





# CSE3103 : Database

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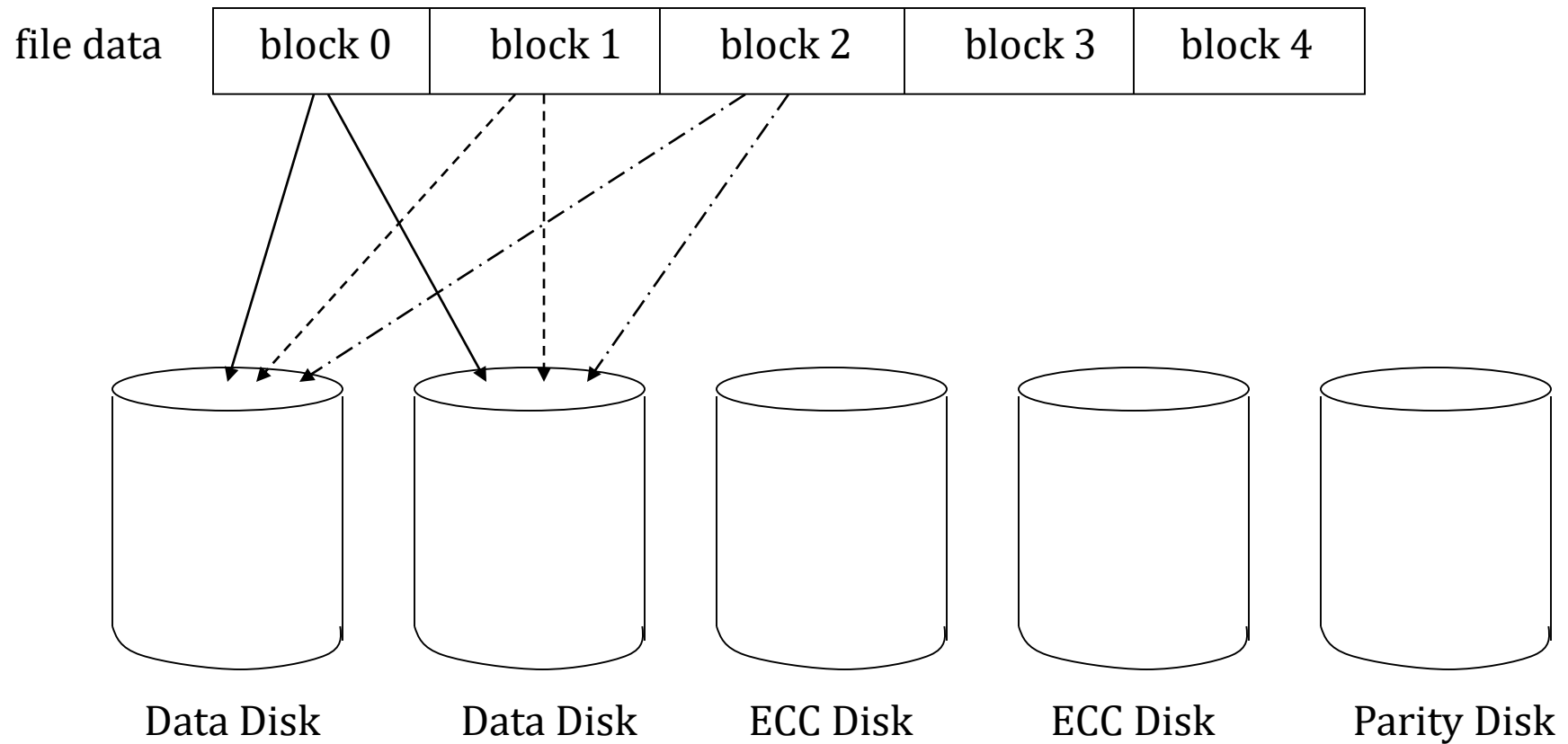
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# RAID Level-2

- Stripes data across disks similar to Level-0
  - difference is data is bit interleaved instead of block interleaved
- Uses ECC to monitor correctness of information on disk
- Multiple disks record the ECC information to determine which disk is in fault
- A parity disk is then used to reconstruct corrupted or lost data

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- Reconstructing data
  - assume data striped across eight disks
  - correct data: 10011010
  - parity: 0
  - data read: 10011110
  - if we can determine that disk 2 is in error
  - just use read data and parity to know which bit to flip

# RAID Level-2

- Requires fewer disks than Level-1 to provide redundancy
- Still needs quite a few more disks
  - for 10 data disks need 4 check disks plus parity disk
- Big problem is performance
  - must read data plus ECC code from other disks
  - for a write, have to modify data, ECC, and parity disks
- Another big problem is only one read at a time
  - while a read of a single block can be done in parallel
  - multiple blocks from multiple files can't be read because of the bit-interleaved placement of data

# RAID Level-3

- One big problem with Level-2 are the disks needed to detect which disk had an error
- Modern disks can already determine if there is an error
  - using ECC codes with each sector
- So just need to include a parity disk
  - if a sector is bad, the disk itself tells us, and use the parity disk to correct it

# RAID Level-4

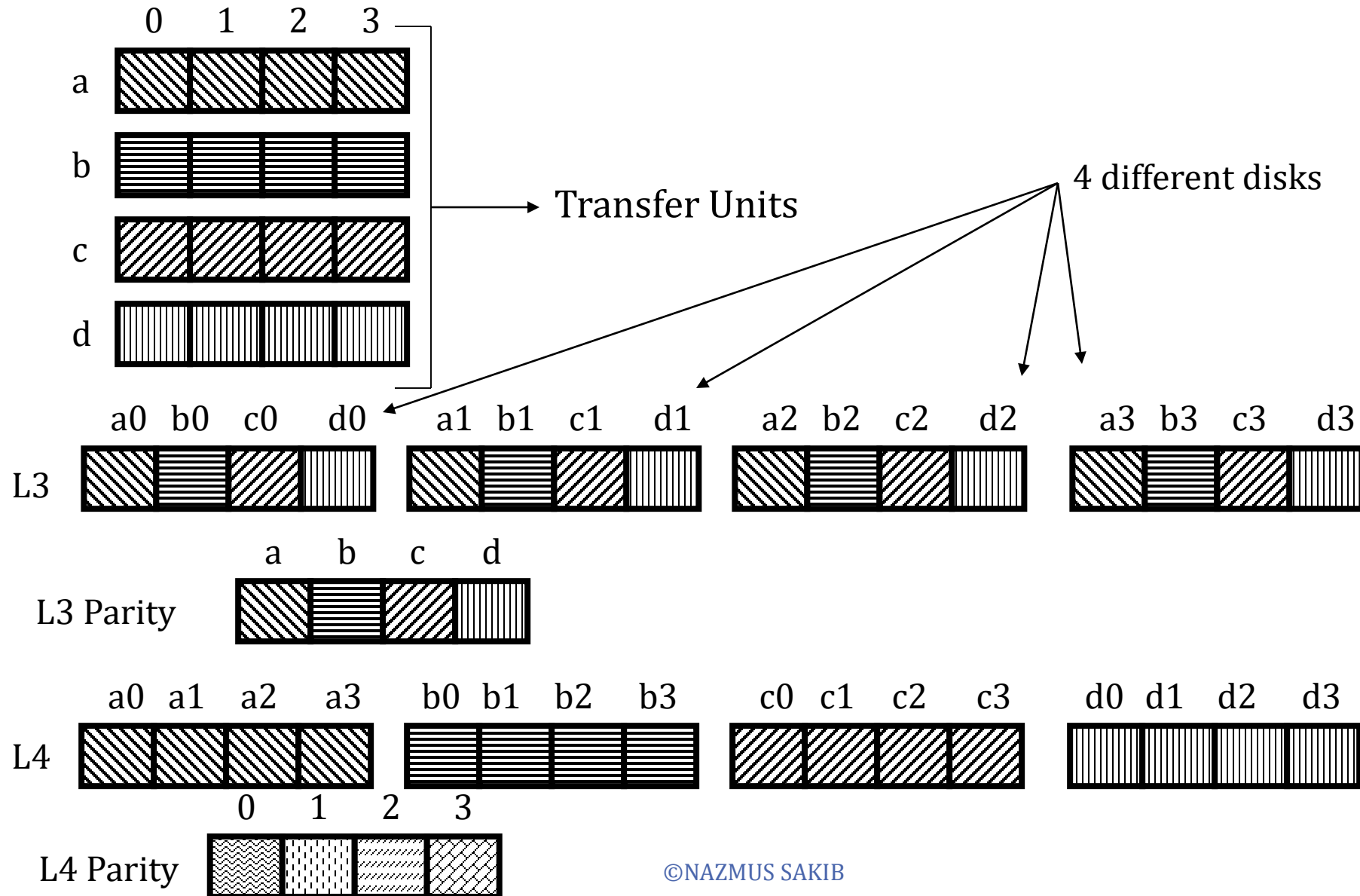
- Big problem with Level-2 and Level-3 is the bit interleaving
  - to access a single file block of data, must access all the disks
  - allows good parallelism for a single access but doesn't allow multiple I/O's
- Level-4 interleaves file blocks
  - allows multiple small I/O's to be done at once



# RAID Level-4

- Still use a single disk for parity
- Now the parity is calculated over data from multiple blocks
  - Level-2,3 calculate it over a single block
- If an error detected, need to read other blocks on other disks to reconstruct data

# Level-4 vs. Level-2,3



# RAID Level-4

- Reads are simple to understand
  - want to read block A, read it from disk 0
  - if there is an error, read in blocks B,C, D, and parity block and calculate correct data
- What about writes?
  - it looks like a write still requires access to 4 data disks to recalculate the parity data
  - not true, can use the following formula
    - $\text{new parity} = (\text{old data} \text{ xor } \text{new data}) \text{ xor } \text{old parity}$
  - a write requires 2 reads and 2 writes

# RAID Level-4

- Doing multiple small reads is now faster than before
- However, writes are still very slow
  - this is because of calculating and writing the parity blocks
- Also, only one write is allowed at a time
  - all writes must access the check disk so other writes have to wait

