

Paths and Files

CS 272 Software Development

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

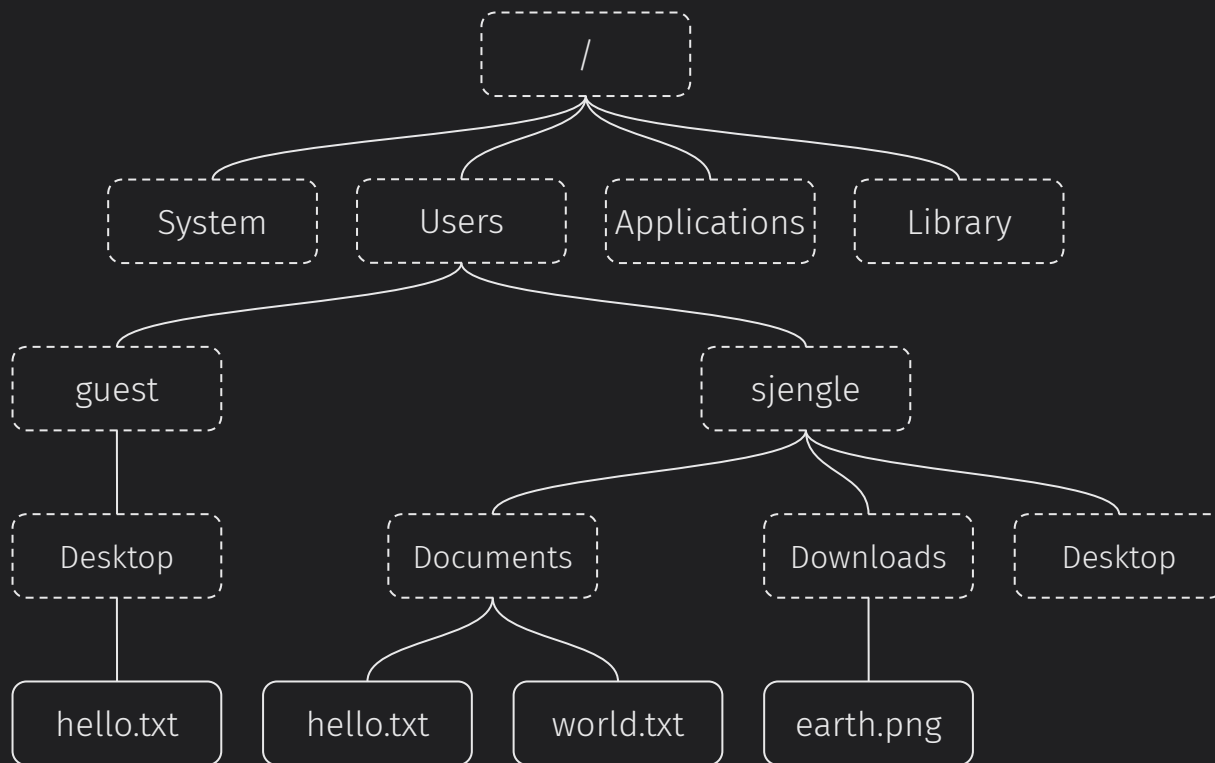
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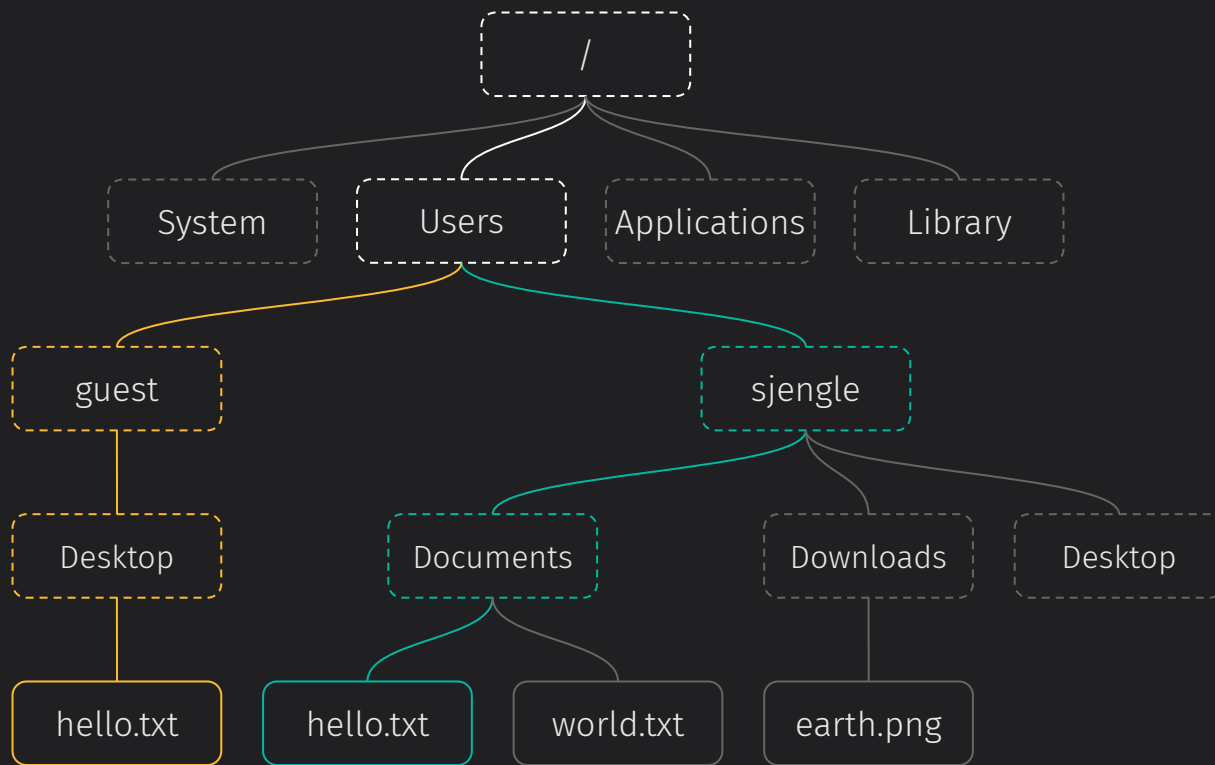


Terminology

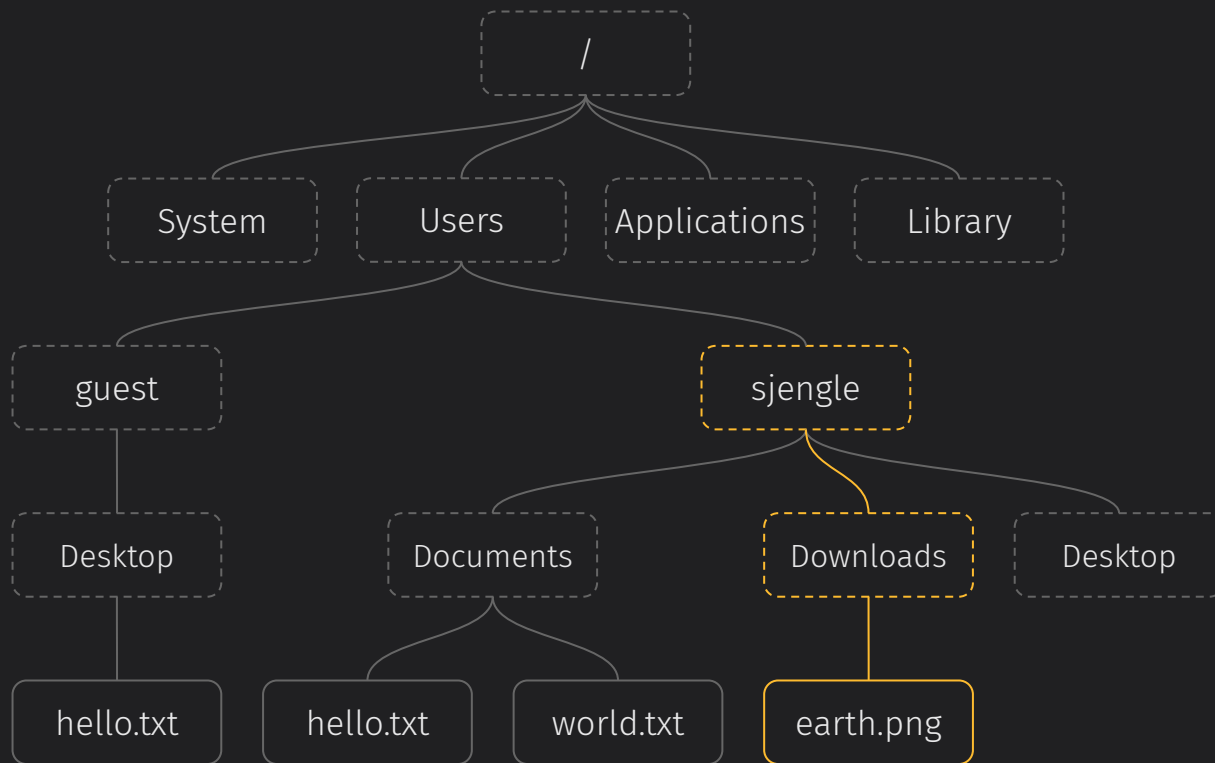
- File systems are **hierarchical tree** structures
 - Has a **root** node (/ on *nix or C:\ on Windows)
 - Nodes may have children (**directories** or **folders**)
- A **path** is a location in the file system
 - Slash separates levels (/ on *nix or \ on Windows)
 - May be **absolute** (starts with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



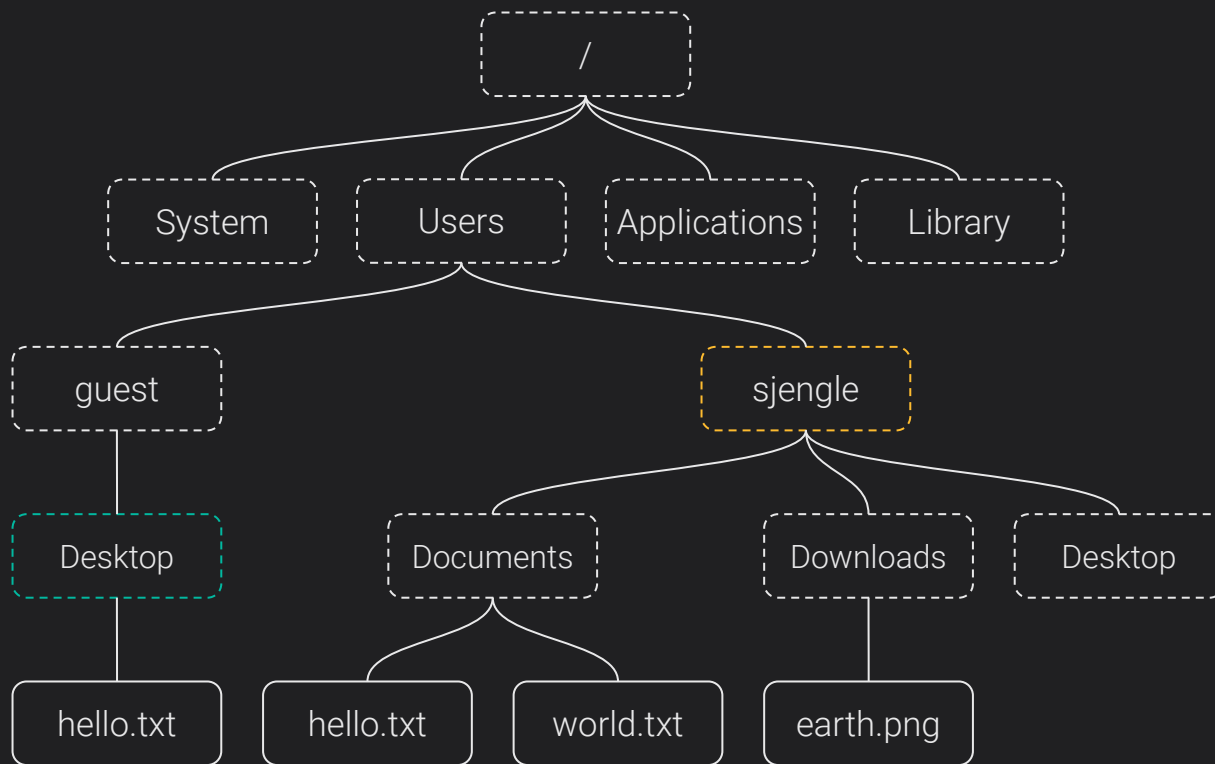




/Users/guest/Desktop/hello.txt vs **/Users/sjengle/Documents/hello.txt**



~/Downloads/earth.png vs Downloads/earth.png vs /Users/sjengle/Downloads/earth.png



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

Java IO vs NIO.2

Package `java.io`

Package `java.nio.file`

Manipulating Paths



Java IO vs NIO.2

Package `java.io`

`java.io.File`

`File.getParent()`

`File.getAbsolutePath()`

`File.exists()`

`File.canRead()`

Package `java.nio.file`

`java.io.Path`

`Path.getParent()`

`Path.toAbsolutePath()`

`Files.exists()`

`Files.isReadable()`

Manipulating Paths



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Class `java.io.File`

Package `java.nio.file`

Listing Directories



Java IO vs NIO.2

Class `java.io.File`

`File.list()`

`File.listFiles()`

Package `java.nio.file`

`Files.list()*`

`Files.walk()*`

`Files.walkFileTree()`

`Files.newDirectoryStream()`

Listing Directories



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Class `java.io.File`

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Reading and Writing Files



Java IO vs NIO.2

Class `java.io.File`

```
BufferedReader in =  
    new BufferedReader(  
        new FileReader(  
            new File("hello.txt"))));
```

Package `java.nio.file`

```
Files.readString()
```

```
Files.lines()
```

```
Files.readAllLines()
```

```
Files.newBufferedReader()
```

Reading and Writing Files



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?

