

# design.txt

## DESIGN DOCUMENT

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## GOAL

The goal for this assignment is to implement a FAT-based file system in user space by using the FUSE system framework. This will give us experience on extending an operating system using user code. It will also give us an idea of how we can quickly implement a new file system along with learning about all of the different types that are being used today!

## ASSUMPTIONS

About the FAT file system:

- Originally designed for small hard drives (floppy disks, thumb drives, and SD cards)
- Single list of blocks in use
- Root directory “file” starts in block 0
  - Other files have first block number in directory entry

FUSE: file system intercepts calls and lets a user-space program handle them

Block Sizes:

From textbook: “ Having a large block size means that every file, even a 1-byte file, ties up an entire cylinder. It also means that small files waste a large amount of disk space...Thus if the allocation unit is too large, we waste space; if it is too small, we waste time.”

Larger blocks are faster (transfer more data per seek) but less efficient (waste space).

## DESIGN

A file system controls how data is stored and retrieved; without it, information would be placed in what could be described as a bucket of data with no way to tell where one piece of information stops and the next begins.

We are implementing the File Allocation Table (FAT) file system by using the FUSE system framework. By using FUSE we are able to layer the FAT file system on top of the one currently being used in FreeBSD.

To test our FAT file system, we will pick two different block sizes:

Case 1: 512B

Case 2: 8KB

The block size we select will impact our maximum file size, maximum file system size, and the performance of the file system.

## **PSEUDOCODE**

### **fuse\_fat.c**

func get\_block\_type = returns whether the block is a super block, FAT block, or data block based on its index

// set up super block

```
func initialize_super_block (block super_block){  
    Set write position to pointer at beginning of super_block  
    copy magic number into super_block at write position  
    Offset the write position by 32 bits  
    Copy the number of total blocks into super_block at write position  
    Offset the write position by 32 bits  
    Copy the number of fat blocks into super_block at write position  
    Offset the write position by 32 bits  
    Copy the block size into super_block at write position  
    Offset the write position by 32 bits  
    Copy the starting root block index into super_block at write position  
}
```

// set up FAT blocks

```
func initialize_fat () {  
    FOR block in FAT blocks  
        FOR entry in block  
            IF block entry corresponds to ROOT_BLOCK  
                Set entry value in FAT to -2  
            IF block entry corresponds to super block or FAT block  
                Set entry value in FAT to -1  
            ELSE  
                Set entry value in FAT to 0  
        }  
    }
```

// initialize disk, sets up super block and fat blocks

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func initialize_disk() {  
    FOR every block in system  
        Allocate space for block  
        initialize_super_block()
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        initialize_fat()
    }

// parses char array of 64 bytes into directory struct
func get_directory (char bytes[64]){
    Set write position to beginning of bytes array
    Allocate memory for directory struct

    Copy first 24 bytes from char array to filename (24 bytes)
    Copy first 8 bytes from char array to creation time (8 bytes)
    Copy first 8 bytes from char array to modification time (8 bytes)
    Copy first 8 bytes from char array to access time (8 bytes)
    Copy first 4 bytes from char array to file length (4 bytes)
    Copy first 4 bytes from char array to start block (4 bytes)
    Copy first 4 bytes from char array to flags (4 bytes)
    Copy first 4 bytes from char array to unused (4 bytes)
}

// write directory contents into char array of 64 bytes
func write_directory (directory d, char bytes[64]) {
    Copy filename from d to first 24 bytes of char array
    Copy creation time from d to next 8 bytes of char array
    Copy modification time from d to next 8 bytes of char array
    Copy access time from d to next 8 bytes of char array
    Copy file length from d to next 4 bytes of char array
    Copy start block from d to next 4 bytes of char array
    Copy flags from d to next 4 bytes of char array
    Copy unused from d to next 4 bytes of char array
}

// searches given block to see if it has filename
// returns directory entry
func search_block (block start_block, char filename) {
    FOR directory entries in data block
        Dir d = get_directory(entry)
        IF (d->file_name and filename match)
            RETURN d
    RETURN NULL
}

// recursively searches the blocks for the matching filename
// returns directory entry
func find_file_in_block (block start_block, char path){

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    Token = first token in path
    Rest_of_path = rest of path string without token
    Dir d = search_block (start_block, token)
    IF (d == NULL) return NULL
    IF (rest_of_path != NULL)
        RETURN find_file_in_block(blocks[d->start_block], rest_of_path)
    RETURN d
}

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// looks in the FAT for the link to the next block FROM the input index
// returns value
func get_fat (int32_t index) {
    FAT_block_num = the FAT block index belongs to
    Byte_offset = the offset within the FAT block where index is located
    RETURN blocks[FAT_block_num]->bytes[byte_offset]
}

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// sets value in FAT at specific index
func set_fat (int32_t index, int32_t value) {
    FAT_block_num = the FAT block index belongs to
    Byte_offset = the offset within the FAT block where index is located
    blocks[FAT_block_num]->bytes[byte_offset] = value
}

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// looks for file starting from root block
// returns directory entry
func find_file (char path) {
    FOR valid block in FAT
        Dir d = find_file_in_block(valid block, path)
        IF (d != NULL) RETURN d
    RETURN NULL
}

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// searches for file in system
// fills buffer with stat info about file
func fat_getattr (path, buffer) {
    IF path is root directory
        buffer->mode = S_IFDIR
        buffer->nlink = 2
    ELSE
        Dir d = find_file(path)
        IF (d == NULL) RETURN -ENOENT
        IF (d is a directory)

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        buffer->mode = S_IFDIR
        buffer->nlink = 2
    ELSE
        buffer->mode = S_IFREG
        buffer->nlink = 1
        buffer->st_size = d->file_length
        buffer->access_time = d->access_time
        buffer->mod_time = d->mod_time
        buffer->creat_time = d->creat_time
    buffer->mode = ALL PERMISSIONS
    RETURN 0
}

// goes through every directory entry in a block and adds it to an array of entries
func get_dir_entries (block b) {
    dir_entries;
    FOR every entry in block
        dir_entries[index] = entry
    RETURN dir_entries
}

// finds directory, and fills buffer with stats for all files within that directory
func fat_readdir (path, buffer, filler, offset, fi) {
    Dir d
    IF path is not ROOT
        D = find_file(path)
        IF d is NULL RETURN NULL
        filler(buf, ".", NULL, 0)
        Filler(buf, "..", NULL, 0)
        Start_block_idx = d->start_block
    ELSE
        Start_block_idx = ROOT

    FOR each FAT block
        Dir_entries = get_dir_entries(block)
        FOR each dir_entry in dir_entries
            IF (d is a directory)
                buffer->mode = S_IFDIR
                buffer->nlink = 2
            ELSE
                buffer->mode = S_IFREG
                buffer->nlink = 1
                buffer->st_size = d->file_length

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        buffer->access_time = d->access_time
        buffer->mod_time = d->mod_time
        buffer->creat_time = d->creat_time
        buffer->mode = ALL PERMISSIONS
        Filler(buf, d->file_name, st, 0)
    free(dir_entries)
    RETURN 0
}

// checks existence and permissions of a given path
func fat_open (path, file_info) {
    IF path is ROOT return 0
    Dir d = find_file(path)
    IF d == NULL RETURN -ENOENT
    RETURN 0
}

// scans the FAT for a free block
func get_free_fat_block_idx() {
    Block_idx = 0
    FOR each FAT block
        FOR each entry in FAT block
            IF entry points to a free block RETURN block_idx
            Block_idx++
    RETURN -1
}

// reads specified size of bytes into buffer
func fat_read (path, buf, size, offset, file_info) {
    Dir d = find_file(path)
    IF d == NULL RETURN -ENOENT
    Write_position = buf
    int Bytes_to_read
    FOR block in FAT
        IF size is greater than BLOCK_SIZE
            Bytes_to_read = BLOCK_SIZE
        ELSE
            Bytes_to_read = size
        Write_position += bytes_to_read
        Size -= bytes_to_read
        IF size <= 0 BREAK
    RETURN 0
}

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// finds empty directory entry given parent block
func find_empty_dir (block parent_block) {
    FOR entry in data block
        my_dir = entry
        FOR bytes in entry
            IF bytes != 0x00000000
                BREAK
        RETURN my_dir
    RETURN NULL
}

// make a directory at the specified path
func fat_mkdir (path, mode) {
    Dir d = find_file(path)
    Int slash = 0
    IF d == NULL
        FOR each char in path
            IF char is a "/"
                Slash = char index
        STRNCPY(parsedpath, path, slash*sizeof(char))
        IF parsedpath == NULL
            Parent_block_idx = ROOT
        ELSE
            Dir parent_entry = find_file(parsedpath)
            Parent_block_idx = parent_entry->start_block

        Dir new_dir = malloc(sizeof(dir))
        STRCPY(file_name, basename(path))
        STRCPY(new_dir->file_name, file_name)

        new_dir->time = time(NULL)

        Int free_block_idx_for_contents = get_free_fat_block_idx()
        new_dir->start_block = free_block_idx_for_contents

        set_fat(free_block_idx_for_contents, LAST_BLOCK_IN_FILE)

        // set up flags here

        Char write_position = get_space_for_directory(parent_block_idx)
        write_directory(new_dir, write_position)
    Return 0
}

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}
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// finds space where a directory can be written without overwriting
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func get_space_for_directory (int block_idx) {
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    Char write_position = find_empty_dir(blocks[block_idx])
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    IF write_position != NULL
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        RETURN write_position
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    Int next_block_idx = get_fat(block_idx)
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    IF next_block_idx == NO_ALLOC_BLOCK RETURN NULL
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    ELSE IF next_block_idx is LAST_BLOCK_IN_FILE or FREE_BLOCK
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        Int free_idx = get_free_fat_block_idx()
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        set_fat(block_idx, free_idx)
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        set_fat(free_idx, LAST_BLOCK_IN_FILE)
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        RETURN blocks[free_idx]->bytes[0]
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    Return get_space_for_directory (next_block_idx)
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}
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// renames file at path to specified new name
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func fat_rename (path, newname) {
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    Dir d = find_file(path)
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    IF d is NOT a directory
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        STRCPY(d->file_name, newname)
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    RETURN 0
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}
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