

Operating System

File Management

- Why do we need second storage?
- File
- Attributes of file
- Operations of file
- Directories & their levels
- Disk architecture
- File allocation methods

Secondary Memory Vs Primary memory

cheap

abundance

permanent

slow

expensive

limited

volatile

fast

File :-

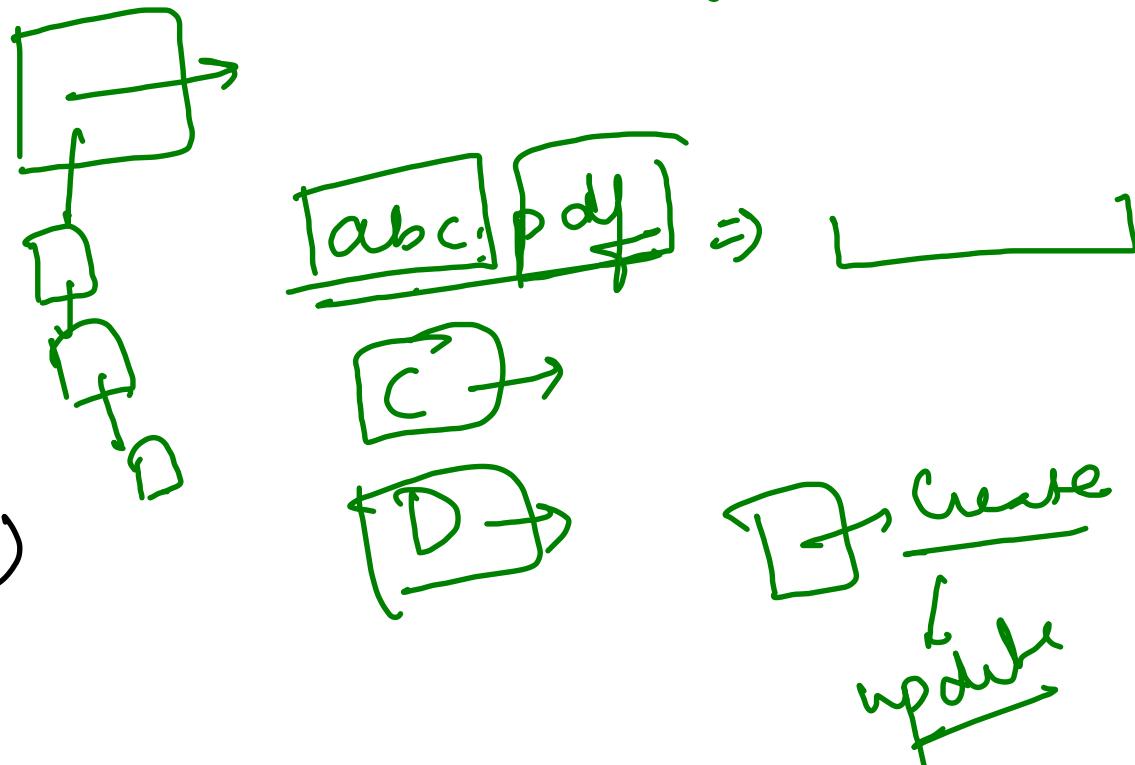
Named collection of related information that is recorded on secondary storage.

- sequence of records
- stored in a file system.
- can be data or programs.

pdf
excel file
doc file

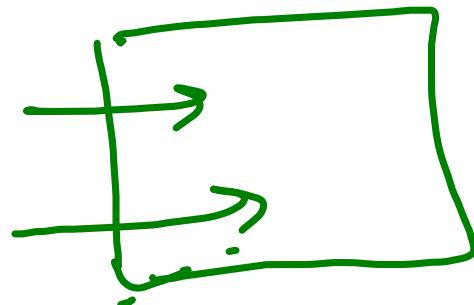
Attributes of file

1. Filename
2. File type :
3. Location →
4. Size
5. Protection/permissions (if any)
6. Time Stamp
7. Folder (Directory info)



Operations on file

1. Create →



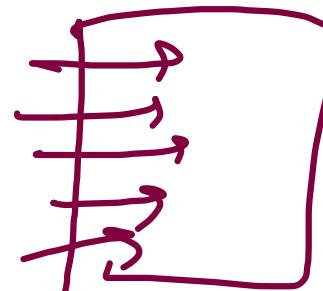
2. Write

3. Read

4. Delete

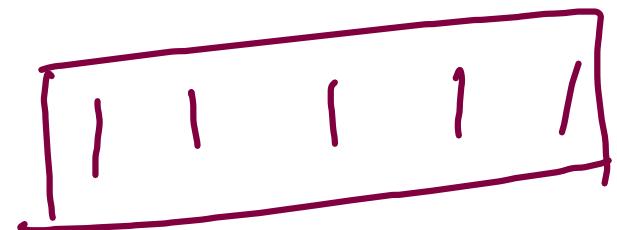
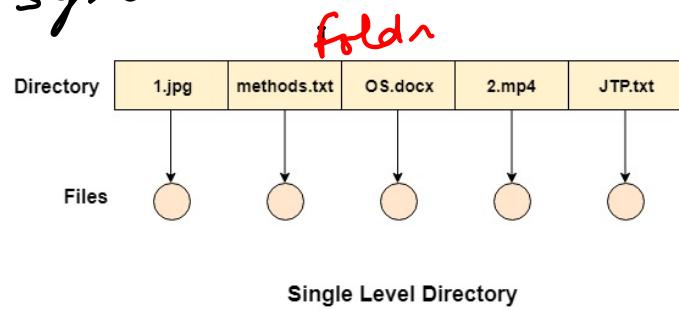
Directories / Folder

- Can be defined as list of related files on the disk
- can be organized with diff levels of complexity, efficiency, flexibility.



Single level directory

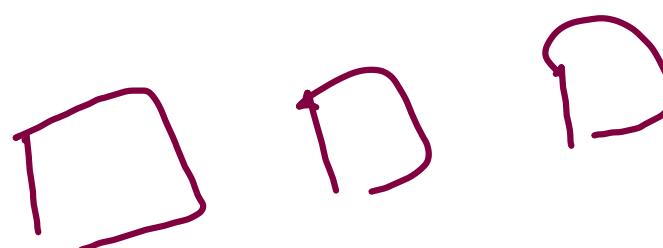
System contains one directory which mentions all the files present in the system.



Adv → 1. Easy and simple to implement

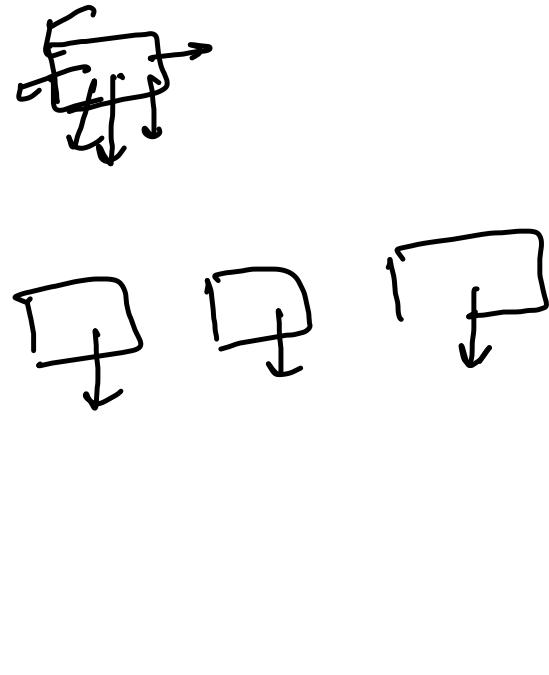
Dis

1. Cannot have two files with the same name.
2. Searching takes time.
3. Grouping problem.



Two level directory

- each user has their own UFD (user file directory)
- one master directory contains separate directories dedicated to each user.



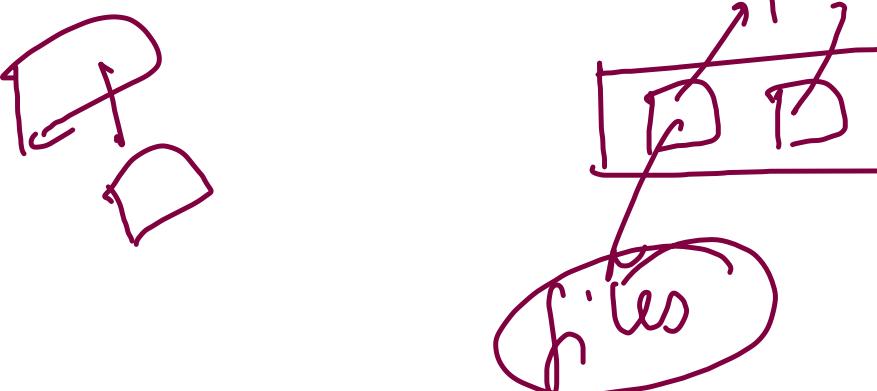
Adv - 1) Searching is efficient

2) Diff. users can have same file name

3) Files have path name

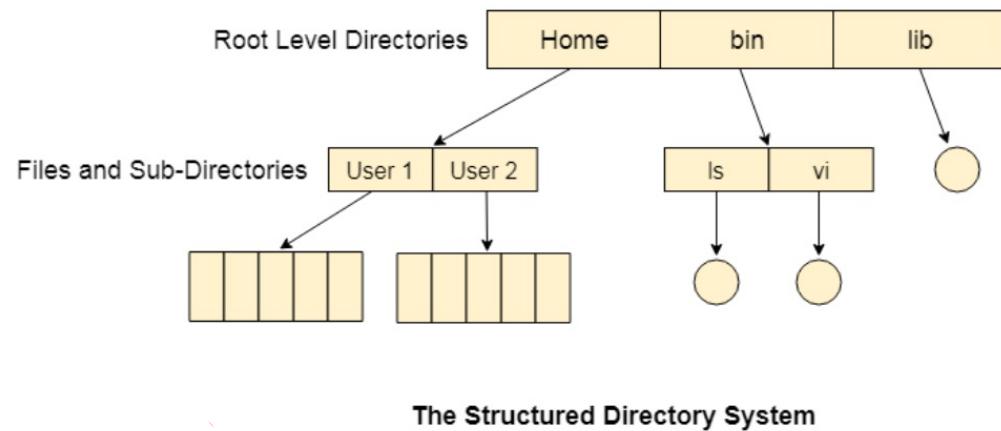
Dis. Grouping problem

Mf → 2 →



Tree structured directory

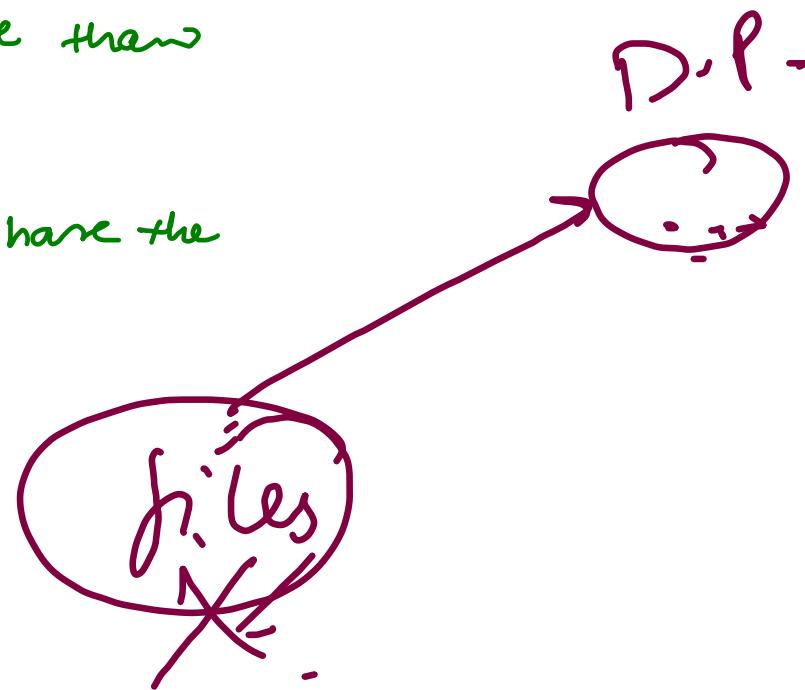
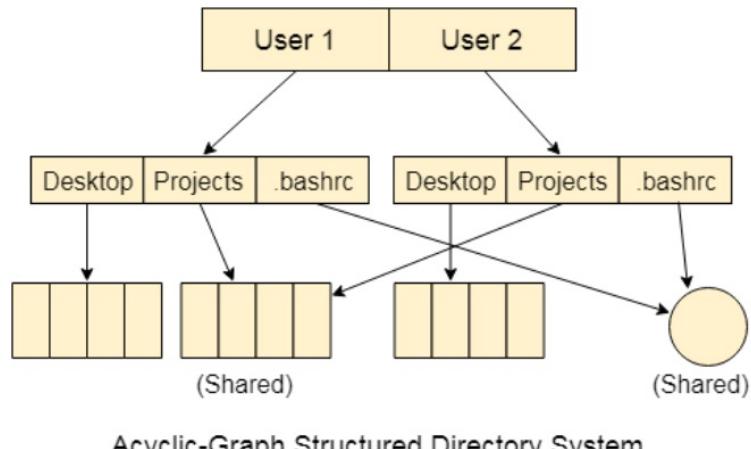
→ Allows users to create their own subdirectories and organize files accordingly.



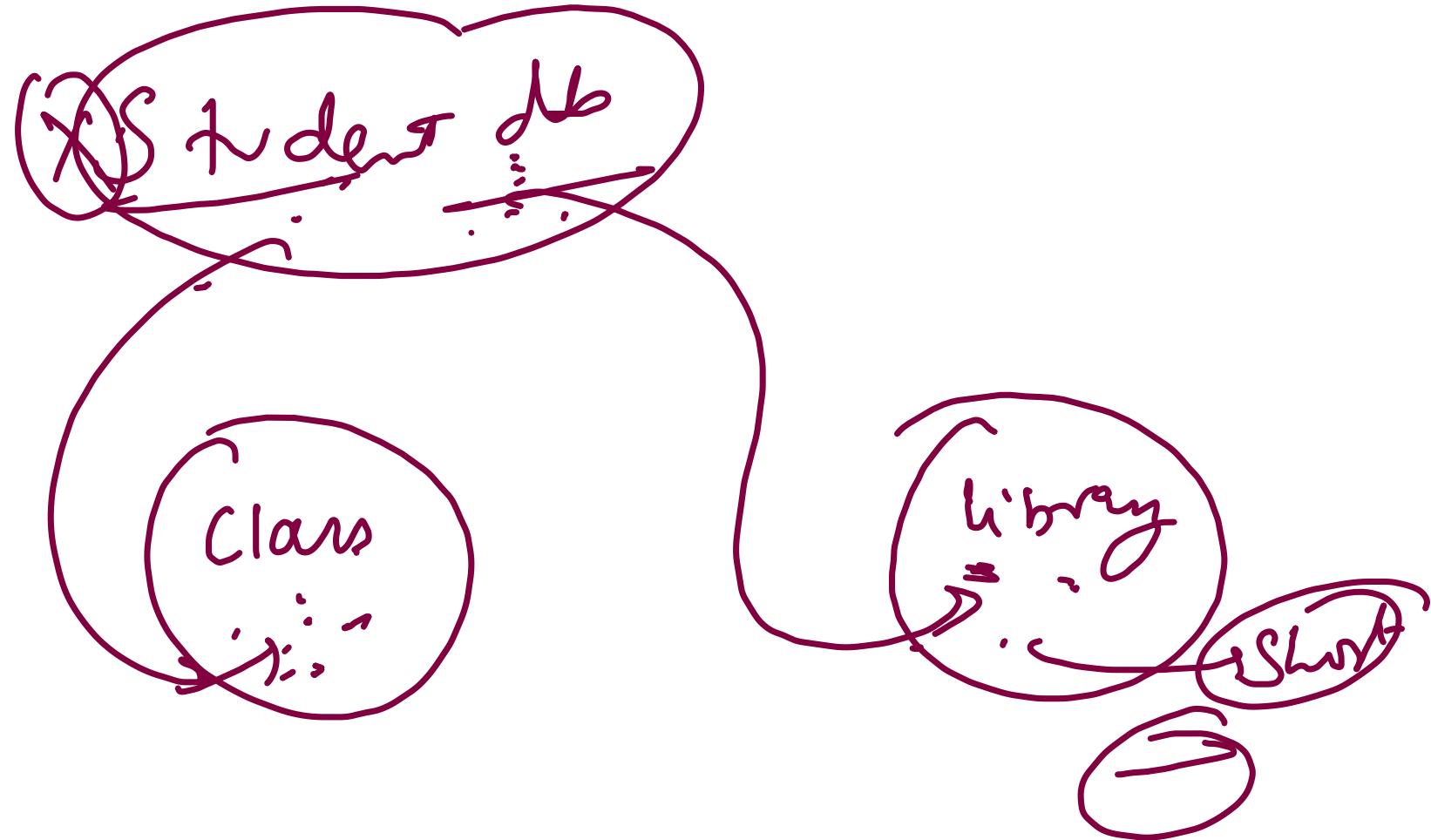
- 1) Searching is more efficient
2) File cannot be shared.
3) Grouping capability is present

Acyclic Graph Directories

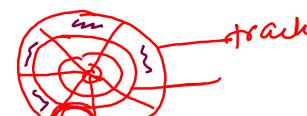
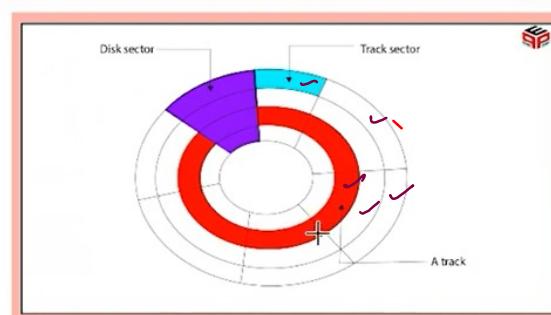
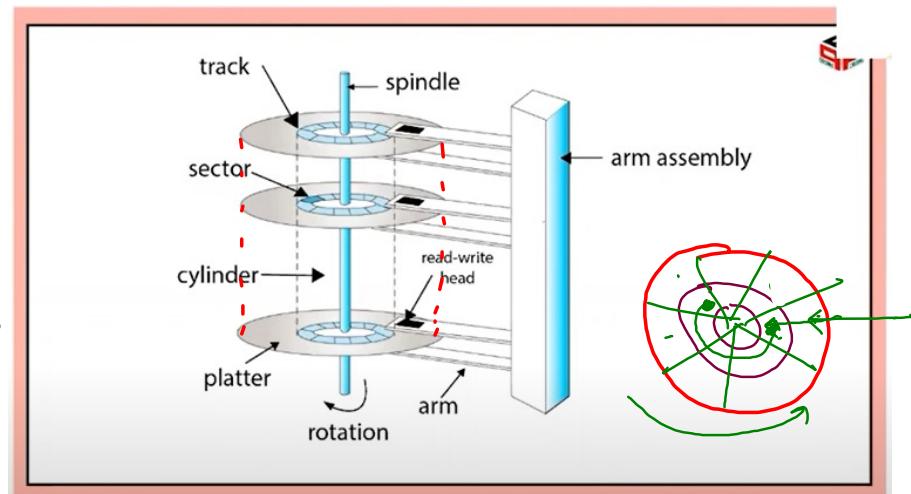
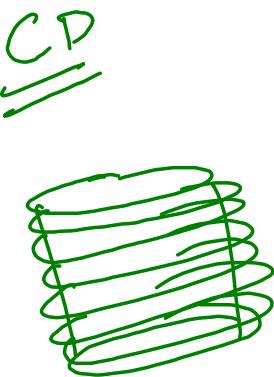
- Allows the same file to exist in more than one directory.
- Two or more directories can point or share the same file



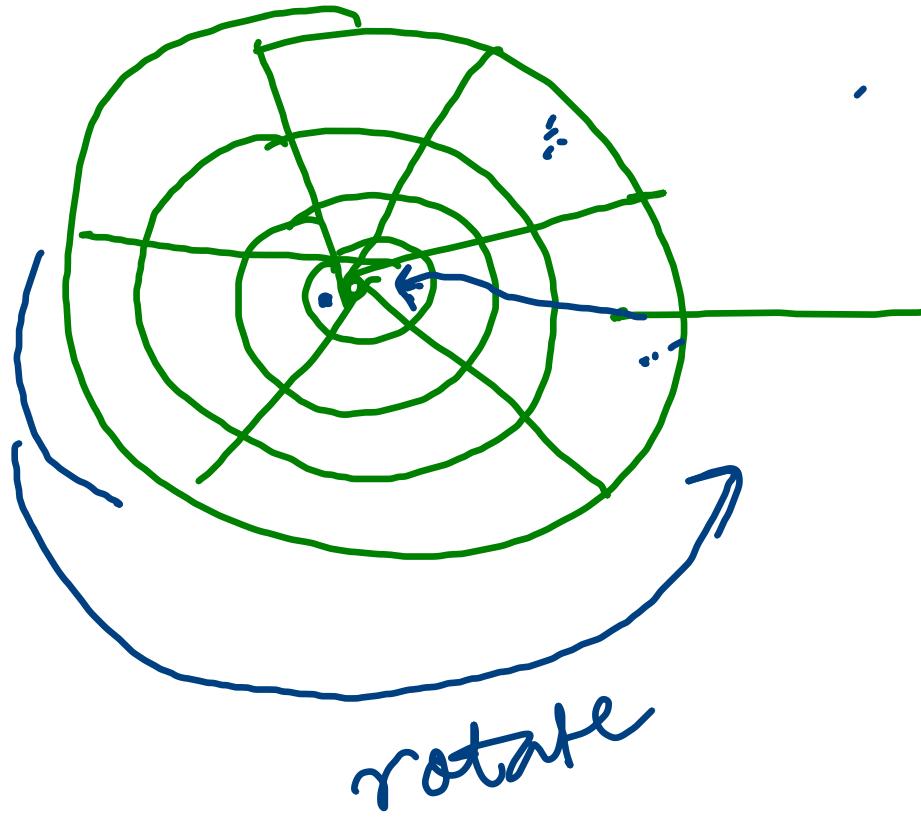
Dis → Dangling pointer.



Disk architecture



Platter —> Surface —> top —> track
bottom



File allocation methods

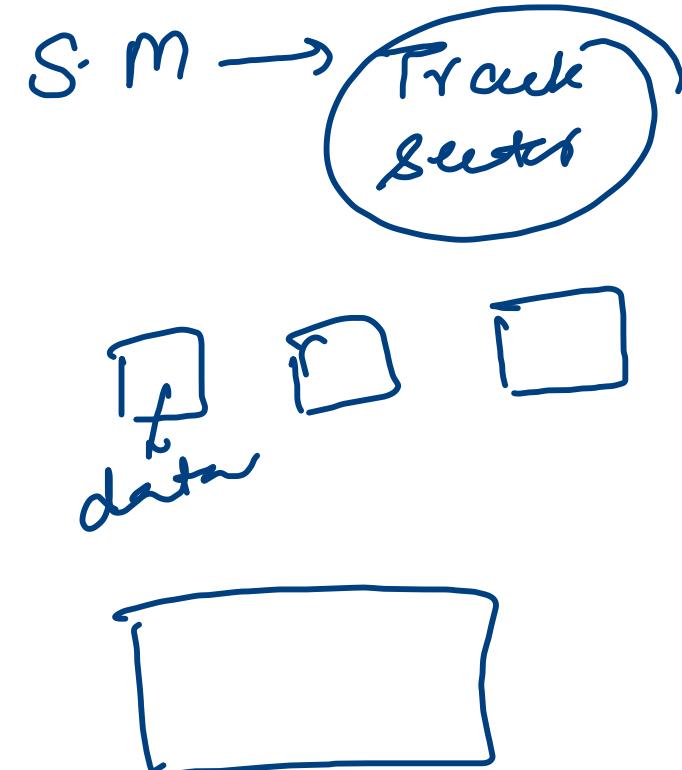
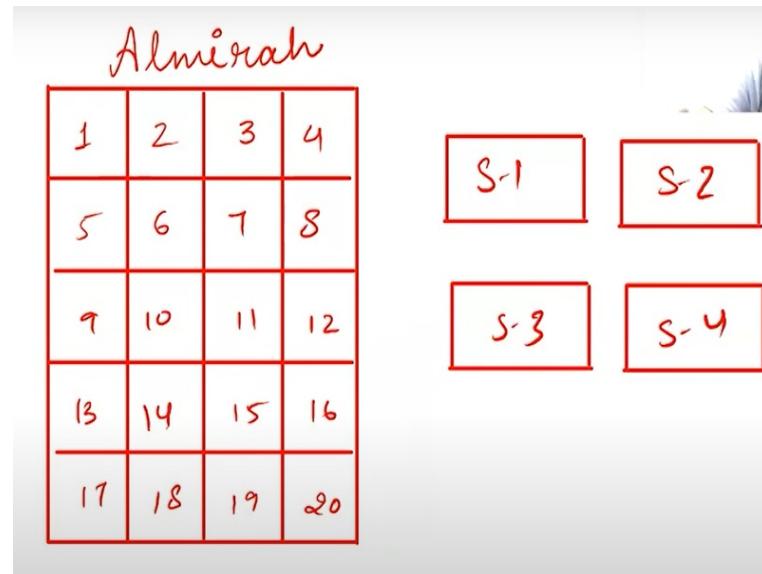
Contiguous

non-contiguous

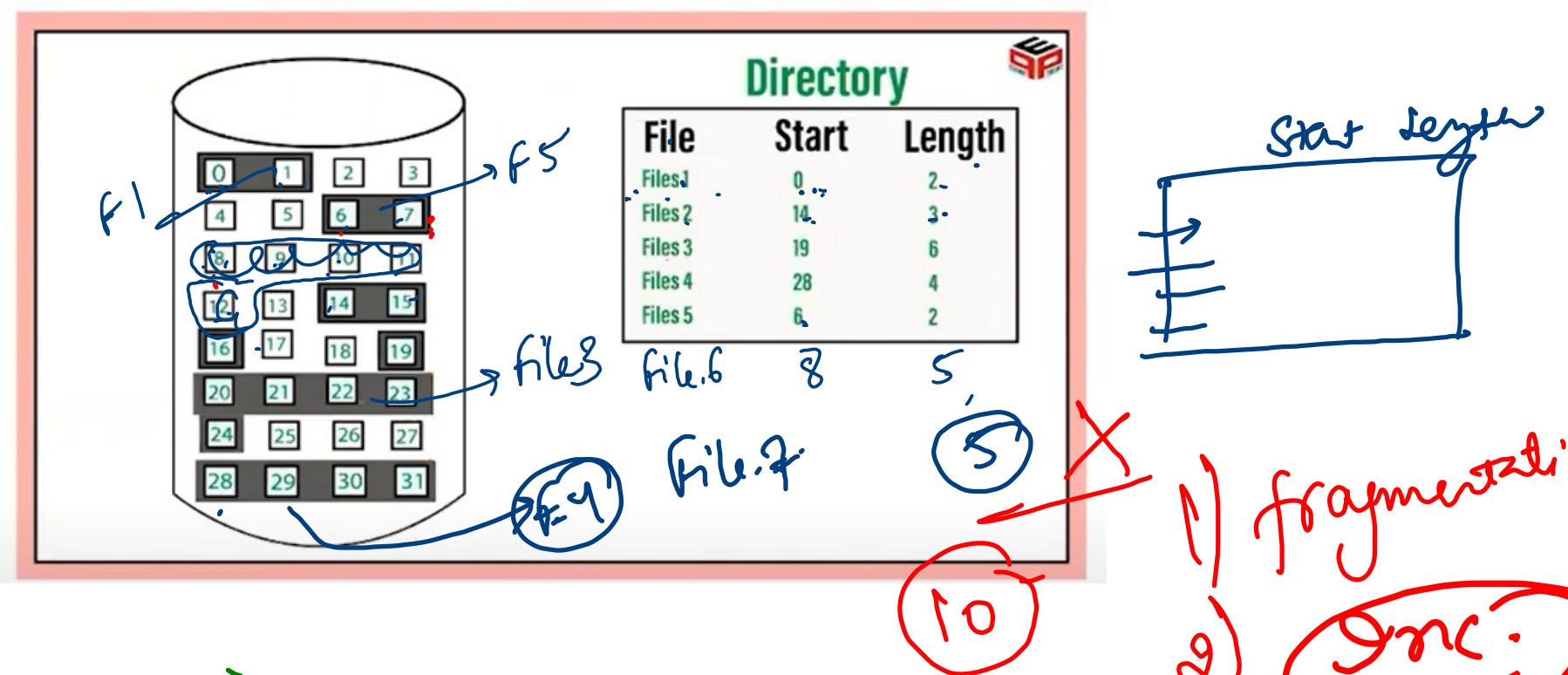
- ↳ Linked List
- FAT
- Indexed

1) Max. utilization of disk

2) Ease of Access



1. Contiguous file allocation method

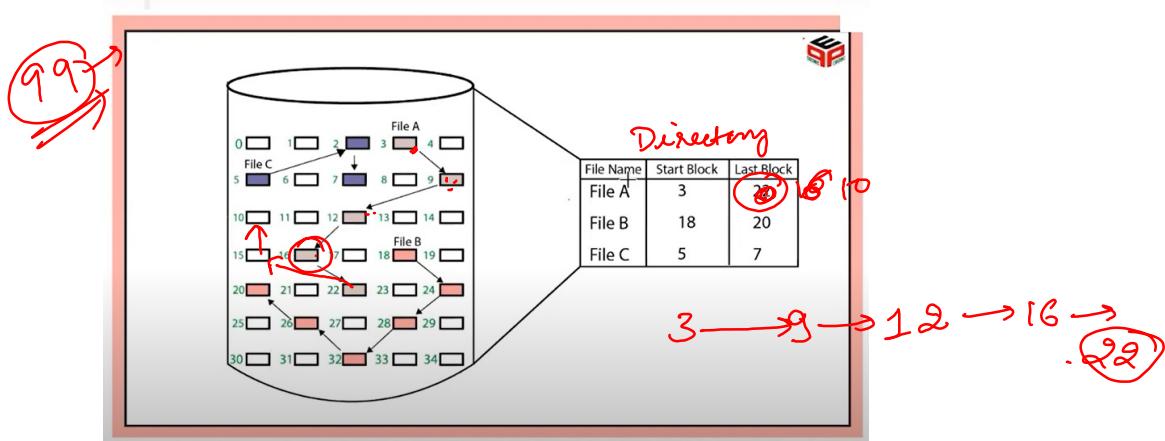


Adv - 1) Simple
2) Easy access

Dis -
- External fragmentation
- Diff. to grow a file

Non-contiguous

1. Linked List Allocation



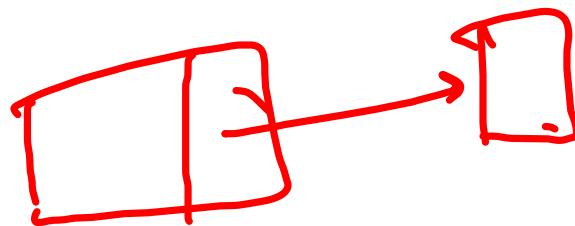
Adv :-

- 1) No fragmentation
- 2) Easy to expand or grow a file

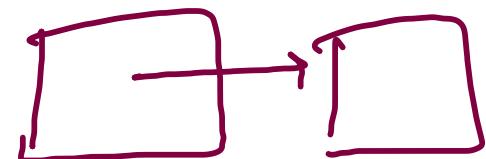
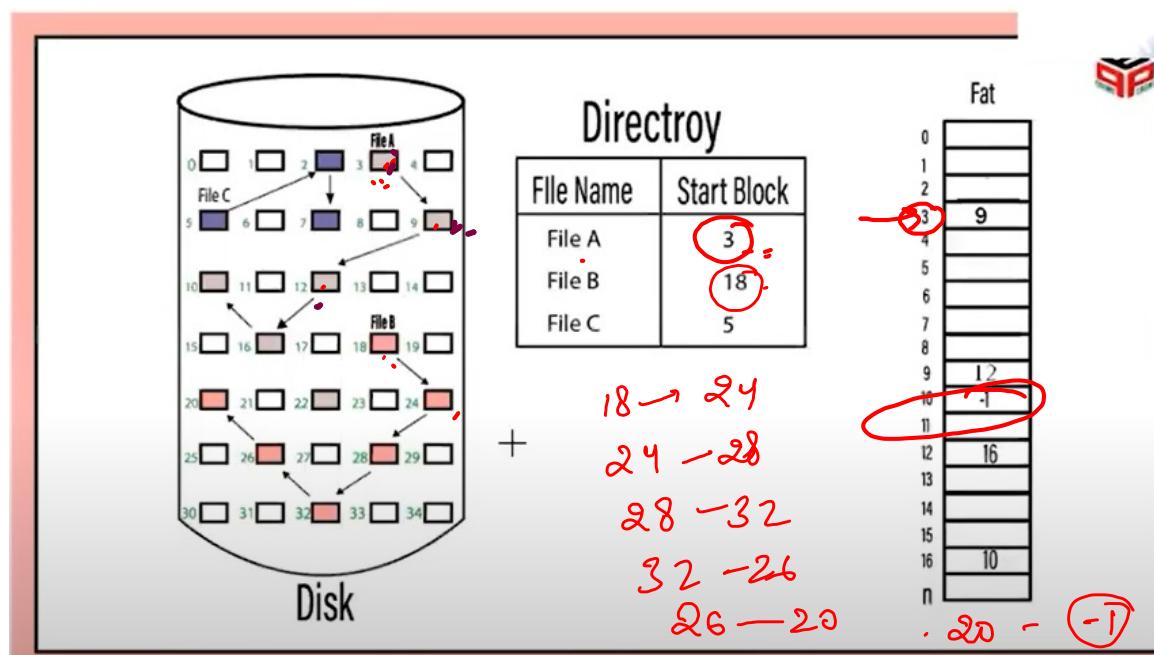
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Dis :-

- 1) Slow because of seq. access
- 2) Extra space req to store pointers



3. File Allocation Table

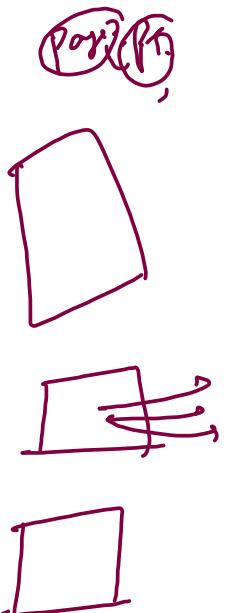
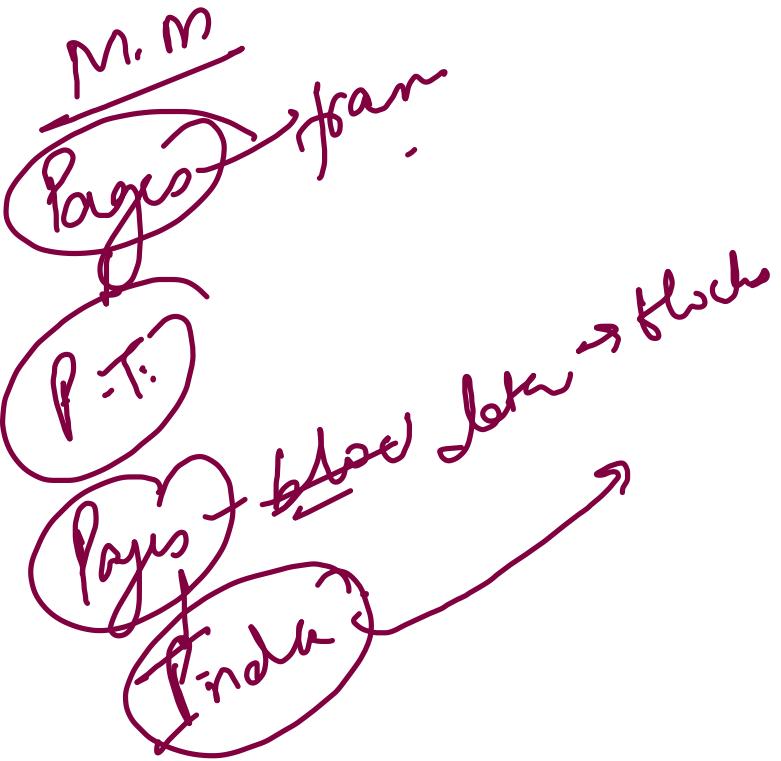


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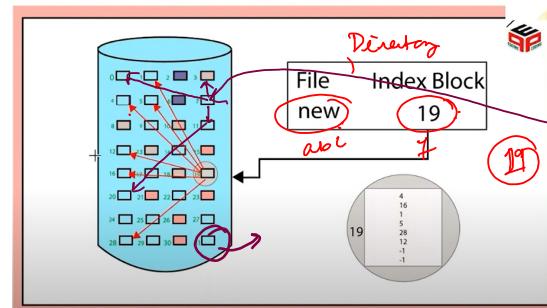
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Adv :- 1) Random access
2) Effective utilization

Dis. :- Each block needs a far entry

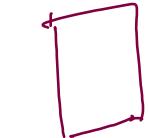
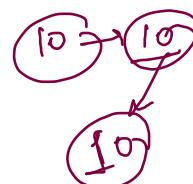
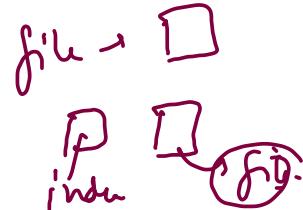


Indexed Allocation



Adv :-
 1) Supports random access
 2) No fragmentation \Rightarrow

Dis :-
 1) Even small files require 2 data blocks
 2) Size of file is limited.



Contiguous

Eas of access X
Max. size X

w.

N.C
linked li

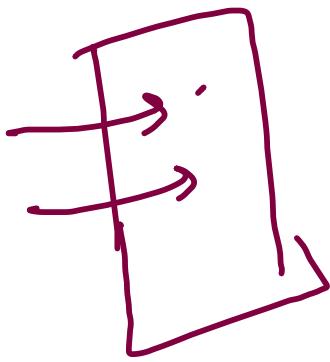
FAT

Unit
Index.

Eg X
Max. va.

E.P C
M.U C

E.P C
M.U C



1. A disk is having 16 platters, 2 surfaces,
each surface is divided into 1 K tracks &
each track is having 512 sectors,
each sector can store 2 KB data.

Calculate capacity of disk.

$$16 \times 2 \times$$