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Linux course

Linux File systems

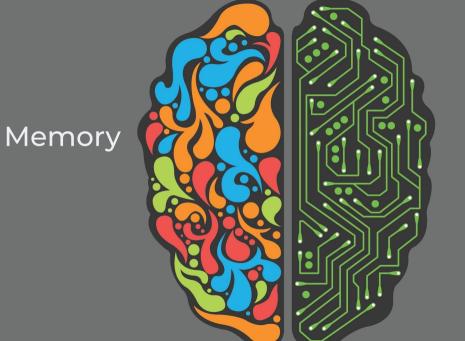
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Intro

- This is not an overview of some hardware memory staff
- Neither a pesentation with deep File systems implementation details
- More about that you should learn at the Operating systems course
- This is just an overview of file systems that system administrators use in their everyday life
- If you think that you are not a system administrator think one more time, because you administrate your own system every day



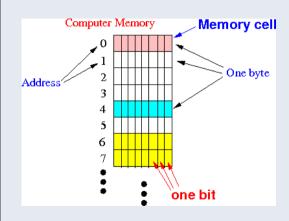
Drives

- All data stored on some physical devices
- It has different storage approaches on each device (HDD, SSD, CD, DVD, Flash, RAM, DDR memory modules)
- But now we are going to overview the memory from user point of view
- How to manage files and file systems, how to chose the most suitable



Memory storage

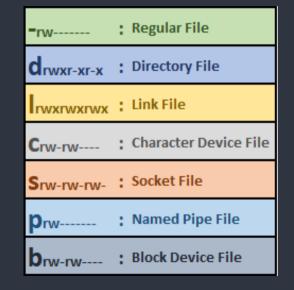
- Memory as abstraction looks like an array, where bites are stored one by one in a row
- File system a method of data structure that the operating system uses to control how data is stored and retrieved
- A file is an ordered collection of data blocks
- In Linux system, everything is a file and if it is not a file, it is a process
- So File systems are very important for this OS





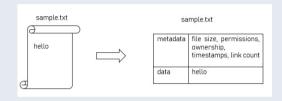
File types

- There are a lot of file types, but the most important for us are:
- Regular Files some files with data stored inside
- Directories files, that allowed to group other files and keep tree filesystem structure
- Character files for simulating character devices as terminals, keyboard, network etc
- Block files for modelling block devices as disks, flash drives
- Links entry points to other files
- There are pipes, sockets



File metadata

- File also save a metadata about itself, as:
- Protection, password
- Creator, owner
- Flags (r w x)
- Size
- Creation time, last update time (timestamp)





Linux Filesystems Hierarchy (LFS)

This topic worth a separate lecture, but lets make it short

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Sources

Sources

- UCU Linux Club
- File systems Wik
- Linux file systems