

# 0117401: Operating System

## 计算机原理与设计

### Chapter 11: File system interface(文件系统接口)

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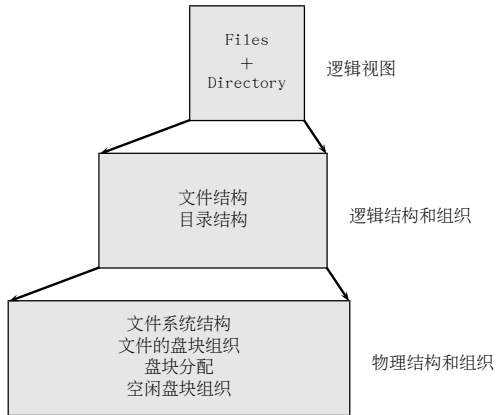
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# File System



# Chapter Objectives

- ▶ To explain the function of file systems
- ▶ To describe the interfaces to file systems
- ▶ To discuss file-system design tradeoffs, including access methods, file sharing, file locking, and directory structures
- ▶ To explore file-system protection

# Outline

## File Concept

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- ▶ OS provides **a uniform logical view** of information storage despite the **various storage media (nonvolatile)**.
- ▶ **A file is a logical storage unit.**
  - ▶ A file is a **named collection of related information** that is recorded on secondary storage.
  - ▶ **Types:**
    - ▶ Data: numeric; character; binary
    - ▶ Program
  - ▶ In general, **a file is a sequence of bits, bytes, lines, or records.**
    - ▶ The meaning is defined by the file's creator and user.
  - ▶ A file has a certain defined **structure**, which depends on its type.
    - ▶ Example: text files, source files, object files, executable files
  - ▶ **Contiguous logical address space**

# File Concept

- ▶ File concept

1. File attributes
2. File operations
3. File types
4. File structures
5. Internal file structure

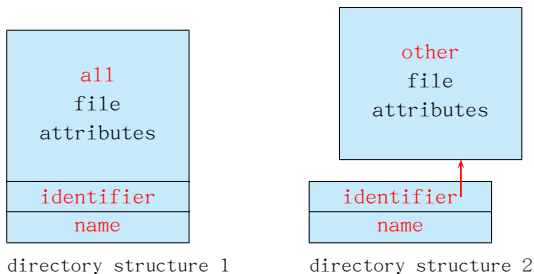


# 1. File Attributes (文件属性)

- ▶ A file's attributes vary from one OS to another but typically consist of these:
  - ▶ **Name** — The only information kept in **human-readable** form
    - ▶ A name is usually a string of characters, such as "example.c"
    - ▶ Uppercase vs. lowercase: care or not care
  - ▶ **Identifier** — Unique tag, usually a number, identifies file within FS
    - ▶ The **non-human-readable** name for the file
  - ▶ **Type** — Needed for systems that support different types
  - ▶ **Location** — A pointer to **file location on device**
  - ▶ **Size** — Current file size; may also include MAX size
  - ▶ **Protection** — Access-control (访问控制) information: who can do reading, writing, executing
  - ▶ **Time, date, and user identification** — Data for protection, security, and usage monitoring

# 1. File Attributes (文件属性)

- Information about files are kept in the **directory** structure, which is also maintained on the secondary storage



- Typically, a directory entry only **consists of the file's name and its unique identifier**. The identifier in turn locates the other file attributes.

## 2. File Operations (文件操作)

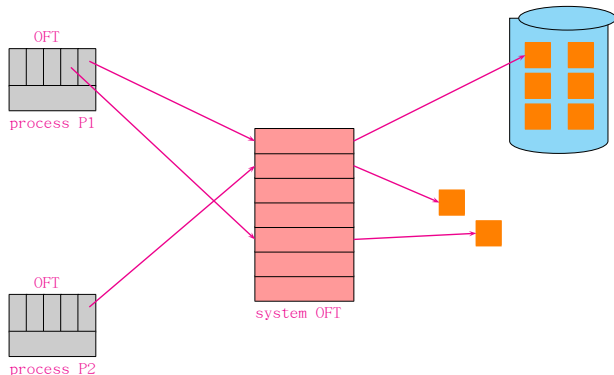
- ▶ File is an **abstract data type**. OS provides the 6 **basic** system calls
  1. **Create** : allocate space + create an directory entry
  2. **Write** : write pointer
  3. **Read** : read pointer
  4. **Reposition within file** : also known as **seek**
  5. **Delete** : release space + erase the directory entry
  6. **Truncate** : file len=0; release space; all other attributes remain unchanged
- ▶ others:
  - ▶ For **file** : append, rename
  - ▶ For file **attribute**: chown, chmod, ...
  - ▶ For **directory & directory entries**:
    - ▶  $\text{Open}(F_i)$ — search the directory structure on disk for entry  $F_i$ , and move the content of entry to memory
    - ▶  $\text{Close}(F_i)$ — move the content of entry  $F_i$  in memory to directory structure on disk

## 2. File Operations (文件操作)

### ► Open Files & Open-File Table

- **Open-file table**, OFT: a small table containing information about all open files
- Several processes may open the same file at the same time

⇒ **2-levels**: a **per-process table** & a **system-wide table** with process-independent information



## 2. File Operations (文件操作)

### ► Open Files & Open-File Table

- Several pieces of data are needed to manage open files:
  - **File pointer:** pointer to last read/write location, process-dependent
  - **File-open count:** counter of number of times a file is open — to allow removal of data from open-file table when last processes closes it
  - **Disk location of the file:** the information needed to locate the file on disk, always is kept in memory
  - **Access rights:** per-process access mode information

## 2. File Operations (文件操作)

- ▶ **Open file locking:** Provided by some OSes and FSES

- ▶ allow one process to lock a file and prevent other processes from gaining access to it
- ▶ functionality is similar to reader-writer locks
- ▶ OS- or FS-dependent

1. **Mandatory:** for example, Windows OSes, or

- ▶ access is denied depending on locks held and requested;
- ▶ OS ensures locking integrity

2. **Advisory:** for example, UNIX

- ▶ processes can find status of locks and decide what to do
- ▶ up to software developers

### 3. File Types — Name, Extension

file type	usual extension	function
executable	exe, com, bin or none	ready-to-run machine-language program
object	obj, o	compiled, machine language, not linked
source code	c, cc, java, pas, asm, a	source code in various languages
batch	bat, sh	commands to the command interpreter
text	txt, doc	textual data, documents
work processor	wp, tex, rtf, doc	various word-processor formats
library	lib, a, so, dll	libraries of routines for programmers
print or view	ps, pdf, jpg	ASCII or binary file in a format for printing or viewing
archive	arc, zip, tar	related files grouped into one, sometimes compressed, for archiving/storage
multimedia	mpeg, mov, rm, mp3, avi	binary file containing audio or A/V information

## 4. File Structure

- ▶ Sometimes, file types can indicate the internal structure of file
- ▶ **File structures**(文件结构)(逻辑上)
  - ▶ **None** - sequence of words, bytes
  - ▶ **Simple** record structure
    - ▶ Lines
    - ▶ Fixed length;
    - ▶ Variable length
  - ▶ **Complex** Structures
    - ▶ Formatted document
    - ▶ Relocatable load file
- ▶ Can simulate last two with first method



## 4. File Structure

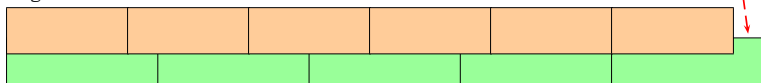
### ► System-supported file structures

- Most modern OSes support a minimal number of file structures directly
  - Example: UNIX sees every file as a sequence of 8-bit bytes
- Benefits:
  - Applications have more flexibility
  - Simplifies the OS

## 5. Internal file structure

- ▶ How to locate an offset within a file?
  - ▶ Logical file (record) (vary in length)
    - Physical block (fixed size)
- ▶ **Solution: Packing** — packing a number of logical records into physical blocks.
  - ▶ Pack & unpack: convert between logical records and physical blocks
  - ▶ Internal fragmentation will occur

Logical records



Physical blocks

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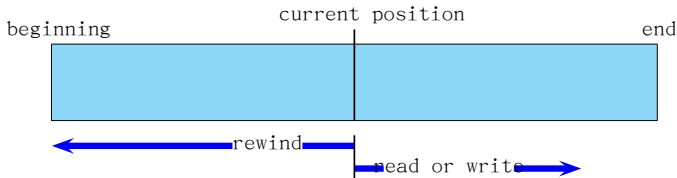
- ▶ Files store information. When it is used, this information must be accessed and read into computer memory
- ▶ On a logical perspective of users, access a file of records
  1. Sequential Access (顺序访问方式)
  2. Direct Access (直接访问方式)
  3. Indexed Access (索引访问方式)

# 1. Sequential Access (顺序访问方式)

- ▶ **Sequential Access (顺序访问方式)**: the simplest access method.

Information in the file is processed **in order**, one record after the other.

- ▶ This is a most common access mode.  
For example: editors, compilers
- ▶ A **tape** model of file
- ▶ File **operations** & the effect on file **pointer**
  - ▶ read/write next
  - ▶ reset
  - ▶ rewind/forward n



## 2. Direct Access (直接访问方式)

### ► Direct Access (直接访问方式)

Information in the file is processed in **no particular order**.

- File is made up of a numbered sequence of **fixed-length logical records**
  - A **disk** model of a file, allow **random** access, immediate access  
For example: databases, or an airline-reservation system
- Can move quickly to any record location by supplying a **relative** record number (n)
  - **Read n & Write n**,  
File pointer =  $L * n$ ,  $0 \leq n \leq N$ , where N is the last record number, L is the fixed length of each record.
  - **= Position n & read/write next**, for example:

```
seek(20);           // move to rec. 20
seek(-1);           // move to rec. 19
read();
```

## 2. Direct Access (直接访问方式)

- ▶ Simulation of sequential access on a direct-access file

sequential access	implementation for direct access
reset	cp=0;
read next	read cp; cp=cp+1;
write next	write cp; cp=cp+1;

- ▶ How can we get n?  
If the record is with variable length, then  
?

### 3. Indexed Access (索引访问方式)

- ▶ To improve search time and reduce I/O
  1. **Make an index file** for the file, which contains pointers to various records
  2. **Search the index file first,**
  3. and then use the pointer to access the file directly and to find the desired record.

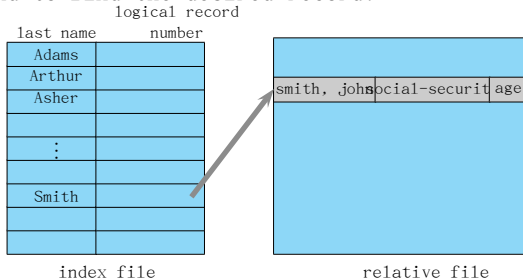


Figure: Example of index and relative files

- ▶ With **large files**, the index file itself may become too large to be kept in memory ⇒ **Multi-level index table**

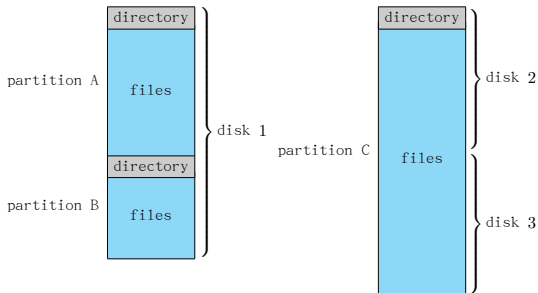


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## Directory Structure (目录结构)

# A Typical File-system Organization

- ▶ **Partition** (mini-disks, volumes)
  1. One disk
  2. Part of a disk: provide separate logical spaces on one disk
  3. N disks: group several disks into a single logical space

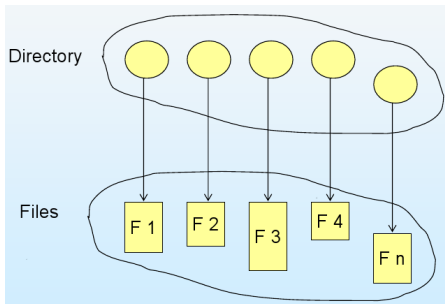


- ▶ **Partition = files + directories**
  - ▶ **Directory:** holds file information (name, location, size, type, ...) for all files in that partition

# Directory Overview

- **Directory:**

A collection of nodes containing information about all files



- Directory + files: **all reside on disk**
- Backups of these two structures are kept on tapes

# Directory Overview

## ► Information in a directory entry

### ► File attributes

- Name
- Type
- Address
- Current length
- Maximum length
- Date last accessed (for archival)
- Date last updated (for dump)
- Owner ID (who pays)
- Protection information

### In DOS

- **Directory entry**  
= FCB (file control block)
- 32 bytes each
- May cost many I/O operations to search for an entry

### In UNIX

- **Inode**: Store most of file attributes
- **Directory entry**  
= file name + a pointer to the inode
- 16 bytes each

# Directory Overview

## ► Operations performed on directory

- |                                   |   |                                    |
|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| ► <b>Search</b> for a file        | ⇒ | ► Search in the table for an entry |
| ► <b>Create</b> a file            | ⇒ |                                    |
| ► <b>Delete</b> a file            | ⇒ | ► Insert an entry                  |
| ► <b>List</b> a directory         | ⇒ | ► Delete an entry                  |
| ► <b>Rename</b> a file            |   | ► Modify an entry                  |
| ► <b>Traverse</b> the file system |   | ► ...                              |

# Directory Overview

## ► Organize the directory (logically) to obtain

1. **Efficiency** — locating a file quickly

2. **Naming** — convenient to users

- Two users can have same name for different files

- The same file can have several different names

3. **Grouping** — human convention

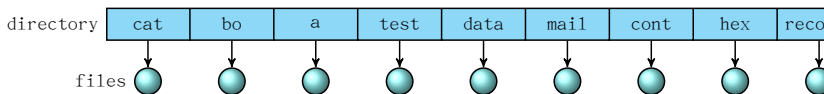
- logical grouping of files by properties, (e.g., all Java programs, all games, ...)

# Directory Structures (目录结构)

1. Single-level directory (单层目录)
2. Two-level directory (双层目录)
3. Tree-structured directory (树型结构目录)
4. Acyclic-graph directory (无环图目录)
5. General-graph directory (通用图目录)

# 1. Single-Level Directory (单层目录)

- ▶ A single directory for all users



- ▶ Easy to support and understand.
- ▶ But if there are large numbers of files and/or users  
...
  - ▶ Very low searching speed,  $O(N)$
  - ▶ Naming problem
    - ▶ Small naming space & Name collision
    - ▶ MS-DOS: 11 bytes for filename
    - ▶ UNIX: 256 bytes
  - ▶ protection VS sharing;
  - ▶ grouping problem



## 2. Two-Level Directory (双层目录)

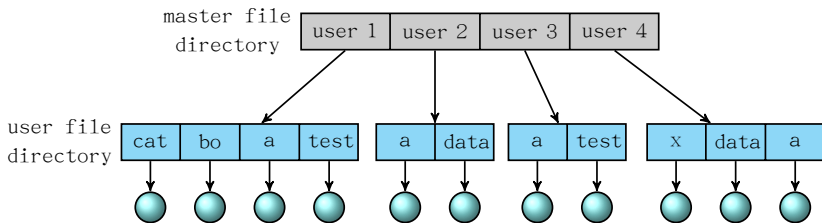
- ▶ **Two-Level Directory**: Separate directory for each user

### 1. User File Directory, UFD

- ▶ Each entry owns information for a user's file

### 2. Master file directory, MFD

- ▶ Each entry contains:
  - (1) User name,
  - (2) A pointer to his UFD



## 2. Two-Level Directory (双层目录)

- ▶ Can have the same file name for different user
- ▶ Efficient searching
- ▶ No grouping capability
- ▶ Easy management
  - ▶ Add/delete a user
- ▶ Security VS. Sharing
  - ▶ MFD, system administrator
  - ▶ UFD, isolated from other users
  - ▶ Directory tree (seen as an inverted tree) & path name
  - ▶ How to share? E.g. system-wide files (data, program, ...)
    - ▶ copy for each user?
    - ▶ searching path
- ▶ A UFD may be very large, then ...



### 3. Tree-Structured Directories (树型结构目录)

- ▶ **Regular file** VS. **subdirectory**

- ▶ Treat a subdirectory like another file
- ▶ Use a special bit in the directory entry to distinguish a file (0) from a subdirectory (1)

- ▶ **Current directory** (当前目录) (working/searching directory)

- ▶ Creating a new file is done in current directory.
- ▶ Initial current directory

- ▶ **Absolute** vs. **relative** path names (绝对/相对路径名)

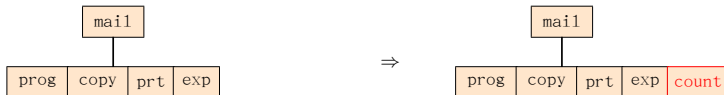
`/spell/words/rade`

`../spell/words/rade`

### 3. Tree-Structured Directories (树型结构目录)

#### ► Operations

- **Change** current directory: `cd /spell/mail/prog`
- **Delete** a file: `rm <file-name>`
- **List** a dictory: `ls`
- **create** a new directory: `mkdir <dir-name>`
  - Example: if in current directory /mail  
`mkdir count`



- **Delete** a directory
  - MS-DOS (only empty directory) VS. UNIX (optional)
- ...

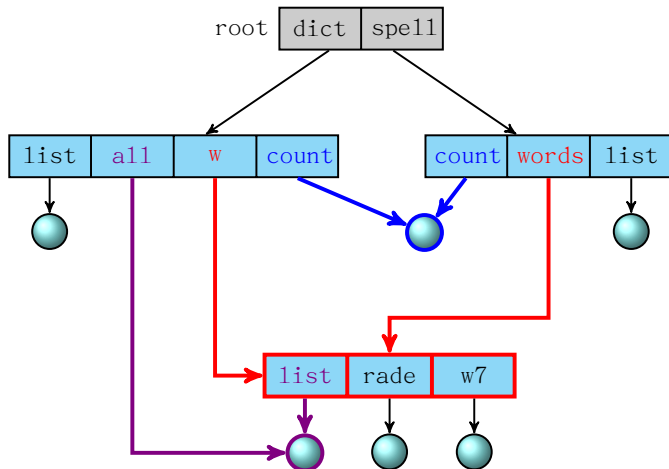
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- ▶ Efficient searching
- ▶ Grouping Capability
- ▶ The tree structure prohibits the sharing of files and directories.

#### 4. Acyclic-Graph Directories (无环图目录)

## ► Acyclic-Graph Directories

- ▶ Have **shared** subdirectories and files, **with no cycles**
- ▶ The same file or directory may be in two different directories, having two different names (**aliasing**)



## 4. Acyclic-Graph Directories (无环图目录)

### ► Implementation

#### 1. Symbolic links (符号链接)

- A special new directory entry (link)
- The **content** of such file is the path name of the real file/directory
- How to traverse a directory contains symbolic links?

#### 2. Duplicates directory entries

- Hard to maintain consistency



## 4. Acyclic-Graph Directories (无环图目录)

- ▶ **Traversing** problem

- ▶ Different names, actual only one file
- ▶ traverse more than once

- ▶ **Deleting** problem

- ▶ If direct deletes list  $\Rightarrow$  dangling pointer
- ▶ or preserve the file until all reference to it are deleted

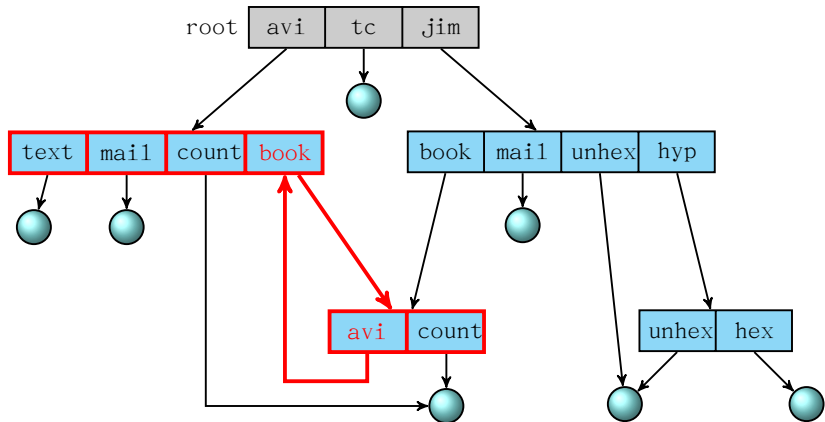
- ▶ **Solutions:**

- ▶ File-reference list
- ▶ Reference count: **hard link** (硬链接) in UNIX

- ▶ **How to ensure there are no cycles?**

## 5. General Graph Directory (通用图目录)

- If we **allow cycles** existed in directory



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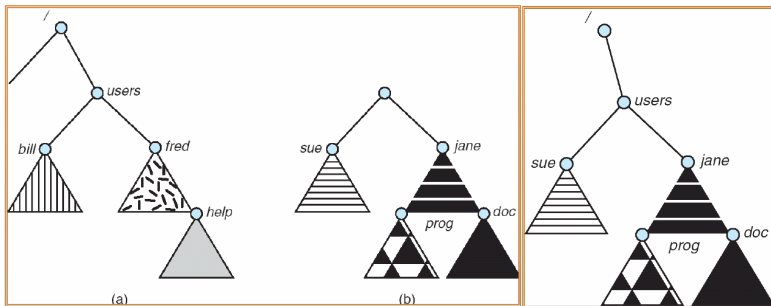
- ▶ The traversing problem and deleting problem still exists, even more complicatedly
  - ▶ Infinite loop
    - ▶ limit the access number of a directory while for a search
  - ▶ Garbage & garbage collection
- ▶ How do we guarantee no cycles?
  - ▶ Allow only links to file not subdirectories
  - ▶ Every time a new link is added use a cycle detection algorithm to determine whether it is OK

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File System Mounting (文件系统挂载)

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- ▶ A file system must be mounted before it can be accessed
- ▶ A unmounted file system is mounted at a **mount point** (挂载点)



(a) Existing.

(b) Unmounted Partition

(c) if using `/users` as

**Mount Point**

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File sharing (文件共享)

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- ▶ Sharing of files on multi-user systems is **desirable**
- ▶ Sharing may be done through a protection scheme
- ▶ On distributed systems, files may be shared across a network
- ▶ Network File System (NFS) is a common distributed file-sharing method

# File sharing (文件共享)

## 1. Multiple Users share files

- ▶ Multiple users  $\Rightarrow$  the issues of file sharing, file naming, file protection become preeminent
- ▶ The system must control the sharing
  - ▶ **allow by default**, OR
  - ▶ require a user to **specifically grant access** to the file
- ▶ More file and directory attributes are needed
  - ▶ **Owner**: User IDs identify users, allowing permissions and protections to be per-user
  - ▶ **Group**: Group IDs allow users to be in groups, permitting group access rights



# File sharing (文件共享)

## 2. Remote File Systems

- ▶ Uses **networking** to allow file system access between systems
  - 2.1 Manually via programs like **FTP**
  - 2.2 Automatically, seamlessly using distributed file systems
  - 2.3 Semi automatically via the world wide web
- ▶ **Client-server model** allows clients to mount remote file systems from servers
  - ▶ Server can serve multiple clients
  - ▶ Client and user-on-client identification is insecure or complicated
  - ▶ Example:
    - NFS** is standard UNIX client-server file sharing protocol
    - CIFS** is standard Windows protocol
  - ▶ Standard OS file calls are translated into remote calls
- ▶ **Distributed Information Systems** (distributed naming services) such as LDAP, DNS, NIS, Active Directory implement unified access to information

# File sharing (文件共享)

## 3. Failure Modes

- ▶ Remote file systems add **new failure modes**, due to network failure, server failure
- ▶ **Recovery** from failure can involve state information about status of each remote request
- ▶ Stateless protocols such as NFS include all information in each request, allowing easy recovery but less security

# File sharing (文件共享)

## 4. Consistency Semantics

- ▶ Consistency semantics specify how multiple users are to access a shared file simultaneously
  - ▶ Similar to process synchronization algorithms  
Tend to be less complex due to disk I/O and network latency (for remote file systems)
  - ▶ Andrew File System (AFS) implemented complex remote file sharing semantics
  - ▶ Unix file system (UFS) implements:  
Writes to an open file visible immediately to other users of the same open file  
Sharing file pointer to allow multiple users to read and write concurrently
  - ▶ AFS has session semantics  
Writes only visible to sessions starting after the file is closed

# Outline

## Protection

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## ► Reliability (可靠性)

- Guarding against **physical damage**
- File systems can be damaged by
  - Hardware problems, power surges or failures, head crashed, dirt, temperature extremes, or Vandalism
- Generally provided by duplicate copies of files (disk→tape, ...)

## ► Protection (保护, 安全性)

- Guarding against **improper access**

# Protection in multi-user system

- ▶ The need to protect files is a direct result of the ability to access files (of other users).
  1. **Complete protection** with prohibiting access
  2. **Free access** with no protection
  3. **Controlled access.** ✓
- ▶ **Controlled access:** limiting the types of file access that can be made
  - ▶ Types of access: **Read/Write/Execute/Append/Delete/List**
  - ▶ **Higher-level functions** may also be controlled: rename/copy/edit/...
- ▶ File owner/creator should be able to control:
  - ▶ what can be done? by whom?
- ▶ Many protection mechanisms have been proposed.

# Access control (访问控制)

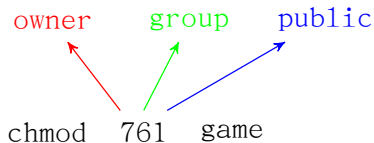
- ▶ The most common approach to the protection problem: ID-dependent access
  - ▶ Make access dependent on the ID of the user
- ▶ The most general scheme to implement ID-dependent access: Access control list (访问控制列表, ACL)
  - ▶ Associate with each file and directory an access list.
    - ▶ Access list specifies for each listed (allowed) user name and the types of (allowed) access allowed.
    - ▶ Stored in each directory entry
  - ▶ Length problem  
Solution: Three classes of users

a) owner access	7	⇒	R	W	X
			1	1	1
b) group access	6	⇒	R	W	X
			1	1	0
c) public access	1	⇒	R	W	X
			0	0	1

# Access control (访问控制)

## ► About group:

- Ask manager to create a group (unique name), say G, and add some users to the group.
- For a particular file (say game) or subdirectory, define an appropriate access.

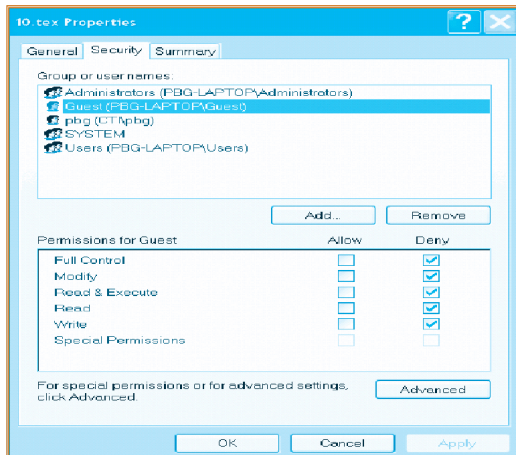


- Attach a group to a file

```
chgrp G game
```



# Windows XP Access-control List Management



## A Sample UNIX Directory Listing

-rw-rw-r--	1	pbg	staff	31200	Sep 3 08:30	intro.ps
drwx-----	5	pbg	staff	512	Jul 8 09:33	private/
drwxrwxr-x	2	pbg	staff	512	Jul 8 09:35	doc/
drwxrwx---	2	pbg	student	512	Aug 3 14:13	student-proj/
-rw-r--r--	1	pbg	staff	9423	Feb 24 2003	program.c
-rwxr-xr-x	1	pbg	staff	20471	Feb 24 2003	program
drwx--x--x	4	pbg	faculty	512	Jul 31 10:31	lib/
drwx-----	3	pbg	staff	1024	Aug 29 06:52	mail/
drwxrwxrwx	3	pbg	staff	512	Jul 8 09:35	test/

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# 作业

1. 名词解释：符号链接（symbolic links）和硬链接（hardlinks）
2. 说明Linux中创建符号链接和硬链接的命令。  
请你新创建一个文件，然后为这个文件建立1个硬链接。  
请问该文件最终有几个硬链接。

谢谢！