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CSE 321: Operating Systems

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1. One day, while saving a document to his PC, Hasan wonders how the computer decides where on the disk the file should go. He starts thinking about how the computer knows which parts of the disk are already used and which parts are still free for storing new files. [2*2 = 4]
- I. How can Hasan find out which data block is currently free?
- II. How does this help in identifying consistency errors in the file system?

Answer:

I	Data Bitmap
II	By comparing blocks denoted by data bitmap with blocks denoted with inode block

2. A file system uses UNIX inode data structure which contains 3 direct block addresses, 4 single indirect blocks, 2 double indirect blocks and 1 triple indirect block. The size of each block is 64 Bytes and the size of each block address is 8 Bytes. Find the maximum possible file size? [5]

Answer:

$64 / 8 = 8$ $3 + 4 * 8 + 2 * 8 * 8 + 1 * 8 * 8 * 8 = 675$ data blocks $675 * 64 = 43200 = 43.2$ OR 42.1875

3. A new file "bar" needs to be created, and write one block, then open the file and read that block. [6]

- Path of the new file: "/foo/bar"
- After creating the file write() system call was issued in the file to write new contents and after the write operation the file has been allocated in 1 data block
- To read the file it was then opened by open() system call.
- After opening the file read() system call was issued in the file to read the single block.

Illustrate the file access path timeline according to the scenario described above.

	data bitmap	inode bitmap	root inode	foo inode	bar inode	root data	foo data	bar data[0]	bar data[1]	bar data[2]
create (/foo/bar)			read 1	3 read		read 2	4 read	6 write		
	5 read write			7 read write	8 write					
write()	read write 10			9 read	12 write			11 write		
open(bar)			read 1	read 3		read 2	read 4			
				5 read						
read()				6 read	8 write			7 read		

If open starts directly from inode = 4.5

If no open, no lseek = 4