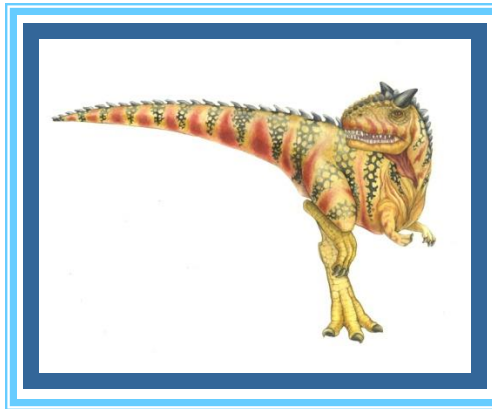


Chapter 13: File-System Interface

上次: ? calculate effective bandwidth



? calculate average access time

Disk scheduling



Chapter 13: File System Interface

□ File Concept

What is this?

how os do

□ Access Methods

sequential/random access

that?

□ Disk and Directory Structure

□ File-System Mounting

some methods with trade-offs

-low level

✓ □ File Sharing

not protected

□ Protection

not sharing





Objectives

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

why we need this?
- provide convenience
- efficient to manage!

- 下面我们会发现

pros and cons

understand
what is protection,
how it works

我们不会 suffer from linux!





File Concept

- *logically continuous!*
Contiguous logical address space

- Types:
 - Data *← instructions and this!*
 - ▶ numeric
 - ▶ character
 - ▶ binary
 - Program

- Contents defined by the file's creator

- Many types, consider text file, source file, executable file

不同 files!

high flexibility!





File Attributes

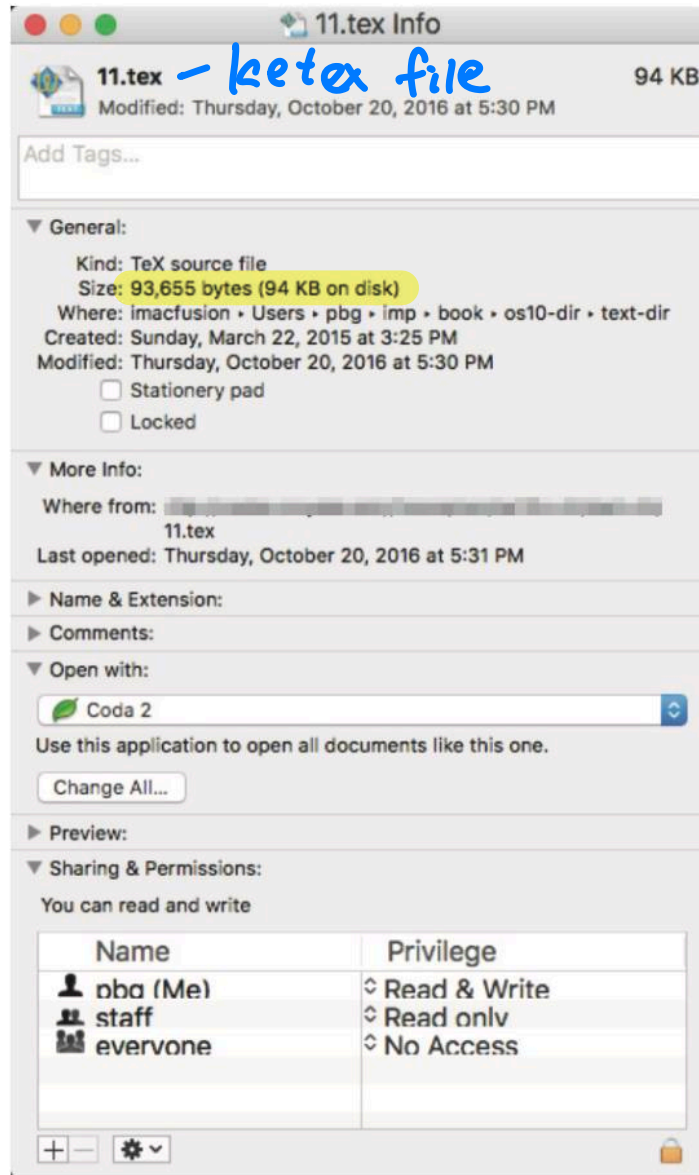
- ❑ **Name** – information kept in human-readable form
- ❑ **Identifier** – unique tag (number) identifies files within a file system
- ❑ **Type** – needed by systems that support different types *it's known, how to open? sometimes encoded!*
- ❑ **Location** – pointer to file location on device
- ❑ **Size** – current file size
- ❑ **Protection** – controls who can do reading, writing, executing, etc.
- ❑ **Time, date, and user identification** – data for protection, security, and usage monitoring
- ❑ Information about files are kept in a **directory structure**, maintained on the disk - part of which currently in use can be cached in main memory for fast access *not embedded in content itself! cache this in memory!*
- ❑ Many variations, including extended file attributes such as file checksum

*ensure that not changed by someone
checksum in MacOS*





File info Window on Mac OS X



file information





File Operations

- File is an **ADT** or **abstract data type**
- **Create** – create a file
- **Write** – at **write pointer** location
- **Read** – at **read pointer** location
- **Reposition within file** - **seek**
- **Delete**
- **Truncate** 缩短: 减少!
- **Open(F_i)** – search the directory structure on disk for entry F_i , and move the content of entry to memory, preparing file for subsequent access
- **Close (F_i)** – move the content of entry F_i in memory to directory structure on disk
- Such operations involve the changes of **various OS kernel data structures**

] important!

structure maintained by
the kernel!





Open Files

fork!

- Several data structures are needed to manage open files:
 - **Open-file tables**: tracks open files, **system-wide open-file table**, and **per-process open-file table** *← copy this table!*
 - **File pointer**: **pointer to last** read/write location, per process that has the file open *→ how open change the table?*
 - **File-open count**: counting the number of processes that the file has been opened – to allow removal of data from the open-file table when the last processes closes it (when file-open count is zero)
 - **Disk location of a file**: cache of data access information (*Fast access*)
 - **Access rights**: per-process access mode information

change the files : get the pointer!





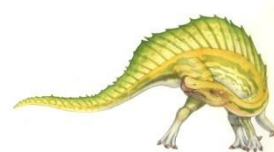
File Types – Name, Extension

file type	usual extension	function
executable	exe, com, bin or none	<u>ready-to-run machine-language program</u>
object	obj, o <i>like C program</i>	<u>compiled</u> , machine language, not linked
source code	c, cc, java, pas, asm, a	source code in various languages
batch	bat, sh <i>command line</i>	commands to the command interpreter
text	txt, doc	textual data, documents
word processor	wp, tex, rtf, doc	various word-processor formats
library	lib, a, so, dll <i>static</i> <i>linux kernel</i> <i>dynamic!</i>	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 <i>compression!</i>	related files grouped into one file, sometimes compressed, for archiving or storage
multimedia	mpeg, mov, rm, mp3, avi <i>videos!</i>	binary file containing audio or A/V information

ready to run → load a process
.docx
↑

extension of this file

↓
as we this to distinguish





Access Methods

Simple!

- Sequential Access – simplest access method

read next
write next
reset
no read after last write

beginning



- implemented by sequential access method*
Direct Access – file is fixed length logical records

read n
write n
position to n
read next
write next
rewrite n

blocks!
why need the blocks!

*start index of
depends on OS!*

n = relative block number

Block so small \Rightarrow lots of overhead!

- Relative block numbers allow OS to decide where file should be placed
 - See disk block allocation problem in Chapter 14





Other Access Methods *widely used nowadays*

- ❑ Other file access methods can be built on top of **direct-access** method
- ❑ Generally, involve creation of an **index** for a file
 - ❑ Keep index in memory for fast location of the data to be operated on
 - ❑ If too large, index (in memory) of the index (on disk)
- ❑ IBM indexed sequential-access method (ISAM) is an example
 - ❑ Small master index, points to disk blocks of secondary index
 - ❑ File kept sorted on a defined key
 - ❑ All done by the OS ✓
- ❑ VMS operating system provides index and relative files as another example

*Memory is in
→ improve performance*

*if all search then
long time, every
entry is much longer!*

*Index is
(large ⇒
put in
disk ⇒
↳ sequential
access)*

logical record	
last name	number
Adams	
Arthur	
Asher	
⋮	
Smith	

index file

search this
↙

smith, john	social-security	age

relative file

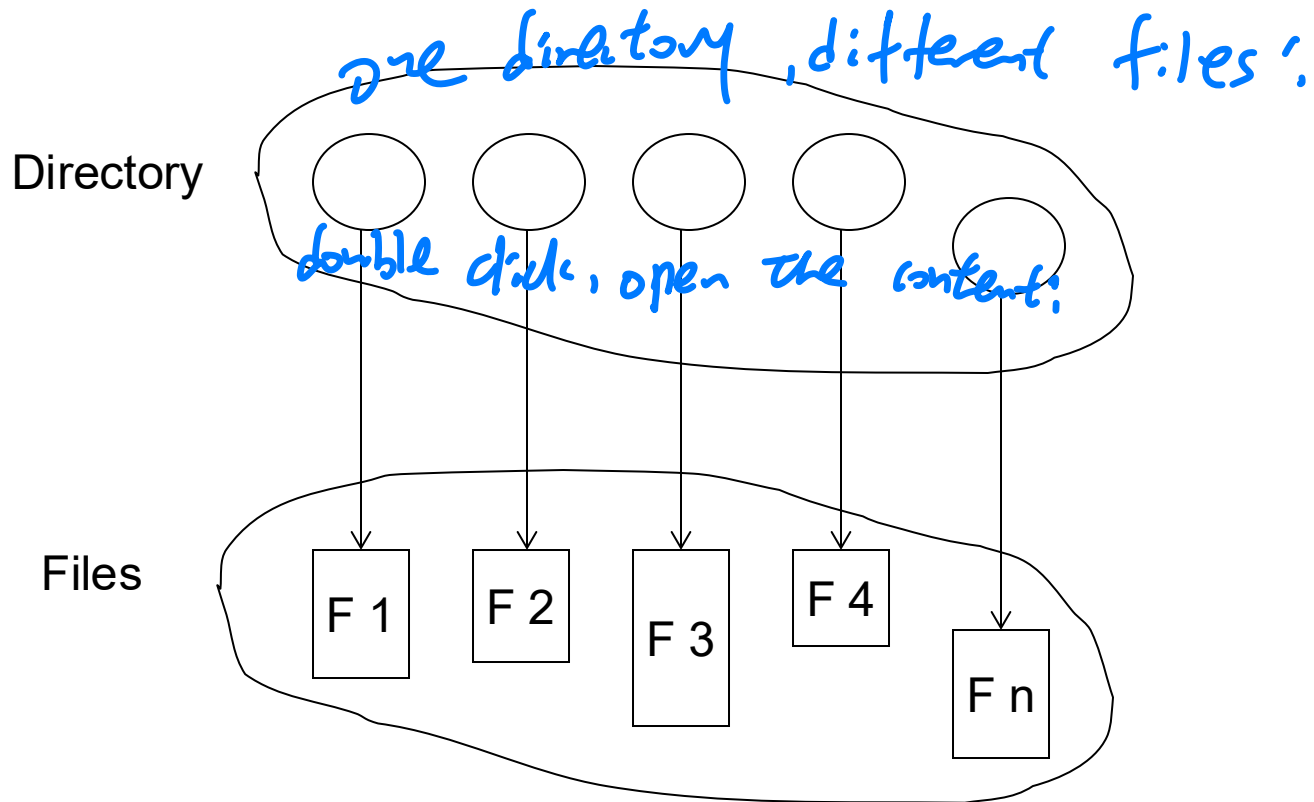
*fetch complex
information!*





Directory Structure

- A collection of nodes containing information about all files



Both the directory structure and files reside on disk





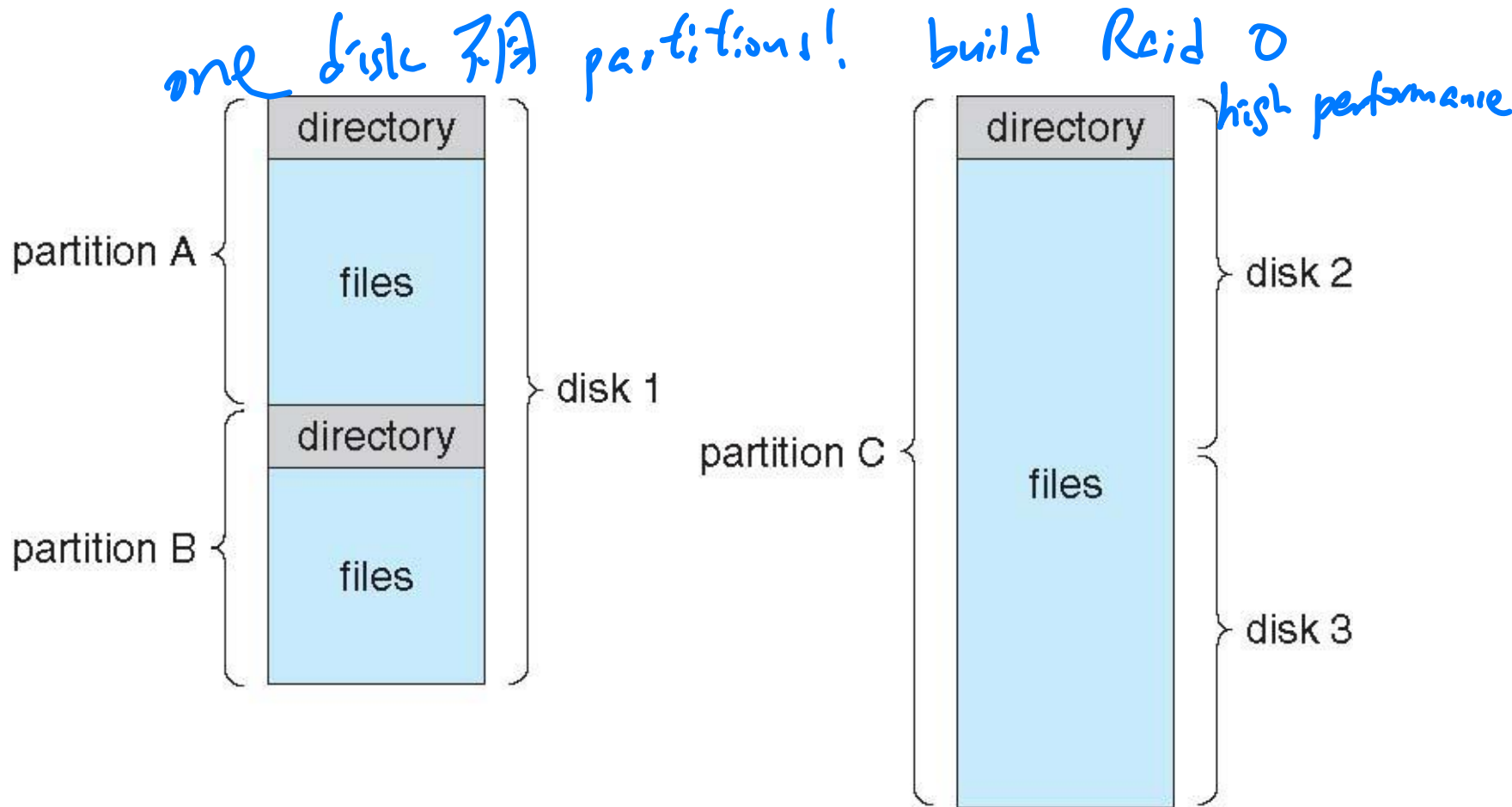
Physical Disk Structure

- Disk can be subdivided into partitions *— CDE partitions*
- Disks or partitions can be RAID protected against failure *2nd disk, 2nd HDD, 隨着 performance/reliability*
- Disk or partition can be used **raw** — without a file system, or **formatted with a file system**
- Partitions are also known as **minidisks**, **slices** *← nickname → Mac OS*
- An entity on a disk containing a file system known as a **volume**
- Each volume containing a file system also **keeps track of the file system info** in **device directory** or **volume table of contents**
- Other than **general-purpose file systems**, there are many **special-purpose file systems**, frequently within the same operating system or computing systems





A Typical File-system Organization





Operations Performed on Directory

- ❑ Search for a file ✓
- ❑ Create a file
- ❑ Delete a file 不需要!
- ❑ List a directory ls ...
- ❑ Rename a file mv
- ❑ Traverse the file system dfdr ...





Organize the Directory (Logically) to Obtain

□ **Efficiency** – locating a file quickly

□ **Naming** – convenient to users

- Two users can have same name for different files
- The same file can have several different names

□ **Grouping** – logical grouping of files by properties, (e.g., all Java programs, all games, my comp3511, ...)

for human!
↓
directory convenient
to me, 不想 put away
file to one
single file!

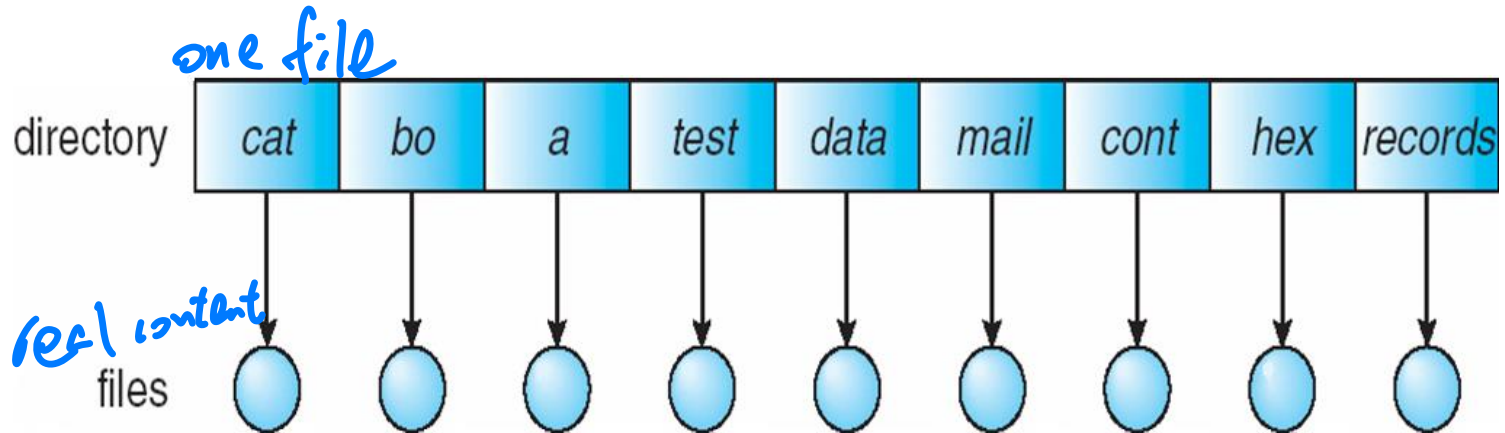
file 不可撞名!





Single-Level Directory

- A single directory for all users



Naming problem 不可再有 cat!

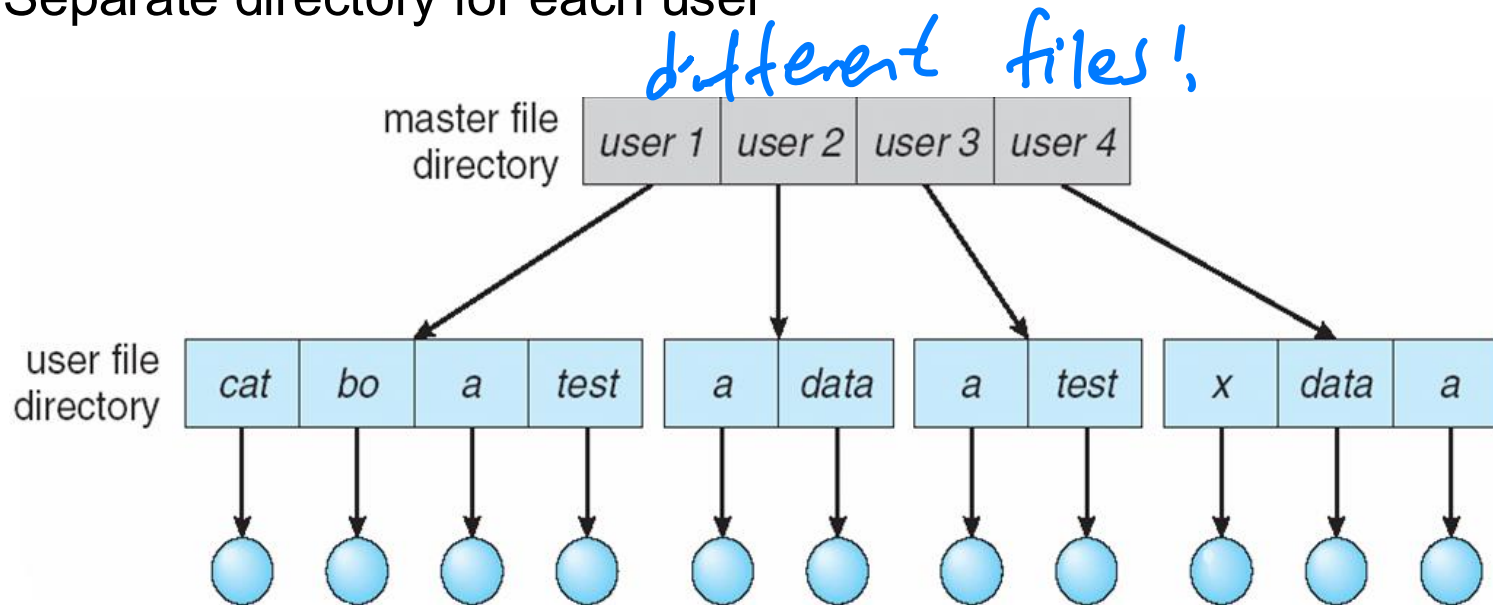
Grouping problem 不可 group, 例如 group animals!



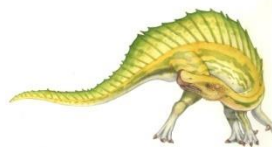


Two-Level Directory

- Separate directory for each user

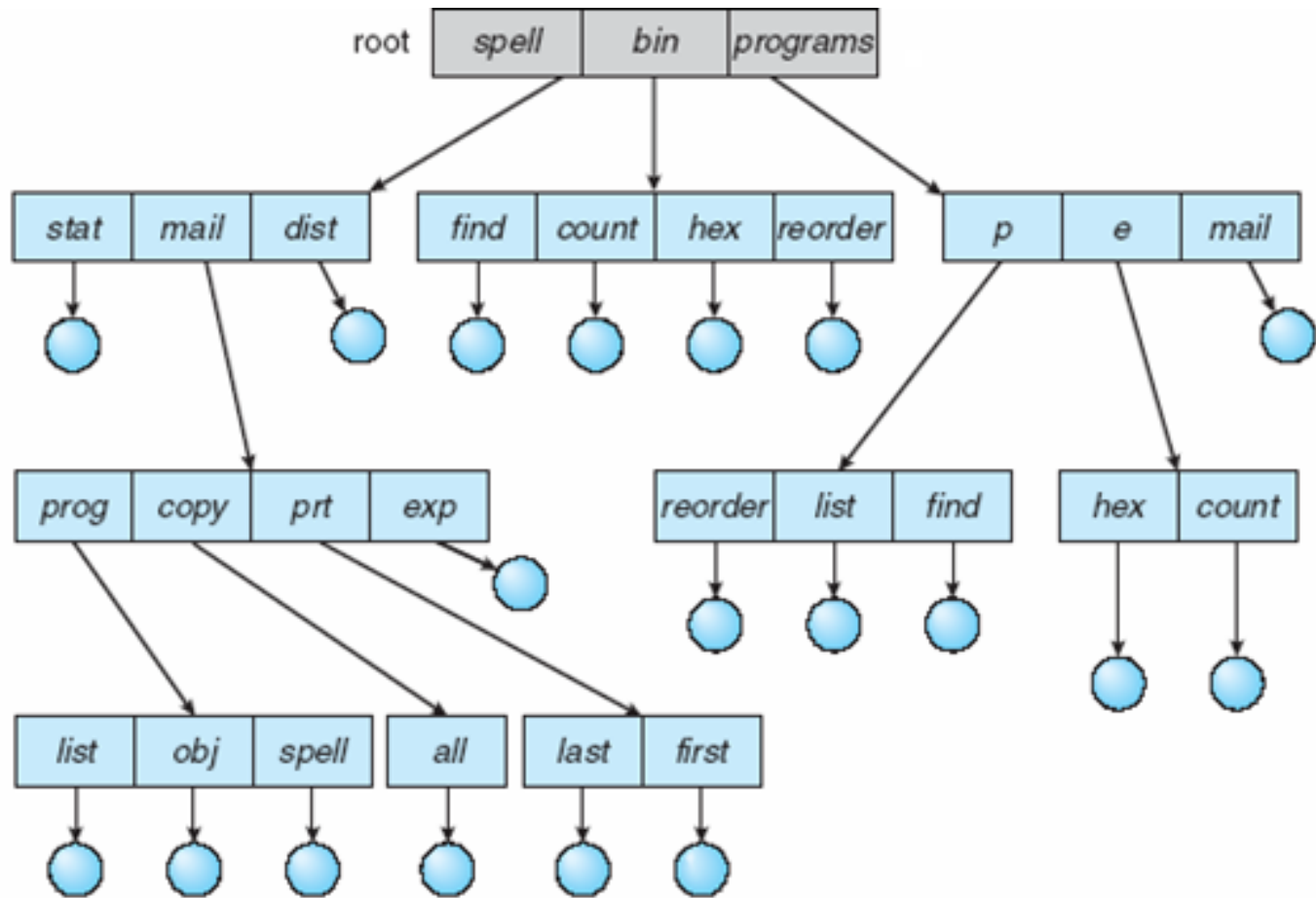


- **Path name** – need a pathname to identify a file/dir, e.g., /user1/cat
- Can have the same file name under different users (paths)
- More efficient searching than single-level directory
- No grouping capability





Tree-Structured Directories





Tree-Structured Directories (Cont.)

- Efficient searching
- Grouping Capability
- Current directory (working directory)
 - `cd /spell/mail/prog` ✓ *change direction!*
 - `type list`





Tree-Structured Directories (Cont)

- ❑ Absolute or relative path name
- ❑ Creating a new file is done in the current directory
- ❑ Delete a file in the current directory

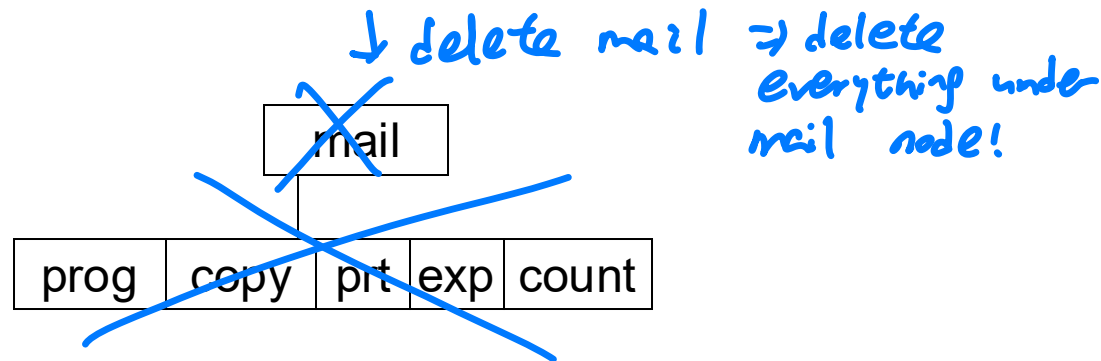
`rm <file-name>`

- ❑ Creating a new subdirectory is done in current directory

`mkdir <dir-name>`

Example: if in current directory `/mail`

`mkdir count`



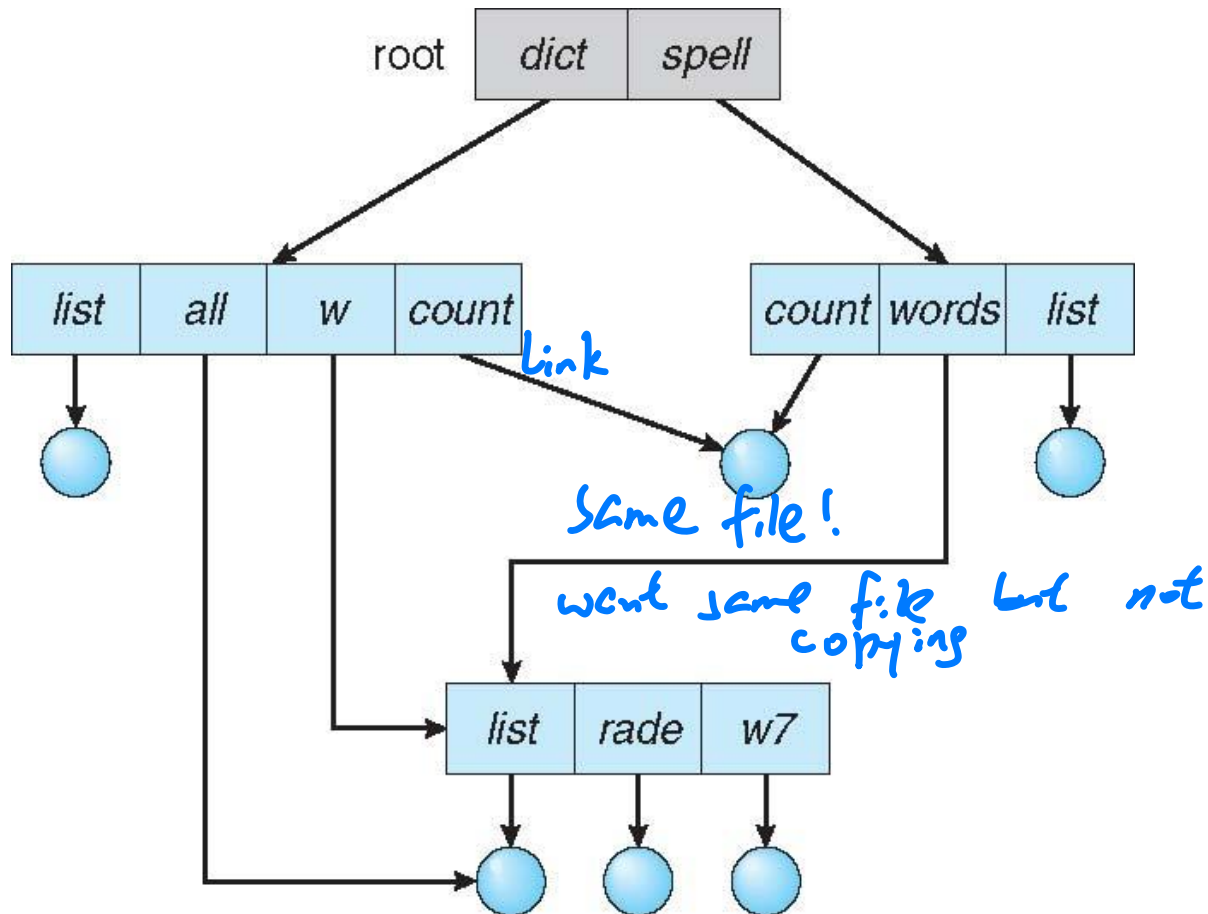
Deleting “mail” ⇒ deleting the entire subtree rooted by “mail”





Acyclic-Graph Directories

- Have shared subdirectories and files – more flexible and complex





Acyclic-Graph Directories (Cont.)

- New directory entry type
 - Link – another name (pointer) to an existing file
 - Resolve the link – follow pointer to locate the file
- Two different (path) names (aliasing)
 - Ensure not traversing shared structures more than once
- Deletion might lead to that dangling pointers that point to empty files or even wrong files
- There is also difficulty ensuring there is no cycles in a graph – complexity associated with it

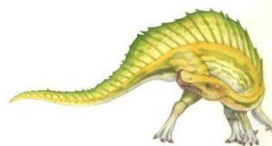
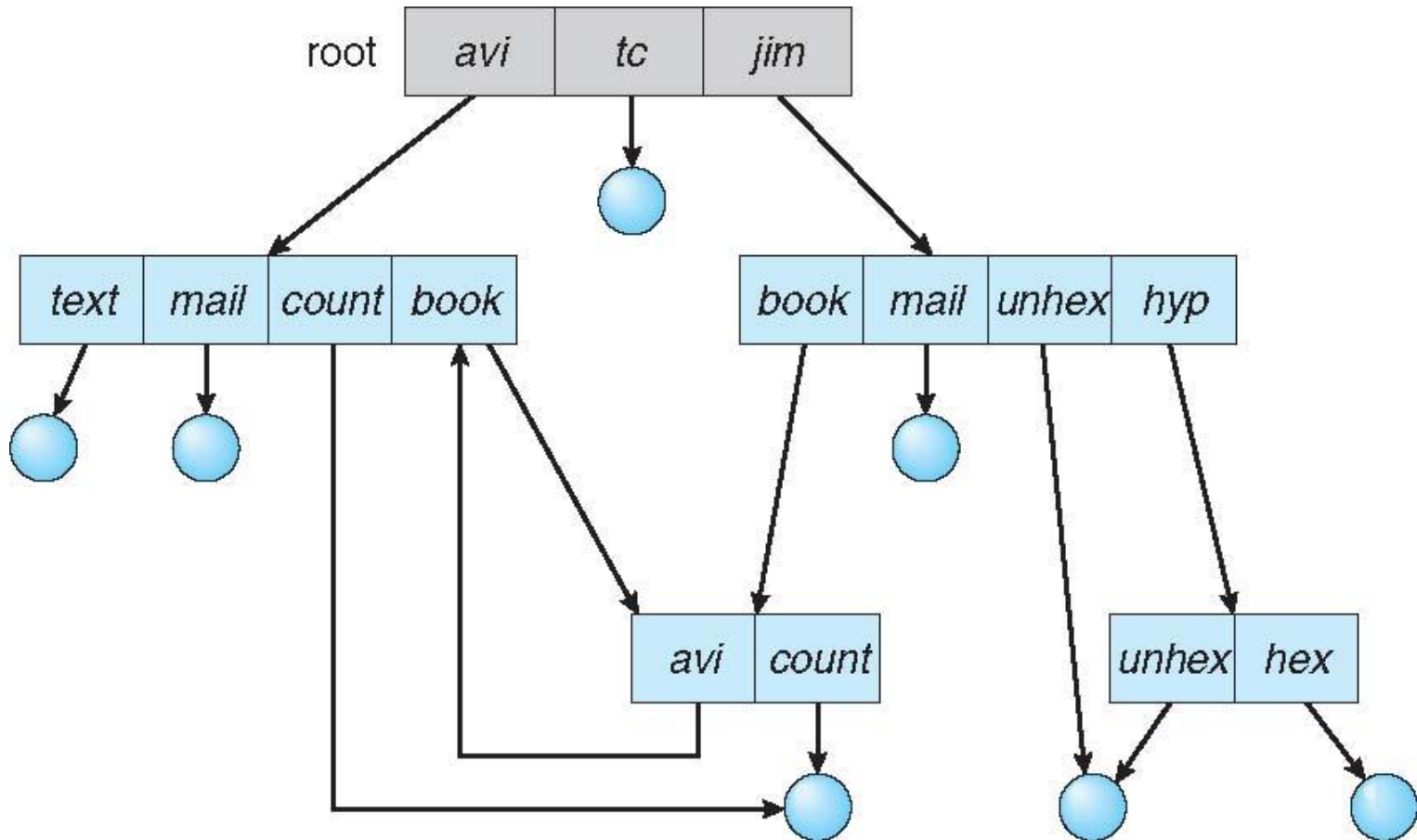
2nd lead back!

Extre overhead!





General Graph Directory





General Graph Directory (Cont.)

- How do we guarantee no cycles?
 - Allow only links to file not subdirectories – sometime not convenient
 - Every time a new link is added use a cycle detection algorithm to determine whether there is a cycle or not – time consuming

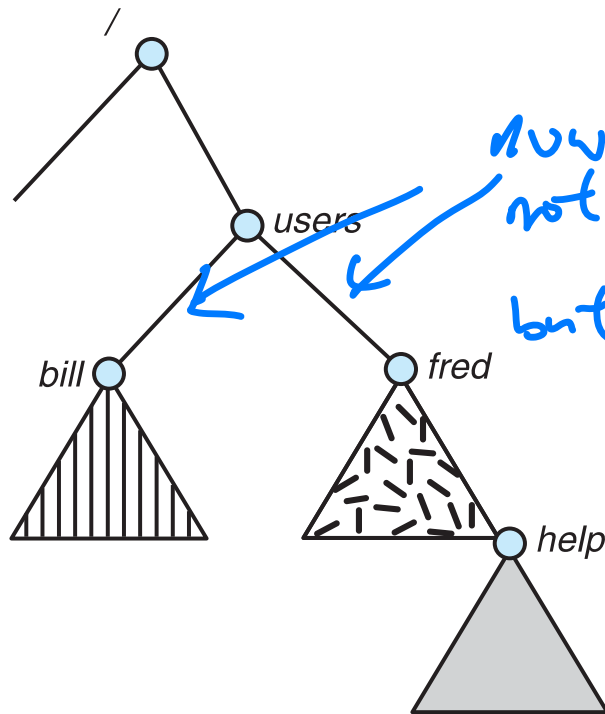
high overhead!!
Tideheads!





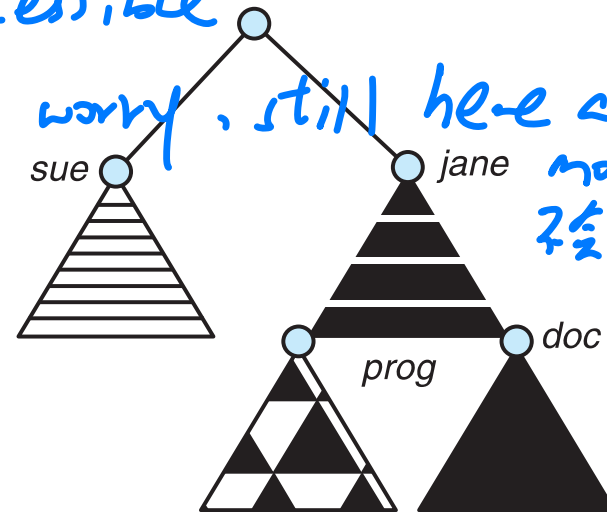
File System Mounting

- A file system must be **mounted** before it can be accessed – just like a file must be **opened** before it is used
- A unmounted file system (i.e., Fig. (b)), to be mounted at a **mount point**



(a)

now be replaced. temporary
not accessible
but ↓ no worry, still here after
mounting, 2 1/2 lost!



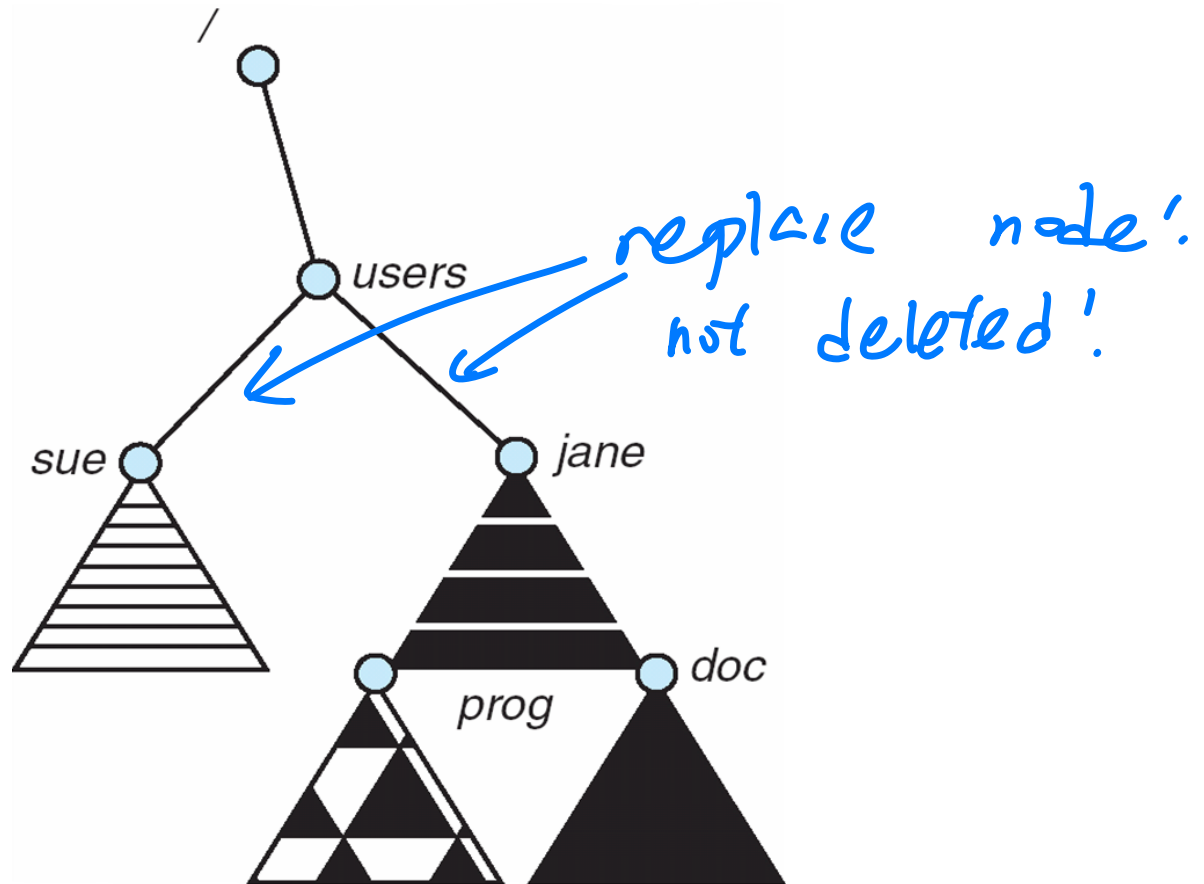
(b)





Mount Point

- Volume is mounted at `/users`





File Sharing

3 students SP

- Sharing of files in multi-user systems is desirable
- Sharing may be done through a protection scheme *not must be protected*
- In distributed systems, files may be shared across a network
 - Network File System (NFS) is a common distributed file-sharing method
- With a multi-user system *add permission*
 - User IDs identify users, allowing permissions and protections to be per-user *owner and groups*
 - Group IDs allow users to be in groups, permitting group access rights
 - Owner of a file / directory
 - Group of a file / directory





Protection

□ File owner/creator of the file should be able to control:

- what can be done
- by whom

control

□ Types of access

- Read
- Write
- Execute
- Append
- Delete
- List





Access Lists and Groups

- Mode of access: read, write, execute
- Three classes of users on Unix / Linux

} integer
read write execute
RWX (3 bits)

a) owner access

7
6
1

⇒

RWX

1 1 1

RWX

b) group access

⇒

1 1 0

RWX

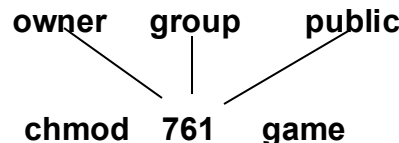
c) public access

⇒

0 0 1

which one else can do what

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



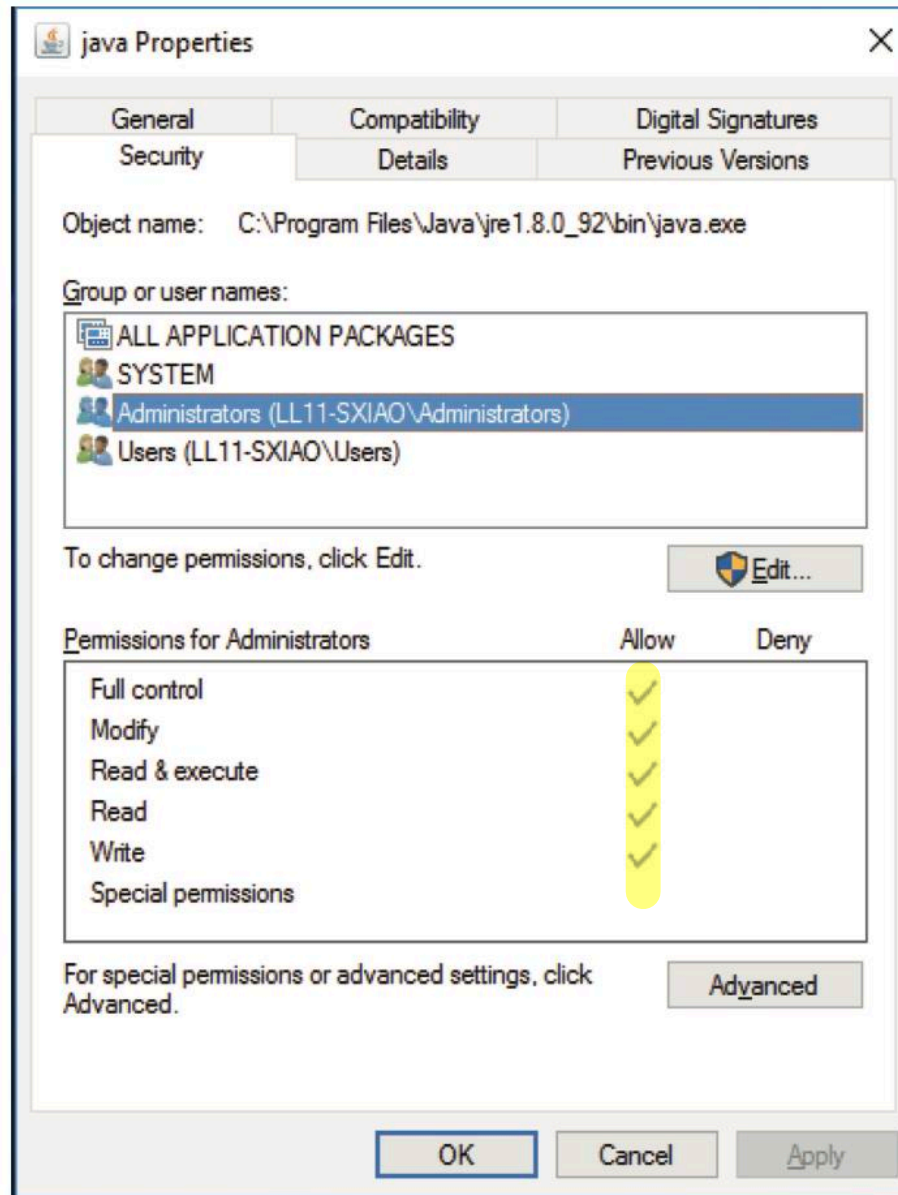
Attach a group to a file

↳ can have different groups
chgrp G game

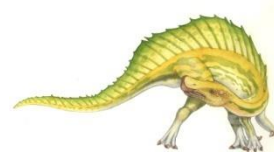




Windows 10 Access-Control List Management



Almost like
Linux, but
Linux only
have read
write execute!

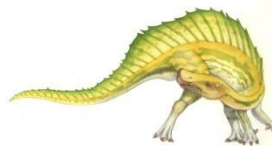




A Sample UNIX Directory Listing

d=directory
- = folder

-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/



End of Chapter 13

