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Welcome to the  
CS Picnic!

## File Systems : Implementation

→ Simple : Very simple  
file system  
(VFS)

→ Locality : Fast file  
system  
(FFS)

→ Crash Consistency :  
Journaling (JFS)  
Write Ahead .ext3/4

## Logging) Linux



→ Write Performance:

Logging →  
Log-Structured  
File System (LFS)

→ Flash-based  
Solid State Drives

(SSDs)

→ [The End] ← future:  
sadness

Abstraction :

Files ?

→ Directories )

File: An array of bytes  
has => {operations:  
low-level name (number)      open, read/write,  
                                  unlink, close}

Directory:

list of names  
(of files, dirs) low-level name)

one file:

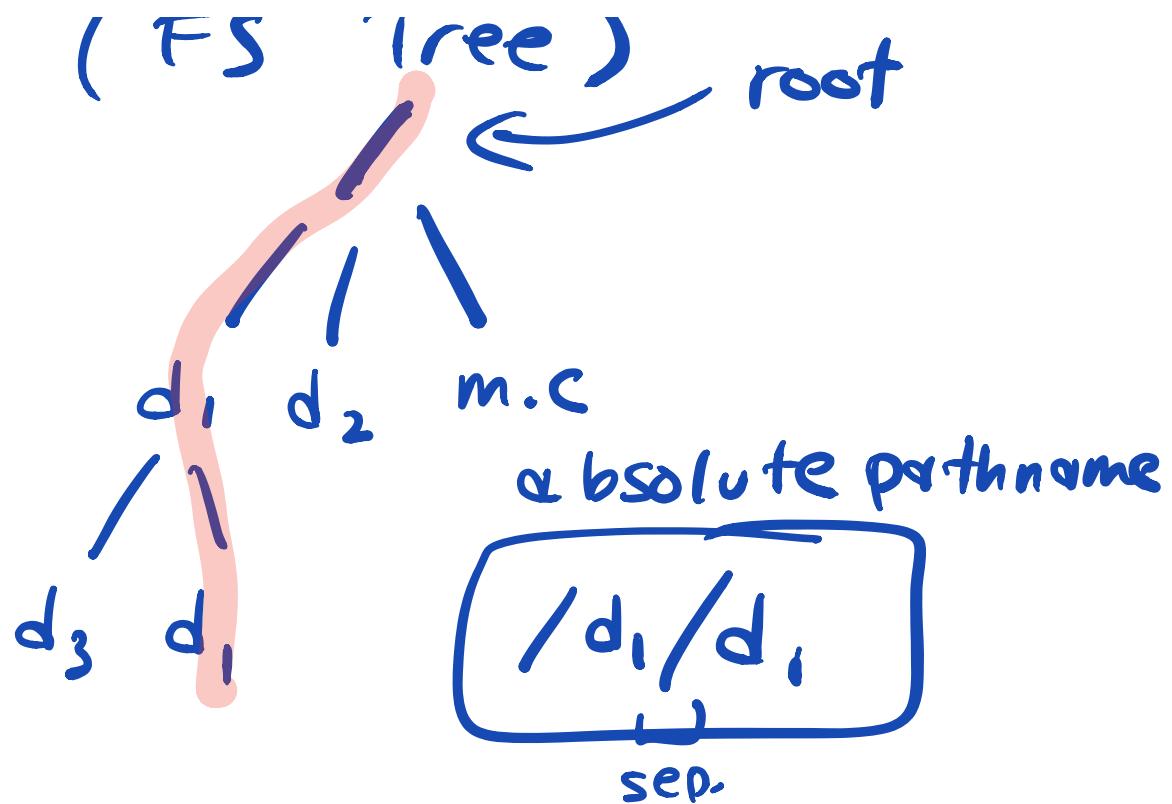
FS → file 3

"main.c"

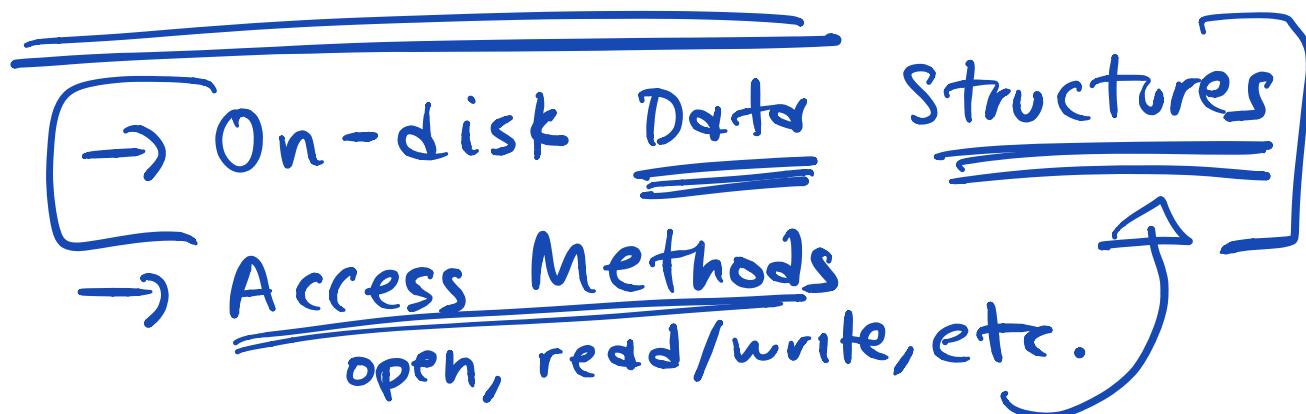
dir: maps

"main.c" → 3

Directory Hierarchy:  
/ -- \



Implementation :



Very Simple File System

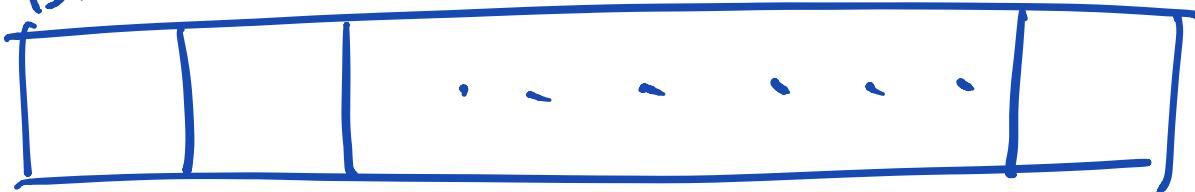
(VSFS)

FS : API open read ....



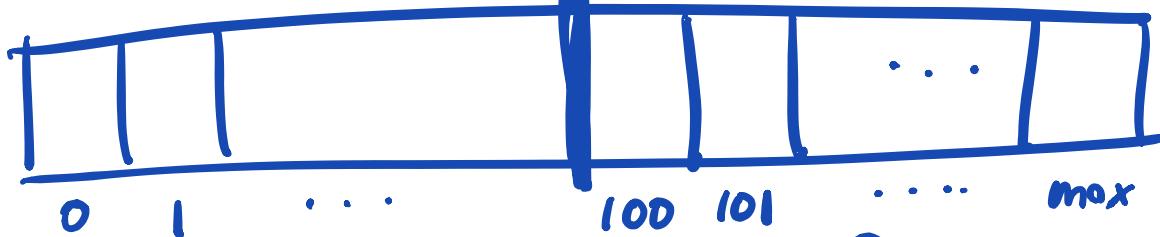
read / write to  
disk blocks

Disk : Bunch of Blocks



what needs to be  
on disk?

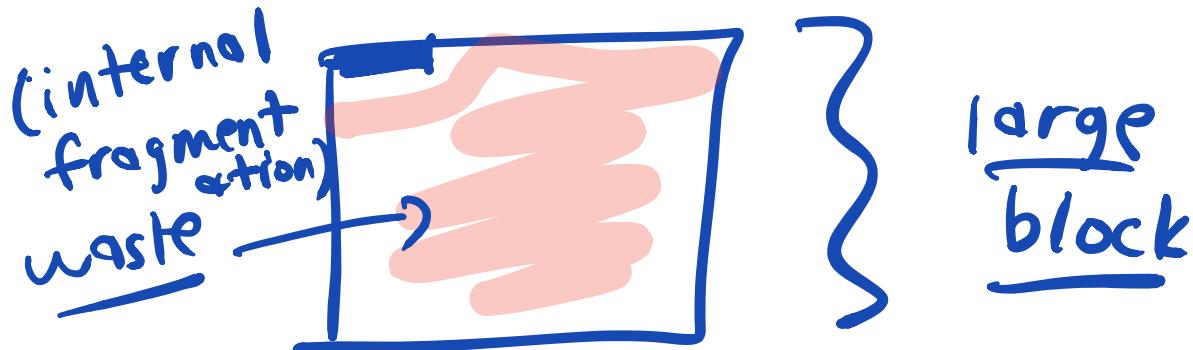
→ Data  "data blocks"



Block size: => [4KB]  
must be multiple  
of sector size (512b)

→ minimal unit of allocation → file  
→ directory

main.c :  
#include <stdio.h>



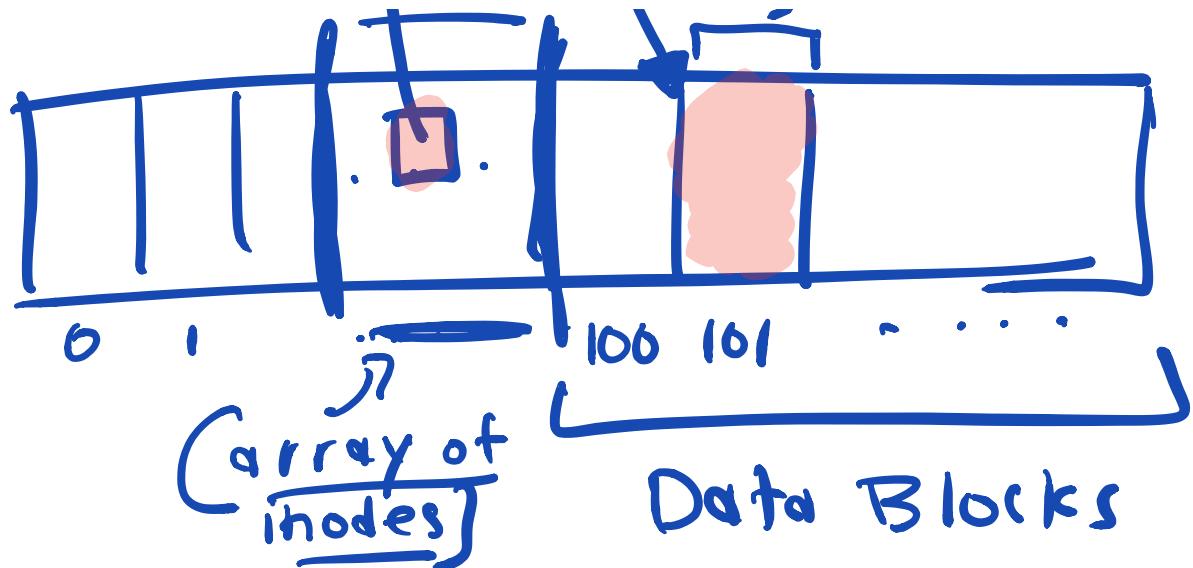
small blocks:

better : less internal waste

but: lots + lots of  
blocks in  
large file

Blocks : (4KB) ⇒ also :  
matches page size

4KB



1) Data

2) Info about each file  
per file: structure on disk

i-node (index node)

what's inside?

→ type: regular file  
directory

→ ownership: remzi

→ permission:

who can read  
write/exec.

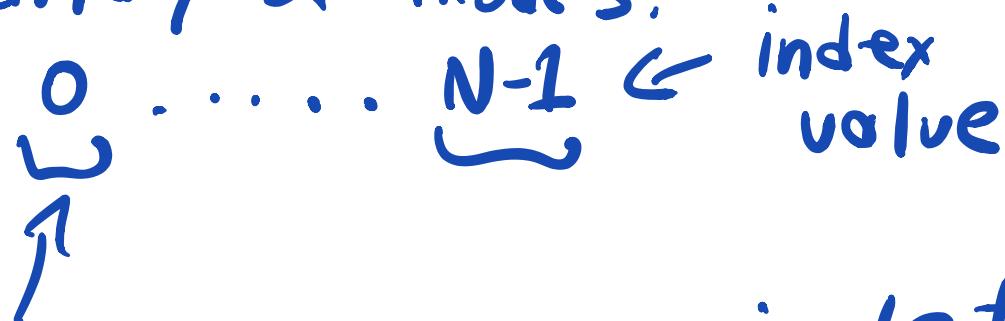
→ timestamps

-i-- + afh/kc

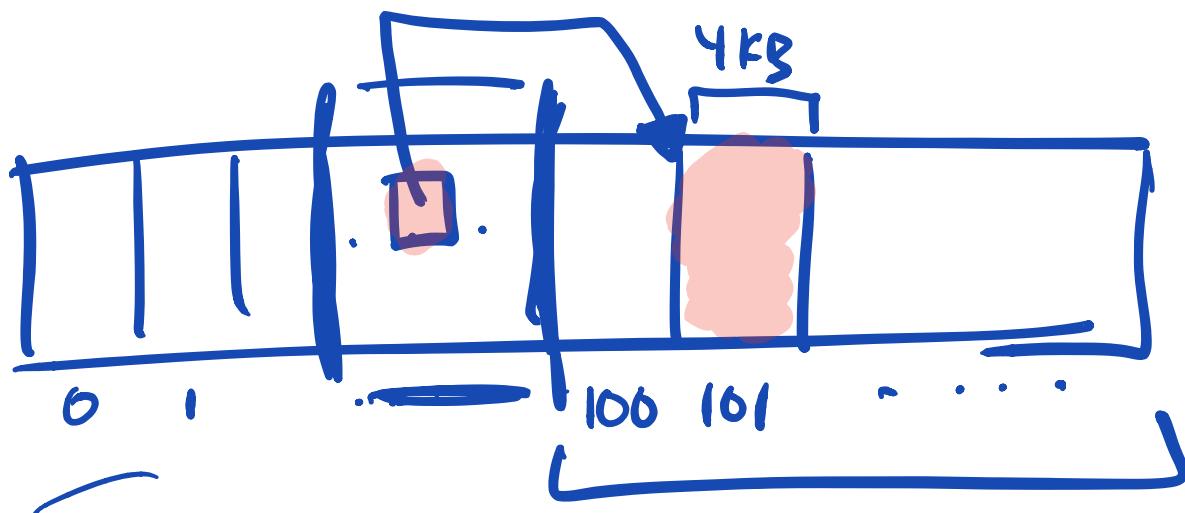
→ size, file size

→ location of  
blocks of  
this file/dir

array of inodes:



low-level name  $\Rightarrow$  inode #  
(index value)



-  $\Rightarrow \underline{\text{size}}$  128 b, 256 b

$\Rightarrow \underline{\text{base}}$

(where array starts)

1) data (file, dir) <sup>u k d</sup> (inode table)

2) inode array

3) directories:  
treated just like files

$\Rightarrow \text{inode} \rightarrow \text{data}$   
 $\qquad\qquad\qquad \text{blocks}$

all dirs:

.. parent

· this dir

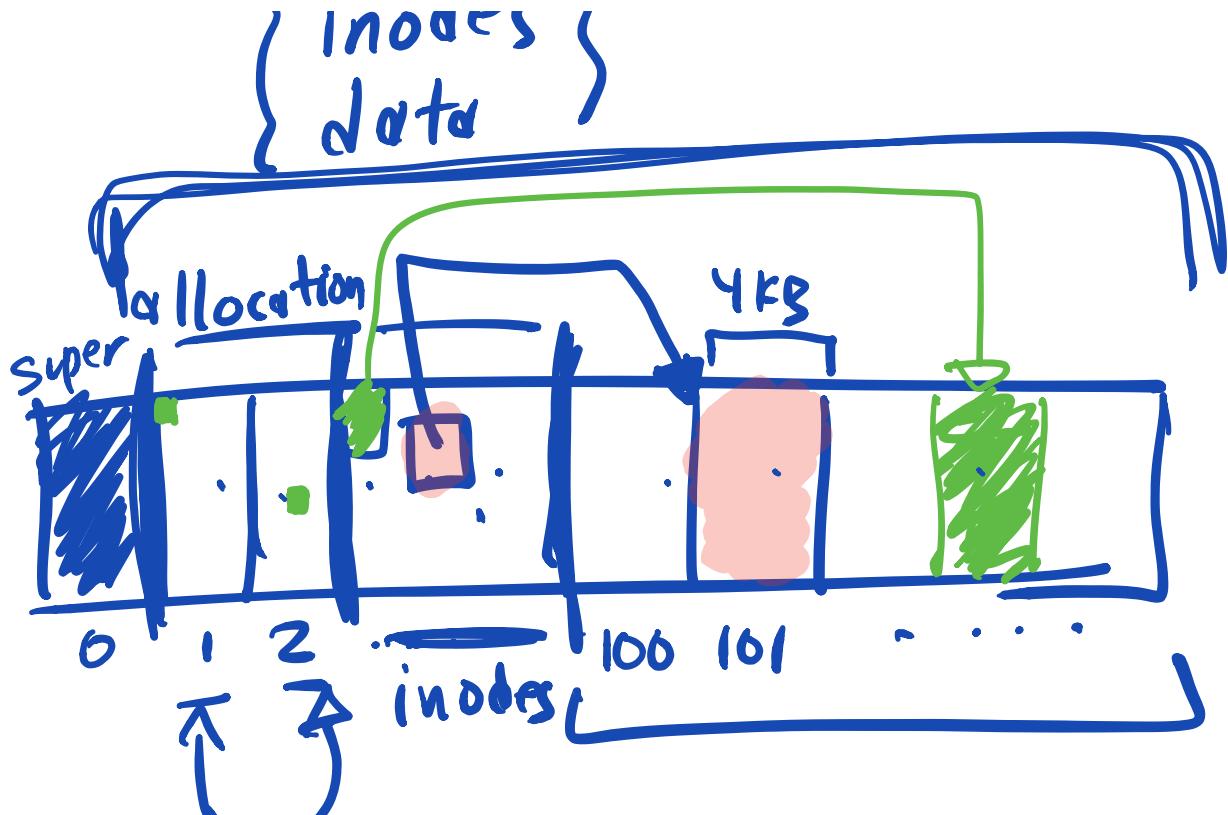
:

data

..	10
:	100
foo:	101

name (human) low-level (inode #)

4) track free/allocated:  
o: 100?

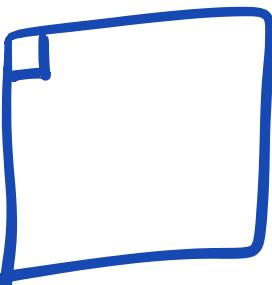


1: inode bitmap

2: data bitmap



0 or 1 →  
whether  
the  
corresp.



entity is free / in use  
(0)      (1)

4KB

1) data

2) inode

3) dir

4) bitmaps

5) superblock :

per file system info.

→ block size, type: ext4

[where is inode table,  
where are data blocks?

etc.]

Access Methods :

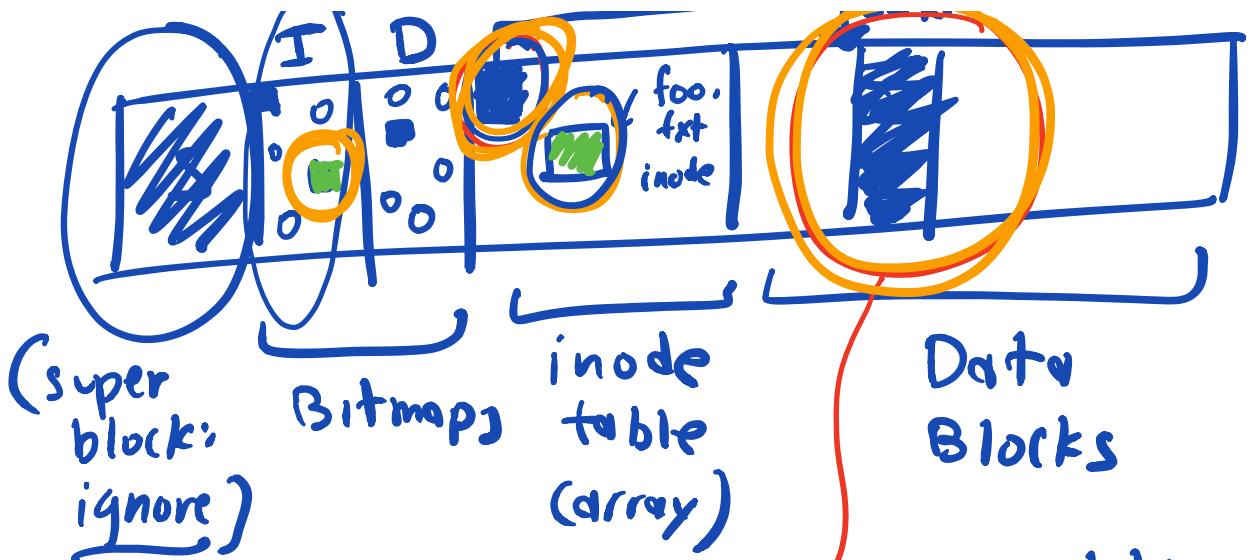
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API: → what it does  
to disk?

creat (" /foo.txt ")

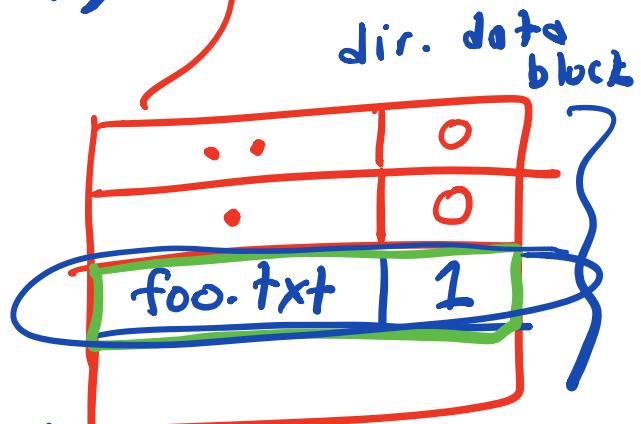
Assume: Empty File System





create /foo.txt

=> read inode  
of root  
directory



know: root inode# => 0

1) **READ** : block containing  
inode # 0  
(root inode)  
(permissions check)

2) make sure filename  
is unique:

D -> D<sub>1</sub> ... D<sub>n</sub> & data blocks

READ (s) of root directory

3) look for space for inode;

READ inode bitmap

4) mark bit (in use) [<sup>in</sup> memory]

5) WRITE inode bitmap

6) update inode of foo.txt

READ inode block table

update in memory:  
[...]

WRITE block (inode)  
of  
foo.txt

7) link file into directory

READ

update

root data

[foo.txt → 1]

directory  
entry

dir block

WRITE

⇒ creation: finished

⇒ wnte()

⇒ allocation  
or  
not?

⇒ open

("a/b/c/...")

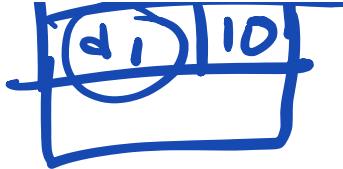
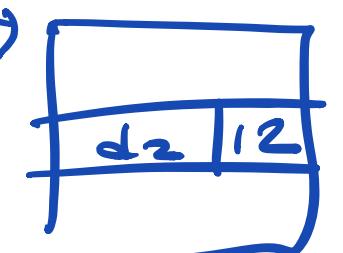
path  
traversal

open ("d<sub>1</sub>/d<sub>2</sub>/d<sub>3</sub>/foo.txt")

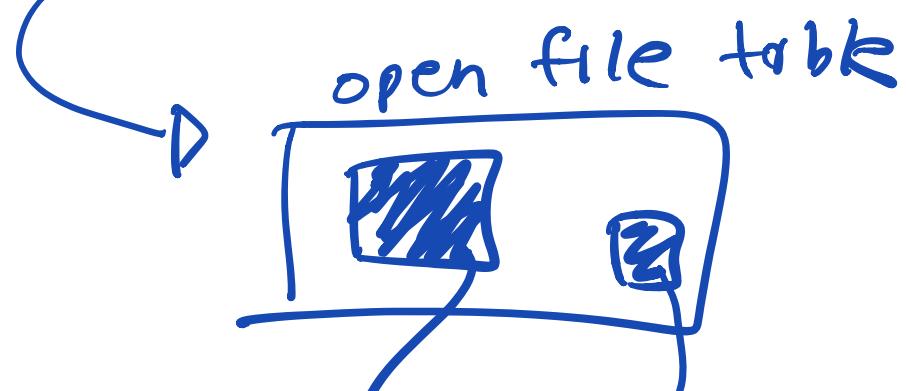
read root inode

... 1 root dir →



read 'foo' — data →   
read d<sub>1</sub>'s inode  
read d<sub>1</sub>'s data →   
read d<sub>2</sub>'s inode  
read d<sub>2</sub>'s data →   
read d<sub>3</sub>'s inode  
read d<sub>3</sub>'s data →   
read foo.txt's inode

per-process:  
file descriptor (int)

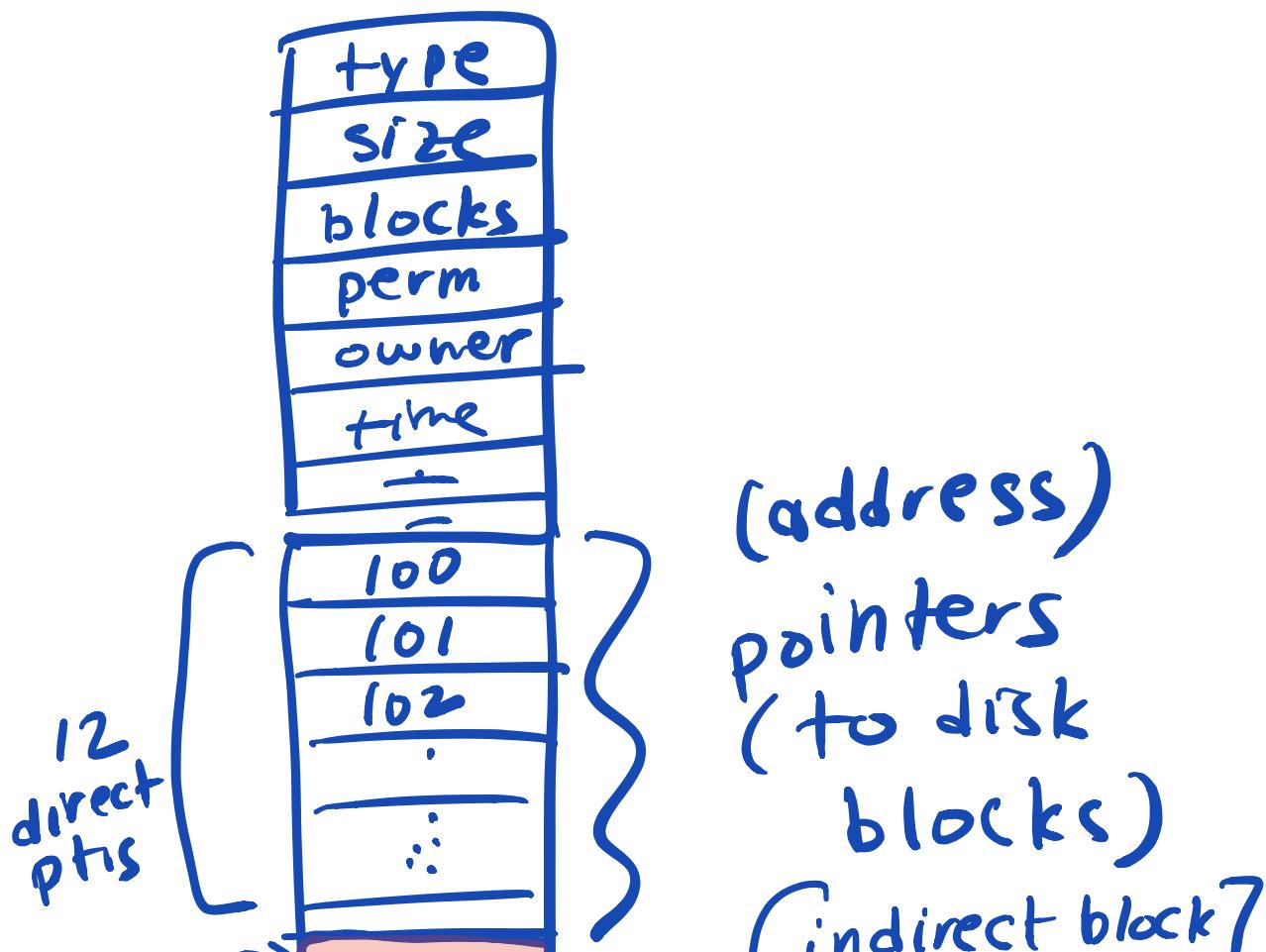


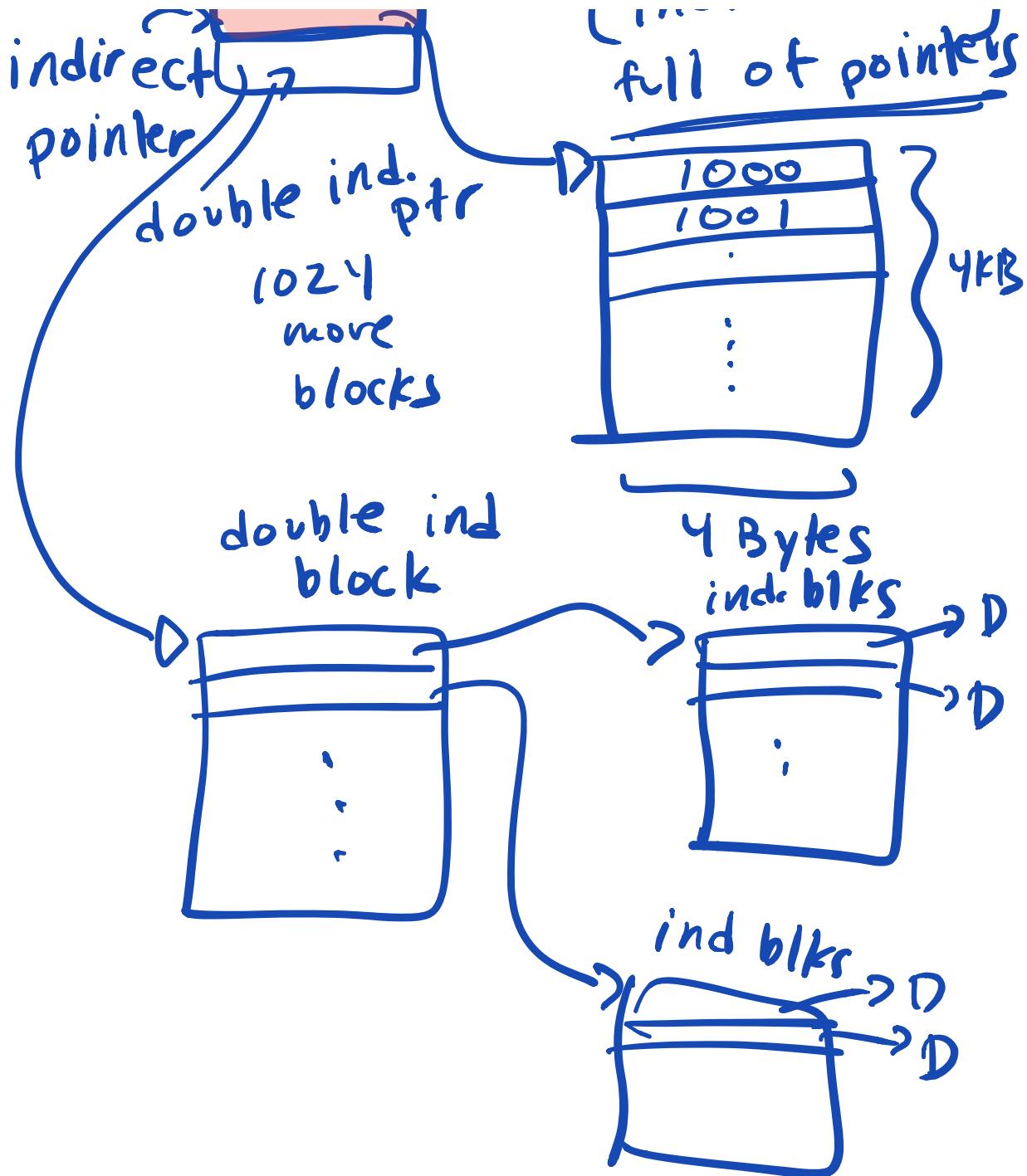
(in-memory inode)

=) small files (so far)

what about large files?

inode structure: 128 bytes



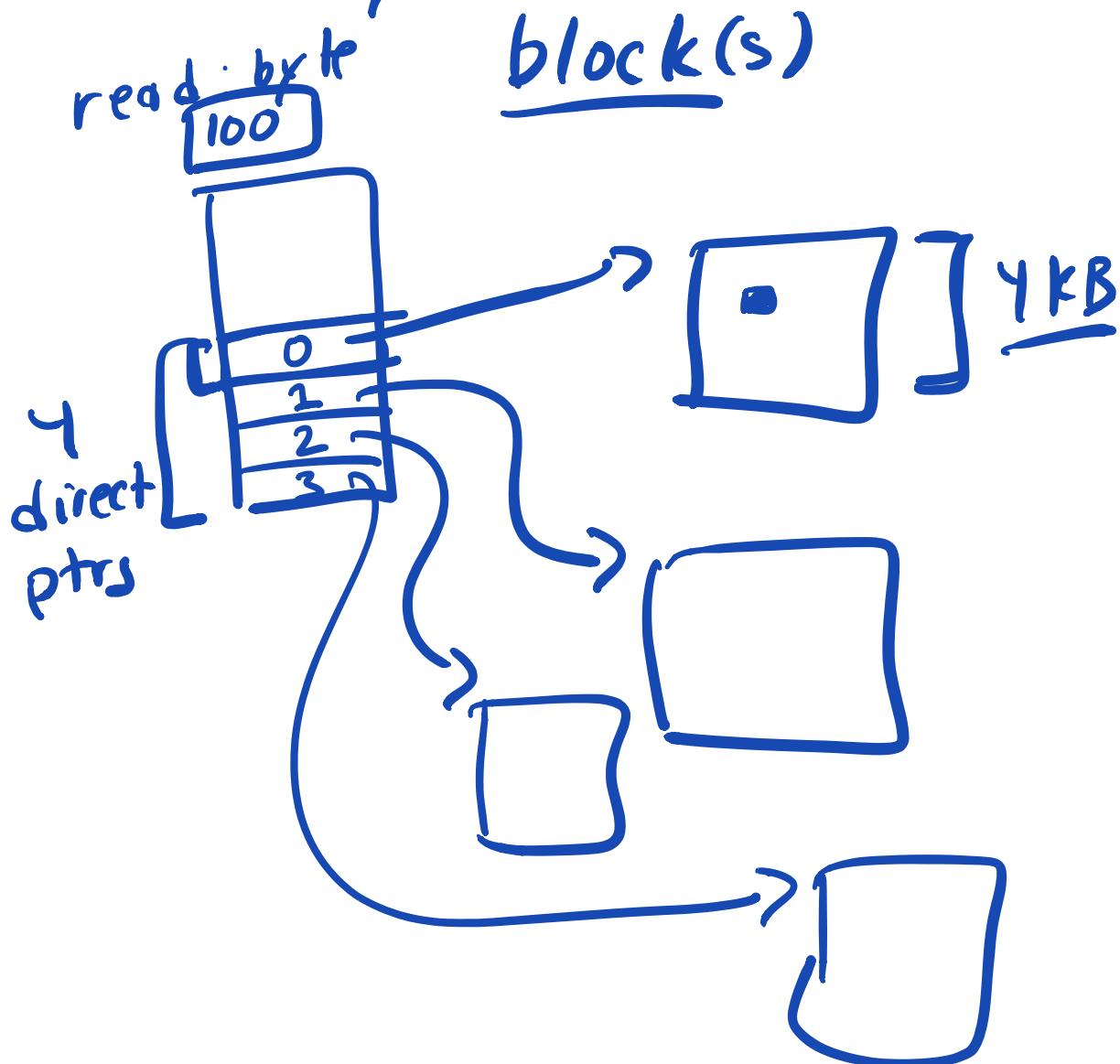


Mapping : File  $\Rightarrow$  Block

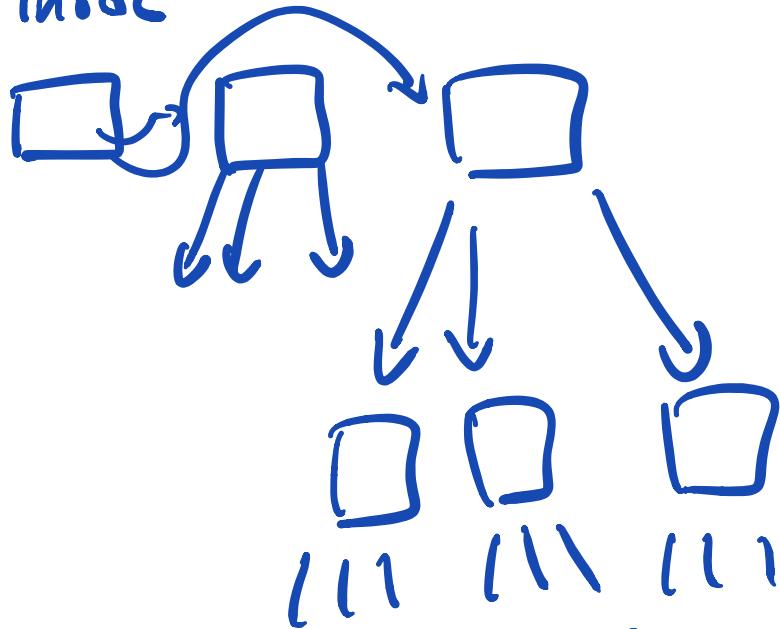
read / write       $rr+7$  starts @

$\Rightarrow (\text{current} + \text{offset})$  o  
(byte offset)

FS : translating  
byte offset  $\Rightarrow$



FS inode



(imbalanced)

[most files are small]

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→ Caching ( + write Buffering )

→ Project 4a  
⇒

P5 yes  
I-O

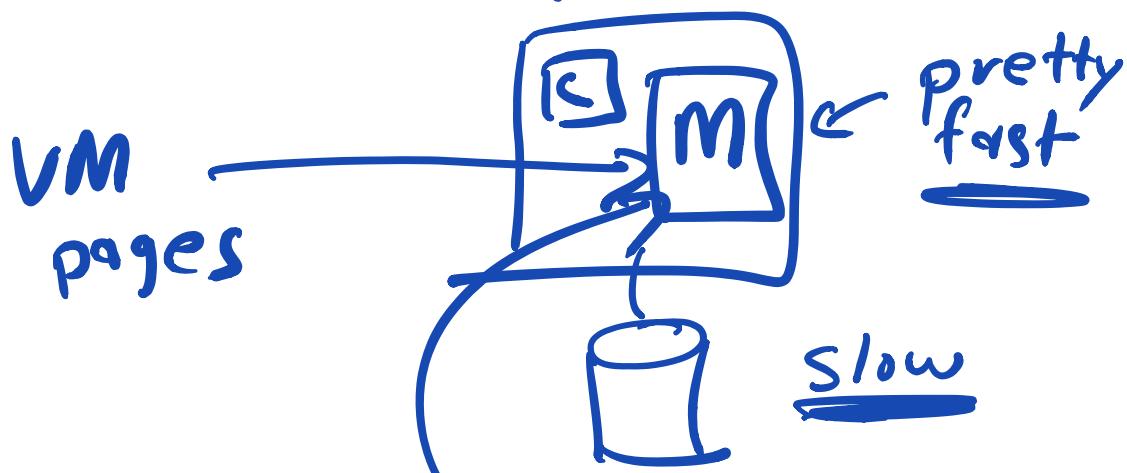
Everyone gets 100!  
here

sign here

→ Min.

Caching / Write Buffering

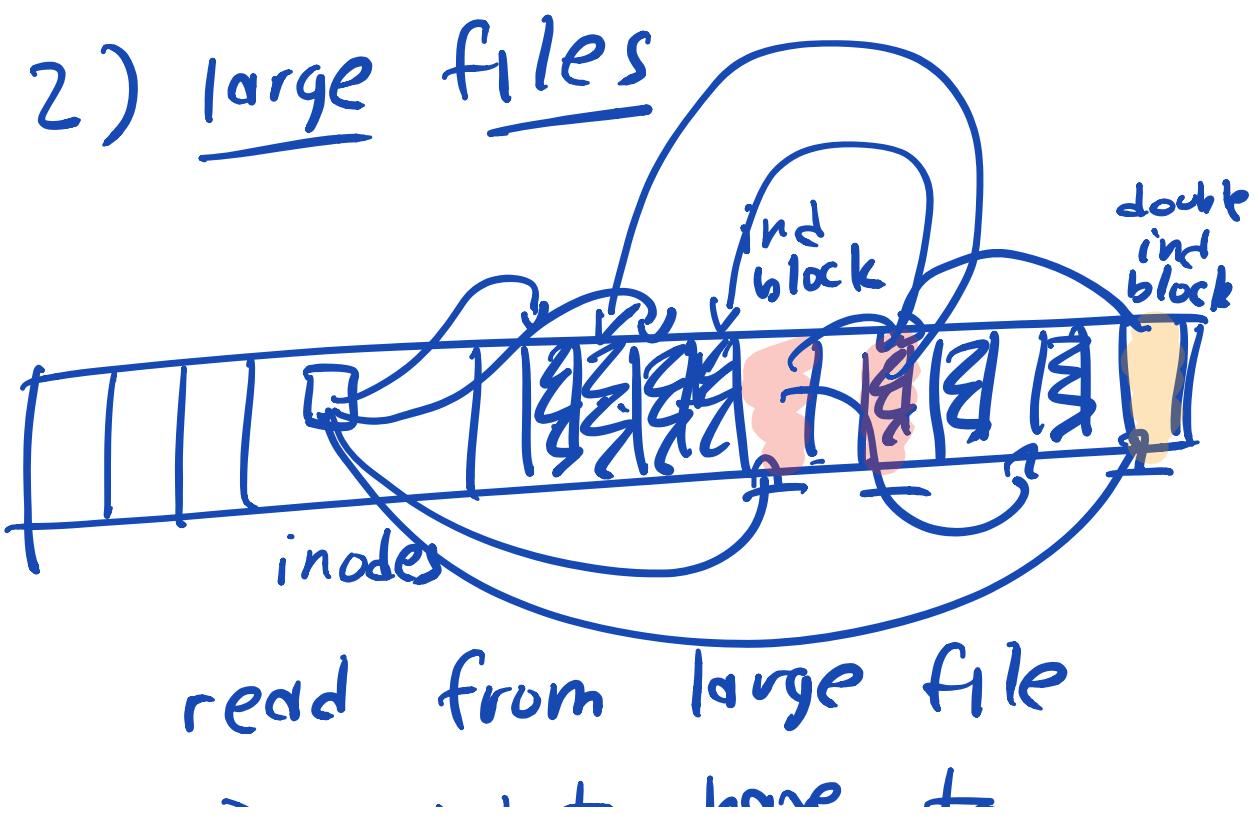
machine



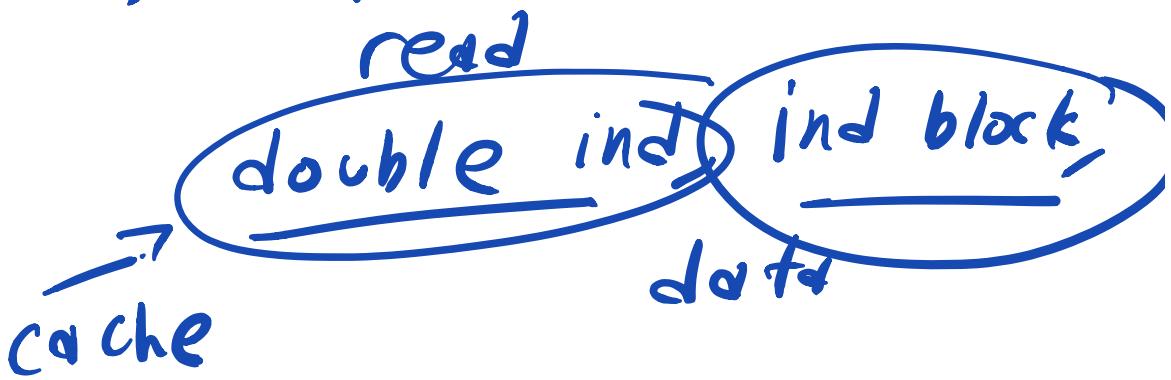
⇒ Use memory  
(for FS stuff)

Important on reads:

1) open ("a/b/c/d/e.txt")  
⇒ slow O\_RDONLY  
many reads  
cache    inodes, (meta  
              data)  
dir data  
(in memory)  
re-open file again ⇒ fast



=> might not do I/O



3) cache data too

writing:

open (" /foo ", O\_WRONLY)

write( ... )

;  
write( .... )

close

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FS has done no I/O

to disk

$\Rightarrow$  buffering data in  
memory

Later, in background,  
OS writes out  
data  $\rightarrow$  disk

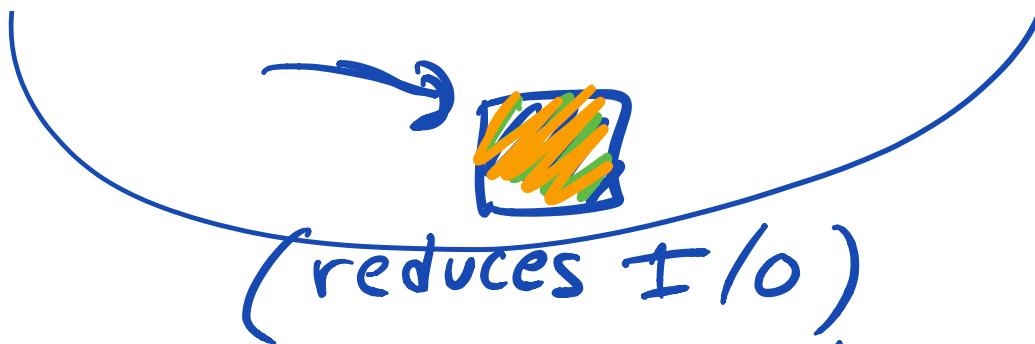
Why useful?

$\Rightarrow$  Seems faster (decreases perceived latency)

$\Rightarrow$  leave it in memory: might be read later

$\Rightarrow$  aggregate many "small" writes  $\Rightarrow$  1 block write  
(batching)

$\Rightarrow$  overwrite same block repeatedly



(reduces I/O)

=> disk scheduling

(better w/  
more writes!)

=> open

write

:  
write

close

:  
:

unlink

(delete)

if file  
deleted,  
never write  
to disk  
at all!

Why bad?

=> Crash => Data Loss!

if you really care  
about immediate writes:

open( )

write( )

:

write( )

fsync( )  $\Rightarrow$  forces  
data to  
disk

(slow)  
but safe

P<sub>1</sub>

w

P<sub>2</sub>



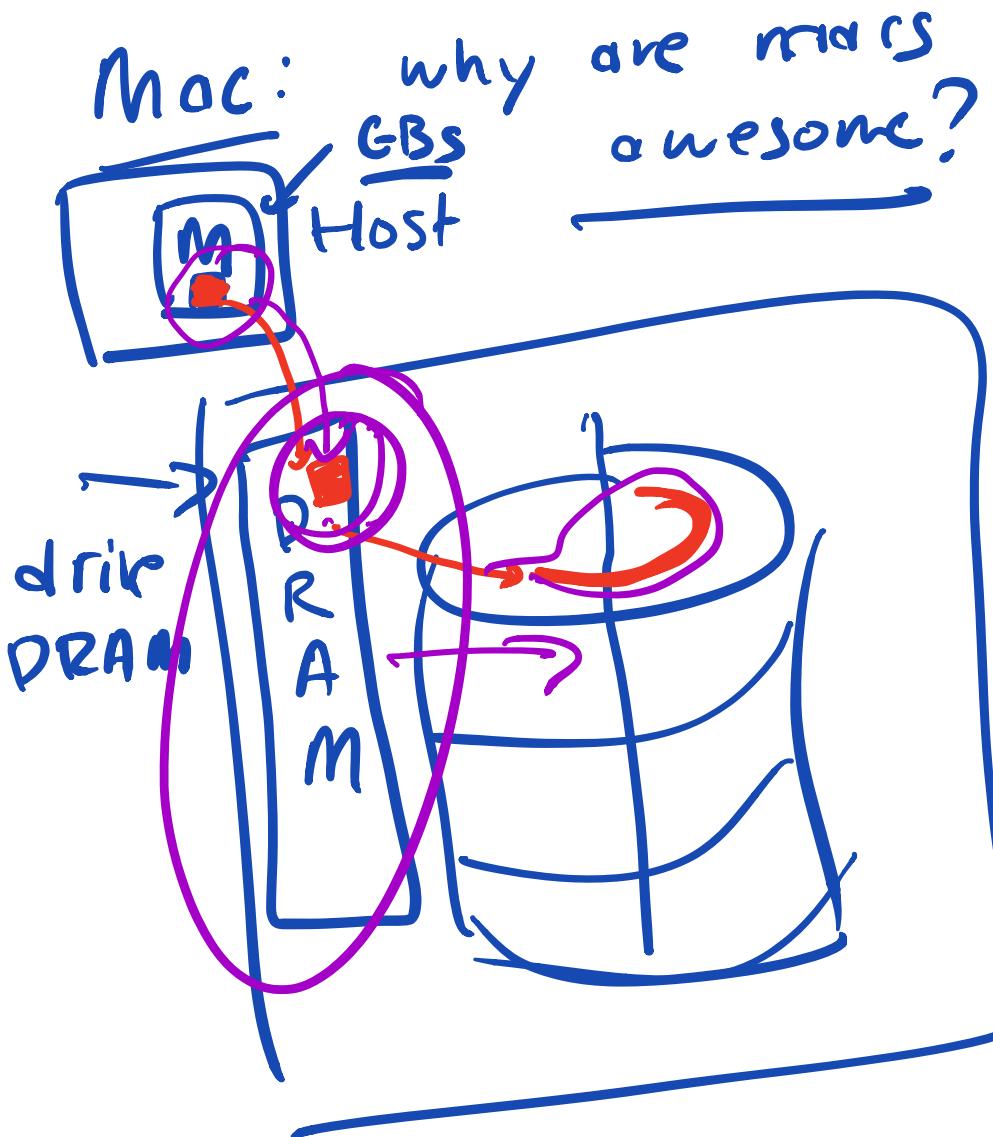
w

w

P<sub>1</sub>

FS cache:  
Shared  
across all  
processes

LBI



Discussion :

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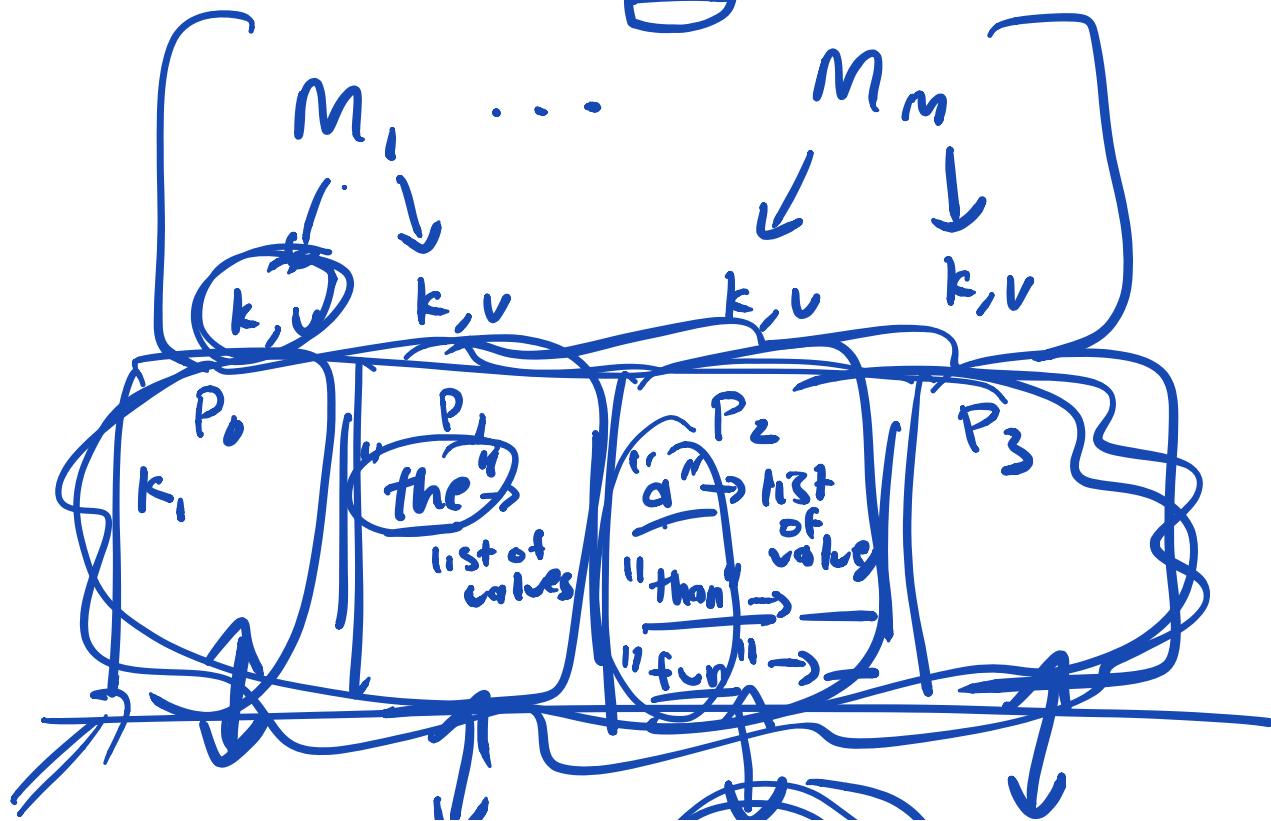
Map Reduce Q/A

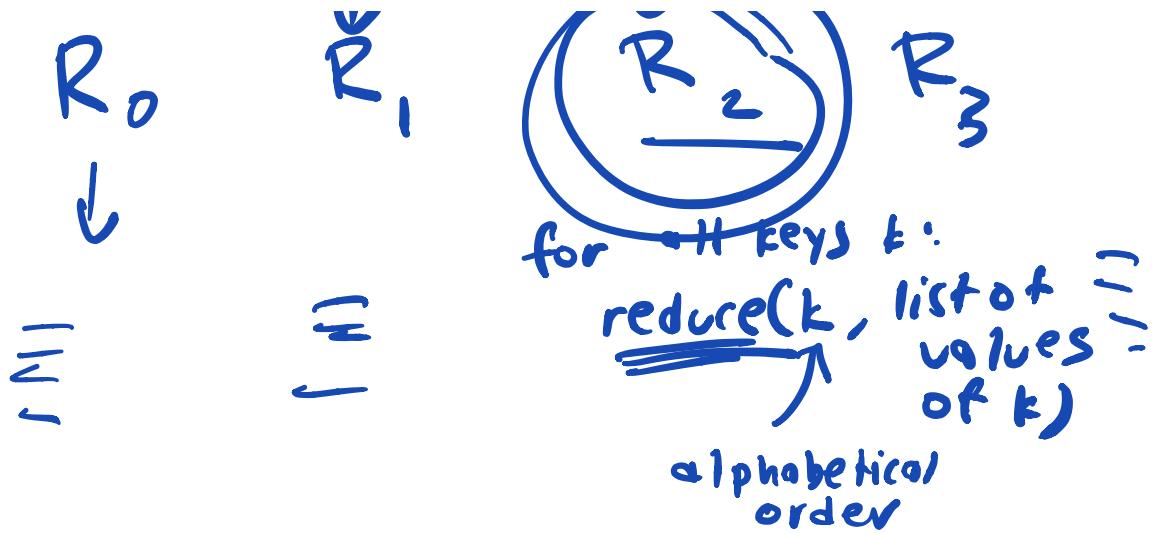
$\Rightarrow$  Project reason:  
citations

$\Rightarrow$  Structure of map-reduce problems  
 $\Rightarrow$  more examples

$\Rightarrow$  Perf : [~25%]

$\Rightarrow$  Sort : 





wait for all reducers

→ clean up

→ return