Introduction to Linux

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Before we start…

- **Recordings will be available at:**
  - **LSU HPC**: https://www.hpc.lsu.edu/training/tutorials/past/
  - **LONI HPC**: https://hpc.loni.org/training/tutorials/past/

Prologue

- **Research Computing Trainings**

Core	Interested-based
• **Intro to Linux** • HPC User Environment 1 • HPC User Environment 2 • Basic Shell Scripting	• Open OnDemand • Intro to Python • Magic Tools 1: Singularity Container • Magic Tools 2: Conda Environment • GNU Parallel • Molecular Dynamics • …

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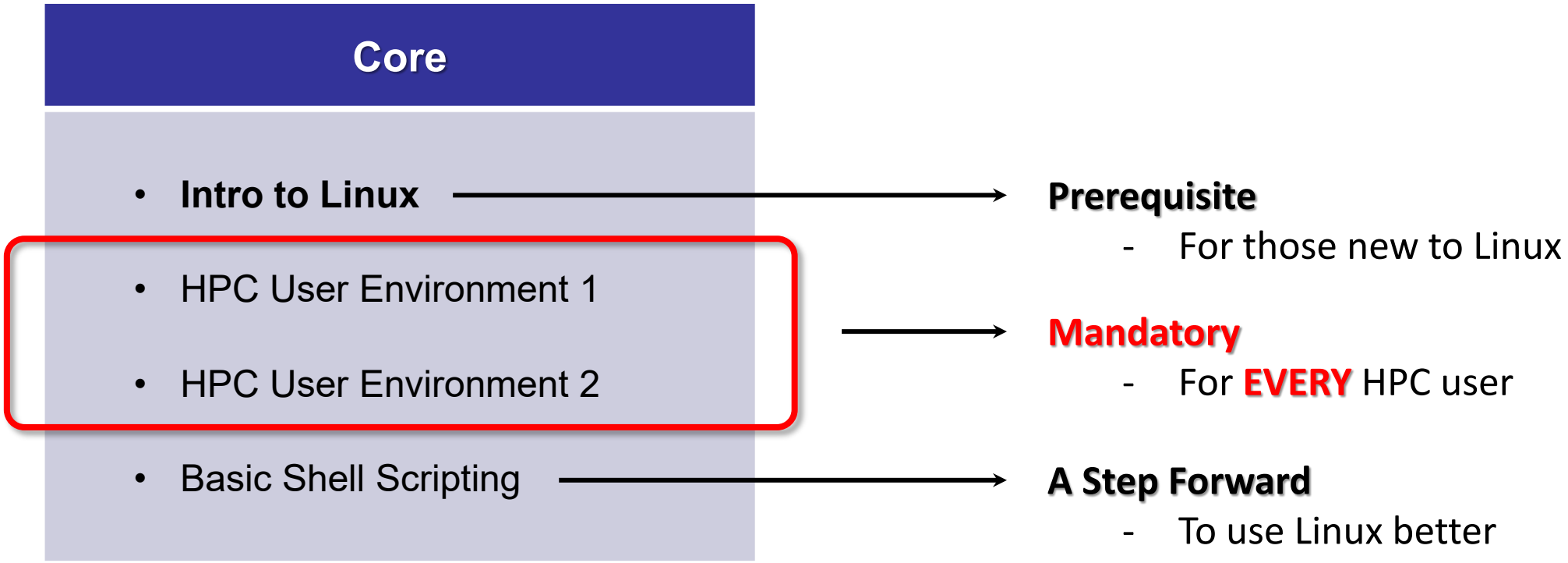

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- **Purpose of today's training…**
  - To make you a Linux expert… 
  - To make you familiar with basic Linux usage, so you can use our HPC 

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   2) Many Faces of Linux
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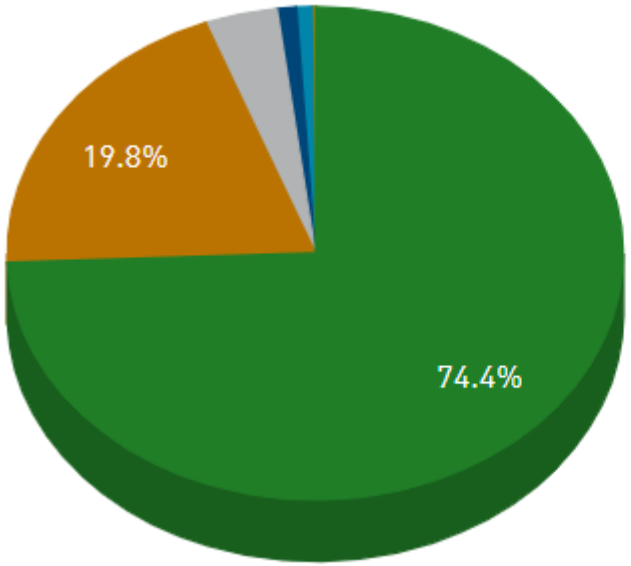
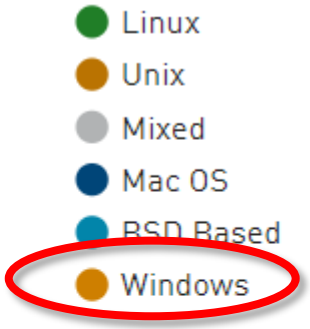
1) What's Linux?

- **Question: What operation system(s) do you use on a daily basis?**

1) What's Linux?

- **OS on HPC**
  - (Market share among Top 500 HPC)





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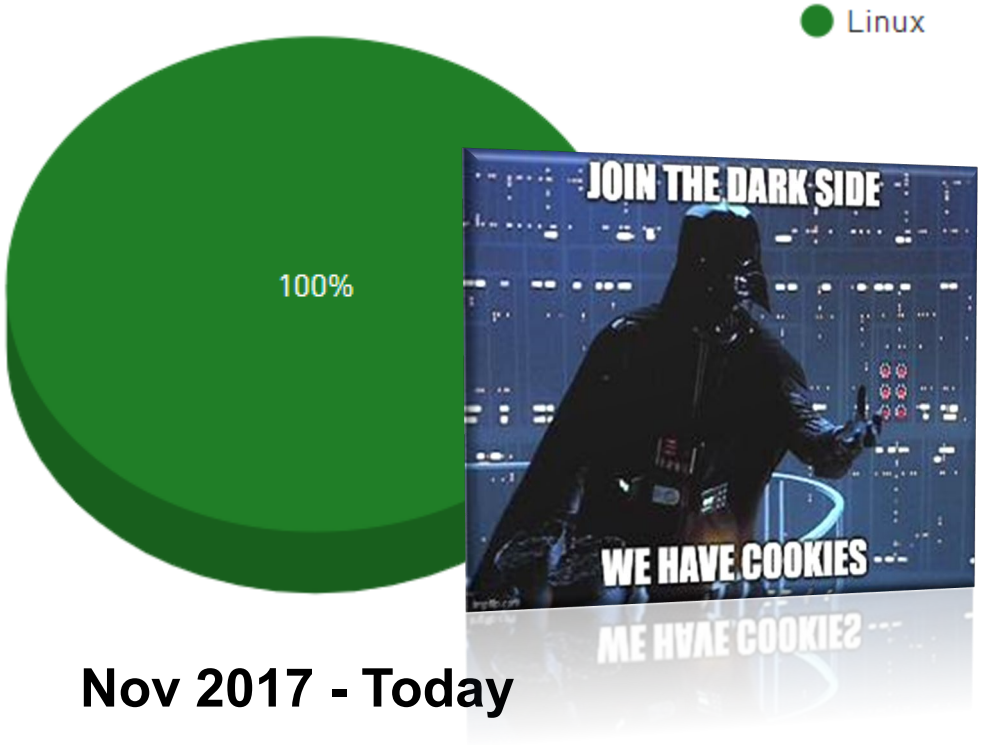

Nov 2005

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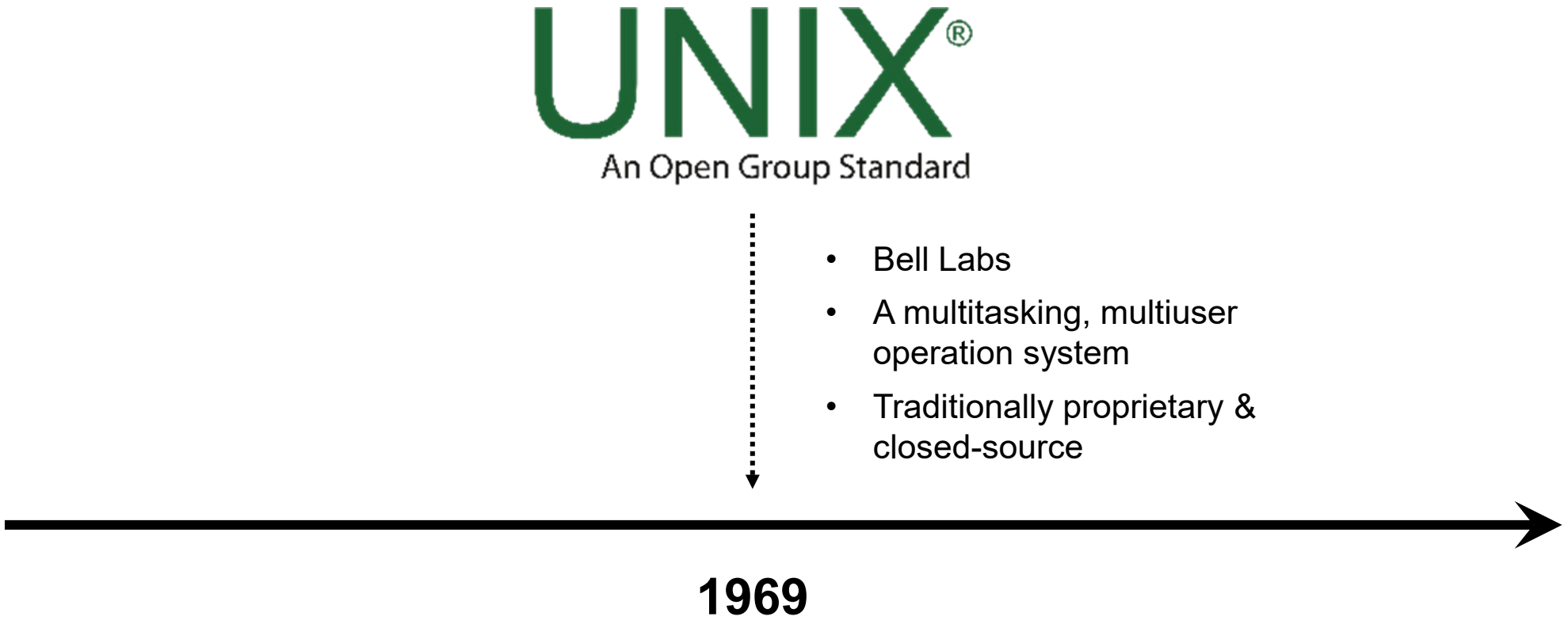

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- Richard Stallman, "***The GNU Manifesto***"
  - "**GNU**" = "Gnu's Not Unix!"
- Create a "*complete Unix-compatible software system*" and "*give it away free to everyone*"
- Only missing good, free, **lower-level** OS components

1969 **1983**

[1] https://www.gnu.org/gnu/manifesto.html

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- **Linus Torvald** (THE MAN, THE LEGEND!)
- Developed and released his own OS, which later became **Linux kernel**
- **GPL license** (free to download, edit, and redistribute)

1969 **1983** **1991**

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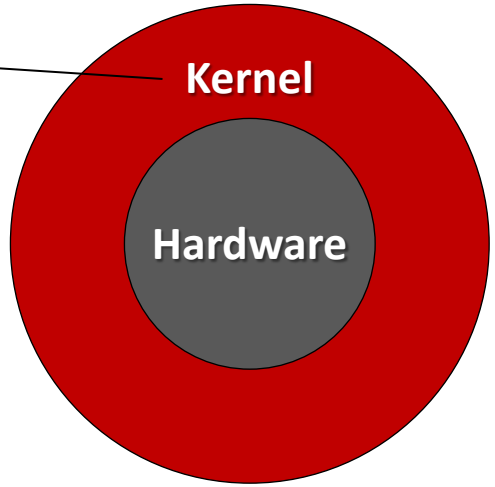
1) What's Linux?

- **A closer look at Linux architecture**

- Contains (**low-level**):
  - Resource management
  - Process management
  - Device Drivers
  - System Calls
  - …
- **Linux Kernel**, the part Linus Torvald developed and released for free



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    - Command execution
    - Scripting
    - …
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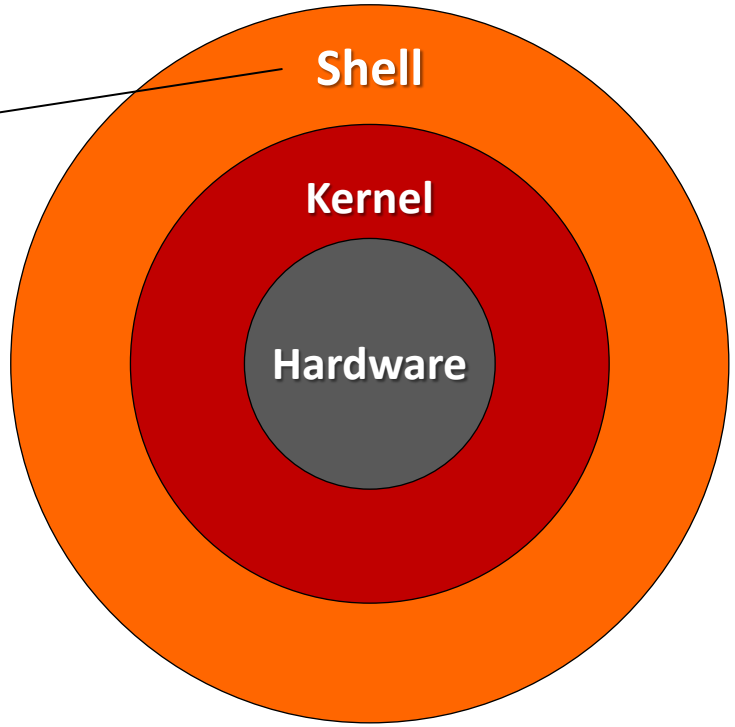

*Join us on 9/23/2026 for **Basic Shell Scripting** !

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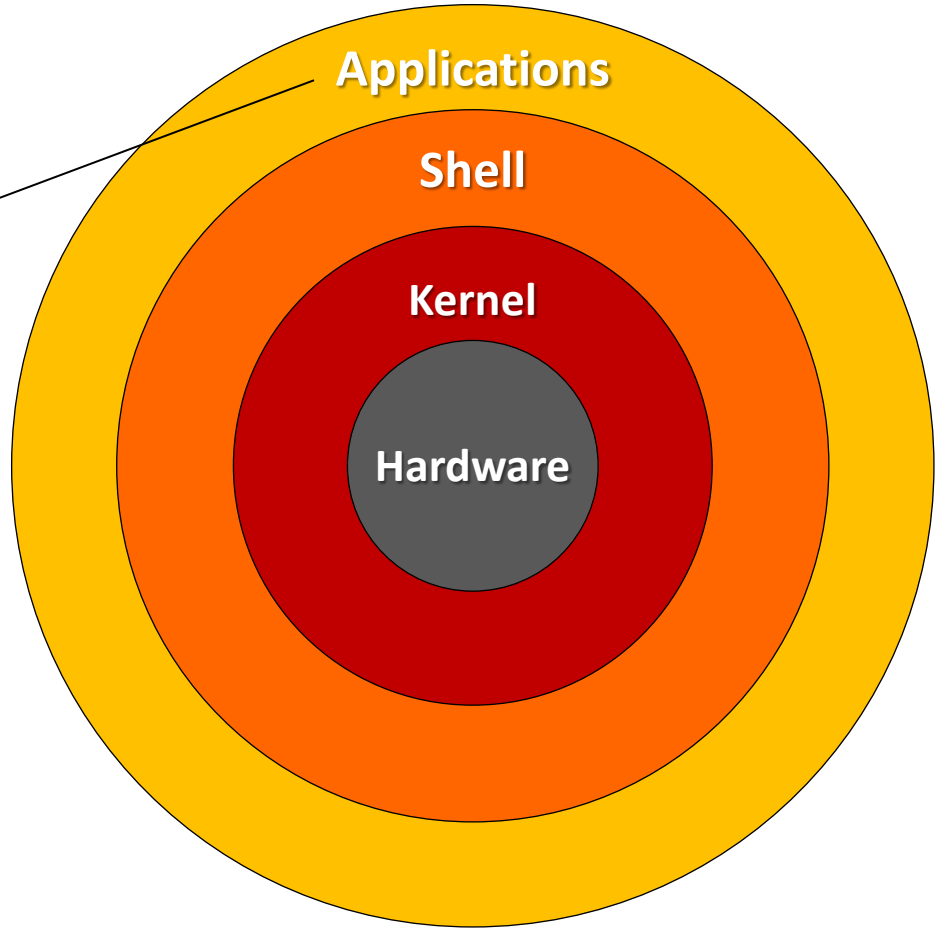
- **A closer look at Linux architecture**

  - Contains (**highest-level**):
    - File browser
    - Text editor
    - Multimedia
    - Internet browser
    - Office suites
    - …
  - **GNU Project** & beyond



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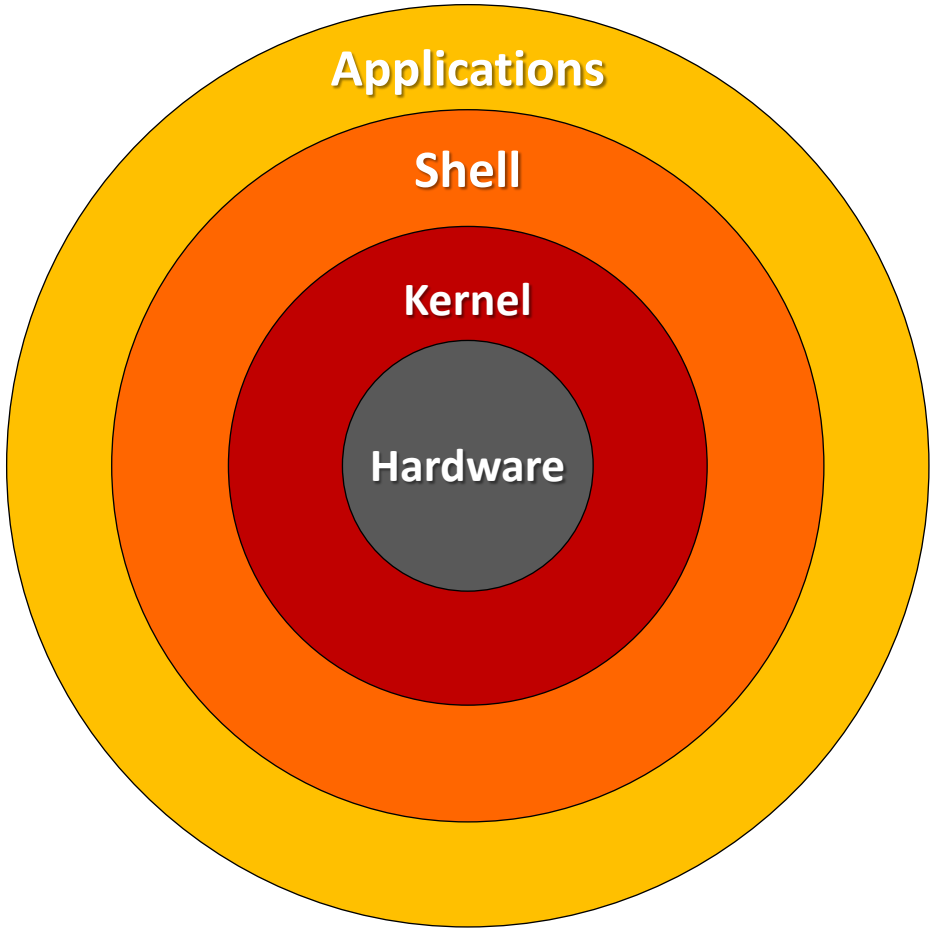

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- **How to build a legendary project?**

	Visionary boss (love & hate)	*Stylish European designer*	*Quiet Geek Engineer*
Apple	 Steve Jobs	 Jony Ive	 Steve Wozniak
Tesla	 Elon Musk	 Franz von Holzhausen	 JB Straubel
Linux	 Linus Torvald	 Linus Torvald	 Linus Torvald

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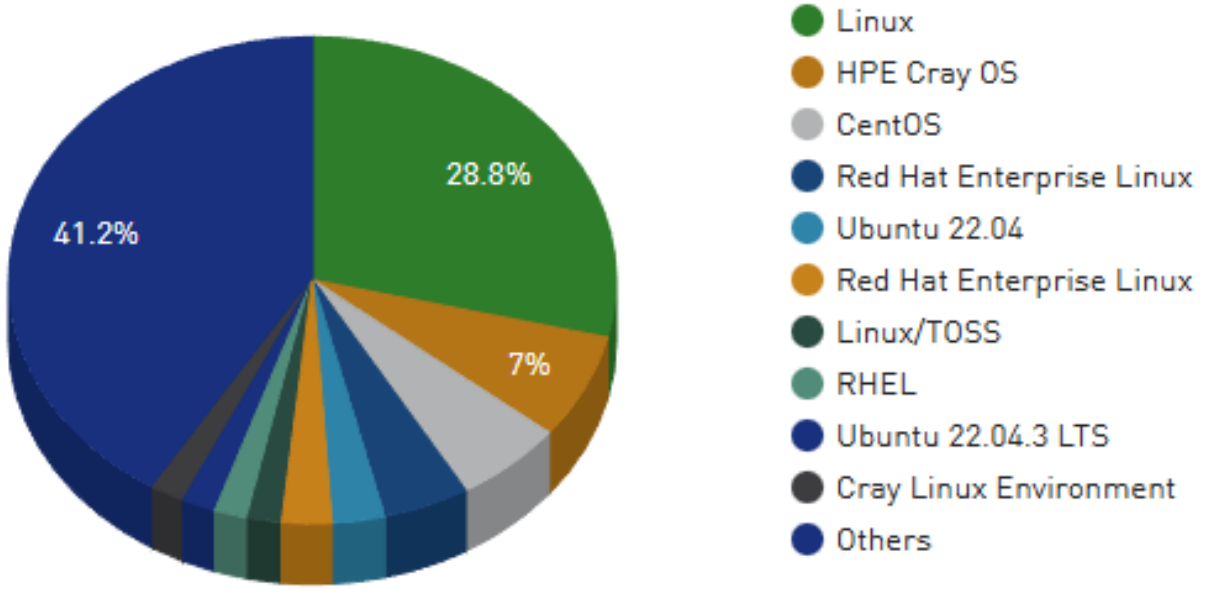
2) Many Faces of Linux



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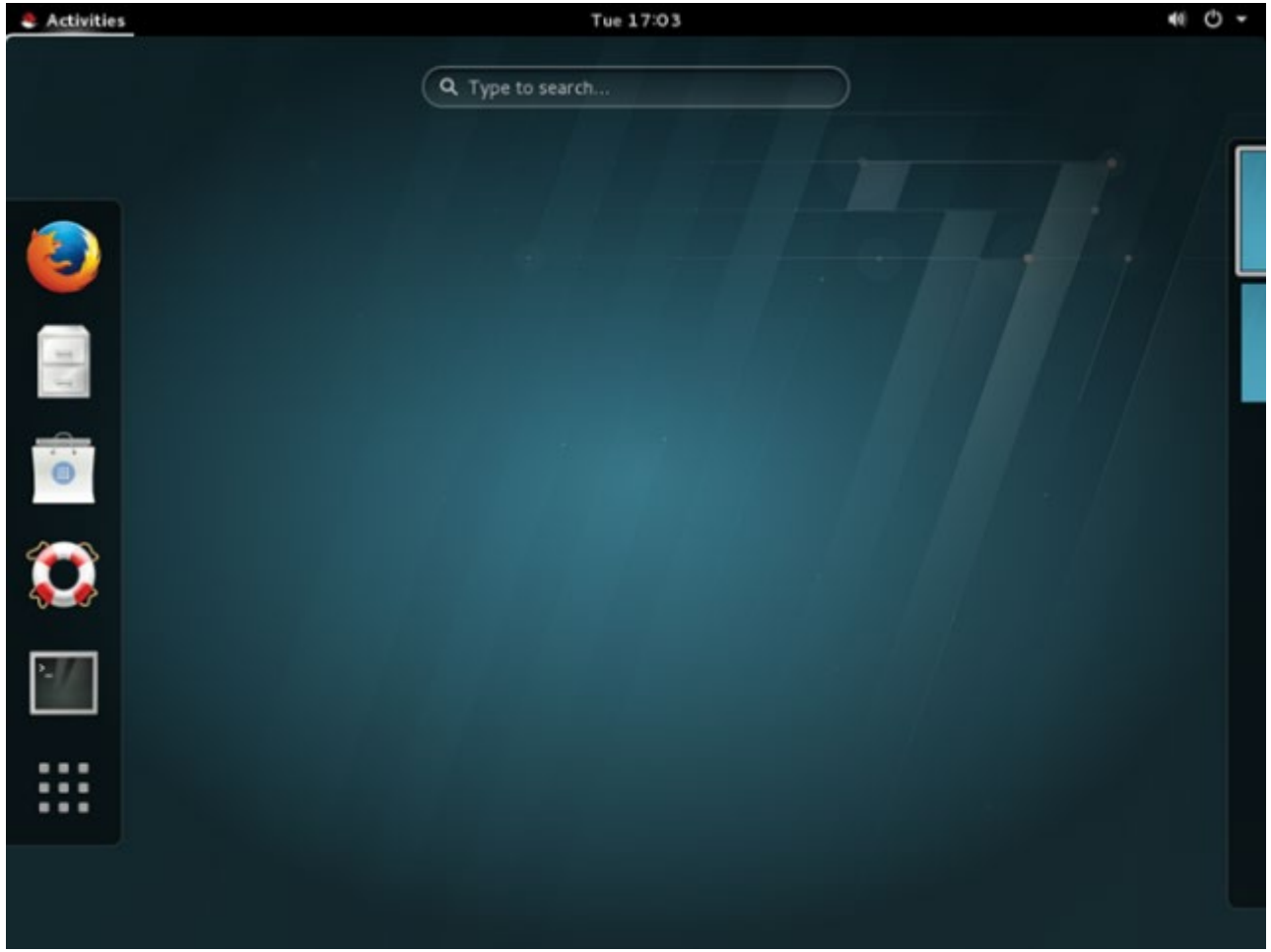
(one of the industrial favorites)



2) Many Faces of Linux

a) Distributions (Distro)

Ubuntu
(one of the personal favorites)

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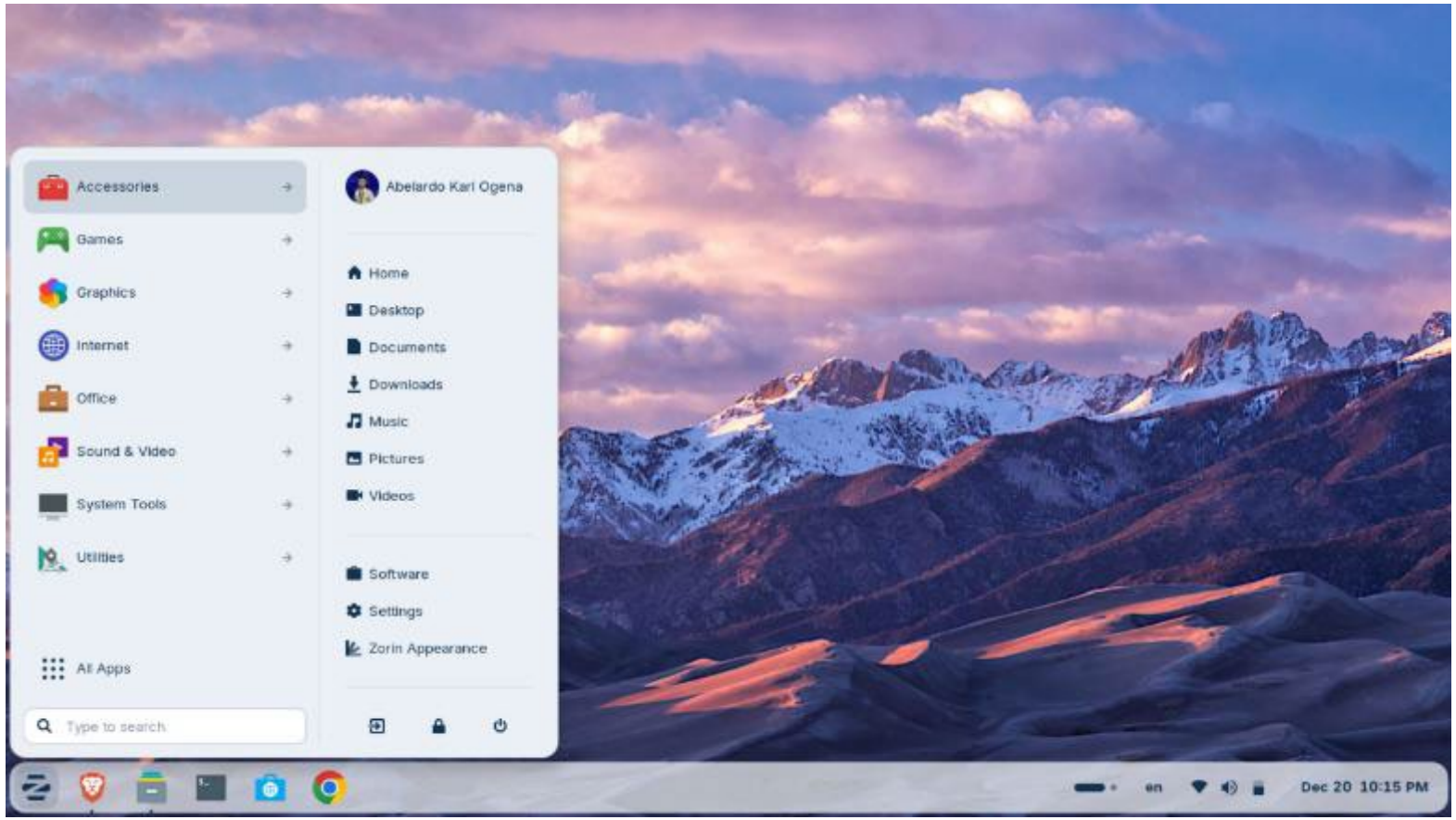
Zorin OS
(one of the most Windows-like)



2) Many Faces of Linux

a) Distributions (Distro)

Nobara
(Like gaming on Linux?)

a) Distributions (Distro)

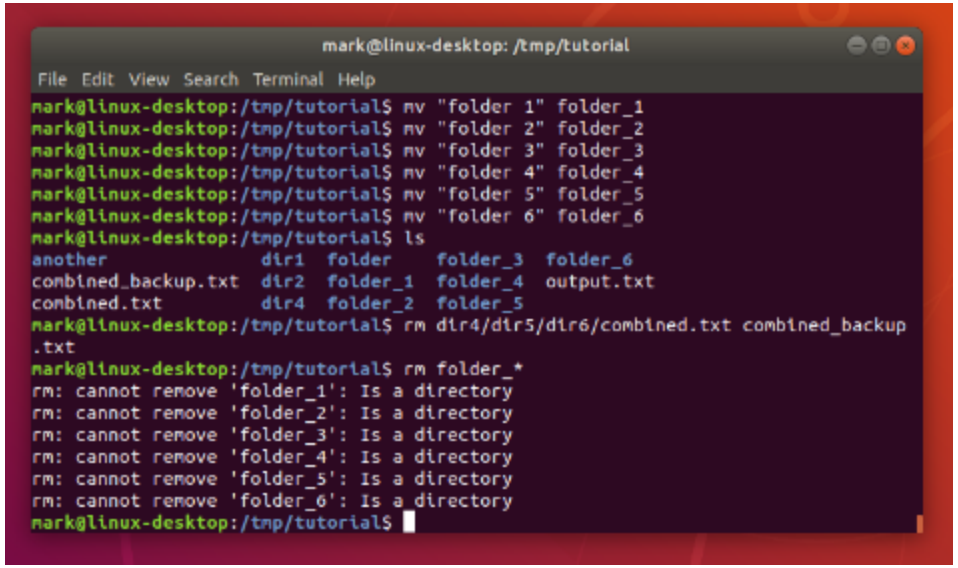
Question: Do you know what distro LSU / LONI HPC use?

Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL)

2) Many Faces of Linux

b) Desktop vs Terminal

Desktop (GUI)



Terminal (Command-line)

b) Desktop vs Terminal

We will only focus on terminal!

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3) Get Linux

- I am ready for Linux. How do I get my own Linux?

3) Get Linux

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Windows:

User

Machine

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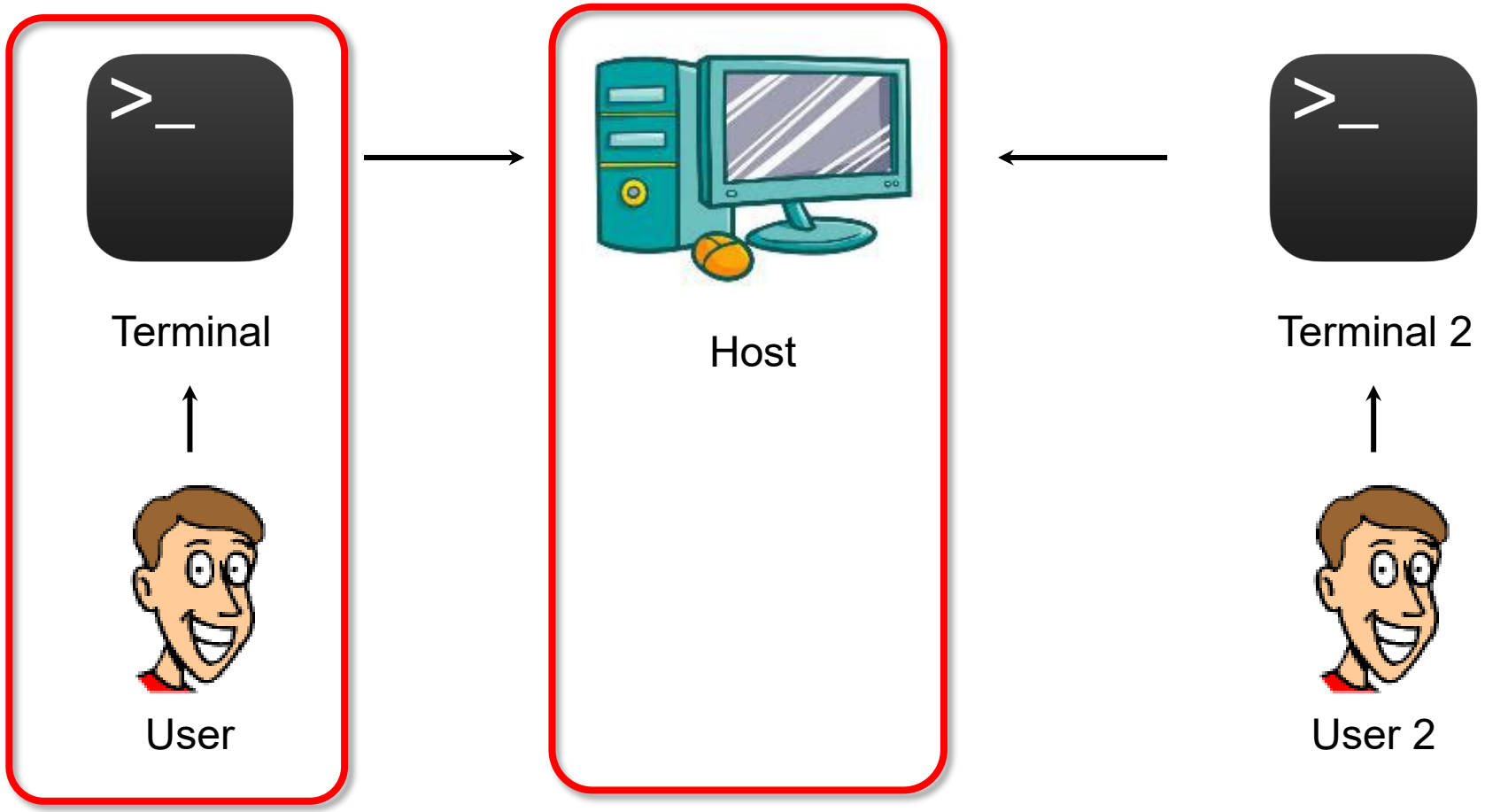
Linux:



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a) You do NOT have to!!

A terminal is all you need!

Your OS …	Recommendation*…
Linux / Mac / ChromeOS	Terminal
Windows	**MobaXterm**, Putty, …
iOS / iPadOS	Termius, Blink Shell, …
Android	Termux, …

- Generally fine for **personal devices**.
- **Institutional devices** may be subject to institution's policies. Talk to your IT!
  - *E.g., LSU AgCenter recommends Putty instead of MobaXterm.*

3) Get Linux

b) Install Linux on your own machine

- Pick a distro you like
- Read the instructions
- Either wipe your current OS and reinstall, or install alongside your current OS (dual OS)

c) Virtual Machine

– Virtualize an entire OS on an existing OS

- Pros: Full experience of Linux w/o wiping your current system
- Cons: Could be slow

– Popular choices:

- **VMWare**
- **VirtualBox**
- **Parallel Desktop** (Mac)
- **Hyper-V** (Windows)

c) Virtual Machine

– Special shout-out (Windows only):

- Fast as native, easy as a Windows app
- Try me in **cmd**:

```
wsl --install
```

Windows Subsystem for Linux
(**WSL**)

Summary

- **Why choose Linux?**
  - You have no choice, friend! ☺
- **Brief history of Linux**
- **Basic architecture**
- **Linux Distributions (Distros)**
- **Desktop vs terminal**
- **How to get Linux**
  - You don't have to!

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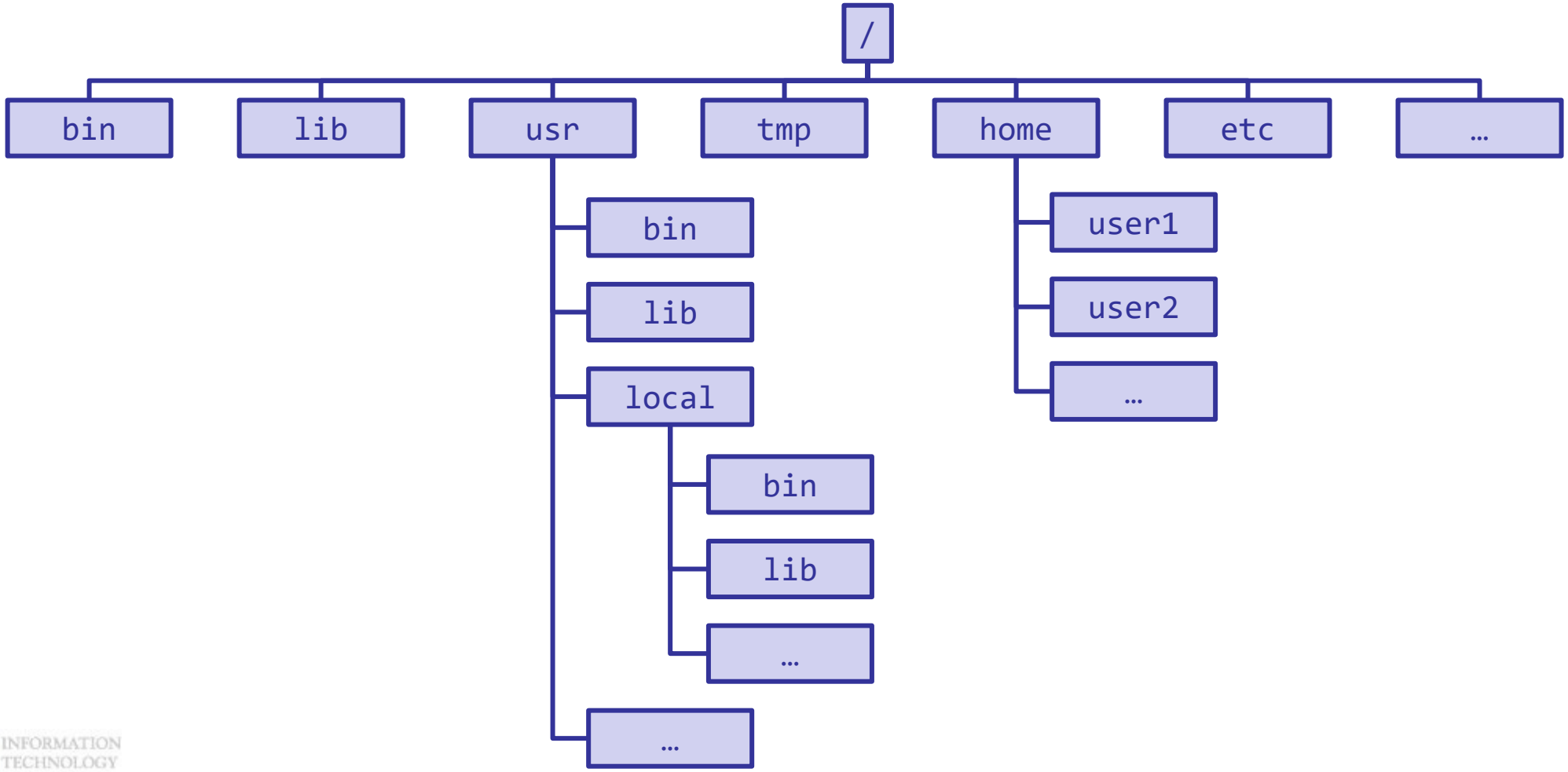

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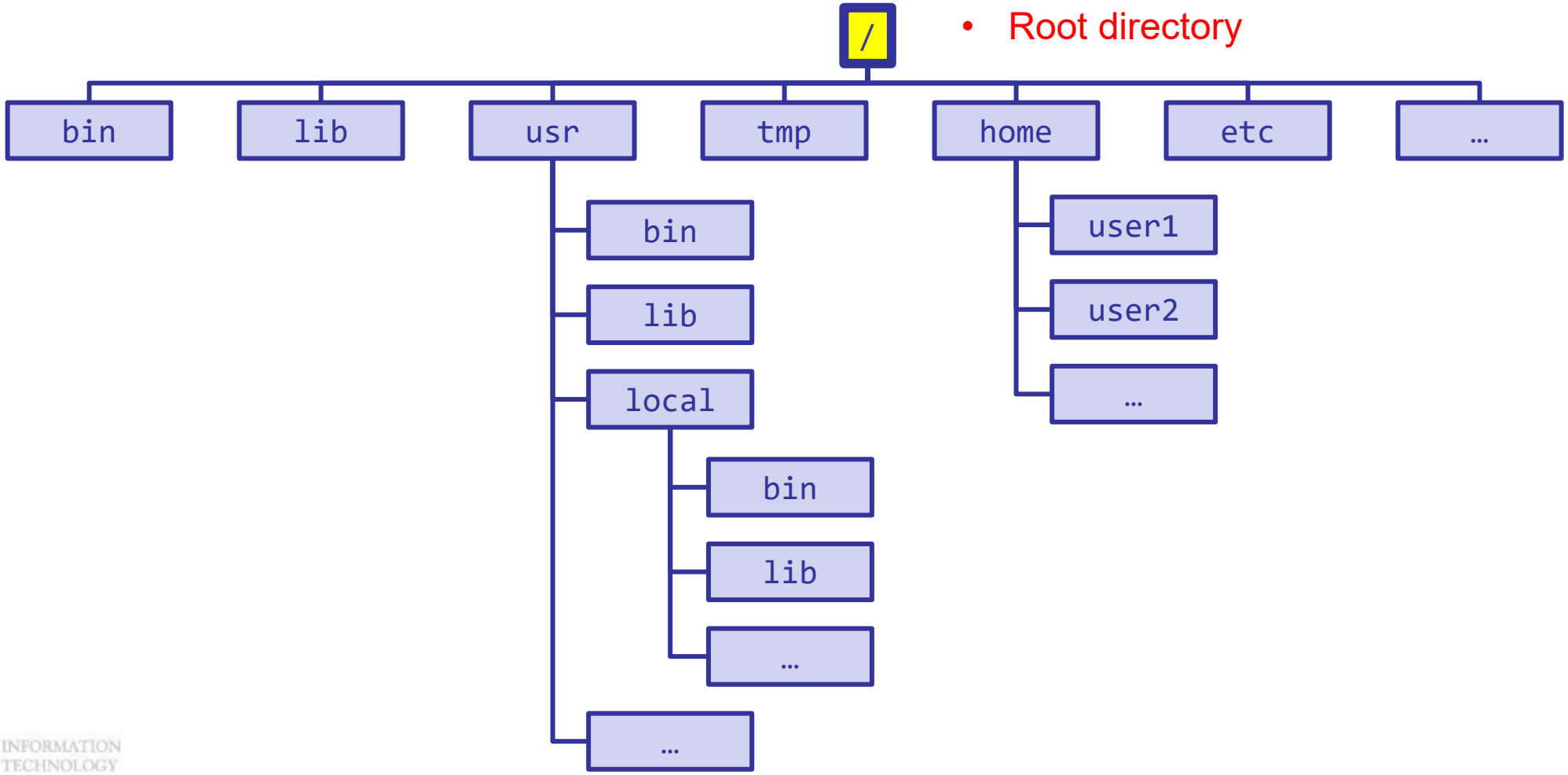

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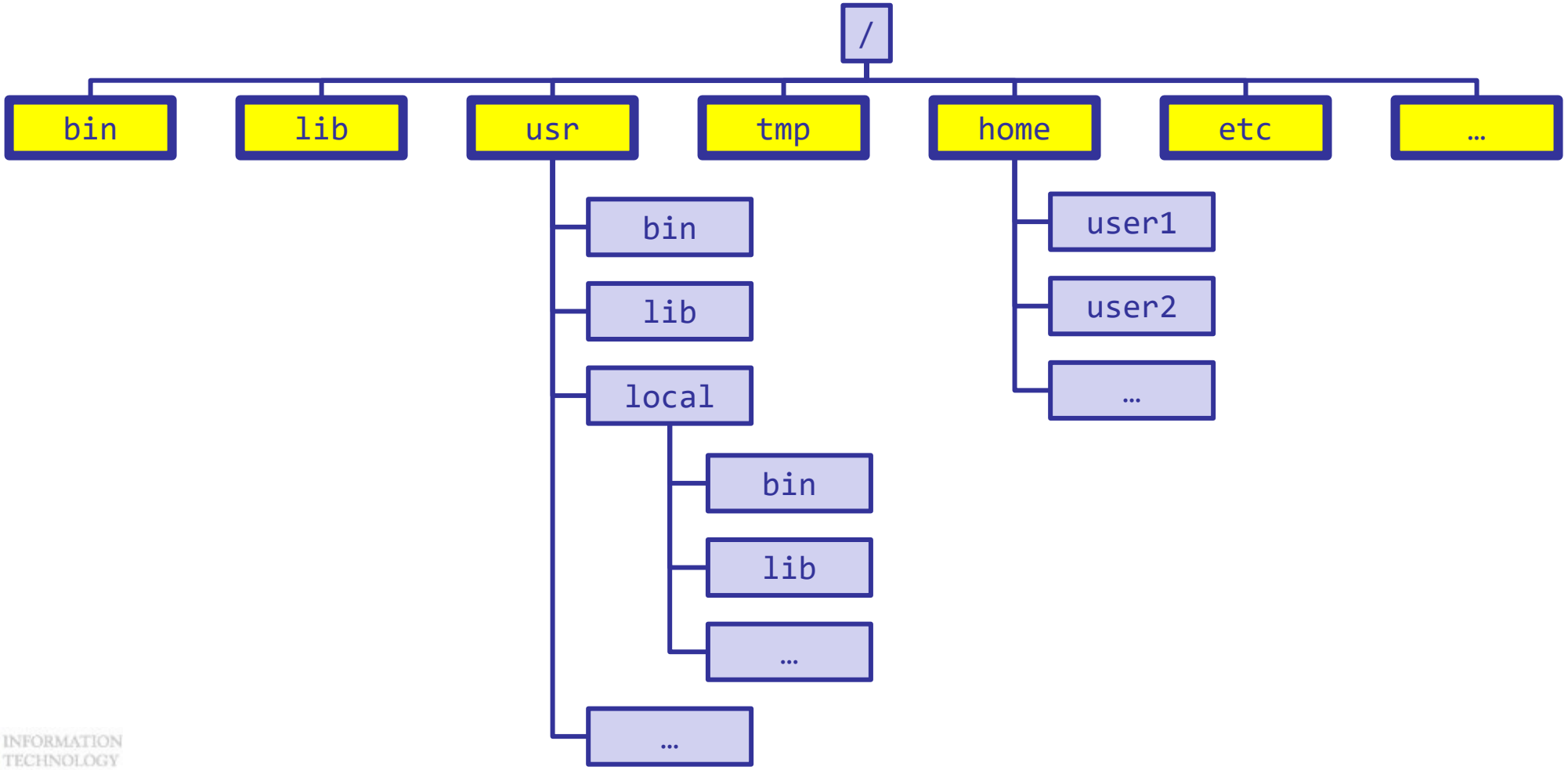

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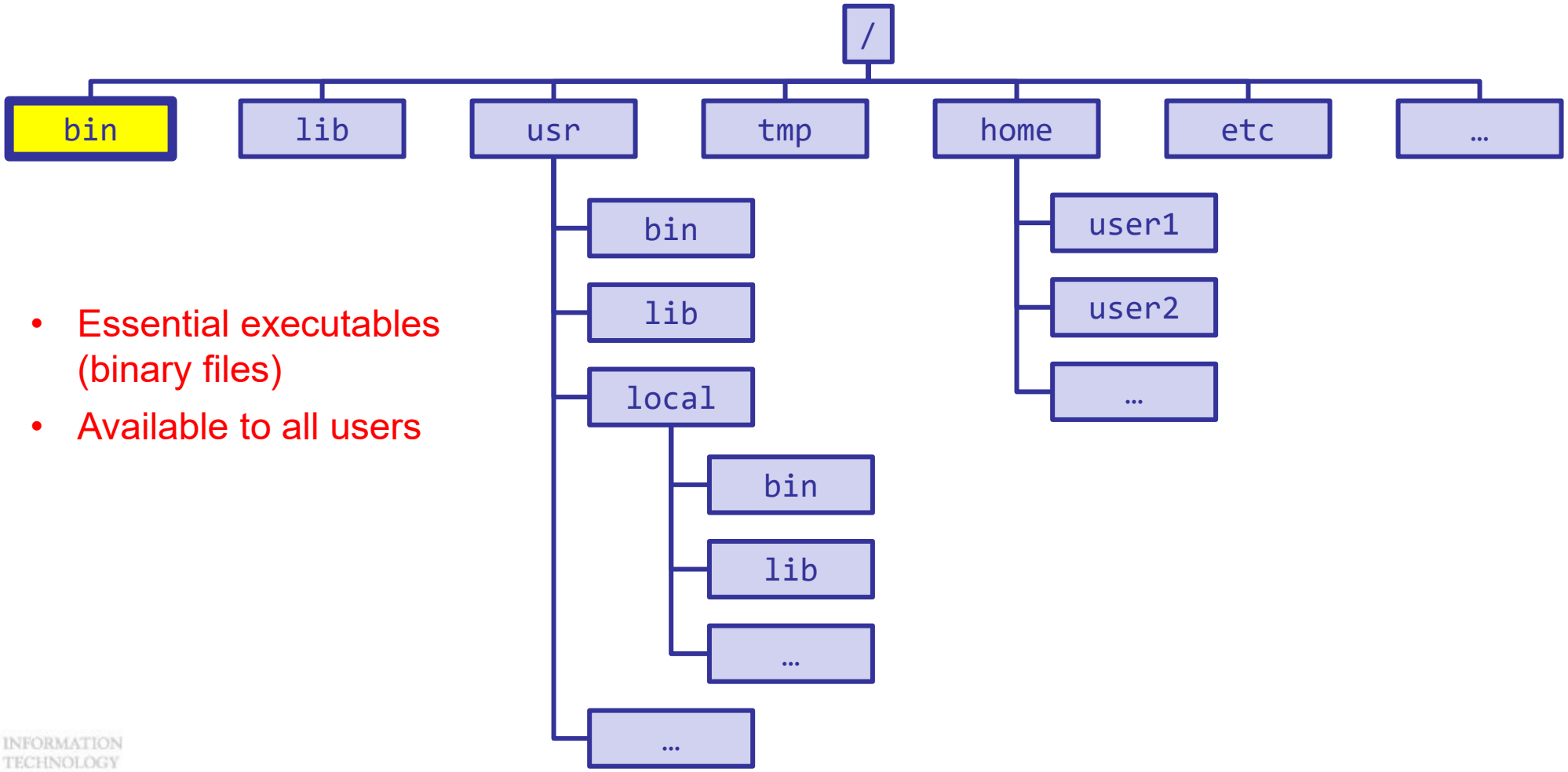

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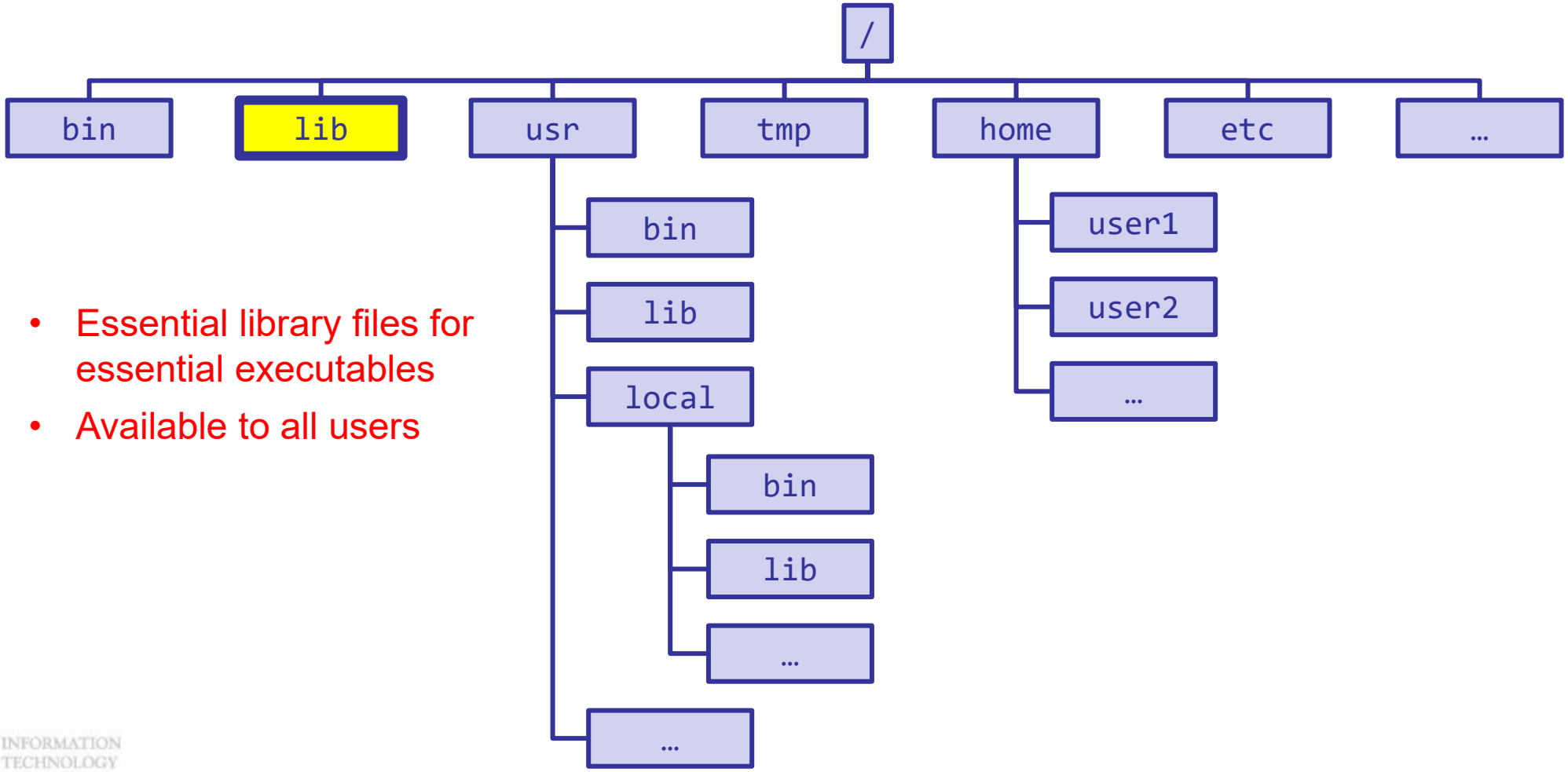

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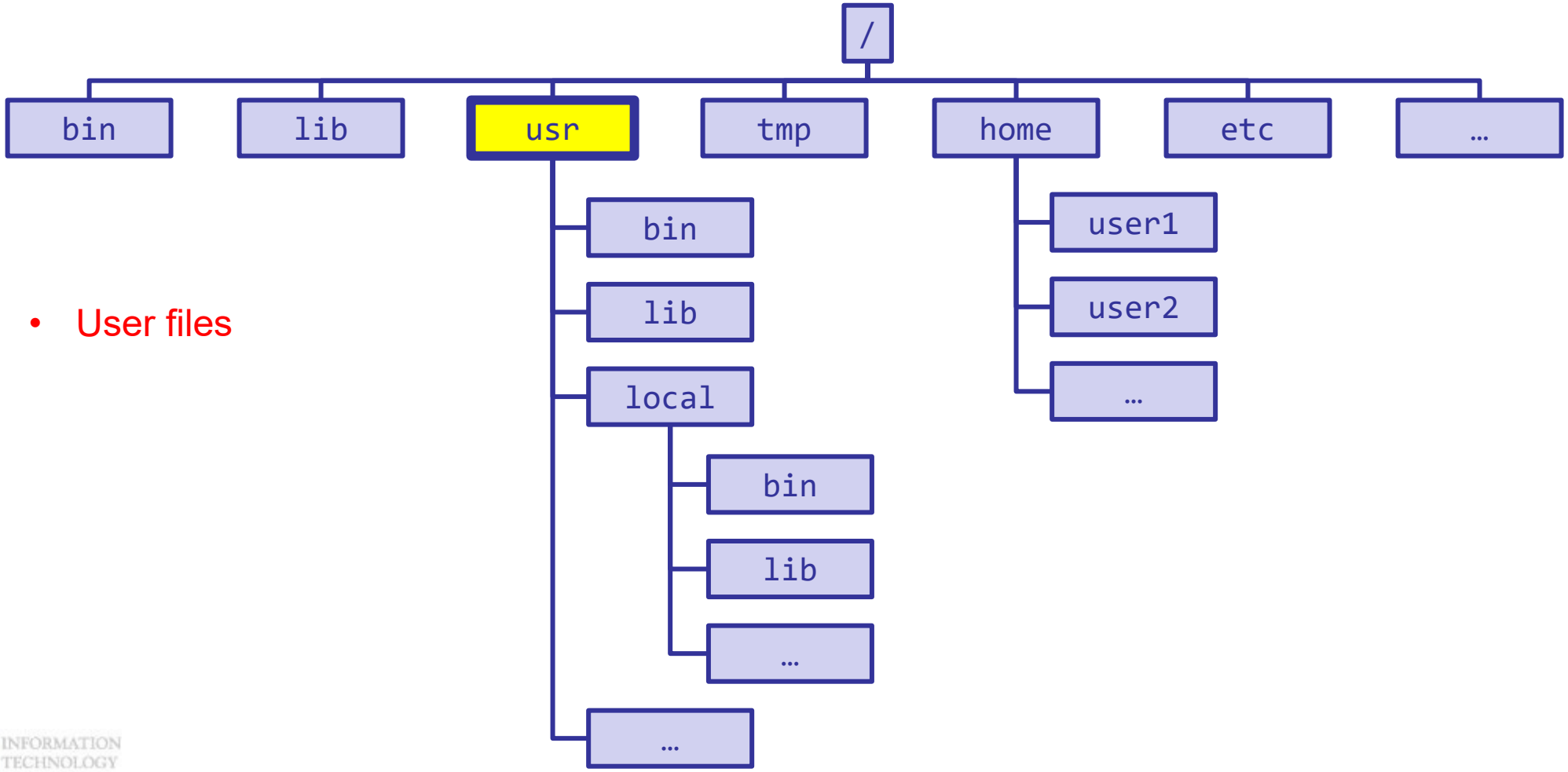

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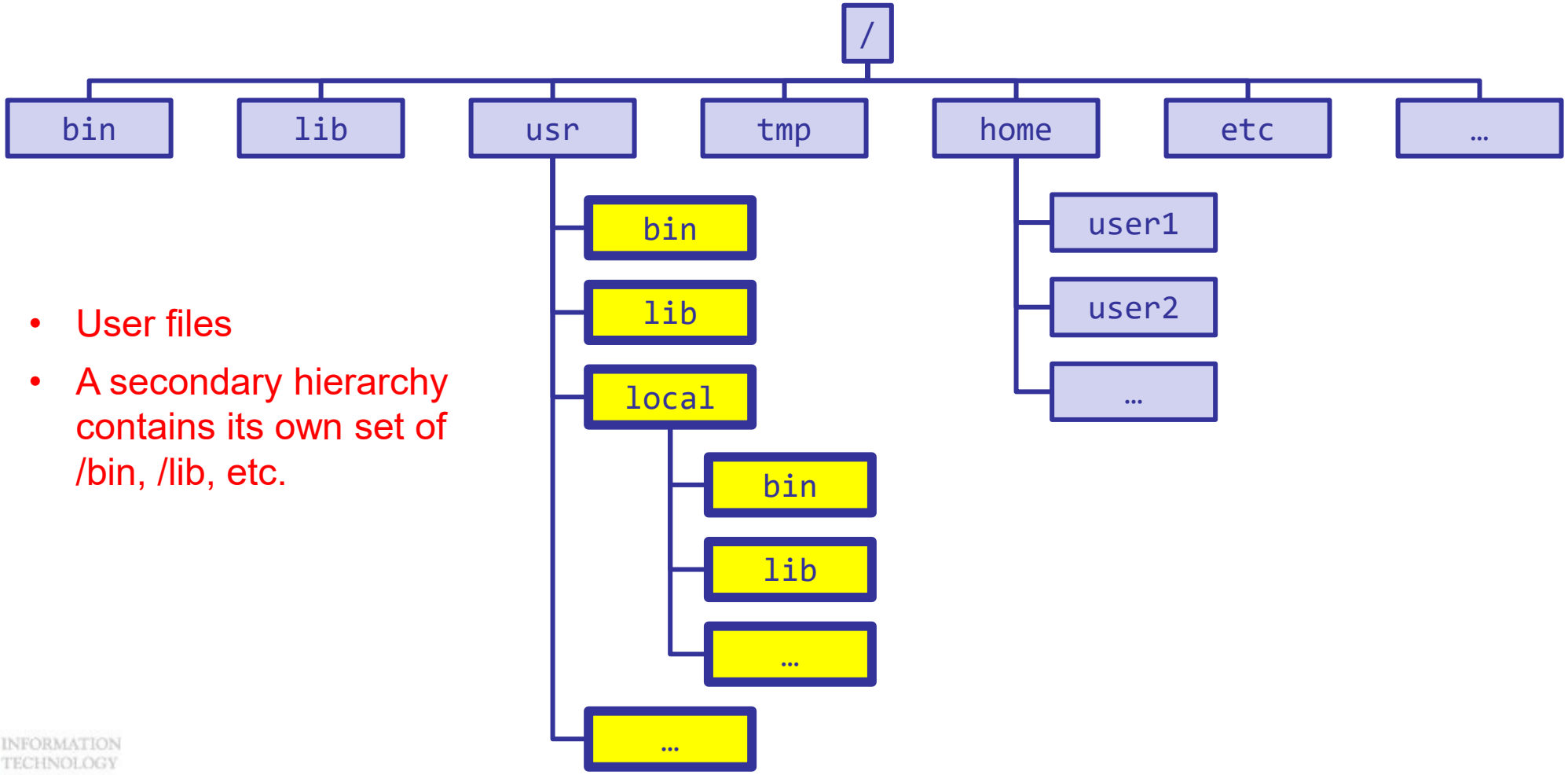

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- A secondary hierarchy contains its own set of /bin, /lib, etc.

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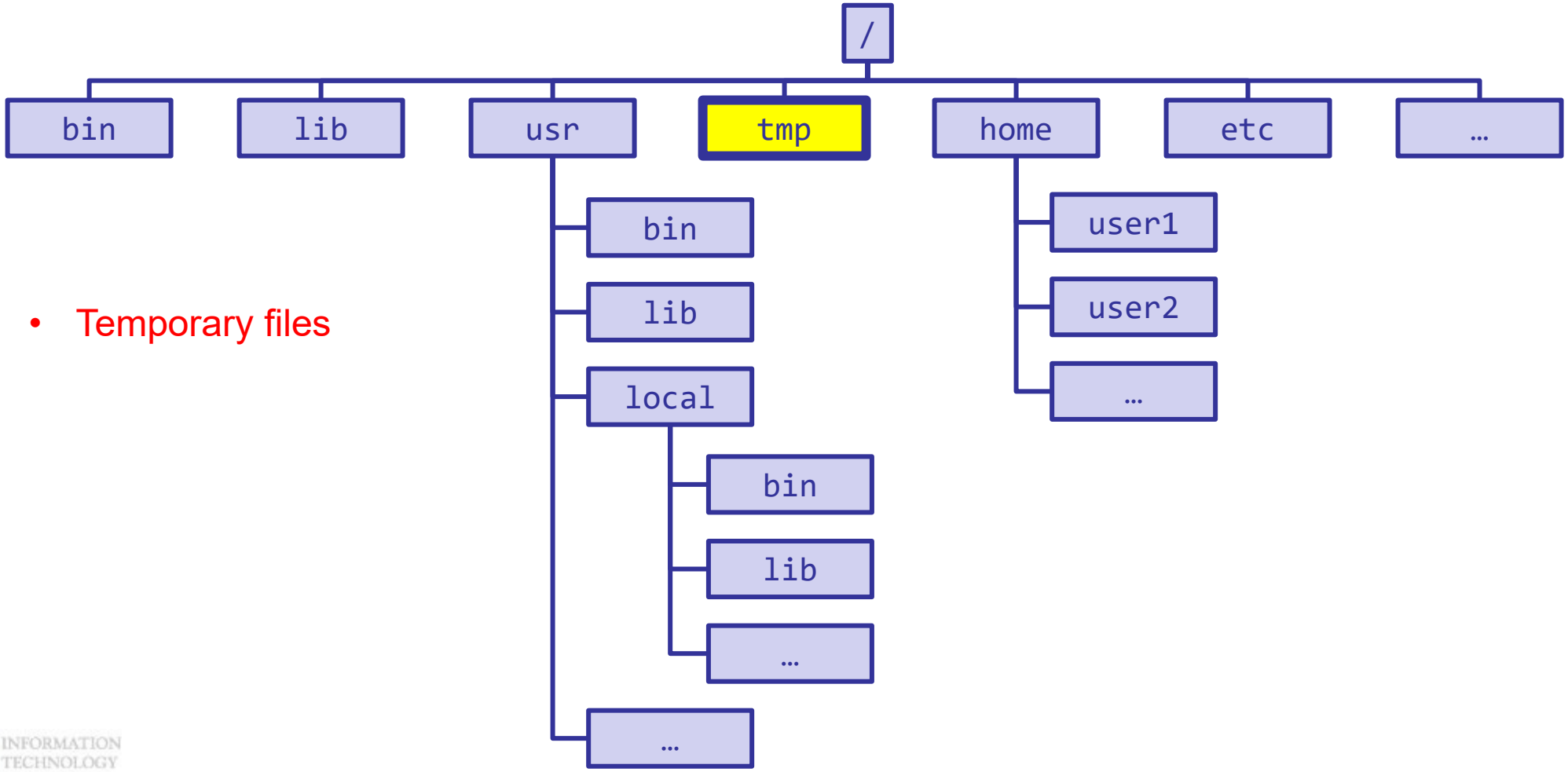

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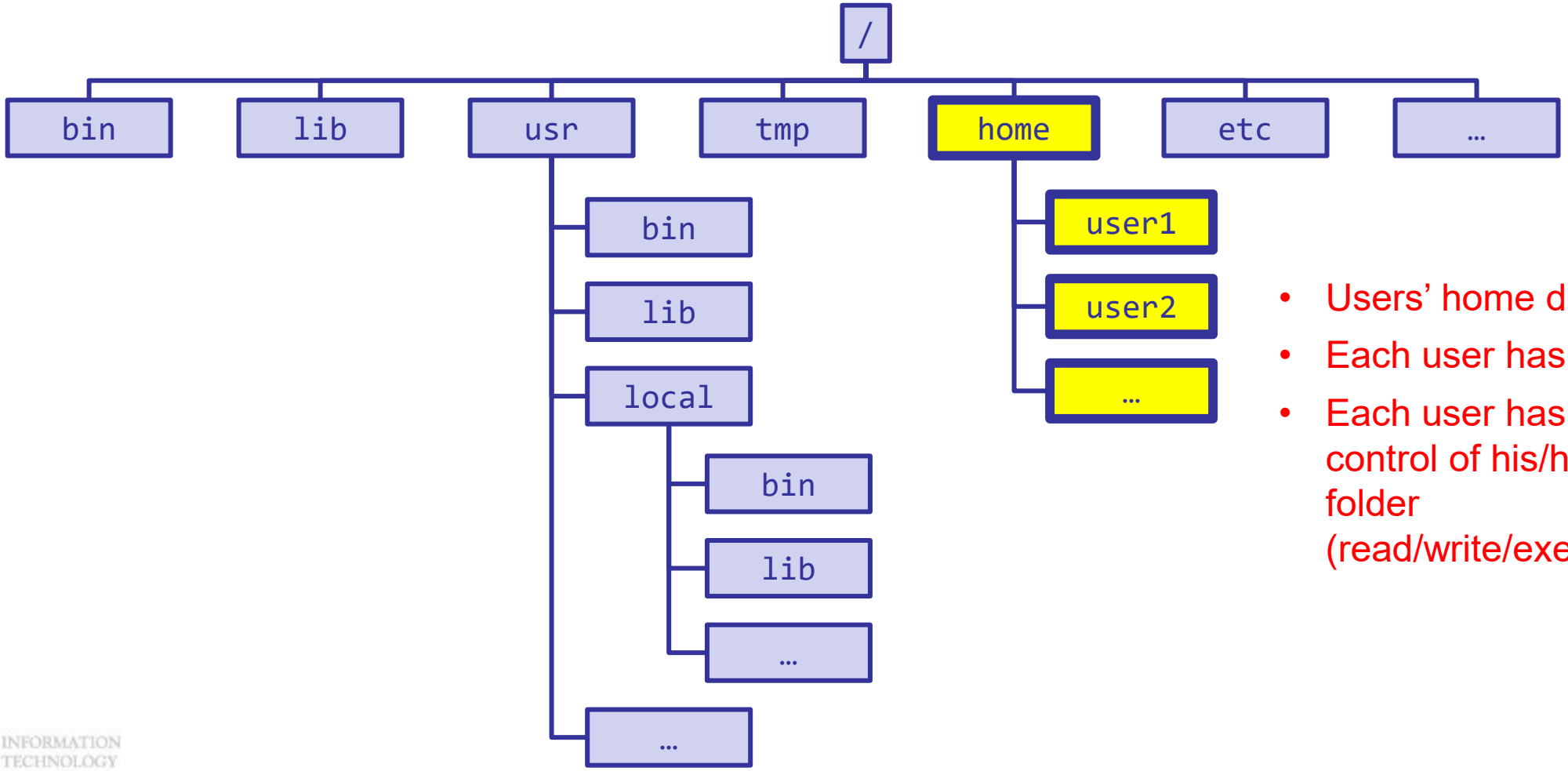

- Users' home directory
- Each user has one
- Each user has full control of his/her own folder (read/write/execute)

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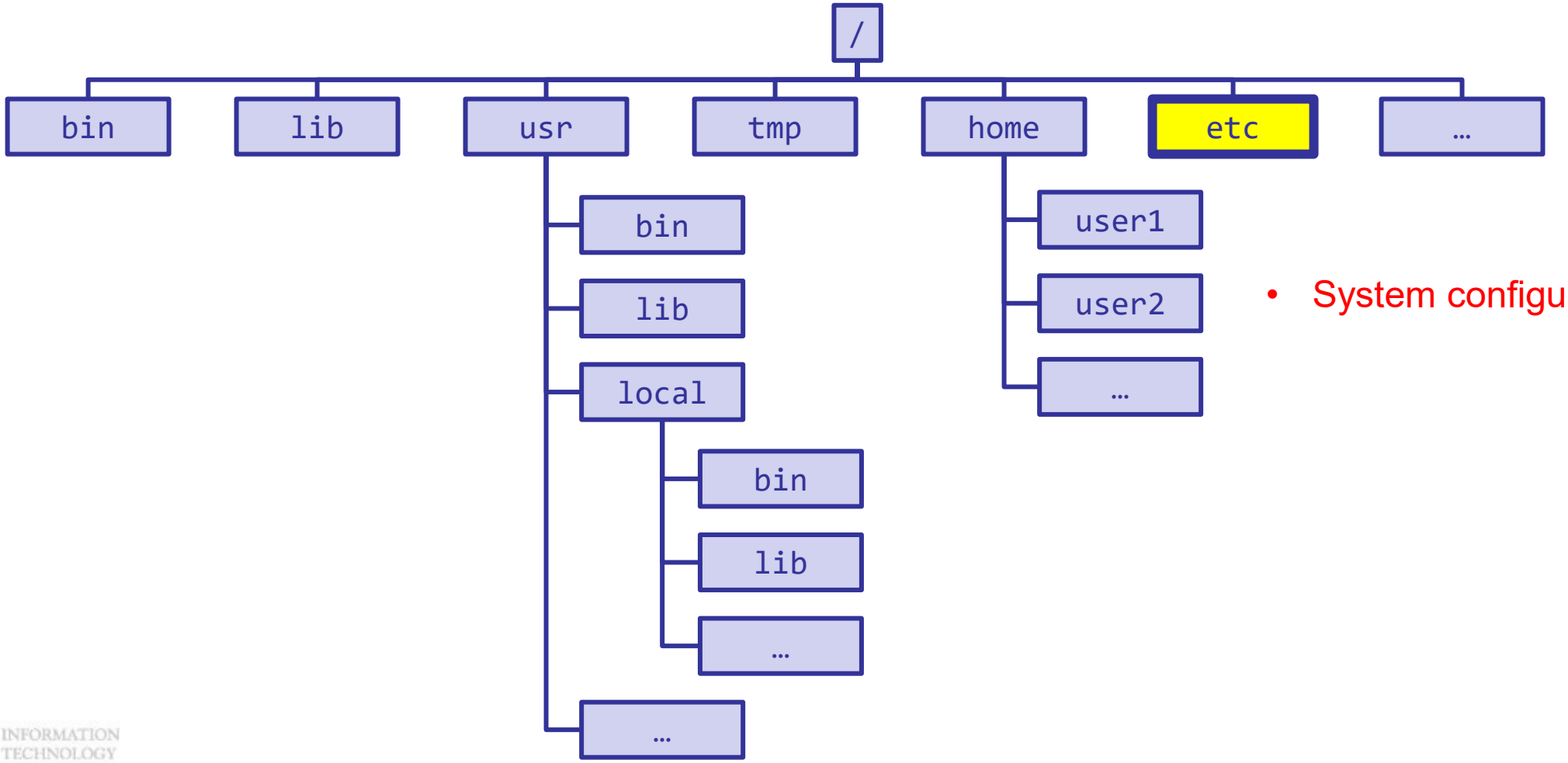

- System configuration

b) File path

Case sensitive! (“TeSt” ≠ “tEsT”)

Absolute Path

- Start with “/”
- E.g., `/home/jasonli3/IntroToLinux/test.sh`
- Unique, does not depend on where you are

Relative Path

- Does **not** start with “/”
- E.g., `IntroToLinux/test.py`
- Not unique, depends on where you are

c) Special paths

* Assuming currently in: `/home/jasonli3/IntroToLinux/myfolder`

Path	Meaning	Example
.	Current path	`/home/jasonli3/IntroToLinux/myfolder`
..	Parent path	`/home/jasonli3/IntroToLinux`
~	User's home directory	`/home/jasonli3/`

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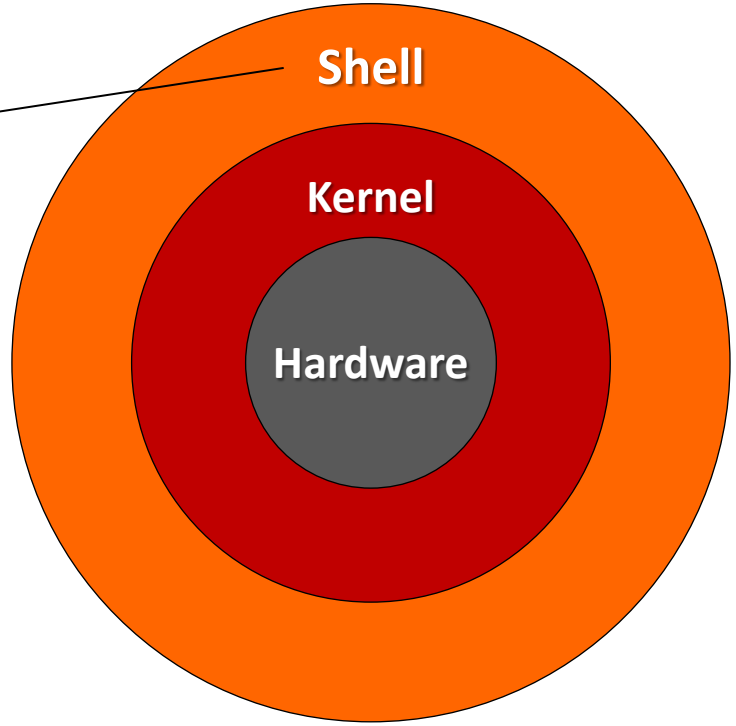

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- **Before meeting your terminal**
  - Different Shell, different terminal
    - **sh** (Original Bourne Shell)
    - **bash** (Bourne Again Shell)
    - **csh** (C Shell)
    - **tcsh** (TENEX C Shell, more features)
    - **ksh** (KornShell)
    - **zsh** (Z Shell)
    - **dash** (Debian Almquist Shell)
    - **fish** (Friendly Interactive Shell)
    - …

- Supported on our HPC
- Feel free to use whichever you like!
- Can set your own default Shell

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- Default for lots of Linux distro
- Will only talk about it today
- Customizable, will only talk about default look

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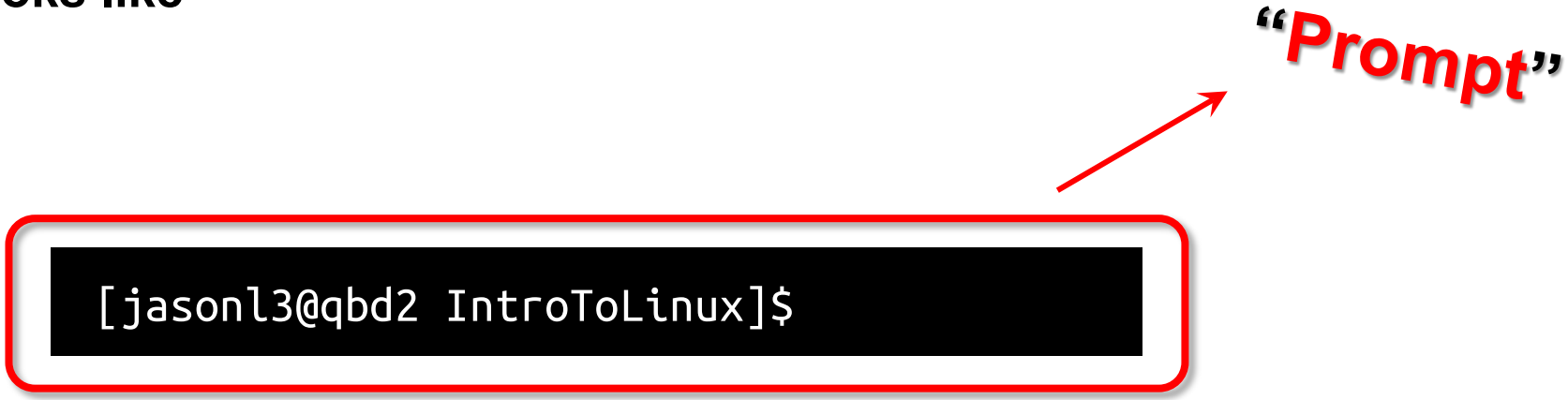
- **What Terminal looks like**



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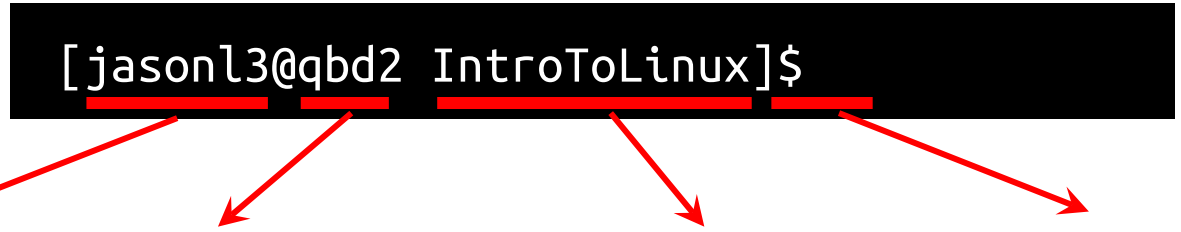

Username Hostname Current directory name "$" followed by user input

(Could be different for other Shells)

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3) Basic Commands

- **What to expect in this part:**
  - The most basic commands you would use daily to navigate through Linux

- **Common Linux command format**

```
command [options] arguments
```

- Regulates command behavior
- Optional
- Usually like “-X” or “--xxxx”

- May or may not required
- E.g., a string, a file path, …

3) Basic Commands

- **Common “universal” options**

Option	Discription
`-h` `--help`	Help information
`-v` `--version`	Software version

3) Basic Commands

a) Navigation
b) File operations
c) Content display
d) Other essentials

a) Navigation

Command	Option	Augument	Description
ls ("**l**i**s**t")		**[PATH]**	List given files, or content of a given directory (if **[PATH]** is a directory)
			List current directory
	-a	[PATH]	Show **a**ll files (including hidden)
	-l	[PATH]	Show **l**ong details
	-h	[PATH]	Show **h**uman-readable file size
	-r	[PATH]	**R**everse order
	-t	[PATH]	Sort by modification **t**ime (newest first)

3) Basic Commands

a) Navigation

Command	Option	Augument	Description
cd (“**c**hange **d**irectory”)		`[DIR]`	Change current working directory to given destination (absolute or relative)
			Change to user’s home directory
pwd (“**p**rint **w**orking **d**irectory”)			Print current directory in standard output.

b) File operations

Command	Option	Augument	Description
cp ("**c**o**p**y")		**SOURCE DEST**	Copy source file(s) to destination. • If **DEST** is an existing directory: Copy **SOURCE** under it • If **SOURCE** is single file: Can use **DEST** to rename file after copying • If **SOURCE** has multiple files: **DEST** must be an existing directory to move under
	-r	SOURCE DEST	Copy directory **r**ecursively
	-i	SOURCE DEST	Prompt before overwritten (**i**nteractive)

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mv ("move")		**SOURCE DEST**	Move source file(s) to destination. • If **DEST** is an existing directory: Move **SOURCE** under it • If **SOURCE** is single file: Can use **DEST** to rename file after copying (**This is how you rename file in Linux!**) • If **SOURCE** has multiple files: **DEST** must be an existing directory to move under
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Command	Option	Augument	Description
`rm` ("remove")		**`FILE`**	Remove file(s)
	`-r`	`FILE`	Copy directory recursively
	`-i`	`FILE`	Prompt before removal (interactive)
	`-f`	`FILE`	Force removal (ignore prompt). ***DANGER!***

- **CAUTION**! Files removed **CANNOT** be recovered!
- Be extremely careful whenever you do `rm -rf` !!!!

b) File operations

Command	Option	Augument	Description
`mkdir` ("make directory")		`DIR`	Create a directory under an **existing** parent directory
	`-p`	`DIR`	No error. Attempt to create parent directory(s) if needed

c) Content display

Command	Option	Augument	Description
cat (“Concatenate”)		**[FILE]**	Print file content to standard output
head / **tail**		**[FILE]**	Print first / last **10 lines** of a file
	-n[N]	[FILE]	Print first / last **[N] lines** of a file
	-c[N]	[FILE]	Print first / last **[N] bytes** of a file

- **head** / **tail** only loads given portion, extremely fast for large files

c) Content display

Command	Option	Augument	Description
`more`/`less`		`FILE`	Display a file

`more`

- Loads a chunk at a time
- Forward scrolling only
- Limited search function

→ Fast

`less`

- Loads entire file
- Forward / backward scrolling
- Powerful search function

→ Versatile

d) Other essentials

Command	Option	Augument	Description
`echo`		`[STRING]`	Print `[STRING]` to standard output
`date`			Print current time stamp
`alias`		`CMD=STRING`	Create `CMD` command as alias to `STRING` • E.g., `alias work="cd /work/$USER"`
`man`		`CMD`	Display manual of a command (if supported)

3) Basic Commands

- **Cheat sheet**

Command		Description
Navigation	`cd`	Change directory.
	`pwd`	Print current directory in standard output.
	`ls`	List files at a given location .
File Operations	`cp` / `mv`	Copy / Move files.
	`rm`	Remove files.
	`mkdir`	Create a directory.
Display	`cat`	Print out an entire file in standard output.
	`head` / `tail`	Show first / last several lines of a file.
	`more` / `less`	Display file one page at a time.
Others	`echo`	Print out strings in standard output.
	`date`	Print out current date & time in standard output.
	`alias`	Create alias to a command
	`man`	Display manual of a command (if supported)
...		

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- **A few tips to help you use terminal more efficiently**

4) Terminal Like a Pro

a) Auto completion

- Press **TAB**
- Automatically complete file paths & command names based on entered text
- **Example**: Current directory contains "**`Documents`**", "**`Downloads`**", "**`Desktop`**"
  - Enter "`ls D`", then press TAB
  - Enter "`ls Do`", then press TAB
  - Enter "`ls Dow`", then press TAB

4) Terminal Like a Pro

b) Navigate through past commands

- Imaging I am debugging a very lengthy command…

```
torchrun --nproc_per_node=8 --nnodes=4 --node_rank=0 --master_addr="192.168.1.1" --master_port=29500 \
    train.py \
    --model "vit_huge_patch14_clip_224" --dataset "imagenet_1k" --data_path "/datasets/imagenet" \
    --batch_size 128 --accumulation_steps 4 --epochs 100 --warmup_epochs 5 \
    --opt "adamw" --lr 1.5e-4 --weight_decay 0.05 --clip_grad 1.0 \
    --sched "cosine" --min_lr 1e-6 --reprob 0.25 --mixup 0.8 --cutmix 1.0 \
    --precision "bf16" --dist_backend "nccl" --use_checkpointing \
    --output_dir "./experiments/run_alpha_v2" --log_interval 10 --save_freq 5 \
    --wandb_project "vision_transformer_scaling" --wandb_run_name "node0_h100_cluster" \
    --distributed --sync_bn --pin_mem --num_workers 16 \
    --fsdp_policy "transformer_layer" --sharding_strategy "full_shard"
```

b) Navigate through past commands

i. Arrow keys (simplest)

– Use ↑ / ↓ keys to navigate through past commands

b) Navigate through past commands

ii. **`history`** command

– A comprehensive list of all previous commands

b) Navigate through past commands

iii. Reverse search (most advanced)

- Press **`Ctrl + R`**
- Type any phrases you want to search (keep pressing **`Ctrl + R`** until found)
- Press **`TAB`** to select & edit, or **`ENTER`** to execute directly

c) Wildcards

– Used to replace part(s) of the paths

Wildcard	Description	Example
*	Replace any number of any character	**ls test*** - List any file start with “test”
?	Replace any single character	**ls test.??** - List any file start with “test”, with 2-character extension
[ ]	Replace a single of a specific range	**ls test.[0-9]** - List any file start with “test”, with a single digit as extension

d) Shortcuts

Shortcut	Description
`Ctrl + C`	Interrupt current process
`Ctrl + D`	Exit terminal or session
`Ctrl + L` (or `clear` command)	Clear screen

Summary

1) **File System**
   - A glimpse of how Linux organizes its files
2) **Meet Your Terminal**
   - What command prompt looks like
3) **Basic Commands**
   - A very brief list of commands that you will most likely use daily
4) **Terminal Like a Pro**
   - A few tips to help you use terminal more efficiently

Break

- Get some water
- Use restroom
- Ask questions

- Don’t forget, the recording will be available at:
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1) Understand Permissions

a) Why permission is important?

Windows:

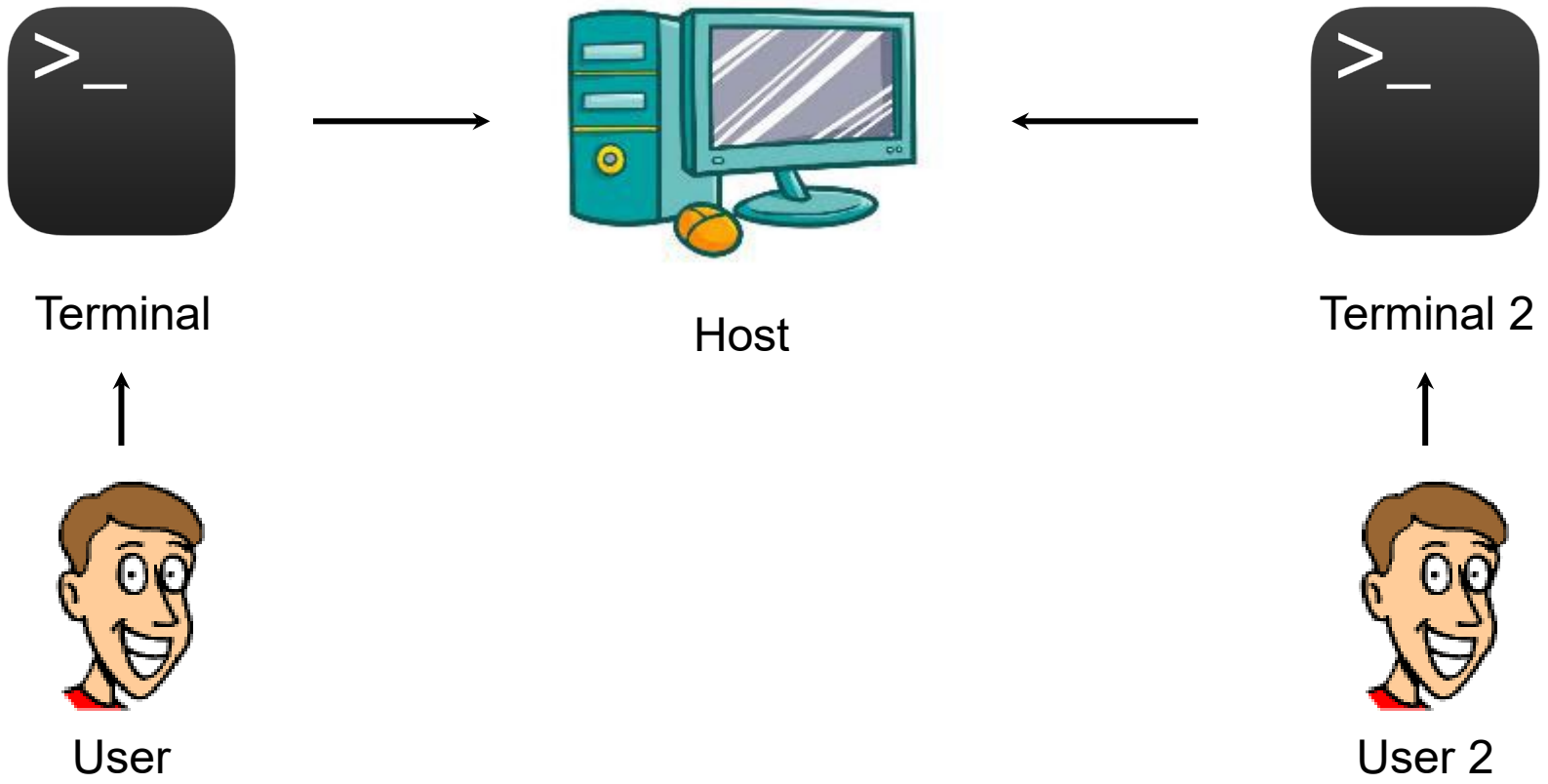
User

Machine

1) Understand Permissions

a) Why permission is important?

Linux:



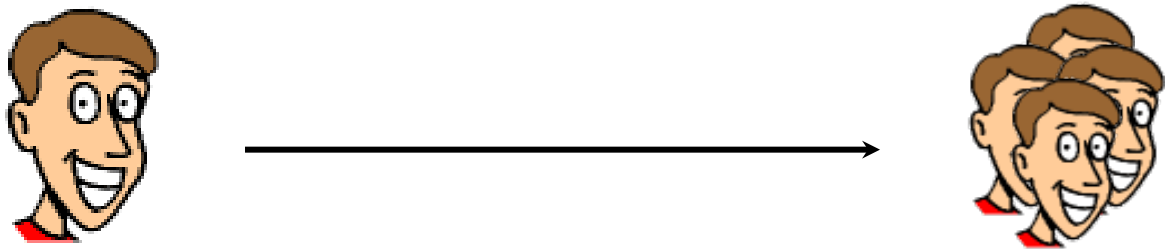
1) Understand Permissions

b) Linux permission system

- Dictating whether one user can see other users' files?
- You underestimate Linux!

b) Linux permission system

i. User groups



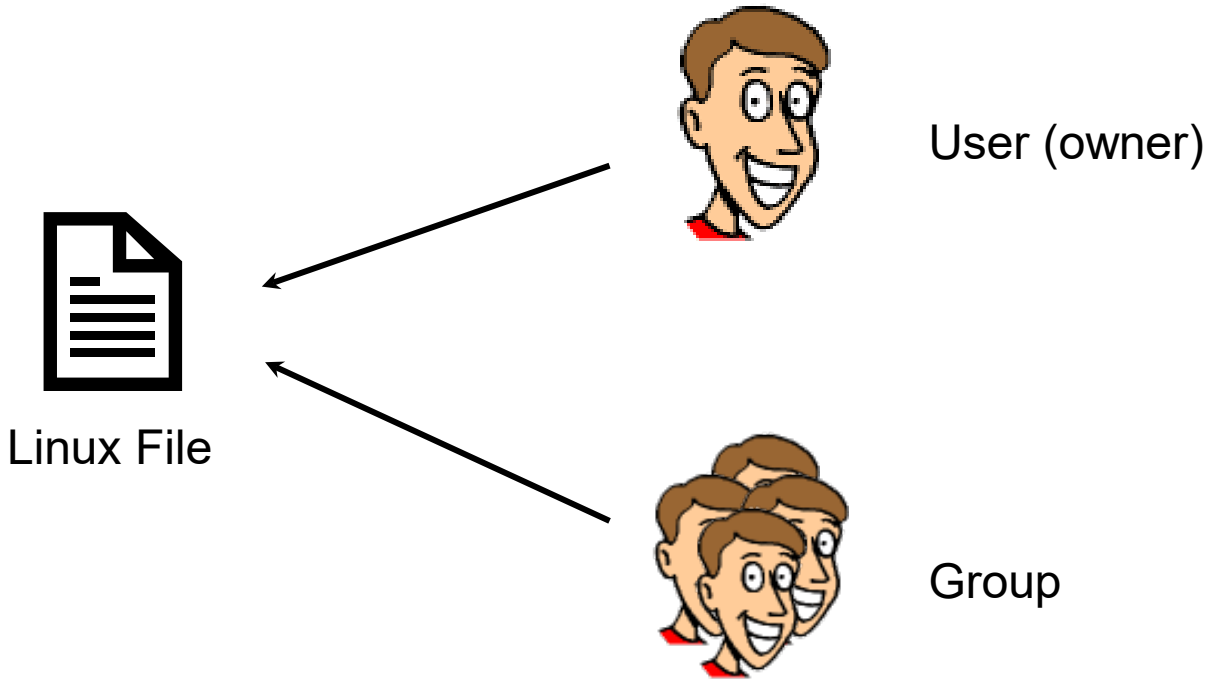
User

User Group

- Created by admins
- For file sharing among group members
- Find your groups: **`groups`**

b) Linux permission system

ii. File ownership



b) Linux permission system

iii. Permission matrix

	User (u)	Group (g)	Others (o)
Read (r)			
Write (w)			
Execute (x)			

b) Linux permission system

iii. Permission matrix

*** A typical non-executable plain text file**

	User (u)	Group (g)	Others (o)
Read (r)	✓	✓	✗
Write (w)	✓	✗	✗
Execute (x)	✗	✗	✗

b) Linux permission system

iii. Permission matrix

*** A typical executable**

	User (u)	Group (g)	Others (o)
Read (r)	✓	✓	✗
Write (w)	✓	✗	✗
Execute (x)	✓	✓	✗

b) Linux permission system

iv. A slight difference b/w files and directories

Permission	File	Directory
Read (r)	Read the file content	**ls** files under the directory
Write (w)	Write to the file	Create / delete / move files or directories under the directory
Execute (x)	Execute the file (if executable)	**cd** into the directory

1) Understand Permissions

b) Linux permission system

v. View permissions: `ls -l`

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Owner Group

1) Understand Permissions

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Group permissions

1) Understand Permissions

b) Linux permission system

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Others' permissions

1) Understand Permissions

b) Linux permission system

vi. Octal notation:

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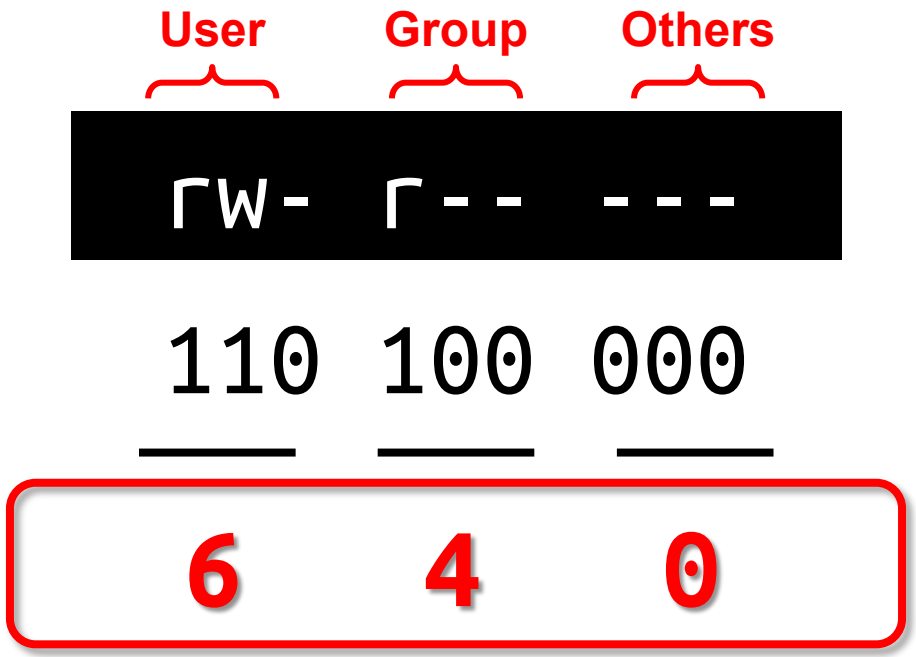

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What's the octal code of this file? **755**

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2) Change Permissions

- **chmod** ("**ch**ange **mod**e")

a) `chmod [options]` [u g o a] [+ - =] [r w x] `FILE(S)`

E.g.,

- `chmod u+x FILE` (for user, add execute permission)
- `chmod g-w FILE` (for group, remove write permission)
- `chmod o= FILE` (for others, set permission to none)
- `chmod a-x FILE` (for all, remove execute permission)

2) Change Permissions

- **chmod** ("**ch**ange **mod**e")

a)

```
chmod [options]  [ugoa]  [+-=]  [rwx]  FILE(S)
```

-R (Recursively change in a directory)

2) Change Permissions

- **chmod** ("**ch**ange **mod**e")

b) `chmod [options] OCTAL-CODE FILE(S)`

E.g.,

- `chmod 755 FILE` (set mode to 755)

Summary

1) Understand Permissions

– Permission matrix:

	User (u)	Group (g)	Others (o)
Read (r)	✓	✓	✗
Write (w)	✓	✗	✗
Execute (x)	✓	✓	✗

2) Change Permissions

– Multiple ways of using `chmod`

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Useful Tools

- **This is HPC training, after all…**

  1) Tools You Can Use on HPC

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1) Those You Can Use on HPC

a) Misc commands

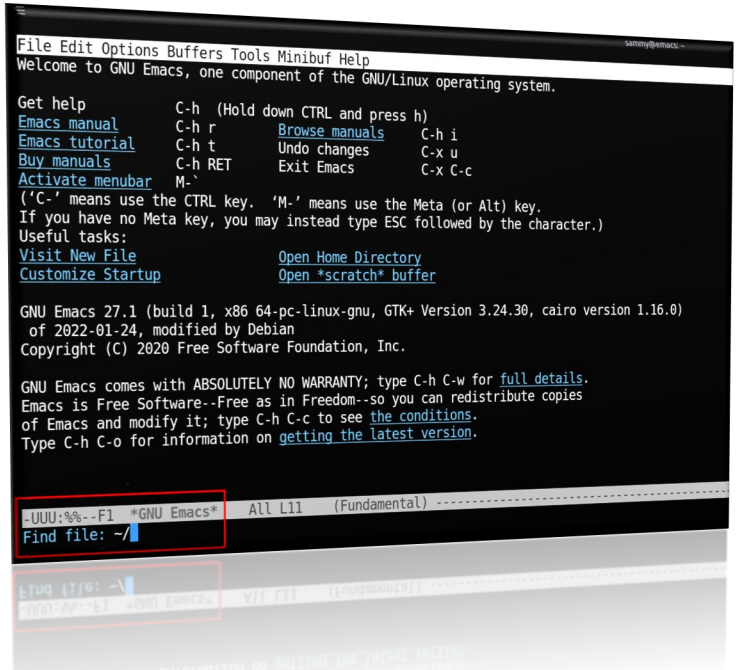
Command	Option	Augument	Description
du (“disk usage”)		**FILE(S)**	Calculate disk usage
	-h	FILE(S)	Show human-readable file size
	-s	FILE(S)	Only summarize total usage
top			Dynamically display system summary and processes
ln (“link”)	**-s**	**TARGET LINK**	Create symbolic link (symlink), where **LINK** is pointing to **TARGET**
wget (“**www get**”)		**URL**	Download file to current directory

1) Those You Can Use on HPC

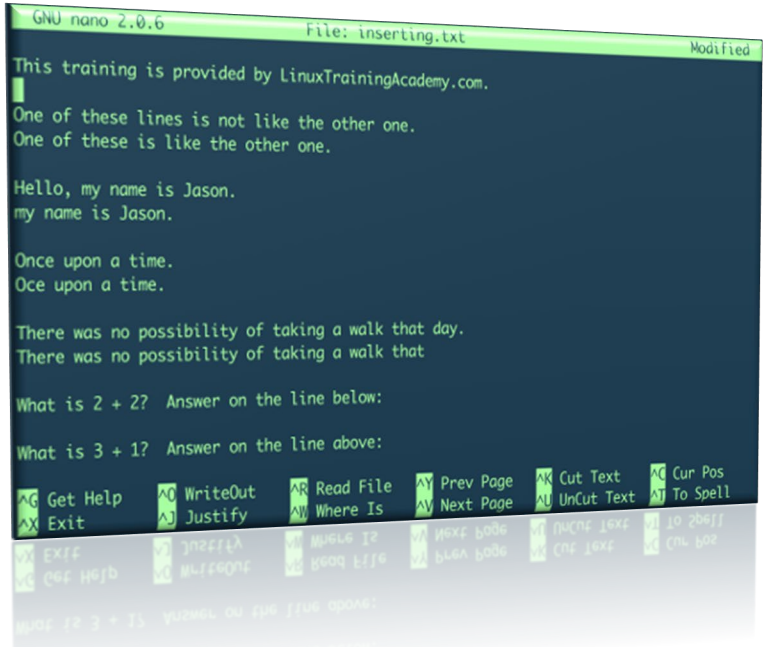
b) File editors

- You may be used to VS Code or Notepad++.
- But with terminal access to HPC, you might as well get used to at least one terminal-based editor

VIM (VI)



Emacs



Nano

c) Compress / Decompress

Command	Option	Augument	Description
tar	-cf	ARCHIVE FILE(S)	Compress FILE(S) to ARCHIVE file • Choose any archive format . (Popular choice: .tar.gz)
	-xf	ARCHIVE	Extract from ARCHIVE file
	-tf	ARCHIVE	List files in ARCHIVE file
zip		ARCHIVE FILE(S)	Compress FILE(S) to a zip ARCHIVE
unzip		ARCHIVE	Extract from a zip ARCHIVE

d) `~/.bashrc`

- Automatically executed every time you start a Shell session
- Used for automatically set up environment upon login
  - Set environmental variables
  - Set alias
  - Execute scripts
  - Customize prompt
  - …
- Other Shell types uses different files
  - E.g., **`~/.tcshrc`** for **tcsh**

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2) Those You Cannot Use on HPC

- **Wait a minute… Why bother introduce them?**

- **Reasons:**

  i. Next time you search for a solution and some one suggest these answers, you know you cannot use them on HPC!

  ii. You can still use them on your own Linux machine

  iii. Most importantly, though you cannot use them directly on HPC, there are tools allow you to effectively use them, such as **containers** !

2) Those You Cannot Use on HPC

a) sudo

- Run command as **root** user ("**s**uper**u**ser **do**")
- E.g.,

```
mkdir /usr/local/test
```

```
sudo mkdir /usr/local/test
```

  - *Will fail (Permission denied)*
  - *Will succeed (if you are a root user)*

- **Problem**: HPC users do **NOT** have root privilege!

2) Those You Cannot Use on HPC

b) Certain package management

- **`apt`** / **`apt-get`** / **`dnf`** / **`yum`** / …
- Convenient & hassle free
- **Problem**: Usually needs to write into system paths and run with **`sudo`**

```
sudo apt install iqtree
```

2) Those You Cannot Use on HPC

- **Even though you cannot use them directly on HPC, you can use them in containers and run containers on our HPC!**

*Join us on 10/21/2026 for
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