

# Agni: An Efficient Dual-access File System over Object Storage

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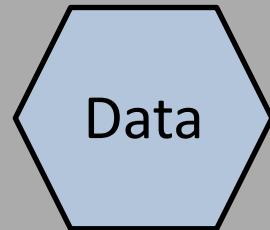
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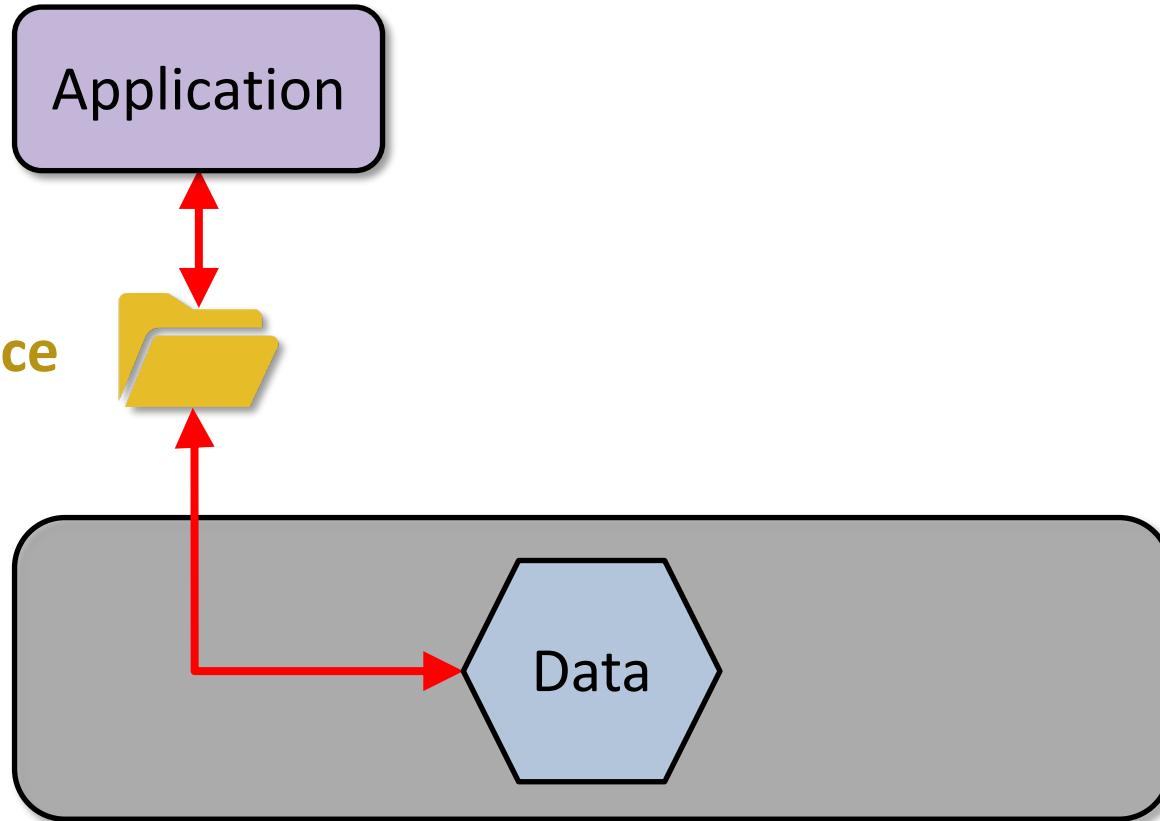


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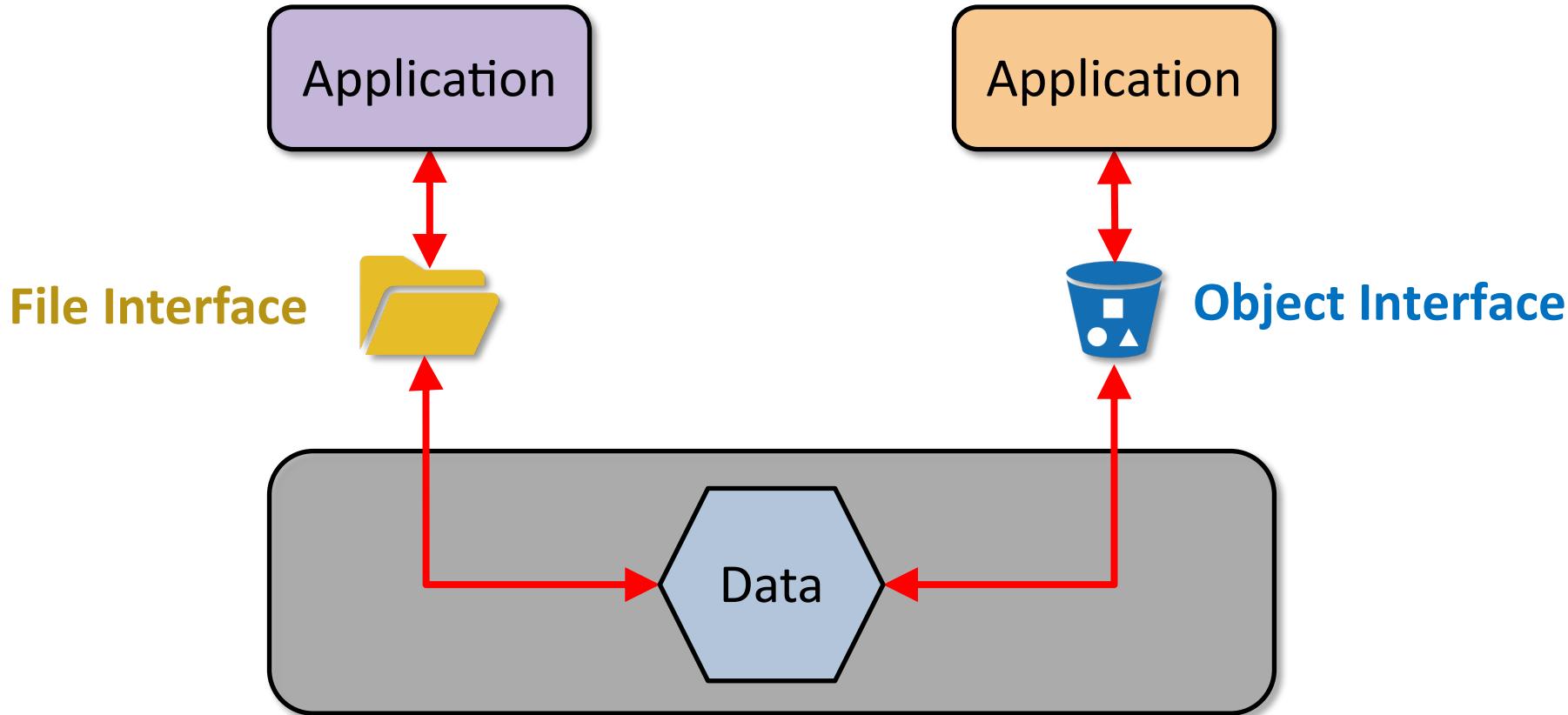


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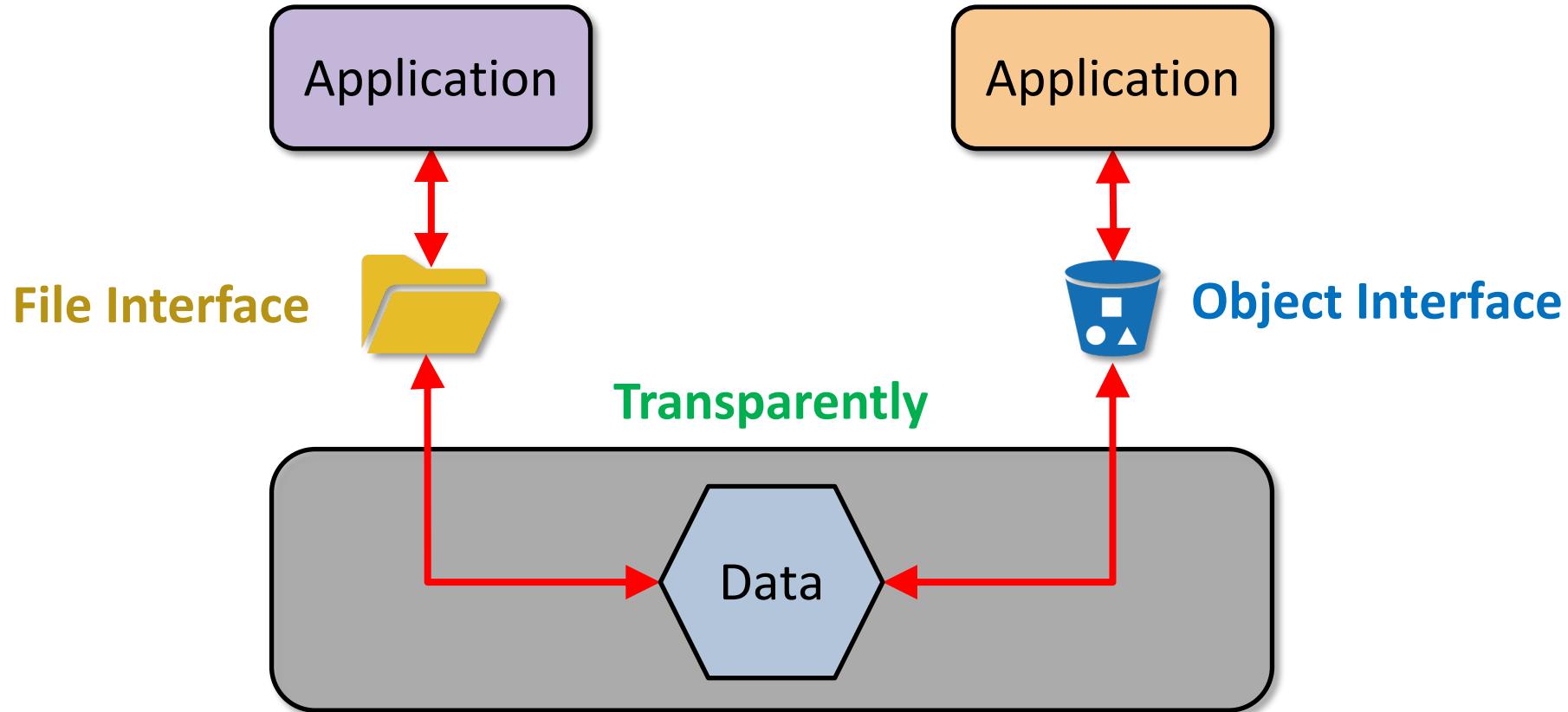
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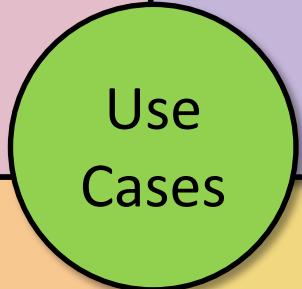


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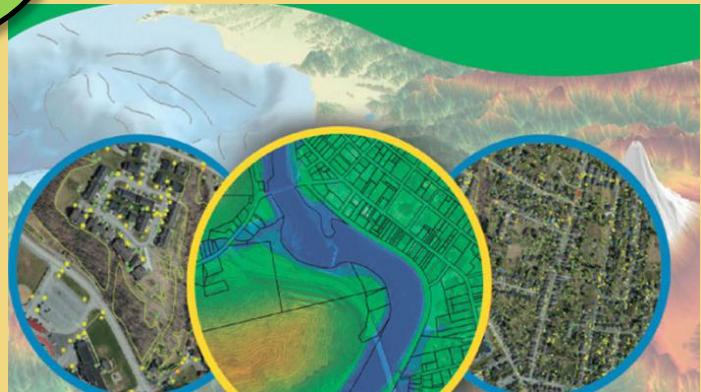


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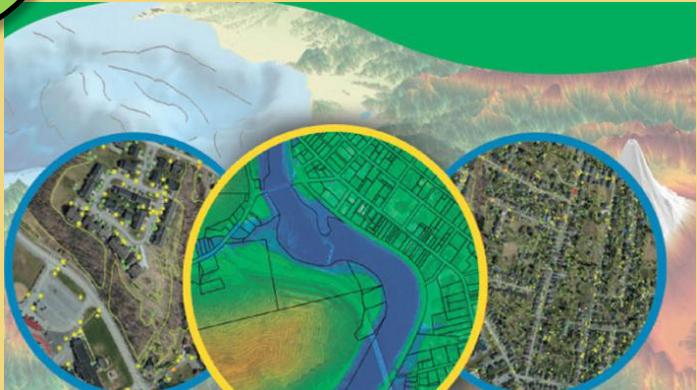
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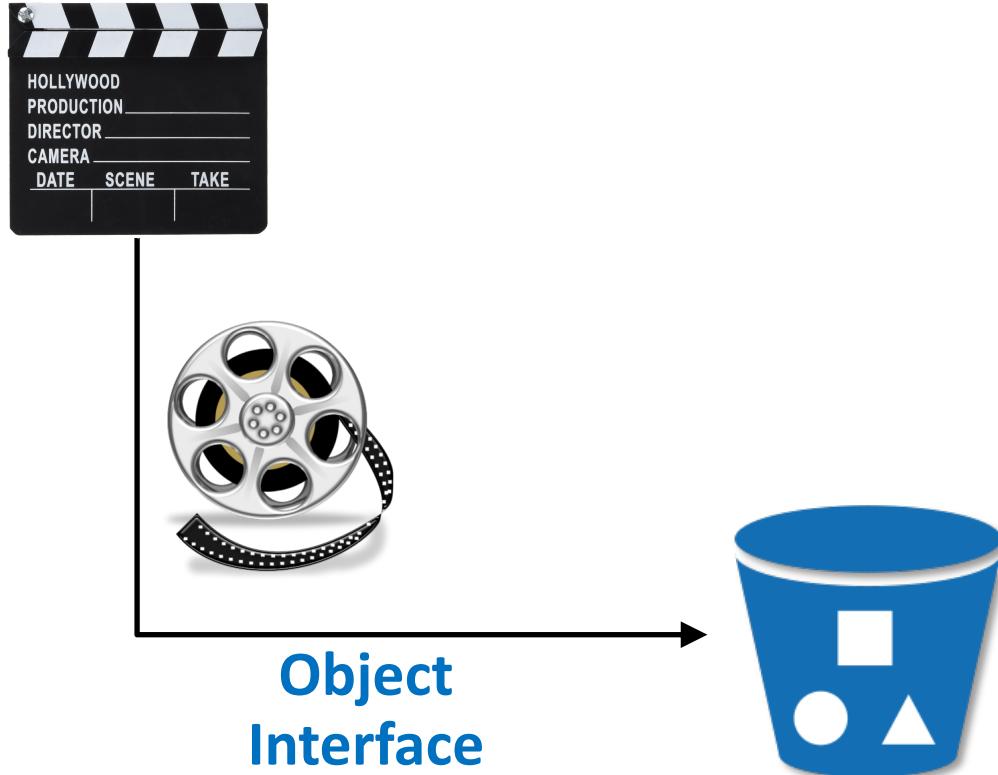
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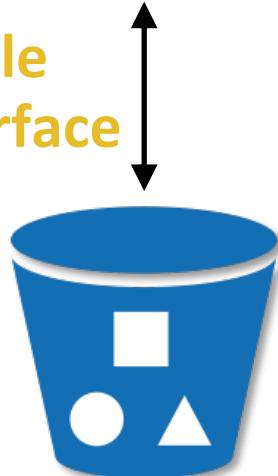


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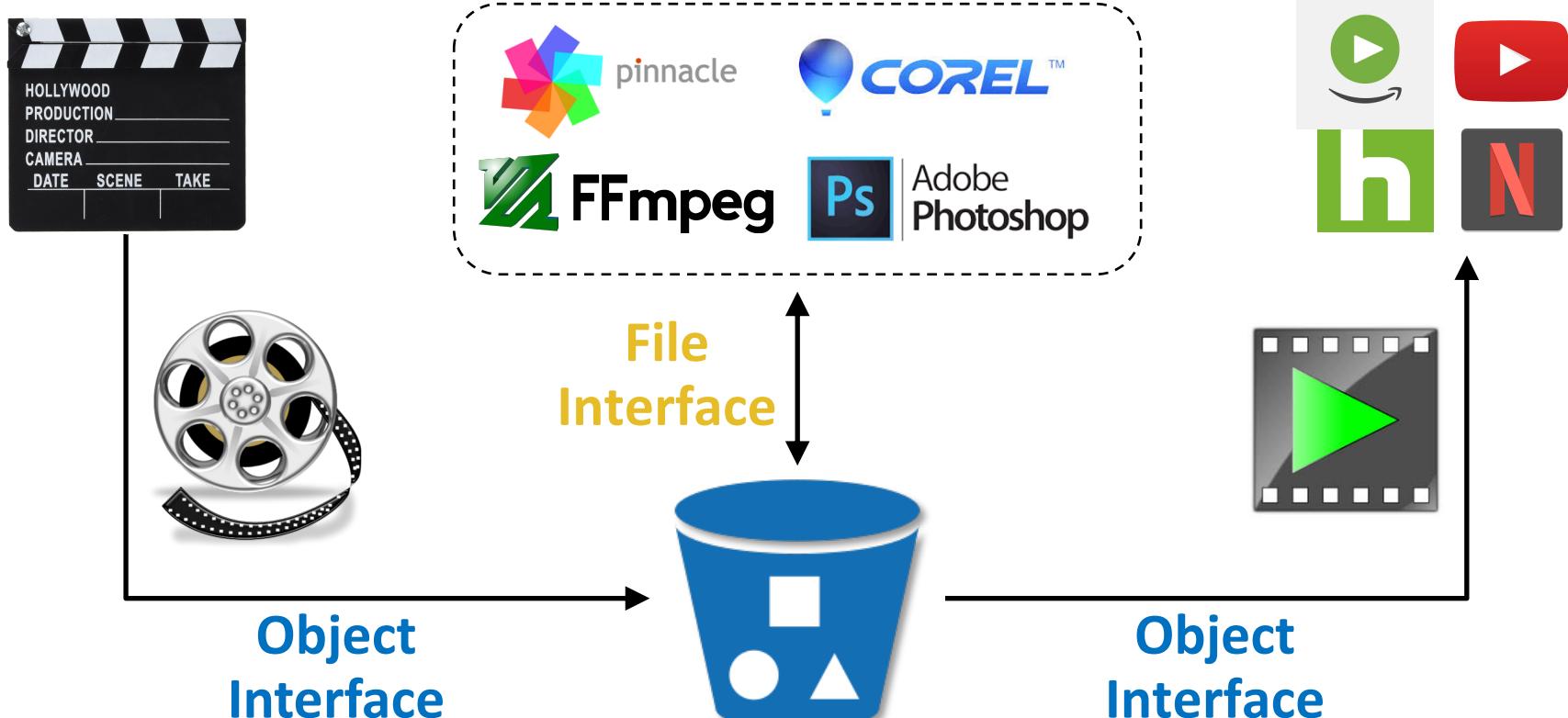


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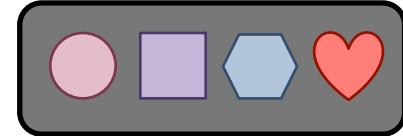
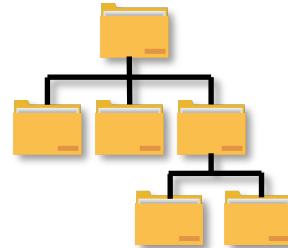
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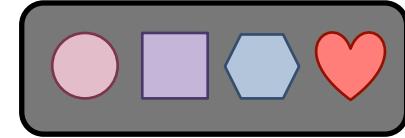
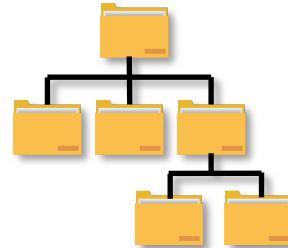
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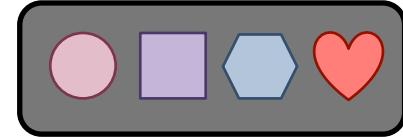
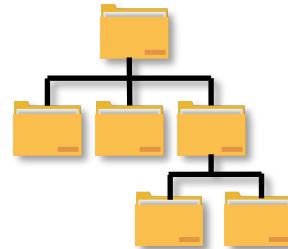
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- ▶ Design considerations
- ▶ Existing systems
- ▶ Agni



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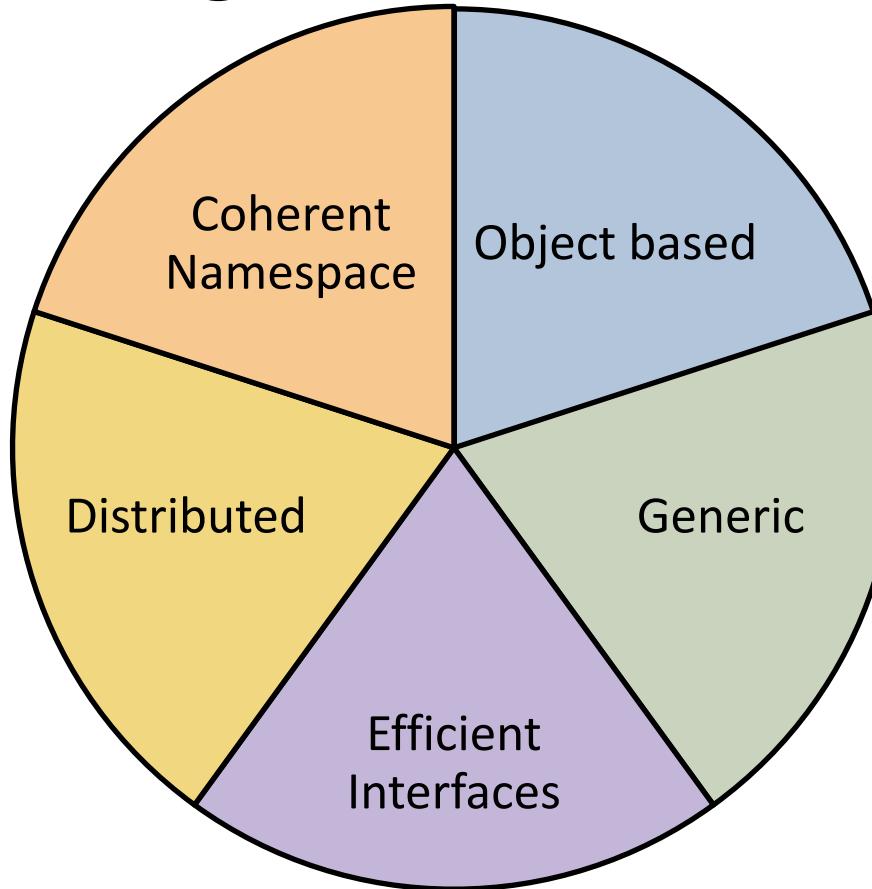
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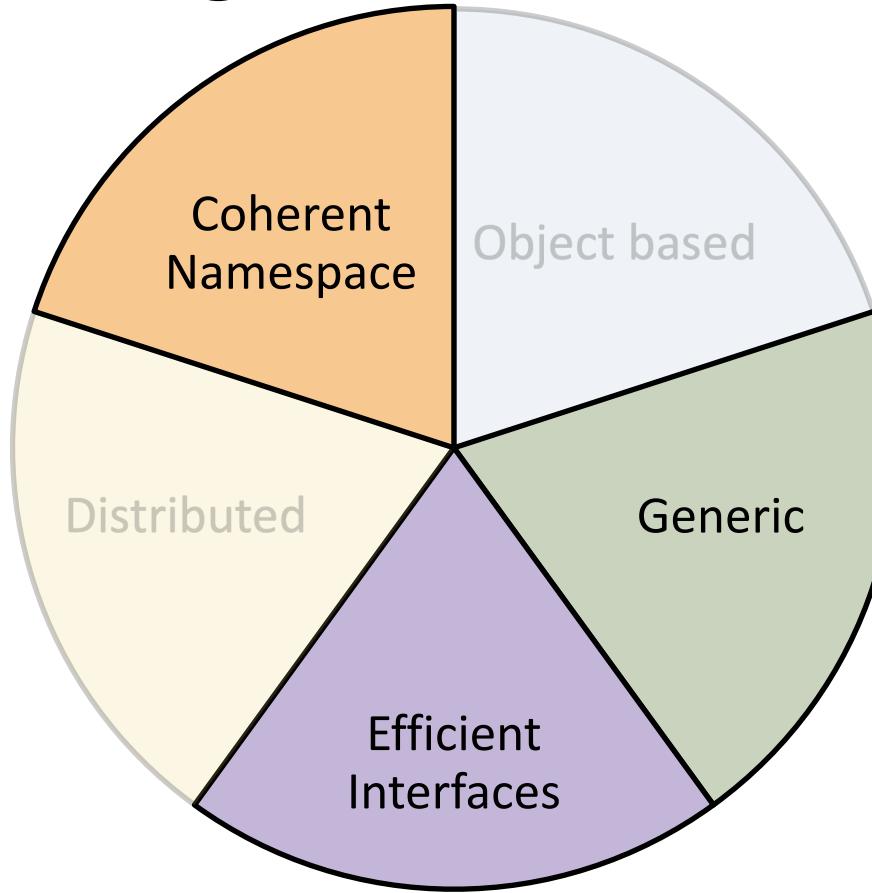
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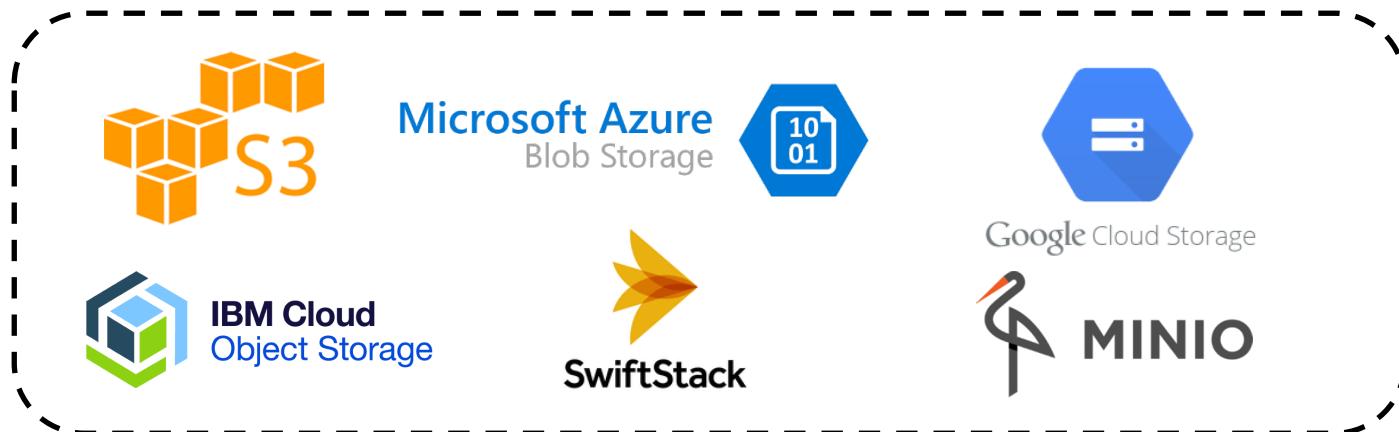
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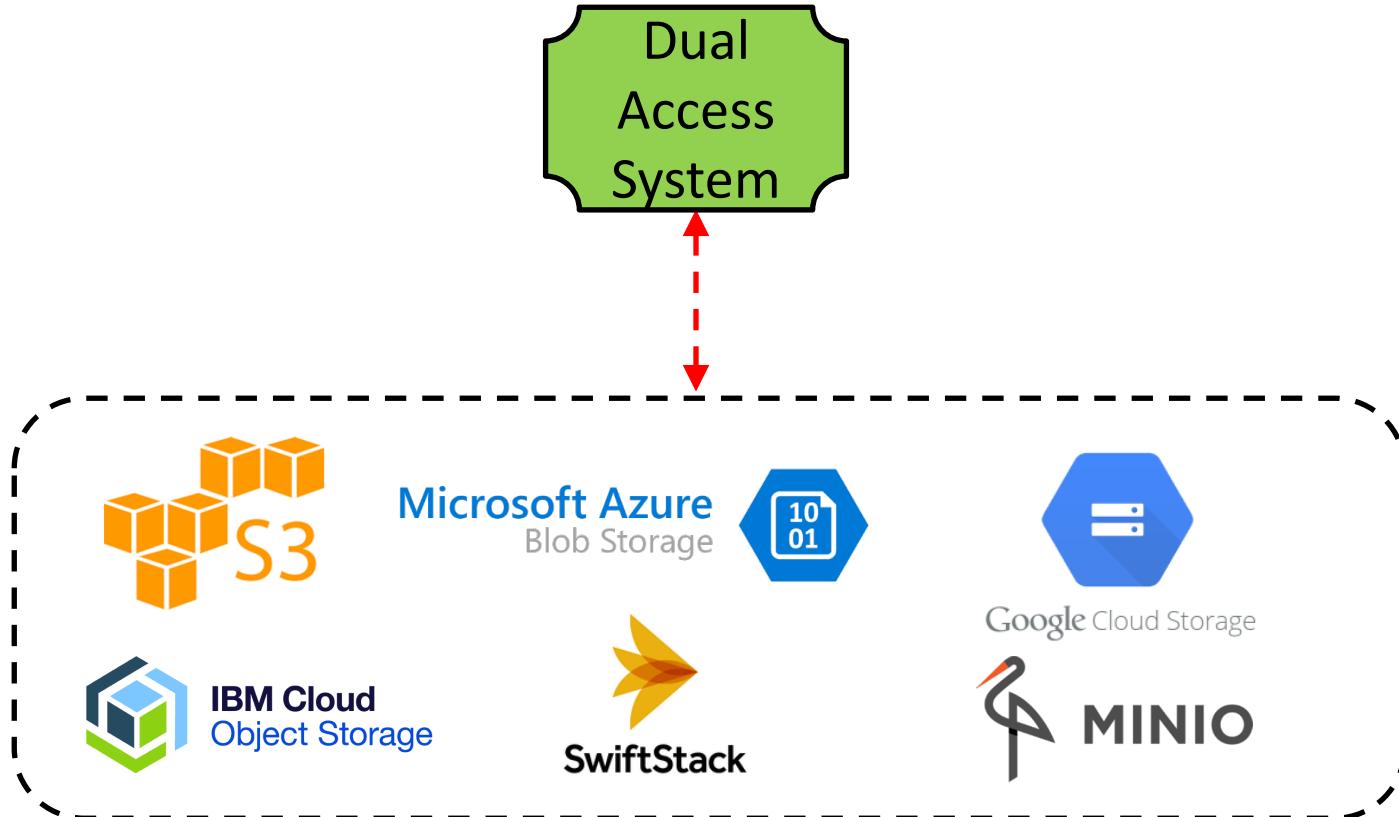
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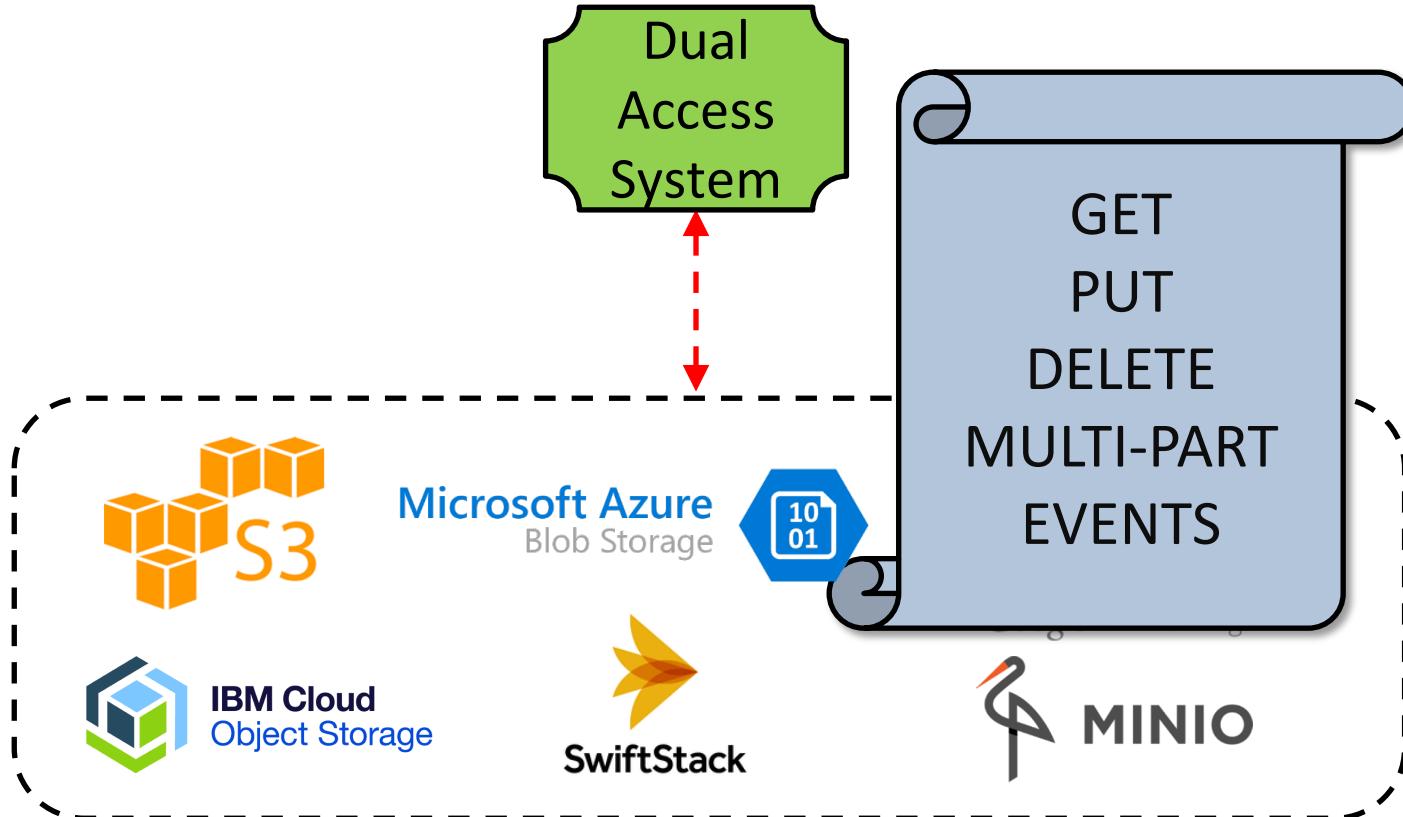
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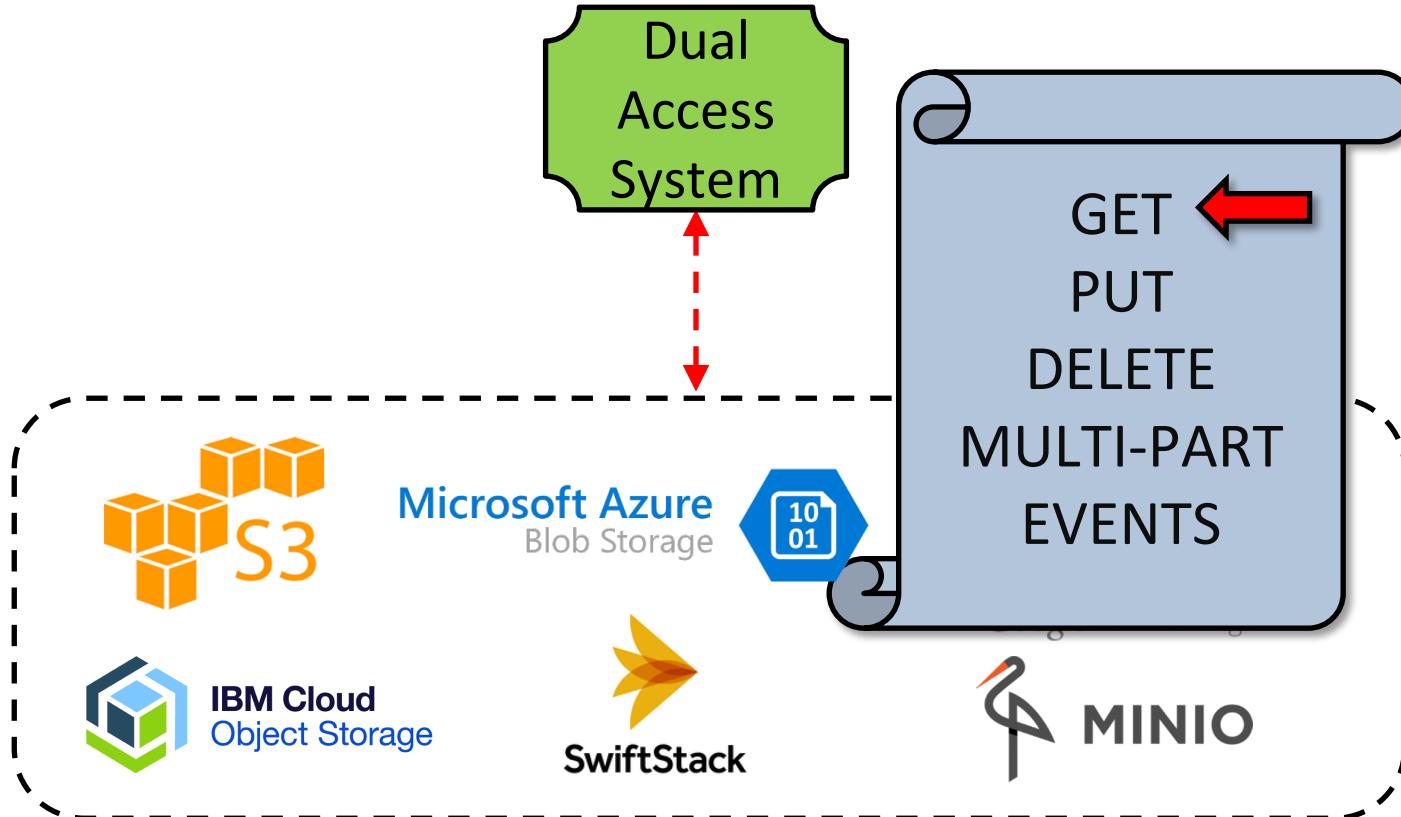
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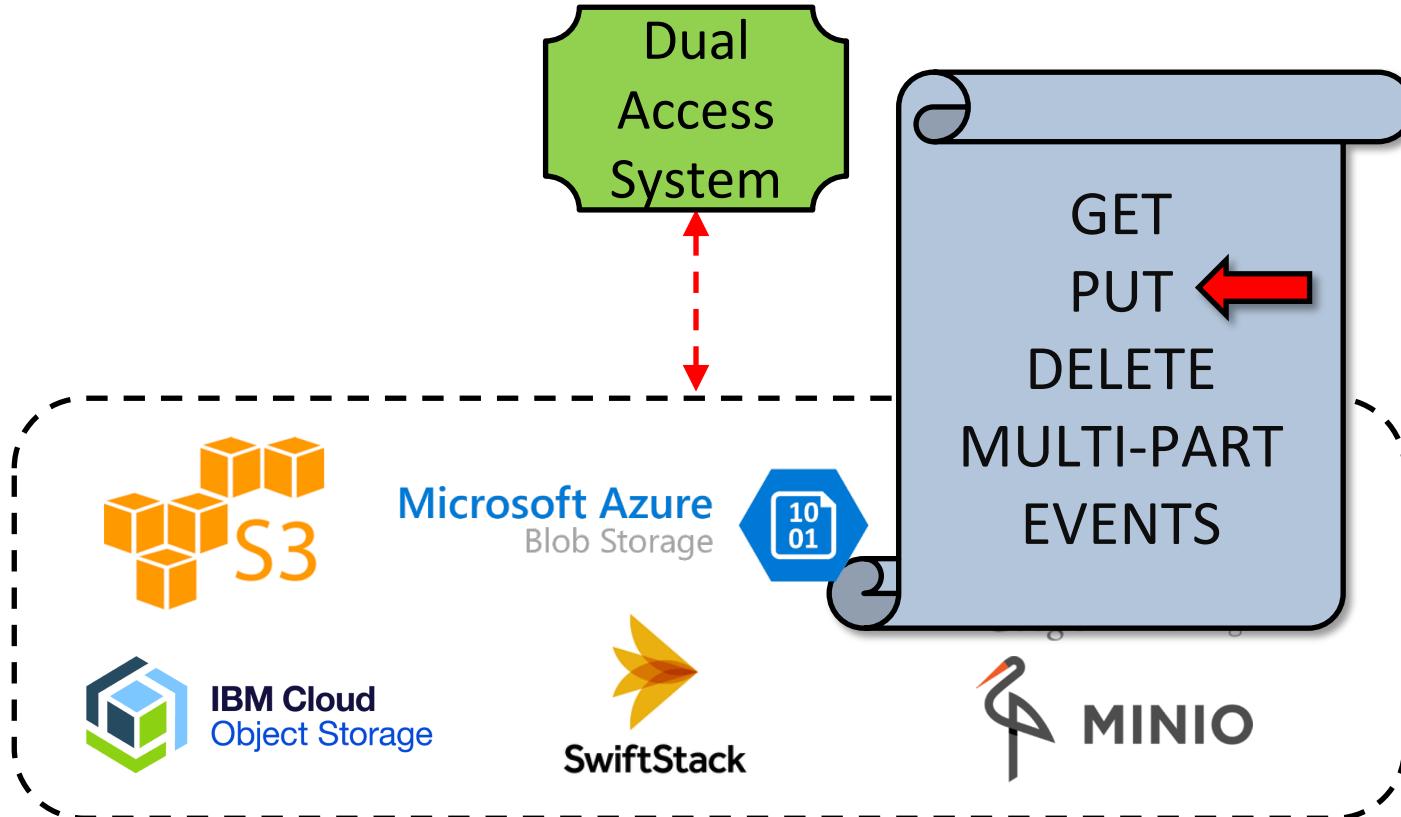
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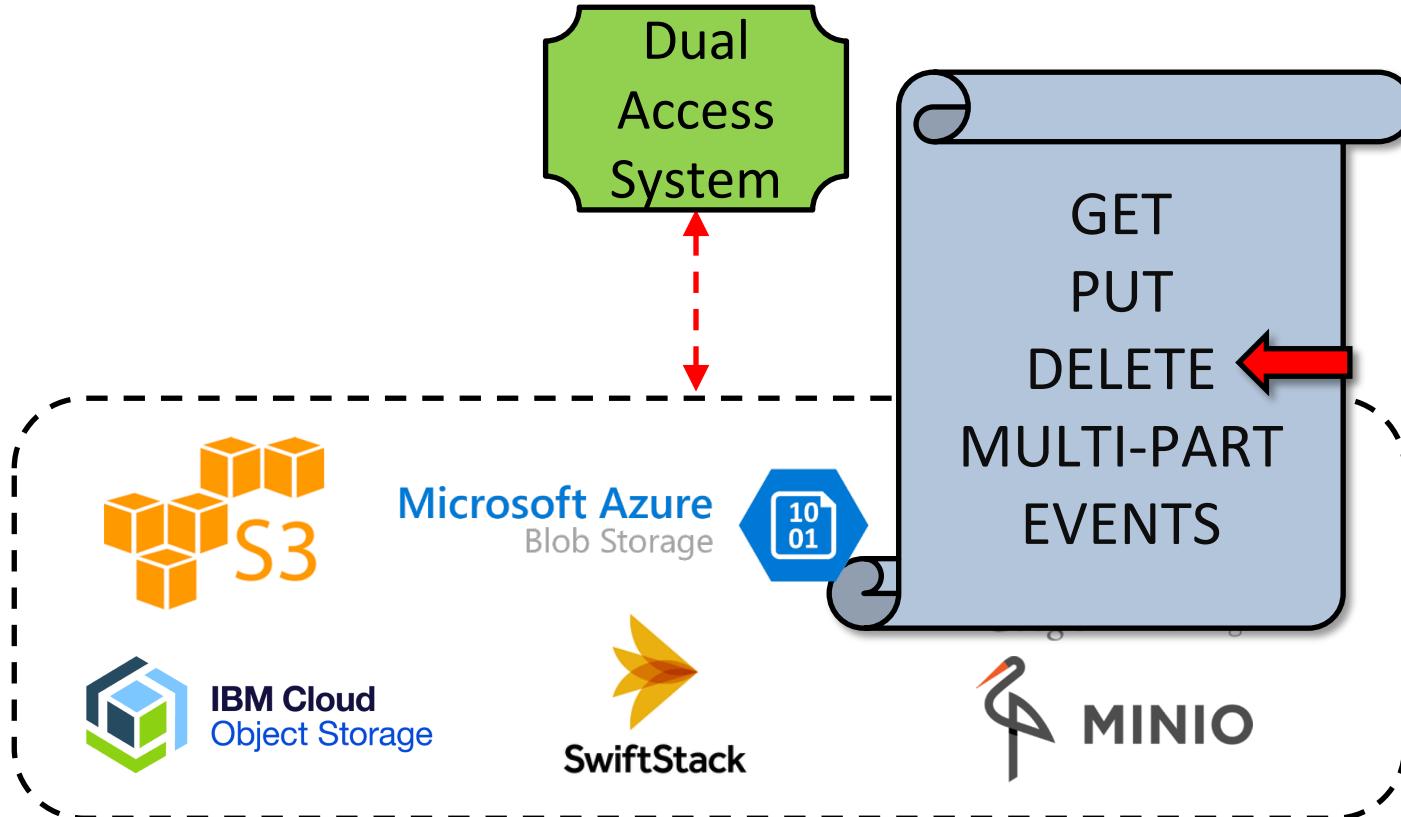
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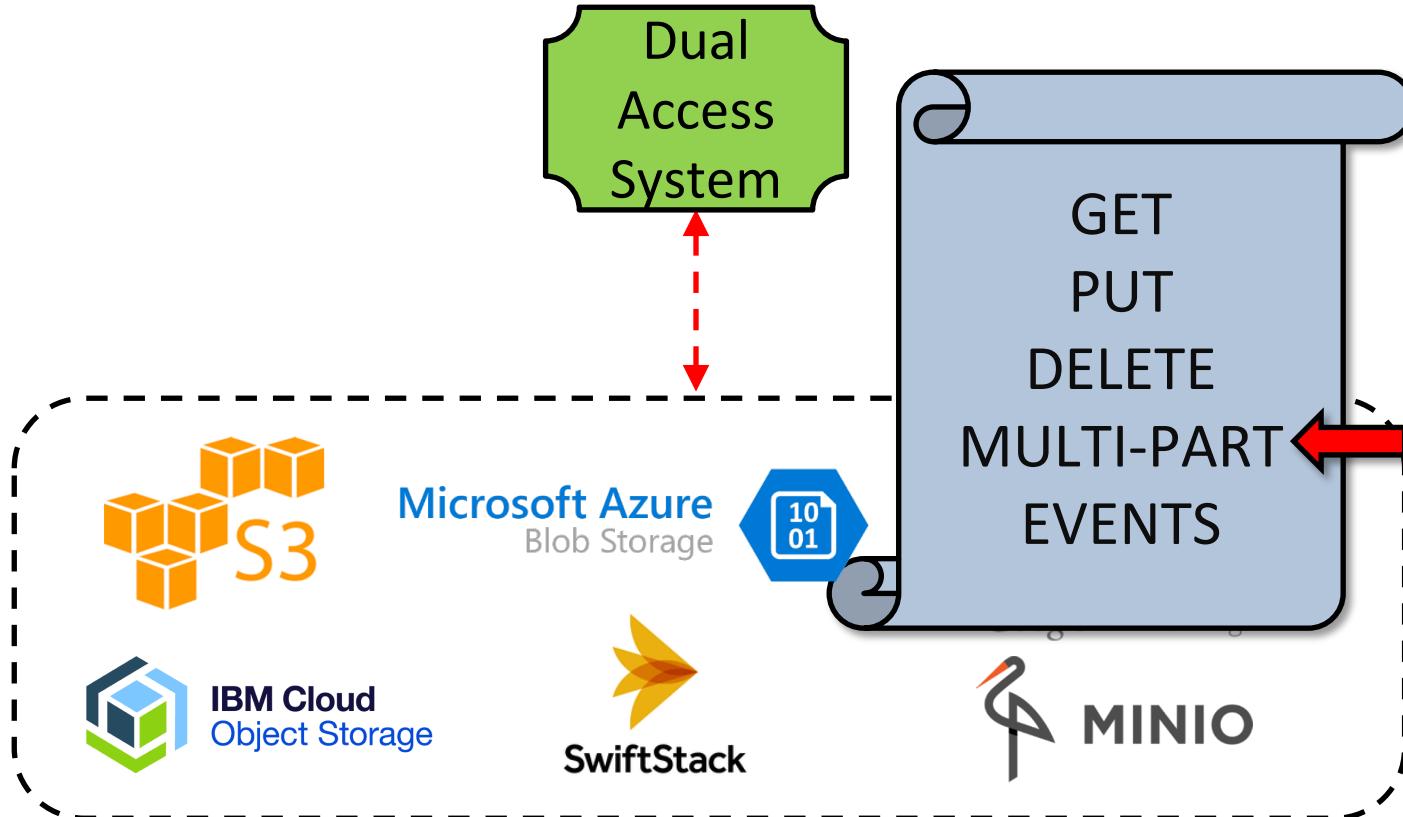
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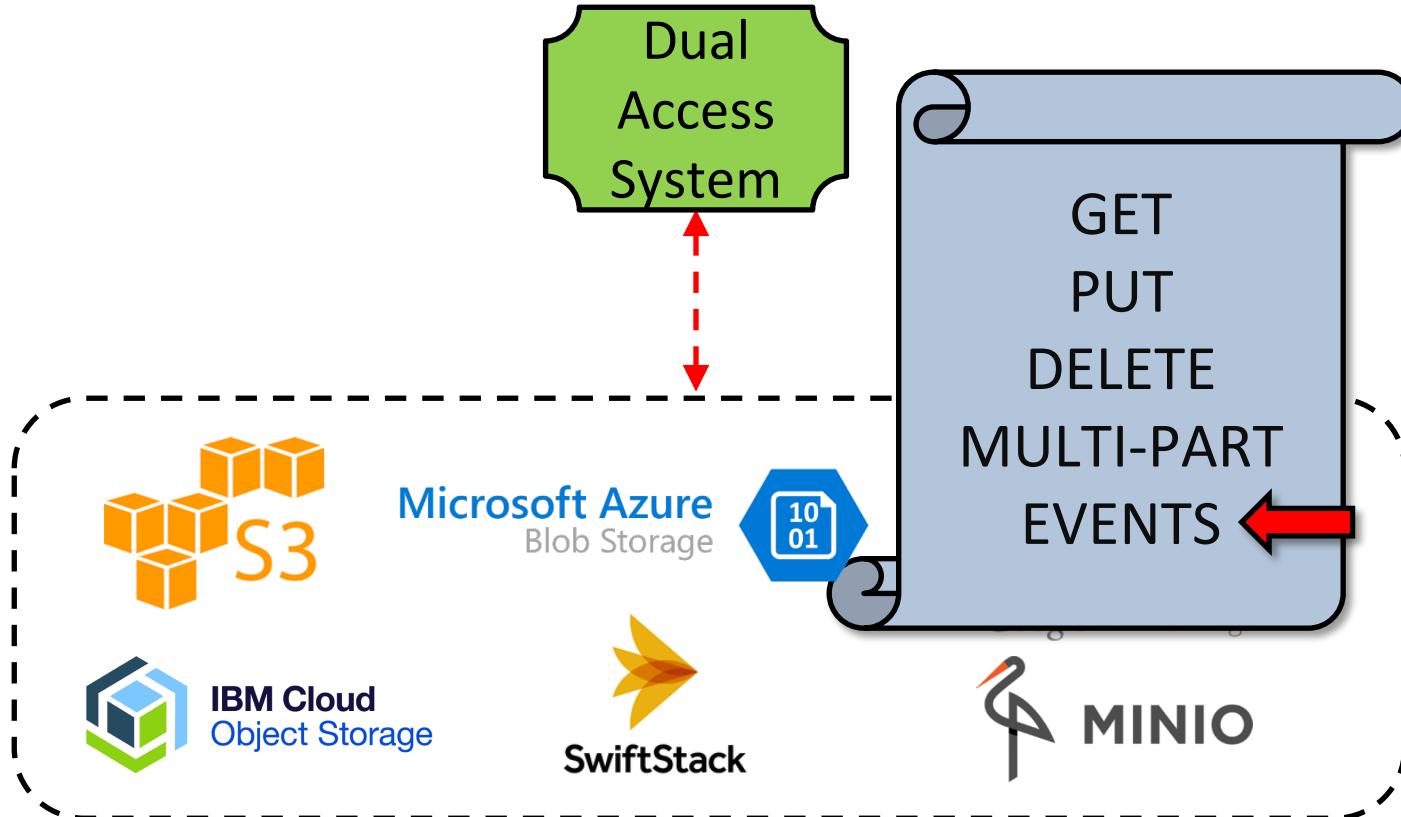
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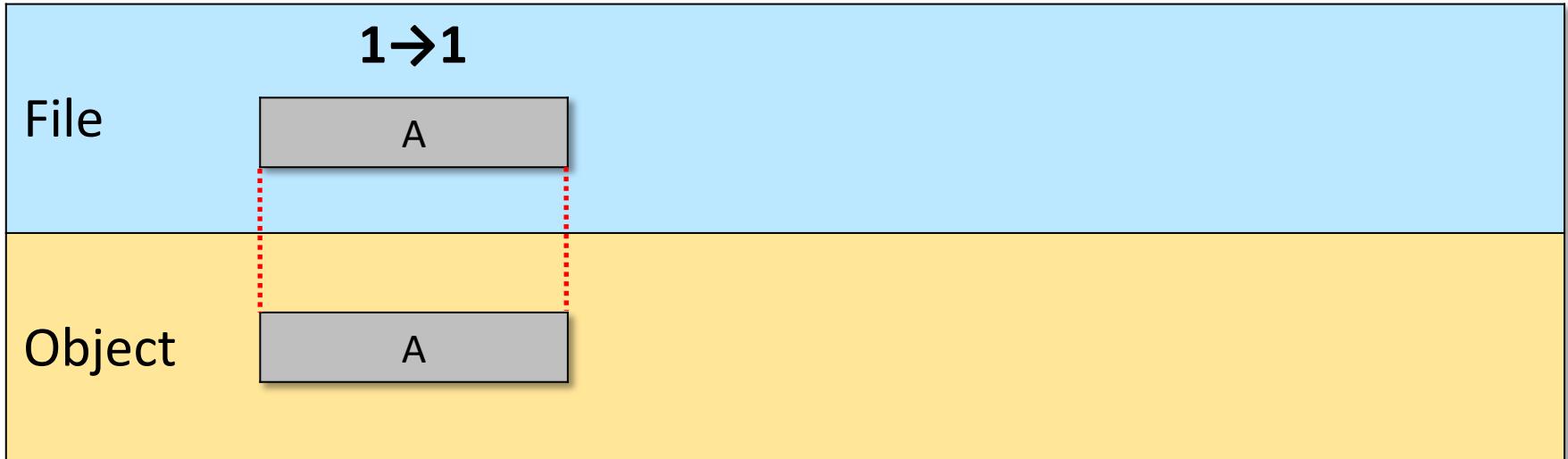
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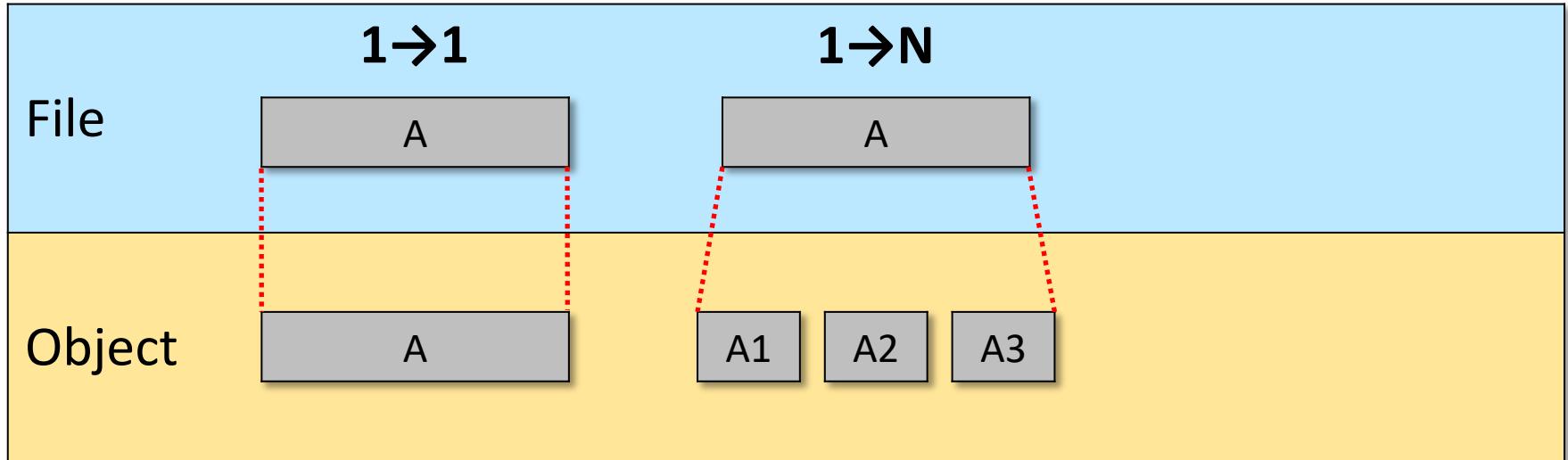
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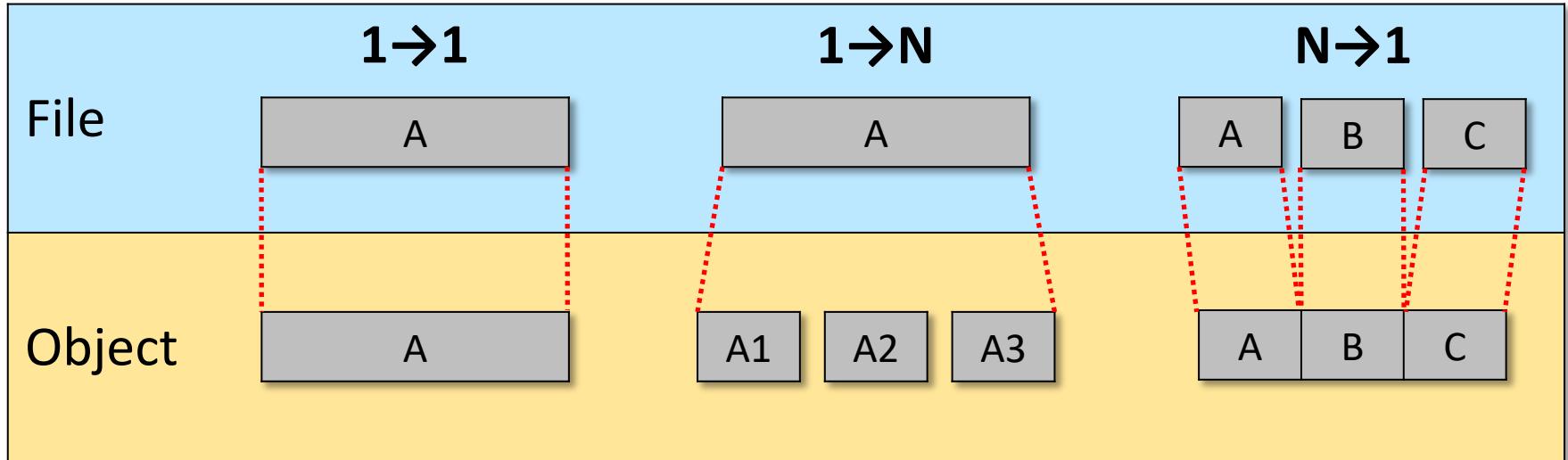
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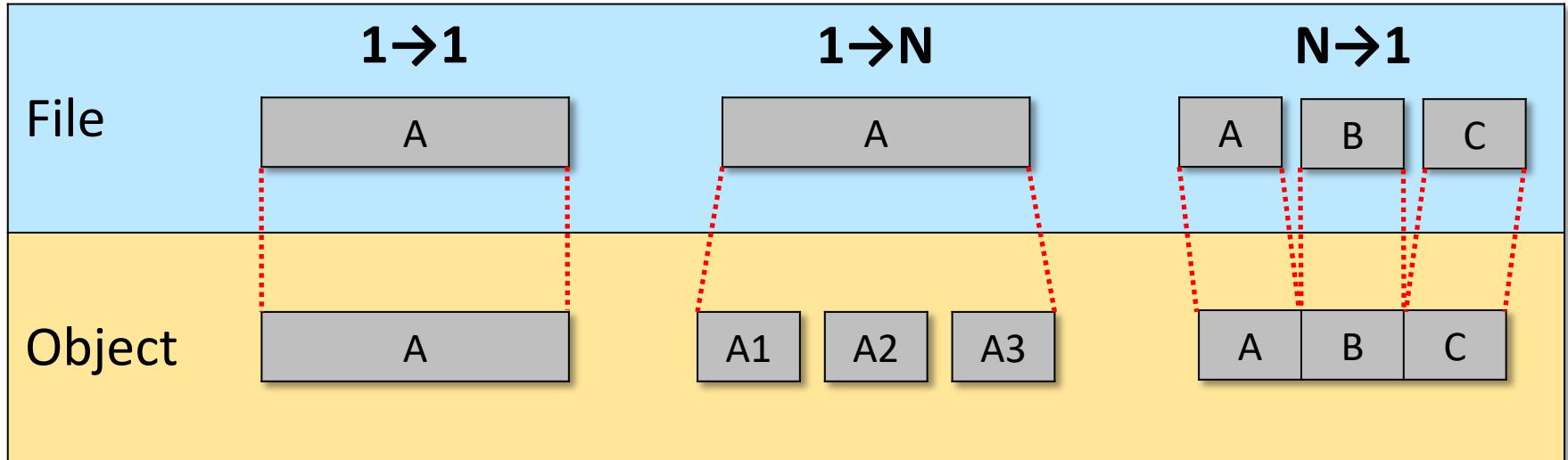
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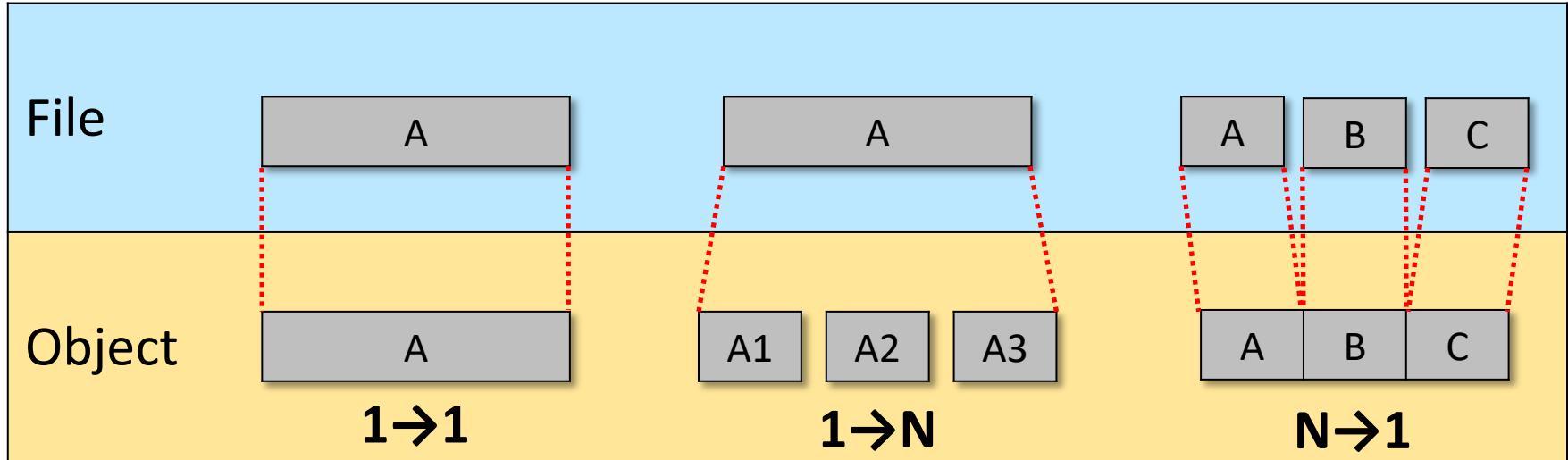
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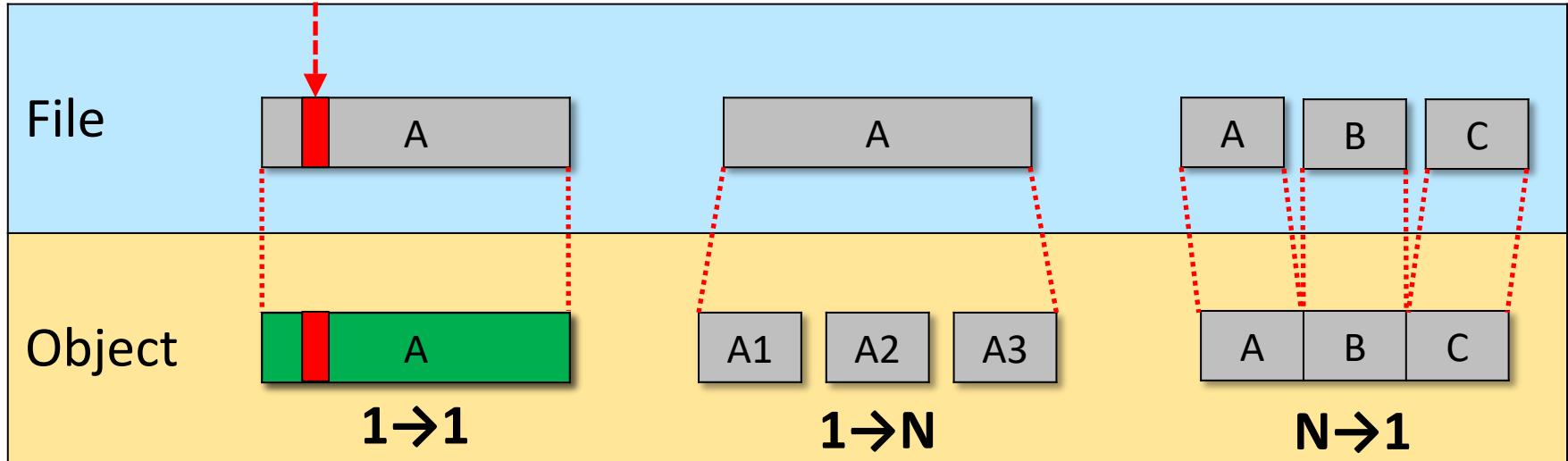
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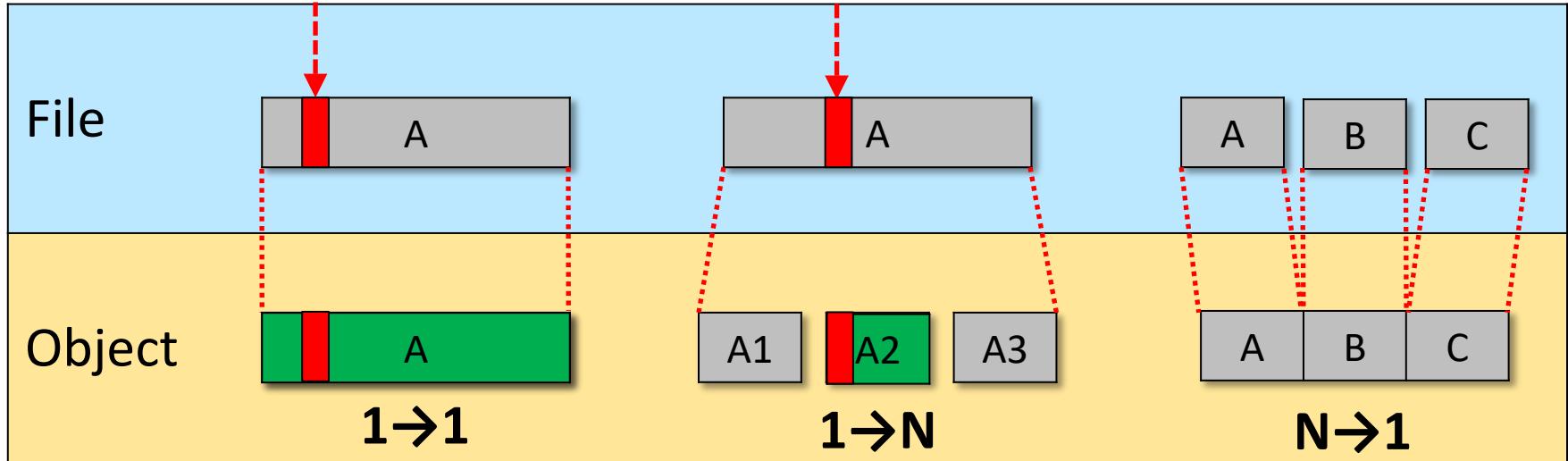
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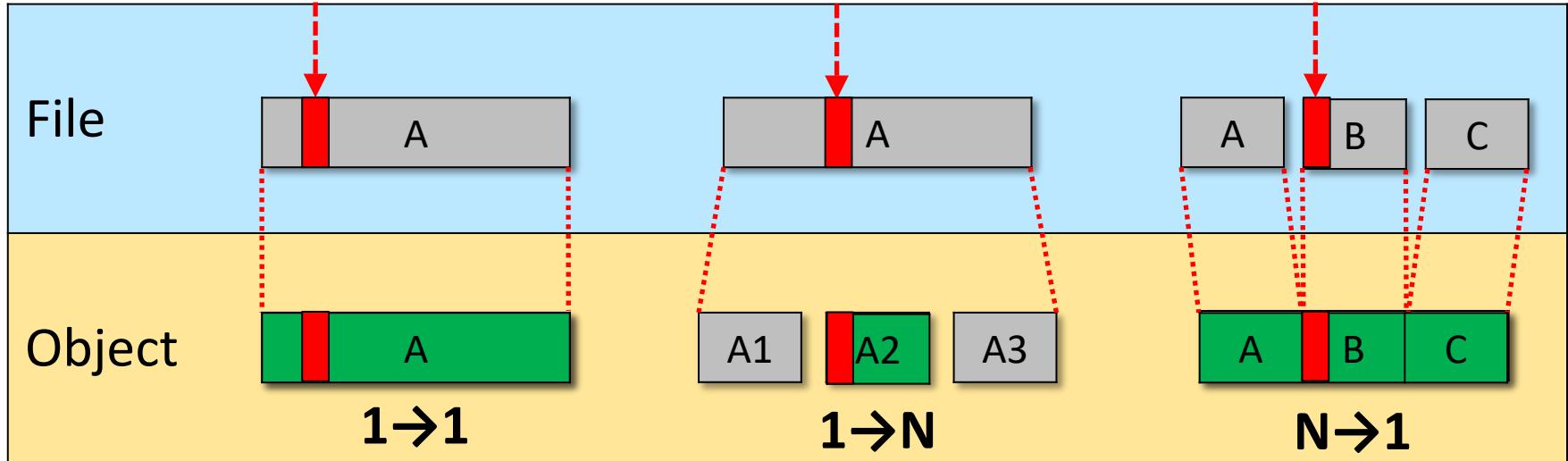
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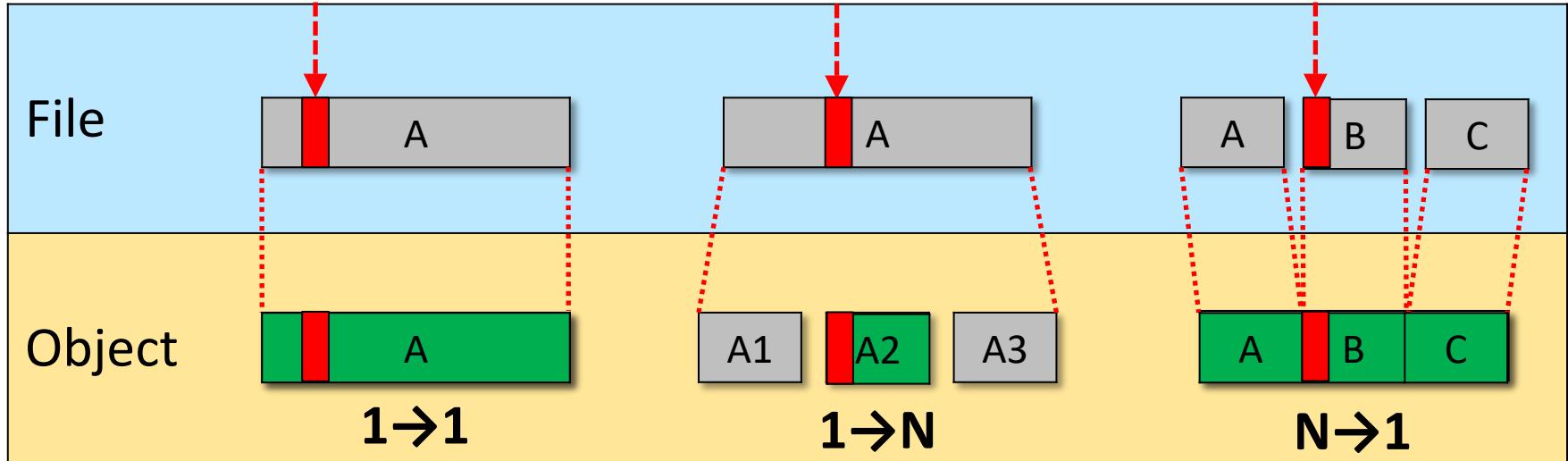
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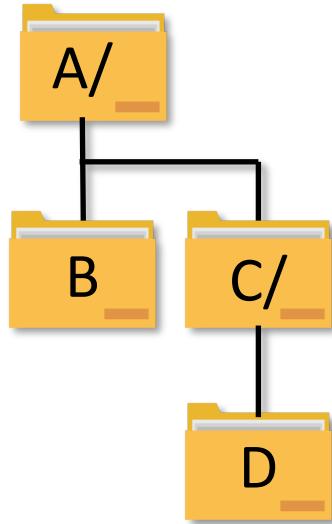
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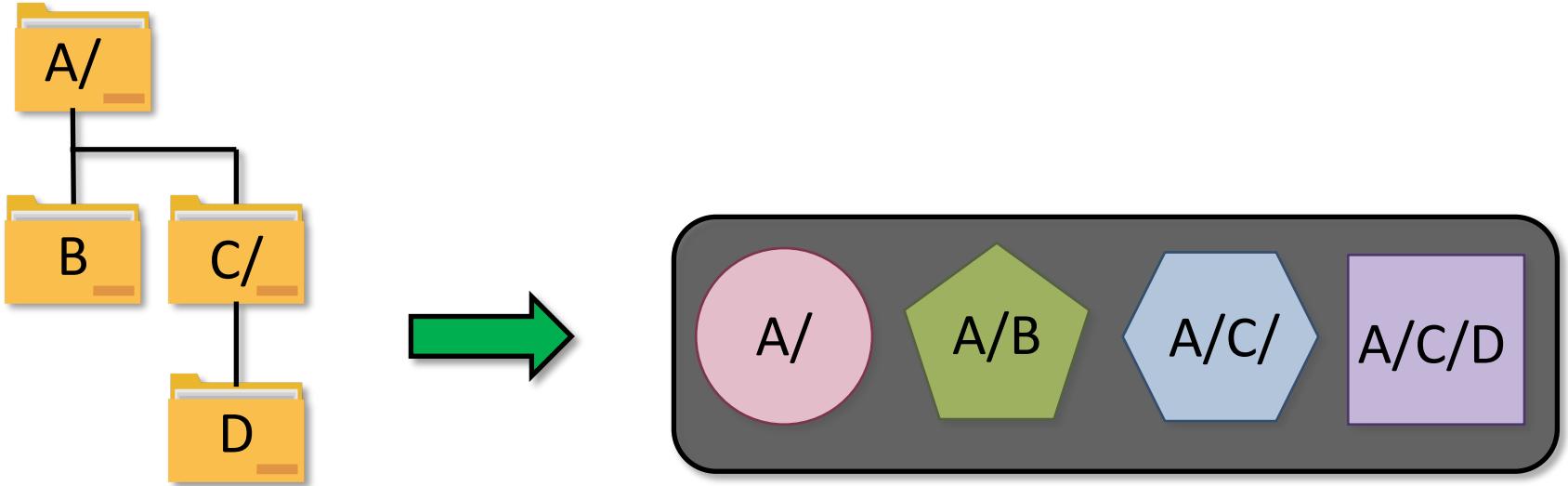
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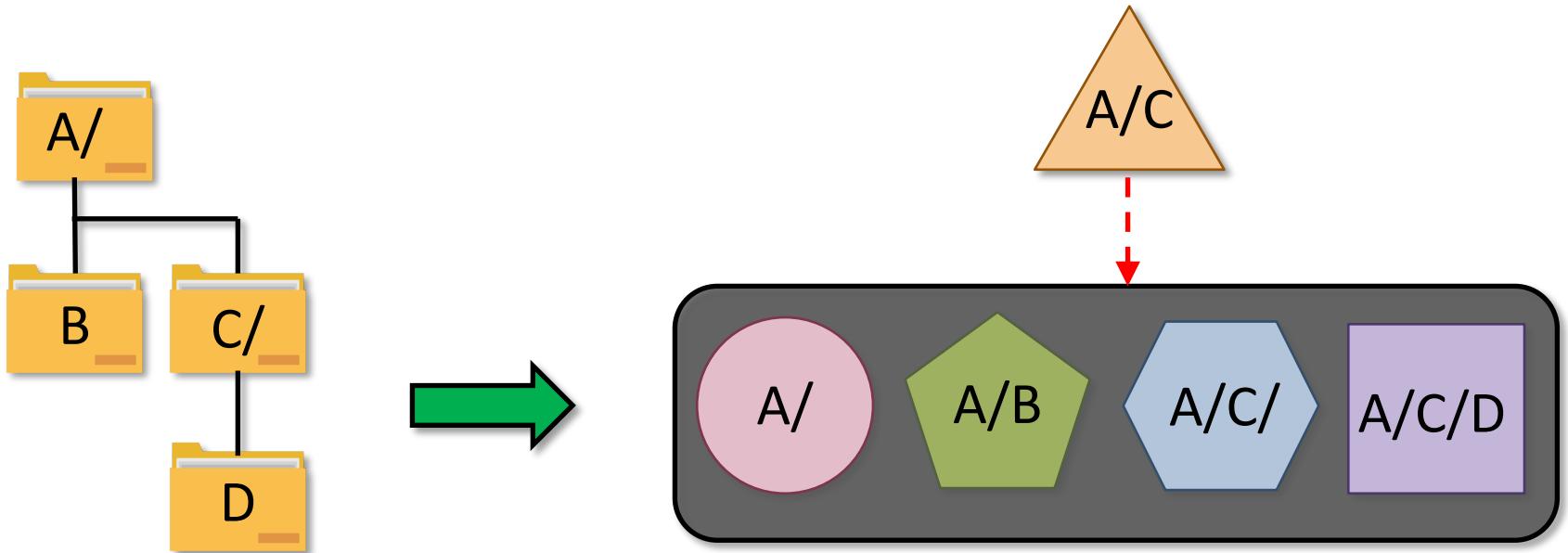
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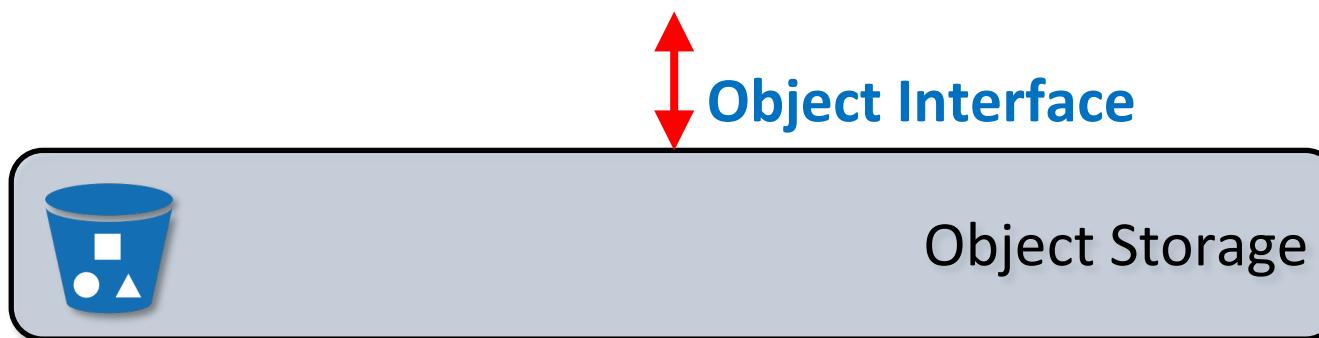
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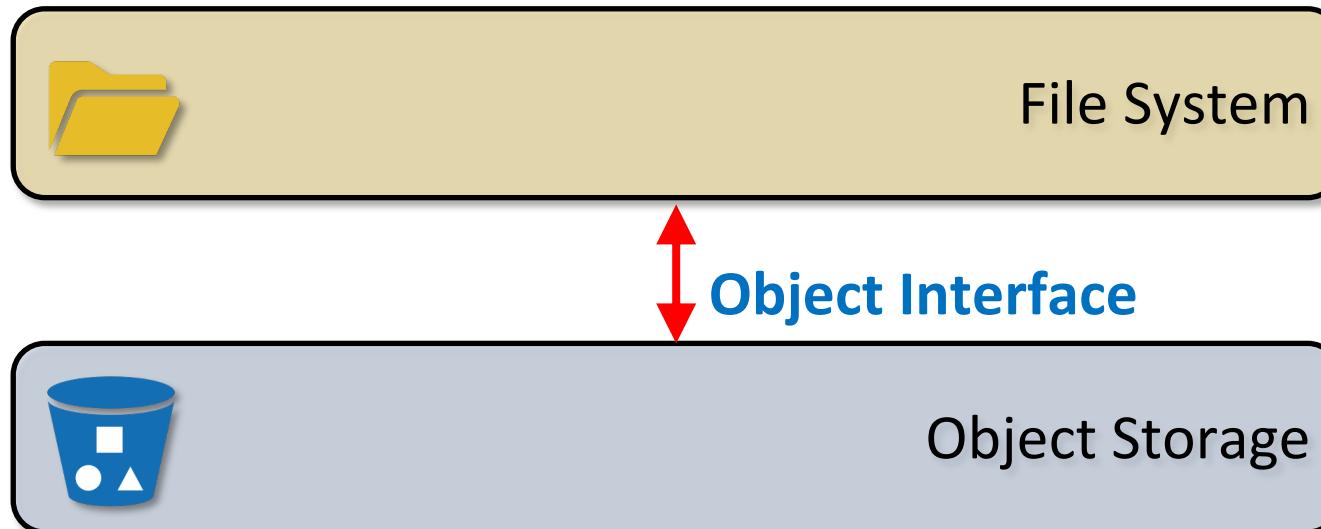
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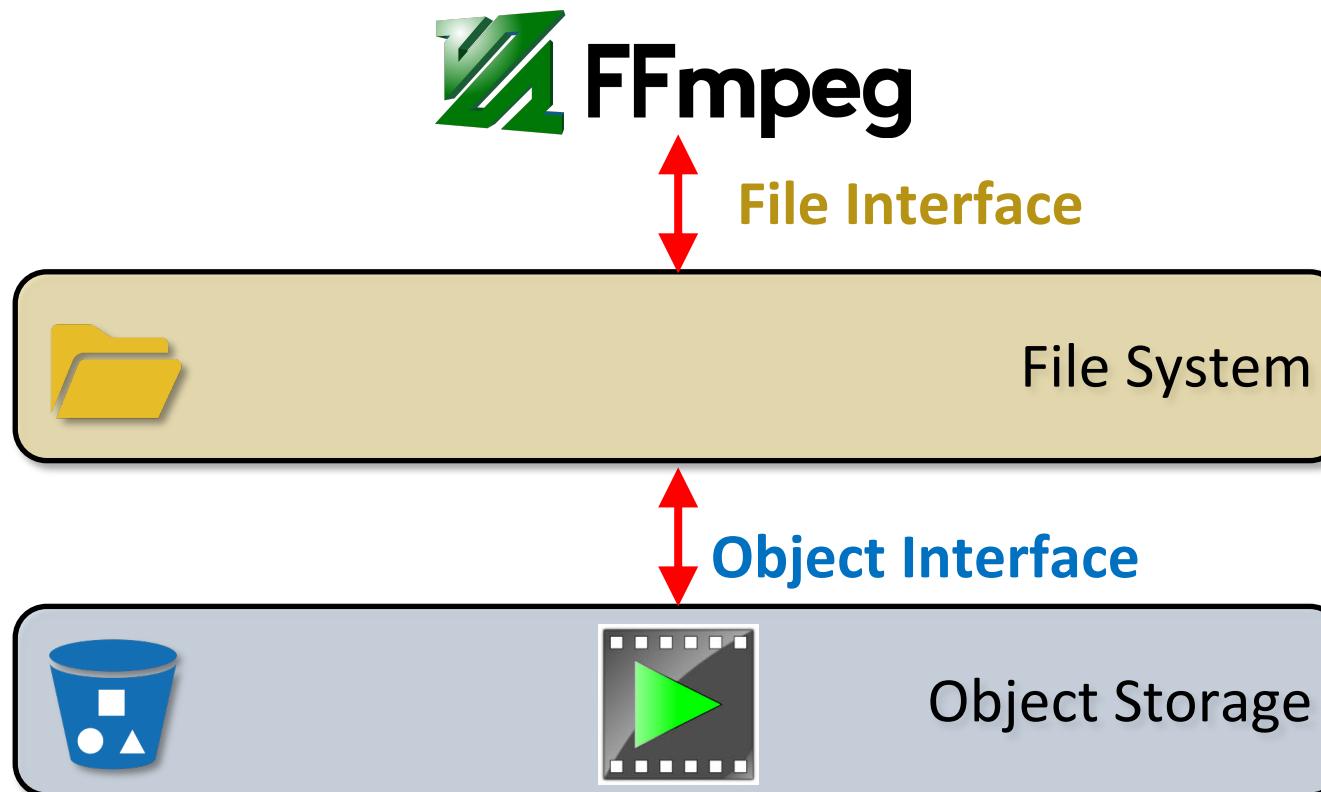
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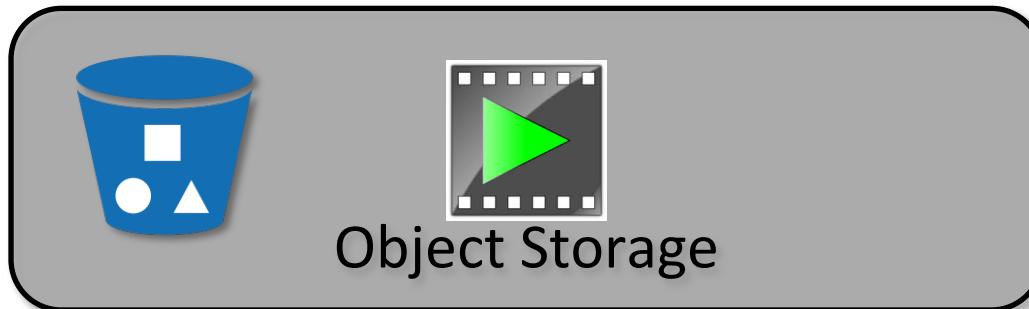
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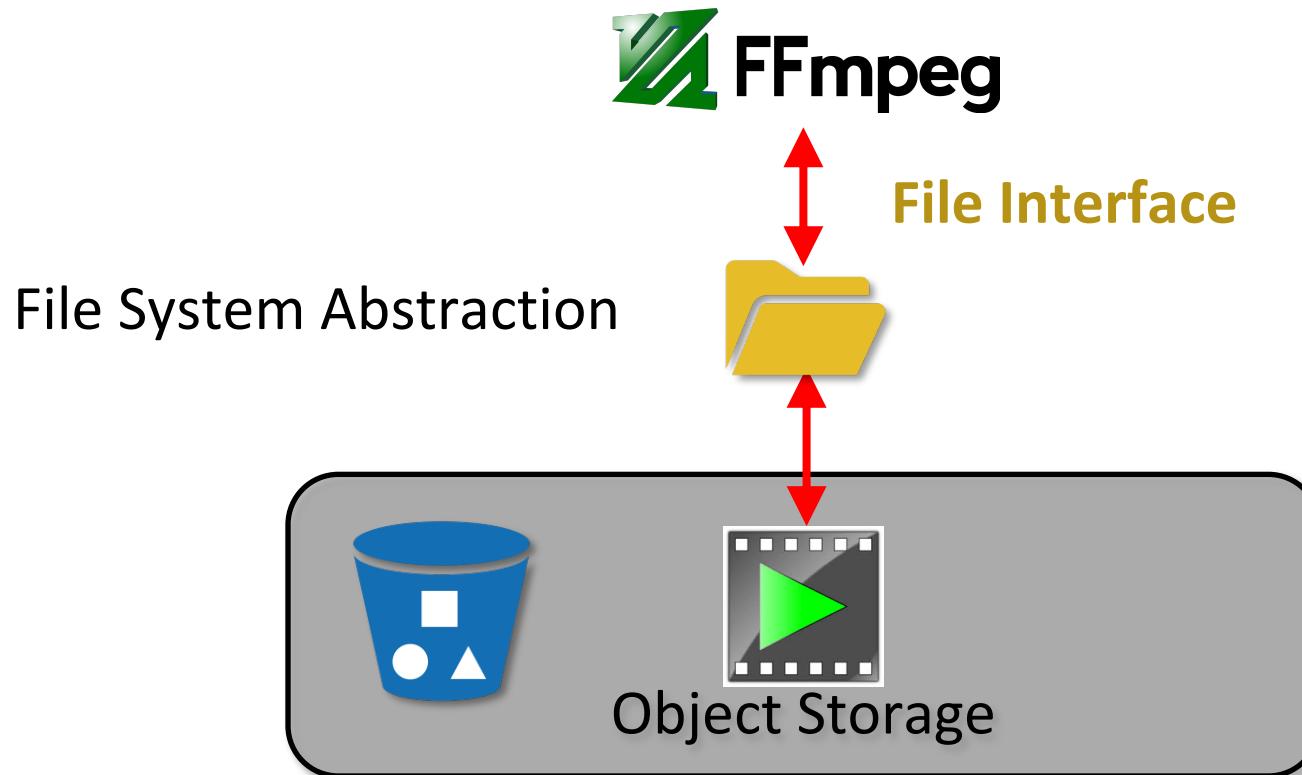
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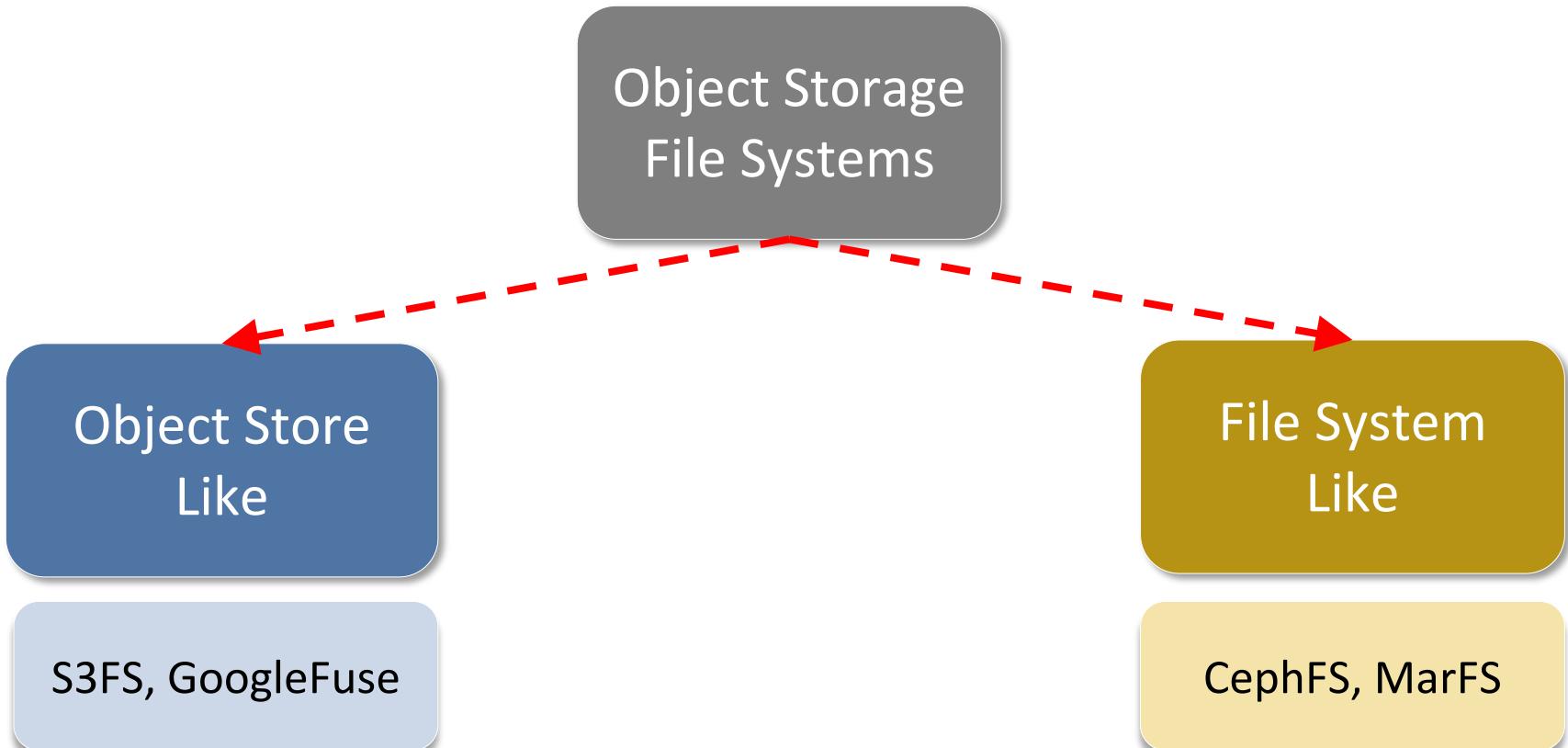
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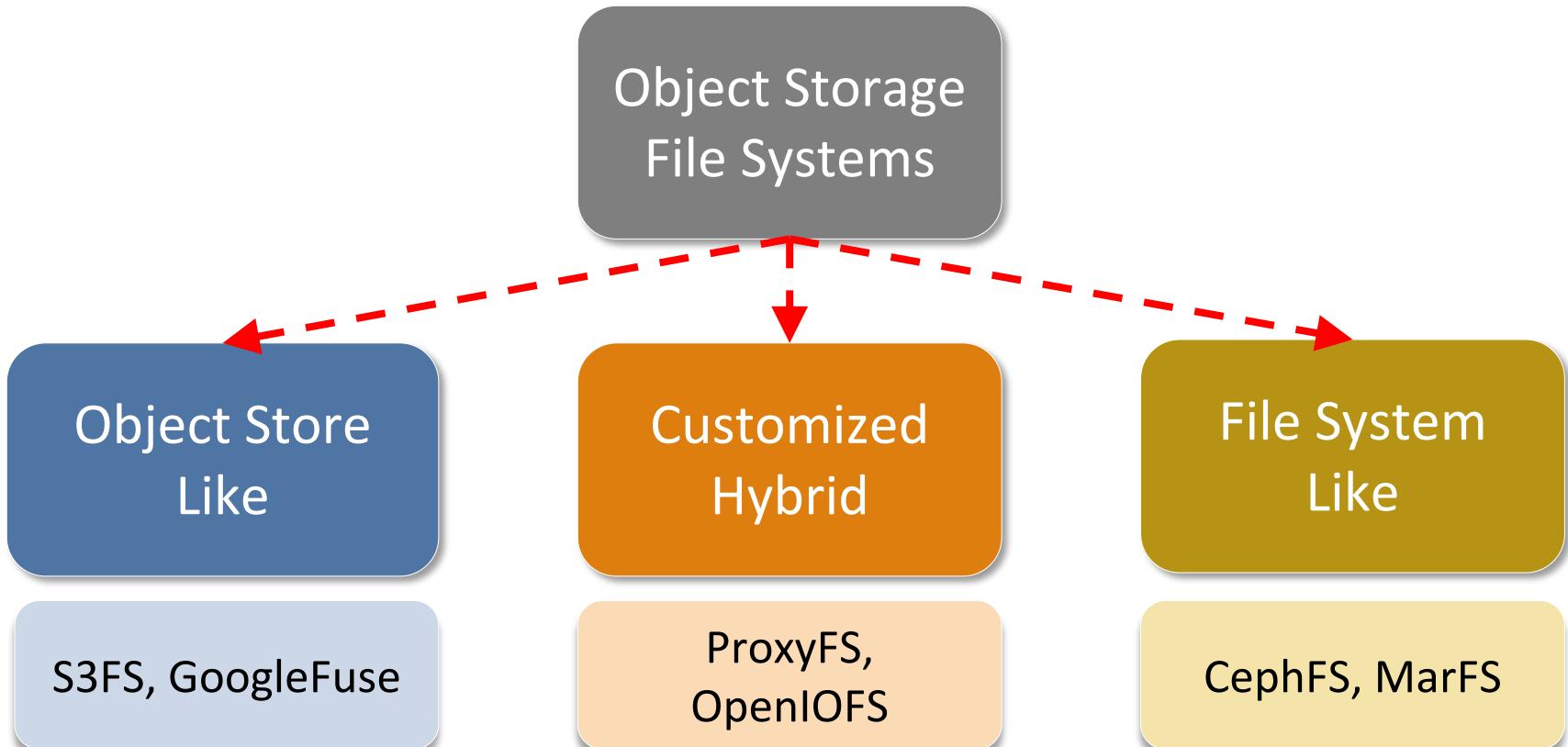
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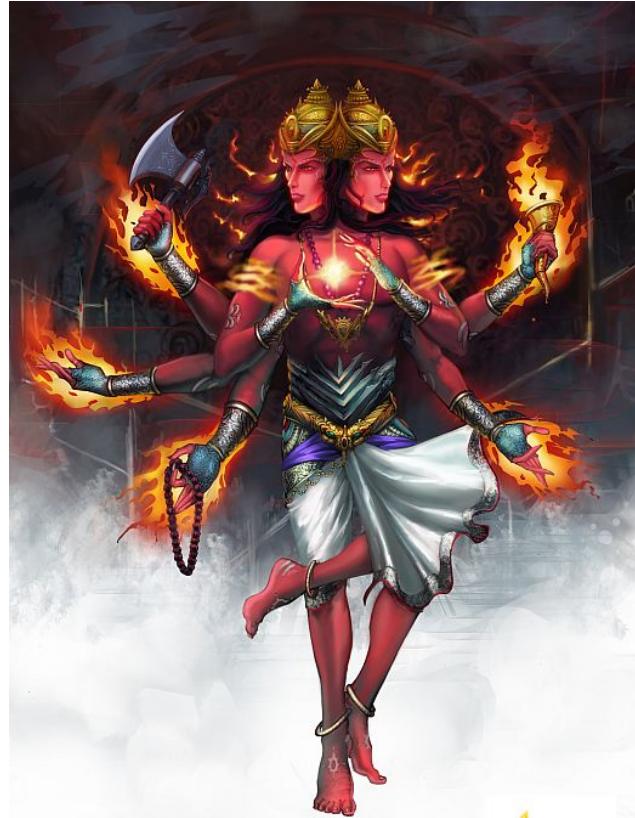


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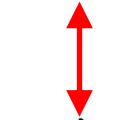


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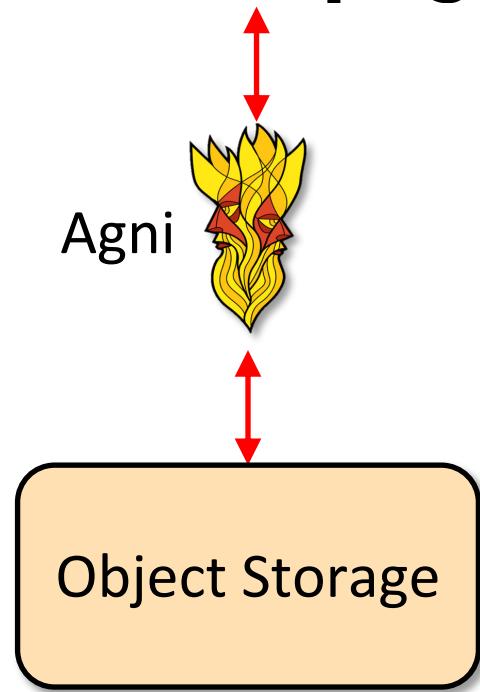
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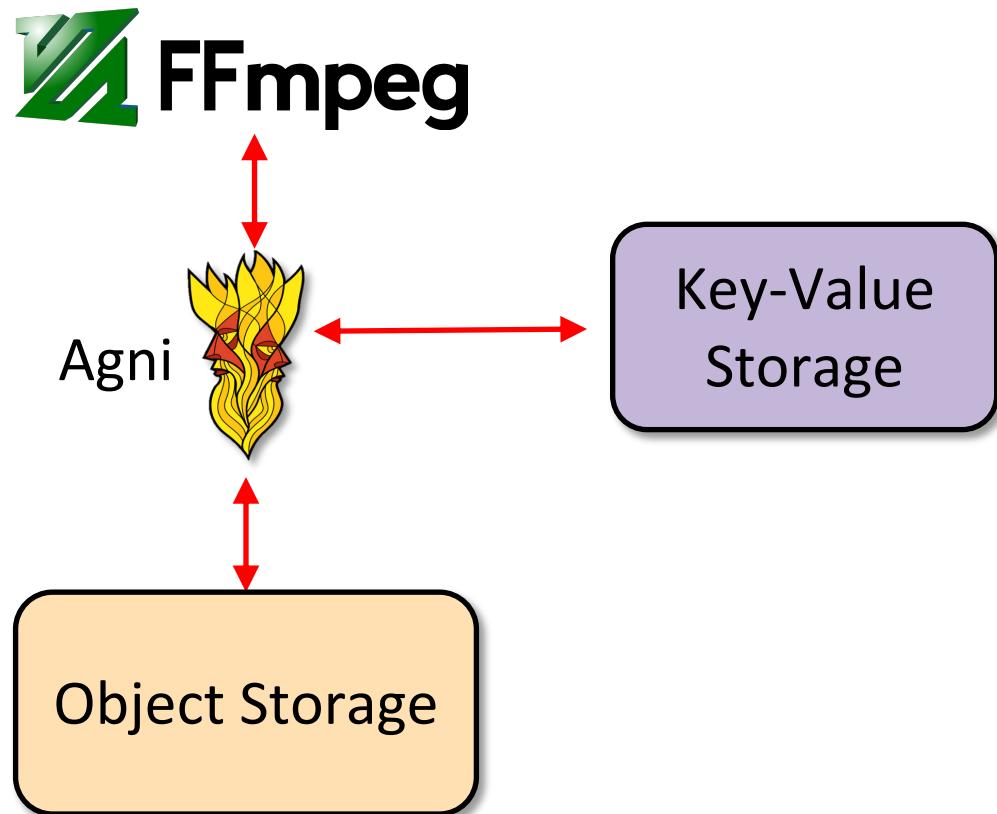
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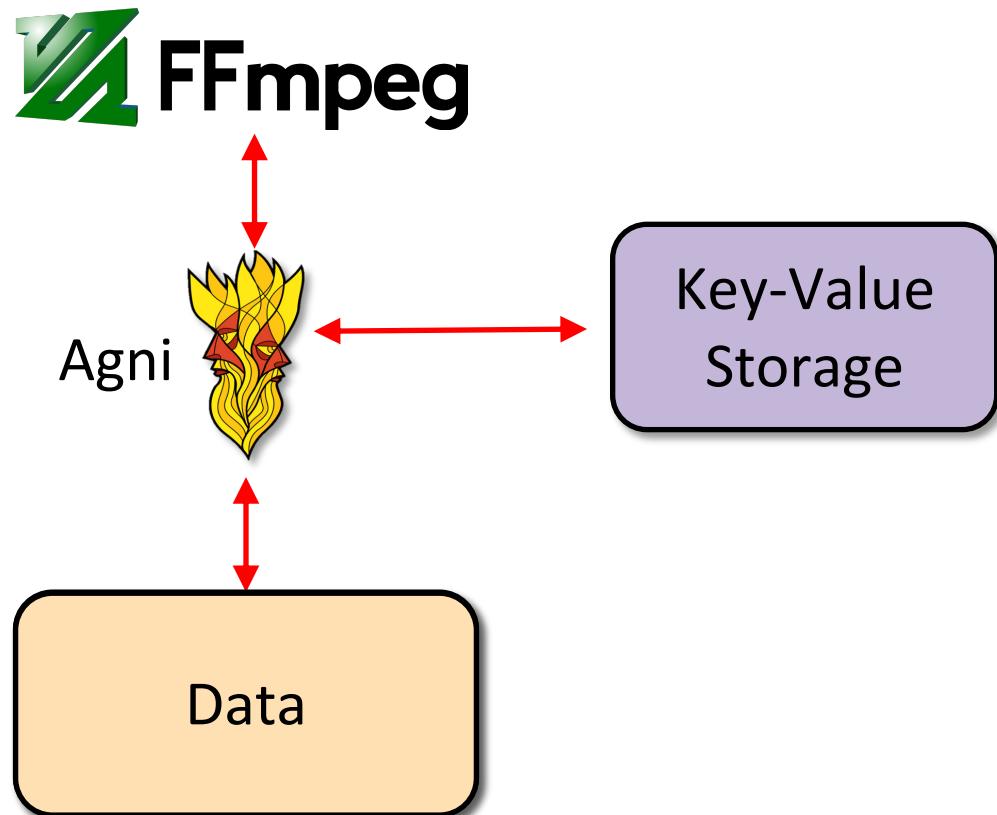
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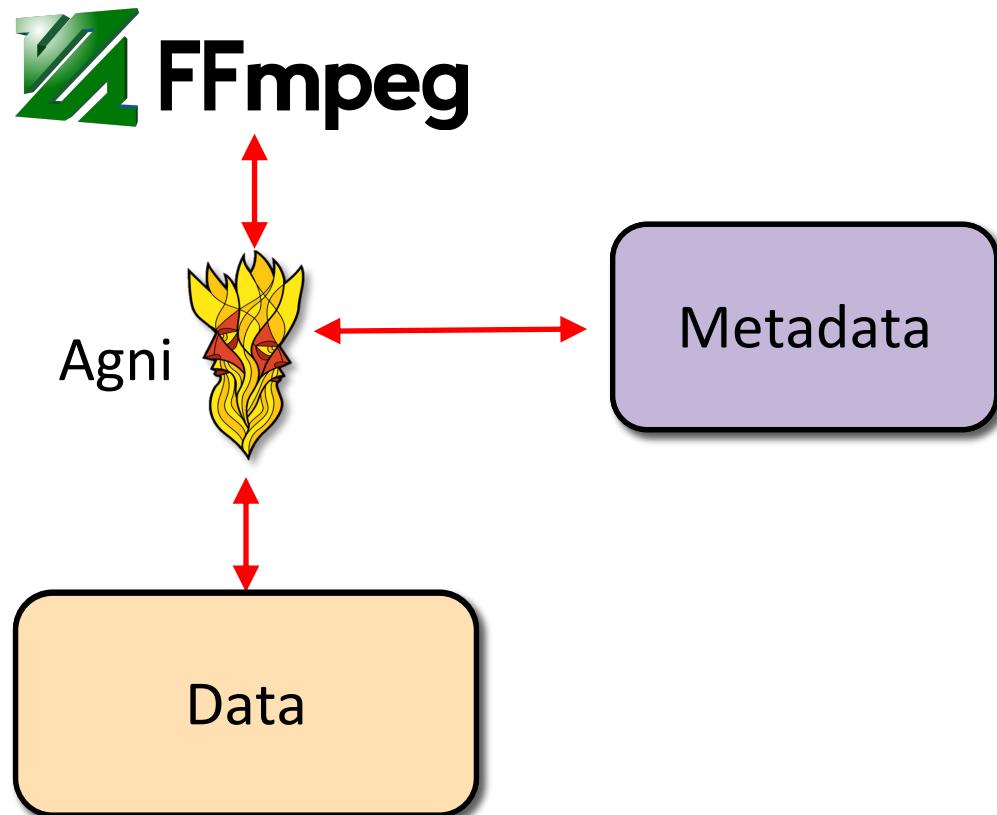
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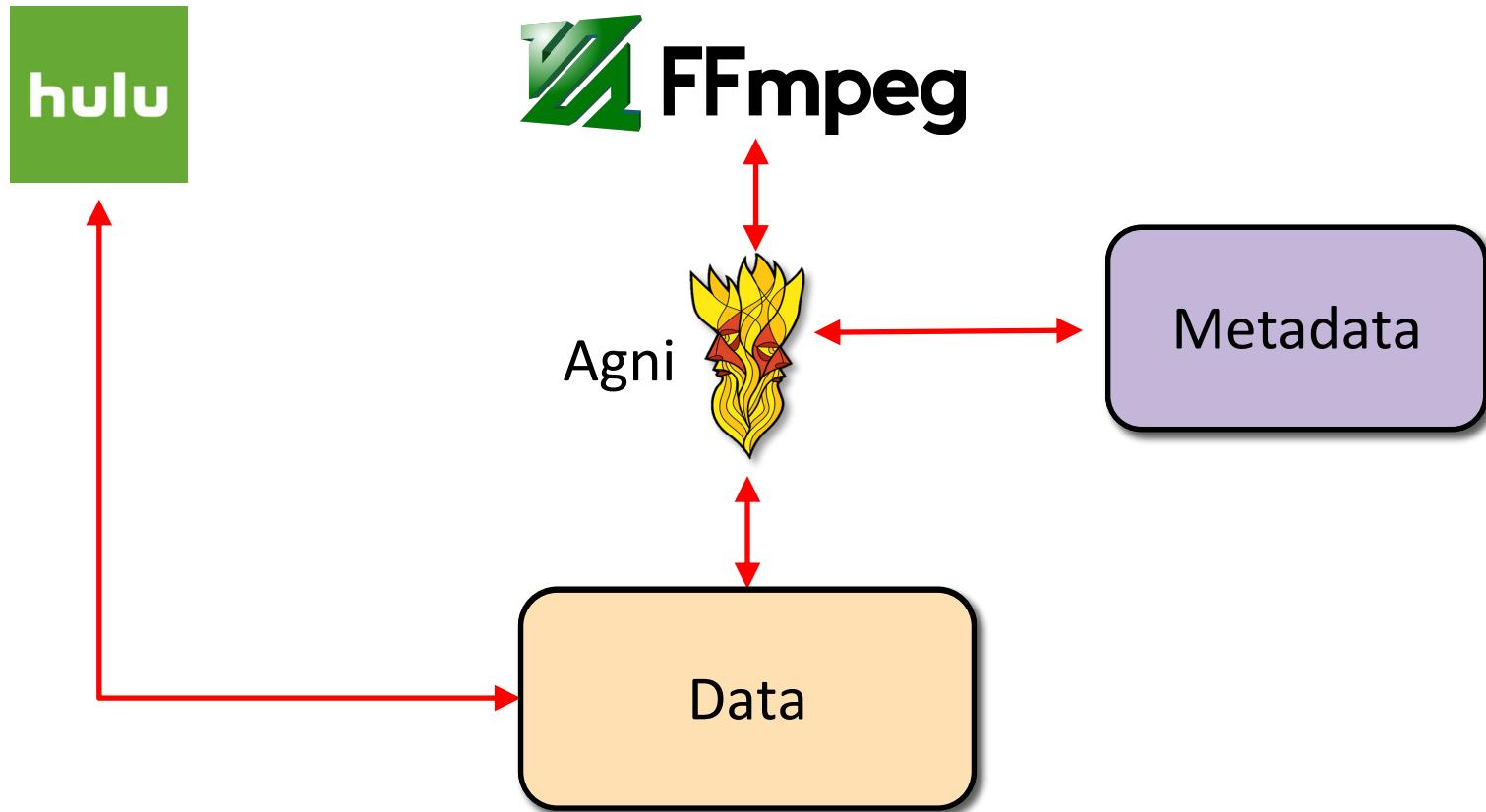
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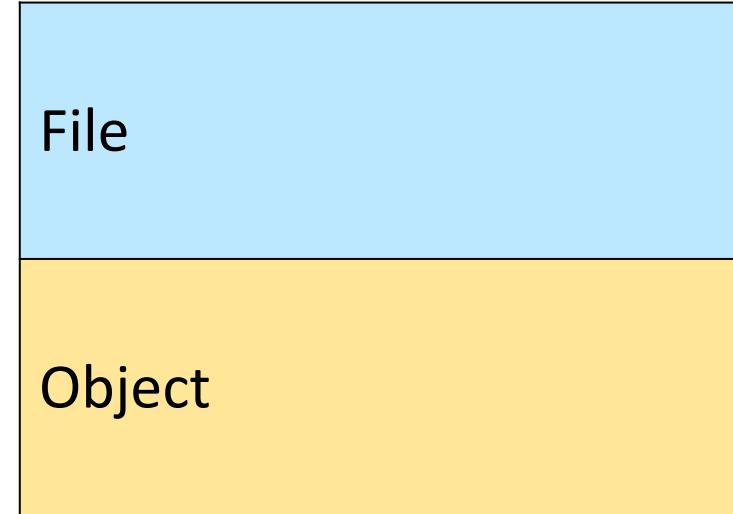
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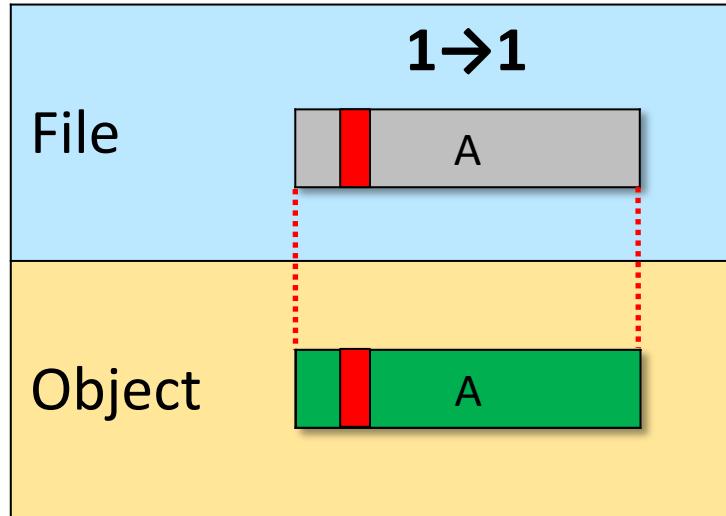
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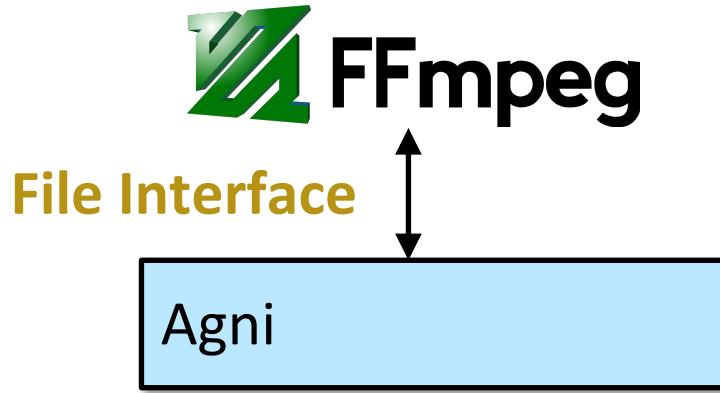
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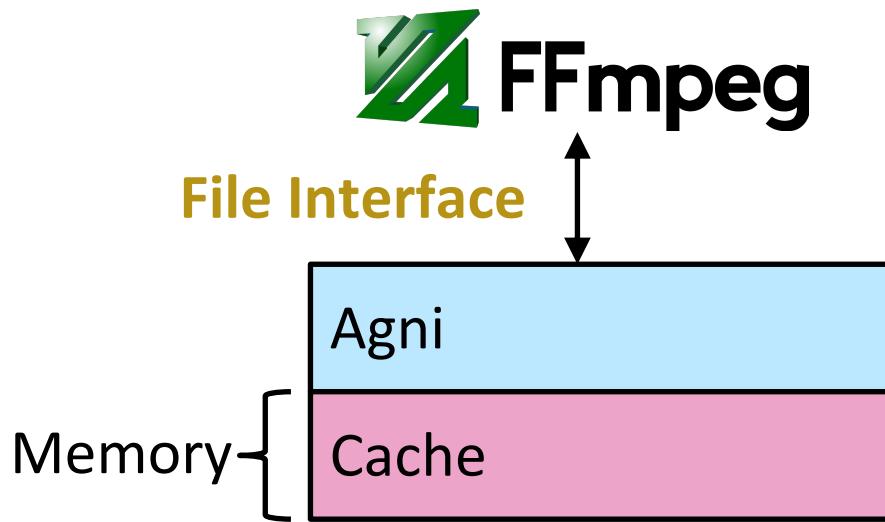
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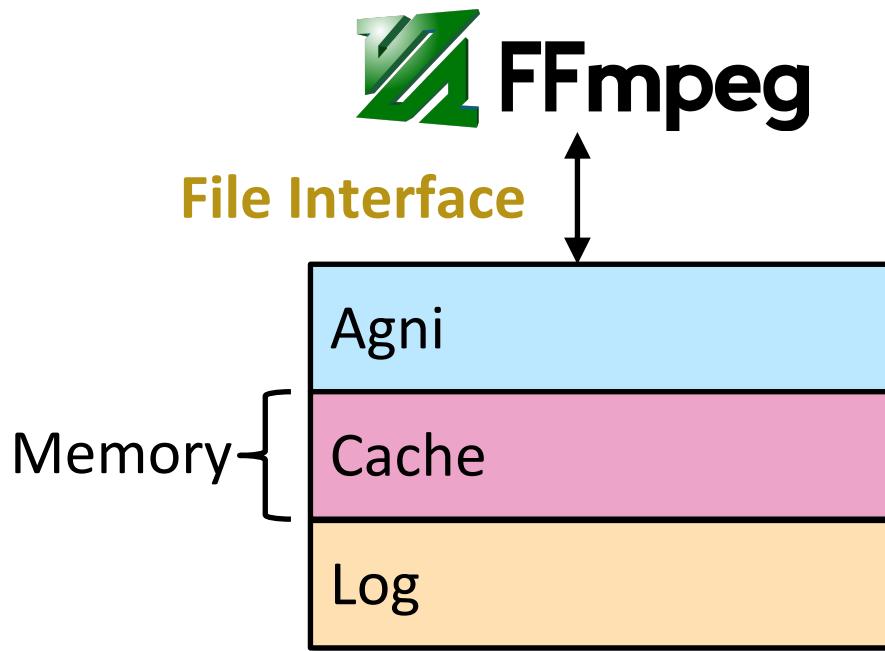
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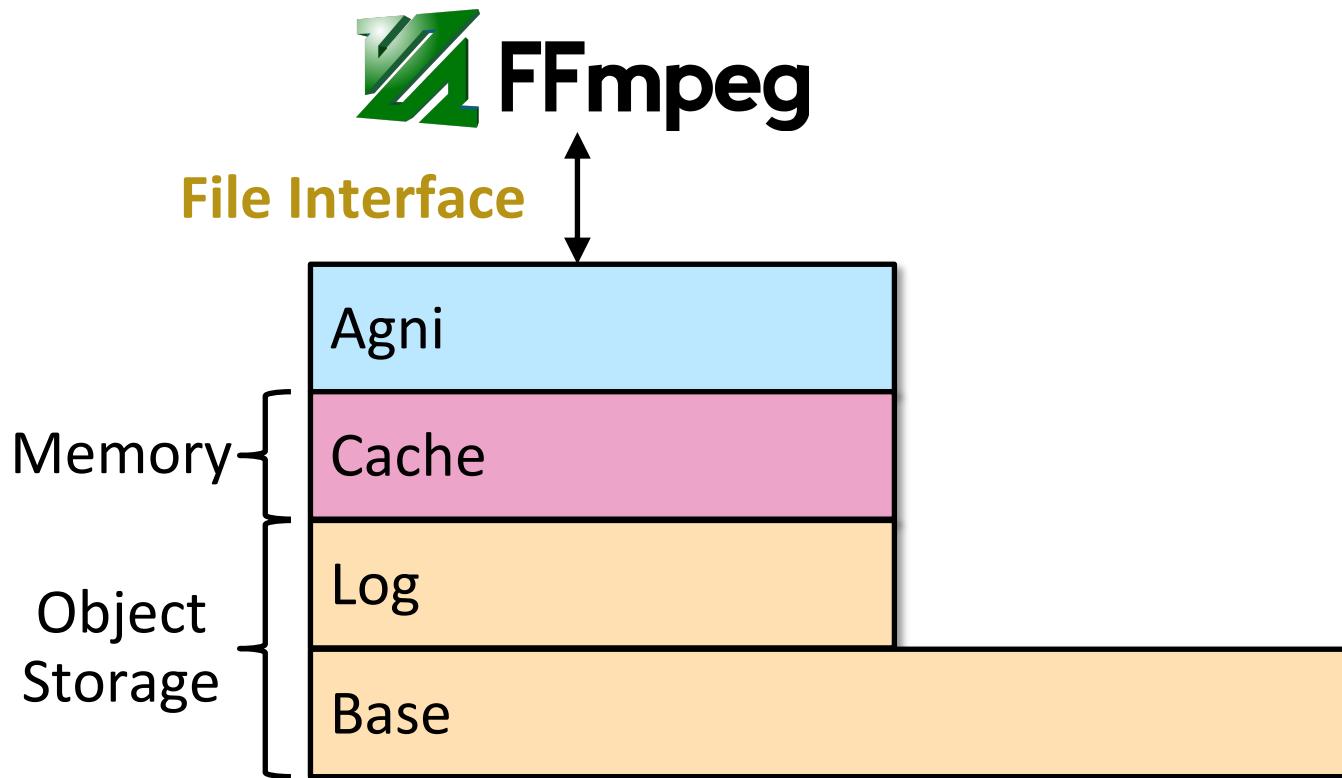
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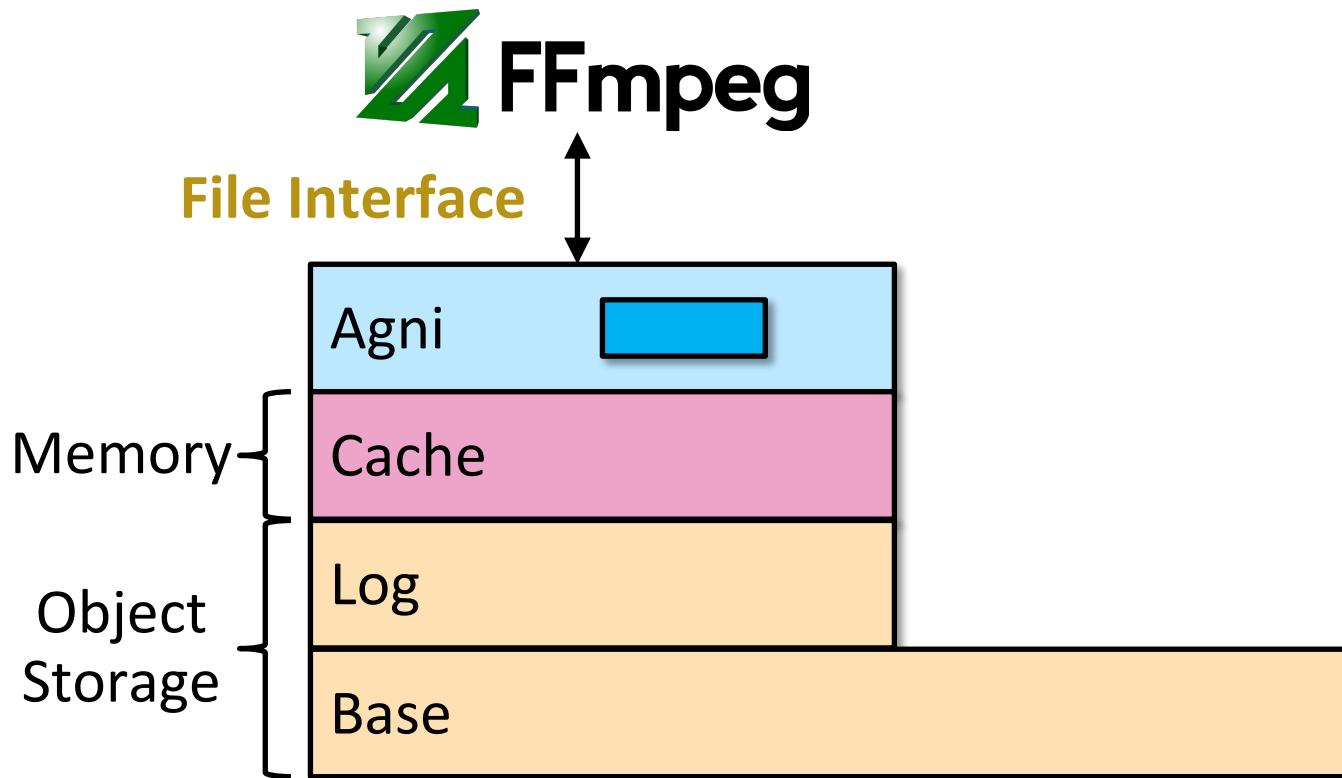
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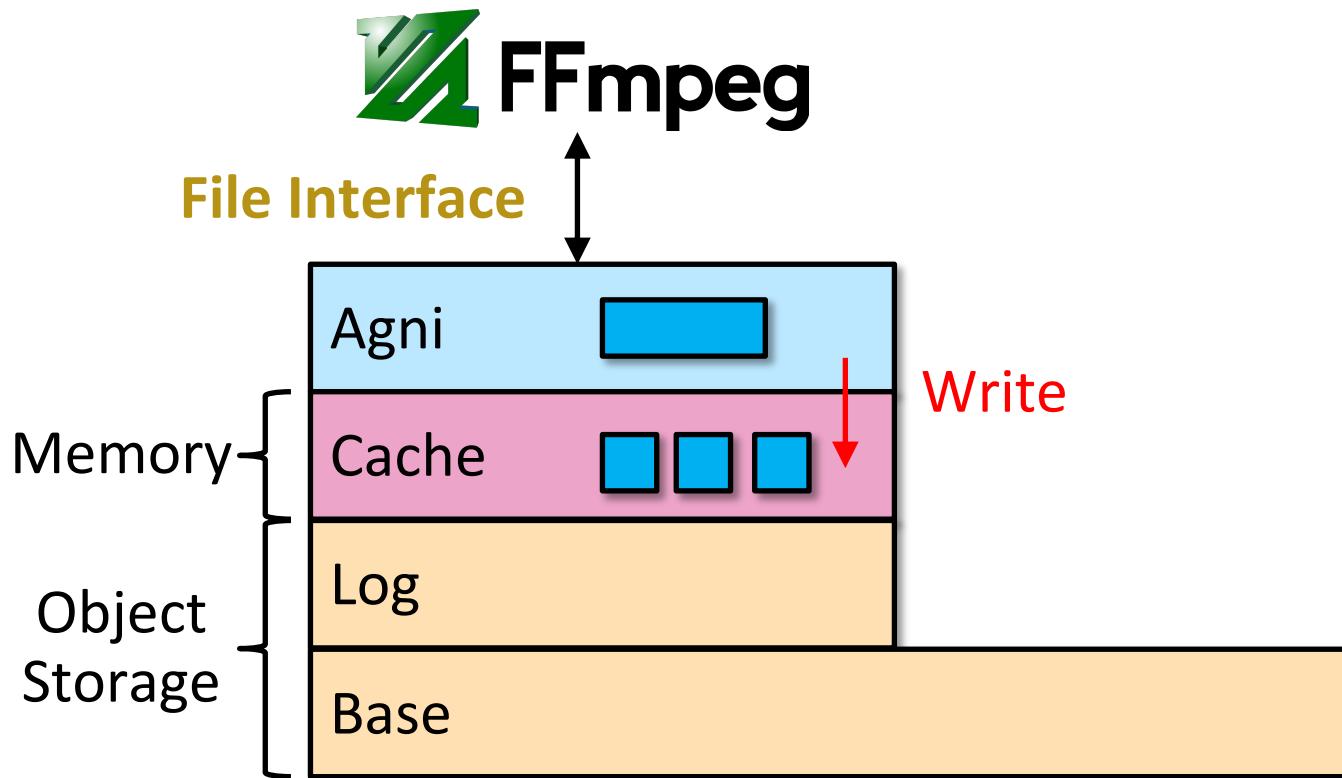
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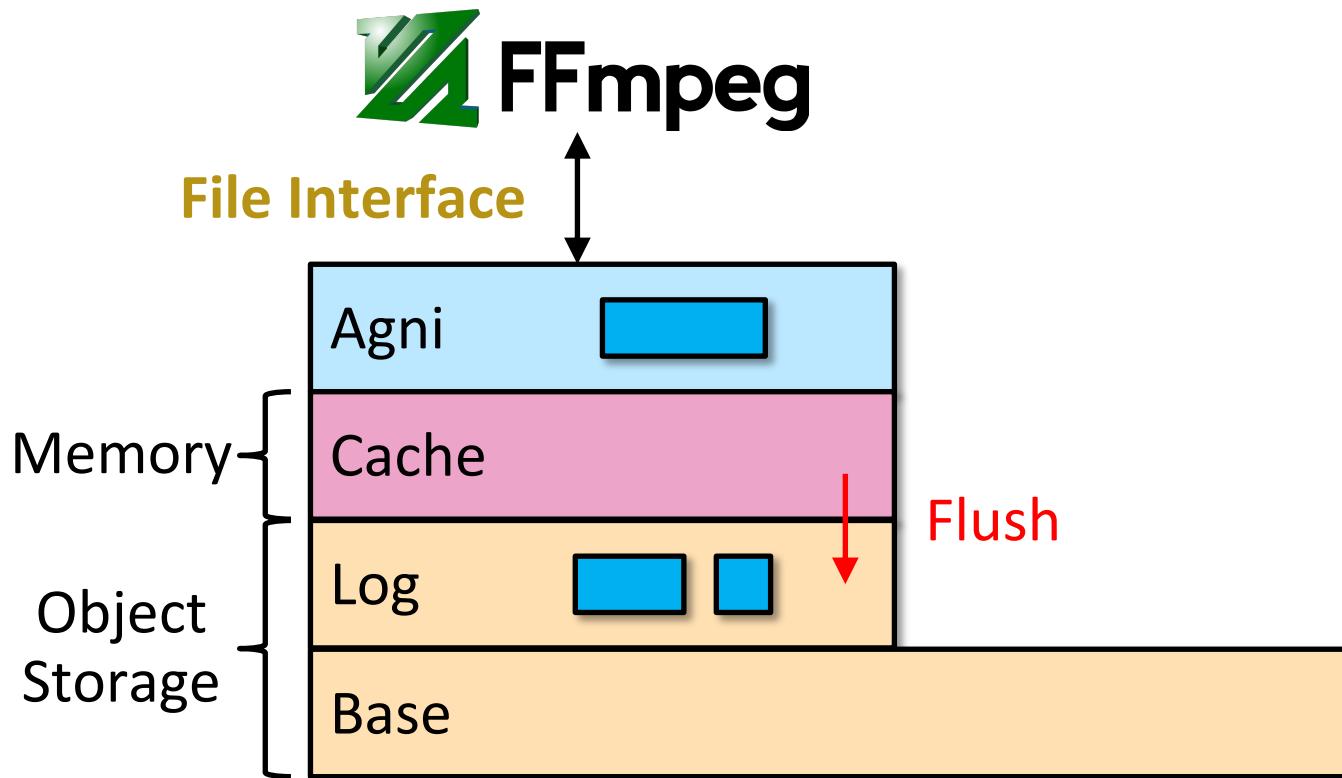
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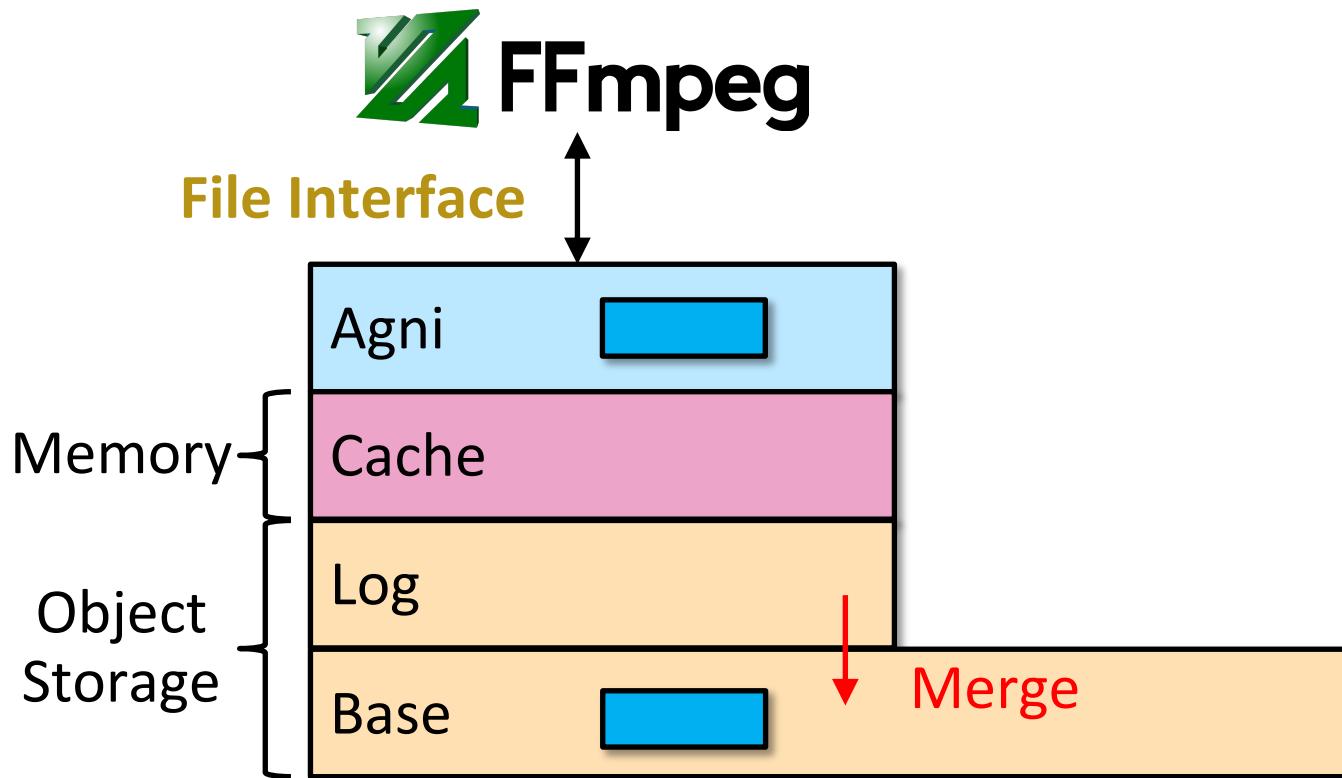
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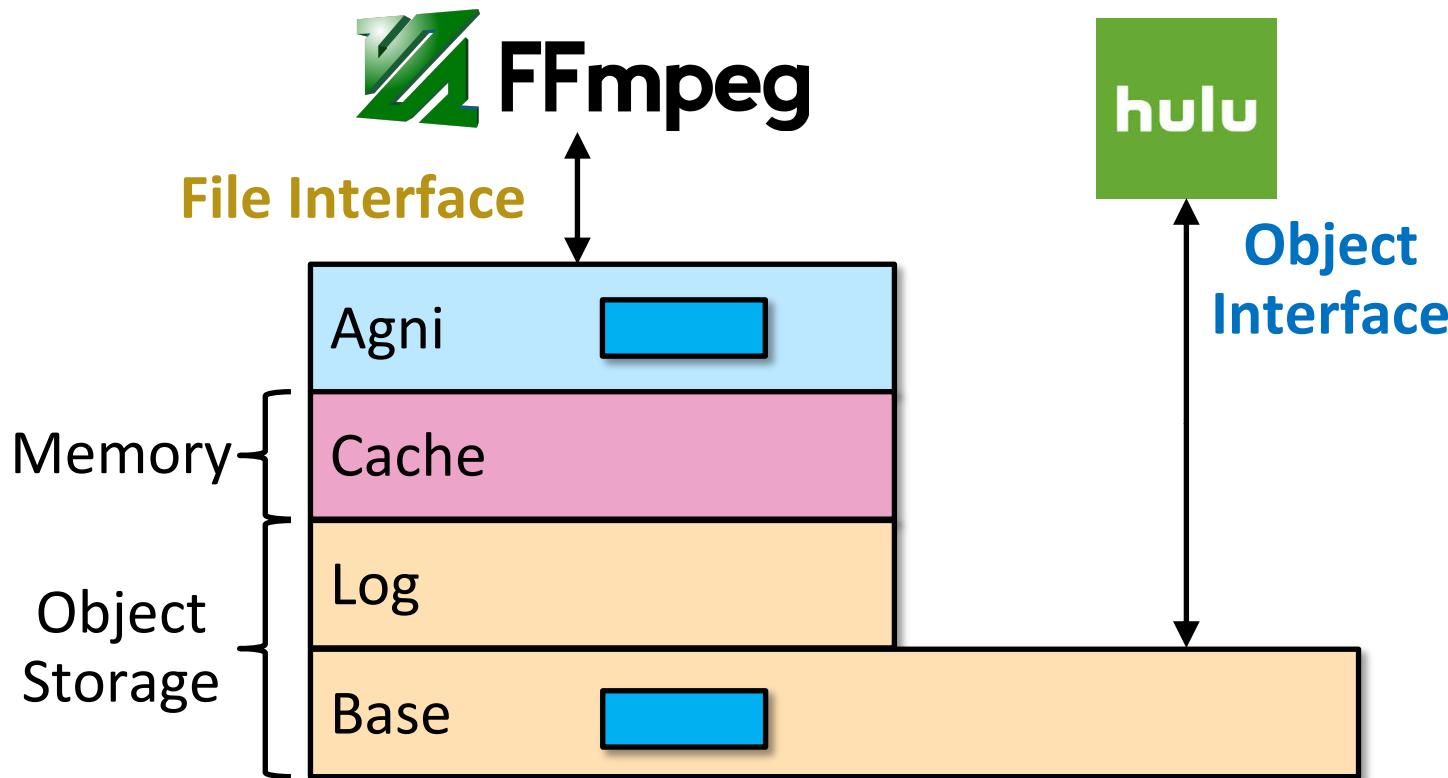
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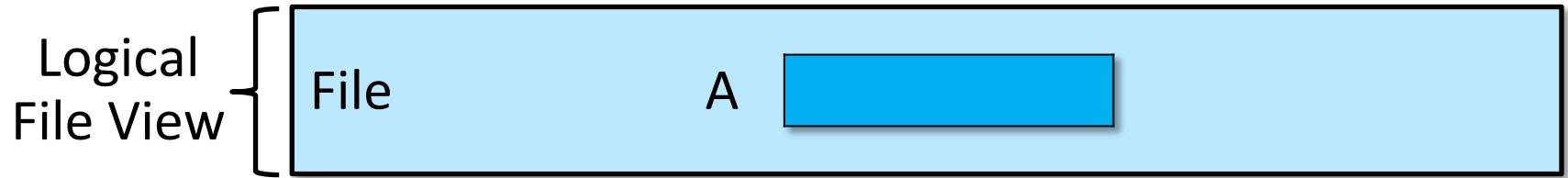


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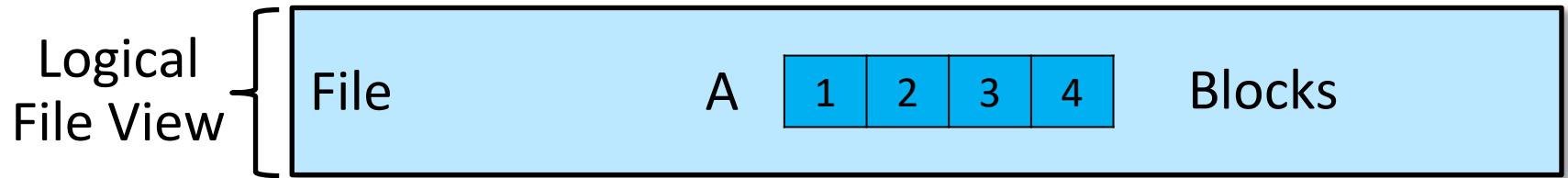
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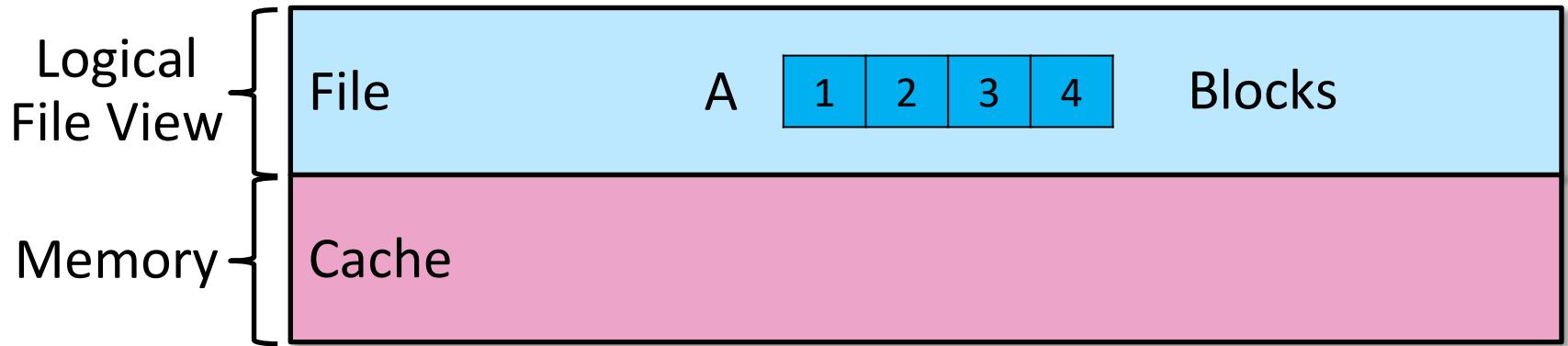
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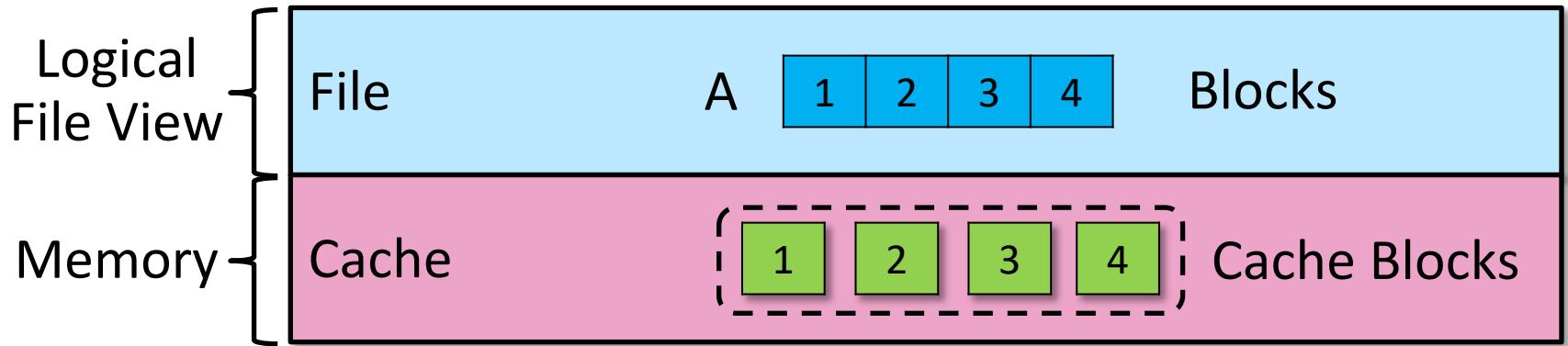
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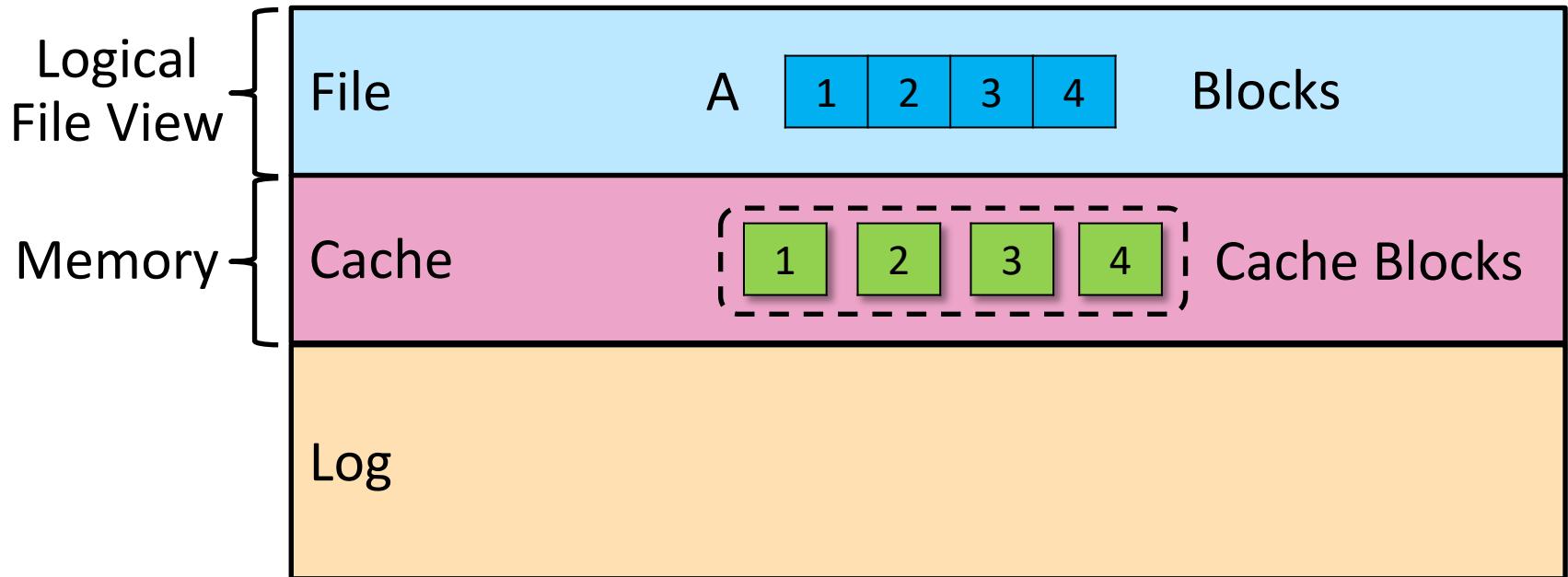
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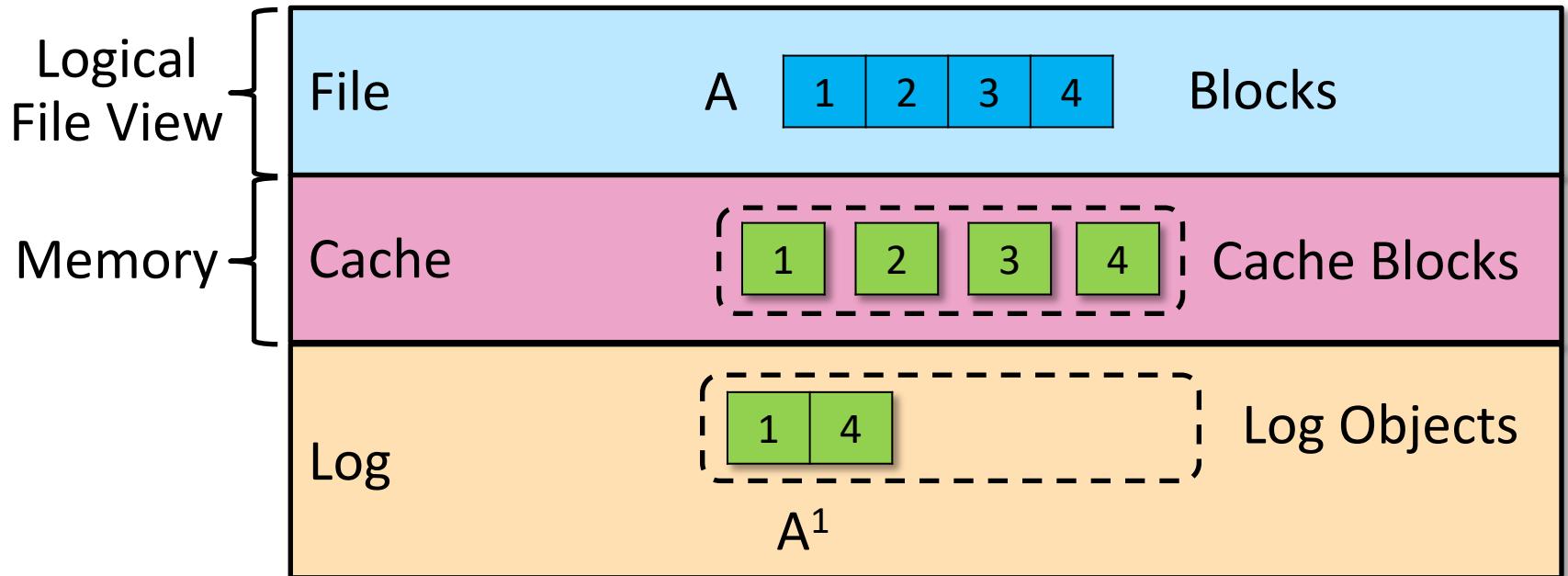
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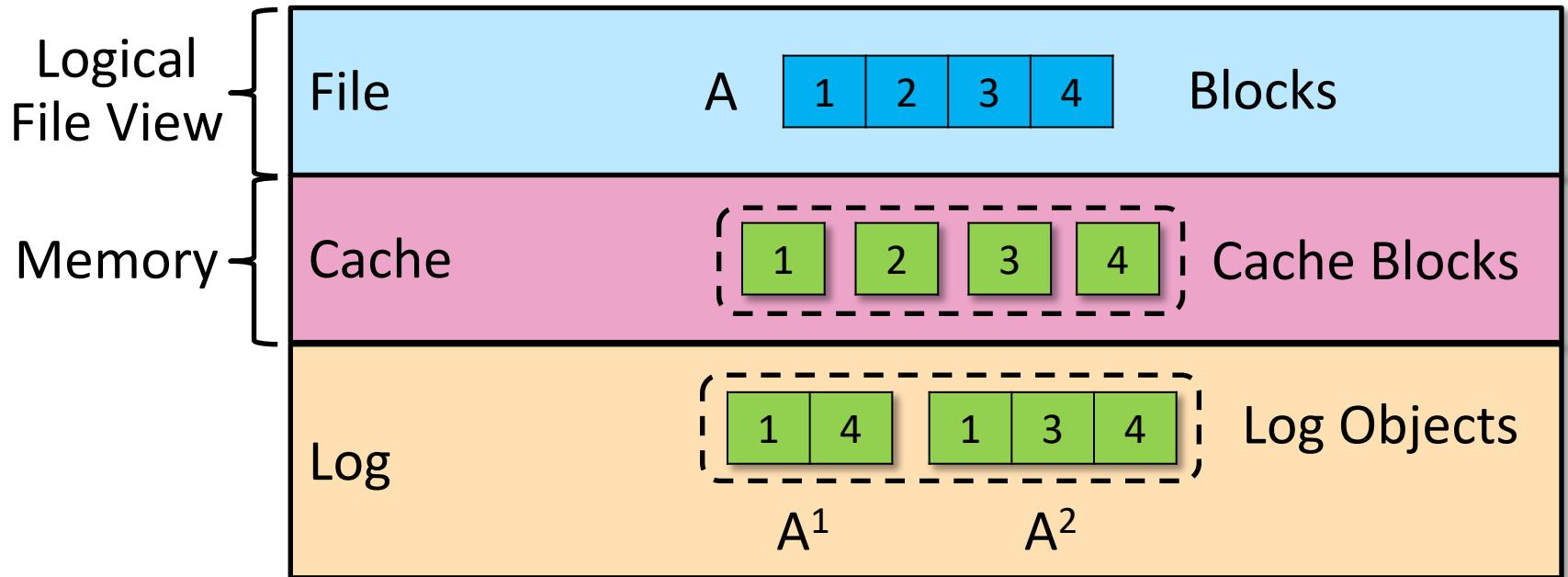
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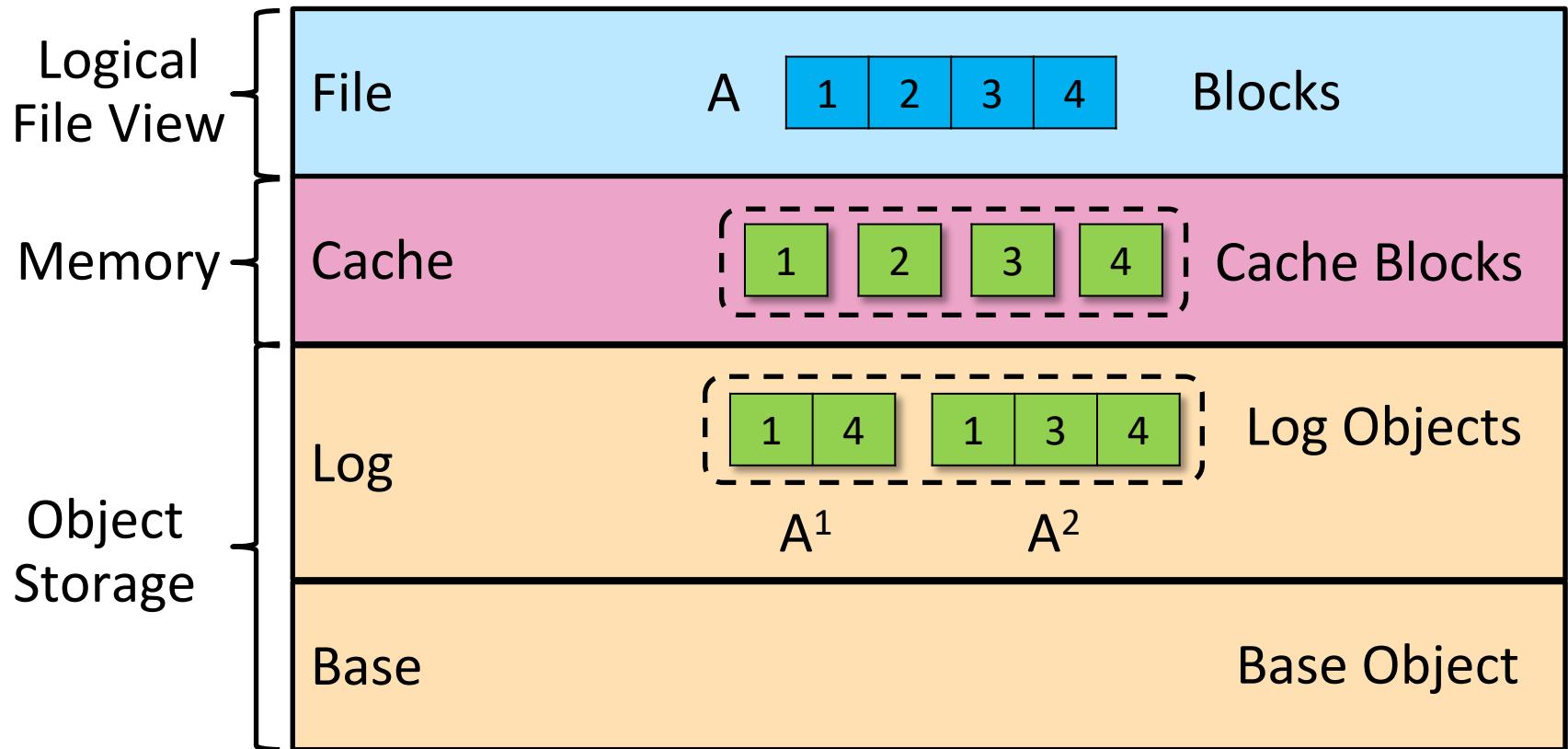
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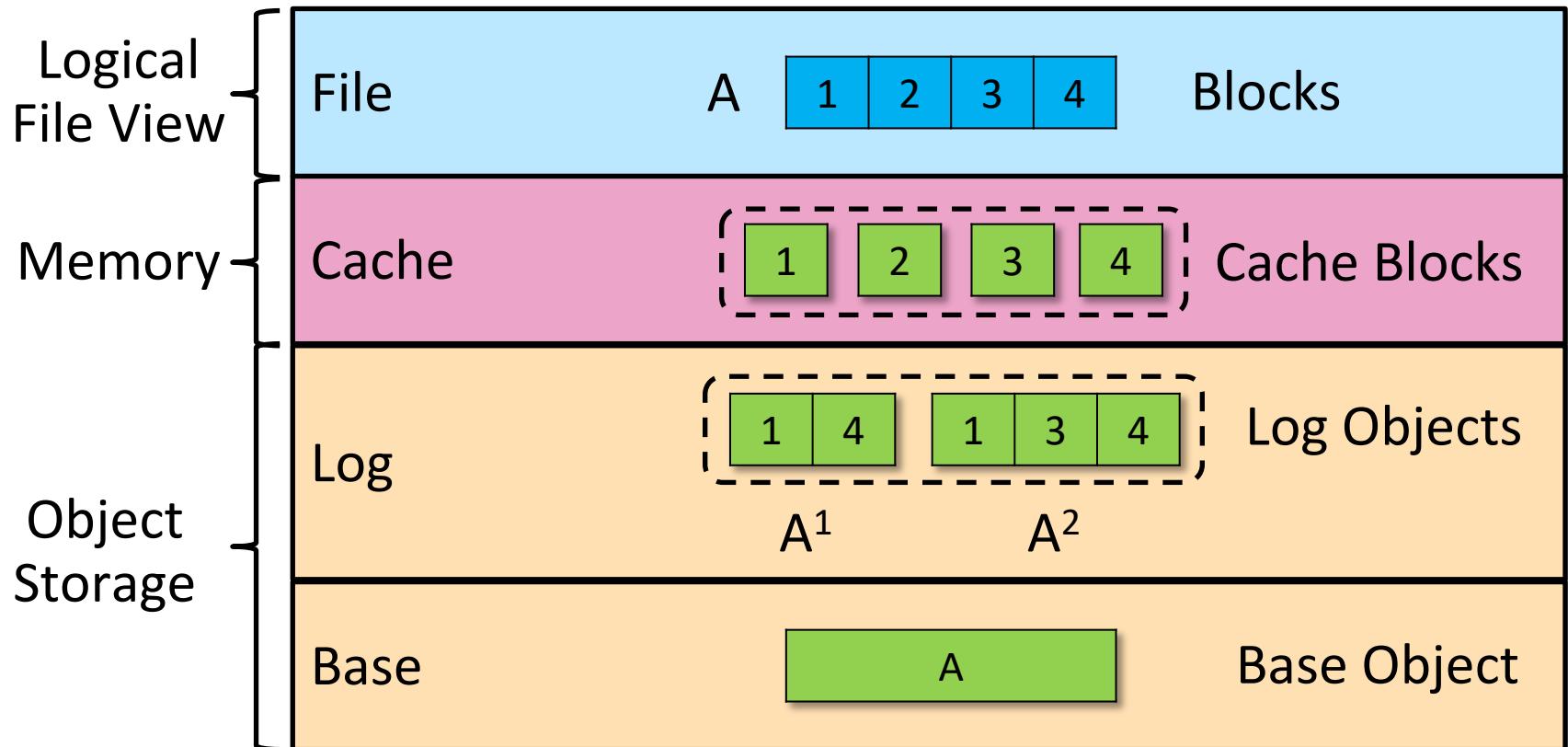
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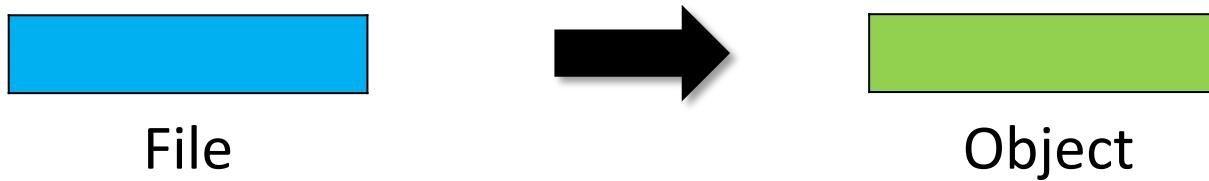
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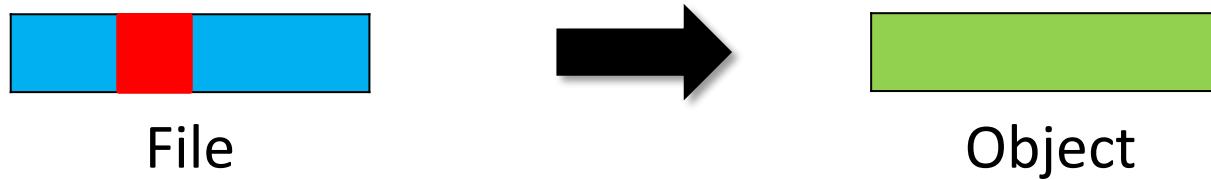
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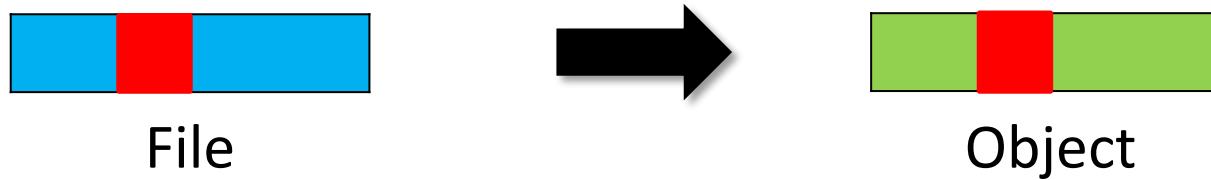
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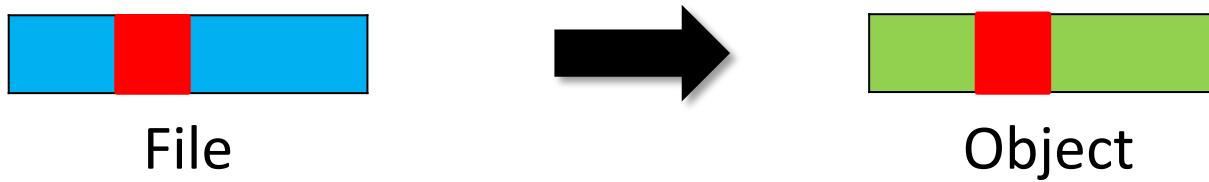
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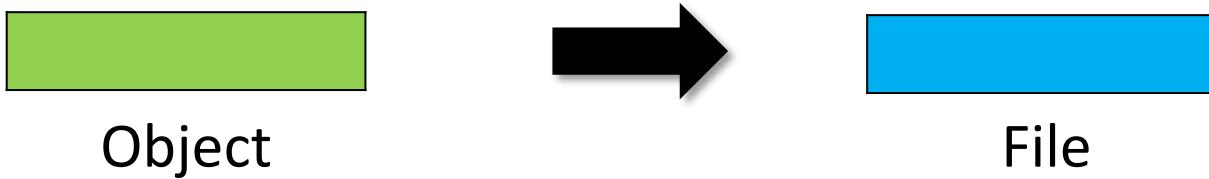
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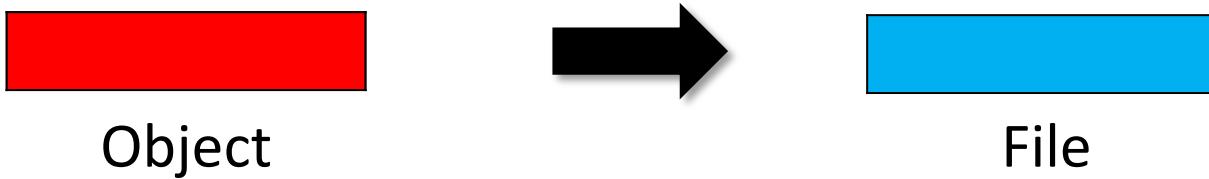
**File to Object Visibility Lag**



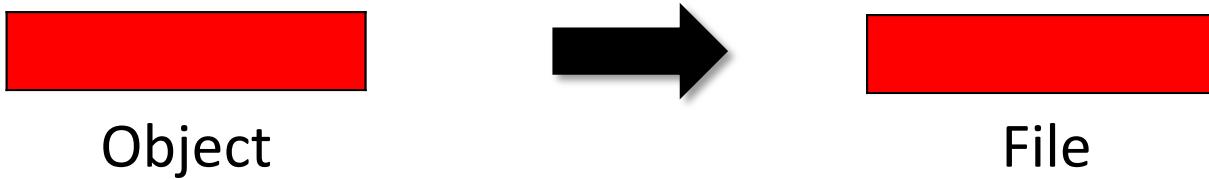
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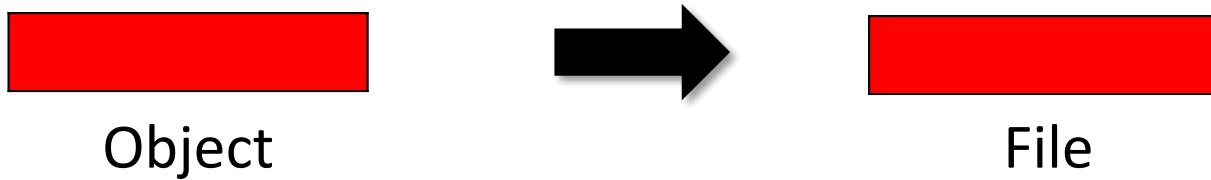
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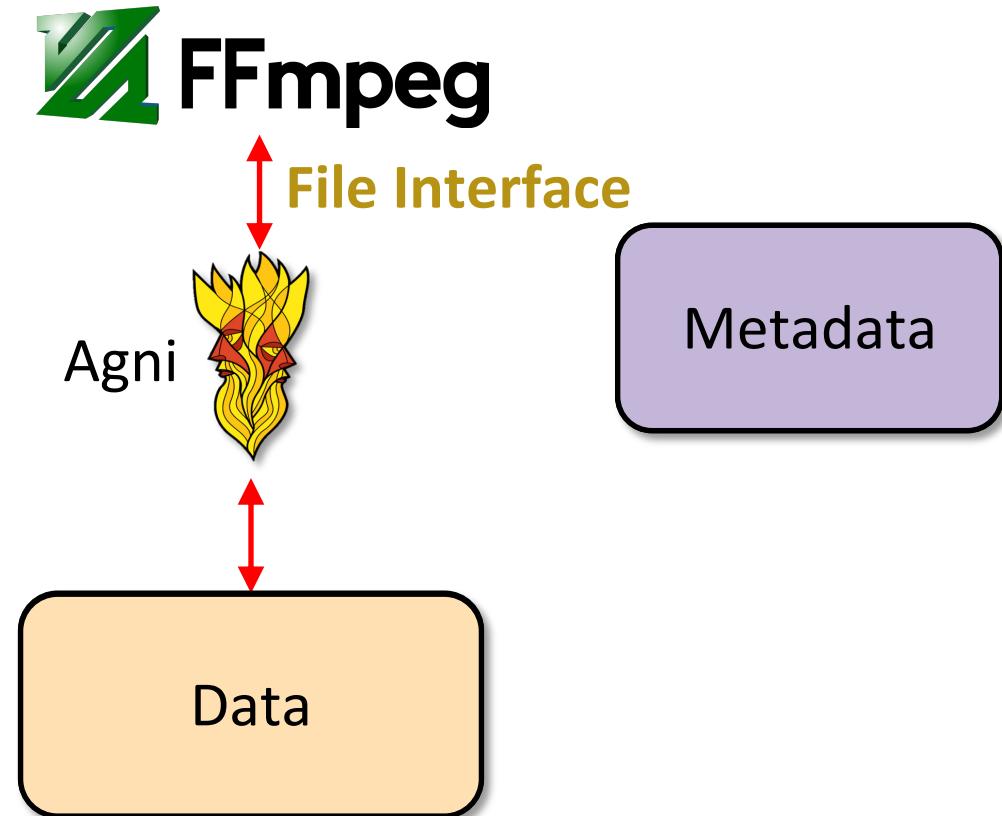
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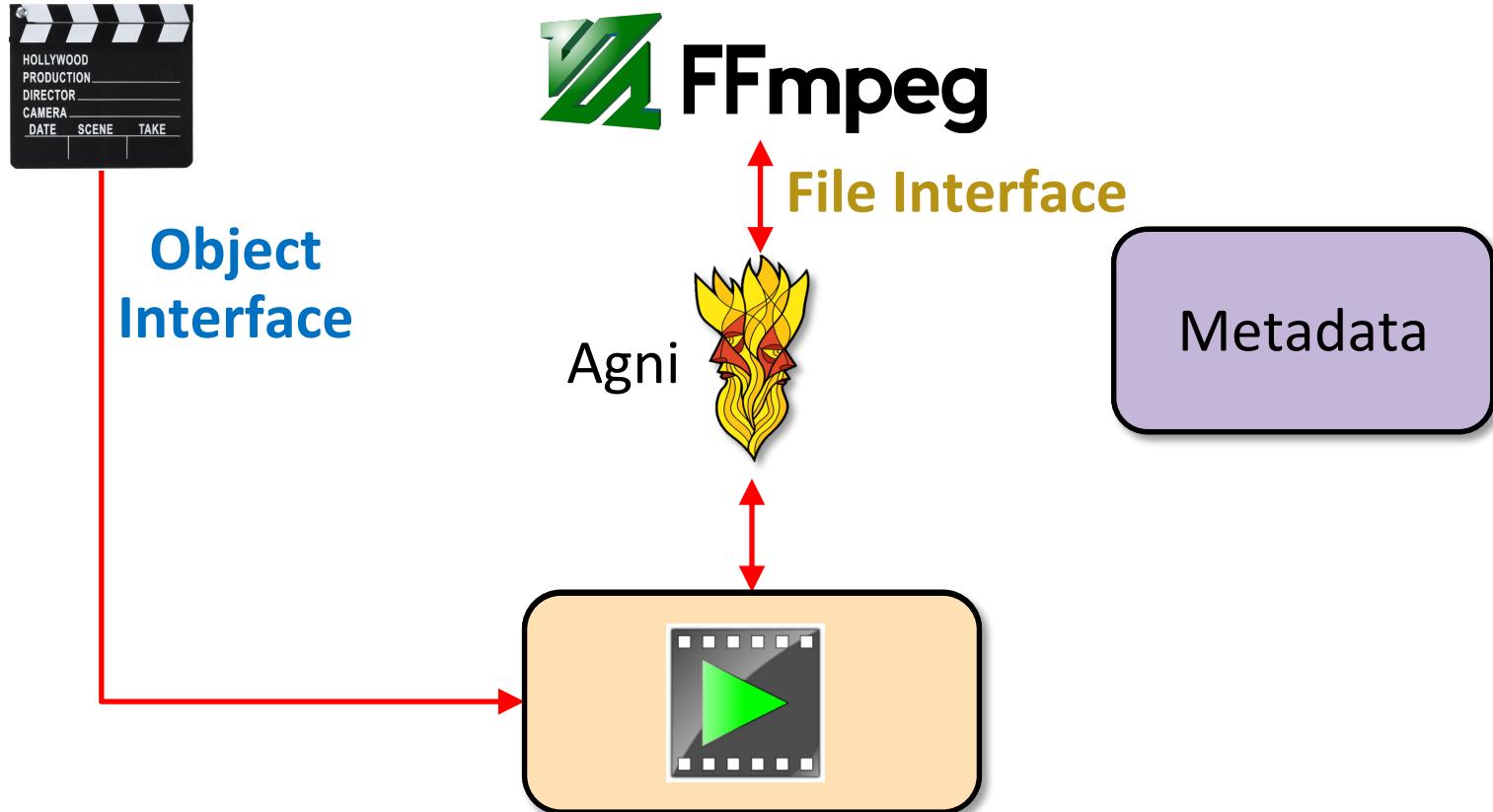
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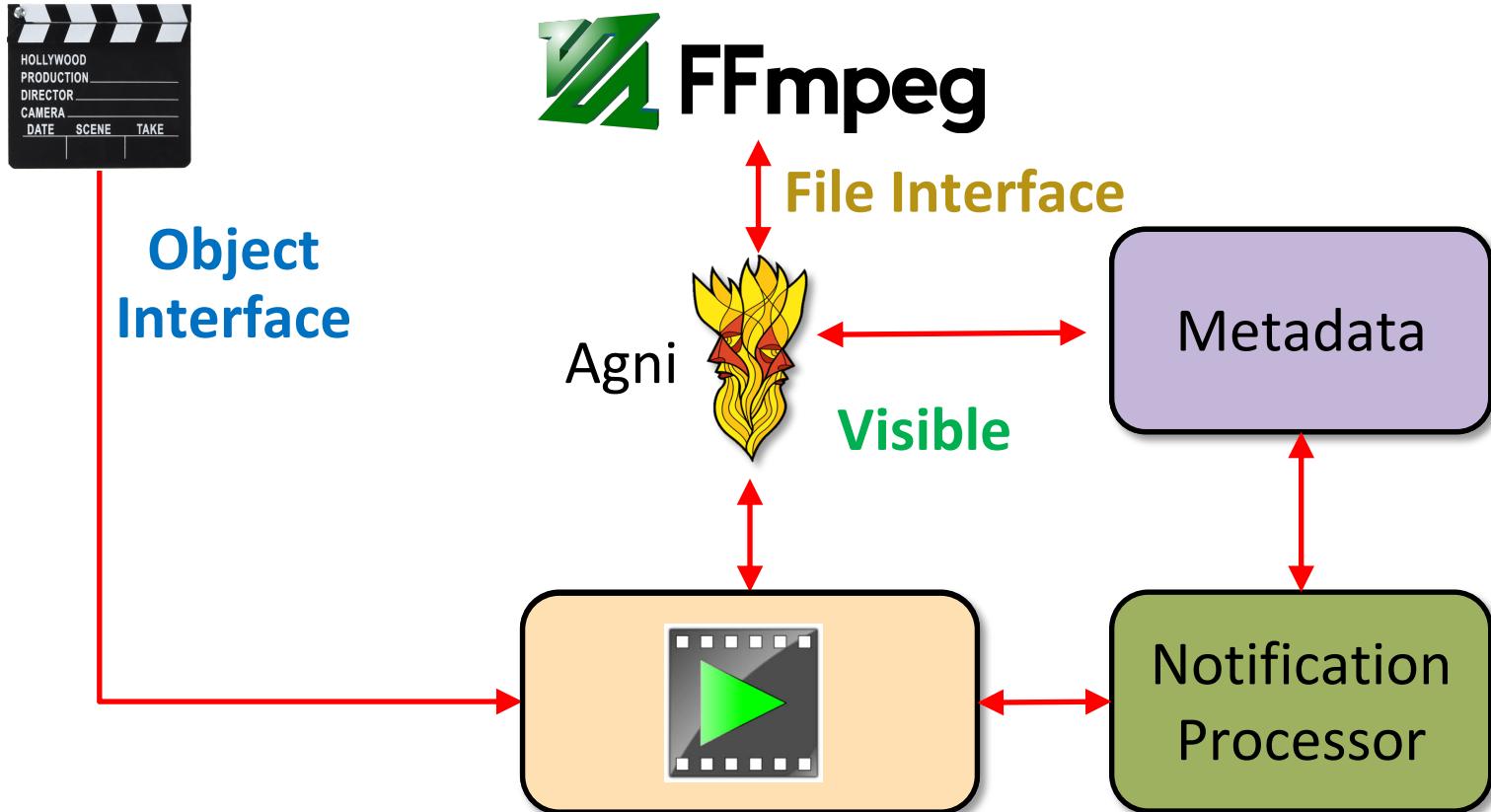
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Master index

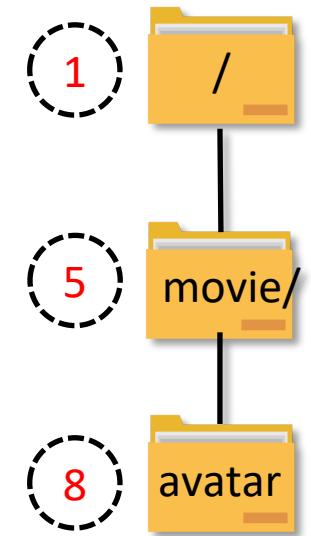
Key	Value



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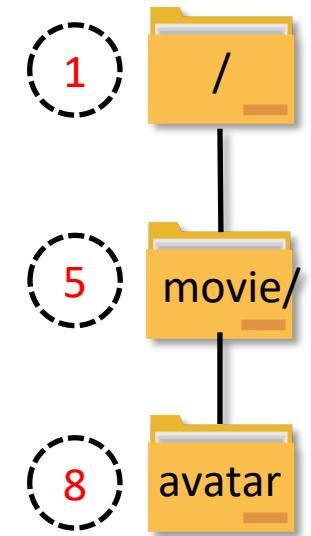
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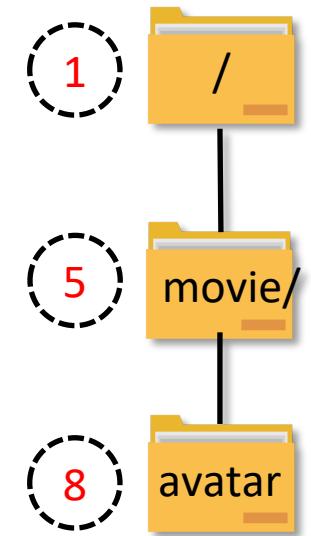
Master index

Inode key	Key	Value
	5	inode metadata



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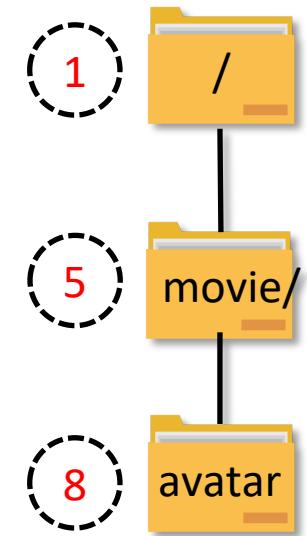
Master index	
	Key      Value
Inode key	5      inode metadata
Lookup key	1→movie      5



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Master index	
	Key      Value
Inode key	5      inode metadata
Lookup key	1→movie      5
Children key	5→Children      [<8,avatar>]

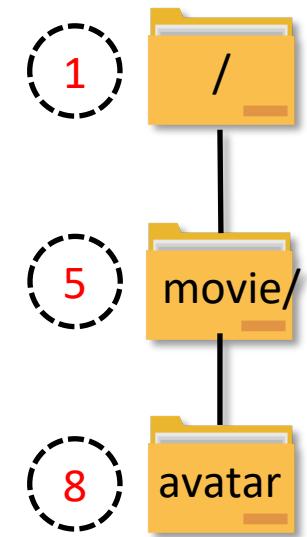
Directory metadata



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Master index	
	Key                          Value
Inode key	5                          inode metadata
Lookup key	1→movie                      5
Children key	5→Children                  [<8,avatar>]
Inode key	8                          inode metadata

Directory metadata

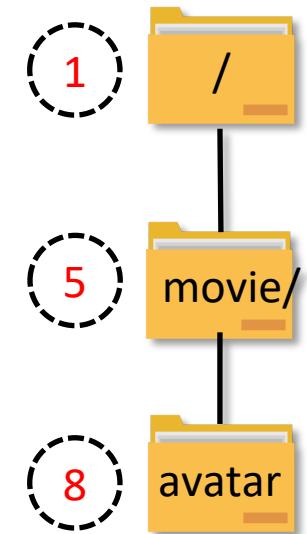


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Master index	
	Key                          Value
Inode key	5                          inode metadata
Lookup key	1→movie                      5
Children key	5→Children                  [<8,avatar>]
Inode key	8                          inode metadata
Lookup key	5→avatar                    8

Diagram illustrating Namespace Management:

- Directory metadata (Keys 1, 5, 8)
- File metadata (Value <8,avatar>)



# Fragment Map

Master index

Key	Value



# Fragment Map

Master index	
Key	Value
8	inode metadata
5→avatar	8

File metadata



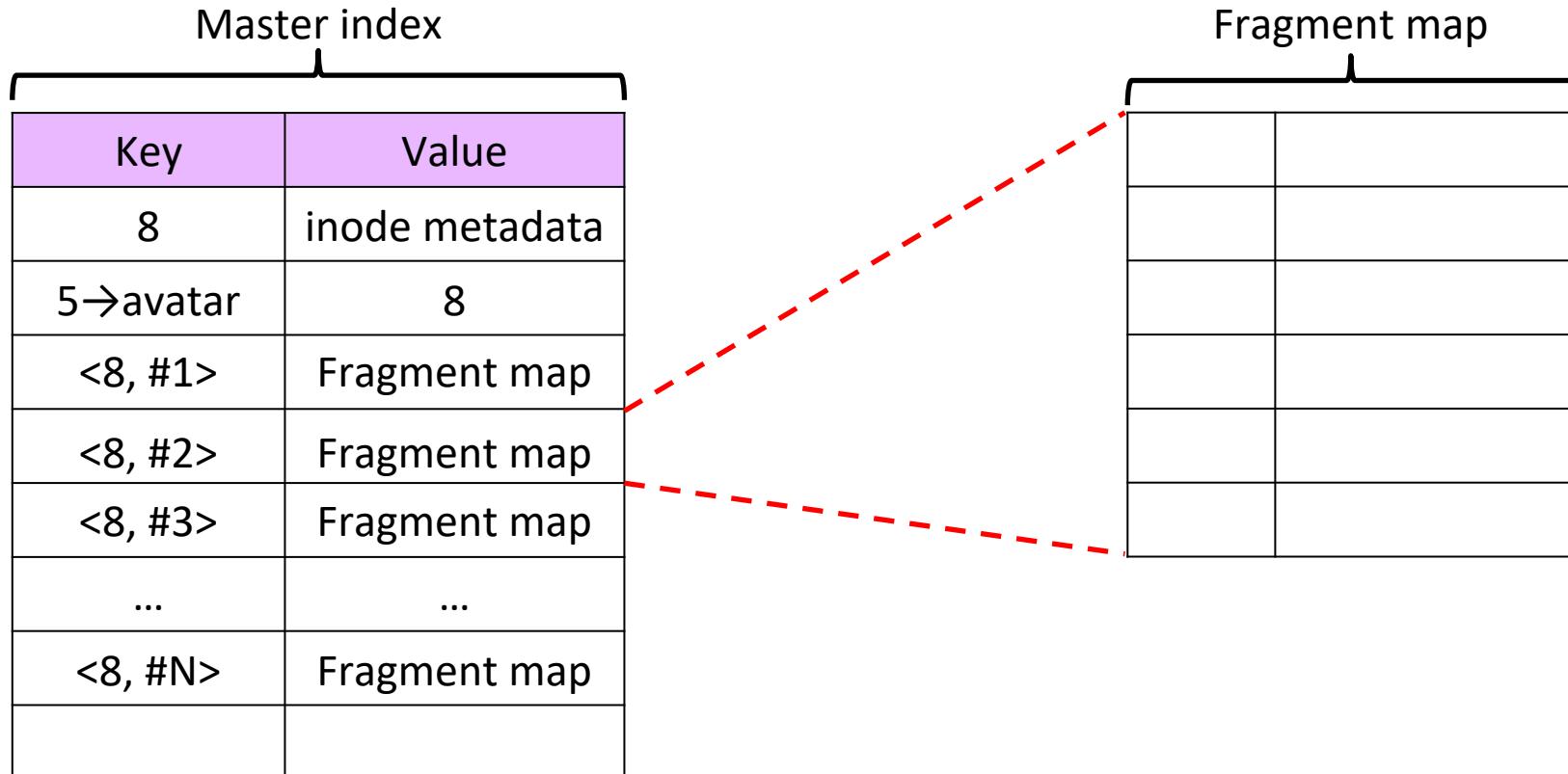
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5→avatar	8
<8, #1>	Fragment map
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...	...
<8, #N>	Fragment map

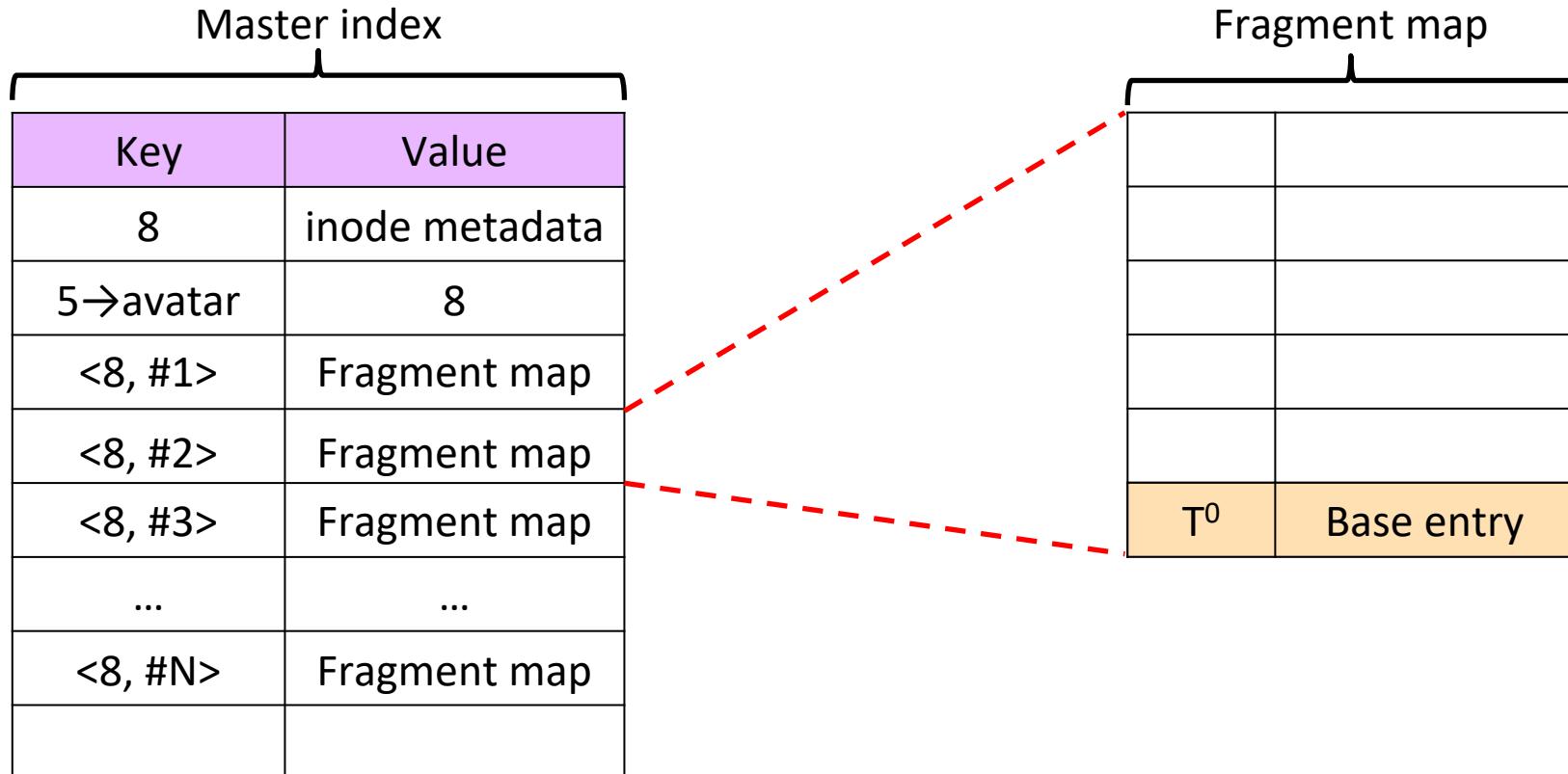
File metadata

Block pointers

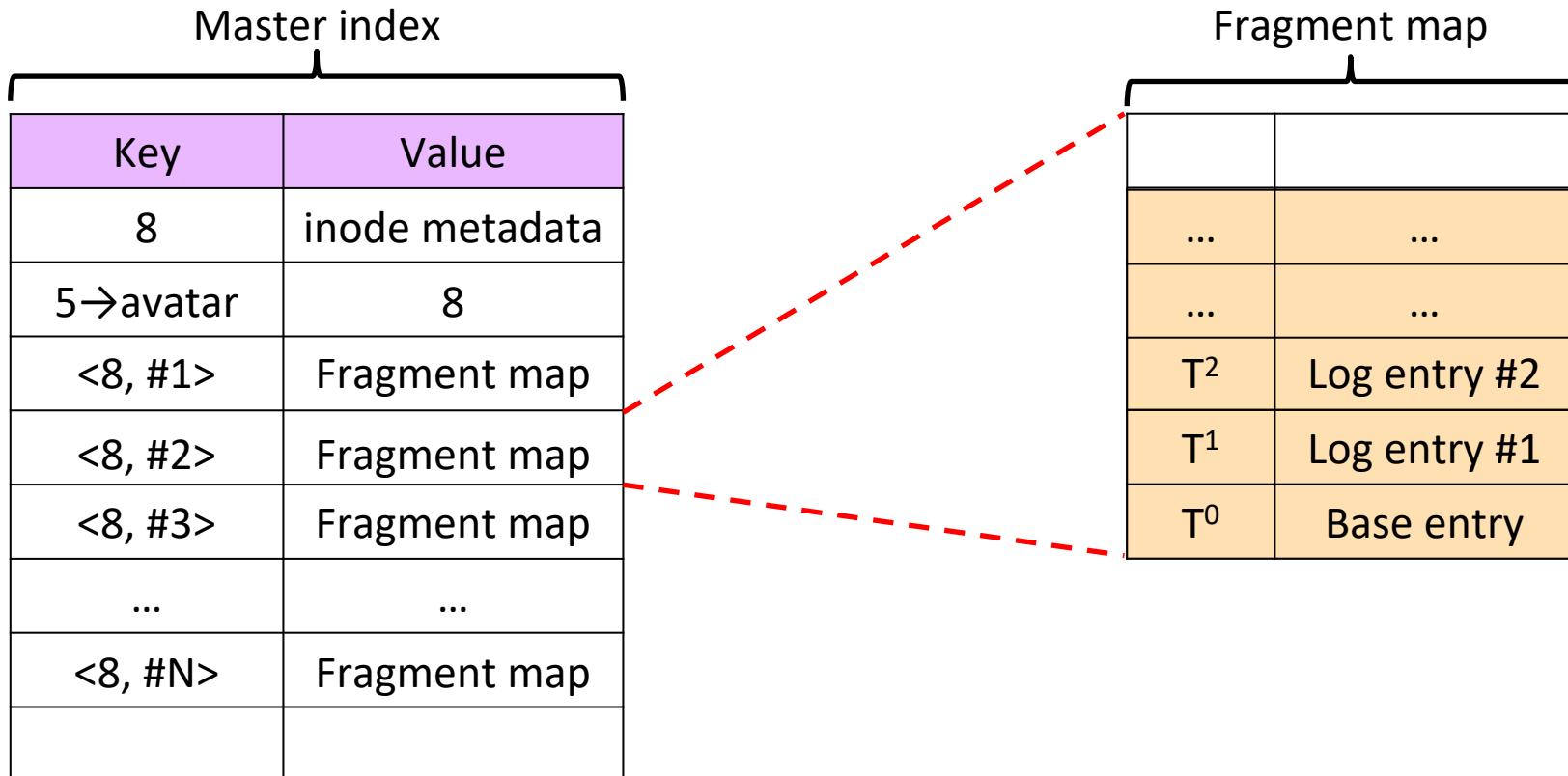
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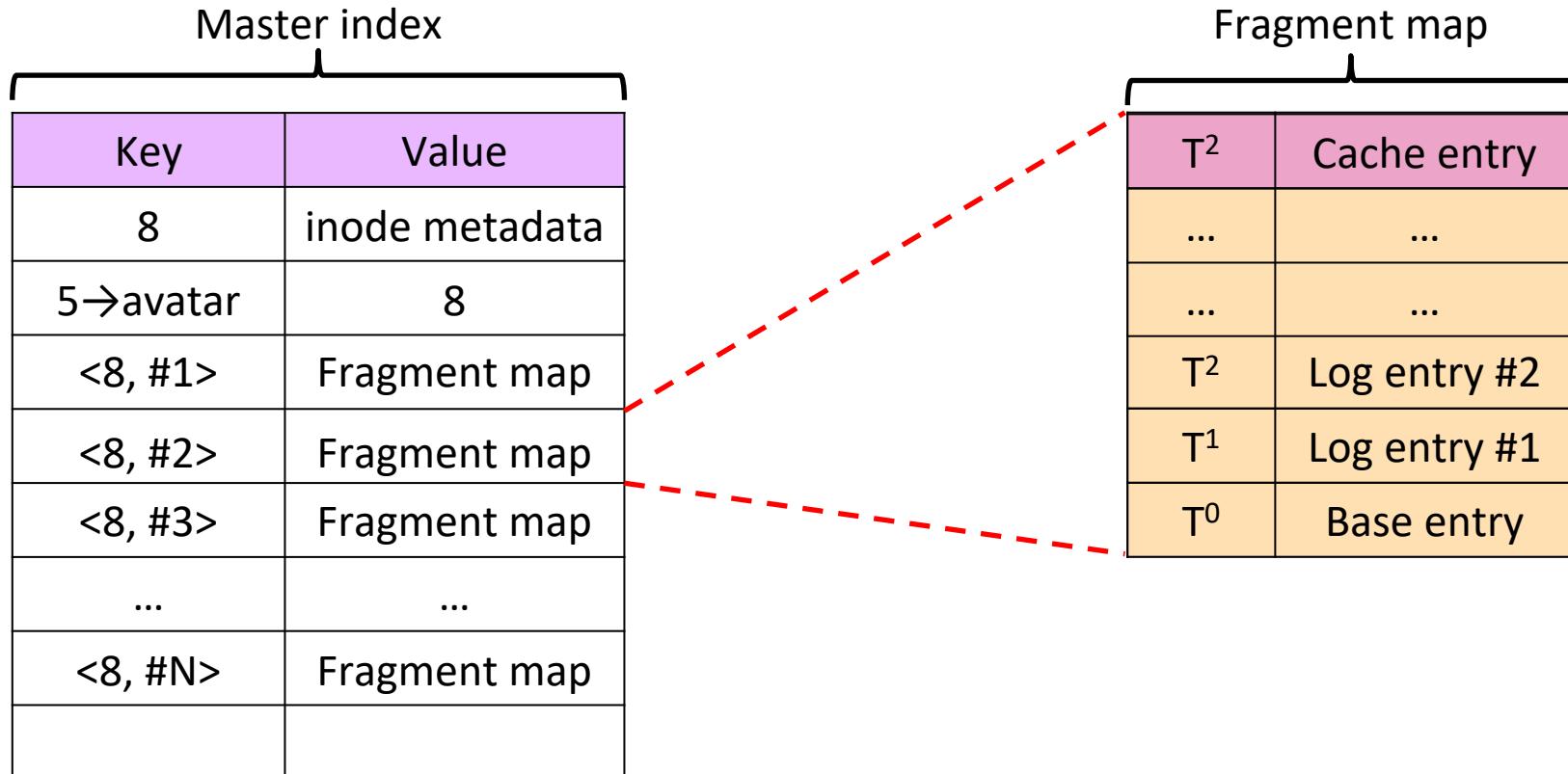
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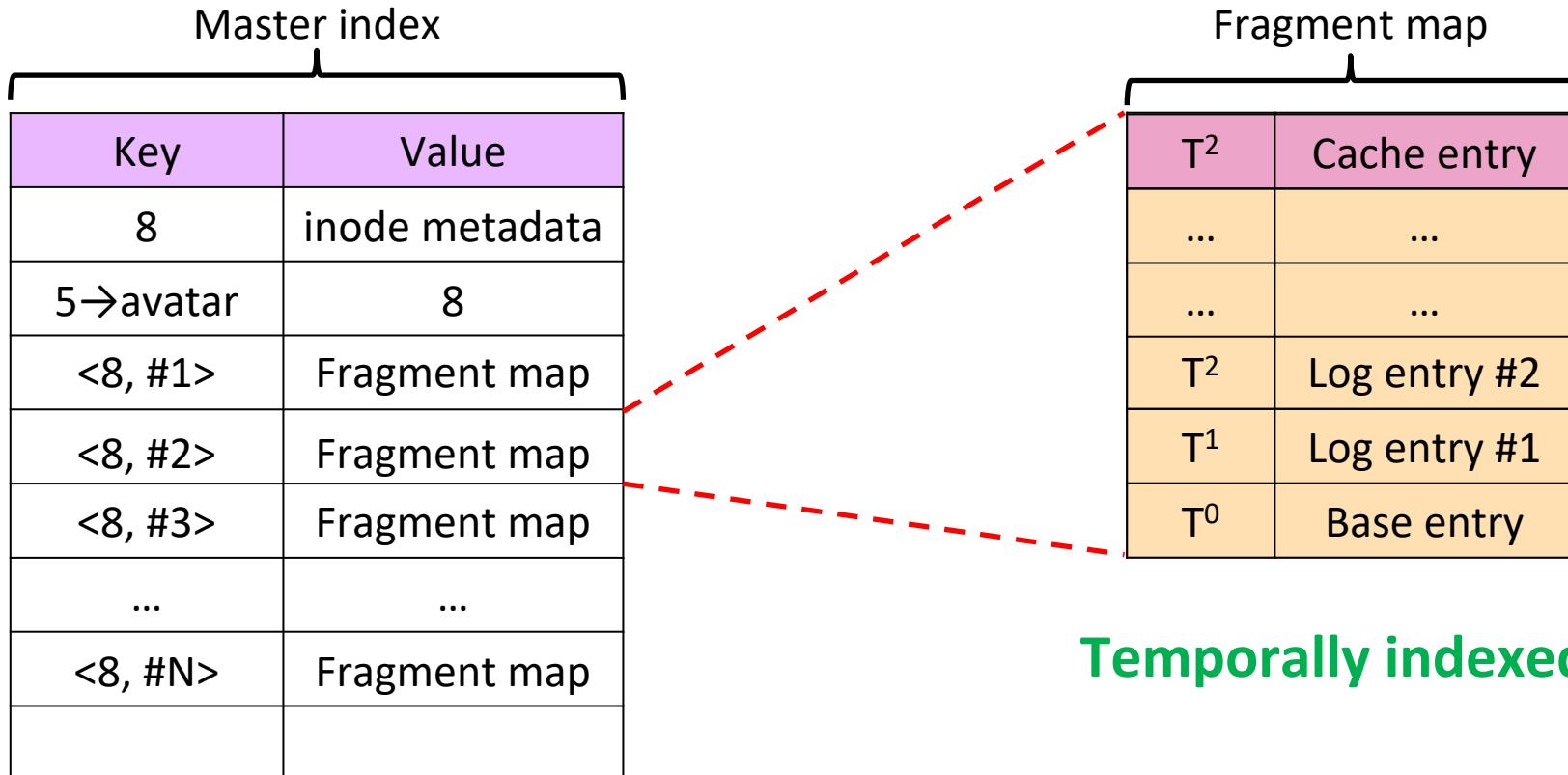
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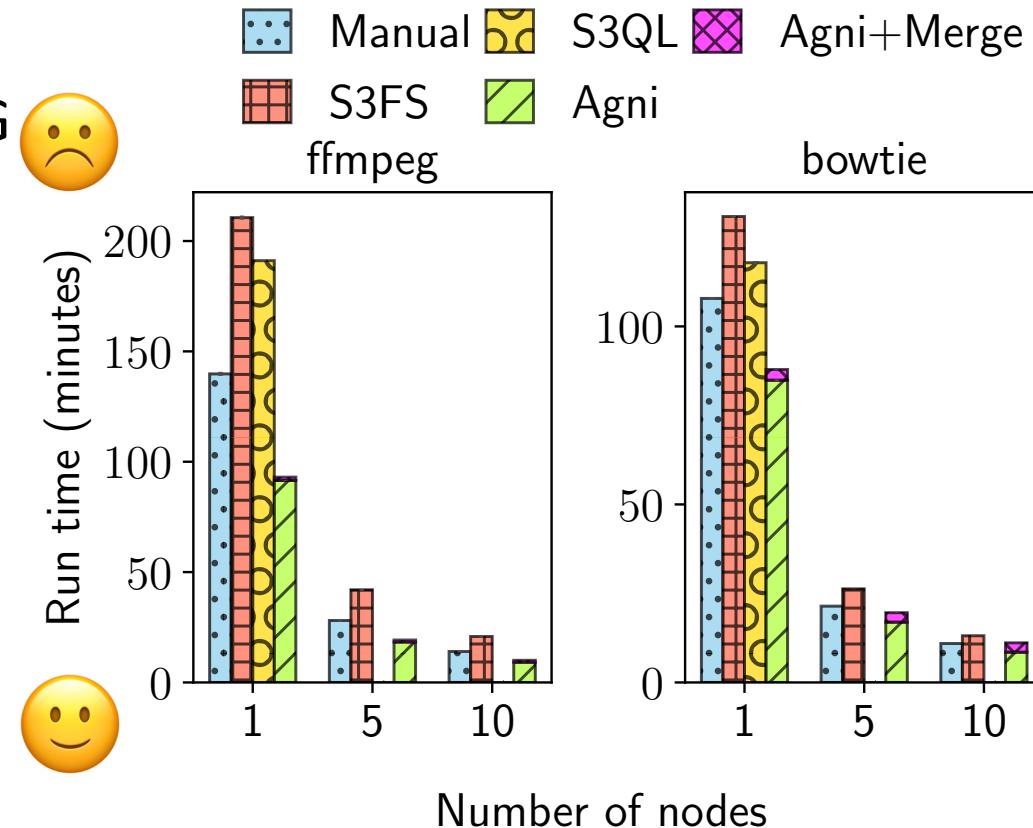


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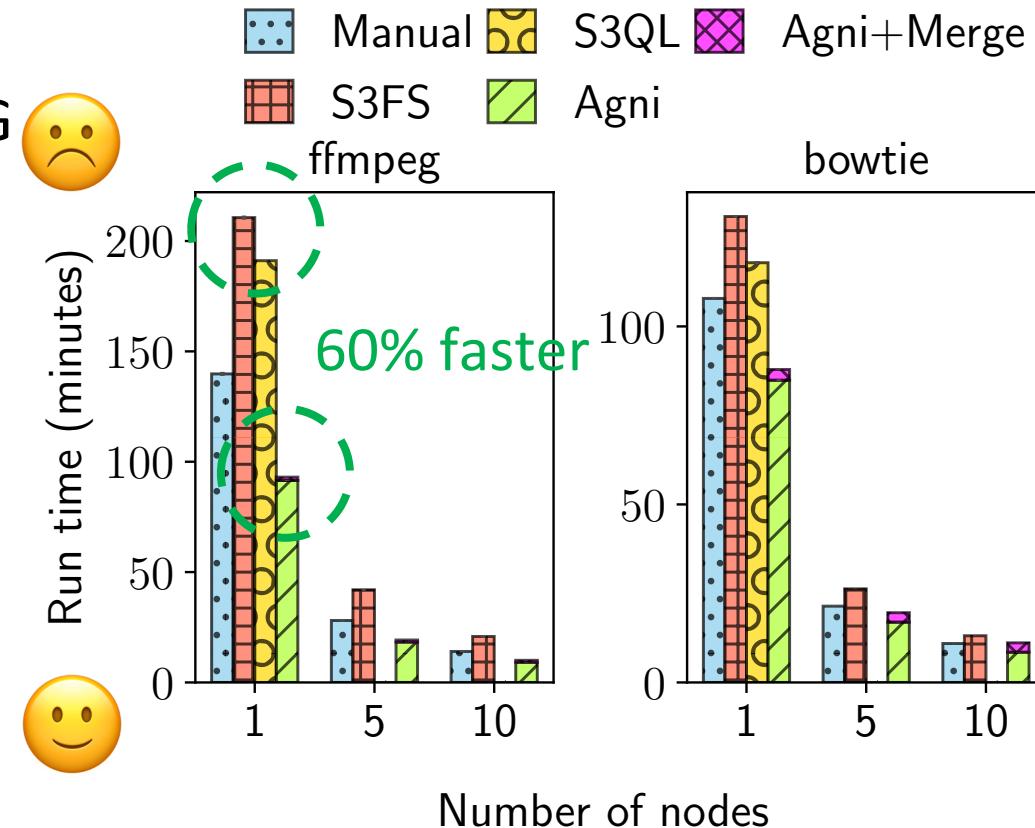
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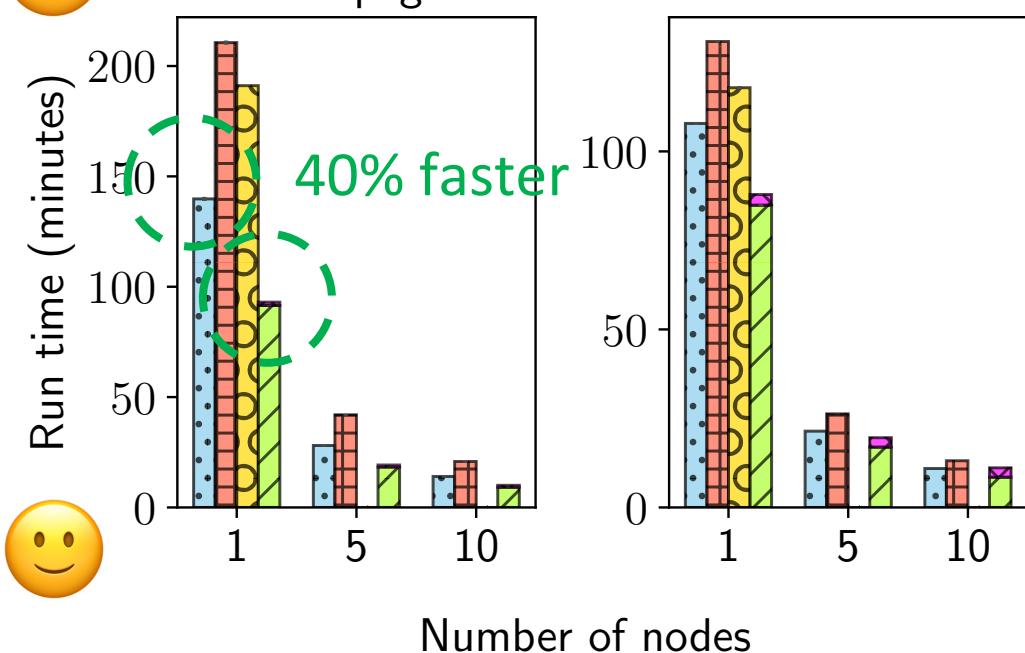
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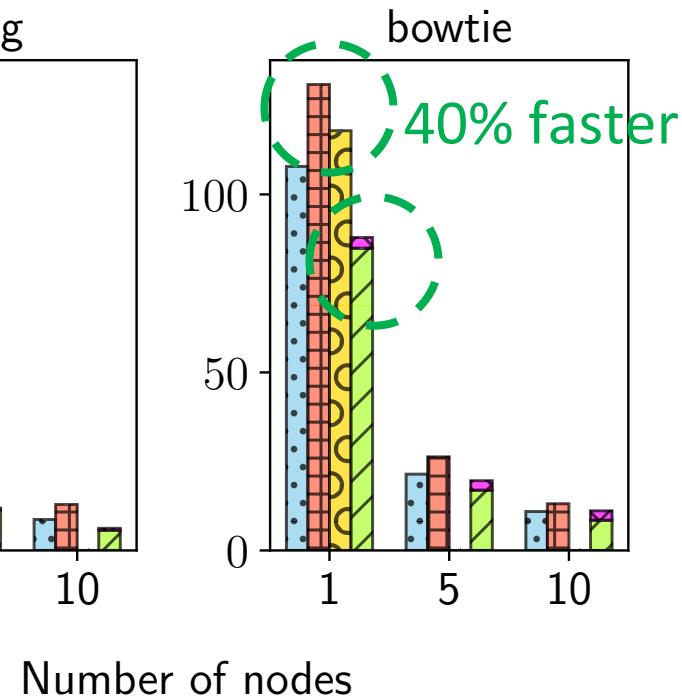
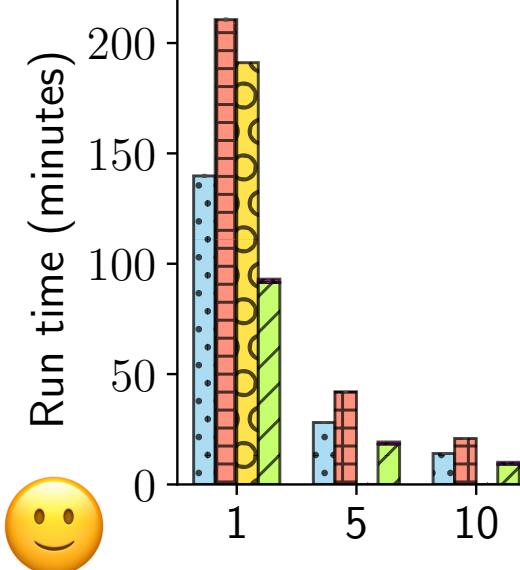
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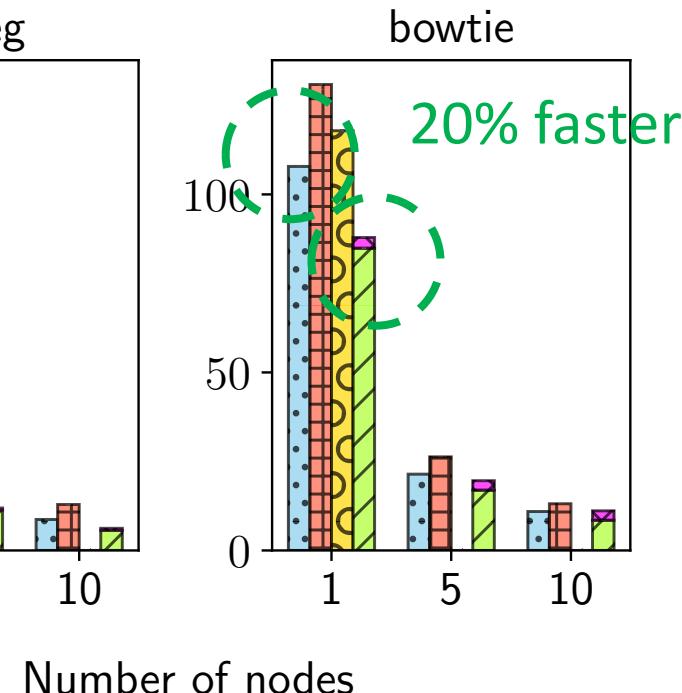
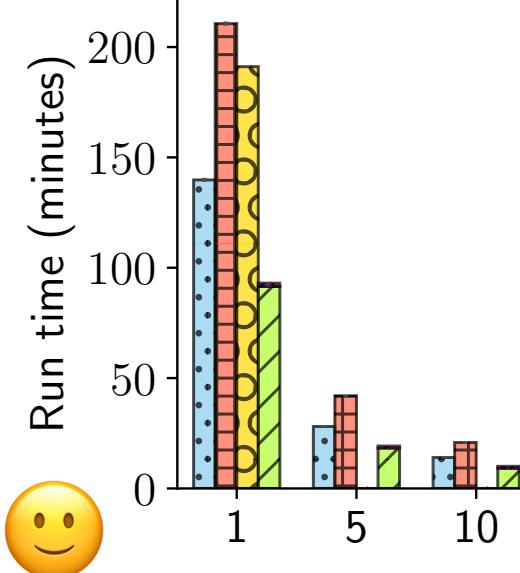
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# Summary

- ▶ Complete dual access with all desired features
- ▶ Cloud Neutral
- ▶ Outperforms existing dual-access systems
- ▶ Adding unified access control on roadmap





Thank you!

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