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IF.06.01 TINF Operating Systems – Free Blocks, Quotas – Exercises.

1. (10 %) **Free Blocks Management Using a Linked List** Consider a file system managing free blocks by using linked lists. The table below shows the final two blocks storing free blocks. Fill the empty tables below to show the changes which occur in the tables after the following scenarios. Highlight the changes using a color pencil.

   (a) Five new blocks are allocated

   (b) The block 22 is freed

   (c) Another 5 blocks are allocated

   (d) Another block is allocated

   (e) Another three blocks are allocated

   (f) Four blocks (23456, 8345345, 56, and 634534) are freed

Block #	17	18
Next Block	18	0
	4589	24353
	43546	98745
	718	76345
	345	9877
	23456	7345
	8345345	34535
	634534	154698
	3478	967
	56	8657

a)

Block #	17	18
Next Block	18	0
	4587	
	43546	
	718	
	345	=

b)

Block #	17	18
Next Block	18	0
	4589	
	43546	
	718	
	345	=
	22	

c)

Block #	17	18
Next Block		18	0
		=

d)

Block #	17	18
Next Block		0
		24353
		98745
		76345
		9877
		7345
		34535
		154698
		967
		17

e)

Block #		18
Next Block		0
		24353
		98745
		76345
		9877
		7345
		34535

f)

Block #	56	18
Next Block	18	0
		24353
		98745
		76345
		9877
		7345
		34535
		23456
		8345345
		634534

2. **Free Blocks Management — Comparision** Given the two memory footprint scenarios for Free Blocks Management as presented in class. State the condition under which the linked list approach uses less space than the bitmap approach.

Due to the fact, that the linked list approach needs less space when more blocks are allocated, there is a point where the bit map of the bitmap approach is bigger than the linked list.

e.g. only 2 blocks free: List: only one block with the 2 blocks Bitmap: still holds all the blocks in bitmap