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Module - Concepts of Operating System

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File - types, permissions, groups

Diagram illustrating the components of a file's metadata:

- type**: Points to the first character in the permissions field.
- permissions**: The string `-rw-rw-r--`.
- no. of hard links**: Points to the value `1`.
- user/owner**: The string `sunbeam`.
- group**: The string `sunbeam`.
- size(bytes)**: Points to the value `10`.
- timestamp**: The date `Nov 3 02:27`.
- name**: The filename `sample.txt`.

Types of files:

1. Regular file (-)
2. Directory file (d)
3. Link file (l)
4. Pipe file (p)
5. Socket file (s)
6. Char special file (c)
7. Block special file (b)

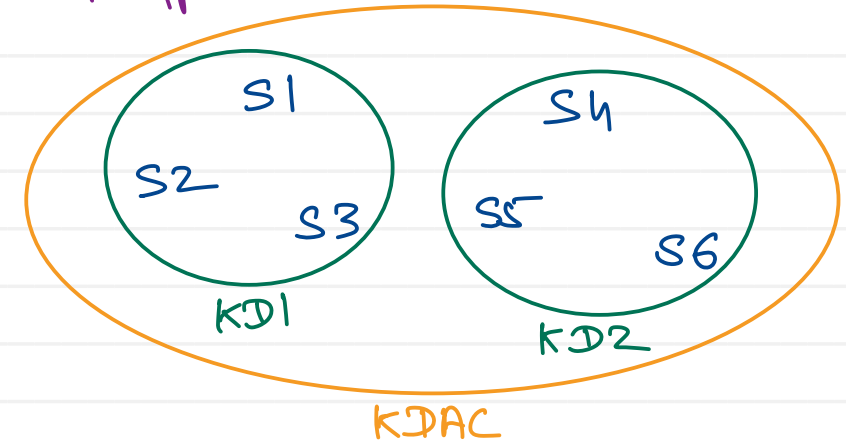
Permissions :

- r - read
- w - write
- x - execute

levels:

- u - user/owner
- g - group
- o - others

Groups :



filename : sample.txt

(rw-) user/owner : s1

(rn-) group : KD1

(r--) others : users other than kd1 group



Administrations :

To deal with users :

1. useradd / adduser
2. userdel / deluser
3. passwd

To deal with groups :

1. addgroup
2. del group
3. chgrp

- Every use has one primary group and can have multiple secondary groups

chown :

To change the ownership :

chown <new owner> <filename>

e.g. chown root sample.txt

To change the group :

chown : <new group> <filename>

e.g. chown :root sample.txt

To change both together :

chown root:root sample.txt

$$\begin{array}{ccc} rwx & rwx & r-- \\ \hline 111 & 111 & 100 \\ \hline 7 & 7 & 4 \end{array}$$

$(774)_8$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} rw- & rw- & r-- \\ \hline 110 & 110 & 100 \\ \hline 6 & 6 & 4 \end{array}$$

$(664)_8$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} rw- & rw- & r-- \\ \hline 110 & 110 & 100 \end{array}$$

add execute to user
remove write from group

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \hline 111 & 100 & 100 \\ \hline 7 & 4 & 4 \end{array}$$

chmod 744 sample.txt

chmod command

permissions – mode / access

`chmod ± r/w/x filename`

+ : add

- : remove

`chmod +x sample.txt`
`chmod -r sample.txt`

`chmod u/g/o ± r/w/x filename`

u – user/owner

g – group

o – others

`chmod u+w sample.txt`
`chmod o-r sample.txt`
`chmod g+rw sample.txt`

mode < human format : rw- rw- r--
Number format : 110 110 100 (664)

Existing mode : rw- rw- r--

add x to user, remove w from group

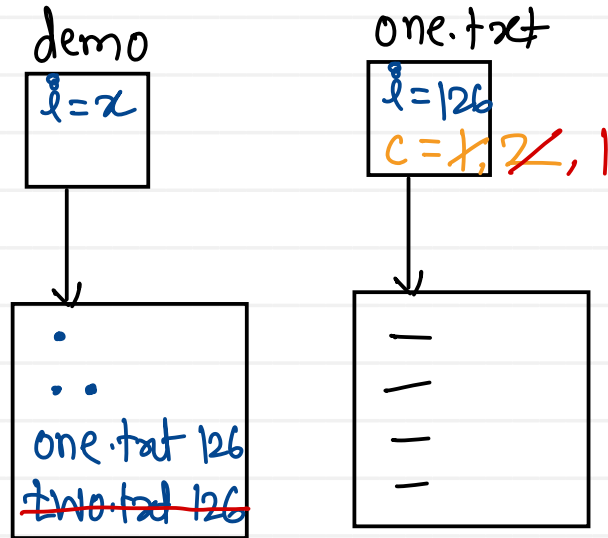
New mode : rwx r-- r--
111 100 100
(744)

`chmod 744 sample.txt`

`chmod mode filename`

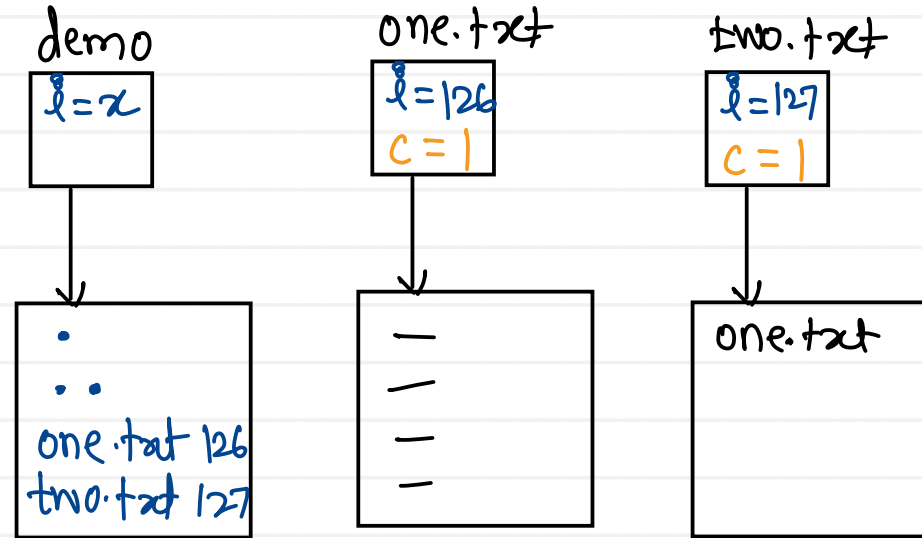
Hard link vs Symbolic link

In one.txt two.txt



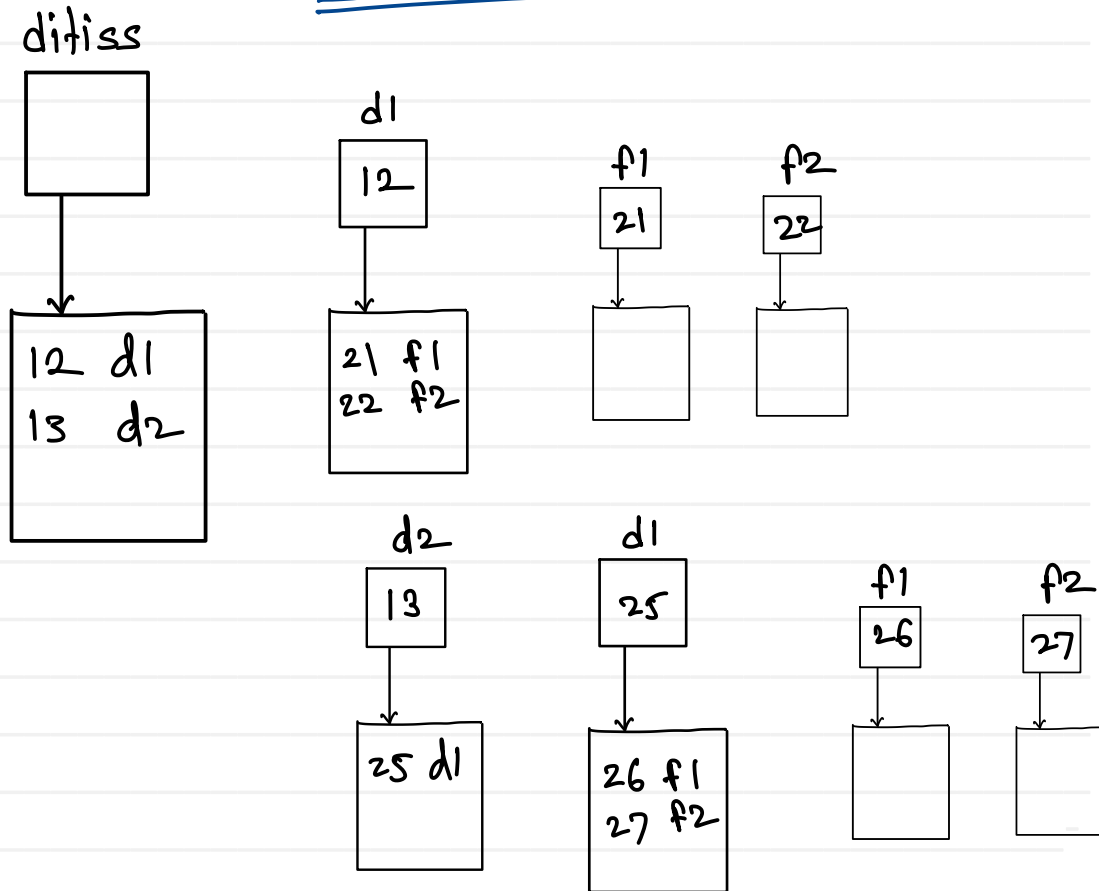
- used to rename files

In -s one.txt two.txt

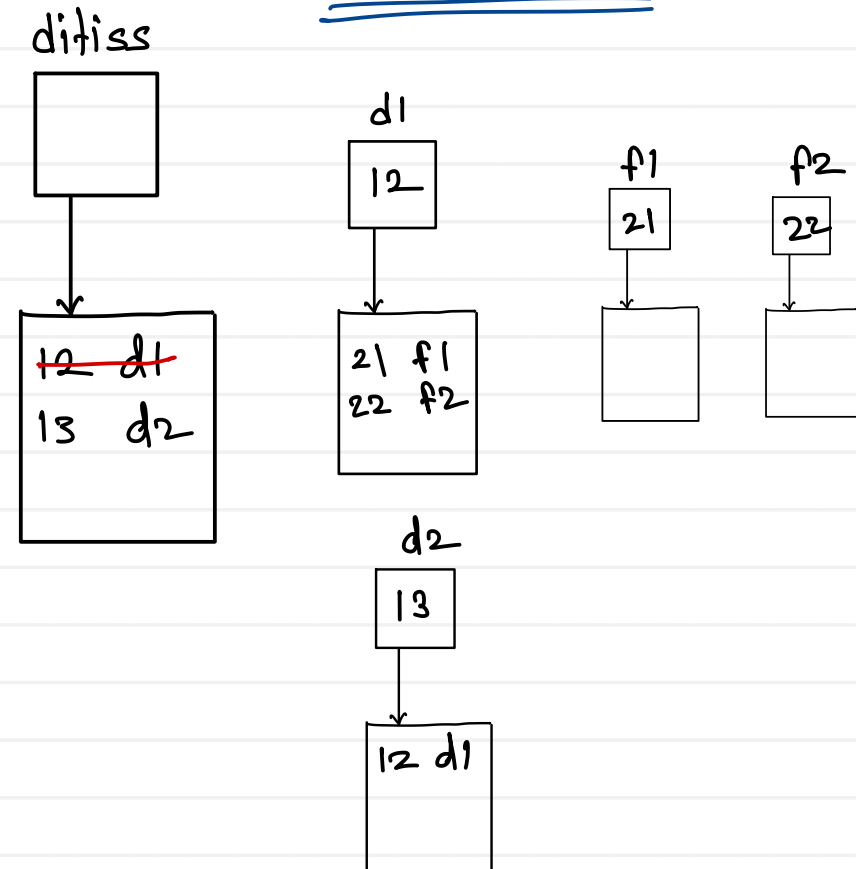


- used to create shortcuts

cp -r d1 d2



mv d1 d2





Thank you!!!

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