Operating Systems

RAID, File/Directories, and File System (Chapter 38 ~ 40)

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RAID (Redundant Array of Inexpensive Disks)

- RAID is to use multiple disks to build faster, bigger, and more reliable disk system.
- RAID is arranged into six different levels.
 - RAID Level 0: Striping multiple disks
 - RAID Level 1: Use mirroring
 - RAID Level 4, level 5: Parity based redundancy

Evaluation

- Capacity
 - N disks, B blocks per disk
 - N*B blocks in total → How much useful capacity is available to the clients of RAID?
- Reliability
 - How many disk faults can the RAID tolerate
- Performance
 - Read
 - write

RAID Level 0

- RAID Level 0 is the simplest form as striping blocks.
 - Spread the blocks across the disks in a round-robin fashion.

Disk 0	Disk 1	Disk 2	Disk 3
0	1	2	3
4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15

RAID-0: Simple Striping

RAID Level 0 (Cont.)

- Chunk size
 - Small chunk:
 - more intra-file parallelism
 - Larger positioning time: positioning time is the max positioning time of the disks
 - Large chunk:
 - Reduced intra-file parallelism
 - Smaller positioning time
- An example of RAID Label 0 with a bigger chunk size
 - Chunk size : 2 blocks (8KB)

	Disk 3	Disk 2	Disk 1	Disk 0
chunk	6	4	2	0
size: 2 blocks	7	5	3	1
	14	12	10	5
	15	13	11	9

RAID Level 0 Analysis

- Evaluate the capacity, reliability, performance of striping.
 - First way: single request latency
 - How much parallelism can exist during a single I/O operation.
 - Second way: steady-state throughput of the RAID:
 - Total bandwidth of many concurrent requests.

RAID Level 0 Analysis (Cont.)

Single Disk

- Average seek time: 7 ms
- Average rotational delay: 3 ms
- Transfer rate of disk: 50 MB/s

Single Disk Performance

- 10 Mbyte seq. IO,
$$S = \frac{Amount\ of\ Data}{Time\ to\ access} = \frac{10\ MB}{(7+3+200)=210\ ms} = 47.62\ MB\ /s$$

- 10 Kbyte Random IO,
$$R = \frac{Amount\ of\ Data}{Time\ to\ access} = \frac{10\ KB}{(7+3+0.195)=10.195\ ms} = 0.981\ MB\ /s$$

RAID 0

- Random write, random read = N*R
- Sequential write, sequential read = N*S

RAID Level 1

- RAID Level 1 is mirroring
 - Copy more than one of each block in the system.
 - Copy block places on a separate disk to tolerate the disk failures.

Disk 0	Disk 1	Disk 2	Disk 3
0	0	1	1
2	2	3	3
4	4	5	5
6	6	7	7

Simple RAID-1: Mirroring

RAID level 1

- Capacity N*B/2
- Reliability
 - From one to upto N/2 depending upon the failure disk
- Performance
 - Sequential write: N*S/2
 - Sequential read: N*S/2
 - Random write: N*R/2
 - Random Read: N*R

RAID Level 4

RAID Level 4 is to add redundancy to a disk array as parity.

Disk 0	Disk 1	Disk 2	Disk 3	Disk 4	
0	1	2	3	P0	* P: Parity
4	5	6	7	P1	
8	9	10	11	P2	
12	13	14	15	Р3	

Simple RAID-4 with parity

Disk 0	Disk 1	Disk 2	Disk 3	Disk 4
0	0	1	1	xor(0,0,1,1)
0	1	0	0	Xor(0,1,0,0)

RAID Level 4 (Cont.)

- The simple RAID Level 4 optimization known as a Fullstripe write.
 - Calculate the new value of P0 (Parity 0)
 - Write all of the blocks to the five disks above in parallel
 - Full-stripe writes are the most efficient way

Disk 0	Disk 1	Disk 2	Disk 3	Disk 4	
0	1	2	3	P0	
4	5	6	7	P1	
8	9	10	11	P2	
12	13	14	15	Р3	

Analysis

Capacity: (N-1)*B

Sequential read: (N-1)*S

• Sequential write: (N-1)*S for full stripe write

Disk 0	Disk 1	Disk 2	Disk 3	Disk 4
0	1	2	3	P0
4	5	6	7	P1
8	9	10	11	P2
12	13	14	15	P3

• Random read: (N-1)*R

Analysis

- Random write:
 - Additive Parity update: read all blocks in parallel, update the block, compute the new parity and write the updated block and the updated parity.
 - Subtractive parity update: read the parity, write (new xor old) xor (old parity).
 (read on parity disk): compare old and new
 - For each write, the RAID perform 4 physical I/O. (two read and writes)

Disk 0	Disk 1	Disk 2	Disk 3	Disk 4	Disk4 cannot be parallelized
0	1	2	3	P0	DISK4 Carillot be parallelized
*4	5	6	7	+P1	
8	9	10	11	P2	
12	*13	14	15	+P3	

Random write performance: (R/2) MB/sec Small write problem happens

RAID Level 5

- RAID Level 5 is solution of small write problem.
 - small write problem cause parity-disk bottleneck of RAID Level 4.
 - works almost identically to RAID-4, except that it rotates the parity blocks across drives.
- RAID Level 5's Each stripe is now rotated across the disks.

Disk 0	Disk 1	Disk 2	Disk 3	Disk 4
0	1	2	3	P0
5	6	7	P1	4
10	11	P2	8	9
15	Р3	12	13	14
P4	16	17	18	19

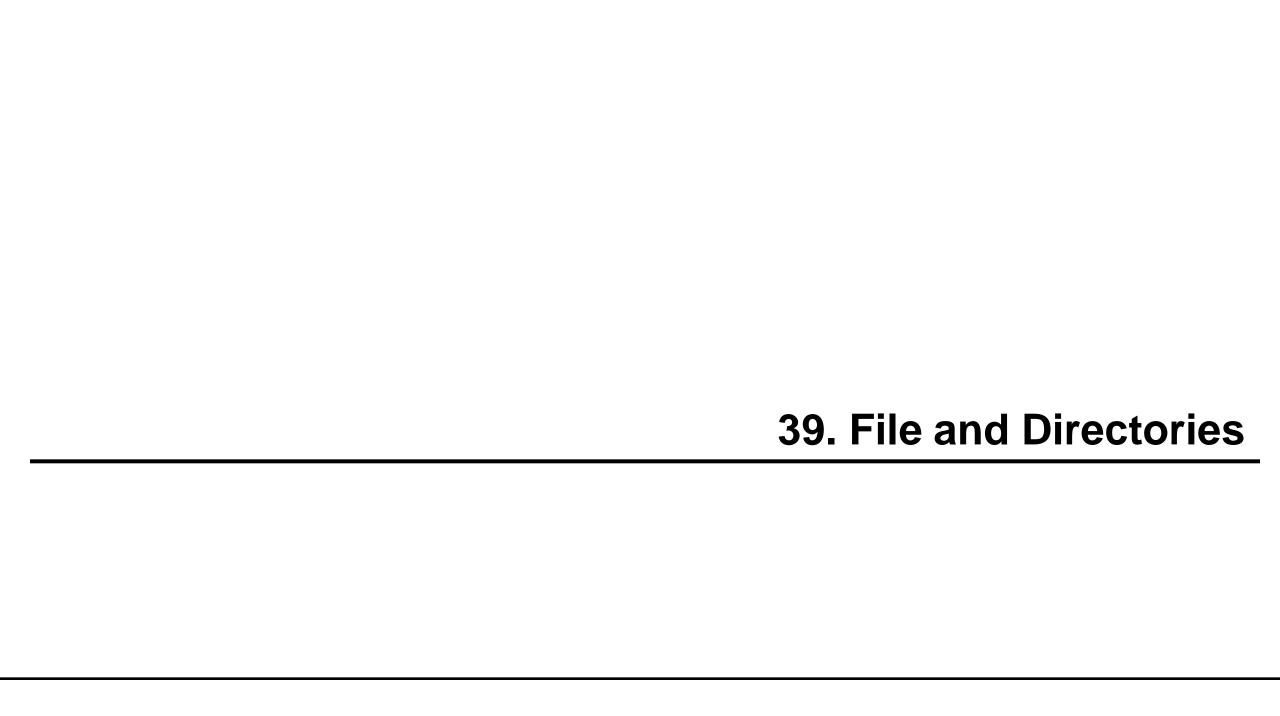
RAID-5 with Rotated Parity

Analysis

- Capacity: (N-1)*B
- Reliability: 1
- Performance
 - Sequential read, sequential write: (N-1)S
 - Random read: N*R
 - Random write: single write can cause 4 IO's (two read, two write), All N disks can work in parallel: (N*R)/4

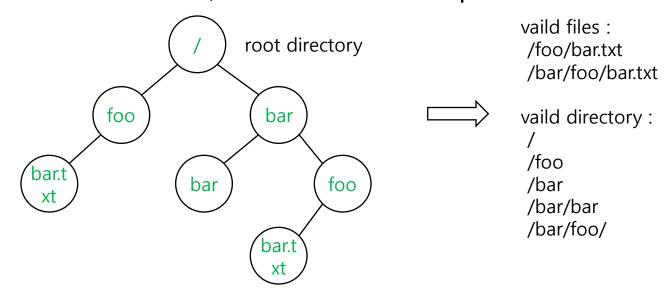
Summary

	RAID-0	RAID-1	RAID-4	RAID-5
Capacity	N	N/2	N-1	N-1
Reliability	0	1 (for sure) N/2 (if lucky		1
Throughput				
Sequential Read	NS	(N/2)S	(N-1)S	(N-1)S
Sequential Write	NS	(N/2) S	(N-1)S	(N-1)S
Random Read	NR	NR	(N-1)R	NR
Random Write	NR	(N/2)R	R/2	(N/4)R
Latency				
Read	D	D	D	D
Write	D	D	2D	2D



Concepts

- File
 - File is simply a linear array of bytes.
 - Each file has low-level name as 'inode number'
- Directory
 - A file
 - A list of <user-readable filename, low-level filename> pairs



An Example Directory Tree

Interface: Creating a file

Use open system call with O CREAT flag.

```
int fd = open("foo", O_CREAT|O_WRONLY|O_TRUNC, S_IRUSR|S_IWUSR);
- O_CREAT: create file.
- O_WRONLY: only write to that file while opened.
- O_TRUNC: make the file size zero (remove any existing content).
```

- open system call returns file descriptor.
 - file descriptor is an integer, is used to access files.
 - Ex) read (file descriptor)
 - File descriptor table

```
struct proc {
...
struct file *ofile[NOFILE]; // Open files
...
};
```

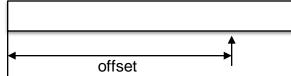
Interface: Reading and Writing Files

An Example of reading and writing 'foo' file.

The result of strace to figure out cat is doing.

Reading and Writing Files (Cont.)

OFFSET



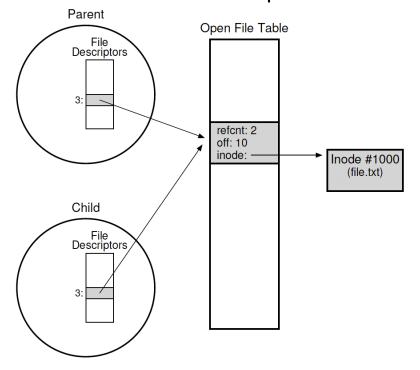
- The position of the file where we start read and write.
- When a file is open, "an offset" is allocated.
- Updated after read/write
- How to read or write to a specific offset within a file?

```
off_t lseek(int fd, off_t offset /*location */, int whence);
```

- Third argument is how the seek is performed.
 - SEEK SET: to offset bytes.
 - SEEK CUR: to its current location plus offset bytes.
 - SEEK END: to the size of the file plus offset bytes.

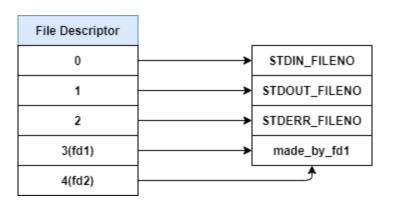
fork() and dup()

Child process inherits the file descriptor table of the parent.



Duplicating a file descriptor

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
   int fd = open("README", O_RDONLY);
   assert(fd >= 0);
   int fd2 = dup(fd);
   // now fd and fd2 can be used interchangeably
   return 0;
```



fsync()

- Persistency
 - write(): write data to the buffer. Later, save it to the storage.
 - some applications require more than eventual guarantee. Ex) DBMS
- fsync(): the writes are forced immediately to disk.

```
off_t fsync(int fd /*for the file referred to by the specified file*/)
```

An Example of fsync().

```
int fd = open("foo", O_CREAT | O_WRONLY | O_TRUNC);
int rc = write(fd, buffer, size);
rc = fsync(fd);
```

- If a file is created, it needs to be durably a part of the directory.
 - Above code requires fsync() to directory also.

Renaming Files

- rename (): rename a file to different name.
 - It implemented as an atomic call.
 - Ex) change from foo to bar

```
promt > mv foo bar
```

Saving a file in an editor

```
int fd = open("foo.txt.tmp", O_WRONLY|O_CREAT|O_TRUNC);
write(fd, buffer, size); // write out new version of file
fsync(fd);
close(fd);
rename("foo.txt.tmp", "foo.txt");
```

```
~/OS lab
   strace mv a.exe out.exe
  -- Process 31592 created
-- Process 31592 loaded C:\Windows\System32\ntdll.dll at 00007ff815430000
   -- Process 31592 loaded C:\Windows\System32\kernel32.dll at 00007ff813dd0000
  -- Process 31592 loaded C:\Windows\System32\KernelBase.dll at 00007ff812a30000
 --- Process 31592 thread 7652 created
--- Process 31592 thread 32916 created
--- Process 31592 thread 10808 created
--- Process 31592 loaded C:\cygwin64\bin\cygwin1.dll at 0000000180040000
  -- Process 31592 loaded C:\cygwin64\bin\cygintl-8.dll at 00000003dl1b0000
  -- Process 31592 loaded C:\cygwin64\bin\cygiconv-2.dll at 00000003dab60000
   93
                       93 [main] mv (31592) Program name: C:\cygwin64\bin\mv.exe (windows pi
   31592)
                    150 [main] mv (31592) OS version: Windows NT-10.0 201 [main] mv (31592)
     51
   -- Process 31592 loaded C:\Windows\System32\advapi32.dll at 00007ff8146b0000
  -- Process 31592 loaded C:\Windows\System32\msvcrt.dll at 00007ff815340000
  -- Process 31592 loaded C:\Windows\System32\sechost.dll at 00007ff813640000
 --- Process 31592 loaded C:\Windows\System32\rpcrt4.dll at 00007ff813700000
--- Process 31592 loaded C:\Windows\System32\rpcrt4.dll at 00007ff8120b0000
--- Process 31592 loaded C:\Windows\System32\cryptbase.dll at 00007ff8120b0000
--- Process 31592 loaded C:\Windows\System32\bcryptprimitives.dll at 00007ff8129
              10500 [main] mv (31592) sigprocmask: 0 = sigprocmask (0, 0x0, 0x18032759
748 11248 [main] mv (31592) open_shared: name shared.5, n 5, shared 0x180030 000 (wanted 0x180030000), h 0x124, *m 6 116 11364 [main] mv (31592) user_heap_info::init: heap base 0x80000000, heap top 0x800000000, heap size 0x20000000 (536870912)
151 11515 [main] mv (31592) open_shared: name S-1-5-21-4085886440-1129447739
-197028766-1001.1, n 1, shared 0x180020000 (wanted 0x180020000), h 0x120, *m 6
91 11606 [main] mv (31592) user_info::create: opening user shared for 'S-1-
5-21-4085886440-1129447739-197028766-1001' at 0x180020000
             11672 [main] mv (31592) user_info::create: user shared version AB1FCCE8 11747 [main] mv (31592) fhandler_pipe::create: name \\.\pipe\cygwin-e022
582115c10879-31592-sigwait, size 11440, mode PIPE_TYPE_MESSAGE
95 11842 [main] mv (31592) fhandler_pipe::create: pipe read handle 0x130
49 11891 [main] mv (31592) fhandler_pipe::create: CreateFile: name \\.\pipe
\cygwin-e022582115c10879-31592-sigwait
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 --- Process 31592 loaded C:\windows\System32\psapi.dll at 00007ff8136f0000
14148 26161 [sig] mv (31592) wait_sig: entering ReadFile loop, my_readsig 0x13
0, my_sendsig 0x134
   -- Process 31592 loaded C:\Program Files\Fasoo DRM\f_sps.dll at 000000006100000
     - Process 31592 loaded C:\Windows\System32\user32.dll at 00007ff814170000
 --- Process 31592 loaded c:\Windows\System32\Win32u.dll at 00007ff812850000
--- Process 31592 loaded c:\Windows\System32\gdi32.dll at 00007ff814040000
--- Process 31592 loaded c:\Windows\System32\gdi32fdll.dll at 00007ff813070000
--- Process 31592 loaded c:\Windows\System32\msvcp_win.dll at 00007ff813190000
   -- Process 31592 loaded C:\windows\System32\ucrtbase.dll at 00007ff812f50000
  -- Process 31592 loaded C:\Windows\System32\ole32.dll at 00007ff813ea0000
 --- Process 31592 loaded C:\Windows\System32\combase.dll at 00007ff814320000
--- Process 31592 loaded C:\Windows\System32\oleaut32.dll at 00007ff815150000
--- Process 31592 loaded C:\Windows\System32\imm32.dll at 00007ff814760000
  -- Process 31592 loaded C:\Windows\System32\msimg32.dll at 00007ffffcb80000
  -- Process 31592 loaded C:\Windows\System32\version.dll at 00007ff80df70000
 --- Process 31592 loaded C:\Windows\System32\winspool.drv at 00007ff804320000
--- Process 31592 loaded C:\Windows\System32\wtsapi32.dll at 00007ff80db80000
--- Process 31592 loaded C:\Windows\System32\shell32.dll at 00007ff814950000
  -- Process 31592 loaded C:\windows\System32\shlwapi.dll at 00007ff814860000
  -- Process 31592, exception e06d7363 at 00007ff812a9536c
--- Process 31592, exception e06d7363 at 00007ff812a9536c

--- Process 31592 loaded C:\Windows\System32\ntmarta.dll at 00007ff811970000

39037 65198 [main] mv (31592) time: 1685486570 = time(0x0)
  145 65343 [main] mv (31592) mount_info::conv_to_posix_path: conv_to_posix_pa
     (C:\cygwin64\home\ywkwon\OS_lab, 0x0, no-add-slash)
              65431 [main] mv (31592) normalize_win32_path: C:\cygwin64\home\ywkwon\OS
  lab = normalize_win32_path (C:\cygwin64\home\ywkwon\0S_lab)
63 65494 [main] mv (31592) mount_info::conv_to_posix_path: /home/ywkwon\0S_
 lab = conv_to_posix_path (C:\cygwin64\home\ywkwon\OS_lab)
    87 65581 [main] mv (31592) sigprocmask: 0 = sigprocmask (0, 0x0, 0x80001813
              65793 [main] mv (31592) _cygwin_istext_for_stdio: fd 0: not open 65844 [main] mv (31592) _cygwin_istext_for_stdio: fd 1: not open 65892 [main] mv (31592) _cygwin_istext_for_stdio: fd 2: not open 66007 [main] mv (31592) open_shared: name cygpid.1599, n 1599, shared 0x
```

Getting Information About Files

- stat(): Show the file metadata
 - metadata is information about each file, ex: size, permission, ...
- stat structure is below:

```
struct stat {
        dev t st dev; /* ID of device containing file */
        ino t st ino; /* inode number */
        mode t st mode; /* protection */
        nlink t st nlink; /* number of hard links */
        uid t st uid; /* user ID of owner */
        gid t st gid; /* group ID of owner */
        dev t st rdev; /* device ID (if special file) */
        off t st size; /* total size, in bytes */
        blksize t st blksize; /* blocksize for filesystem I/O */
        blkcnt t st blocks; /* number of blocks allocated */
        time t st atime; /* time of last access */
12
        time t st mtime; /* time of last modification */
        time t st ctime; /* time of last status change */
14
15 };
```

Getting Information About Files (Cont.)

- An example of stat()
 - All information is in a inode

```
prompt> echo hello > file
prompt> stat file

File: 'file'
Size: 6 Blocks: 8 IO Block: 4096 regular file
Device: 811h/2065d Inode: 67158084 Links: 1
Access: (0640/-rw-r----) Uid: (30686/ root) Gid: (30686/ remzi)
Access: 2011-05-03 15:50:20.157594748 -0500
Modify: 2011-05-03 15:50:20.157594748 -0500
Change: 2011-05-03 15:50:20.157594748 -0500
```

Removing Files

- The result of strace to figure out what rm is doing.
 - rm is Linux command to remove a file
 - rm calls unlink() to remove a file.

```
1 prompt> strace rm foo
2
3 unlink("foo")
4 ...
5 prompt>
```

```
73 76713 [main] rm 1604 path_conv::check: this->path(C:\cygwin64\home\ywkwon\OS_lab\out.exe), has_acls(1)
72 76785 [main] rm 1604 _unlink_nt: Trying to delete \??\C:\cygwin64\home\ywkwon\OS_lab\out.exe, isdir = 0
625 77410 [main] rm 1604 _unlink_nt: \??\C:\cygwin64\home\ywkwon\OS_lab\out.exe, return status = 0x0
108 77518 [main] rm 1604 unlink: 0 = unlink(/home/ywkwon/OS_lab/out.exe)
```

Making Directories

- mkdir(): Make a directory
 - When a directory is created, it is empty.
 - Empty directory have two entries: . (itself), .. (parent)

```
prompt> strace mkdir foo
...
    mkdir("foo", 0777) = 0
...
    prompt>

prompt> ls -al
total 8
drwxr-x--- 2 roo root 6 Apr 30 16:17 ./
d drwxr-x--- 26 root root 4096 Apr 30 16:17 ../
```

Reading Directories

- readdir()
 - Directory is a file, but with a specific structure.
 - When reading a directory, we use specific system call other than read().
 - A sample code to read directory entries.

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
DIR *dp = opendir("."); /* open current directory */
assert(dp != NULL);

struct dirent *d;

while ((d = readdir(dp)) != NULL) { /* read one directory entry */
printf("%d %s\n", (int) d->d_ino, d->d_name);
}

closedir(dp); /*close current directory */
return 0;
}
```

Reading Directories

Structure of the directory entry

```
struct dirent {
  char d_name[256]; /* filename */
  ino_t d_ino; /* inode number */
  off_t d_off; /* offset to the next dirent */
  unsigned short d_reclen; /* length of this record */
  unsigned char d_type; /* type of file */
};
```

Deleting Directories

- rmdir(): Delete a directory.
 - rmdir() requires directory be empty before it deleted.
 - If you call rmdir() to a non-empty directory, it will fail.

Hard Links

- link(): Link old file and a new file.
 - Create hard link named file2.

```
prompt> echo hello > file
prompt> cat file
hello
prompt> ln file file2 /* create a hard link, link file to file2 */
prompt> cat file2
hello
```

- The result of link()
 - Two files have same inode number, but two human name(file, file2)

```
prompt> ls -i file file2
67158084 file /* inode value is 67158084 */
67158084 file2 /* inode value is 67158084 */
prompt>
```

Hard Links (Cont.)

- How to create hard link file?
 - Step1. Make an inode, track all information about the file.
 - Step2. Link a human-readable name to file.
 - Step3. Put link file into a current directory.
- After creating a hard link to file, old and new files have no difference.
- Thus, to remove a file, we call unlink().

unlink Hard Links

- What unlink() is doing?
 - Check reference count within the inode number.
 - Remove link between human-readable name and inode number.
 - Decrease reference count.
 - When only it reaches zero, It delete a file (free the inode and related blocks)

unlink Hard Links (Cont.)

• The result of unlink()

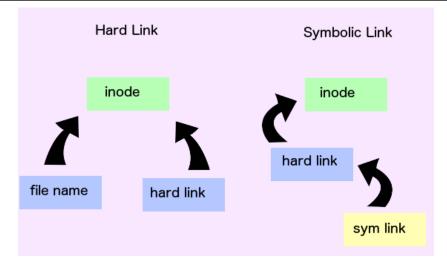
```
prompt> echo hello > file
                                  /* create file*/
prompt> stat file
... Inode: 67158084 Links: 1 ... /* Link count is 1 */
prompt> ln file file2
                                /* hard link file2 */
prompt> stat file
... Inode: 67158084 Links: 2 ... /* Link count is 2 */
prompt> stat file2
... Inode: 67158084 Links: 2 ... /* Link count is 2 */
prompt> ln file2 file3
                                /* hard link file3 */
prompt> stat file
... Inode: 67158084 Links: 3 ... /* Link count is 3 */
prompt> rm file
                                 /* remove file */
prompt> stat file2
... Inode: 67158084 Links: 2 ... /* Link count is 2 */
                                 /* remove file2 */
prompt> rm file2
prompt> stat file3
... Inode: 67158084 Links: 1 ... /* Link count is 1 */
prompt> rm file3
```

Symbolic Links

Symbolic link

- Special file that contains path to the source directory.
- Hard Link cannot create to a directory.
- Hard Link cannot create to a file to other partition.
- An example of symbolic link

```
prompt> echo hello > file
prompt> ln -s file file2 /* option -s : create a symbolic link, */
prompt> cat file2
hello
```



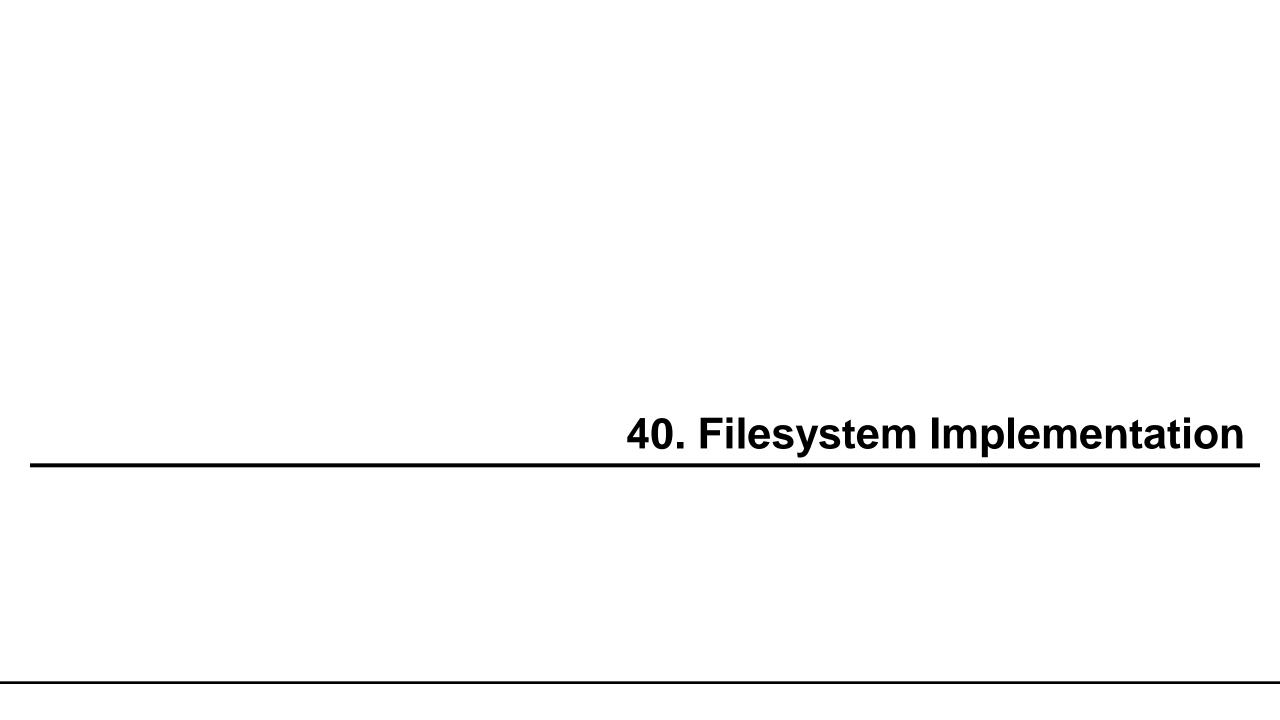
Symbolic Links (Cont.)

Symbolic link is different file type.

```
prompt> ls -al
  drwxr-x--- 2 remzi remzi 29 May 3 19:10 ./
  drwxr-x--- 27 remzi remzi 4096 May 3 15:14 ../ /* directory */
  -rw-r---- 1 remzi remzi 6 May 3 19:10 file /* regular file */
  lrwxrwxrwx 1 remzi remzi 4 May 3 19:10 file2 -> file /* symbolic link */
```

Symbolic link is subject to the dangling reference.

```
prompt> echo hello > file
prompt> ln -s file file2
prompt> cat file2
hello
prompt> rm file
prompt> cat file2
cat: file2: No such file or directory
```

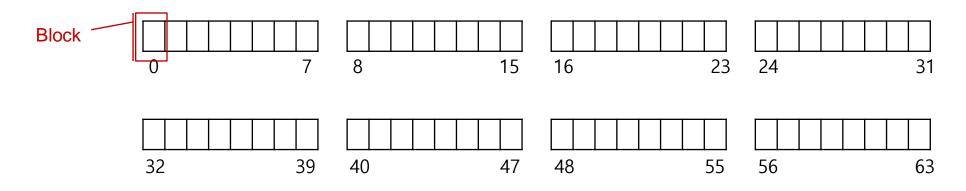


Overview

- In this chapter, we study very simple file system (vsfs)
 - Basic on-disk structures, access methods, and various policies of vsfs
- What types of data structures are utilized by the file system?
- How file system organize its data and metadata?
- Understand access methods of a file system.
 - -open(), read(), write(), etc.

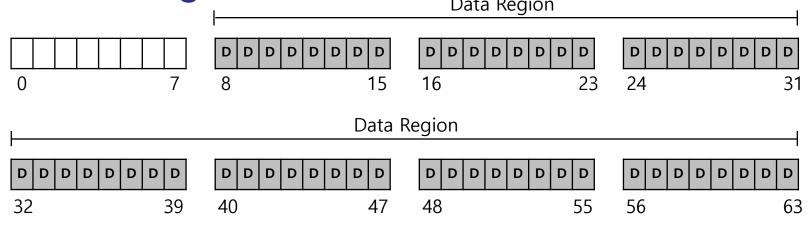
Overall Organization

- Let's develop the overall organization of the file system data structure.
- Divide the disk into blocks.
 - Block size is 4 KB.
 - The blocks are addressed from 0 to N 1.



Data region in file system

Reserve data region to store user data

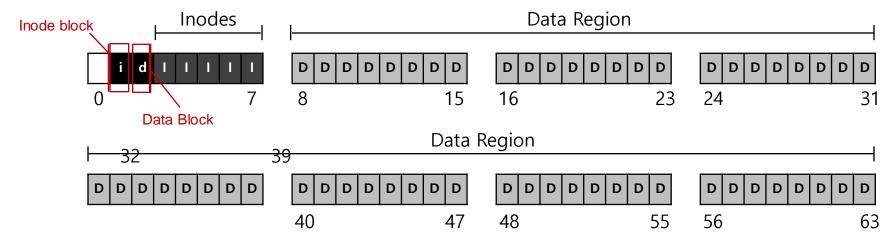


 File system has to track which data block comprise a file, the size of the file, its owner, etc.

How we store these inodes in file system?

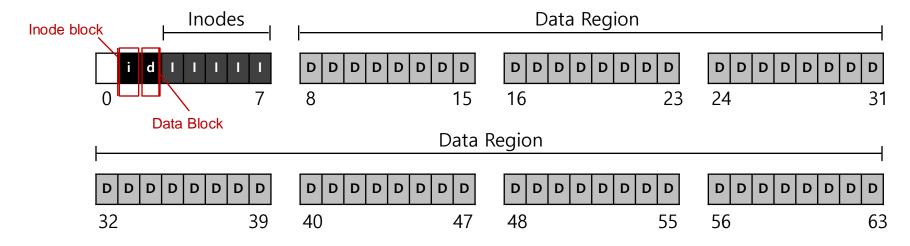
Inode table in file system

- Reserve some space for inode table
 - This holds an array of on-disk inodes.
 - Ex) inode tables : 3 \sim 7, inode size : 256 bytes
 - 4-KB block can hold 16 inodes.
 - The file system contains 80 inodes. (maximum number of files)



allocation structures

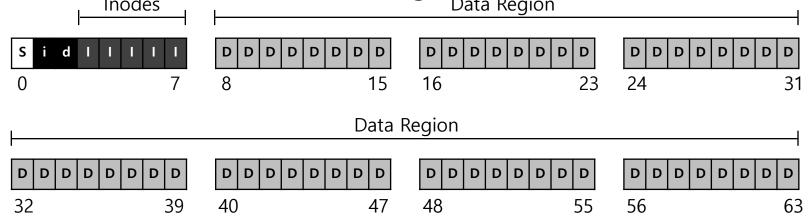
- This is to track whether inodes or data blocks are free or allocated.
- Use bitmap, each bit indicates free(0) or in-use(1)
 - data bitmap: for data region for data region
 - inode bitmap: for inode table



super block

Super block contains this information for particular file system

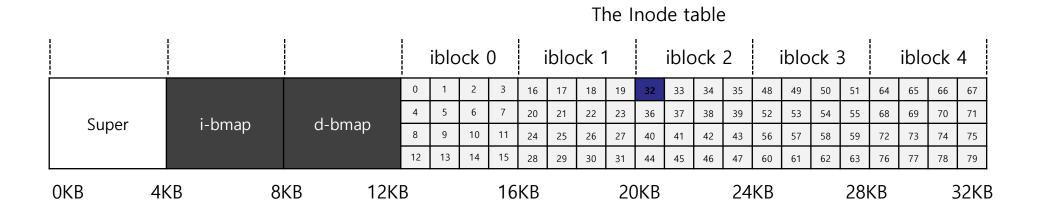
- Ex) The number of inodes, begin location of inode table. etc



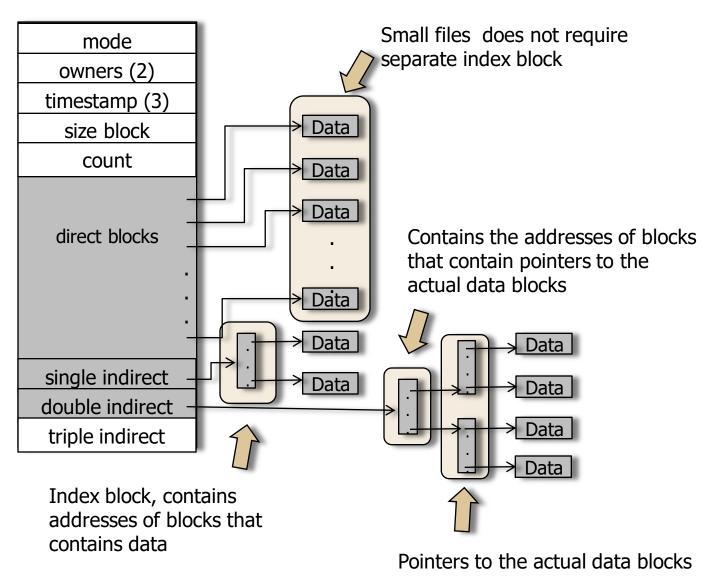
• Thus, when mounting a file system, OS will read the superblock first, to initialize various information.

File Organization: The inode

- Each inode is referred to by inode number.
 - by inode number, File system calculate where the inode is on the disk.
 - Ex) inode number: 32
 - Calculate the offset into the inode region (32 x sizeof(inode) (256 bytes) = 8192(8K)
 - Add start address of the inode table(12 KB) + inode region(8 KB) = 20 KB



File Structure: Indexed Allocation (for large files)

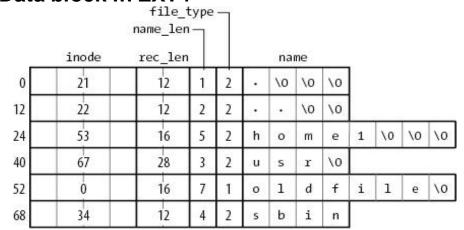


Directory Structure in vsfs

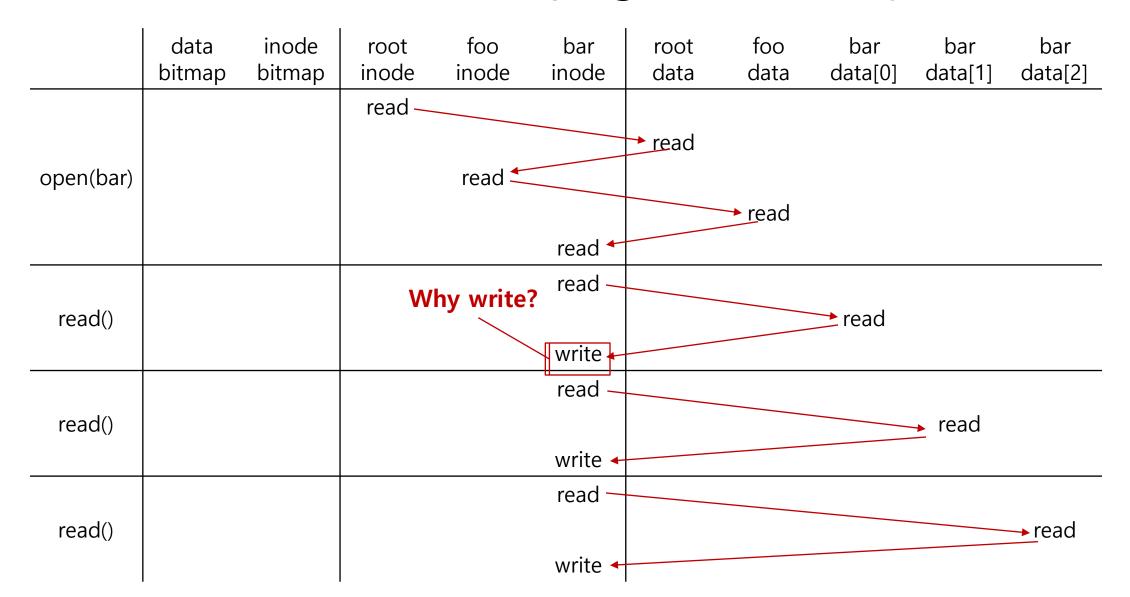
Data block in VSFS

inum	reclen	strlen	name
5	4	2	
2	4	3	
12	4	4	foo
13	4	4	bar
24	8	7	foobar

Data block in EXT4



File Read (e.g., /foo/bar)



File Creation

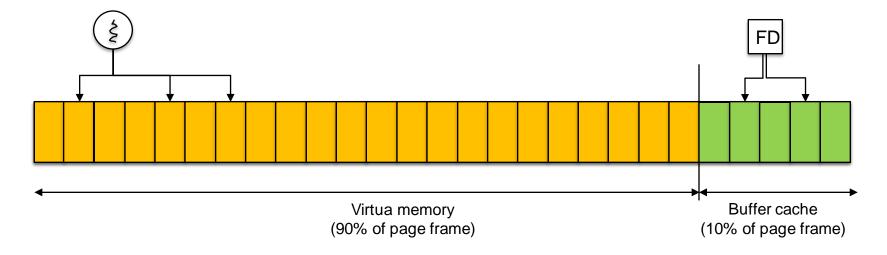
	data bitmap	inode bitmap	root inode	foo inode	bar inode	root data	foo data	bar data[0]	bar data[1]	bar data[2]
			read							
						read				
				read						
							read			
create		read								
(/foo/bar)	/	write								
							write			
Need to all	ocate a new in	node and data	blocks		read					
					write					
				write						
					read					
	read									
write()	write									
								write		
_					write					

File Creation (Cont.)

	data bitmap	inode bitmap	root inode	foo inode	bar inode	root data	foo data	bar data[0]	bar data[1]	bar data[2]
					•••					
					read					
	read									
write()	write									
									write	
					write					
					read					
	read									
write()	write									
									write	
					write					

Caching and Buffering

- Reading and writing can very IO intensive.
 - File open: two IO for each directory component and one read for the data.
- Buffer Cache
 - cache the disk blocks to reduce the IO.
 - LRU replacement
 - Static partitioning: 10% of DRAM, inefficient usage



Caching and Buffering

Page Cache

- Merge virtual memory and buffer cache
- A physical page frame can host either a page in the process address space or a file block.
 - Process uses page table to map a virtual page to a page frame.
 - A file IO uses "address space" (Linux) to map a file block to a physical page frame.
- Dynamic partitioning

