File System Implementation From OS Point of View

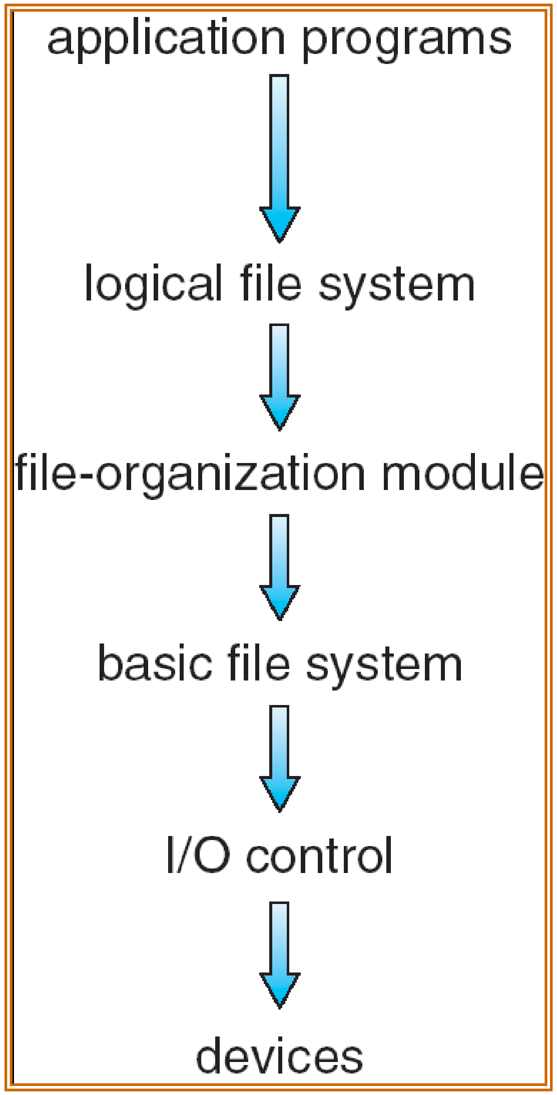
File System Implementation

- File-System Structure
- File-System Implementation
- Allocation Methods

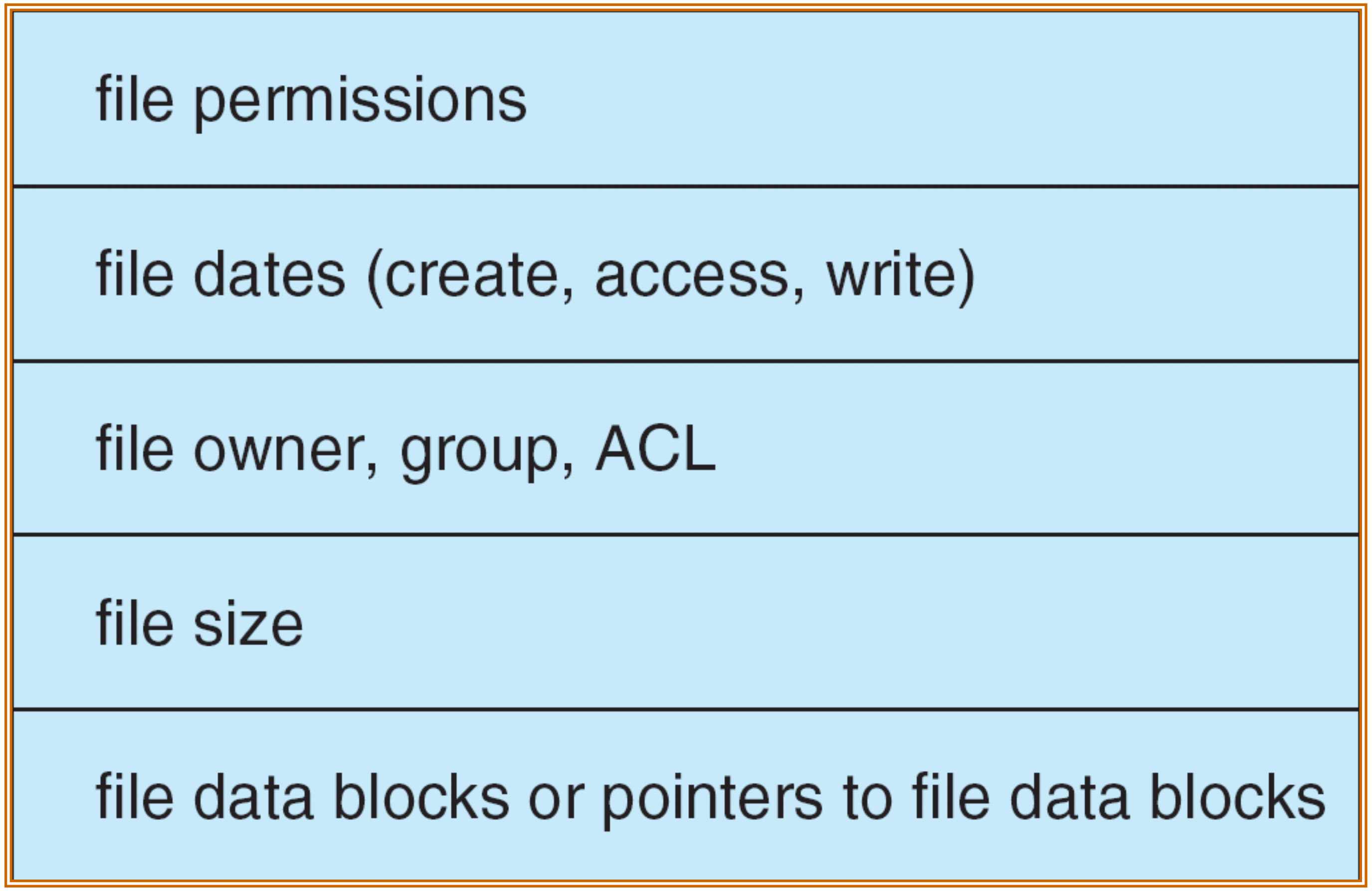
File-System Structure

- File structure
  - Logical storage unit
  - Collection of related information
- File system resides on secondary storage (disks)
- File system organized into layers
- **File control block** – storage structure consisting of information about a file

Layered File System



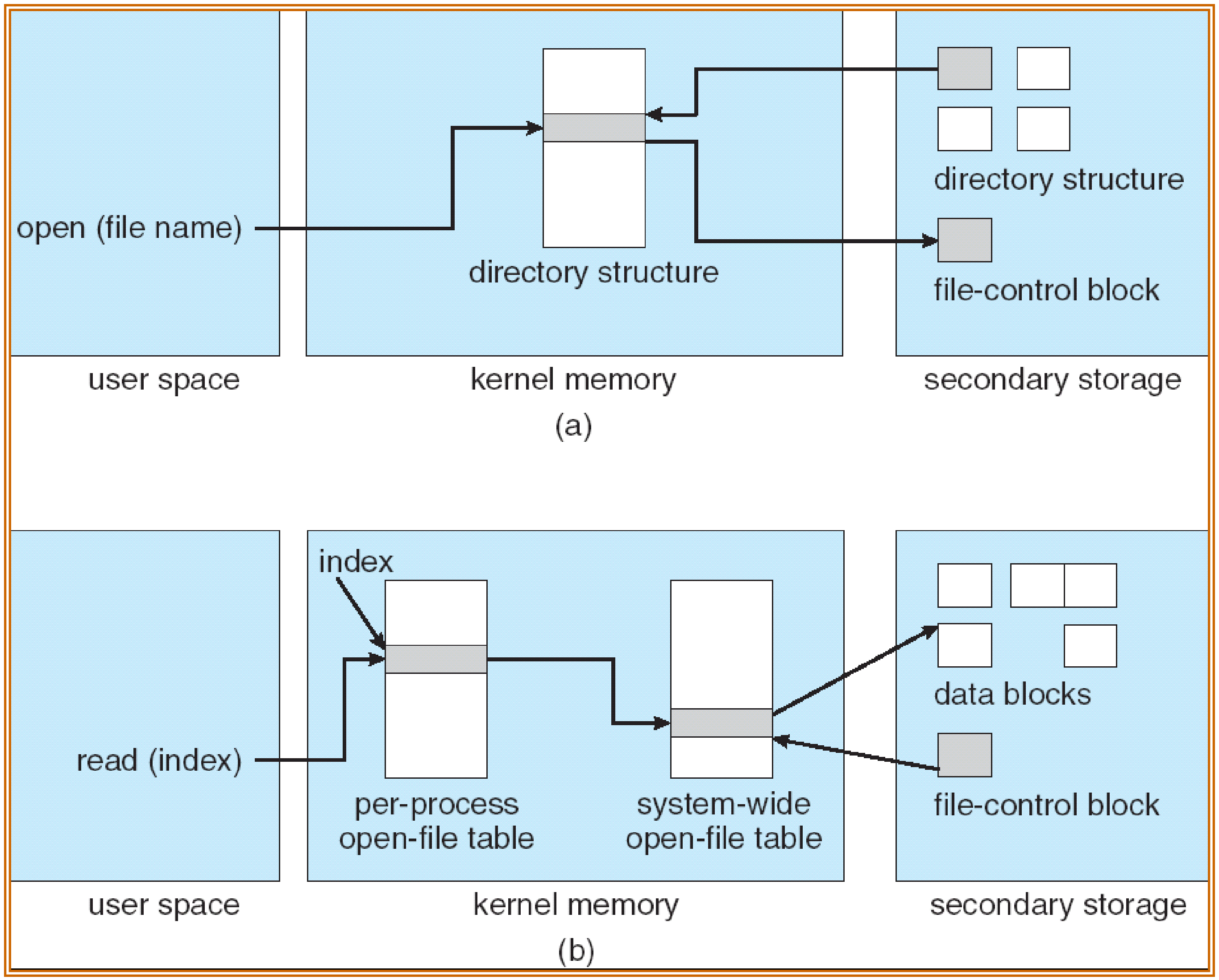
A Typical File Control Block


file permissions
file dates (create, access, write)
file owner, group, ACL
file size
file data blocks or pointers to file data blocks

In-Memory File System Structures

- The following figure illustrates the necessary file system structures provided by the operating systems.
- Figure 12-3(a) refers to opening a file.
- Figure 12-3(b) refers to reading a file.

In-Memory File System Structures



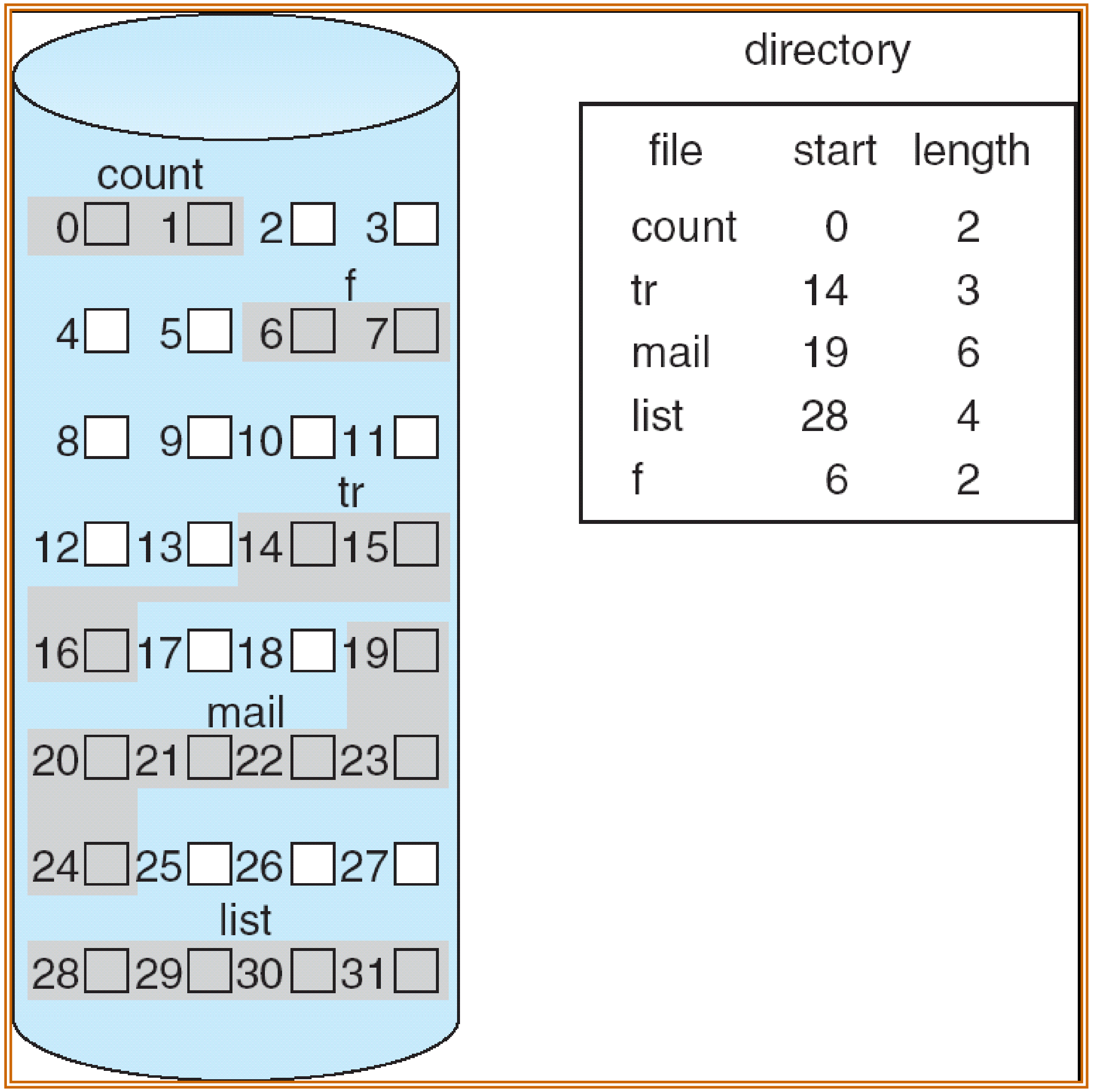
Allocation Methods

- An allocation method refers to how disk blocks are allocated for files:
- **Contiguous allocation**
- **Linked allocation**
- **Indexed allocation**

Contiguous Allocation

- Each file occupies a set of contiguous blocks on the disk
- Simple – only starting location (block #) and length (number of blocks) are required
- Random access
- Wasteful of space (dynamic storage-allocation problem)
- Files cannot grow

Contiguous Allocation of Disk Space

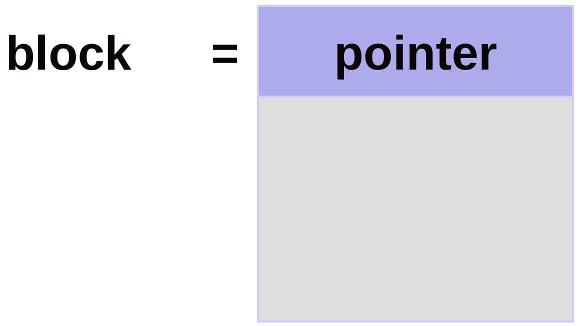


directory

file	start	length
count	0	2
tr	14	3
mail	19	6
list	28	4
f	6	2

Linked Allocation

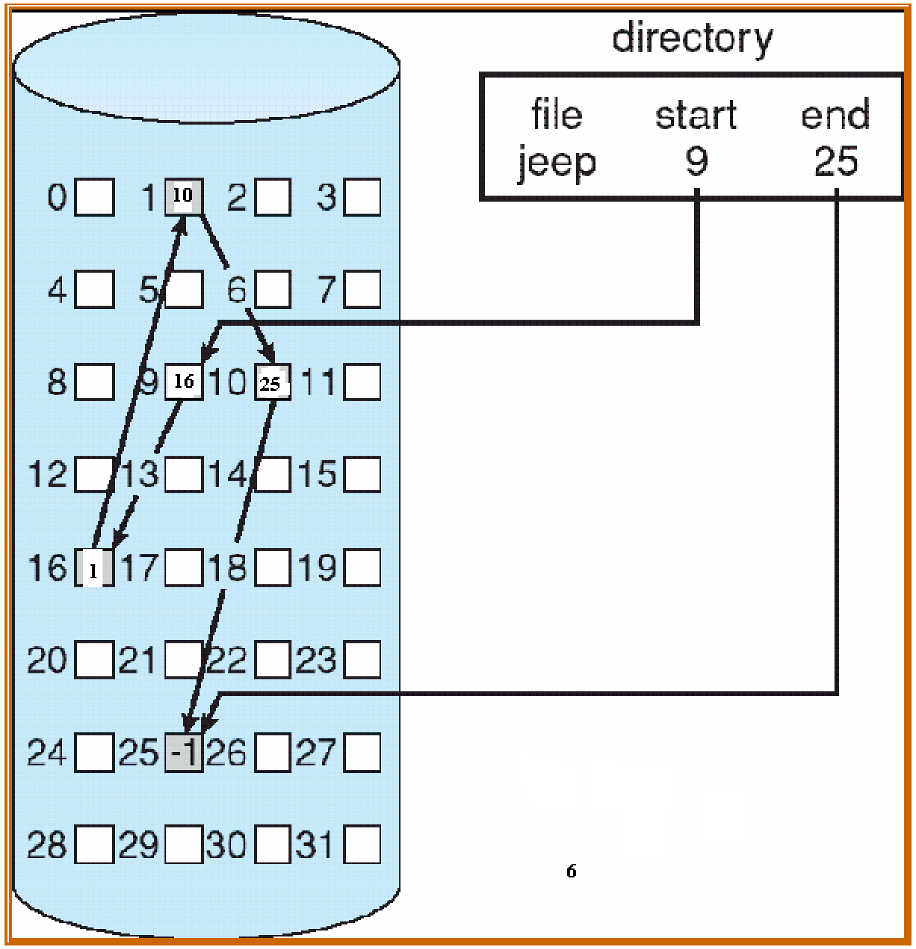
- Each file is a linked list of disk blocks: blocks may be scattered anywhere on the disk.



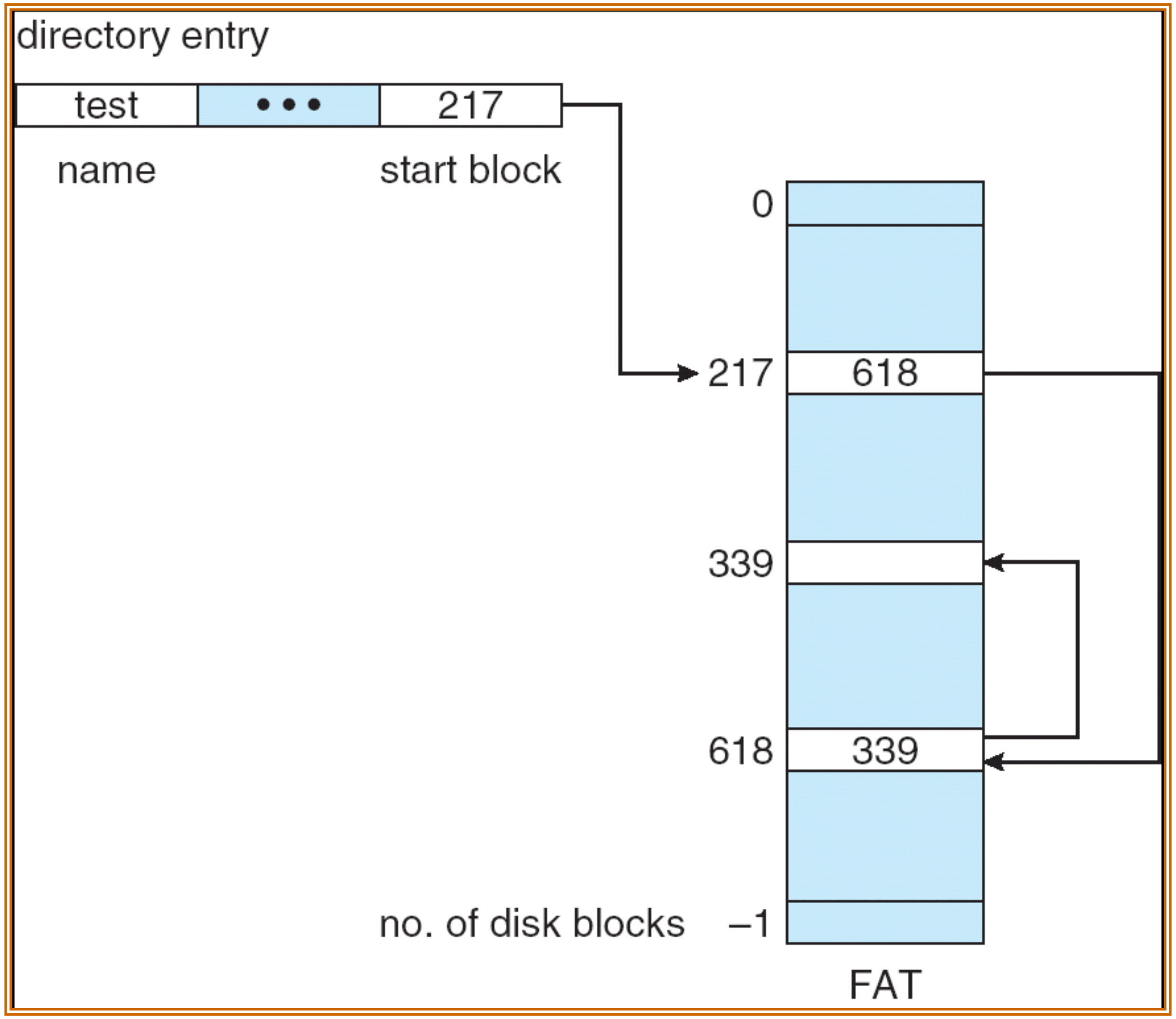
Linked Allocation (Cont.)

- Simple – need only starting address
- Free-space management system – no waste of space
- No random access
- File-allocation table (FAT) – disk-space allocation used by MS-DOS and OS/2

Linked Allocation

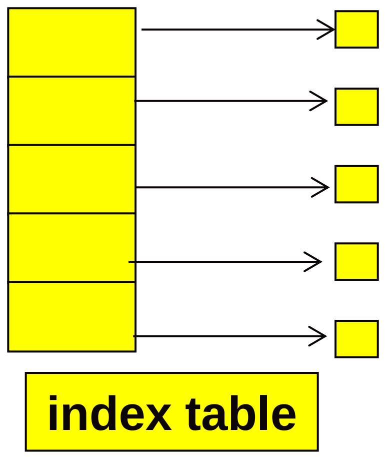


File-Allocation Table

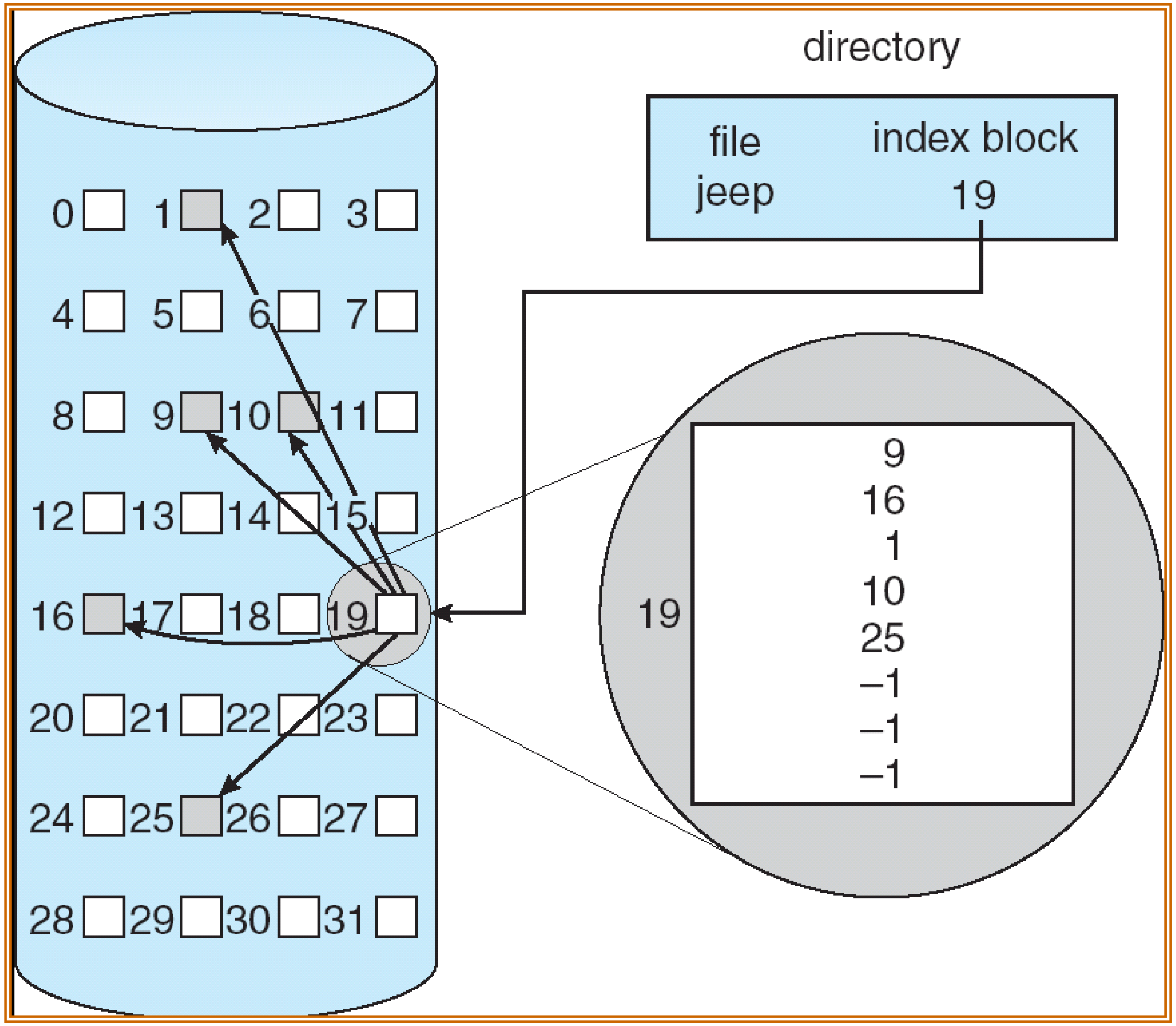


Indexed Allocation

- Brings all pointers together into the *index block.*
- Logical view.



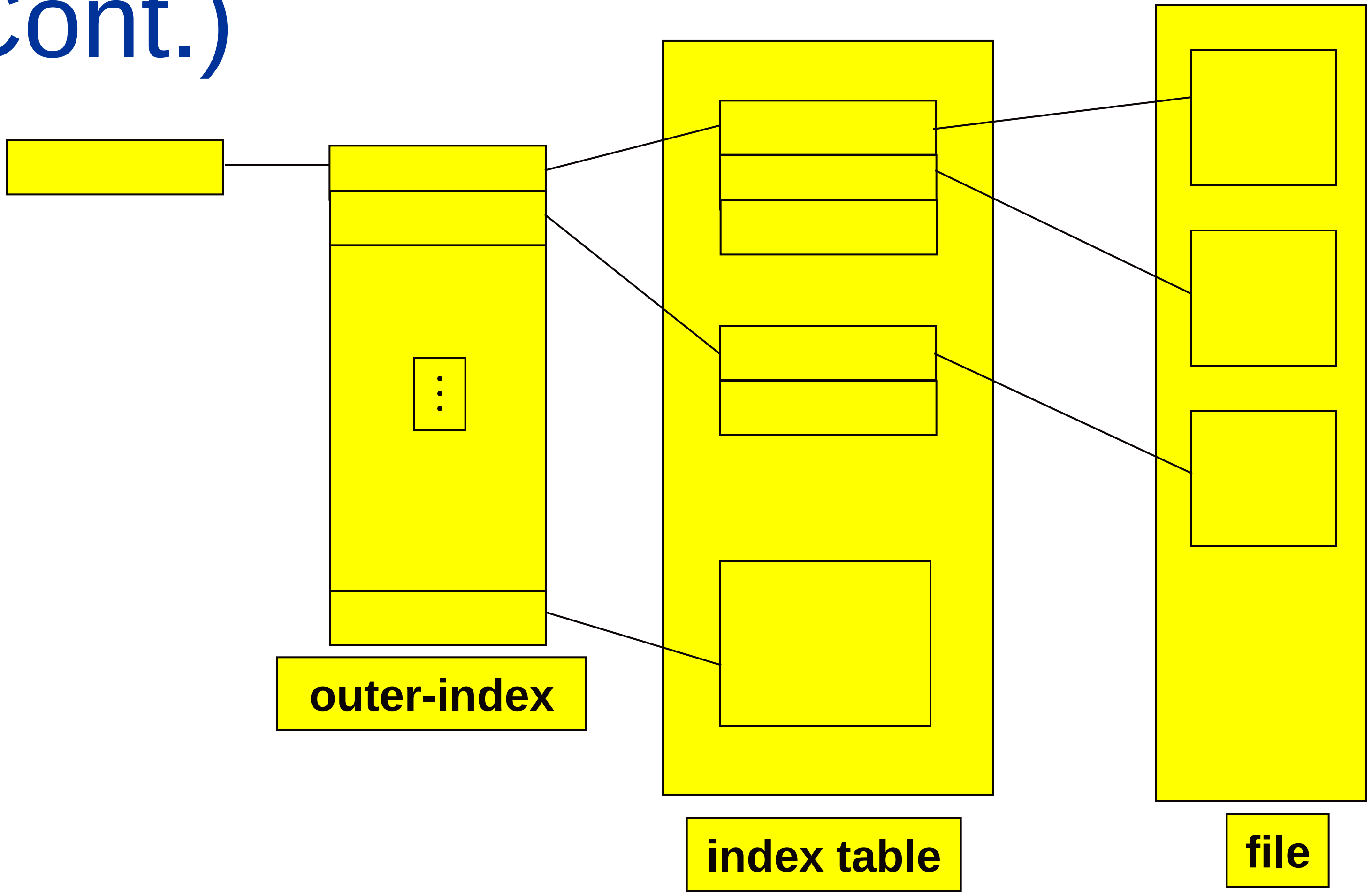
Example of Indexed Allocation



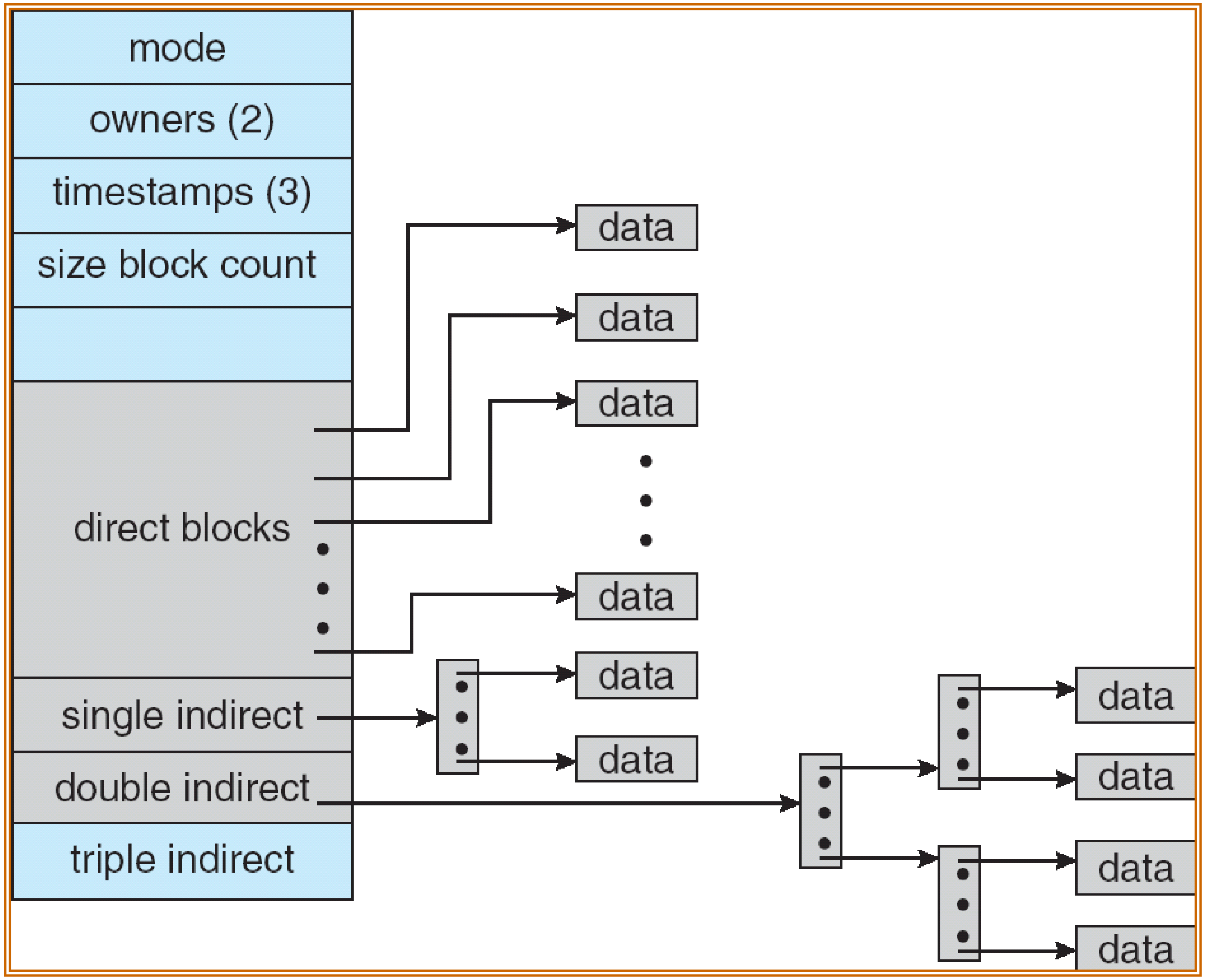
Indexed Allocation (Cont.)

- Need index table
- Random access
- Dynamic access without external fragmentation, but have overhead of index block.

Indexed Allocation – Mapping (Cont.)



Combined Scheme: UNIX (4K bytes per block)



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