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Paths and Files

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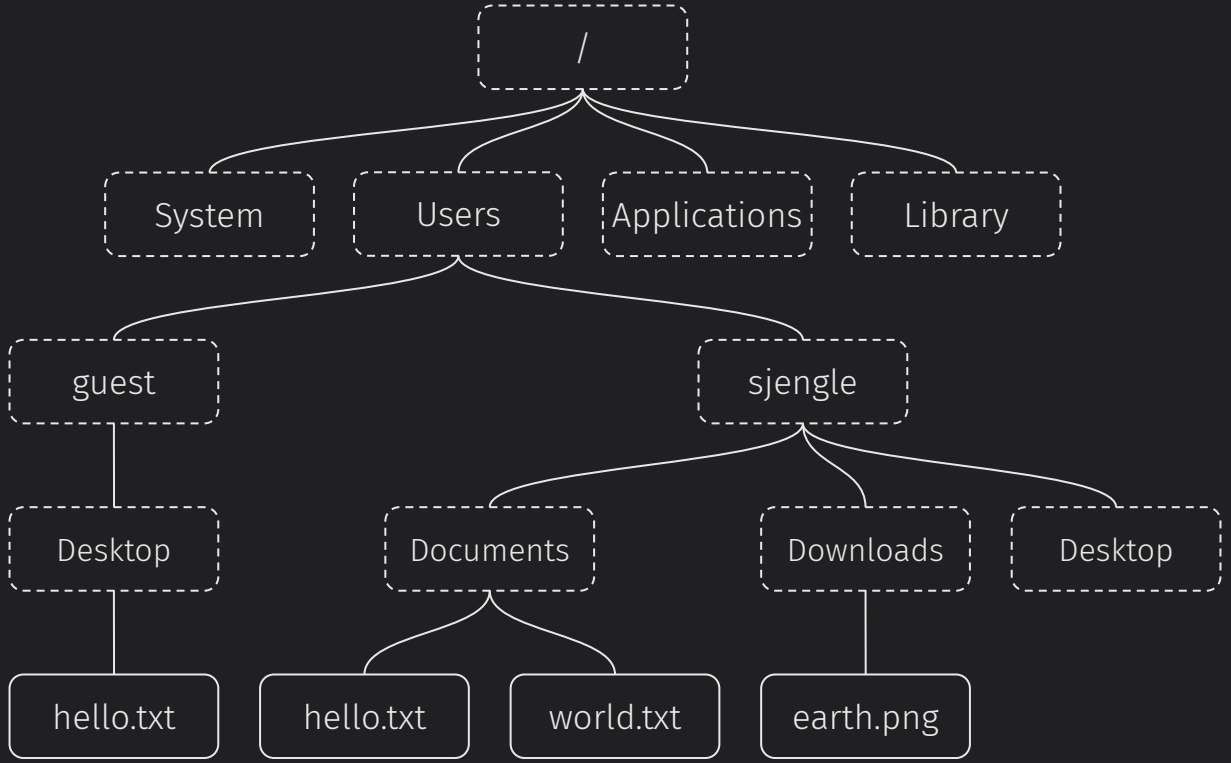
Java IO, NIO, NIO.2

- Package **`java.io`** (input/output) was originally introduced in JDK 1.0 in 1996
- Package **`java.nio`** (non-blocking I/O) was originally introduced in J2SE 1.4 in 2002
- Package **`java.nio.file`** (new I/O) was originally introduced in Java SE 7 in 2011

https://www.cs.usfca.edu/~cs272/javadoc/api/java.base/java/util/doc-files/coll-index.html

Terminology

- File systems are **hierarchical tree** structures
  - Has a **root** node (**/** on *nix or **C:** on Windows)
  - Nodes may have children (**directories** or **folders**)
- A **path** is a location in the file system
  - Slash separates levels (**/** on *nix or **** on Windows)
  - May be **absolute** (starts with root) or **relative**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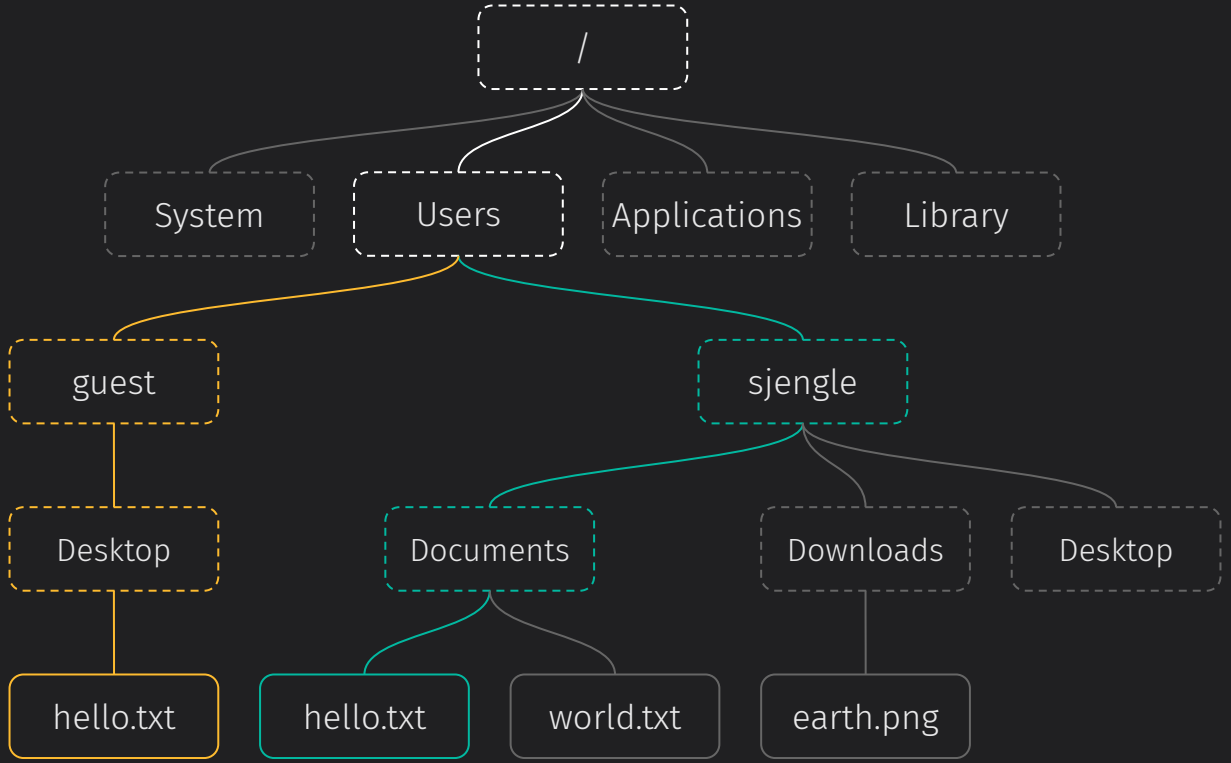

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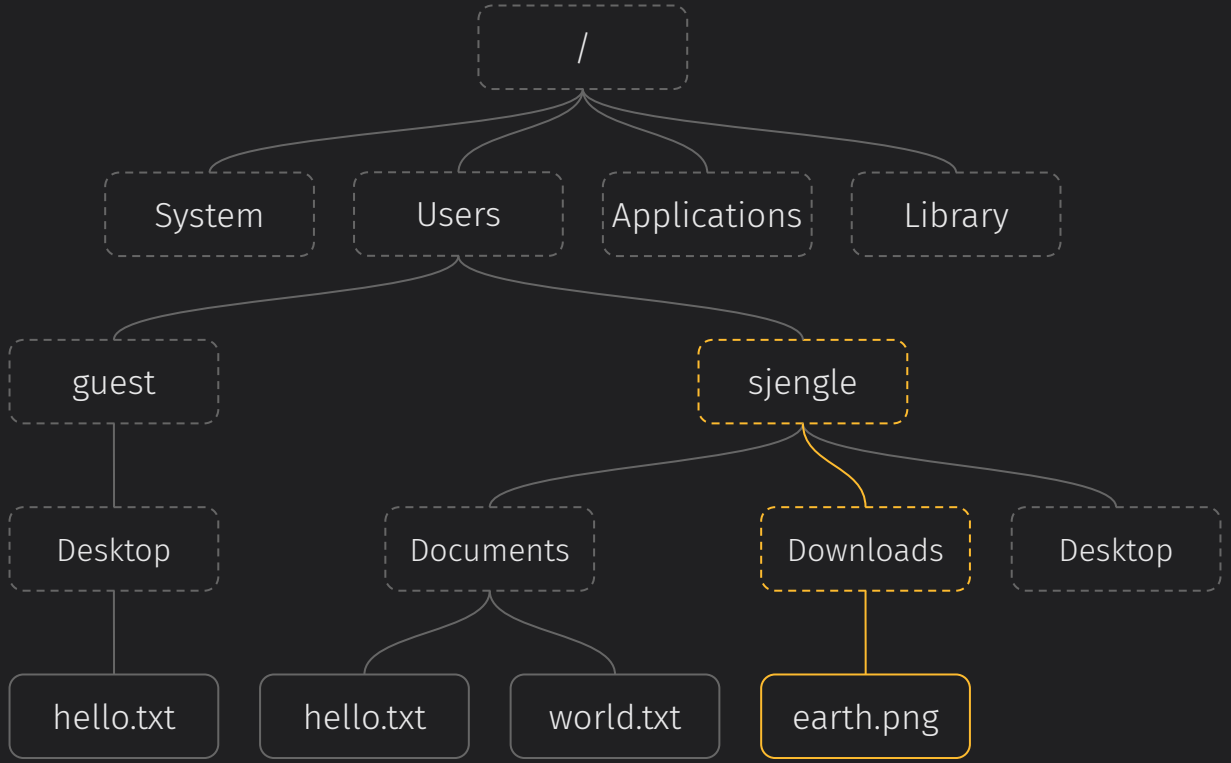

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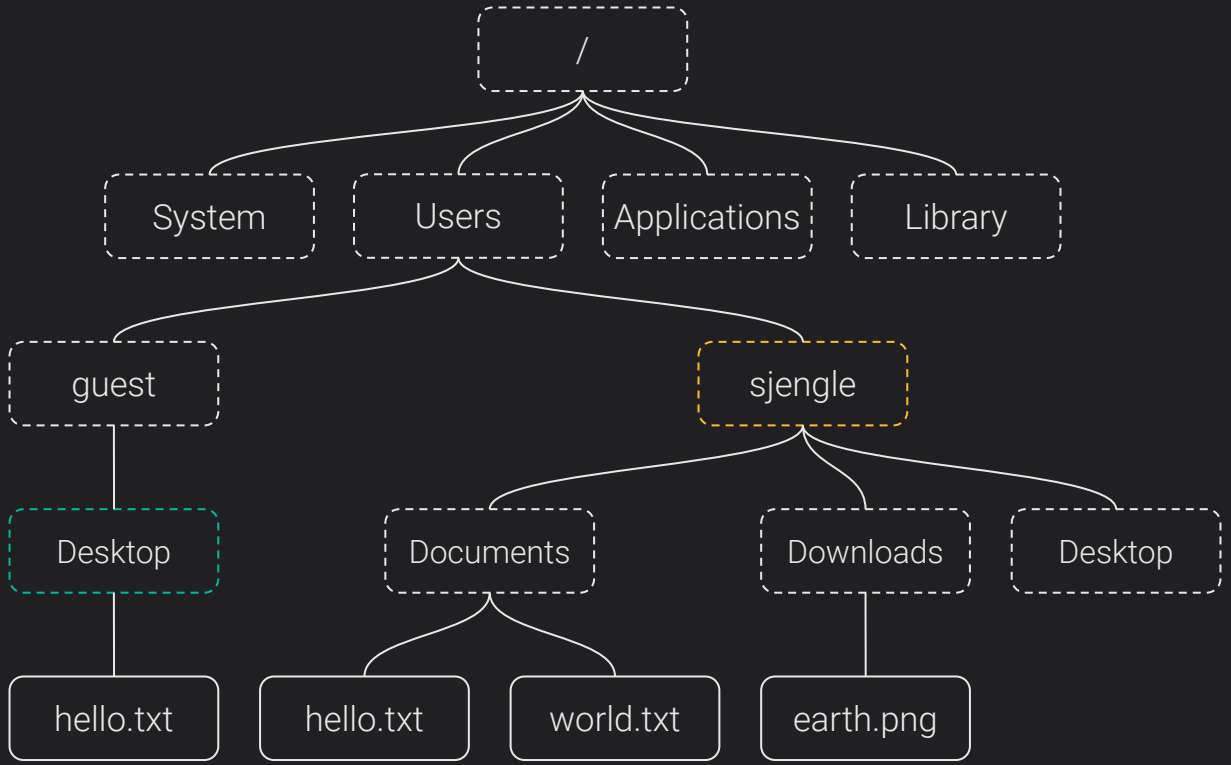

Desktop vs **./Desktop** vs **../guest/Desktop**

Java IO vs NIO.2

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Manipulating Paths

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Replacements for java.io.File

- Use **`Path`** to represent and manipulate a location
- Use **`Files`** to learn more about what is at a **`Path`**
- Use **`Files`** to read or write small files
- Use **`Files`** to create **`BufferedReader`**/**`Writer`** and **`DirectoryStream`** objects for other operations

Questions?