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- 1. a) 1) 4 inode blocks. 1 for the file c, and 3 for the directdories /, a, b
  - 2) 3 directory blocks one for root /, one for a, the other for b
  - 3) 1 single indirect block as far as we know. The file definitely has more than 12 blocks (# of data blocks pointed by direct pounters), but less than 1036 (# of data blocks pointed by direct pointers and single indirect pointers). We are reading block 1034.
  - 4) 1 data block for file c
  - b) All of the above

### Notes

## • Inode



- Is short form of index node
- Describes a file system object such as file or data
- Contains all information about a file/directory, including
  - \* File Type,
  - \* Size
  - \* Number of blocks allocated to it
  - \* Protection information
  - \* Time information (e.g time created, time modified)
  - \* Location of data blocks residing on disk

## References

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c) Size, the location of data blocks that reside on disk

## Notes

- I wonder what information about blocks inode has. Is it total number of blocks both inode and data, or just data?
- I struggled a bit on this one. I should find an easier way to remember which information inode has

## d) Rough Work

#### • Creash Scenarios

- When only new data block is written to disk
  - \* This is fine in system's point of view
  - \* No inode points to it (it doesn't contain any information about file)
  - \* No bitmap points to it
  - \* Is as if write never occured
- When only the updated inode is written to disk
  - \* There is no bitmap that's pointing to it
  - \* There is new inode where existing inode is
  - \* The data block Db hasn't been created
  - \* Reading data where Db is will return garbage data
  - \* there is a term for this. Is called File-System inconsistency
- When only inode bitmap is written to disk
  - \* inode block pointed by bitmap is assumed to be allocated
  - \* But there is no desired inode where it's pointing
  - \* This is another example of File-System-Inconsistency
  - \* If left as is, then space cannot be used for future use (inode leak)
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### Notes

- I wonder how system call for reading file/directory works in UNIX. Does it check for bitmap?
- I wonder how system call for deleting file/directory works in UNIX
- I wonder how system call for creatubg file/directory works in UNIX
- Creating Files

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# - Syntax:

```
int fd = open("foo". O_CREAT|O_WRONLY|O_TRUNC, S_IRUSR|S_IWUSR)
```

- \* Is a system call
- \* O\_CREAT Creates file "foo" if does not exist
- \* O\_WRONLY Open file for writing only (default)
- \* O\_TRUNC Overwrites existing file Need example/Clarification
- \* Can have multiple flags

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