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CS241 #31 - Files, Filesystems #5
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> What is a process's umask and how is it used?

What is the default value? When is it used?

> Case study: Use mount to explore an iso image

Example: Use curl -0 to download a file What is an .iso file?

> Starting a virtual machine using an iso file image

What is qemu?

qemu-system-x86_64 -k en-us -cdrom dsl-4.4.10.iso

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int main() {
  int fd = open("file", 0_RD);
  fstat(fd, &s);
  char *ptr = mmap(NULL, s.st_size,
      PROT_READ,
      MAP_FILE | MAP_SHARED, fd, 0);

for(int i=0; i < s.st_size; i++)
      if(ptr[i] >31) printf("%x %c\n",i, ptr[i]);
}
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> Welcome to the mmap diner. What would you like?
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void *
mmap(
  void *addr,
  size_t len,
  int prot,
  int flags,
  int fd,
  off_t off); returns (void*)-1 if failed
```

Ask yourself -

- 1. What kind of memory protection would you like?
- 2. Will the contents of your RAM (random access memory) be backed by a file or will be it anonymous?
- 3. What happens if you change your RAM contents? Will anyone know?

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PROT_EXEC?
MAP_SHARED or MAP_PRIVATE. Choose one.
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Got no file but still want to mmap? MAP_ANONYMOUS!

> What is RAID? Why is it necessary?

Making filesystems resilient:

RAID: "Redundant Array of Inexpensive Disks"

RAID Motivation

Mean Time to Failure (MTTF)?

MTTF (disk array) = MTTF (single disk) / # disks

Adding more disks means that failures happen more frequently!

Simplest form: Mirroring "RAID 1"

All data is mirrored across two disks

Advantages:

Reads are faster, since both disks can be read in parallel

Higher reliability (of course)

Disadvantages:

Writes are slightly slower, since wait for both disks to do write

Doubles the cost of the storage system

RAID 3

Rather than mirroring, use parity codes

Given N bits {b1, b2, ..., bN}, the parity bit P is the bit {0,1} that yields an even number of "1" bits in the set {b1, b2, ..., bN, P}

Idea: If any bit in $\{b1, b2, ..., bN\}$ is lost, can use the remaining bits (plus P) to recover it.

Where to store the parity codes? Add an extra "check disk" that stores parity bits

RAID 3 example

- 1. Read back data from other disks
- 2. Recalculate lost data from parity code
- 3. Rebuild data on lost disk

RAID 3 issues: performance

Terminology:

MTTF = mean time to failure

MTTR = mean time to repair

What is the MTTF of RAID?

Both RAID 1 and RAID 3 tolerate the failure of a single disk

RAID 5

Another approach: Interleaved check blocks ("RAID 5")

Rotate the assignment of data blocks and check blocks across disks Avoids the bottleneck of a single disk for storing check data Allows multiple reads/writes to occur in parallel (since different

disks affected)

> A Planetary-sized Filesystem Case Study

Problem: Build a file system for Google

How do you make it resilient?

Reliable distributed storage

Issues

Failure is the common case

Google reports 2-10% of disks fail per year

Now multiply that by 60,000+ disks in a single warehouse...

Must survive failure of not just a disk, but failure of a rack of servers or even... a whole data center

How:

GFS 2001: Simple redundancy (2 or 3 copies of each file)

GFS 2010:

More efficient redundancy (analogous to RAID 3++)

Reed-Solomon codes with 1.5x redundancy

RS codes found in CDs, Space communication protocols

Lots of interesting tidbits: http://goo.gl/LwFly