



## Introduction

- A file system is a method and data structure that an operating system uses to manage files on a disk or partition.
- It organizes data into files and directories, providing a way to store, retrieve, and manage files.
- File systems play a critical role in managing how data is stored, accessed, and secured on storage devices like hard drives, SSDs, and removable media.



# Applications

### Operating Systems

• Managing system files, user files, and application data.

## • Database Management Systems

• Storing and organizing large volumes of data efficiently.

## • Embedded Systems

• Handling data storage for firmware and application code.

## • Enterprise Storage Solutions

• Managing large-scale data storage for businesses, including network-attached storage (NAS) and storage area networks (SAN).

### Consumer Electronics

• Managing data on devices like digital cameras, smartphones, and gaming consoles.



## **Properties**

## • Data Integrity

• Ensures data is not corrupted and remains consistent over time.

#### Access Control

Manages permissions and access rights to files and directories.

## • Scalability

• Ability to handle large volumes of data and a large number of files.

### • Performance

• Efficiently manages read/write operations to optimize speed and resource usage.

## Reliability

• Minimizes data loss and maintains accessibility even in case of hardware failures.



# Categories

- Disk-Based File Systems
  - Used for managing files on disk storage (e.g., NTFS, FAT32, ext4).
- Network File Systems
  - Designed for accessing files over a network (e.g., NFS, SMB/CIFS).
- Flash File Systems
  - Optimized for flash memory storage devices (e.g., F2FS, JFFS2).
- Distributed File Systems
  - Spread data across multiple nodes for redundancy and performance (e.g., HDFS, GlusterFS).
- Special-Purpose File Systems
  - Tailored for specific applications or devices (e.g., ISO 9660 for optical discs, UDF for DVDs).



## **Features**

#### File Naming and Path

• Supports hierarchical file organization and unique file naming conventions.

#### • Metadata Management

• Maintains information about files, such as size, creation date, and modification date.

#### Journaling

• Keeps a log of changes to prevent data corruption and ensure recovery after crashes (e.g., ext3, NTFS).

#### Encryption

• Provides file-level or disk-level encryption to secure data.

#### Compression

• Reduces file size to save storage space (e.g., NTFS compression).

#### Snapshots

• Captures the state of the file system at a specific point in time for backup and recovery purposes.

#### • Quota Management

• Limits the amount of disk space and number of files a user or application can use.

#### Access Control Lists (ACLs)

• Provides detailed permission settings beyond basic read, write, and execute permissions.