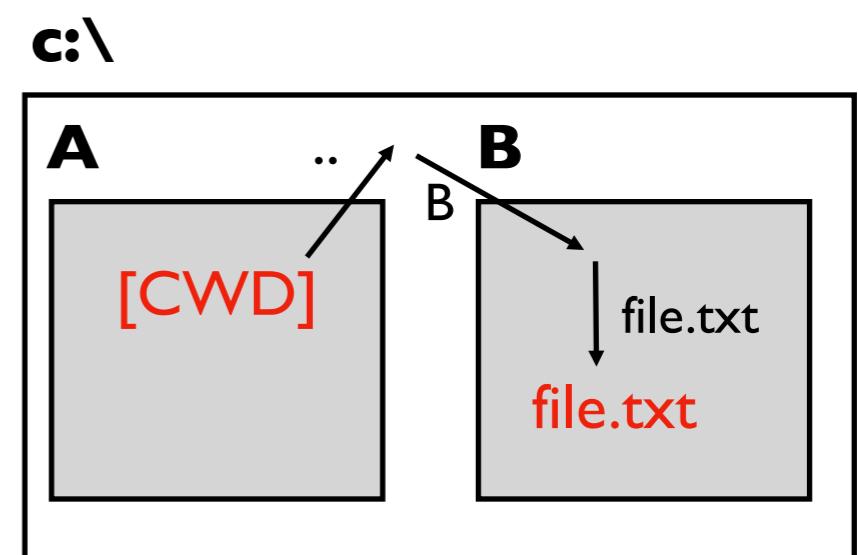
Pathnames are absolute (answer 1) or relative (answer 2)

- Absolute paths: always possible
- Relative paths: if current location is known
- **Working Directory** (our current location)

Absolute vs. Relative

Absolute Path	Working Directory	Relative Path
c:\test.txt	c:\	test.txt
c:\x\y\z\my.docx	c:\x\y\z	my.docx
c:\x\y\z\my.docx	c:\x\y	z\my.docx
c:\x\y\z	c:\x	y\z
c:\test.txt	c:\	.\test.txt
c:\x\y\z	c:\x	.\y\z
c\x	c:\x\y\z	..\..
c:\B\file.txt	c:\A	..\B\file.txt

- Two special directory names
- “..” means up a directory
 - “.” means current directory



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Multiple Drives in Mac

Windows

- Absolute paths start with `c:\` or `d:\`
- Indicates which drive

Mac

- Absolute paths start with `/`
- Example: `/Users/tyler/my-file.docx`
- Don't know which drive

How can we use multiple drives if every file paths starts the same???

/.....

Answer: different drives feel like different directories

Comparison

on a Mac, a path doesn't tell you what drive you're on

Windows

c:\Users\tyler\file.txt

c:\Program Files

c:\Windows\...\Logs

Mac

/Users/tyler/file.txt

/usr/local/bin

/var/log

Drives



d:\

d:\A

/Volumes/backup

/Volumes/backup/A



e:\movies

e:\movies\demo1.mov

/Volumes/movies

/Volumes/movies/demo1.mov



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Demos

We'll cover a few simple examples for reference in the slides, then go into more detail in the demo...

Most of these examples work in both **PowerShell** (Windows) and **bash** (Mac)

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Where am I? (What directory am I in?)

Command: **pwd**

“print working directory”

```
PS /Users/trh/scratch> pwd
```

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Command: **pwd**

```
PS /Users/trh/scratch> pwd
```

Path

```
/Users/trh/scratch
```

this is the current directory

```
PS /Users/trh/scratch>
```

Go up a directory

Command: **cd ..**

```
PS /Users/trh/scratch> pwd
```

Path

```
/Users/trh/scratch
```

```
PS /Users/trh/scratch> cd ..
```

```
PS /Users/trh>
```

Clear the screen

Command: **clear**

```
PS /Users/trh/scratch> pwd
```

```
Path
```

```
----
```

```
/Users/trh/scratch
```

```
PS /Users/trh/scratch> cd ..
```

```
PS /Users/trh> clear
```

Clear the screen

Command: **clear**

```
PS /Users/trh>
```

Go inside a directory

Command: **cd directory-name**

name of directory we started in

```
PS /Users/trh> cd scratch  
PS /Users/trh/scratch>
```

Go to top directory

Command: **cd /**

is this Windows or Mac?

```
PS /Users/trh> cd scratch  
PS /Users/trh/scratch> cd /
```

View contents of current directory

Command: **ls**

```
PS /Users/trh> cd scratch
PS /Users/trh/scratch> cd /
PS /> ls
Applications          etc
Library               home
Network               installer.failurerequests
System                net
Users                 README.txt
PS />
```

View contents of a file

Command: **cat file-name**

```
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System                net
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PS /> cat README.txt
The file says Hello!
PS />
```

The file says Hello!

data saved in README.txt

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Arguments (program input)

```
PS /Users/trh> cd scratch
PS /Users/trh/scratch> cd /
PS /> ls
Applications          etc
Library                home
Network                installer_failure_requests
```

program name (cat)

users

```
PS /> cat README.txt
```

The file says Hello!

```
PS />
```

an argument (README.txt)

README.txt

echo Example

program is “echo”

argument is “hello”

```
PS /Users/trh> echo hello  
hello
```

PS /Users/ the echo program prints
whatever it's argument is

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Saving output

Format: **program > file-name**

```
PS /Users/trh> echo hello  
hello  
PS /Users/trh> echo hello > output.txt  
PS /Users/trh>
```

“redirect” operator, sends output to a file

Saving output

Format: **program > file-name**

```
PS /Users/trh> echo hello  
hello
```

```
PS /Users/trh> echo hello > output.txt
```

```
PS /Users/trh>
```

without redirect, output
was printed to the screen

with redirect, output was
saved in the output.txt file

Saving output

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hello  
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hello  
PS /Users/trh>
```

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Conclusion

Today we covered

- What a terminal and shell is
- What it looks like to have multiple storage drives attached to your computer
- How to navigate between directories/folders
- How to run programs in the terminal