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System-Level I/O

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Today

- Unix I/O CSAPP 10.1-10.4
- Metadata, sharing, and redirection CSAPP 10.6-10.9
- Standard I/O CSAPP 10.10
- RIO (robust I/O) CSAPP 10.5
- Closing remarks <https://eduassistpro.github.io/> CSAPP 10.11

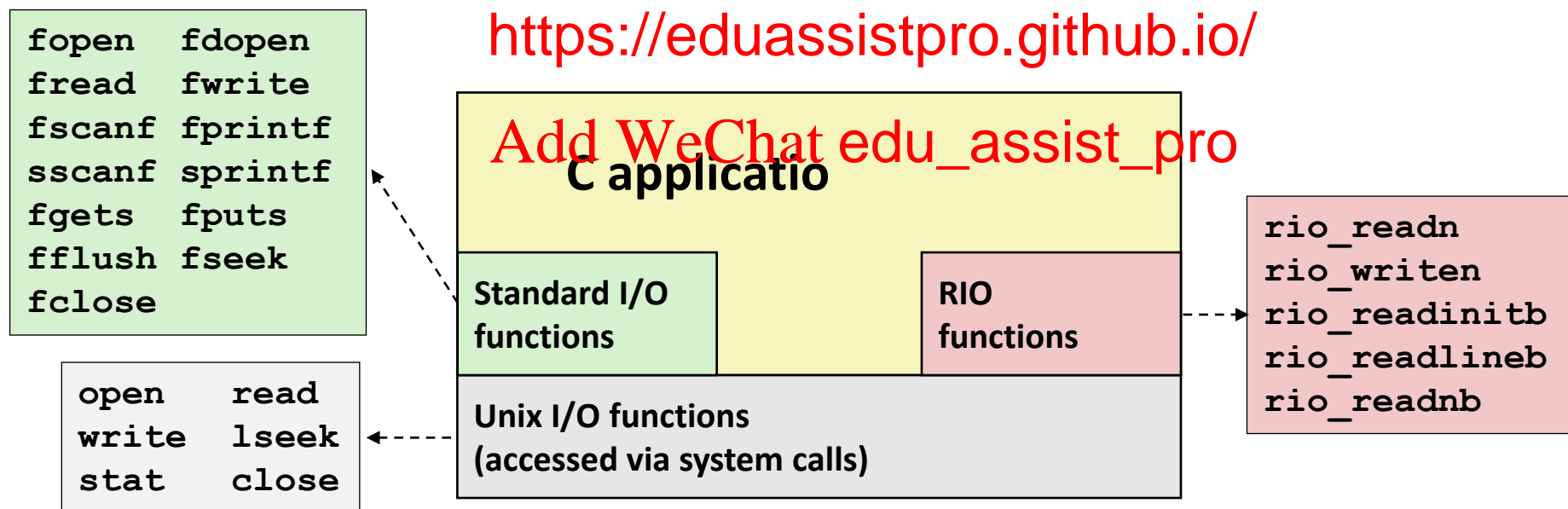
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Today: Unix I/O, C Standard I/O and RIO

- Two sets: system-level and C level
- Robust I/O (RIO): 15-213 special wrappers
good coding practice: handles error checking, signals, and “short counts”

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Unix I/O Overview

- A Linux *file* is a sequence of m bytes:

- $B_0, B_1, \dots, B_k, \dots, B_{m-1}$

- Cool fact: All I/O devices are represented as files:

- `/dev/sda2` (

- `/dev/tty2` (

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- Even the kernel is represented as a file:

- `/boot/vmlinuz-3.13.0-55-generic` (kernel image)

- `/proc` (kernel data structures)

Unix I/O Overview

■ Elegant mapping of files to devices allows kernel to export simple interface called *Unix I/O*:

- Opening and closing files

- `open()` and `close()`

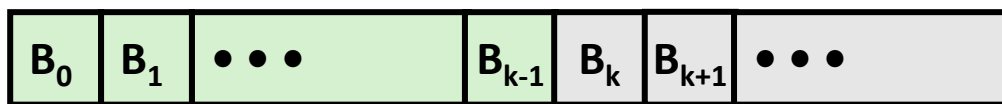
- Reading and writing

- `read()` and

- Changing the *current file position* (

- indicates next offset into file to

- `lseek()`



Current file position = k

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File Types

- Each file has a ***type*** indicating its role in the system
 - *Regular file*: Contains arbitrary data
 - *Directory*: Index for a related group of files
 - *Socket*: For communicating with a process on another machine

- Other file types

- *Named pipes (FIFOs)*
- *Symbolic links*
- *Character and block devices*

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Regular Files

- A regular file contains arbitrary data
- Applications often distinguish between *text files* and *binary files*
 - Text files are regular files with only ASCII or Unicode characters
 - Binary files are everything else
 - e.g., object fi
 - Kernel doesn't k
- Text file is sequence of *text lines*
 - Text line is sequence of chars termin
 - Newline is `0xa`, same as ASCII line feed character (LF)
- End of line (EOL) indicators in other systems
 - Linux and Mac OS: `'\n'` (`0xa`)
 - line feed (LF)
 - Windows and Internet protocols: `'\r\n'` (`0xd` `0xa`)
 - Carriage return (CR) followed by line feed (LF)



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char ('\n')

Directories

- **Directory consists of an array of *links***
 - Each link maps a *filename* to a file
- **Each directory contains at least two entries**
 - `.` (dot) is a link to itself
 - `..` (dot dot) is a link to the *parent directory* in the *hierarchy* (next)
- **Commands for manipulating dir**
 - `mkdir`: create empty directory
 - `ls`: view directory contents
 - `rmdir`: delete empty directory

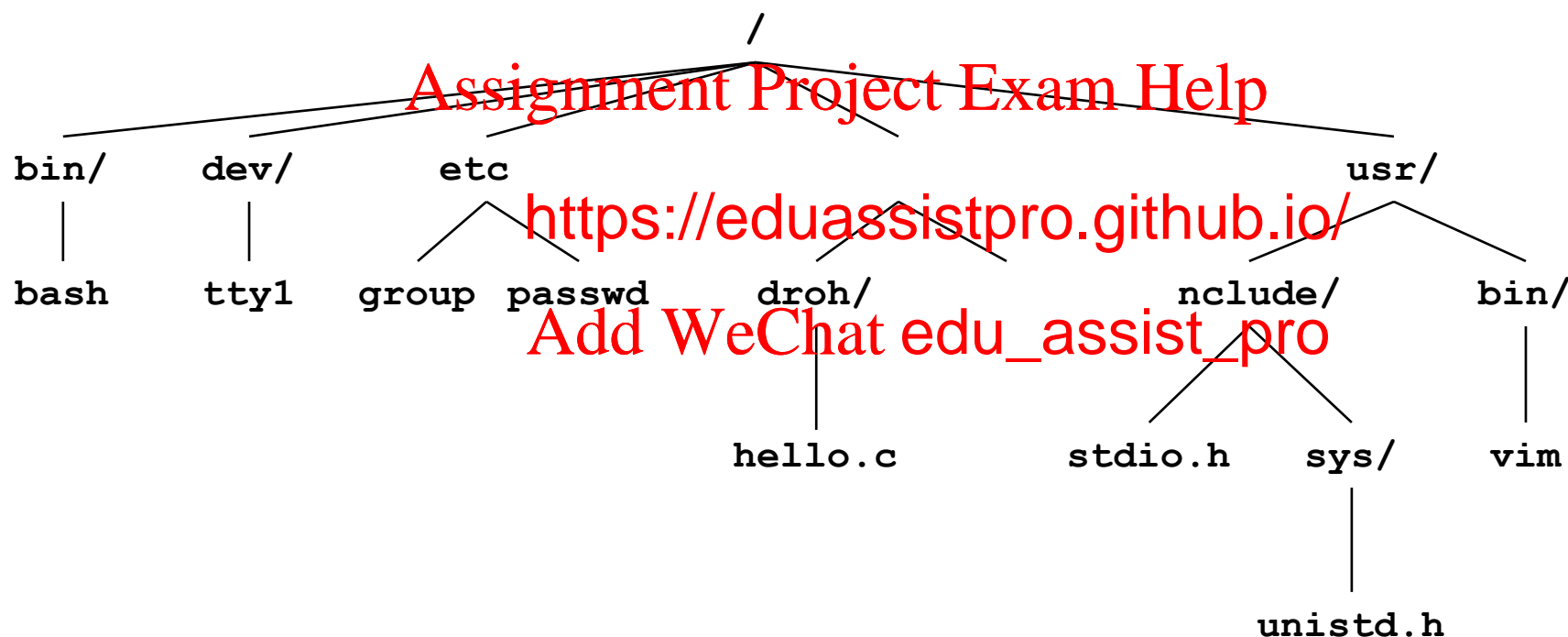
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Directory Hierarchy

- All files are organized as a hierarchy anchored by root directory named `/` (slash)



- Kernel maintains *current working directory (cwd)* for each process
 - Modified using the `cd` command

Pathnames

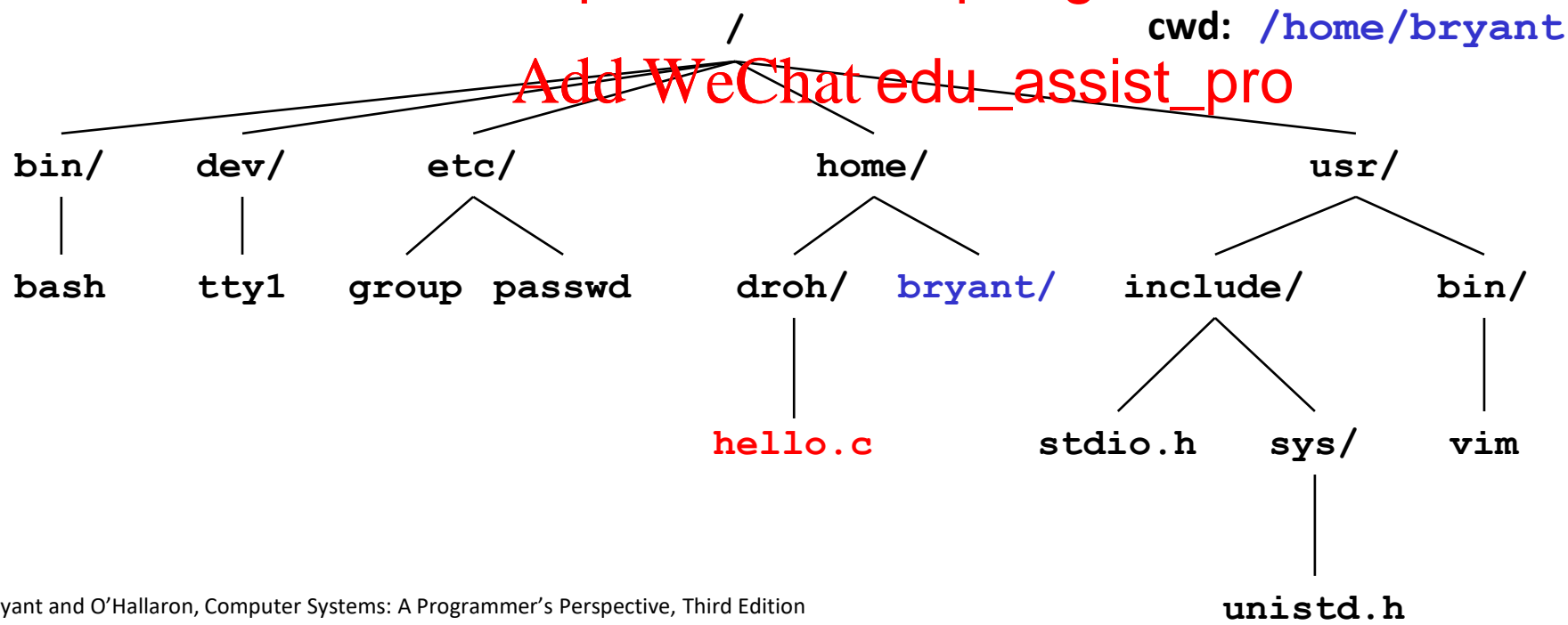
■ Locations of files in the hierarchy denoted by *pathnames*

- *Absolute pathname* starts with '/' and denotes path from root
 - `/home/droh/hello.c`
- *Relative pathname* denotes path from current working directory (cwd)
 - `../droh/`

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Opening Files

- Opening a file informs the kernel that you are getting ready to access that file

```
int fd;    /* file descriptor */
```

```
if ((fd = open("/etc/passwd", O_RDONLY)) < 0) {
    perror("open");
    exit(1);
}
```

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- Returns a small identifying integer

- Lowest numbered file descriptor not currently open for the process
- `fd == -1` indicates that an error occurred

- Each process created by a Linux shell begins life with three open files associated with a terminal:

- 0: standard input (stdin)
- 1: standard output (stdout)
- 2: standard error (stderr)

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Closing Files

- Closing a file informs the kernel that you are finished accessing that file

```
int fd;          /* file descriptor */  
int retval;      /* return value */
```

```
if ((retval = close  
    perror("close  
    exit(1);  
}
```

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- Closing an already closed file is a recipe for disaster in threaded programs (more on this later)
- Moral: Always check return codes, even for seemingly benign functions such as `close()`

Reading Files

- Reading a file copies bytes from the current file position to memory, and then updates file position

```
#include <unistd.h>
char buf[512];
int fd; /* file descriptor */
ssize_t nbytes;

/* Open file fd
...
/* Then read up to 512 bytes
if ((nbytes = read(fd, buf, size)) {
    perror("read");
    exit(1);
}
```

- Returns number of bytes read from file `fd` into `buf`
 - Return type `ssize_t` is signed integer
 - `nbytes < 0` indicates that an error occurred
 - **Short counts** (`nbytes < sizeof(buf)`) are possible and are not errors!

Writing Files

- Writing a file copies bytes from memory to the current file position, and then updates current file position

```
char buf[512];
int fd;
ssize_t nbytes, /* file descriptor */
/* number of bytes read */

/* Open the file
...
/* Then write up to 512 bytes from buf to file fd */
if ((nbytes = write(fd, buf, sizeof buf)) < 0) {
    perror("write");
    exit(1);
}
```

- Returns number of bytes written from `buf` to file `fd`
 - `nbytes < 0` indicates that an error occurred
 - As with reads, short counts are possible and are not errors!

Simple Unix I/O example

- Copying file to stdout, one byte at a time

```
#include "csapp.h"

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    char c;
    int infd =
    if (argc ==
        infd = Open(argv[1], O_
    }
    while(Read(infd, &c, 1) != 0)
        Write(STDOUT_FILENO, &c, 1);
    exit(0);
}
```

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showfile1_nobuf.c

- Demo:

```
linux> strace ./showfile1_nobuf names.txt
```


On Short Counts

■ Short counts can occur in these situations:

- Encountering (end-of-file) EOF on reads
- Reading text lines from a terminal
- Reading and writing network sockets

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■ Short counts need <https://eduassistpro.github.io/> ns:

- Reading from disk files (except for [Add WeChat edu_assist_pro](#))
- Writing to disk files

■ Best practice is to always allow for short counts.

Home-grown buffered I/O code

- Copying file to stdout, BUFSIZE bytes at a time

```
#include "csapp.h"
#define BUFSIZE 64
```

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```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
```

```
{
```

```
    char buf[B
```

```
    int infd = STDIN_FILENO;
```

```
    if (argc == 2)
```

```
        infd = Open(argv[1], 0
```

```
    }
```

```
    while((nread = Read(infd, buf, BUFSIZE)) != 0)
```

```
        Write(STDOUT_FILENO, buf, nread);
```

```
    exit(0);
```

```
}
```

showfile2_buf.c

- Demo:

```
linux> strace ./showfile2_buf names.txt
```

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File Metadata

- **Metadata** is data about data, in this case file data
- **Per-file metadata maintained by kernel**
 - accessed by users with the `stat` and `fstat` functions

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```

/* Metadata returned by the stat and fstat functions */
struct stat {
    dev_t          st_dev;          /* Device */
    ino_t          st_ino;         /* Inode number */
    mode_t         st_mode;        /* Permission and file type */
    nlink_t        st_nlink;       /* Number of links */
    uid_t          st_uid;         /* User ID of owner */
    gid_t          st_gid;         /* Group ID of owner */
    dev_t          st_rdev;        /* Device type (if inode device) */
    off_t          st_size;        /* Total size, in bytes */
    unsigned long  st_blksize;     /* Blocksize for filesystem I/O */
    unsigned long  st_blocks;      /* Number of blocks allocated */
    time_t         st_atime;       /* Time of last access */
    time_t         st_mtime;       /* Time of last modification */
    time_t         st_ctime;       /* Time of last change */
};
  
```

How the Unix Kernel Represents Open Files

- Two descriptors referencing two distinct open files.
Descriptor 1 (stdout) points to terminal, and descriptor 4 points to open disk file

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Descriptor table

Open file table

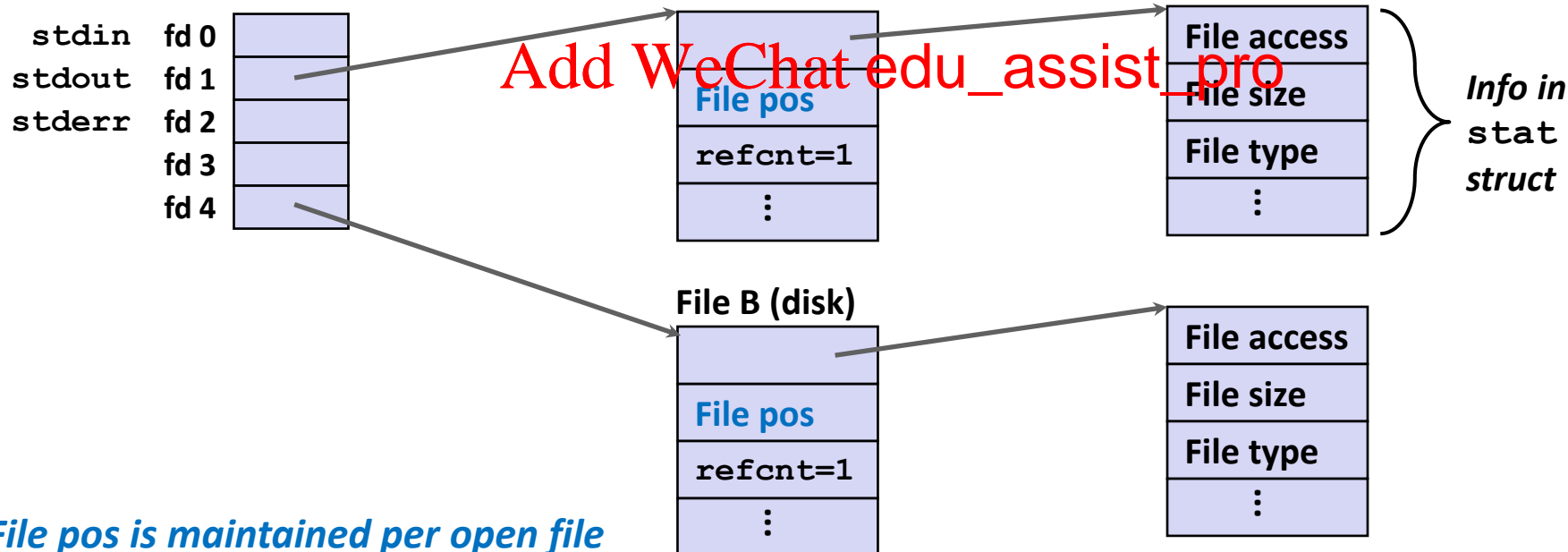
V-node table

[one table per process]

shared by all processes

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File Sharing

- Two distinct descriptors sharing the same disk file through two distinct open file table entries
 - E.g., Calling `open` twice with the same `filename` argument

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Descriptor table

Open file table

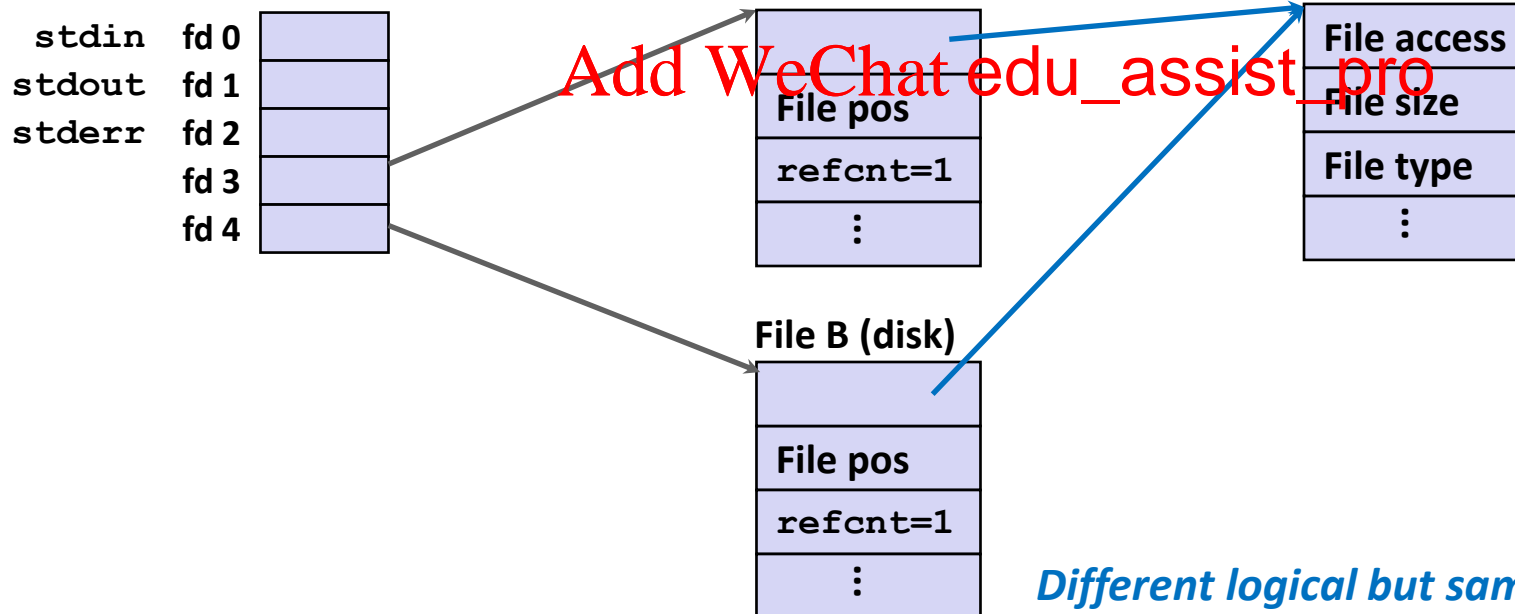
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Different logical but same physical file

How Processes Share Files: `fork`

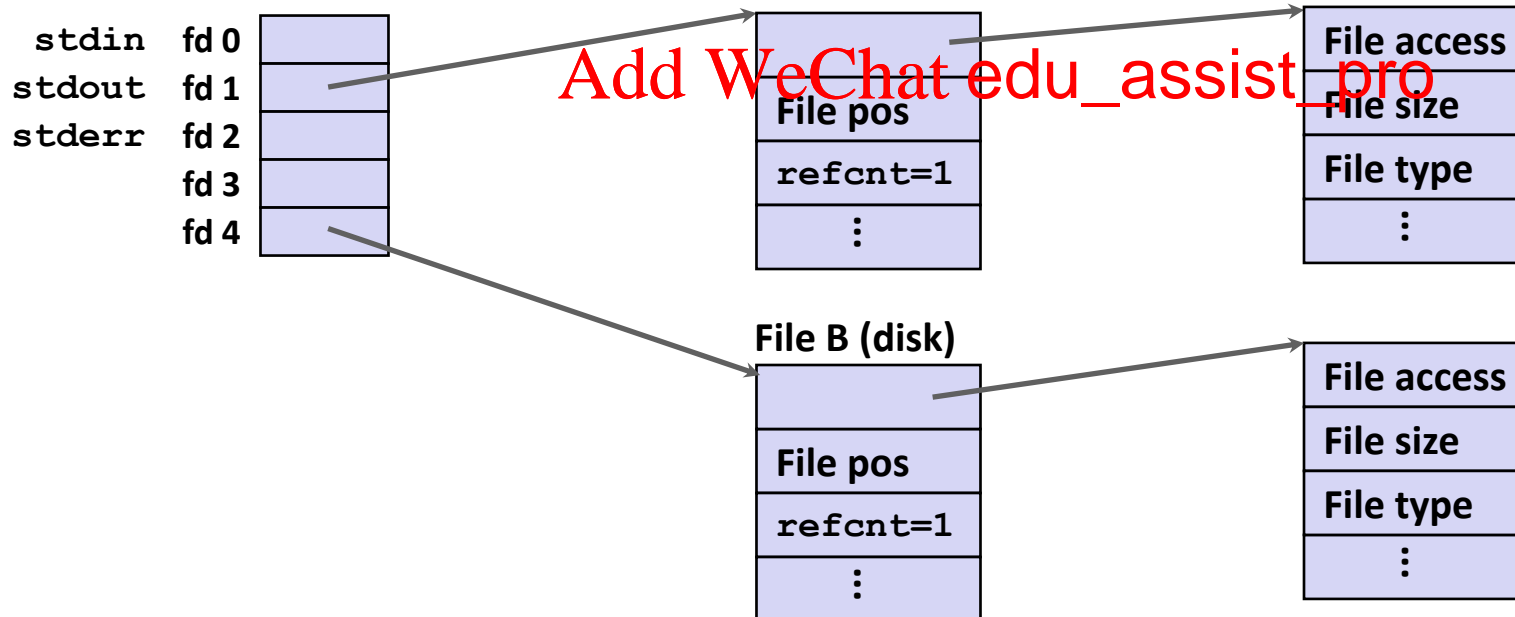
- A child process inherits its parent's open files
 - Note: situation unchanged by `exec` functions (use `fcntl` to change)
- **Before** `fork` call:

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Descriptor table [one table per process] Open file table V-node table [shared by all processes]

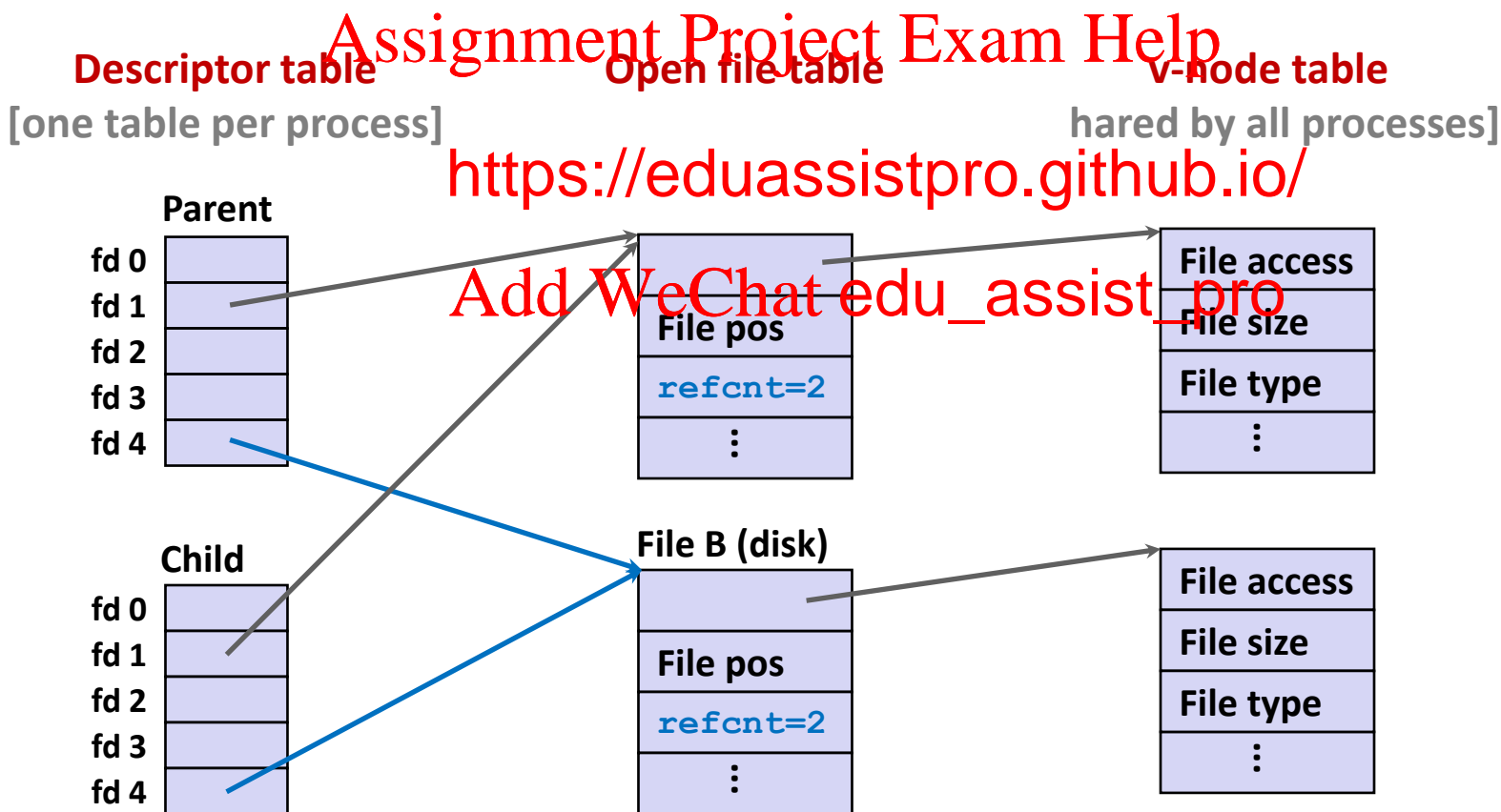
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How Processes Share Files: fork

- A child process inherits its parent's open files
- **After fork:**
 - Child's table same as parent's, and +1 to each refcnt



I/O Redirection

- Question: How does a shell implement I/O redirection?

```
linux> ls > foo.txt
```

- Answer: By calling the `dup2 (oldfd, newfd)` function

- Copies (per-proc) `dfds` to entry `newfd`

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Descriptor table

before `dup2 (4, 1)`

fd 0	
fd 1	a
fd 2	
fd 3	
fd 4	b



Descriptor table

`dup2 (4, 1)`

fd 0	
fd 1	b
fd 2	
fd 3	
fd 4	b

I/O Redirection Example

- **Step #1: open file to which stdout should be redirected**
 - Happens in child executing shell code, before **exec**

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Descriptor table

Open file table

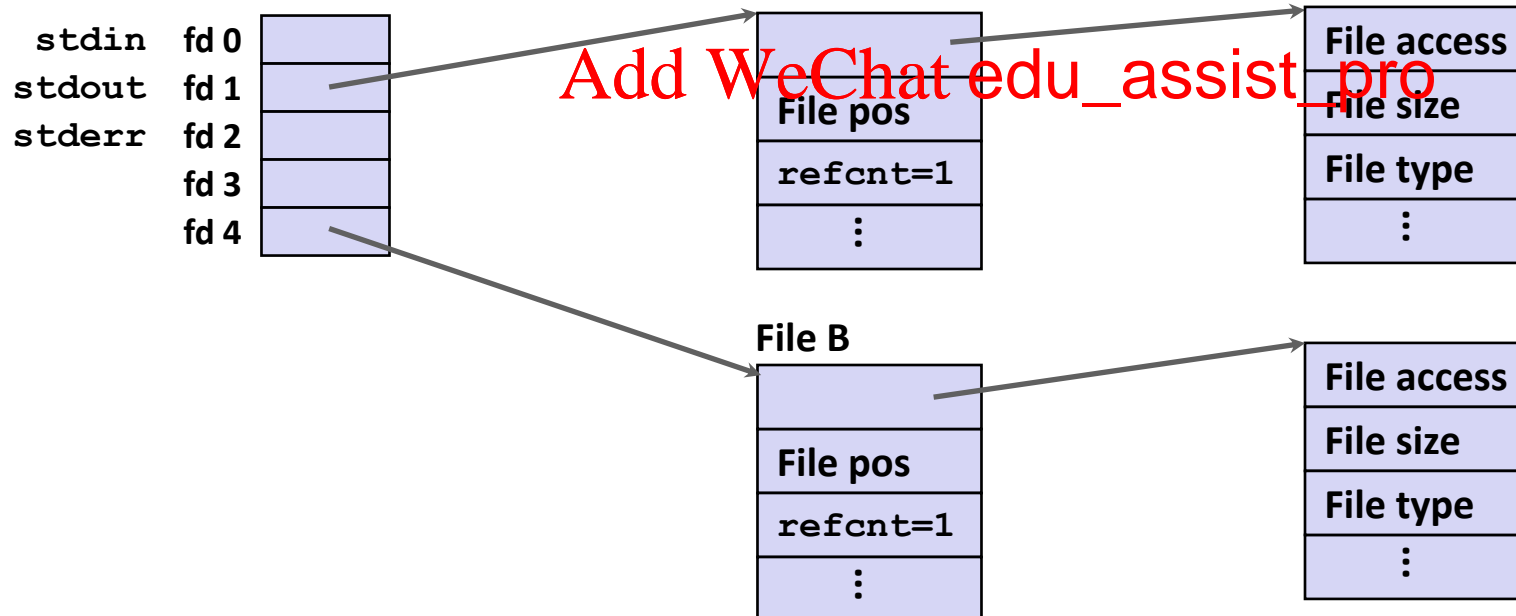
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I/O Redirection Example (cont.)

■ Step #2: call `dup2 (4, 1)`

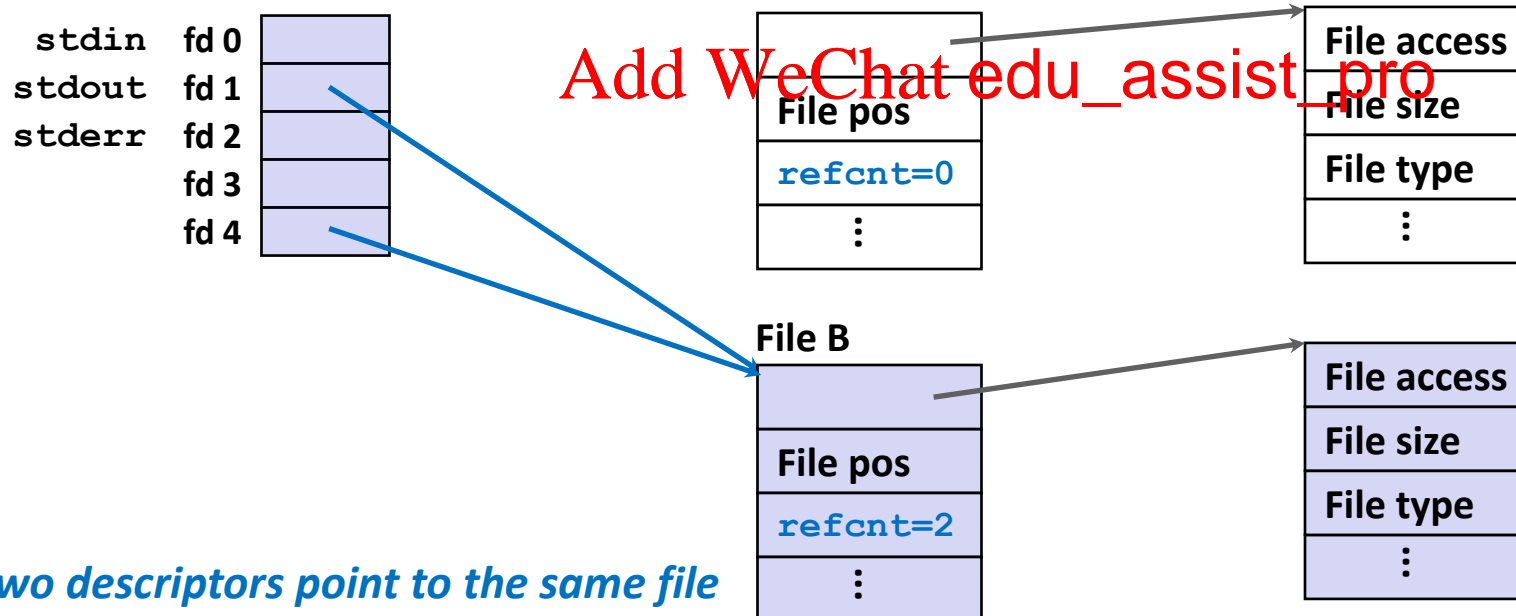
- cause `fd=1` (stdout) to refer to disk file pointed at by `fd=4`

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Descriptor table [one table per process] Open file table V-node table [shared by all processes]

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Two descriptors point to the same file

Warm-Up: I/O and Redirection Example

```
#include "csapp.h"
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int fd1, fd2, fd3;
    char c1, c2, c3;
    char *fname = argv[1];
    fd1 = Open(fname, O_RDONLY, 0);
    fd2 = Open(fname, O_RDONLY, 0);
    fd3 = Open(fname, O_RDONLY, 0);
    Dup2(fd2, fd3);
    Read(fd1, &c1, 1);
    Read(fd2, &c2, 1);
    Read(fd3, &c3, 1);
    printf("c1 = %c, c2 = %c, c3 = %c\n", c1, c2, c3);
    return 0;
}
```

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`ffiles1.c`

- What would this program print for file containing “abcde”?

Warm-Up: I/O and Redirection Example

```
#include "csapp.h"
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int fd1, fd2, fd3;
    char c1, c2, c3;
    char *fname = argv[1];
    fd1 = Open(fname, O_RDONLY, 0);
    fd2 = Open(fname, O_RDONLY, 0);
    fd3 = Open(fname, O_RDONLY, 0);
    Dup2(fd2, fd3);
    Read(fd1, &c1, 1);
    Read(fd2, &c2, 1);
    Read(fd3, &c3, 1);
    printf("c1 = %c, c2 = %c, c3 = %c\n", c1, c2, c3);
    return 0;
}
```

c1 = a, c2 = a, c3 = b

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dfd, newfd)

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ffiles1.c

- What would this program print for file containing “abcde”?

Master Class: Process Control and I/O

```
#include "csapp.h"
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int fd1;
    int s = getpid() & 0x1;
    char c1, c2;
    char *fname = argv[1];
    fd1 = Open(fname, O_RDONLY);
    Read(fd1, &c1, 1);
    if (fork()) {
        sleep(s);
        Read(fd1, &c2, 1);
        printf("Parent: c1 = %c, c2 = %c\n", c1, c2);
    } else { /* Child */
        sleep(1-s);
        Read(fd1, &c2, 1);
        printf("Child: c1 = %c, c2 = %c\n", c1, c2);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

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ffiles2.c

- What would this program print for file containing “abcde”?

Master Class: Process Control and I/O

```
#include "csapp.h"
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int fd1;
    int s = getpid() & 0x1;
    char c1, c2;
    char *fname = argv[1];
    fd1 = Open(fname, O_RDONLY);
    Read(fd1, &c1, 1);
    if (fork()) {
        sleep(s);
        Read(fd1, &c2, 1);
        printf("Parent: c1 = %c, c2 = %c\n", c1, c2);
    } else { /* Child */
        sleep(1-s);
        Read(fd1, &c2, 1);
        printf("Child: c1 = %c, c2 = %c\n", c1, c2);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

ffiles2.c

Child: c1 = a, c2 = b
Parent: c1 = a, c2 = c

Parent: c1 = a, c2 = b
Child: c1 = a, c2 = c

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Which way does it go?

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■ What would this program print for file containing “abcde”?

Quiz Time!

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Standard I/O Functions

- The C standard library (`libc.so`) contains a collection of higher-level *standard I/O* functions

- Documented in Appendix B of K&R

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- Examples of standard I/O functions

- Opening and closing files (`fopen` and `fclose`)
 - Reading and writing bytes (`fread` and `fwrite`)
 - Reading and writing text lines (`fgets` and `fputs`)
 - Formatted reading and writing (`fscanf` and `fprintf`)

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Standard I/O Streams

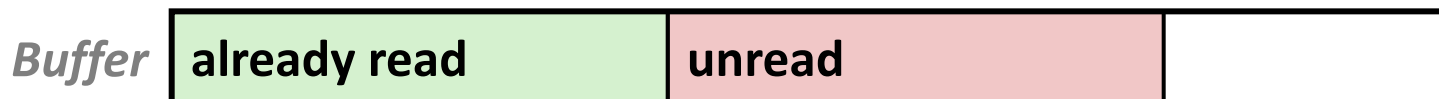
- Standard I/O models open files as *streams*
 - Abstraction for a file descriptor and a buffer in memory
- C programs begin life with three open streams (defined in `std`
 - `stdin` (standard input)
 - `stdout` (standard output)
 - `stderr` (standard error)

```
#include <stdio.h>
extern FILE *stdin; /* standard input (descriptor 0) */
extern FILE *stdout; /* standard output (descriptor 1) */
extern FILE *stderr; /* standard error (descriptor 2) */

int main() {
    fprintf(stdout, "Hello, world\n");
}
```

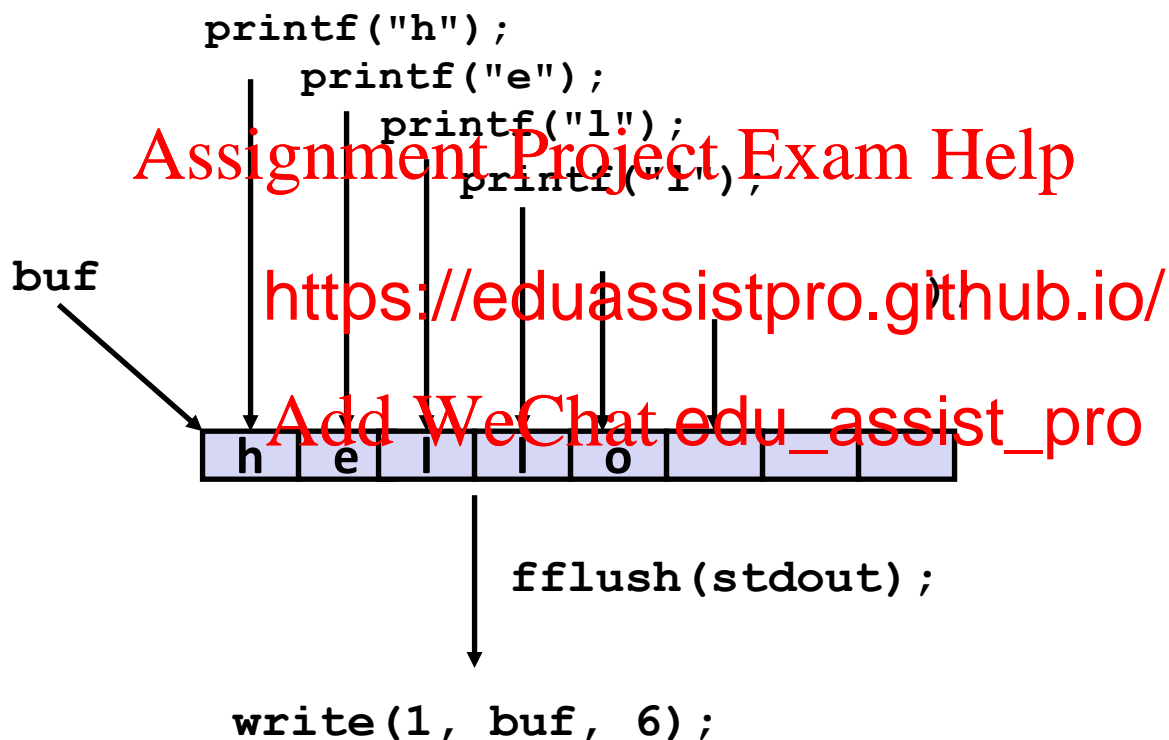
Buffered I/O: Motivation

- Applications often read/write one character at a time
 - `getc`, `putc`, `ungetc`
 - `gets`, `fgets`
 - Read line of text one character at a time, stopping at newline
- Implementing as
 - `read` and `write`
 - > 10,000 clock cycles
- Solution: Buffered read
 - Use Unix `read` to grab block of bytes
 - User input functions take one byte at a time from buffer
 - Refill buffer when empty



Buffering in Standard I/O

- Standard I/O functions use buffered I/O



- Buffer flushed to output fd on “\n”, call to `fflush` or `exit`, or return from `main`.

Standard I/O Buffering in Action

- You can see this buffering in action for yourself, using the always fascinating Linux `strace` program:

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    printf("h");
    printf("e");
    printf("l");
    printf("l");
    printf("o");
    printf("\n");
    fflush(stdout);
    exit(0);
}
```

```
linux> strace ./hello
execve("./hello", ["hello"], [/* ... */]).
= 6
exit_group(0)
= ?
```

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Standard I/O Example

- Copying file to stdout, line-by-line with stdio

```
#include "csapp.h"
#define MLINE 1024

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    char buf[MLINE];
    FILE *infile;
    if (argc == 2) {
        infile = fopen(argv[1], "r");
        if (!infile) exit(1);
    }
    while (fgets(buf, MLINE, infile) != NULL)
        fprintf(stdout, buf);
    exit(0);
}
```

showfile3_stdio.c

- Demo:

```
linux> strace ./showfile3_stdio names.txt
```

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- **RIO (robust I/O)**
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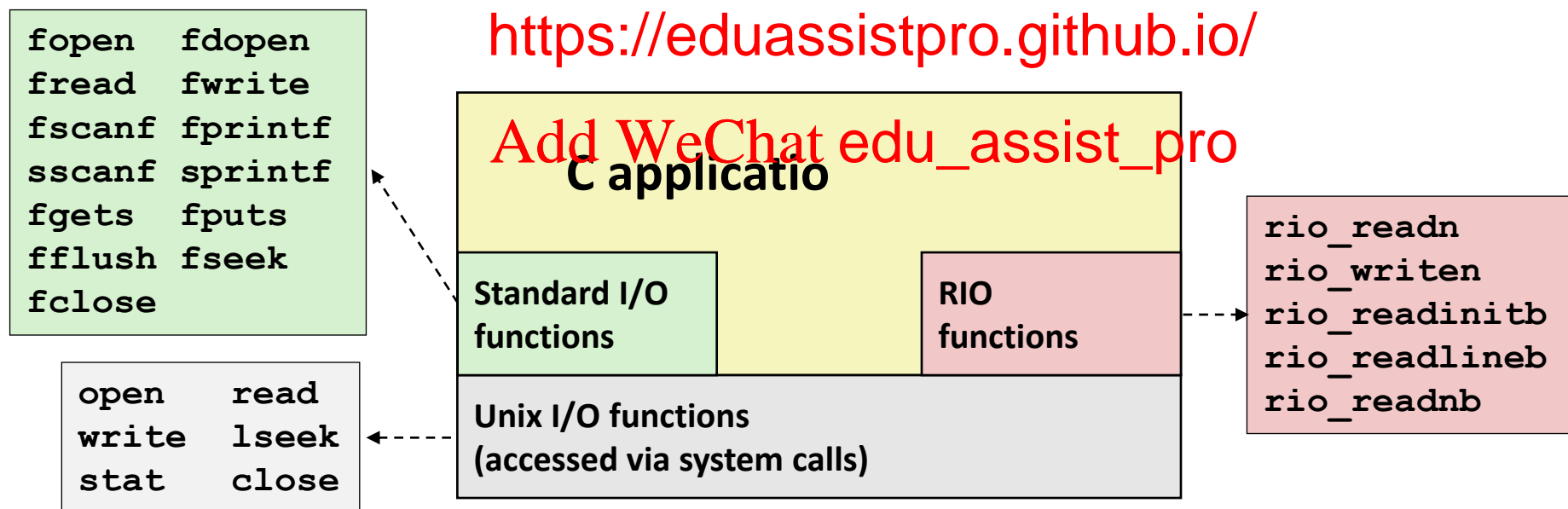
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Today: Unix I/O, C Standard I/O and RIO

- Two *incompatible* libraries building on Unix I/O
- Robust I/O (RIO): 15-213 special wrappers
 good coding practice: handles error checking, signals, and “short counts”

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Unix I/O Recap

```
/* Read at most max_count bytes from file into buffer.  
   Return number bytes read, or error value */  
ssize_t read(int fd, void *buffer, size_t max_count);
```

```
/* Write at most max_count bytes from buffer to file.  
   Return number bytes written, or error value */  
ssize_t write(int f                                x_count);
```

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- **Short counts can occur in these**
 - Encountering (end-of-file) EOF on r
 - Reading text lines from a terminal
 - Reading and writing network sockets
- **Short counts never occur in these situations:**
 - Reading from disk files (except for EOF)
 - Writing to disk files
- **Best practice is to always allow for short counts.**

The RIO Package (15-213/CS:APP Package)

- RIO is a set of wrappers that provide efficient and robust I/O in apps, such as network programs that are subject to short counts
- RIO provides two different kinds of functions
 - Unbuffered inp
 - `rio_read`
 - Buffered input of text lines and bin
 - `rio_readlineb` and `rio_r`
 - Buffered RIO routines are thread-safe and can be interleaved arbitrarily on the same descriptor
- Download from <http://csapp.cs.cmu.edu/3e/code.html>
→ `src/csapp.c` and `include/csapp.h`

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Unbuffered RIO Input and Output

- Same interface as Unix `read` and `write`
- Especially useful for transferring data on network sockets

```
#include "csapp.h"
```

```
ssize_t rio_readn
```

```
e_t n);
```

```
ssize_t rio_writen
```

```
ze_t n);
```

Return: num. bytes transferred if OK, 0

dn only), -1 on error

- `rio_readn` returns short count only if it encounters EOF
 - Only use it when you know how many bytes to read
- `rio_writen` never returns a short count
- Calls to `rio_readn` and `rio_writen` can be interleaved arbitrarily on the same descriptor

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Implementation of `rio_readn`

```

/*
 * rio_readn - Robustly read n bytes (unbuffered)
 */
ssize_t rio_readn(int fd, void *usrbuf, size_t n)
{
    size_t nleft = n;
    ssize_t nread;
    char *bufp = usrbuf;

    while (nleft > 0)
        if ((nread =
            if (errno == EINTR) /* In sig handler return */
                nread = 0; /* a _again */
            else
                return -1; /* errno set by read() */
        )
        else if (nread == 0)
            break; /* EOF */
        nleft -= nread;
        bufp += nread;
    }
    return (n - nleft); /* Return >= 0 */
}

```

csapp.c

Buffered RIO Input Functions

- Efficiently read text lines and binary data from a file partially cached in an internal memory buffer

```
#include "csapp.h"
```

```
void rio_readinitb(rio_t *r, int fd);
```

```
ssize_t rio_readln(ssize_t maxlen);
```

```
ssize_t rio_readnb(ssize_t n);
```

Return: num. of bytes read, or -1 on error

- rio_readlnb** reads a *text line* of up to **maxlen** bytes from file **fd** and stores the line in **usrbuf**
 - Especially useful for reading text lines from network sockets
- Stopping conditions
 - maxlen** bytes read
 - EOF encountered
 - Newline ('\n') encountered

Buffered RIO Input Functions (cont)

```
#include "csapp.h"

void rio_readinitb(rio_t *rp, int fd);

ssize_t rio_readlineb(rio_t *rp, void *usrbuf, size_t maxlen);
ssize_t rio_readnb(rio_t *rp, void *usrbuf, size_t n);
```

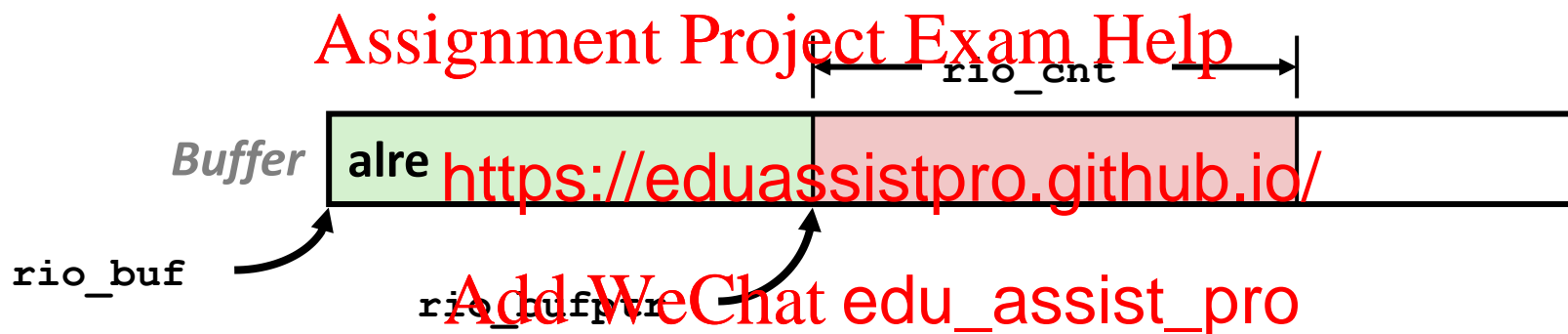
OK, 0 on EOF, 1 on error

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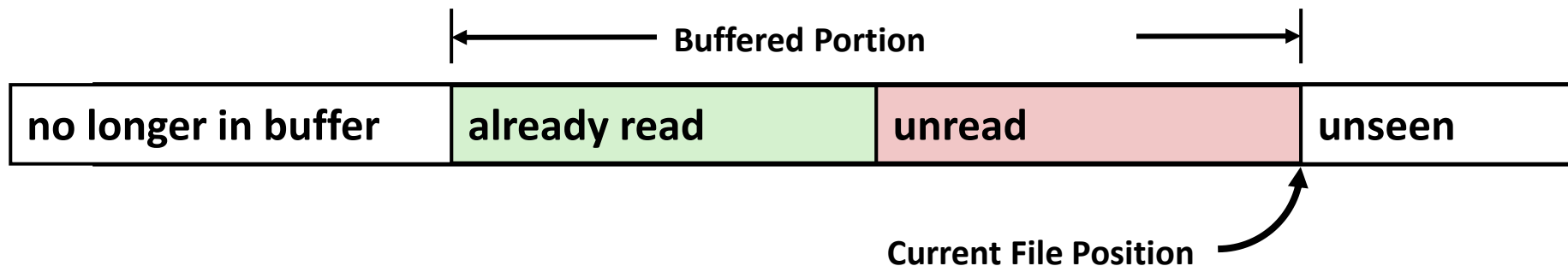
- **rio_readnb** reads up to **n bytes**
- Stopping conditions
 - **n** bytes read
 - EOF encountered
- Calls to **rio_readlineb** and **rio_readnb** can be interleaved arbitrarily on the same descriptor
 - **Warning:** Don't interleave with calls to **rio_readn**

Buffered I/O: Implementation

- For reading from file
- File has associated buffer to hold bytes that have been read from file but not yet read by user code

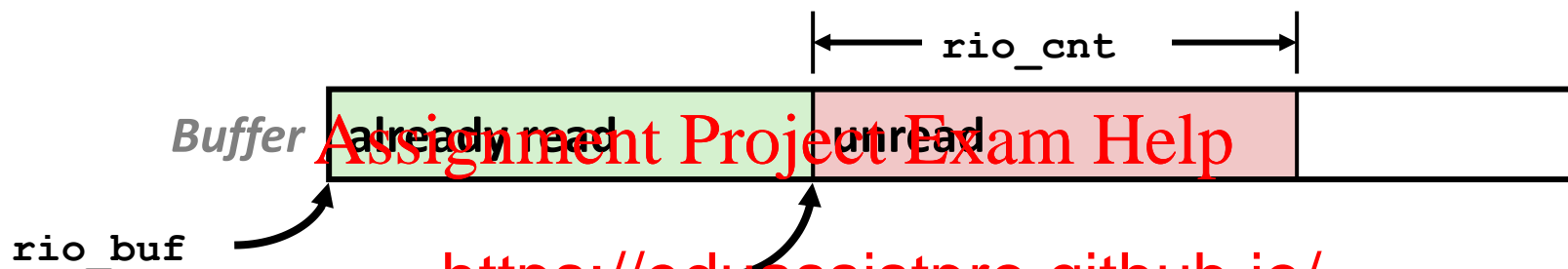


- Layered on Unix file:



Buffered I/O: Declaration

- All information contained in struct



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```
typedef struct {
    int rio_fd;           /* descriptor for this internal buf */
    int rio_cnt;          /* unread bytes in internal buf */
    char *rio_bufptr;     /* next unread byte in internal buf */
    char rio_buf[RIO_BUFSIZE]; /* internal buffer */
} rio_t;
```

Standard I/O Example

■ Copying file to stdout, line-by-line with rio

```

#include "csapp.h"
#define MLINE 1024

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    rio_t rio;
    char buf[MLINE];
    int infd = STDIN_FILENO;
    ssize_t nread = 0;
    if (argc == 2)
        infd = Open(argv[1], O_RDONLY);
    Rio_readinitb(&rio, infd);
    while ((nread = Rio_readlineb(&rio, buf, MLINE)) != 0)
        Rio_writen(STDOUT_FILENO, buf, nread);
    exit(0);
}

```

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 showfile4_stdio.c

■ Demo:

```
linux> strace ./showfile4_rio names.txt
```

Today

- Unix I/O
- Metadata, sharing, and redirection
- Standard I/O
- RIO (robust I/O)
- Closing remarks <https://eduassistpro.github.io/>

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Standard I/O Example

- Copying file to stdout, loading entire file with mmap

```
#include "csapp.h"
```

```
int main(int argc, char **argv)
```

```
{
```

```
    struct stat s
```

```
    if (argc != 2
```

```
        int infd = Op
```

```
        Fstat(infd, &stat);
```

```
        size_t size = stat.st_size;
```

```
        char *bufp = Mmap(NULL, size,  
                           MAP_PRIVATE, infd, 0);
```

```
        Write(1, bufp, size);
```

```
        exit(0);
```

```
}
```

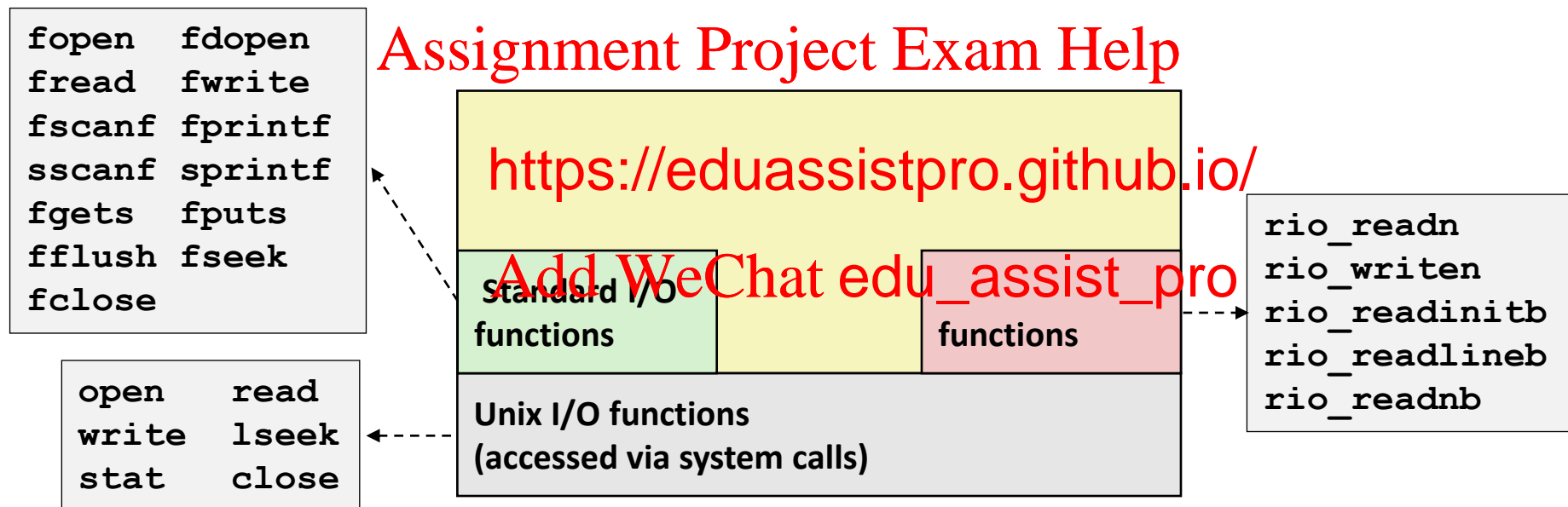
showfile5_mmap.c

- Demo:

```
linux> strace ./showfile5_mmap names.txt
```

Unix I/O vs. Standard I/O vs. RIO

- Standard I/O and RIO are implemented using low-level Unix I/O



- Which ones should you use in your programs?

Pros and Cons of Unix I/O

■ Pros

- Unix I/O is the most general and lowest overhead form of I/O
 - All other I/O packages are implemented using Unix I/O functions
- Unix I/O provides functions for accessing file metadata
- Unix I/O functions can be used safely in signal handlers

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■ Cons

- Dealing with short counts is tricky and error prone
- Efficient reading of text lines requires some form of buffering, also tricky and error prone
- Both of these issues are addressed by the standard I/O and RIO packages

Pros and Cons of Standard I/O

■ Pros:

- Buffering increases efficiency by decreasing the number of **read** and **write** system calls
- Short counts are handled automatically

■ Cons:

- Provides no function
- Standard I/O functions are not async and not appropriate for signal handlers
- Standard I/O is not appropriate for input and output on network sockets
 - There are poorly documented restrictions on streams that interact badly with restrictions on sockets (CS:APP3e, Sec 10.11)

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Choosing I/O Functions

■ General rule: use the highest-level I/O functions you can

- Many C programmers are able to do all of their work using the standard I/O functions
- But, be sure to understand the functions you use

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■ When to use `std` <https://eduassistpro.github.io/>

- When working with disk or terminal

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■ When to use `raw` Unix I/O

- *Inside signal handlers, because Unix I/O is async-signal-safe*
- In rare cases when you need absolute highest performance

■ When to use `RIO`

- *When you are reading and writing network sockets*
- Avoid using standard I/O on sockets

Aside: Working with Binary Files

■ Binary File

- Sequence of arbitrary bytes
- Including byte value 0x00

■ Functions you should use

▪ Text-oriented I/O

- Interpret EOL characters
- Use functions like `rio_readn` or `rio_readnb` instead

▪ String functions

- `strlen`, `strcpy`, `strcat`
- Interprets byte value 0 (end of string) as special

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`readlineb`

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Fun with File Descriptors (3)

```
#include "csapp.h"
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int fd1, fd2, fd3;
    char *fname = argv[1];
    fd1 = Open(fname, O_CREAT | O_TRUNC | O_RDWR, S_IRUSR | S_IWUSR);
    Write(fd1, "pqrs", 4);
    fd3 = Open(fname, O_CREAT | O_TRUNC | O_RDWR, S_IRUSR | S_IWUSR);
    Write(fd3, "jkl", 4);
    fd2 = dup(fd1); /* Allocates d
    Write(fd2, "wxyz", 4);
    Write(fd3, "ef", 2);
    return 0;
}
```

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ffiles3.c

- What would be the contents of the resulting file?

Accessing Directories

- Only recommended operation on a directory: read its entries
 - **dirent** structure contains information about a directory entry
 - DIR structure contains information about directory while stepping through its entries

```
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <dirent
{
    DIR *directory;
    struct dirent *de;
    ...
    if (!(directory = opendir(dir_name)))
        error("Failed to open directory");
    ...
    while (0 != (de = readdir(directory))) {
        printf("Found file: %s\n", de->d_name);
    }
    ...
    closedir(directory);
}
```

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Example of Accessing File Metadata

```
int main (int argc, char **argv)
```

```
{
```

```
    struct stat stat;
```

```
    char *type, *readok;
```

```
    Stat(argv[1], &stat);
```

```
    if (S_ISREG(stat.s
```

```
        type = "regular
```

```
    else if (S_ISDIR(s
```

```
        type = "directory";
```

```
    else
```

```
        type = "other";
```

```
    if ((stat.st_mode & S_IRUSR)) /* Check read access */
```

```
        readok = "yes";
```

```
    else
```

```
        readok = "no";
```

```
    printf("type: %s, read: %s\n", type, readok);
```

```
    exit(0);
```

```
}
```

statcheck.c

```
linux> ./statcheck statcheck.c
```

```
type: regular, read: yes
```

```
linux> chmod 000 statcheck.c
```

```
linux> ./statcheck statcheck.c
```

```
type: regular, read: no
```

```
linux> ./statcheck ..
```

```
type: directory, read: yes
```

file type */

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For Further Information

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 - Updated from Stevens's 1993 classic text

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■ The Linux bible: <https://eduassistpro.github.io/>

- Michael Kerrisk, *The Linux Program*, No Starch Press, 2010
 - Encyclopedic and authoritative

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