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#### **Volume Control Block:**

Our volume control block will be the first block in our volume. It will contain the information about our volume.

```
typedef struct VCB {
    int num_blocks; // total number of blocks in volume
    int num_free_blocks; // how many free blocks remaining
    int block_size; // size of a block in bytes

    // keeps track of our free space which uses the counting method
    // our implementation for the counting method uses a Map data structure
    struct Map free_blocks;

    int root_dir; // index of the root directory
    int volume_type; // will be a magic number
} VCB;
```

# Free Space:

We will track free space using the counting method because it is more efficient than bitmaps, and it is probably easier to implement than the other methods of managing free space.

## Example:

Blue = Free Blocks

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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Location	Count					
5	5					
12	3					

## **Directory Entry:**

The directory entry is the first entry in the logical block array that contains the description of the file located at this directory or additional directories located at this directory.

```
typedef struct dir_entry {
    char name[64]; // identifier for the entry
    int location; // index of the entry's location
    int size; // size of the entry in bytes
    int is_directory; // flag for if the entry is a directory or a file

    Time creation_date; // date the entry was created
    Time last_modified; // date the entry was last modified
    Time last_opened; // date the entry was last opened
} dir_entry;
```

### Metadata:

The metadata we will have includes: the file's creation date, the date it was last modified, and the date it was last opened.