

IoT: Client Devices

ext2

Background

TYPICAL LINUX GENERAL PURPOSE FILESYSTEMS

- ▶ Remy Card, 1993
- ▶ Basic design in use today (see: ext4)
- ▶ Non-journaling
- ▶ Based on earlier Berkeley Fast Filesystem

DRIVERS FOR EVERY MAJOR OS

- ▶ Though they may be third-party

Aside: Journaling FS

LIKE A DATABASE OF CHANGES

- ▶ Write to changes to *journal* before committing to disk
- ▶ *File writes* usually require many separate *disk writes*
- ▶ Non-atomicity leads to potential corruption

CRASH RECOVERY

- ▶ Requires FS walk if no journal, not always recoverable
- ▶ Journal played back to ensure that all changes are applied

Superblock

Describes filesystem (@ byte 1024, 1024 bytes in length)

Block Group Descriptor Table

Immediately after superblock, locates block groups

1 ↓ 1..*

Block Group

Contains groups of blocks

1 ↓ 1..*

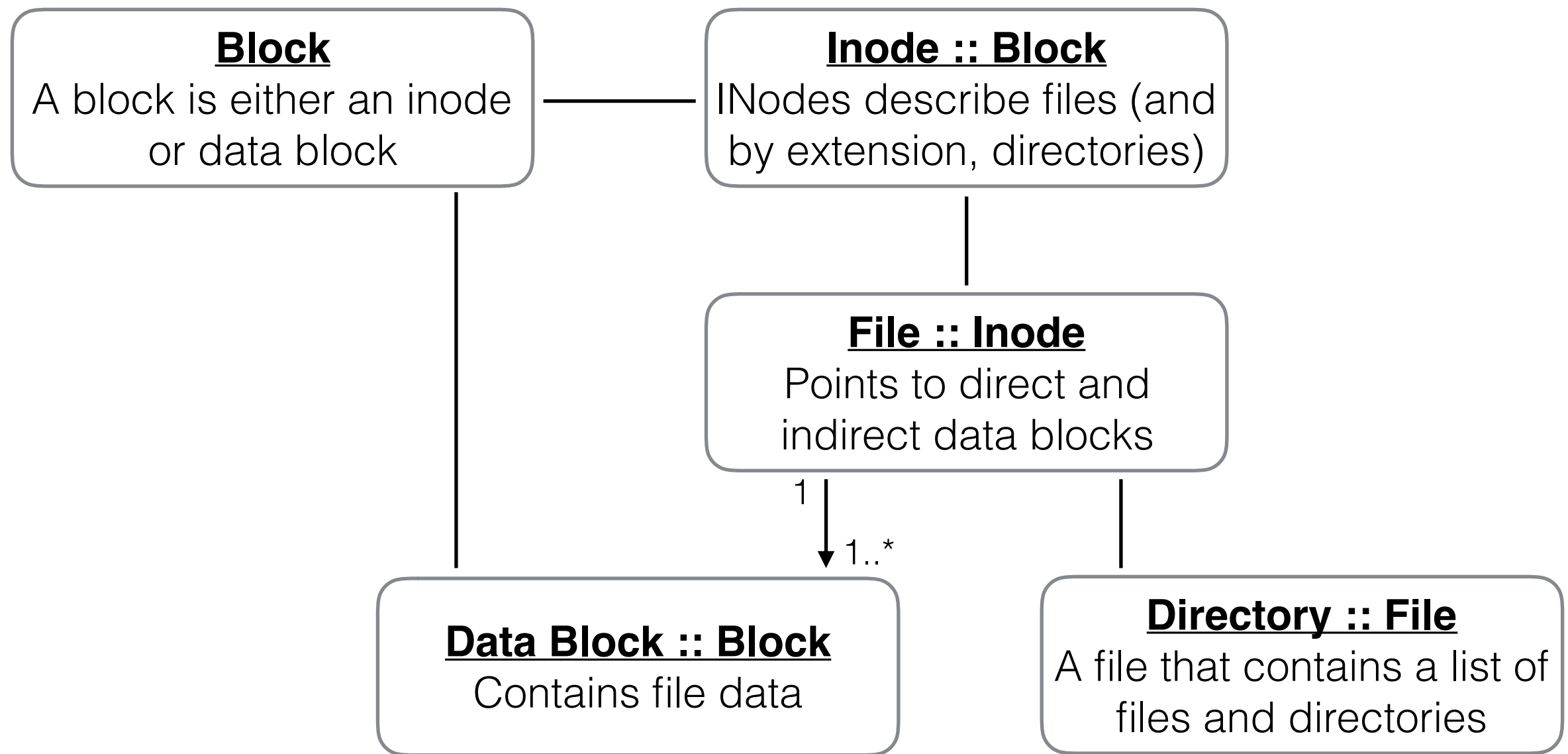
Block

An inode or a data block

Design - Blocks

Filesystem is based on blocks and block management

block size not tied to physical blocks



Design - Files and Directories