

# **File System Project**

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**Github link for group submission:**

<https://github.com/CSC415-Spring2021/filesystemproject-mhernandez29>

**Purpose:** The main objective of this project was to work as a team to implement a file system that functions on the LINUX OS. To start we were given a set of instructions to follow, an api header file to implement, and a shell that utilizes this api.

**Scope of Work:** The api header file we were to implement was the mfs.h file. The fsshell.c file was the main driver behind our file system and interacts with the file system through the mfs.h api. Our main job was to trace and interpret how the api was meant to work by looking at how the api function calls were used within fsshell along with the structures and function parameters passed in.

**Problems:** The main issue we had was designing how our file system was to be implemented. We were given an open ended set of instructions on what features the file system was to have and were left on our own on how to implement it. The way we implemented it was up to us and we based this on the mfs.h file api and how the fsshell would call the api. We needed to make sure that our implemented api functioned in the expected way consistently.

Another issue was working as a group remotely, as this meant less facetime and added difficulty in conveying logic and intent. To try and combat this we set up a general chat room using discord where we mainly utilised a text chat room and a voice chat room. The text chat room was very useful as a sort of white board where we could post links to informational resources. Despite the schedule conflicts since everyone had a busy schedule, we managed to communicate with each other using discord and meet up whenever we were available to discuss and help each other with debugging issues.

**Description:** Our file system uses a linked list like system for our allocation method and a bitmap for freespace management. The main files for our file system are b\_io, FSAPI, VCB, bitmap, fsBoot, fsshell, fsLow and mfs. B\_io files deal with input/output for the system taking data from linux into the file system and vice versa. FSAPI is mainly a collection of single purpose functions we found we needed in several files so instead of rewriting the logic multiple times we just made a single function call. VCB sets up the

volume control block using arguments passed in by the user. Bitmap initializes the bitmap and also allocates and deallocates memory blocks used by other functions such as fs\_mkdir. Mfs contains all the functions called by fsshell and acts as the api between fsshell and the rest of the file system. Bootfs calls all the inits from bitmap, VCB and fsLow. fsLow holds the operating system level functions that execute the low level data transfers and finally fsshell takes user input in the form of commands and passes them to the mfs api to be executed.

Mfs held two important structs that were the basis of our directory system and by extension our file system. fs\_diriteminfo was an in memory only structure where we read in data for directory entries to be used by the rest of the mfs api. fdDir was the second struct and actually held all the data relevant to directory entries and was the structure actually saved to disk. When ever the system read information from disk for directory entries they were in the form of fdDir structs.

## Screenshots of our commands

Md - makes a new directory

```
student@student-VirtualBox:~/Desktop/this shit runs!!!!!!/filesystemproject-mhernandez29$ make run
./fsshell SampleVolume 10000000 512
File SampleVolume does exist, errno = 0
File SampleVolume good to go, errno = 0
Prompt > md dir1
Directory dir1 Sucessfully Created!
Prompt > █
```

Ls - lists out all files/directories in the current directory

Ls -l lists out all files/directories in the current directory with its size and whether the file is a directory or not

Ls -a lists out all directory entries in the current directory including . and ..

```
Prompt > md dir1
Directory dir1 Successfully Created!
Prompt > md dir2
Directory dir2 Successfully Created!
Prompt > ls
opening directory

dir1
dir2
Prompt > 
```

```
Prompt > ls -l
opening directory

D          48    dir1
D          48    dir2
Prompt > 
```

```
Prompt > ls -a
opening directory
.
..
dir1
dir3
Prompt > 
```

cp2fs - copies file from linux fs to our fs project

```
Prompt > cp2fs test.txt
Prompt > ls
opening directory
dir1
test.txt
Prompt > 
```

mv - moves a file from one directory to another

```
Prompt > ls
opening directory
dir1
test.txt
Prompt > mv test.txt dir1
move sucessful!
Prompt > cd dir1
Prompt > ls
opening directory
test.txt
Prompt > 
```

pwd and cd - gets current working directory and changes directory

```
Prompt > cd dir1/hello  
Prompt > pwd  
/root/dir1/hello  
Prompt > █
```

```
Prompt > cd dir1  
Prompt > pwd  
/root/dir1  
Prompt > █
```

rm -removes a directory

```
Prompt > cd /root  
Prompt > ls  
opening directory  
dir1  
Prompt > rm dir1  
  
directory successfully removed  
Prompt > ls  
opening directory  
Prompt > █
```

```
Prompt > md dir1
Directory dir1 Sucessfully Created!
Prompt > ls
opening directory
dir1
Prompt > md dir2
Directory dir2 Sucessfully Created!
Prompt > ls
opening directory
dir1
dir2
Prompt > md dir3
Directory dir3 Sucessfully Created!
Prompt > ls
opening directory
dir1
dir2
dir3
Prompt > rm dir2

    directory successfully removed
Prompt > ls
opening directory
dir1
dir3
Prompt > █
```



## How to run:

1. Clone the repo from github  
<https://github.com/CSC415-Spring2021/filesystemproject-mhernandez29.git>
2. Then type make run to start the fs and type the commands when "prompt>" appears
3. When finished type "exit: to exit the filesystem