

4 - Linux File Systems



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- **Virtual File System Layer**
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- **Mount operations**

Agenda

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 - **Log-structured - NAND**
 - **Pseudo**
 - **Network**
 - **Cluster**
 - **Distributed**



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File System Architecture



There is NO silver bullet!



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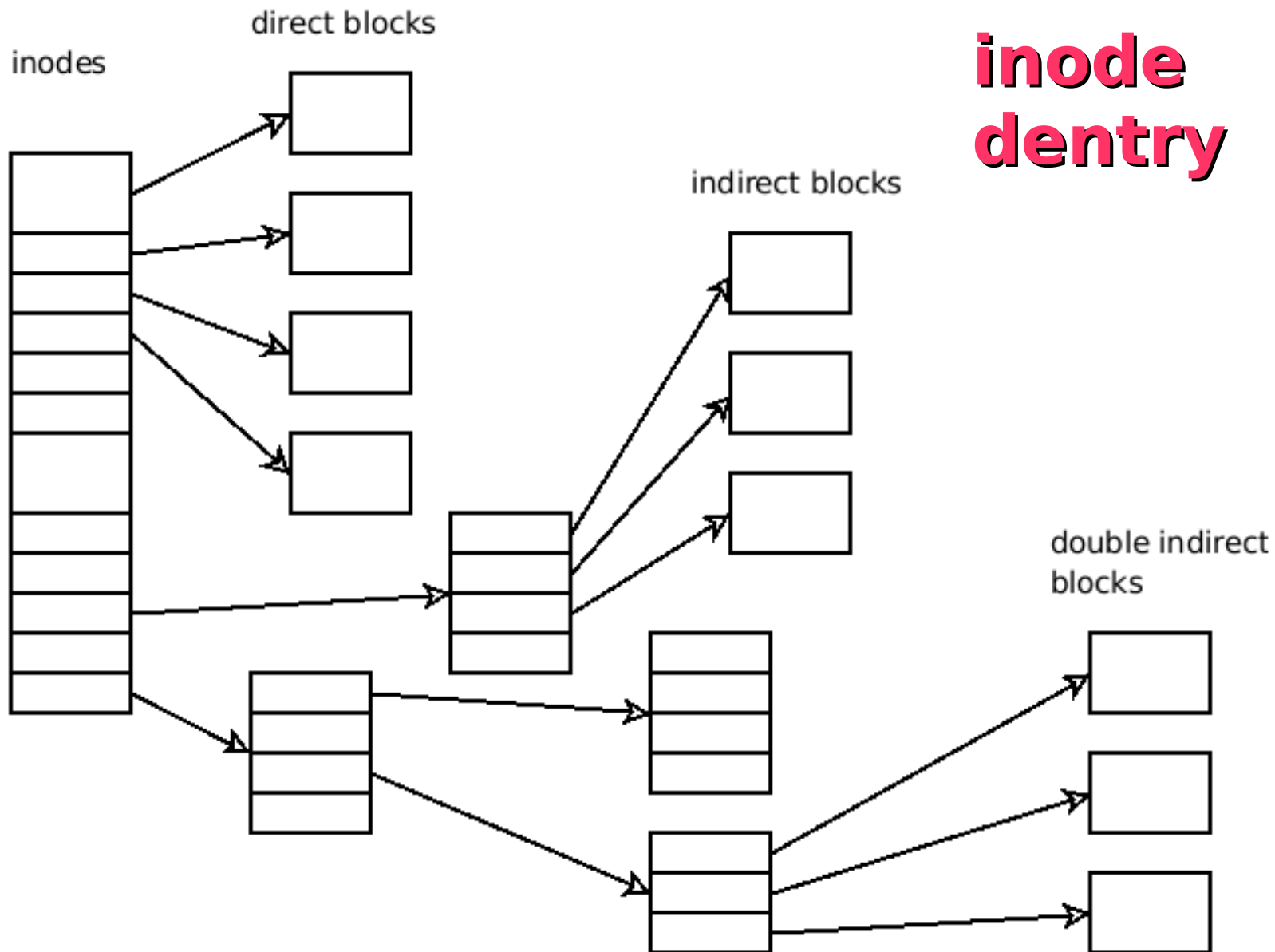
File System Architecture



There is NO DIRECTORY!



File System Architecture



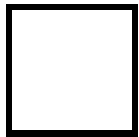
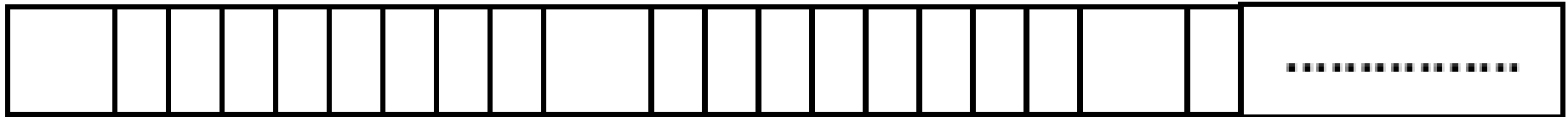


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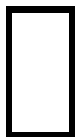
File System Architecture

Super Blocks

inodes



super block



data block

File System Architecture

File mode

Link count

Owner's id

Group id

File size

Last access time

Last mod time

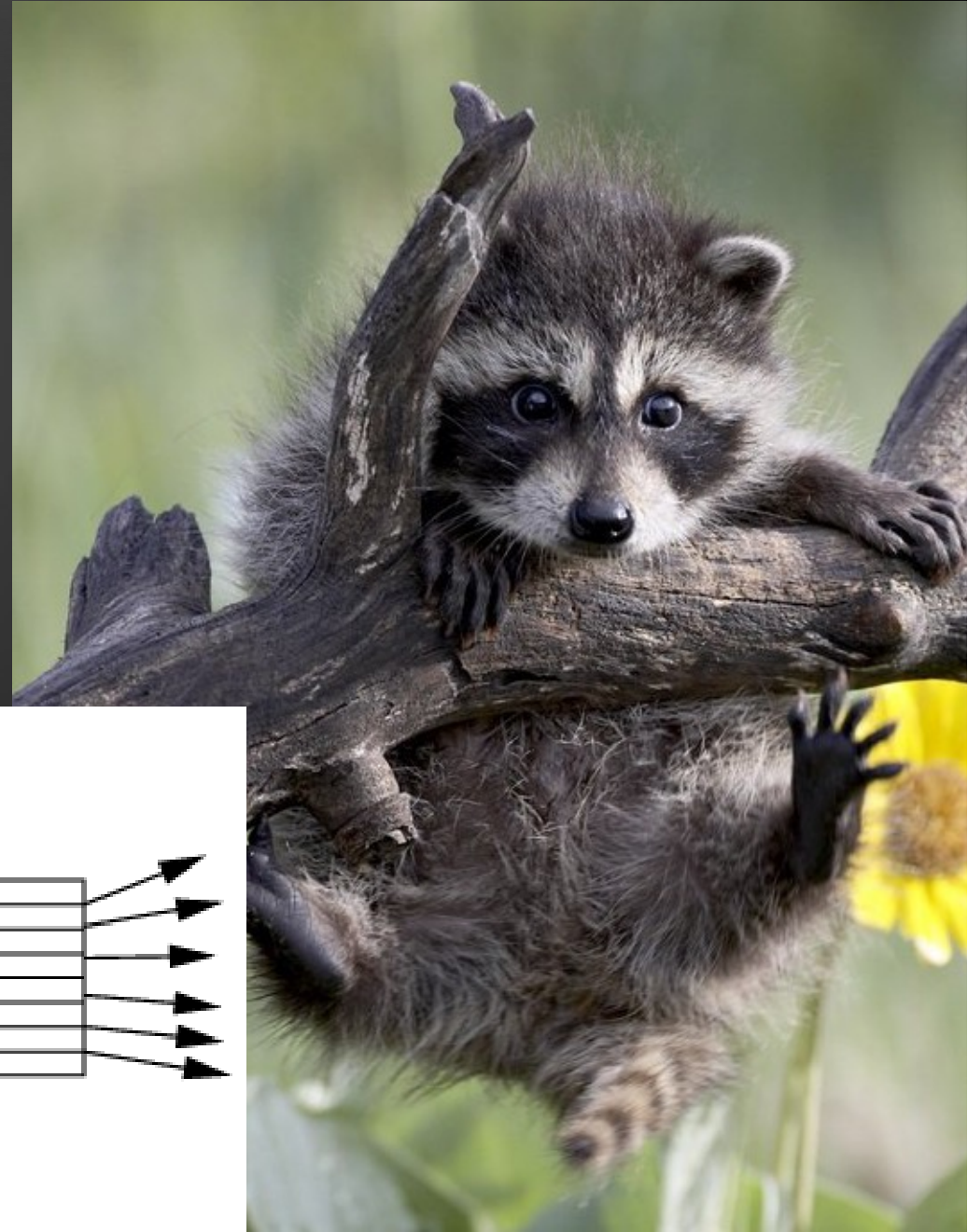
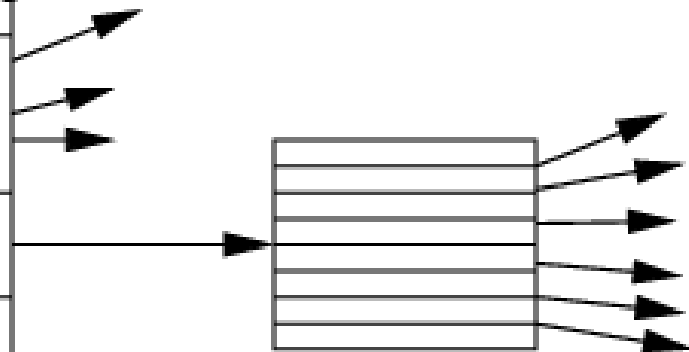
Last inode access time

Addresses of
first 10 blocks

Single indirect ptr

Double indirect ptr

Triple indirect ptr

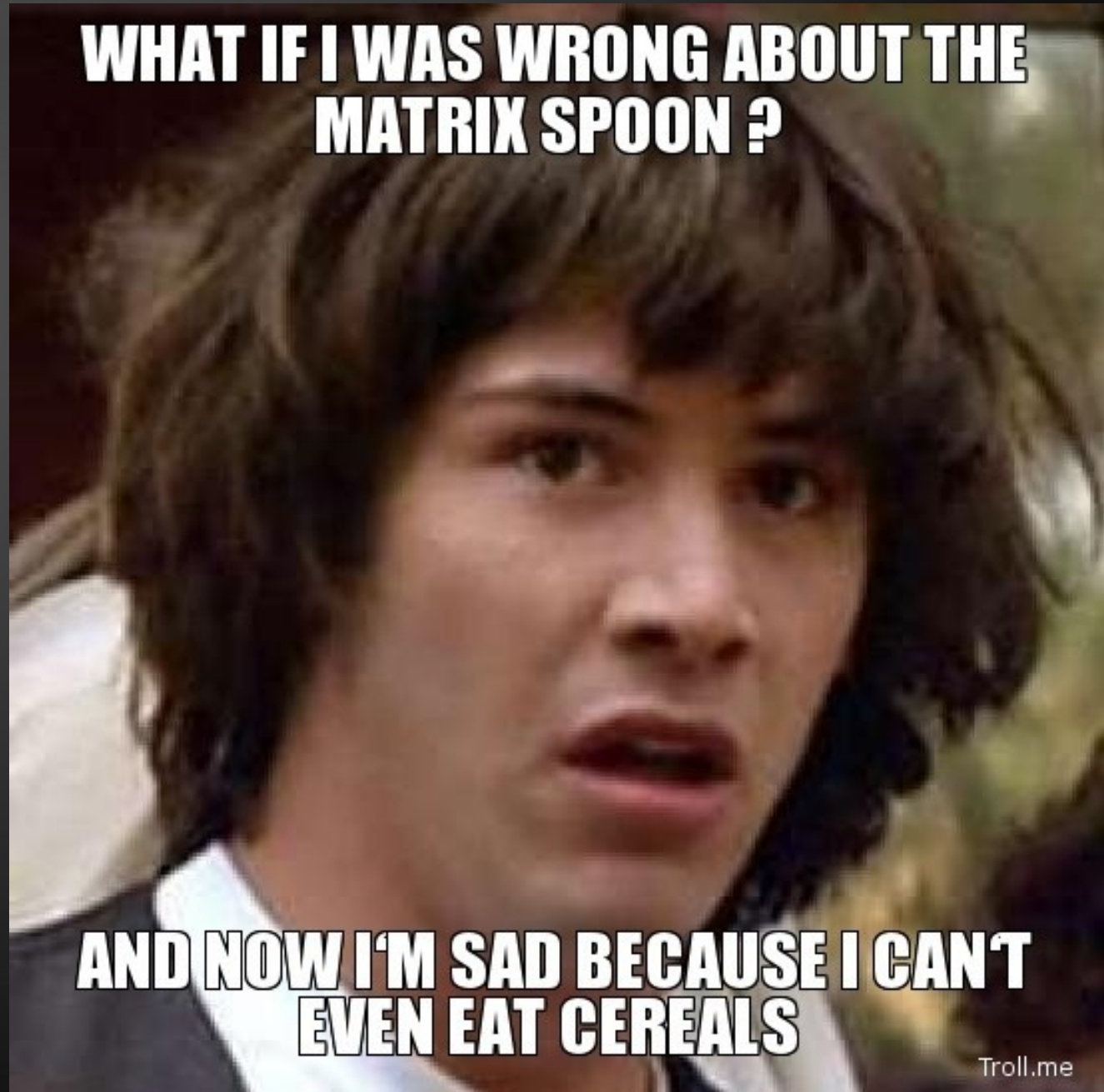




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File System Architecture

Soft/symlinks
Hardlinks



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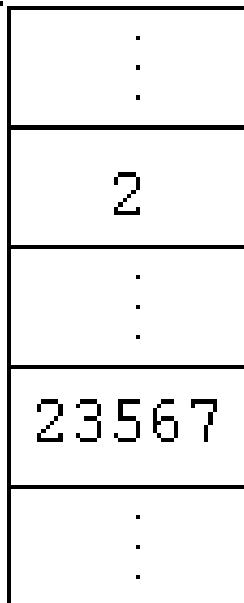
directory entry in /dirA

| inode | name |
|-------|-------|
| 12345 | name1 |

directory entry in /dirB

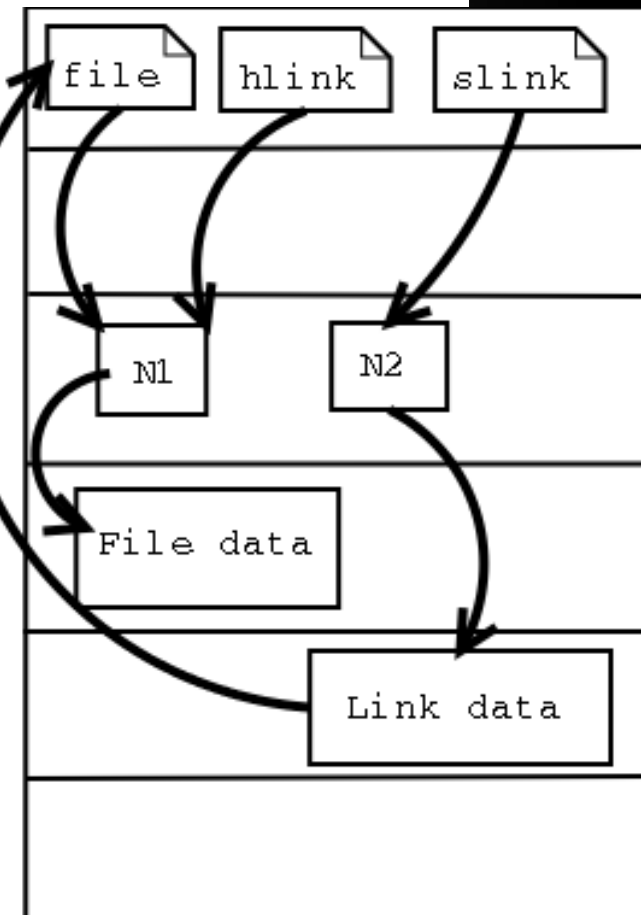
| inode | name |
|-------|-------|
| 12345 | name2 |

inode 12345



block 23567

"This is the text in the file."

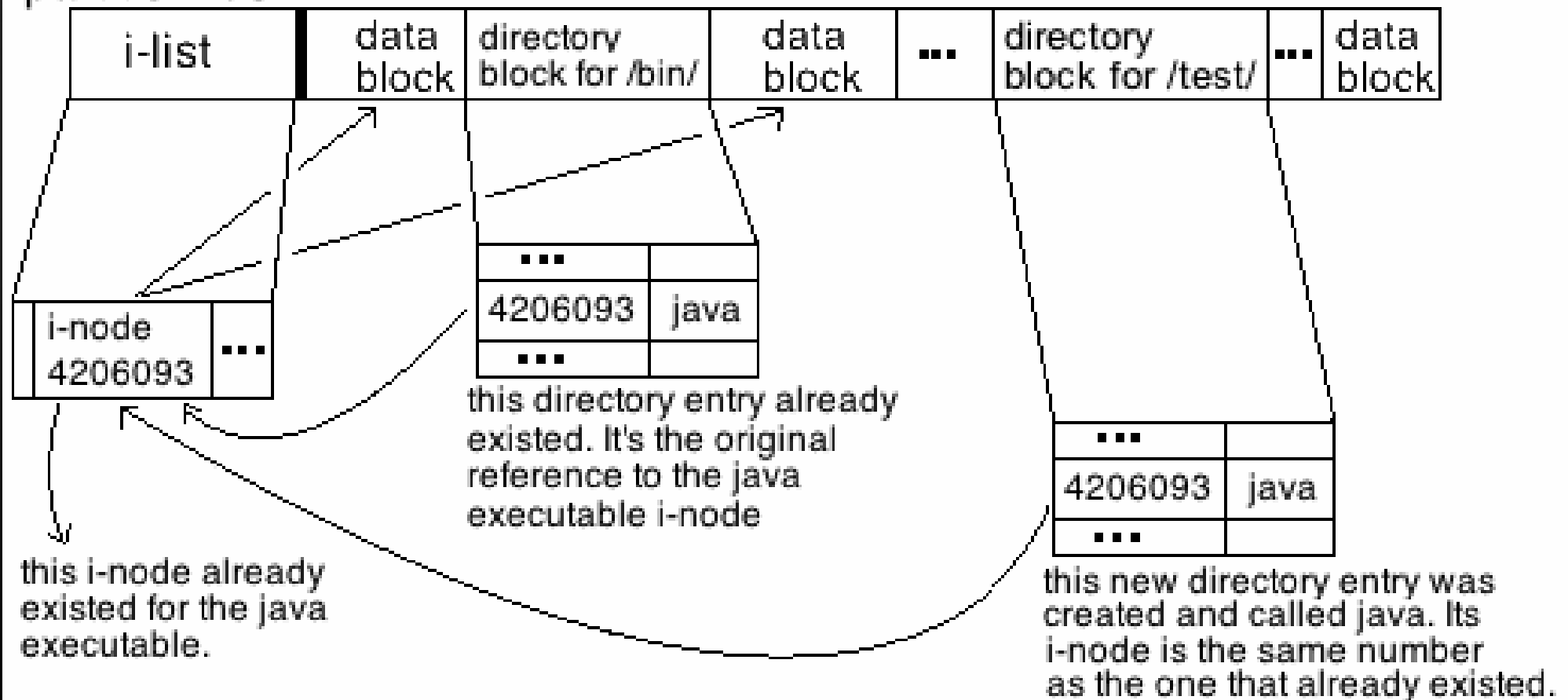


Hard disk

File System Architecture

what happens when we issue `In /usr/bin/java /usr/test/java`

partition /usr



In source destination

In -s source destination



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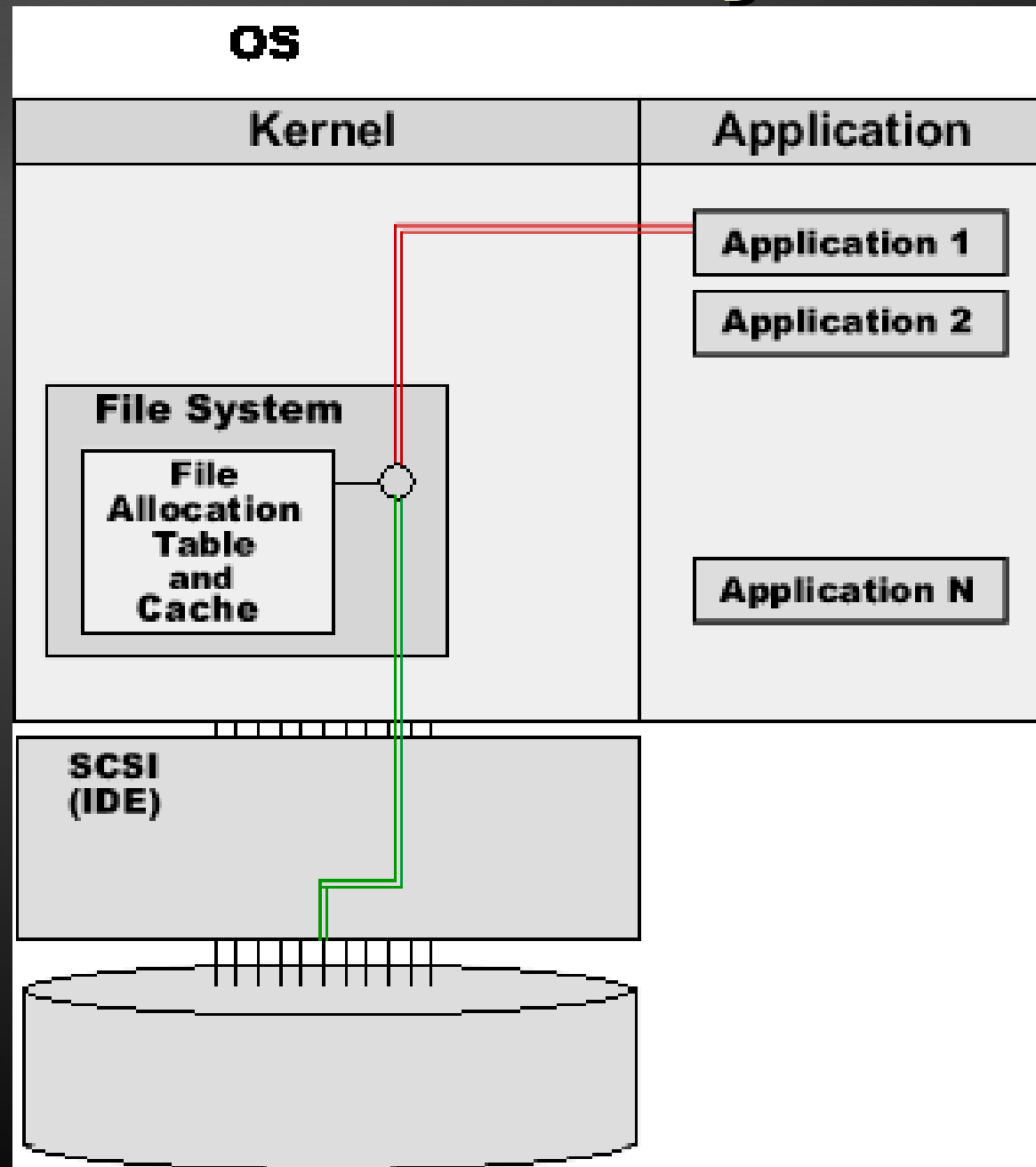
File System Architecture

**YOU'VE JUST
BEEN ERASED**

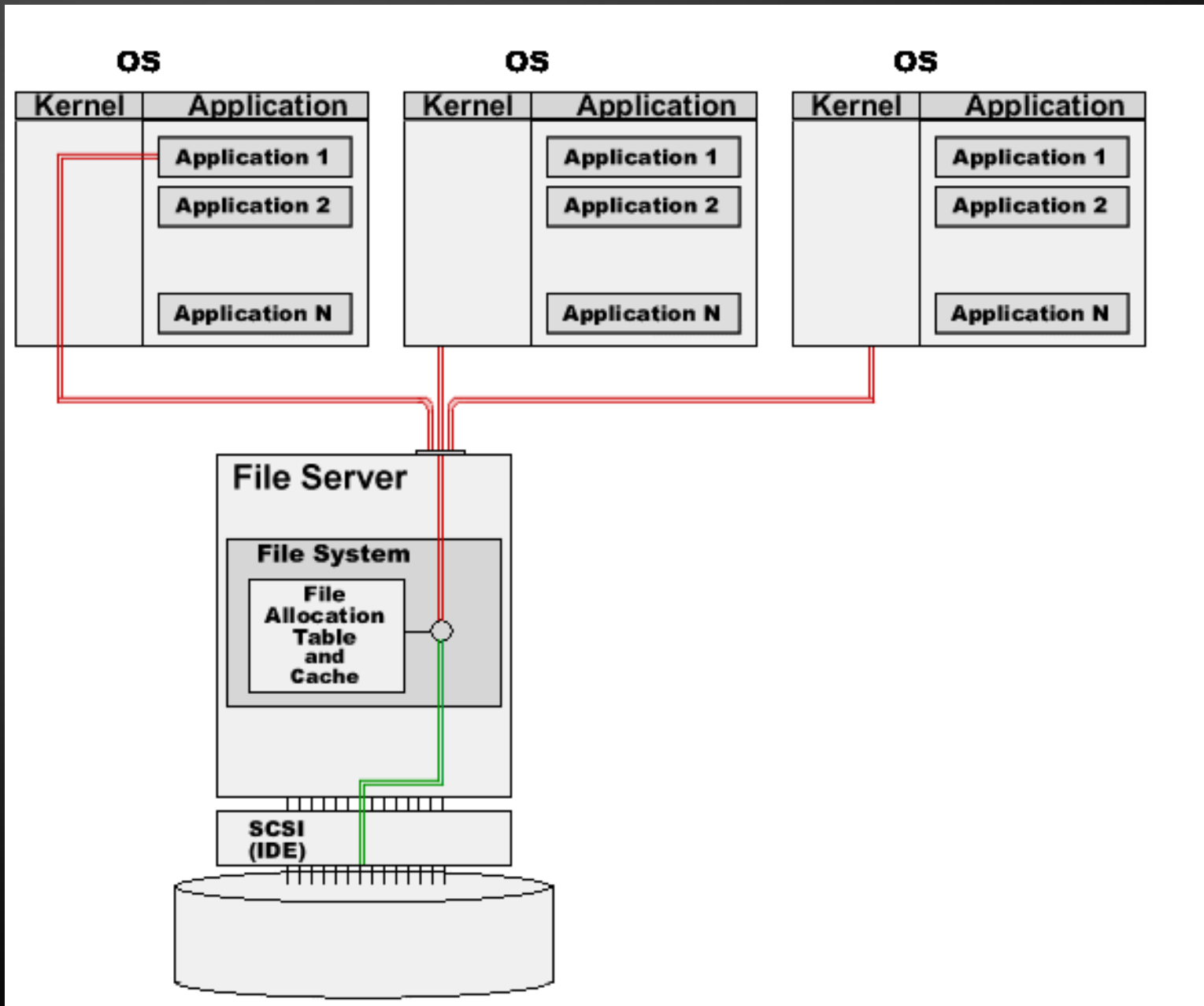
HOW TO ERASE HARD DRIVES WITH LINUX ARNIE STYLE

DATA is never erased... it gets OVERWRITTEN!

Local File System

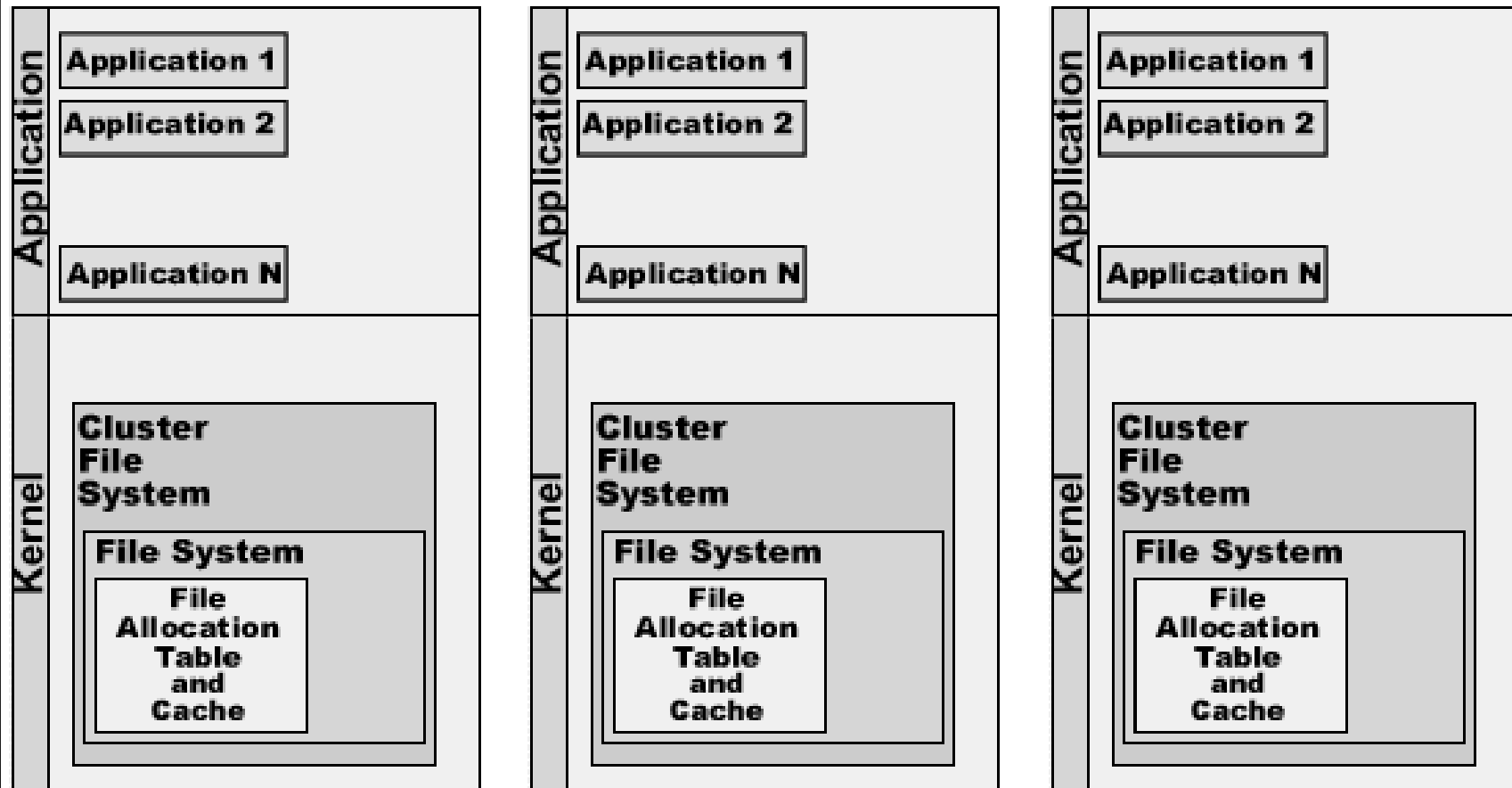


Network File System





Cluster File System



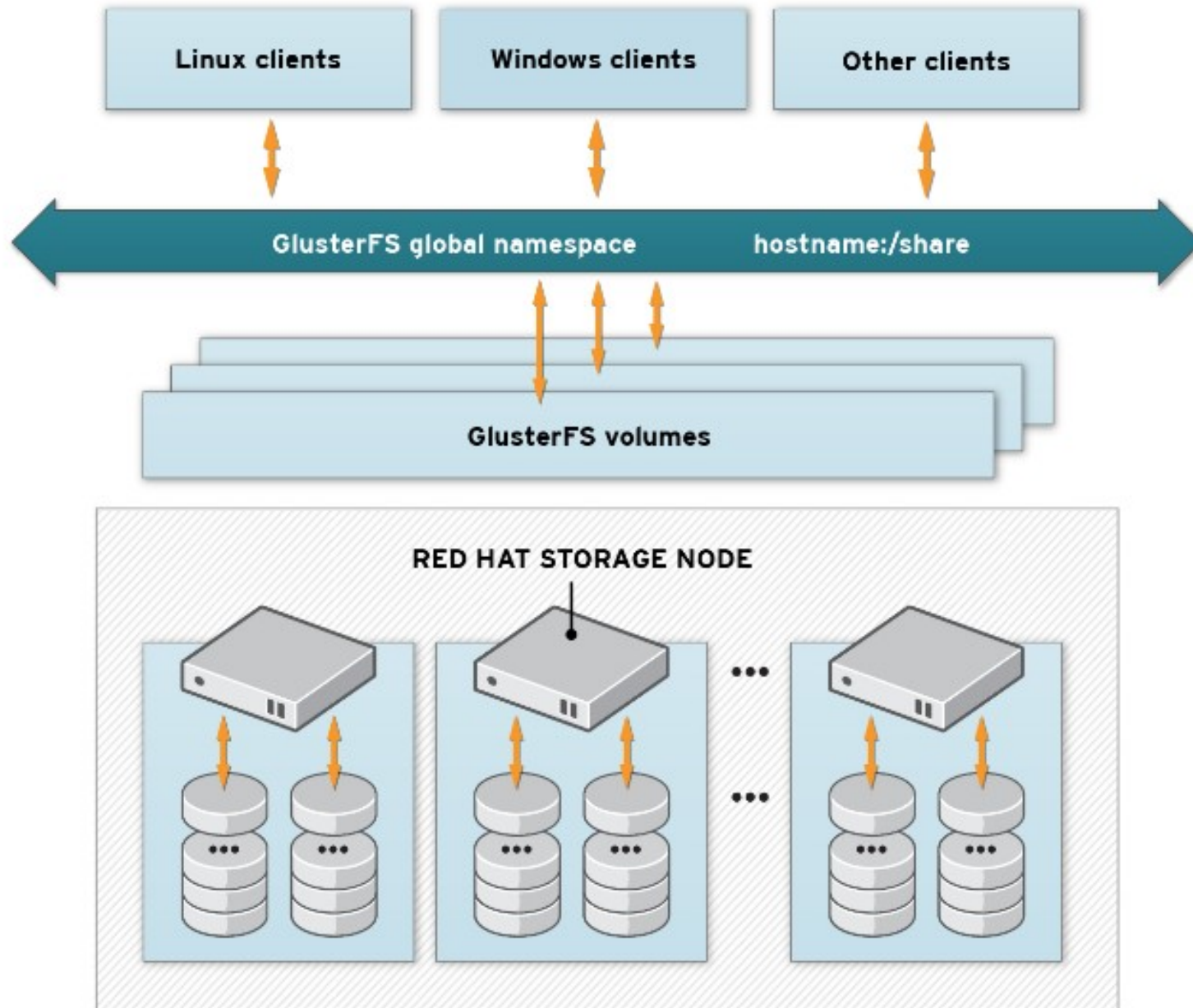
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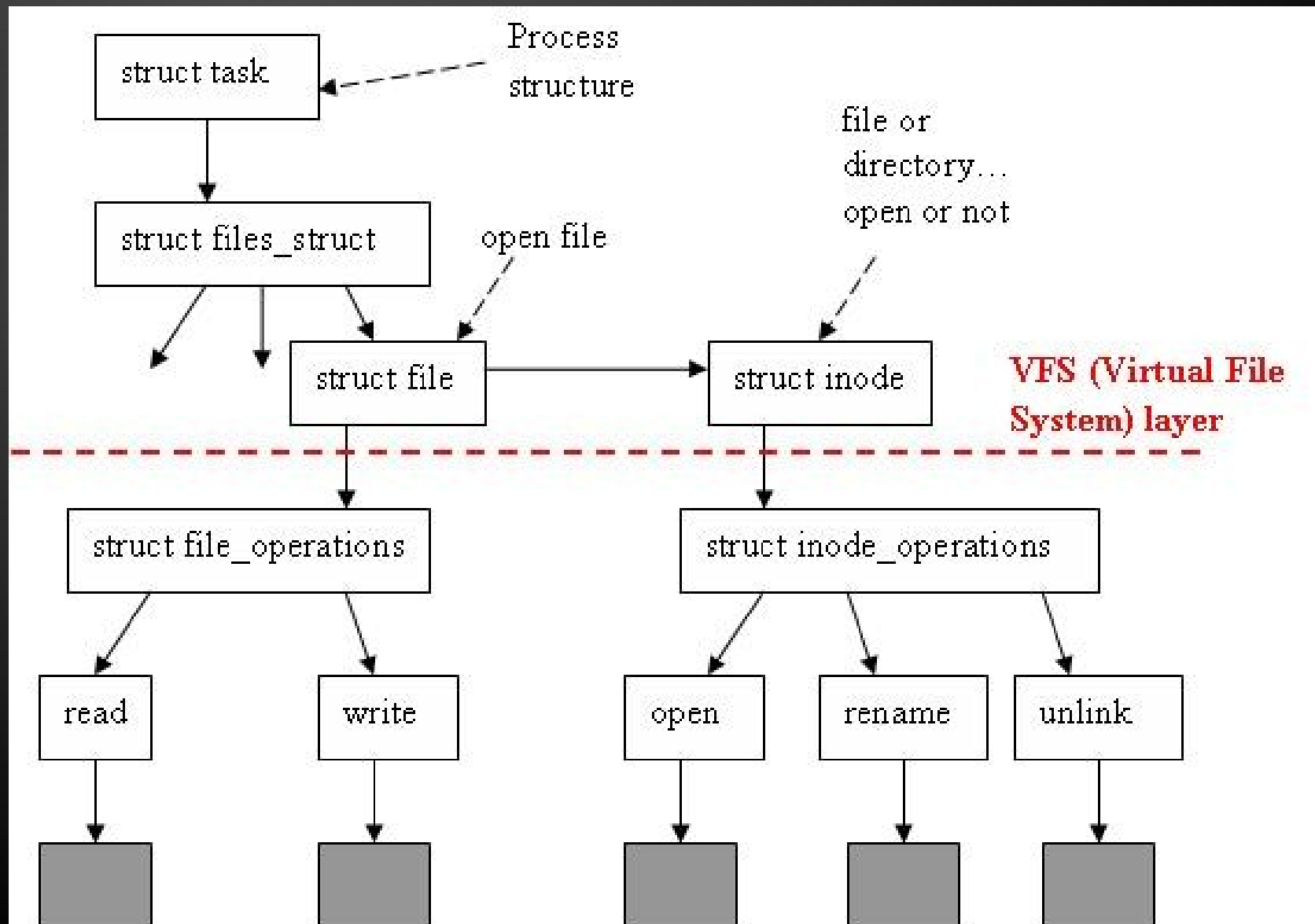
“One DLM to rule them all, one DLM to mind them, one DLM to sync them all, and in the cluster, bind them”



Distributed File System



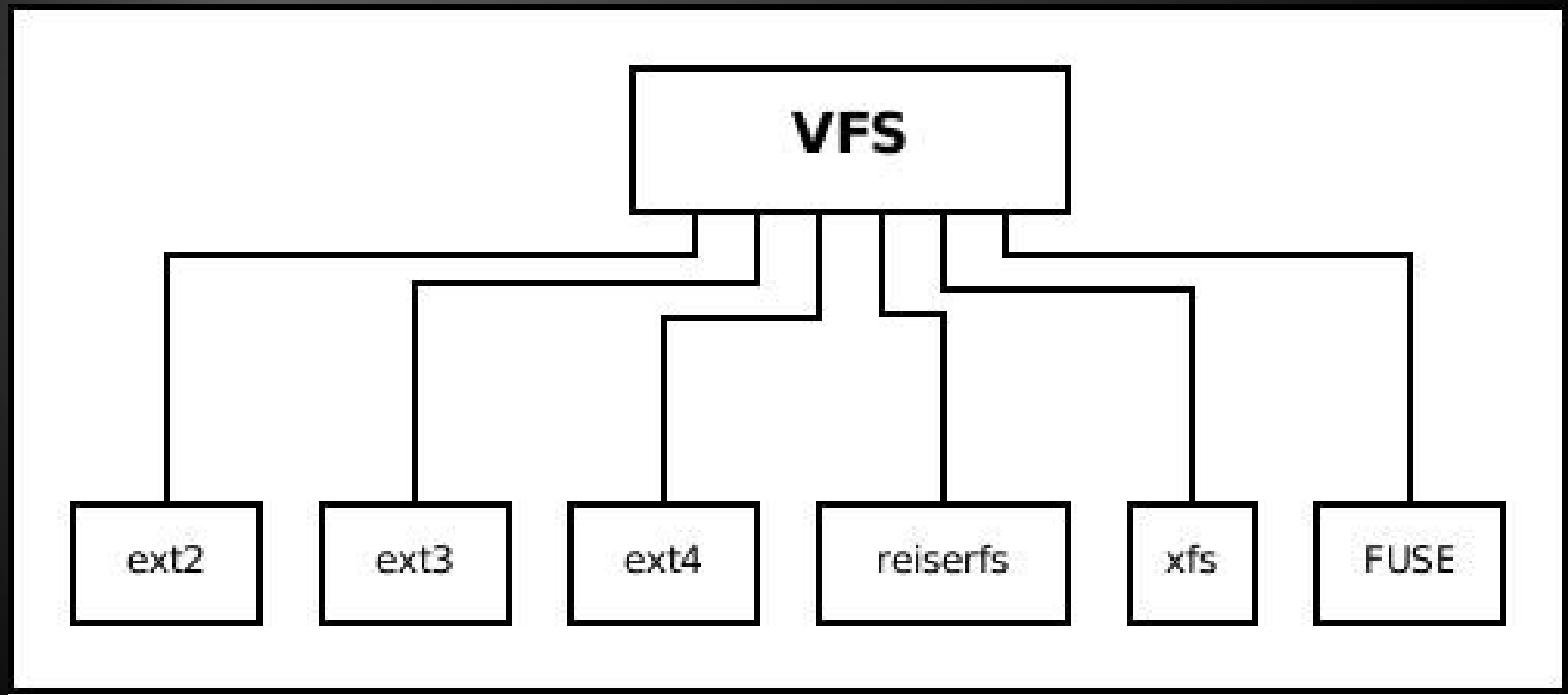
Virtual File System Layer





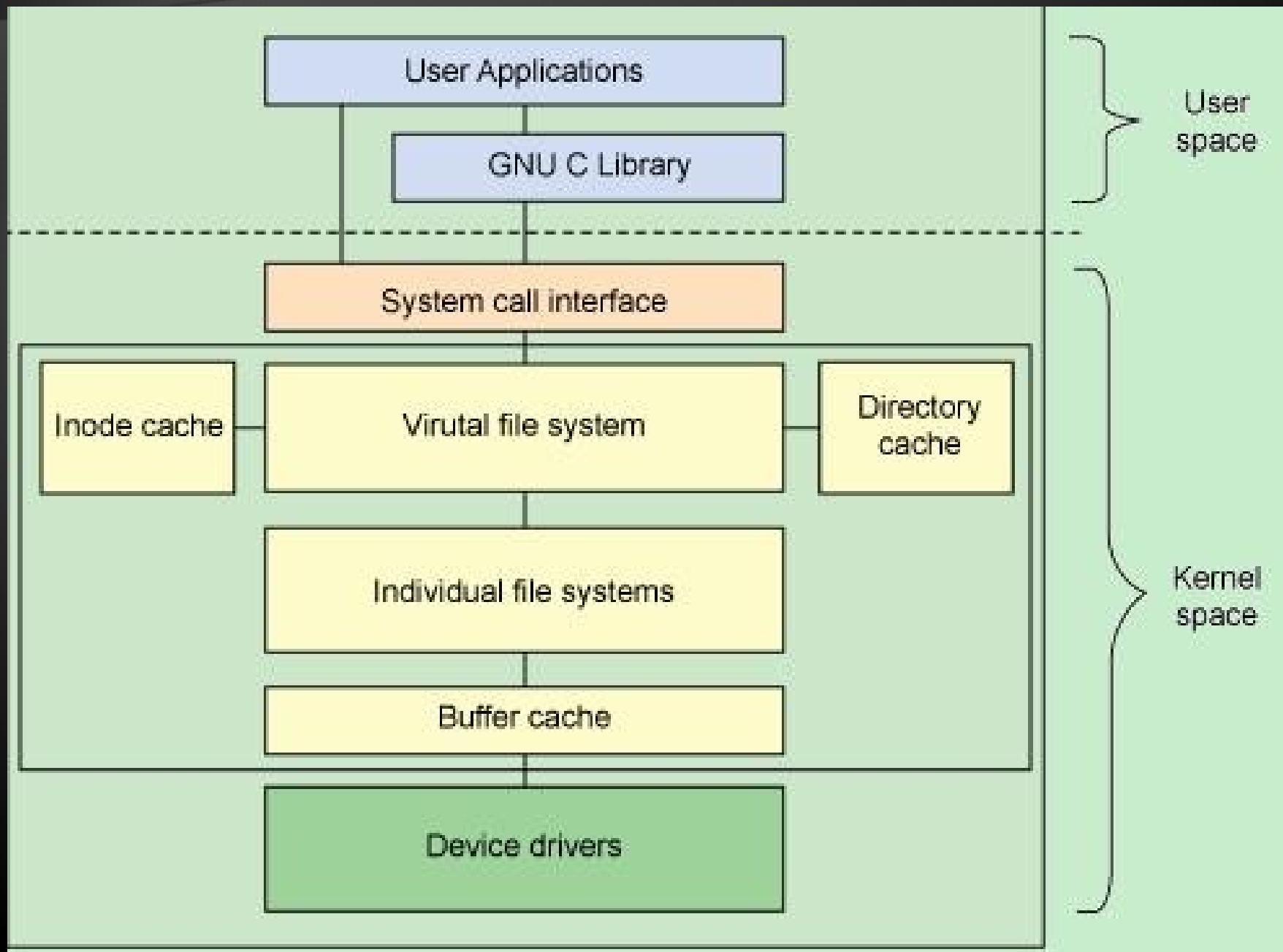
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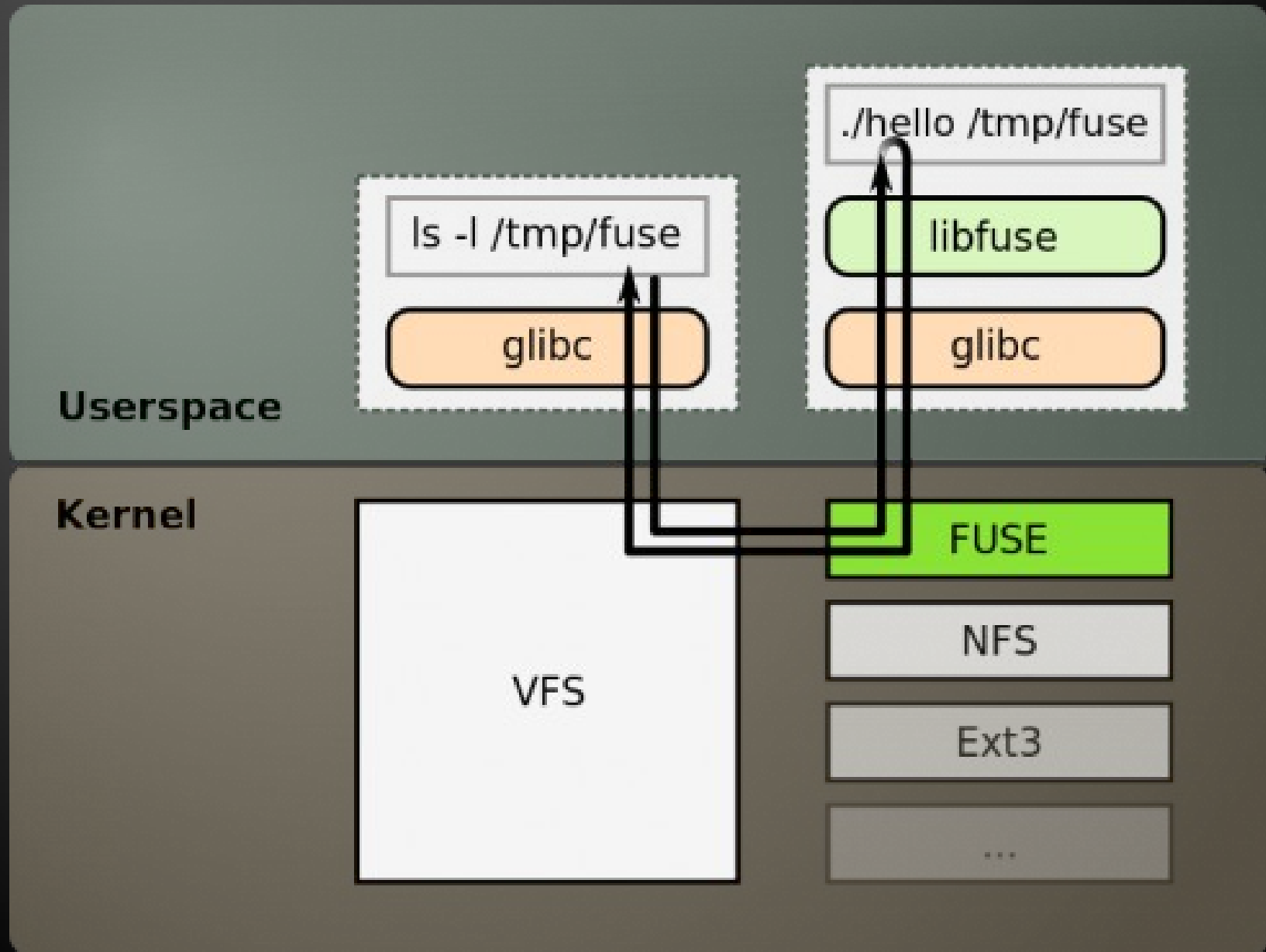


Introduced April 1992

VFS Caches



FUSE



Mounting

- **Attaching a device into the directory tree**
- **Mount point - a destination directory where a device is mounted**
- **Creates an entry in the kernel for each mounted device/dir**
- **/proc/mounts
/etc/fstab, /etc/mtab**

Mounting - CMD

➤ **cat /proc/partitions**

➤ **cat /proc/mounts**

➤ **mount**

➤ **umount**

➤ **/etc/fstab**

```
/dev/sdb2    /          ext4    defaults,noatime,nodiratime    0 0
/dev/sdb1    /boot      ext2    defaults,noatime,nodiratime    0 0
proc         /proc      proc    defaults                        0 0
tmpfs        /dev/shm   tmpfs   defaults                        0 0
/home/hackman /fedora/home/hackman none    rw,bind,auto    0 0
//10.2.0.11/share /storage/beast cifs
user=hackman,password=p1r@tk3,uid=1000,gid=1000,noauto 0 0
```


Ext/2/3/4

- **First Linux FS - MinixFS**
- **And there we go....**
 - **Ext - April 1992, Linux 0.96c**
 - **Ext2 - January 1993**
 - **Ext3 - November 2001**
 - **Ext4 - October 2006**

MinixFS

- **Max. partition size - 64MB**
- **Max. file name size - 14 chars**
- **Ownership - uid, gid**
- **Permissions - user, group, others**

Ext

- **Max. partition size - 2GB**
- **Max. file name size - 255 chars**
- **No support for time stamps**
 - **Access**
 - **Inode modification**
 - **Data modification**

Ext2

- **Max. partition size - 32TB**
- **Max. file name size - 255 chars**
- **Max. file size - 2TB**
- **Max. Number of files - 10^{18}**
- **FS Perms**
- **Time stamps**

Ext3

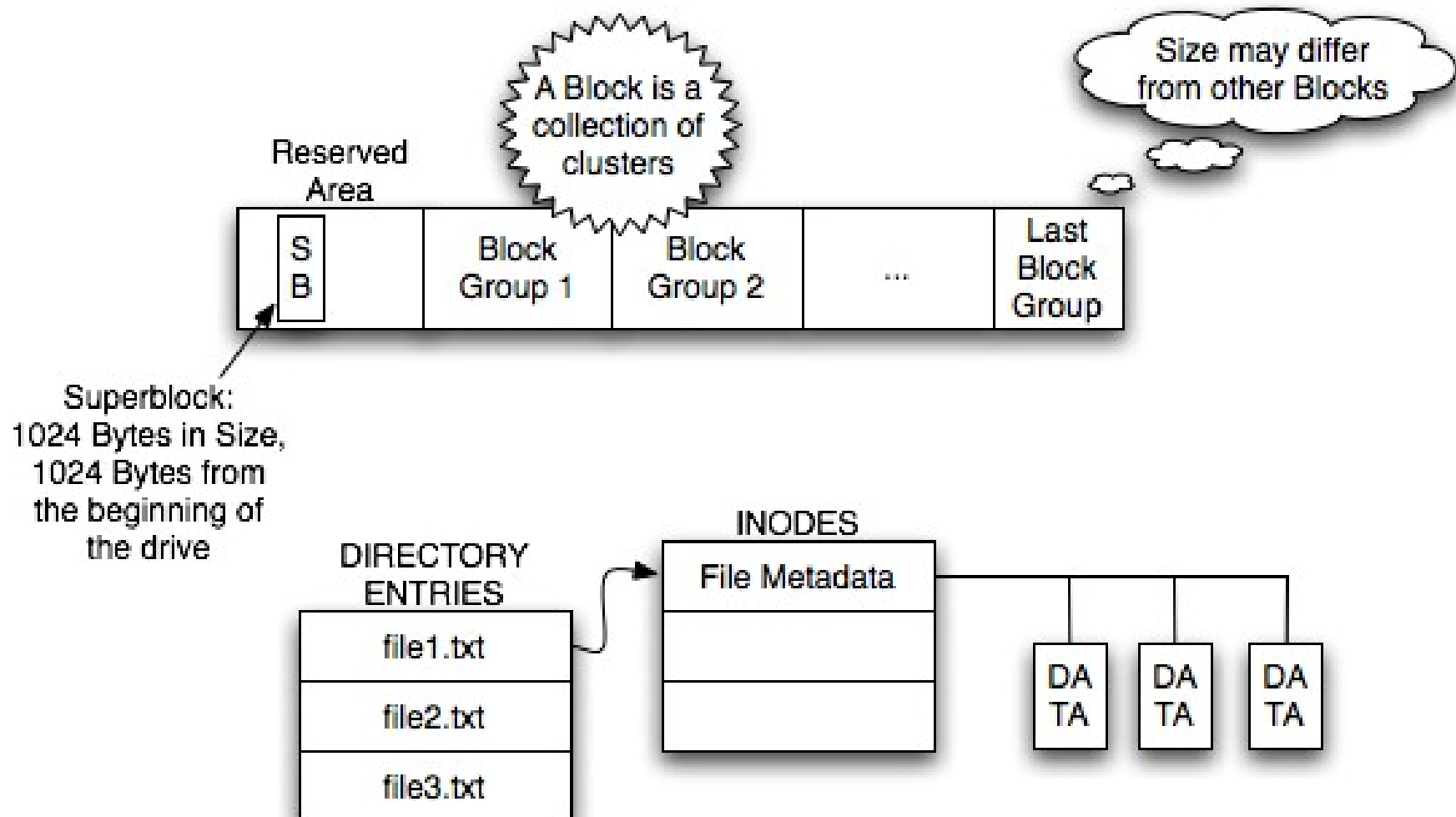
- **Max. partition size - 32TB**
- **Max. file name size - 255 chars**
- **Max. file size - 2TB**
- **Max. Number of files - 10^{18}**
- **Sub directory limit - 32,000**
- **Time stamps**
- **Has Jurnal**

Ext4

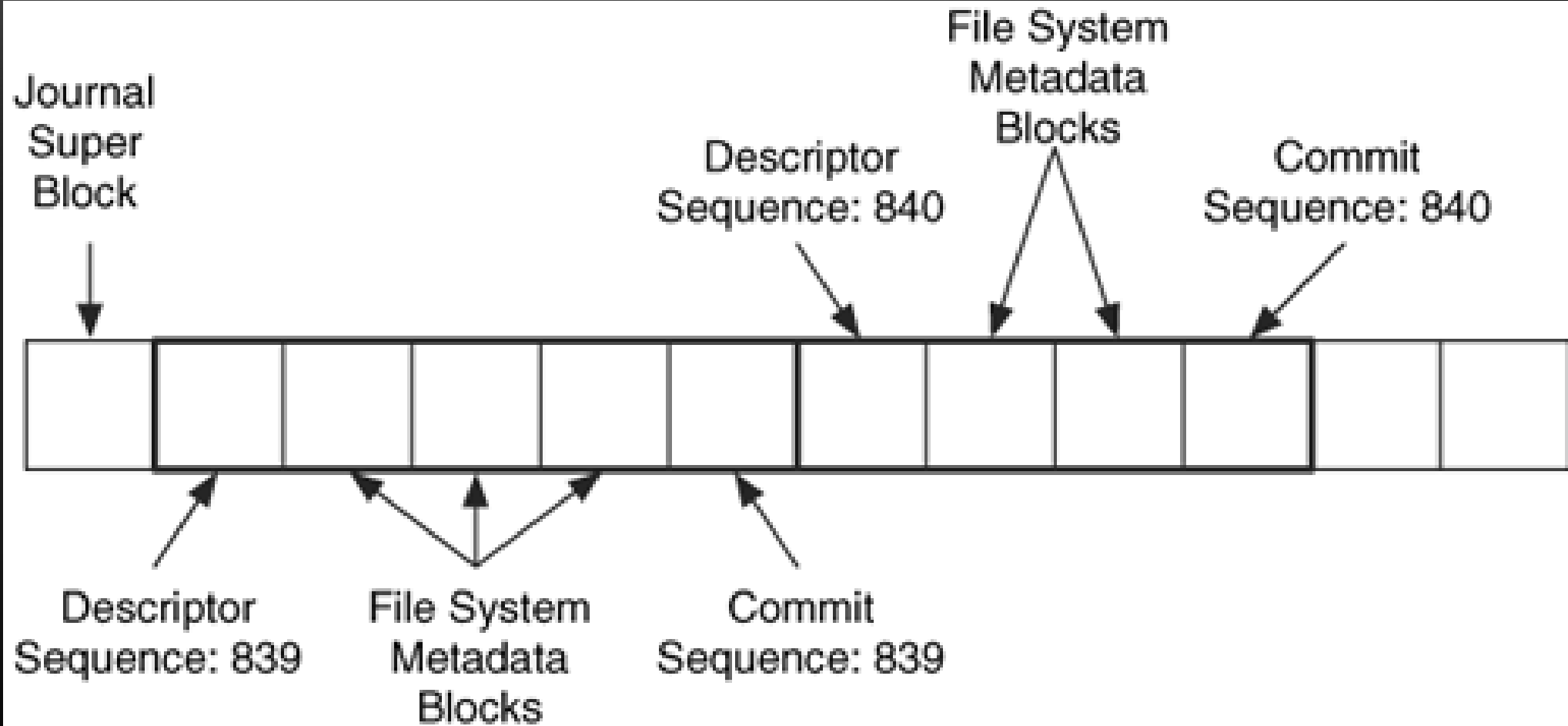
- **Max. partition size - 1EB**
- **Max. file name size - 255 chars**
- **Max. file size - 2TB**
- **Max. Number of files - 10^{18}**
- **Sub directory limit - 64,000**
- **File space pre-allocation**
- **File space delayed allocation**

Ext/2/3

EXT2/3 FILE SYSTEM

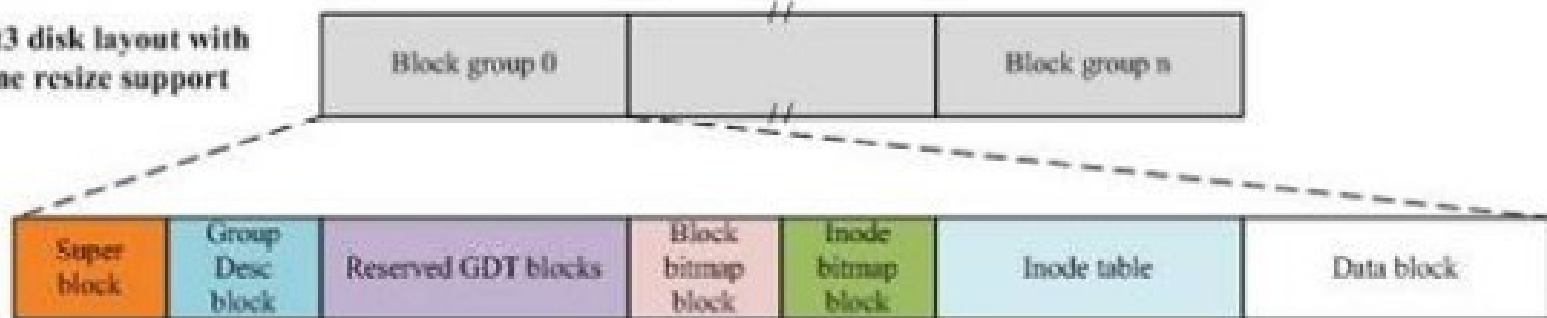


Ext3

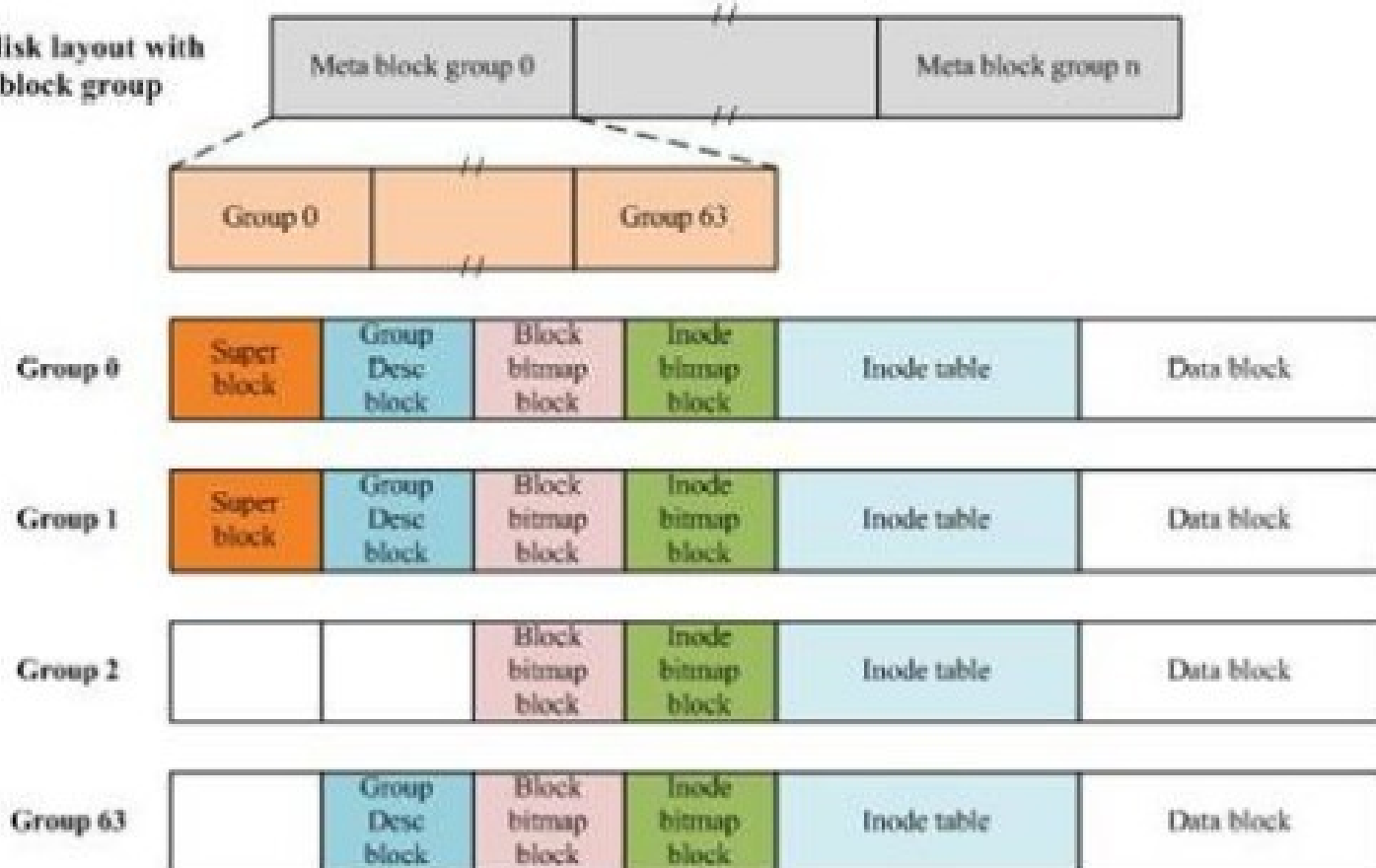


Ext4

A) ext3 disk layout with online resize support



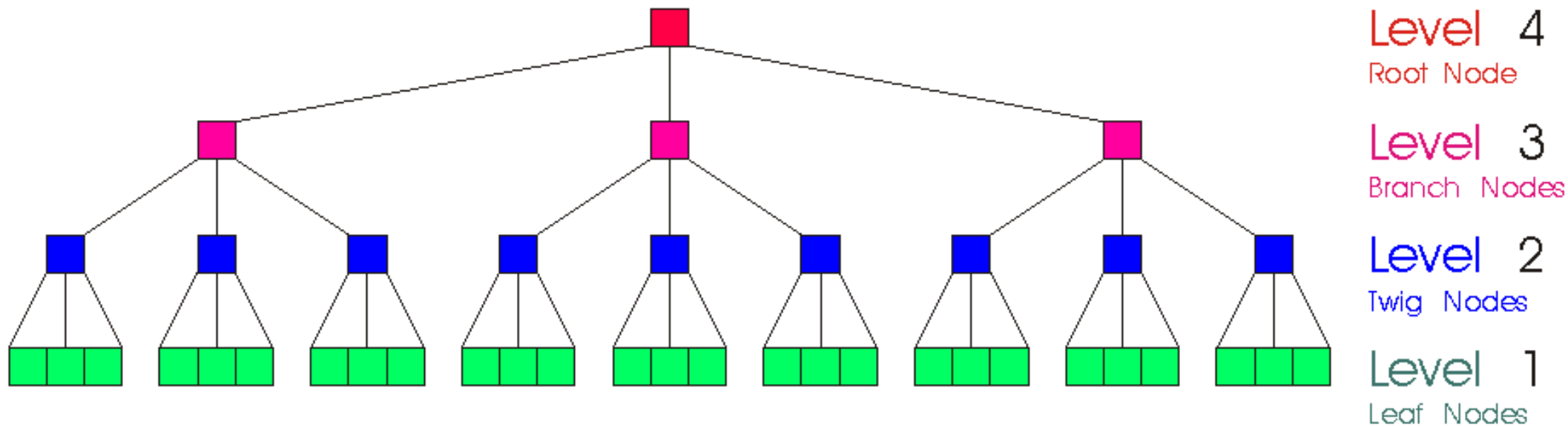
B) ext4 disk layout with meta block group



ReiserFS

- **Introduced 2001**
- **Metadata-only journaling**
- **Online resizing (growth only)**
- **Tail packing, a scheme to reduce internal fragmentation.**
- **Max. file size - 1EB**
- **Max. number of files - 2^{32}**

ReiserFS



ReiserFS

P 25 Data P 50 Data P 75 Data P

B-tree

5, 10, 25, ... - keys
P - pointers to blocks

5 Data 10 Data

30 Data 40 Data

55 Data 70 Data

80 Data 99 Data

P 25 P 50 P 75 P

B+tree

5, 10, 25, ... - keys
P - pointers to blocks

5 Data 10 Data

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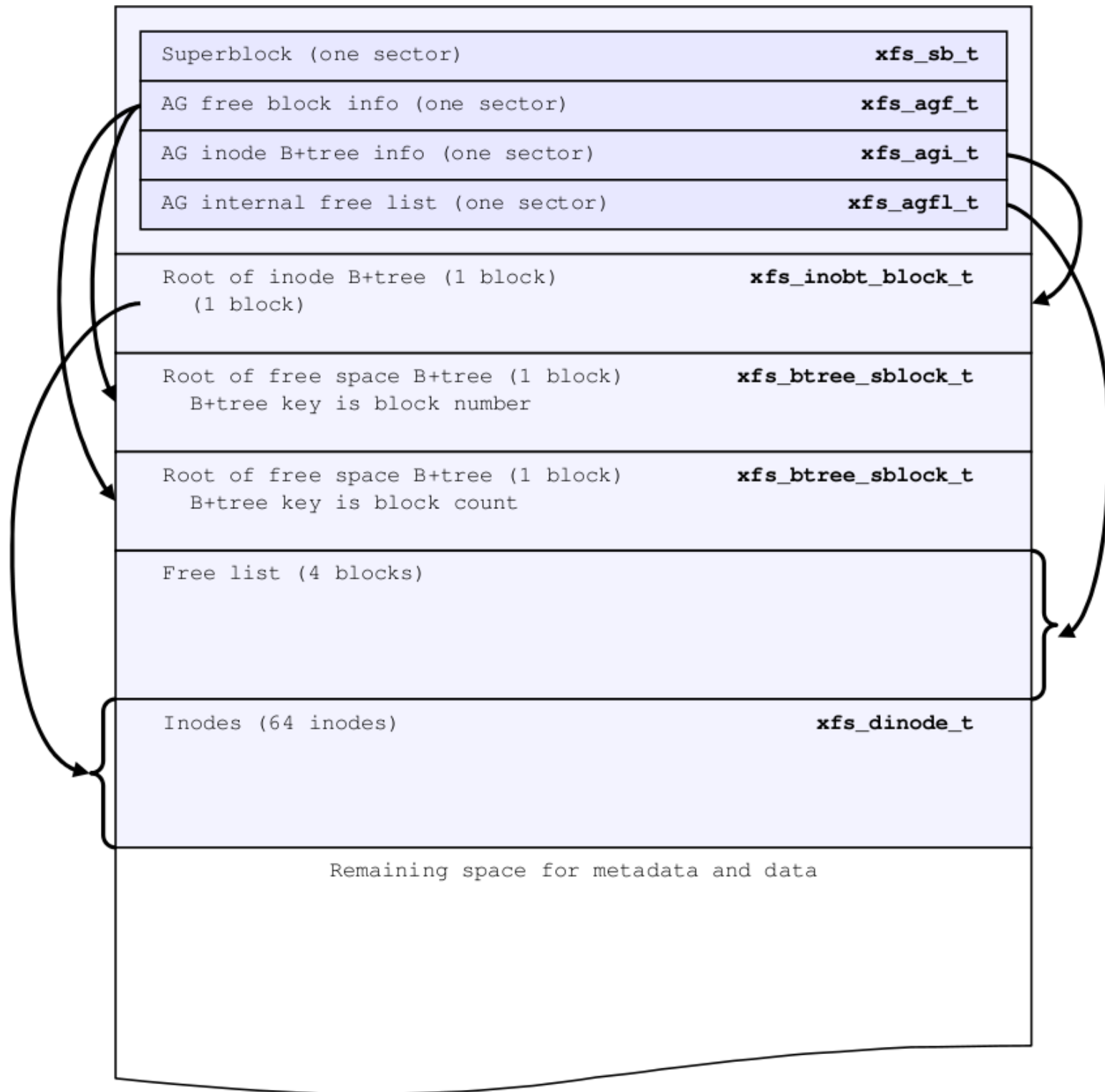
75 Data 80 Data 99 Data

XFS

- **Introduced 2001**
- **Max file size 8 EB**
- **Max volume size 16 EB**
- **Online resize(growth only)**
- **Online defragmentation**

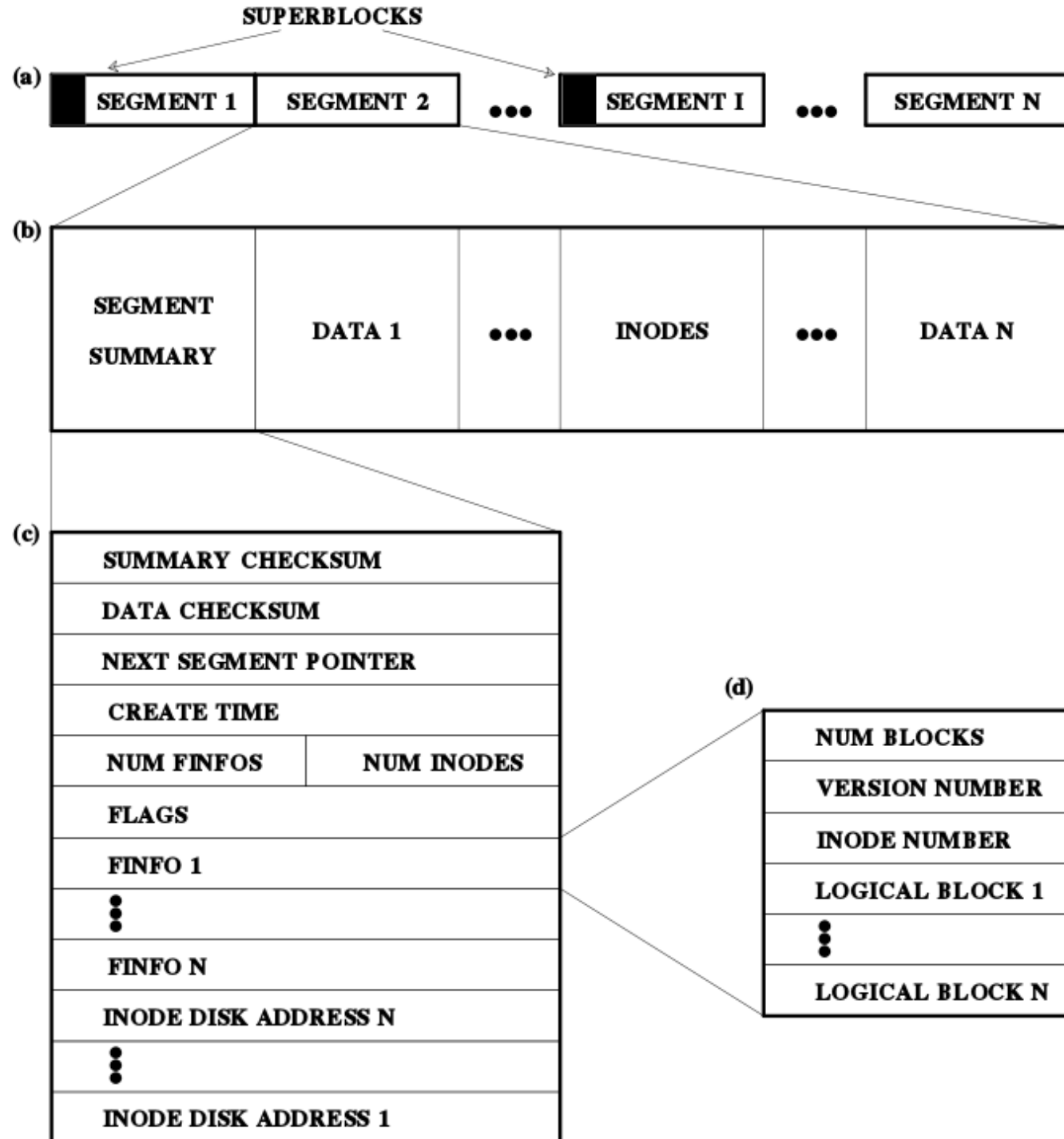
**Equally sized
chunks**

**Allocation
groups - AG**



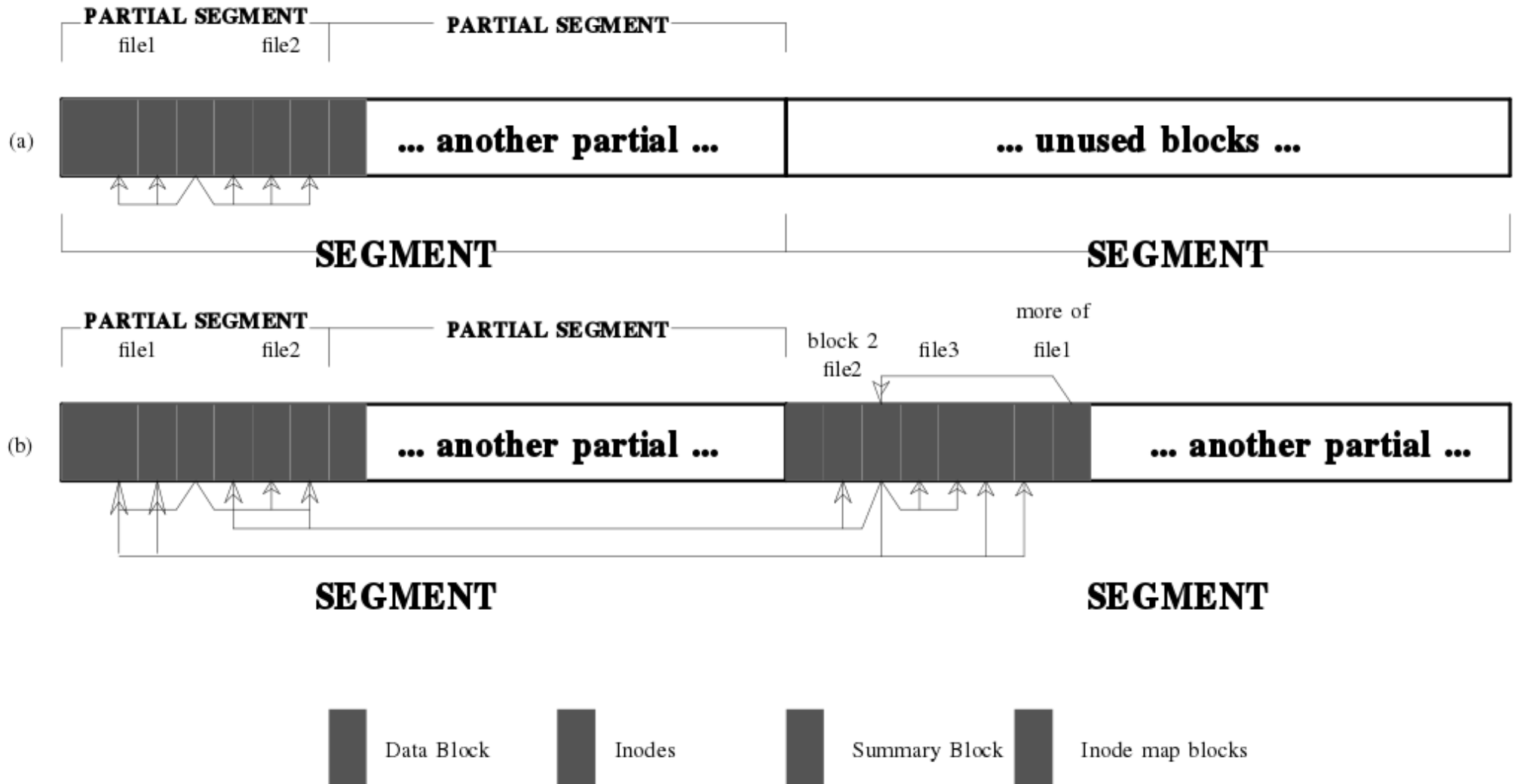


Log-structured File Systems Architecture





Log-structured File Systems Architecture





Log-structured NAND File Systems

| | System requirement | JFFS2 | YAFFS2 | LogFS | UBIFS |
|---|------------------------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | Boot time | Poor | Good | Excellent | Good |
| 2 | I/O performance | Good | Good | Fair | Excellent |
| 3 | Resource usage | Fair | Excellent | Good | Fair |
| 4 | NAND device life expectancy | Good | Fair | N/A | Excellent |
| 5 | Tolerance for unexpected power-off | Good | Good | Poor | Good |
| 6 | Integrated in mainline | Yes | No | Yes | Yes |

NILFS2
F2FS

Pseudo File Systems

- **procfs**
- **sysfs**
- **debugfs**
- **configfs**
- **tmpfs**
- **others**

Pseudo File Systems

- **debugfs** is designed to provide Kernel Devs with simple way to push data into User space
- **configfs** is for creating, managing and destroying kernel objects from user-space
- **sysfs** is for viewing and manipulating objects from user-space which are created and destroyed by kernel space

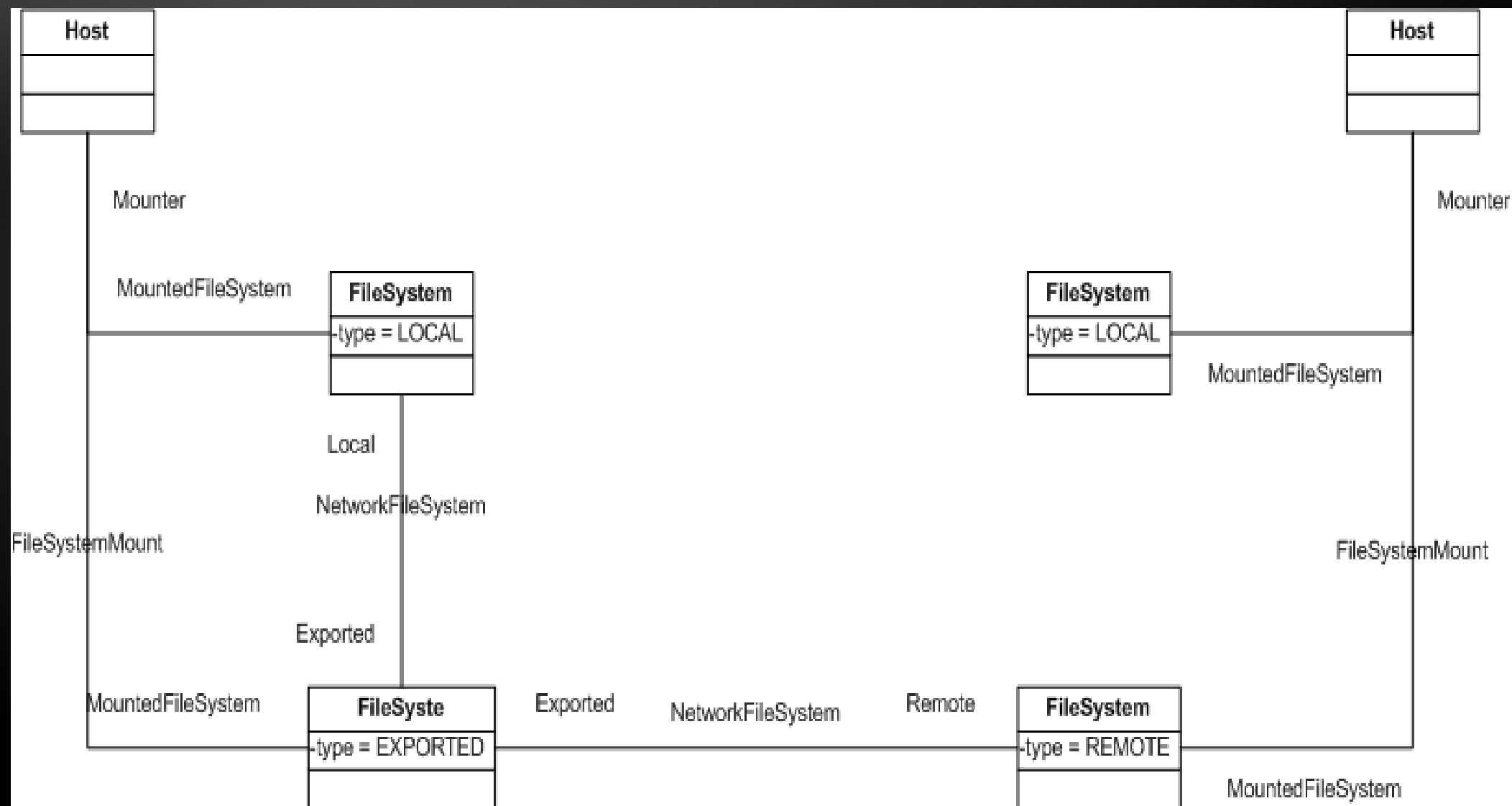
Pseudo File Systems

- **procfs** is the first FS to provide easy access to kernel-space from user-space
- **tmpfs** is a very fast in-memory file system

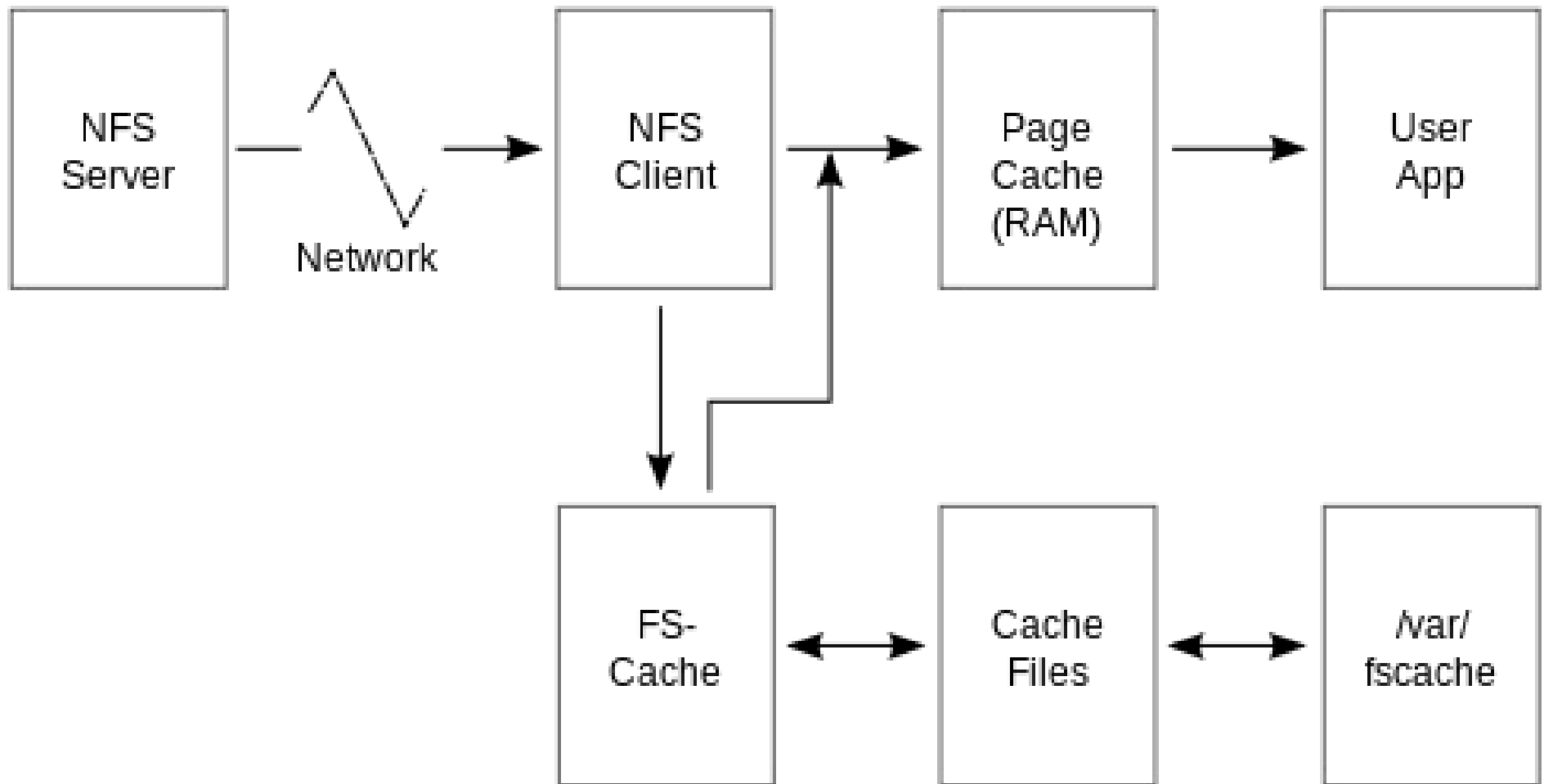
Network File Systems

- **Network File System - NFS
v3/v4**
- **Common Internet File System -
CIFS**

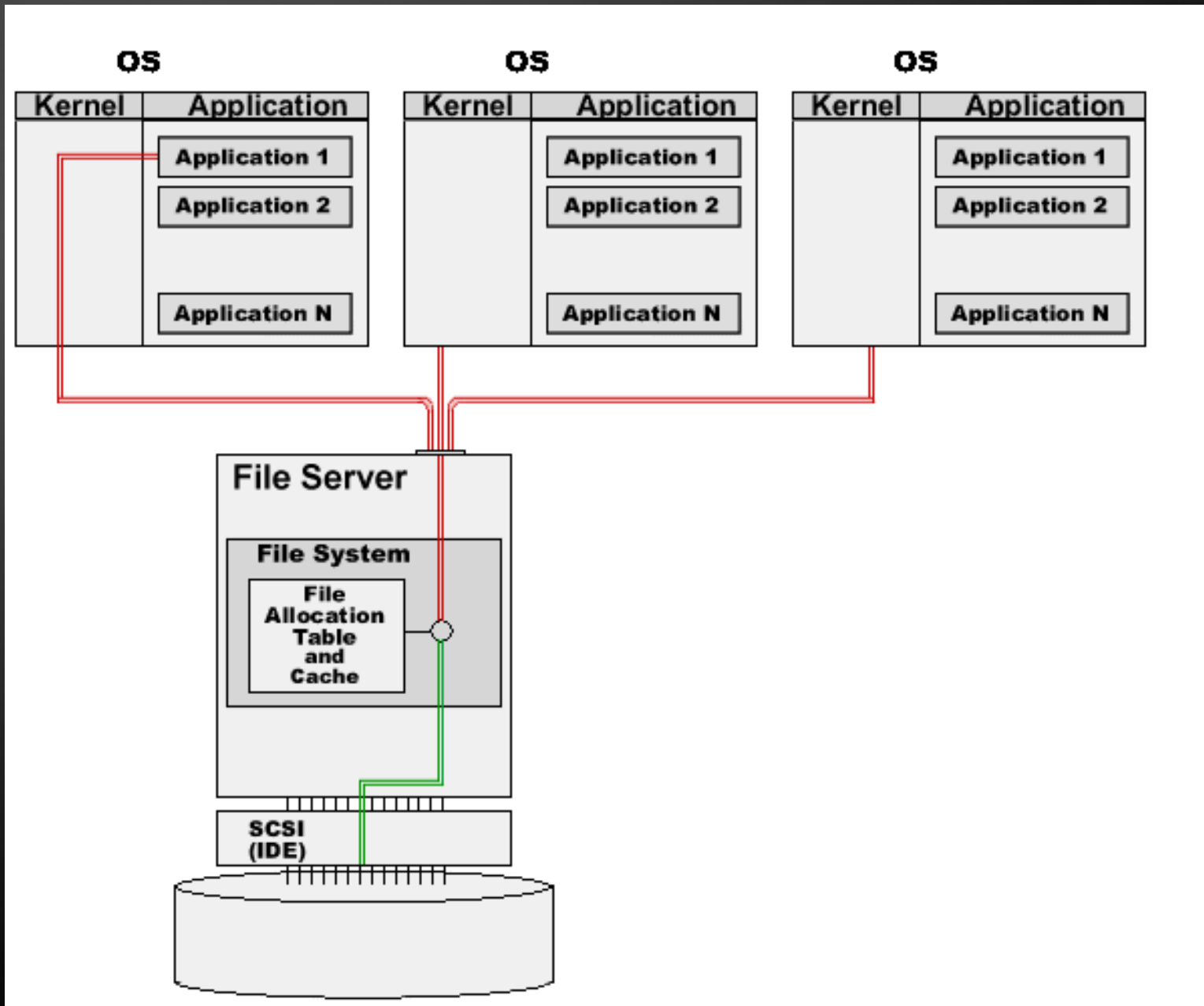
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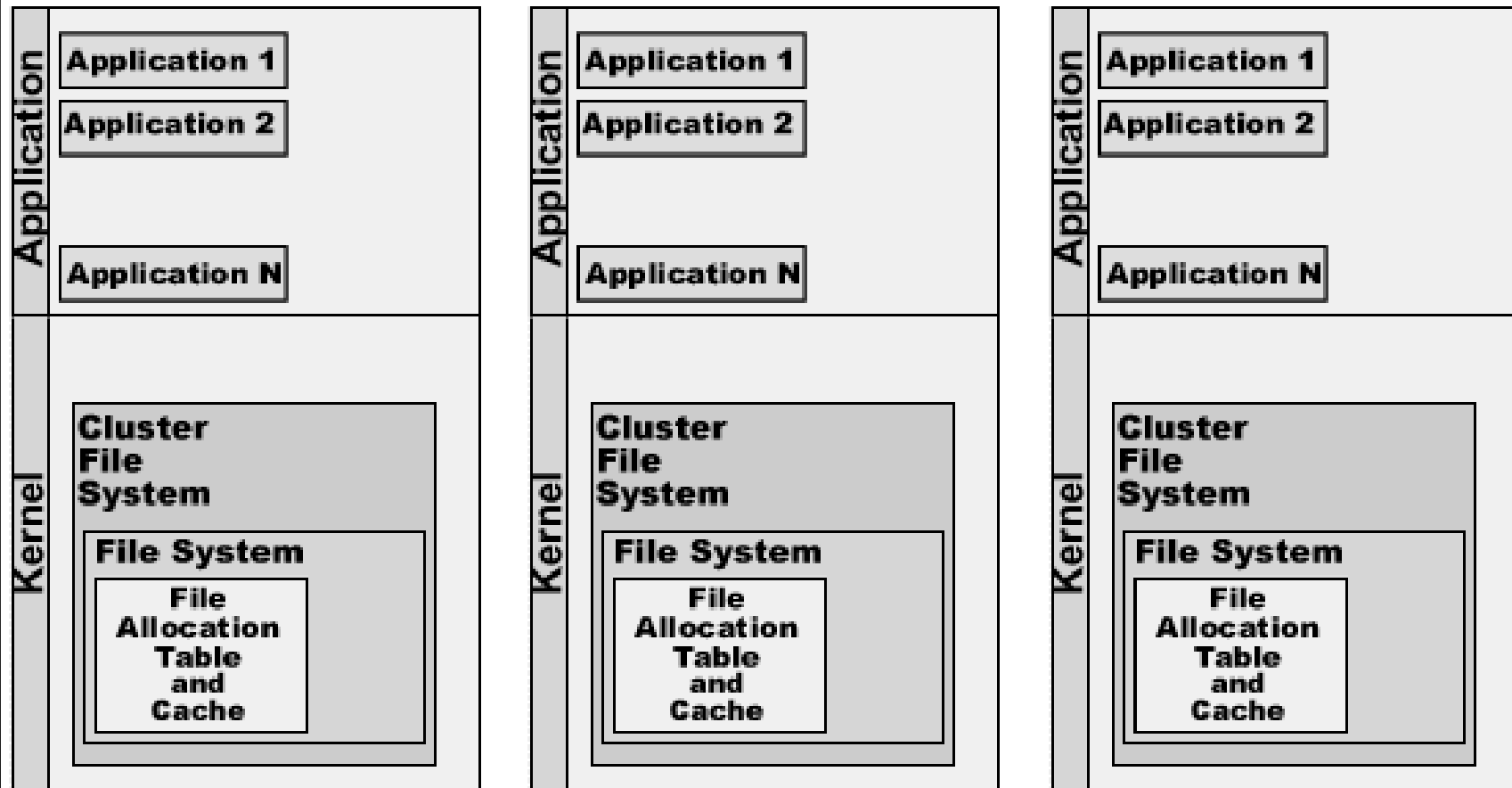


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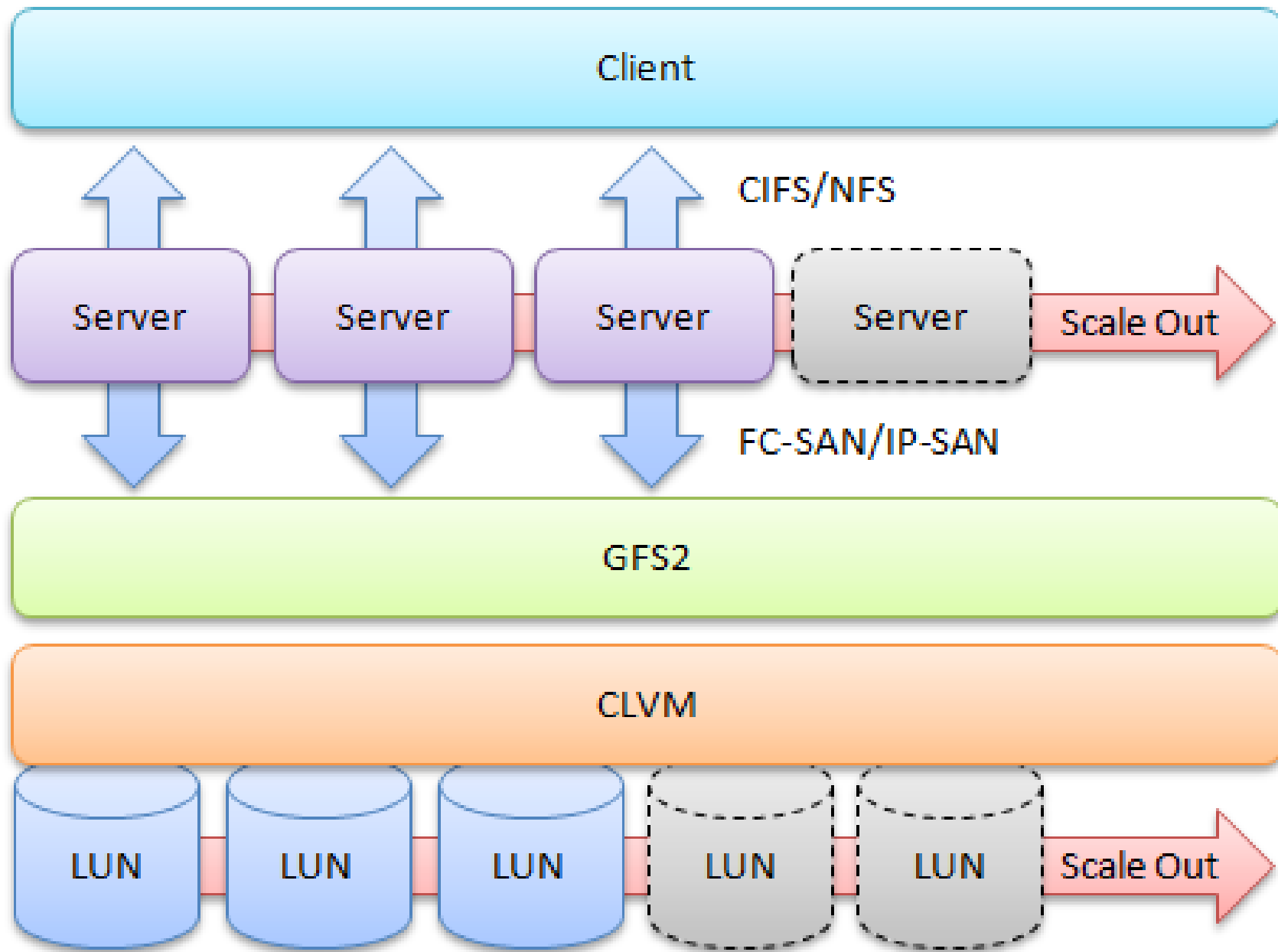
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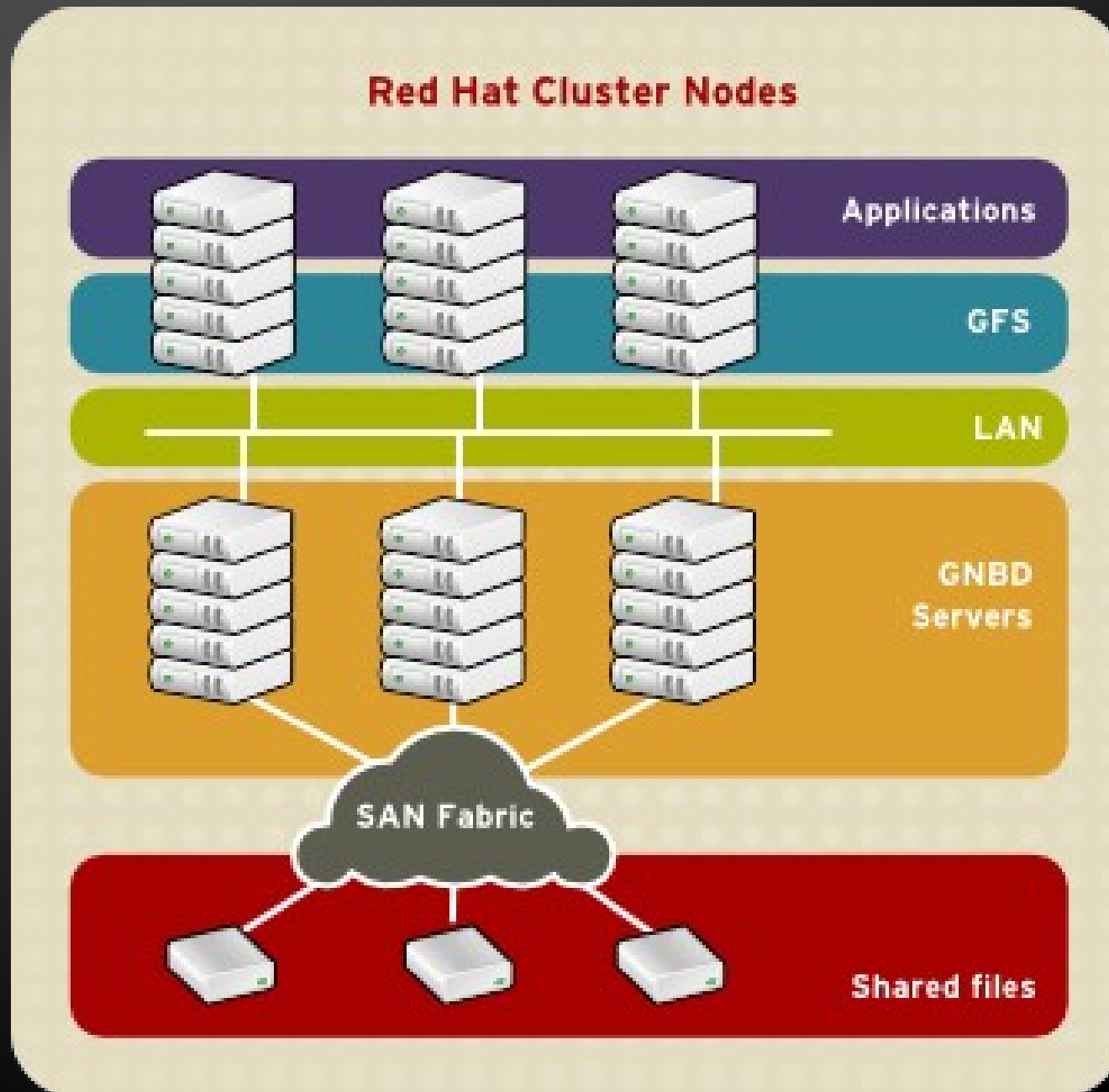
Cluster File Systems

- **GFS, GFS2**
- **OCFS2**

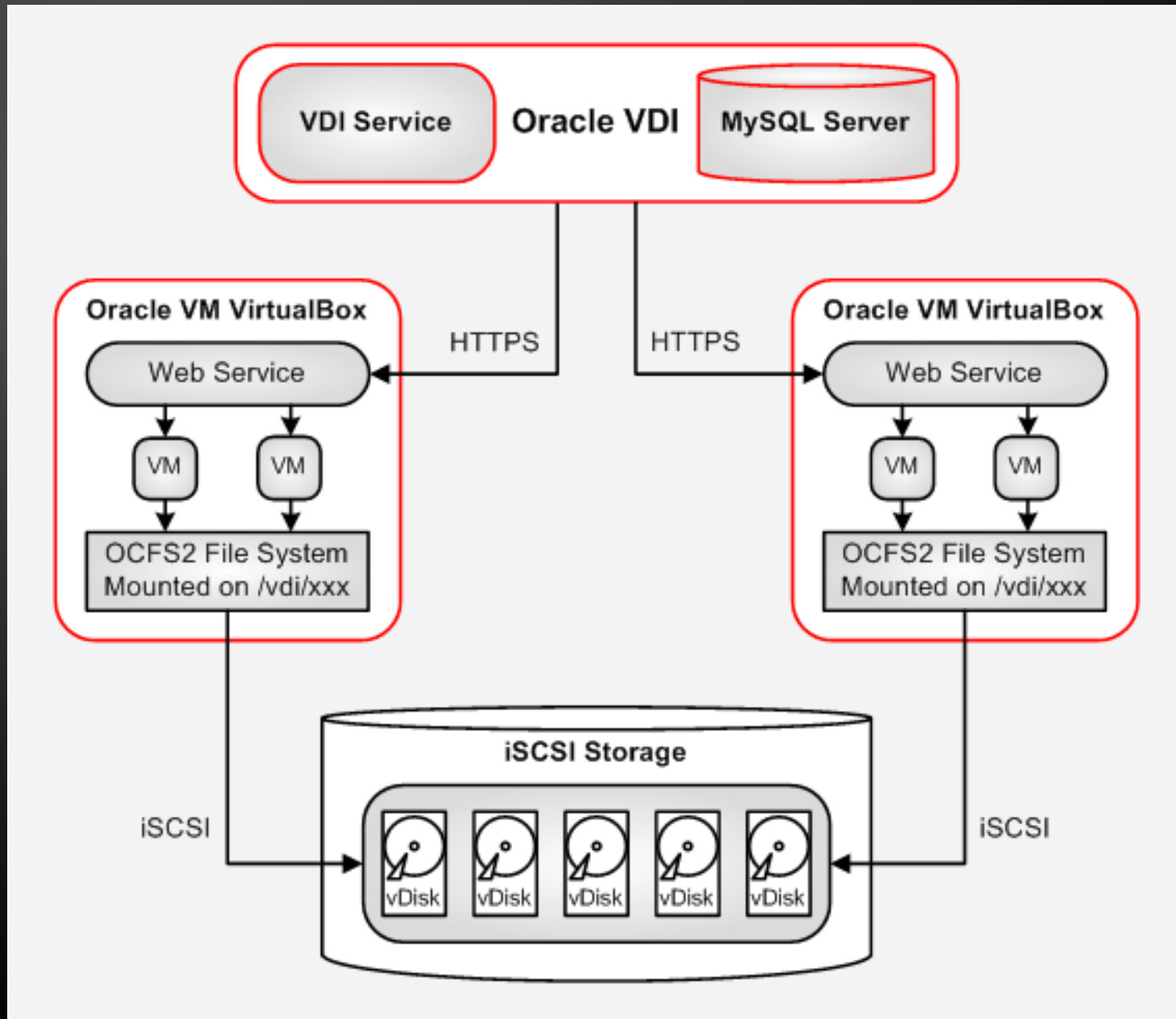
Cluster File Systems - GFS2



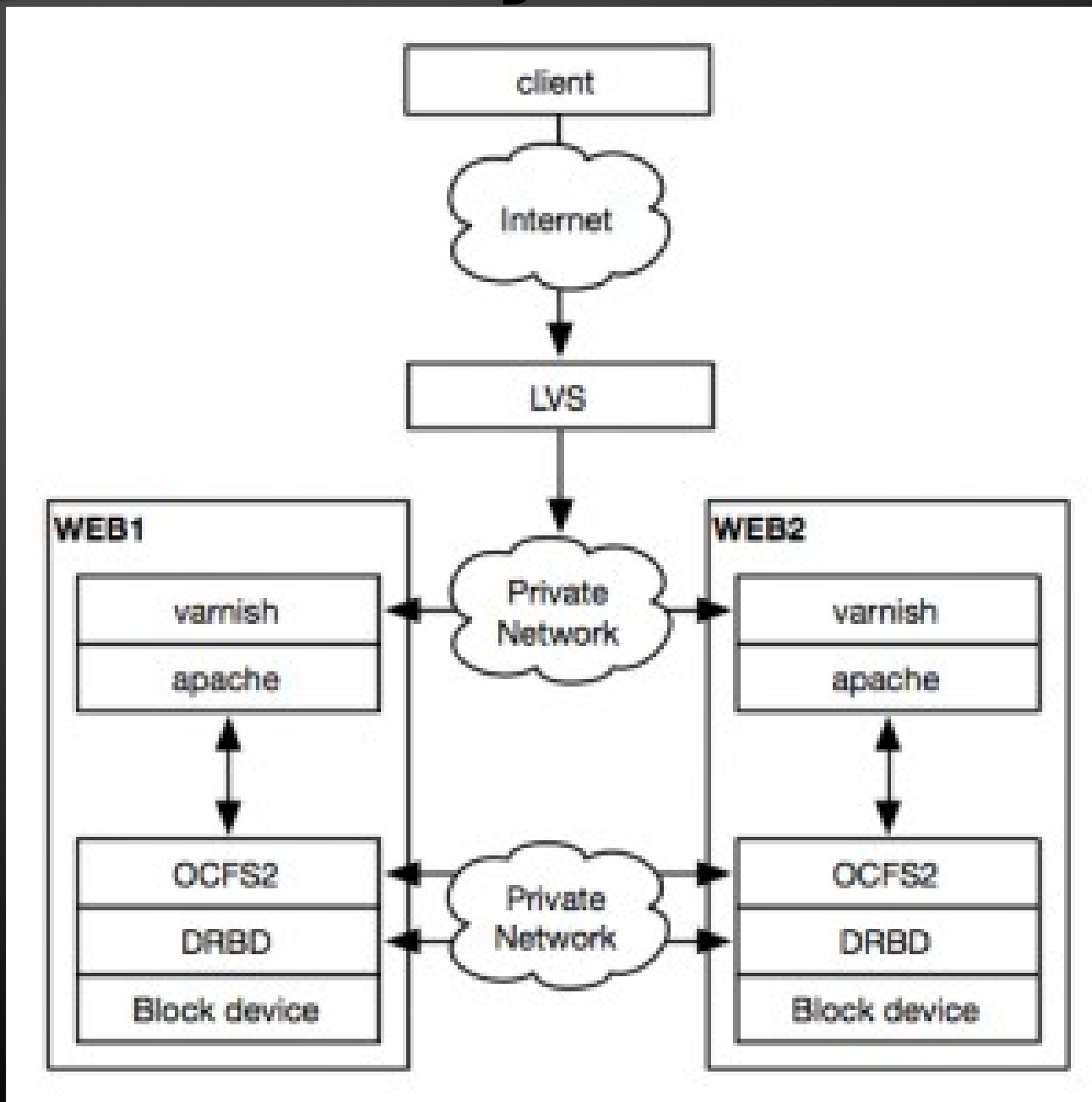
Cluster File Systems - GFS2



Cluster File Systems - OCFS2



Cluster File Systems - OCFS2

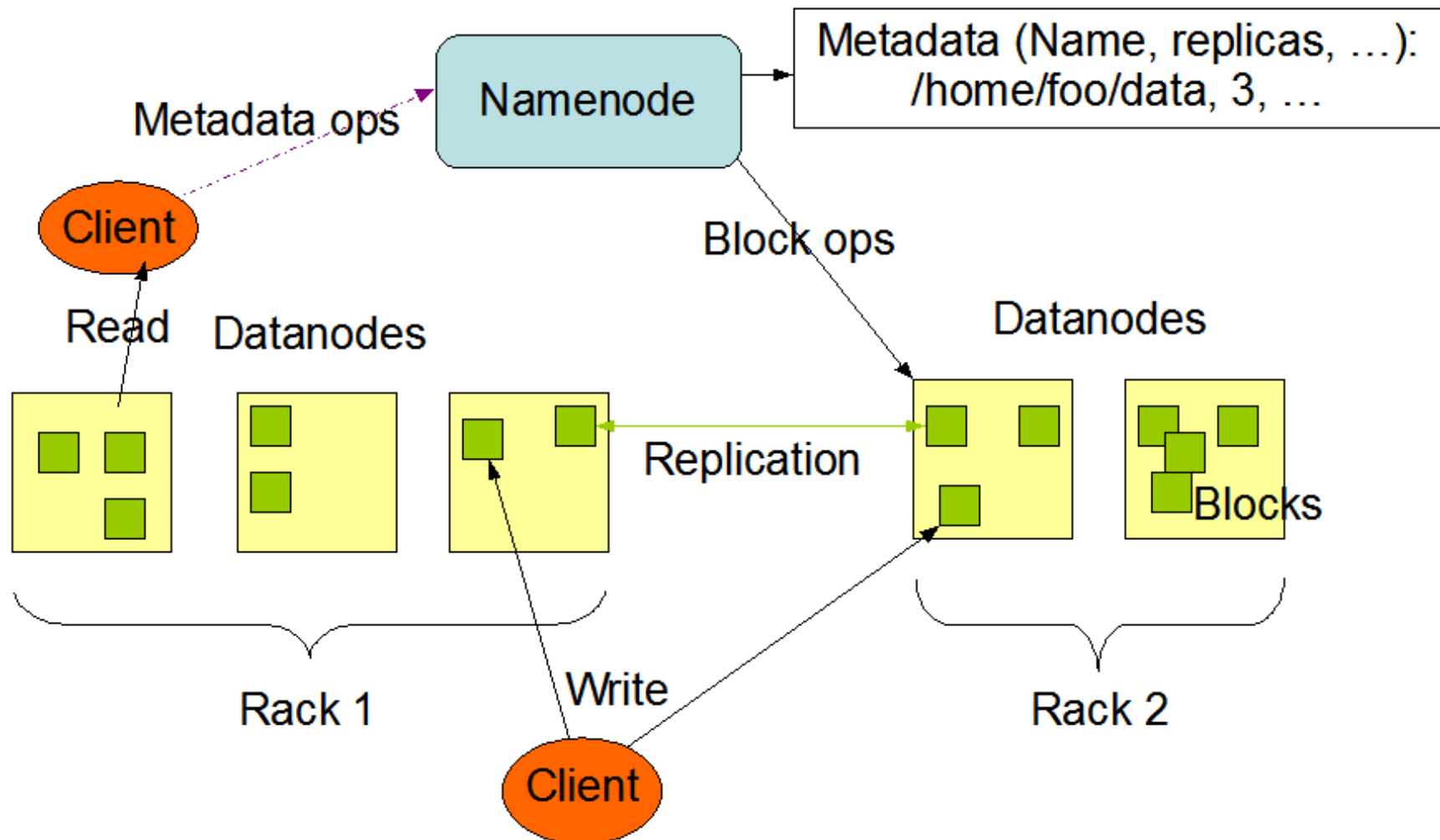


Distributed File Systems

- **Hadoop**
- **Lustre**
- **GlusterFS**
- **GFarm**
- **FhgFS**
- **PohmelFS**
- **Ceph**
- **PVFS2**

Hadoop

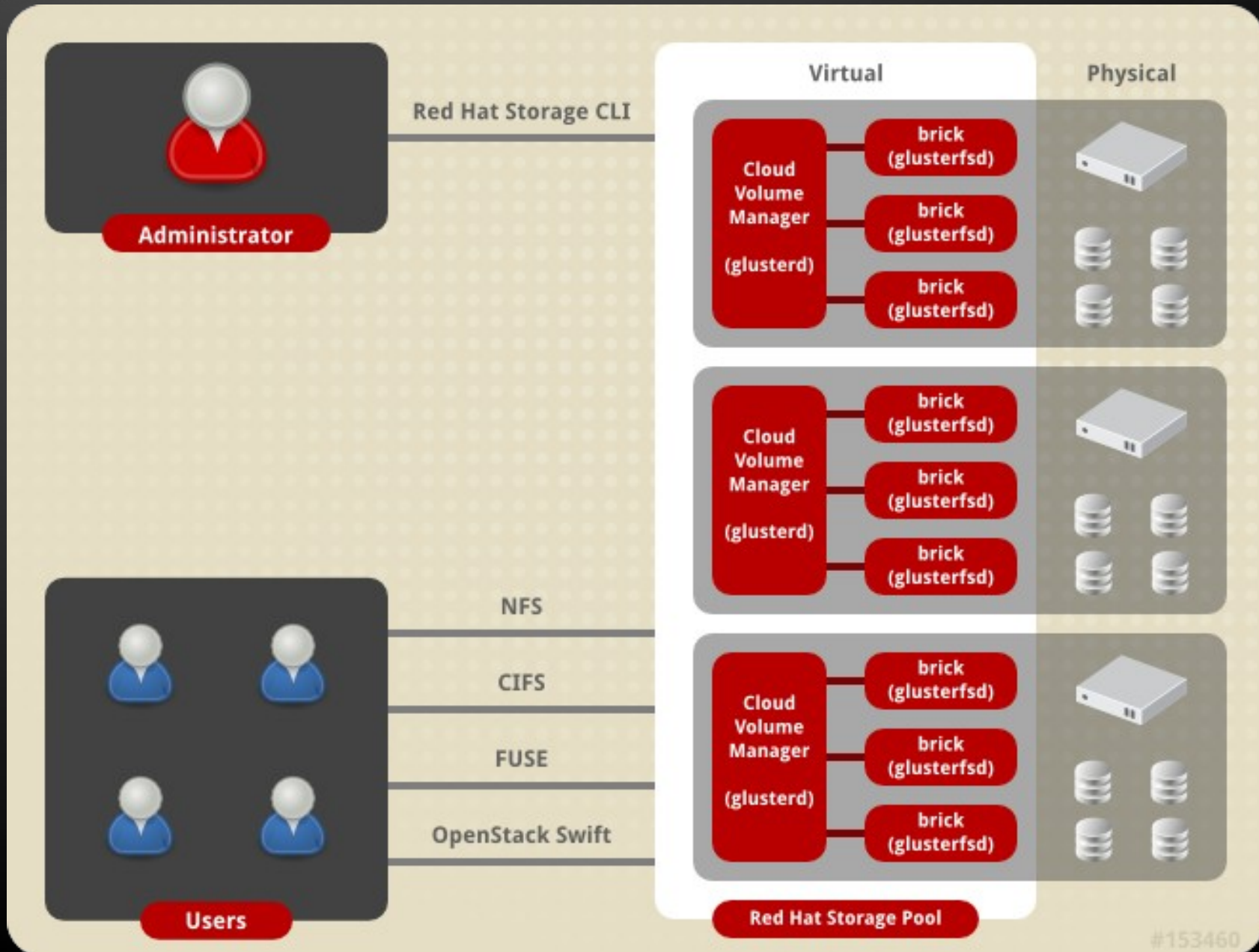
HDFS Architecture



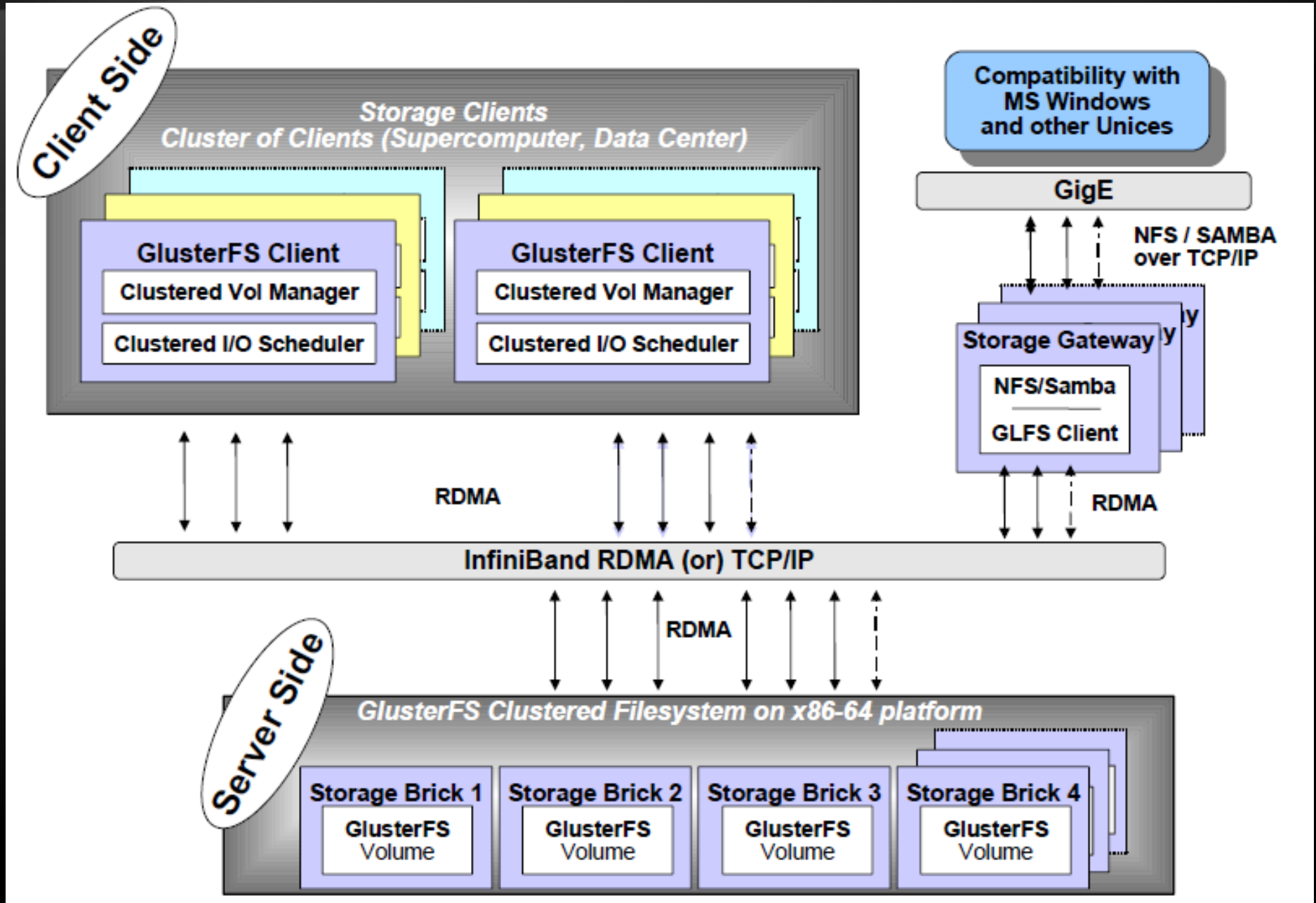
Hadoop

- **Large block FS - 64MB**
- **Write mostly FS**
- **Writes smaller than one block wait**
- **Adding/removing nodes requires restart of the cluster**

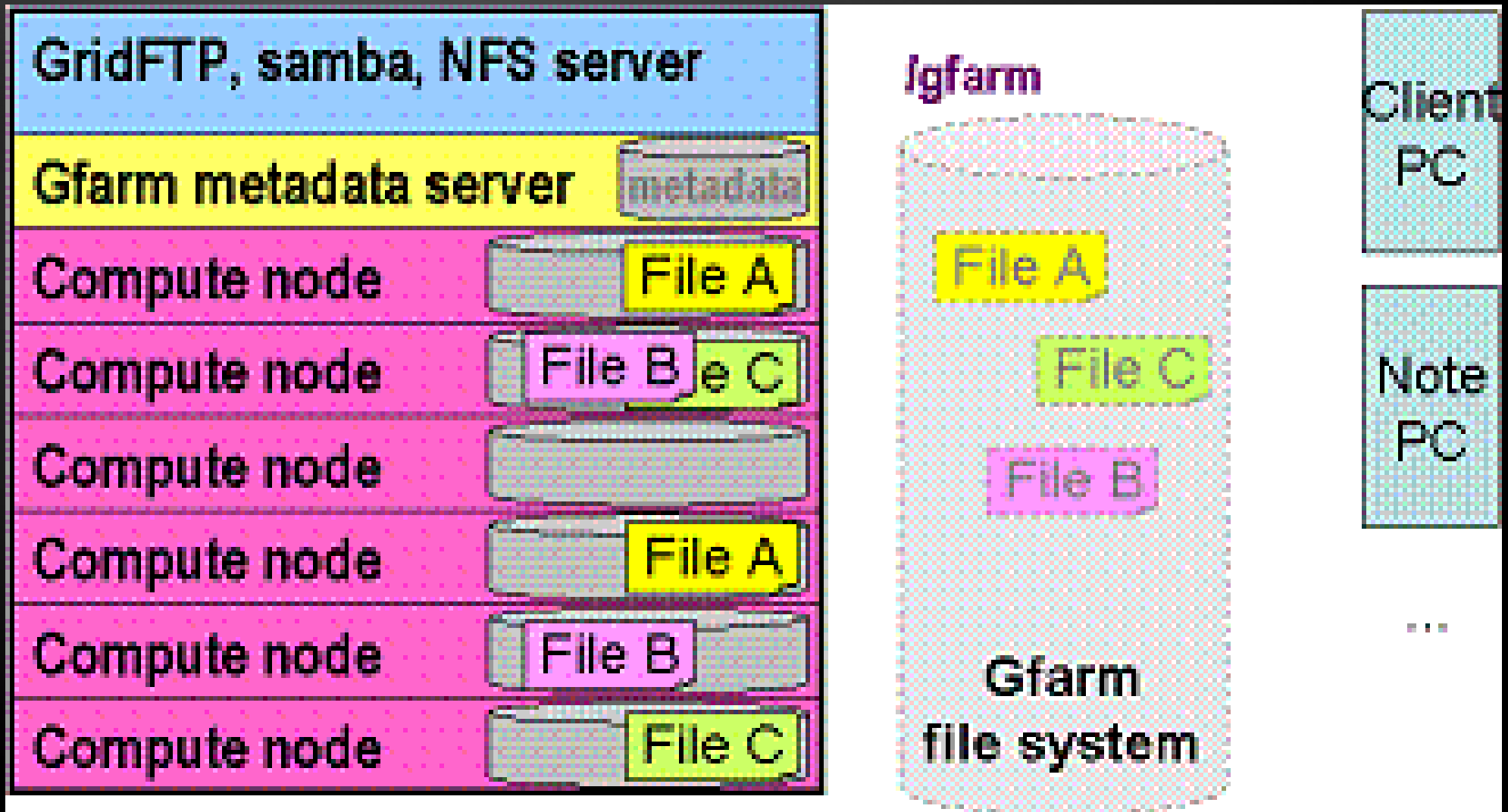
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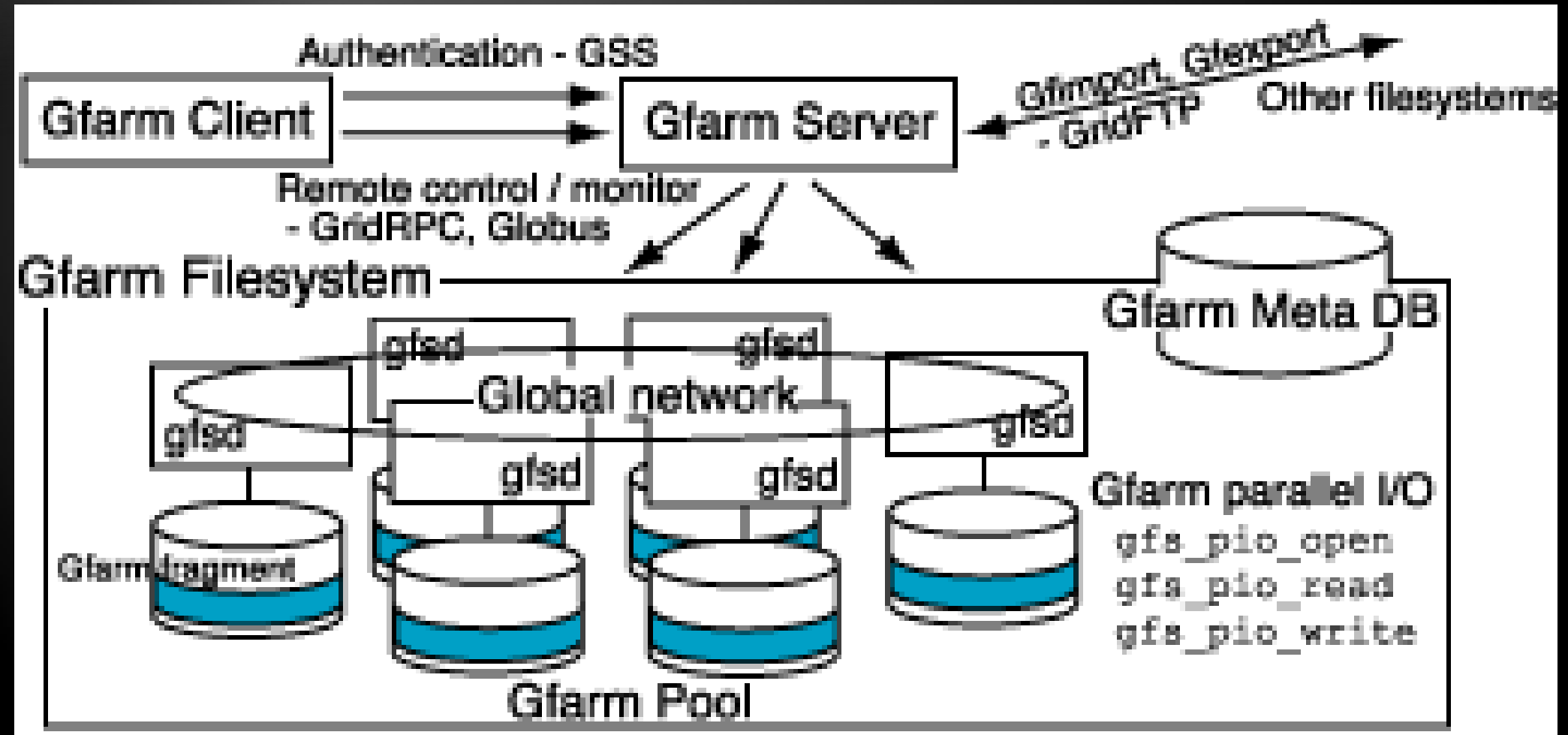
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GFarm



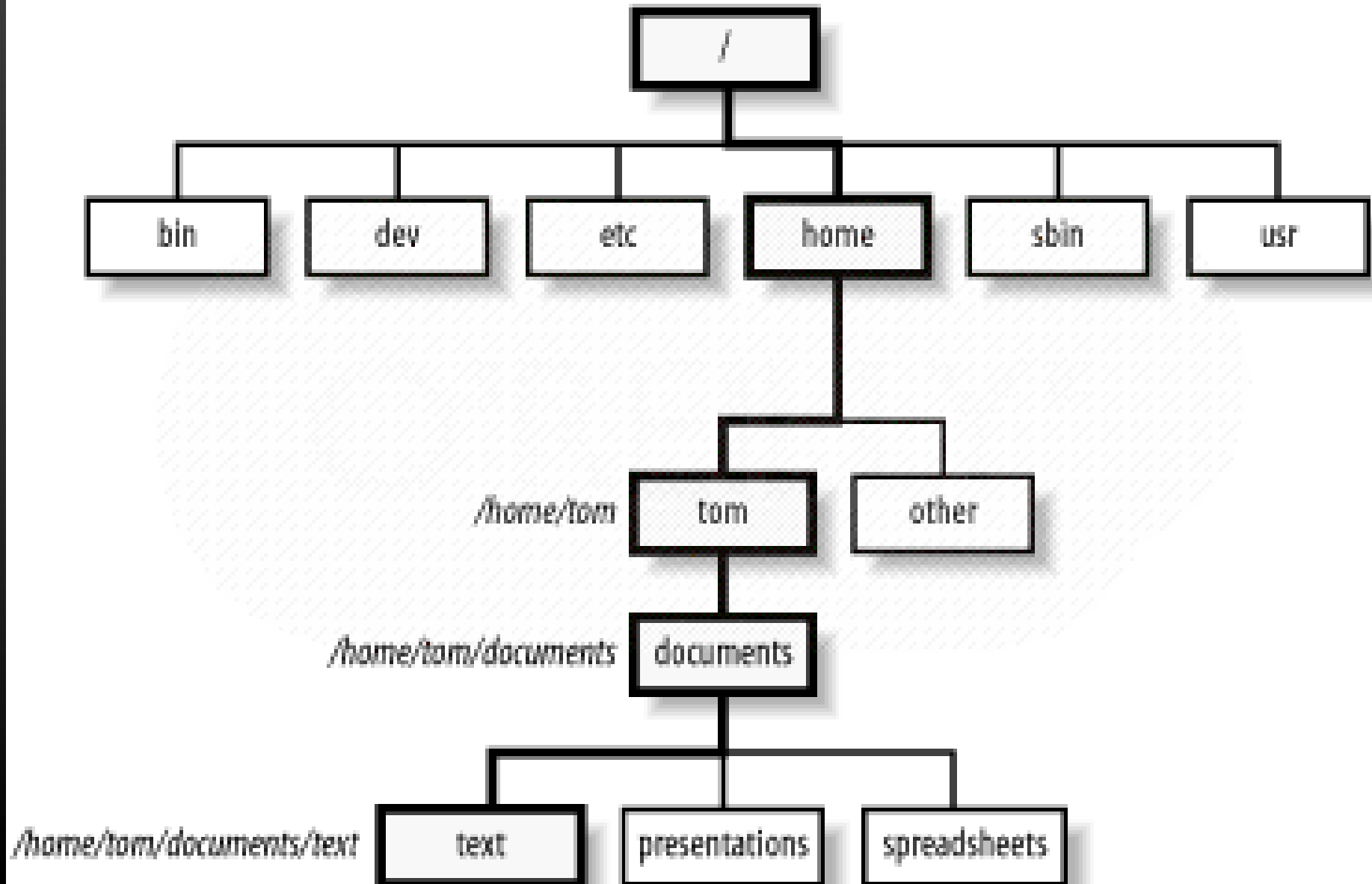
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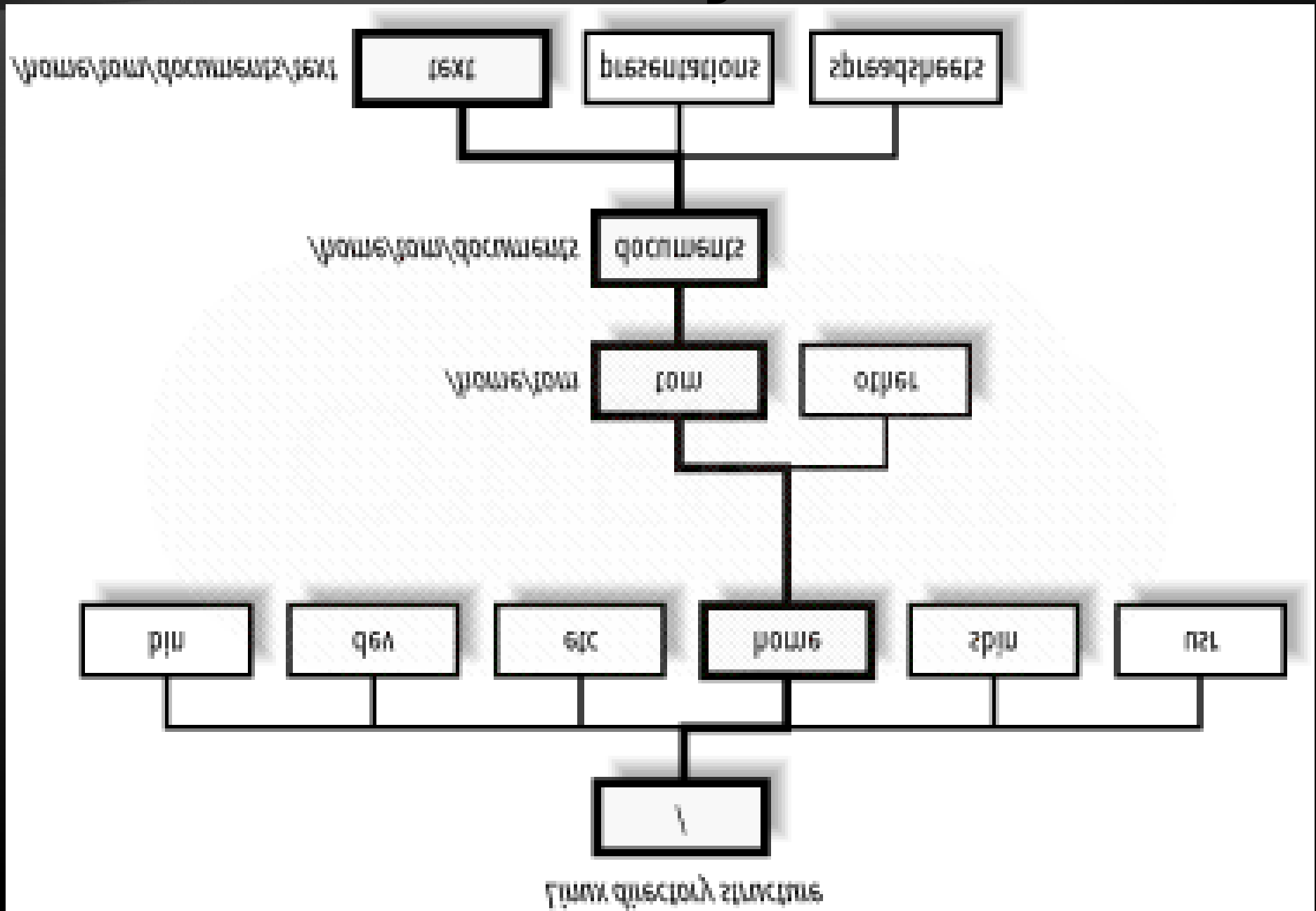
Linux Directory Structure

Linux directory structure





Linux Directory Structure



ROOT DIRECTORY
OF THE ENTIRE
FILE SYSTEM
HIERARCHY

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PRIMARY HIERARCHY

| | |
|---------|---|
| /bin/ | ESSENTIAL USER COMMAND BINARIES |
| /boot/ | STATIC FILES OF THE BOOT LOADER |
| /dev/ | DEVICE FILES |
| /etc/ | HOST-SPECIFIC SYSTEM CONFIGURATION <small>REQUIRED DIRECTORIES: OPT, X11, JOEML, XML</small> |
| /home/ | USER HOME DIRECTORIES |
| /lib/ | ESSENTIAL SHARED LIBRARIES AND KERNEL MODULES |
| /media/ | MOUNT POINT FOR REMOVABLE MEDIA |
| /mnt/ | MOUNT POINT FOR A TEMPORARILY MOUNTED FILESYSTEMS |
| /opt/ | ADD-ON APPLICATION SOFTWARE PACKAGES |
| /sbin/ | SYSTEM BINARIES |
| /srv/ | DATA FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THIS SYSTEM |
| /tmp/ | TEMPORARY FILES |
| /usr/ | (MULTI-)USER UTILITIES AND APPLICATIONS <small>SECONDARY HIERARCHY</small> <small>REQUIRED DIRECTORIES: BIN, INCLUDE, LIB, LOCAL, SBIN, SHARE</small> |
| /var/ | VARIABLE FILES |
| /root/ | HOME DIRECTORY FOR THE ROOT USER |
| /proc/ | VIRTUAL FILESYSTEM DOCUMENTING KERNEL AND PROCESS STATUS AS TEXT FILES |

FILESYSTEM HIERARCHY STANDARD (FHS)

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Wikipedia - Comparison of file systems

Ext2 and OCFS2 on-disk layout

Ext2 on-disk layout

XFS on-disk structure

ReiserFS on-disk structure

RFSTool for Windows

XFS Scalability

BtrFS on-disk structure

NILFS2 the new kid on the block

Usenix paper on Log-Structured File Systems

Linux File Systems

The background is dark with numerous question marks of various colors (blue, orange, green, pink, purple, red) floating around. Some question marks are solid, while others are dashed or have a 3D effect.

Questions?



THAT TIME AGAIN?

Yes, then we'll have a beer