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umask

- **umask** is a system call that handles the "file mode creation mask" .
- "file creation mask" (which I will call the "umask" out of habit) is a nine-bit number. If a bit in the umask is set, then whenever you make a system call that creates a file, that bit in the protection mode will be turned off.
- Formally, when you specify a mode when you open a file, the real protection mode will be:

■ $(\text{mode} \& \sim \text{umask})$

umask

- the umask "turns off" protection bits.
- The point of the umask is to allow programs to create files with the following protection modes:
 - Regular text and data files may be opened with the mode 0666.
 - Directories and executable files may be opened with the mode 0777.

umask

```
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abc:~$ #default umask value
abc:~$ umask
0022
abc:~$ echo "test file" > file1
abc:~$ ls -l file1
-rw-r--r-- 1 abc abc 10 Apr 19 00:24 file1
abc:~$
```

- *Regular text and data files may be opened with the mode 0666.*

■ **rwXrwxrwx**

■ Umask = 0022 = **000010010**

■ ~Umask = 0755 = **111101101**

■ Mode = 0666 = **110110110**

■ mode & ~umask = 110100100 = 0644 = **rw-r--r--**

umask

```
abc:~$ umask 0
abc:~$ umask
0000
abc:~$ echo "test file" > file2
abc:~$ ls -l file2
-rw-rw-rw- 1 abc abc 10 Apr 19 00:43 file2
abc:~$
```

- *Regular text and data files may be opened with the mode 0666.*

■ **rwXrwxrwx**

■ Umask = 0000 = **0000000000**

■ ~Umask = 0777 = **1111111111**

■ Mode = 0666 = **110110110**

■ mode & ~umask = 110110110 = 0666 = **rw-rw-rw-**

umask

When my umask is 0777, then all nine bits, so the file has a protection mode of 0000. You'll note, that I was still allowed to write "Hi" into it, because the **open()** call gave me a legal file descriptor for writing. It's just that no other process can now open the file.

```
abc:~$ umask 0777
abc:~$ umask
0777
abc:~$ echo "test file" > file3
abc:~$ ls -l file3
----- 1 abc abc 10 Apr 19 00:58 file3
```

■ *Regular text and data files may be opened with the mode 0666.*

■ **rwXrwxrwx**

■ Umask = 0777 = **111111111**

■ ~Umask = 0000 = **000000000**

■ Mode = 0666 = **110110110**

■ mode & ~umask = 000000000 = 0000 = **-----**

umask

```
abc:~$ umask 022
abc:~$ umask
0022
abc:~$ gcc prog1.c -o prog1
abc:~$ ls -l prog1
-rwxr-xr-x 1 abc abc 8304 Apr 19 01:02 prog1
```

■ *Directories and executable files may be opened with the mode 0777.*

■ **rwXrwxrwx**

■ Umask = 0022 = **000010010**

■ ~Umask = 0755 = **111101101**

■ Mode = 0777 = **111111111**

■ mode & ~umask = 111101101 = 0755 = **rwXr-xr-x**

umask

```
abc:~$ umask 0
abc:~$ gcc prog1.c -o prog2
abc:~$ ls -l prog2
-rwxrwxrwx 1 abc abc 8304 Apr 19 01:07 prog2
```

■ *Directories and executable files may be opened with the mode 0777.*

■ **rwXrwxrwx**

■ Umask = 0000 = **000000000**

■ ~Umask = 0777 = **111111111**

■ Mode = 0777 = **111111111**

■ mode & ~umask = 111111111 & 0777 = **rwXrwxrwx**

umask

```
abc:~$ umask 022
```

```
abc:~$ mkdir d1
```

```
abc:~$ ls -ld d1
```

```
drwxr-xr-x 2 abc abc 4096 Apr 19 01:13 d1
```

```
abc:~$ umask 0
```

```
abc:~$ mkdir d2
```

```
abc:~$ ls -ld d2
```

```
drwxrwxrwx 2 abc abc 4096 Apr 19 01:14 d2
```

```
abc:~$ umask 0777
```

```
abc:~$ mkdir d3
```

```
abc:~$ ls -ld d3
```

```
d----- 2 abc abc 4096 Apr 19 01:14 d3
```

chmod

- Works just like chmod when executed from the shell
- **chmod("f1", 0600)** will set the protection of file **f1** to be "rw-" for you, and "---" for everyone else

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NAME

chmod, fchmod, fchmodat - change permissions of a file

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <sys/stat.h>
```

```
int chmod(const char *pathname, mode_t mode);
```

```
int fchmod(int fd, mode_t mode);
```

```
#include <fcntl.h>
```

```
/* Definition of AT_* constants */
```

```
#include <sys/stat.h>
```

```
int fchmodat(int dirfd, const char *pathname, mode_t mode, int flags);
```

chmod

```
int main()
{
    int fd;

    printf("Opening the file:\n");
    fd = open("f1.txt", O_WRONLY | O_CREAT | O_TRUNC);
    sleep(1);

    printf("Doing chmod\n");
    chmod("f1.txt", 0000);
    sleep(1);

    printf("Doing write\n");
    write(fd, "Hi\n", 3);

    return 0;
}
```

chmod

```
abc:2_Umask-And-Others$ ./o1
```

```
Opening the file:
```

```
Doing chmod
```

```
Doing write
```

```
abc:2_Umask-And-Others$ ls -l f1.txt
```

```
----- 1 abc abc 3 Apr 19 16:47 f1.txt
```

```
abc:2_Umask-And-Others$ cat f1.txt
```

```
cat: f1.txt: Permission denied
```

link and unlink

- `link(char *f1, char *f2)` works just like:
- `ln f1 f2`
- `f2` has to be a file -- it cannot be a directory.
- `unlink(char *f1)` works like:
- `rm f1`

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
abc:2_Umask-And-0thers$ echo "test">f1
abc:2_Umask-And-0thers$ link f1 f2
abc:2_Umask-And-0thers$ cat f2
test
abc:2_Umask-And-0thers$ unlink f2
abc:2_Umask-And-0thers$ ls -l f2
ls: cannot access 'f2': No such file or directory
```

remove

- `remove(char *f1)` works like `unlink()`, but it also works for (empty) directories. `Unlink()` fails on directories.

```
#include <unistd.h>

int main()
{
    int fd;
    char s[11];
    int i;

    printf("Opening f1.txt and putting \"Fun Fun\" into s.\n");
    strcpy(s, "Fun Fun\n");
    fd = open("f1.txt", O_RDONLY);
    sleep(1);

    printf("Removing f1.txt\n");
    remove("f1.txt");
    sleep(1);

    printf("Listing f1.txt, and reading 10 bytes from the open file\n");
    system("ls -l f1.txt");
    i = read(fd, s, 10);
    s[i] = '\0';
    printf("Read returned %d: %d %s\n", i, fd, s);
    return 0;
}
```

This program opens **f1.txt** for reading, sleeps a second, and then removes **f1.txt**. It sleeps again, performs a long listing and then tries to read 10 bytes from the open file. The question is -- what happens when we remove **f1.txt**? Will the read call succeed, or fail because the file is gone?

remove

- The **ls** command shows that **f1.txt** is indeed gone after the **remove()** call.
- However, the operating system does not delete the file until the last file descriptor to it is closed. For that reason, the **read()** call succeed

```
printf("Opening f1.txt and putting \"Fun Fun\" into s.\n");
strcpy(s, "Fun Fun\n");
fd = open("f1.txt", O_RDONLY);
sleep(1);

printf("Removing f1.txt\n");
remove("f1.txt");
sleep(1);

printf("Listing f1.txt, and reading 10 bytes from the open file
descriptor.\n");
system("ls -l f1.txt");
i = read(fd, s, 10);
s[i] = '\0';
printf("Read returned %d: %d %s\n", i, fd, s);
return 0;
}
```

remove

```
abc:2_Umask-And-Others$ echo "system programming">f1.txt
```

```
abc:2_Umask-And-Others$ ./o2
```

Opening f1.txt and putting "Fun Fun" into s.

Removing f1.txt

Listing f1.txt, and reading 10 bytes from the open file descriptor.

```
ls: cannot access 'f1.txt': No such file or directory
```

```
Read returned 10: 3 system pro
```

```
int i;

printf("Opening f1.txt and putting \"Fun Fun\" into s.\n");
strcpy(s, "Fun Fun\n");
fd = open("f1.txt", O_RDONLY);
sleep(1);

printf("Removing f1.txt\n");
remove("f1.txt");
sleep(1);

printf("Listing f1.txt, and reading 10 bytes from the open file
descriptor.\n");
system("ls -l f1.txt");
i = read(fd, s, 10);
s[i] = '\0';
printf("Read returned %d: %d %s\n", i, fd, s);
return 0;
}
```


remove

```
abc:2_Umask-And-Others$ ./o2
```

```
Opening f1.txt and putting "Fun Fun" into s.
```

```
Removing f1.txt
```

```
Listing f1.txt, and reading 10 bytes from the open file descriptor.
```

```
ls: cannot access 'f1.txt': No such file or directory
```

```
Read returned -1: -1 Fun Fun
```

- What happened?
- First, the **open()** call failed and returned -1. Thus, the **read()** call also failed and returned -1.
- Since the **read** call failed, the bytes of **s** were never overwritten - thus when we printed them out, we got "Fun Fun."
- Make sure you understand this code and its output.
- It is deterministic -- we are not getting segmentation violations or random behavior with these calls -- we are simply getting well-defined errors in our system calls.

rename

- `rename()` renames a file moving it between directories if required.
- Any other hardlinks to the file are unaffected.
- `rename(char *f1, char *f2)` works just like:
- `mv f1 f2`

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
abc:2_Umask-And-0thers$ echo "abcd">file1
abc:2_Umask-And-0thers$ cat file1
abcd
abc:2_Umask-And-0thers$ mv file1 file2
abc:2_Umask-And-0thers$ cat file1
cat: file1: No such file or directory
abc:2_Umask-And-0thers$ cat file2
abcd
```

symlink and readlink

- Symlink() creates a symbolic link
- Readlink() reads the symbolic link pathname

```
abc:2_Umask-And-0thers$ echo "abcd 123">file1
abc:2_Umask-And-0thers$ ln -s file1 file2
abc:2_Umask-And-0thers$ cat file2
abcd 123
abc:2_Umask-And-0thers$ readlink file2
file1
abc:2_Umask-And-0thers$ █
```

mkdir and rmdir

- Mkdir attempts to create a directory
- Rmdir deletes a directory, which must be empty


```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
abc:2_Umask-And-Others$ mkdir test1
abc:2_Umask-And-Others$ echo "test">test1/file1.txt
abc:2_Umask-And-Others$ rmdir test1
rmdir: failed to remove 'test1': Directory not empty
abc:2_Umask-And-Others$ rm test1/file1.txt
abc:2_Umask-And-Others$ rmdir test1
abc:2_Umask-And-Others$ ls -ld test1
ls: cannot access 'test1': No such file or directory
abc:2_Umask-And-Others$
```

utime

- Change last access and modification times
- This system call lets you change the time fields of a file's inode.
- It looks like it should be illegal (for example, one could write a program to make it look like one has finished his homework on time...)


utime

■ `int utime(const char *filename, const struct utimbuf *times);`



```
struct utimbuf {  
    time_t actime;    /* access time */  
    time_t modtime;   /* modification time */  
};
```

■ `int utimes(const char *filename, const struct timeval times[2]);`



```
struct timeval {  
    long tv_sec;      /* seconds */  
    long tv_usec;     /* microseconds */  
};
```

utime

```
struct tm {  
    int tm_sec;      /* seconds */  
    int tm_min;      /* minutes */  
    int tm_hour;     /* hours */  
    int tm_mday;     /* day of the month */  
    int tm_mon;      /* month */  
    int tm_year;     /* year */  
    int tm_wday;     /* day of the week */  
    int tm_yday;     /* day in the year */  
    int tm_isdst;    /* daylight saving time */  
};
```

chdir and getcwd:

- **chdir, getcwd:** These are like the shell commands **cd** and **pwd**.