1.3 A Simple OS

- OS Structure
- Processes, Address Spaces, & Threads
- Managing Processes
- Loading Program Into Processes
- Files
 - (first 13 slides overlap with "A Simple OS" slides)



Files



Our primes program wasn't too interesting

- it has no output!
- cannot even verify that it's doing the right thing
- other program cannot use its result
- how does a process write to someplace outside the process?



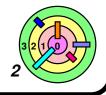
The notion of a *file* is our Unix system's sole abstraction for this concept of "someplace outside the process"

modern Unix systems have additional abstractions



Files

- abstraction of persistent data storage
- means for fetching and storing data outside a process
 - including disks, another process, keyboard, display, etc.
 - need to name these different places
 - hierarchical naming structure
 - part of a process's extended address space



Naming Files



Directory system

- shared by all processes running on a computer
 - although each process can have a different view
 - Unix provides a means to restrict a process to a subtree
 - by redefining what "root" means for the process
- name space is outside the processes
 - a user process provides the name of a file to the OS
 - the OS returns a handle to be used to access the file
 - after it has verified that the process is allowed access along the entire path, starting from root
 - user process uses the handle to read/write the file
 - avoid access checks



Using a handle to refer to an object managed by the kernel is an important concept

handles are essentially an extension to the process's address space

can even survive execs!



The File Abstraction



Files are made larger by writing beyond their current end

Files are named by paths in a naming tree

System calls on files are synchronous

File API

open(), read(), write(), close()

- e.g., cat



File Handles (File Descriptors)

```
int fd;
char buffer[1024];
int count;
if ((fd = open("/home/bc/file", O_RDWR) == -1) {
  // the file couldn't be opened
 perror("/home/bc/file");
 exit(1);
if ((count = read(fd, buffer, 1024)) == -1) {
  // the read failed
 perror("read");
 exit(1);
// buffer now contains count bytes read from the file
  what is O RDWR?
  what does perror() do?
  cursor position in an opened file depends on what
    functions/system calls you use
    what about C++?
```

Standard File Descriptors

Standard File Descriptors

- 0 is stdin (by default, the keyboard)
- 1 is stdout (by default, the display)
- 2 is stderr (by default, the display)

```
main() {
  char buf[BUFSIZE];
  int n;
  const char *note = "Write failed\n";

while ((n = read(0, buf, sizeof(buf))) > 0)
  if (write(1, buf, n) != n) {
     (void)write(2, note, strlen(note));
     exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
  }
  return(EXIT_SUCCESS);
}
```



Back to Primes



Have our primes program write out the solution, i.e., the primes [] array

```
int nprimes;
int *prime;
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    ...
    for (i=1; i<nprimes; i++) {
        ...
    }
    if (write(1, prime, nprimes*sizeof(int)) == -1) {
        perror("primes output");
        exit(1);
    }
    return(0);
}</pre>
```

the output is not readable by human



Human-Readable Output

```
int nprimes;
int *prime;
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    ...
    for (i=1; i<nprimes; i++) {
        ...
    }
    for (i=0; i<nprimes; i++) {
        printf("%d\n", prime[i]);
    }
    return(0);
}</pre>
```



Allocation of File Descriptors



Whenever a process requests a new file descriptor, the lowest numbered file descriptor not already associated with an open file is selected; thus

```
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <unistd.h>
...
close(0);
fd = open("file", O_RDONLY);
```

 will always associate "file" with file descriptor 0 (assuming that the open succeeds)



Running It

```
if (fork() == 0) {
  /* set up file descriptor 1 in the child process */
  close(1);
  if (open("/home/bc/Output", O_WRONLY) == -1) {
    perror("/home/bc/Output");
    exit(1);
  execl("/home/bc/bin/primes", "primes", "300", 0);
  exit(1);
/* parent continues here */
while(pid != wait(0)) /* ignore the return code */
  close (1) removes file descriptor 1 from extended address
    space
  file descriptors are allocated lowest first on open ()
  extended address space survives execs
  new code is same as running
       % primes 300 > /home/bc/Output
```

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I/O Redirection

% primes 300 > /home/bc/Output

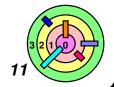


If ">" weren't there, the output would go to the display



% cat < /home/bc/Output

when the "cat" program reads from file descriptor 0, it would get the data byes from the file "/home/bc/Output"



File-Descriptor Table



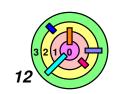
A file descriptor refers not just to a file

- it also refers to the process's current context for that file
 - includes how the file is to be accesses (how open() was invoked)
 - cursor position

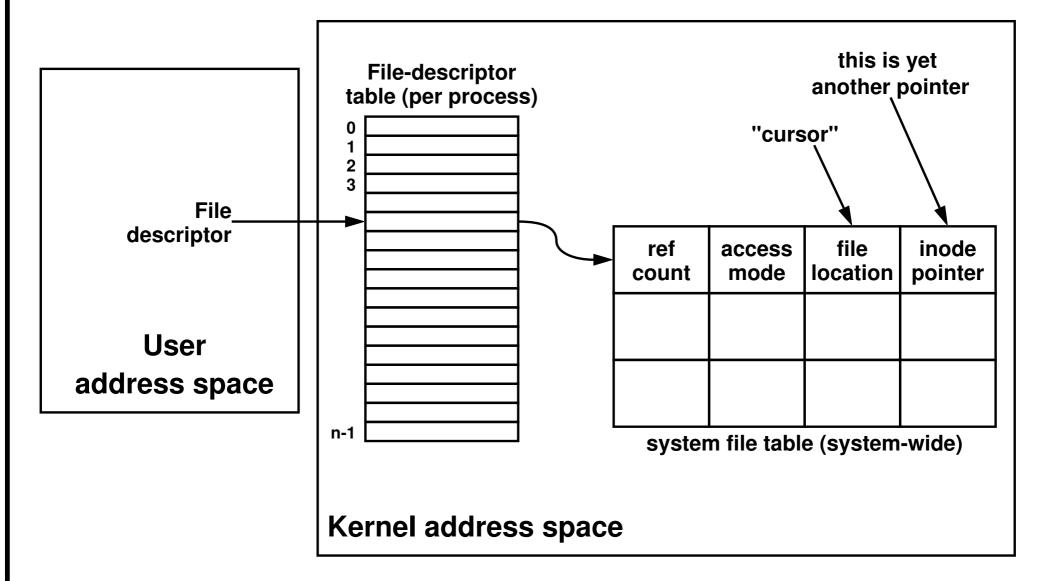


Context information must be maintained by the OS and not directly by the user program

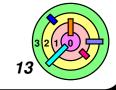
- let's say a user program opened a file with O_RDONLY
- later on it calls write() using the opened file descriptor
- how does the OS knows that it doesn't have write access?
 - stores O_RDONLY in context
- if the user program can manipulate the context, it can change O_RDONLY to O_RDWR
- therefore, user program must not have access to context!
 - all it can see is the handle
 - the handle is an index into an array maintained for the process in kernel's address space



File-Descriptor Table



- context is not stored directly into the file-descriptor table
 - one-level of indirection



```
open()
```

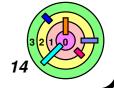
```
int fd;
fd = open("foo.txt");
char buf[512];
read(fd, buf, 100);
close(fd);
```

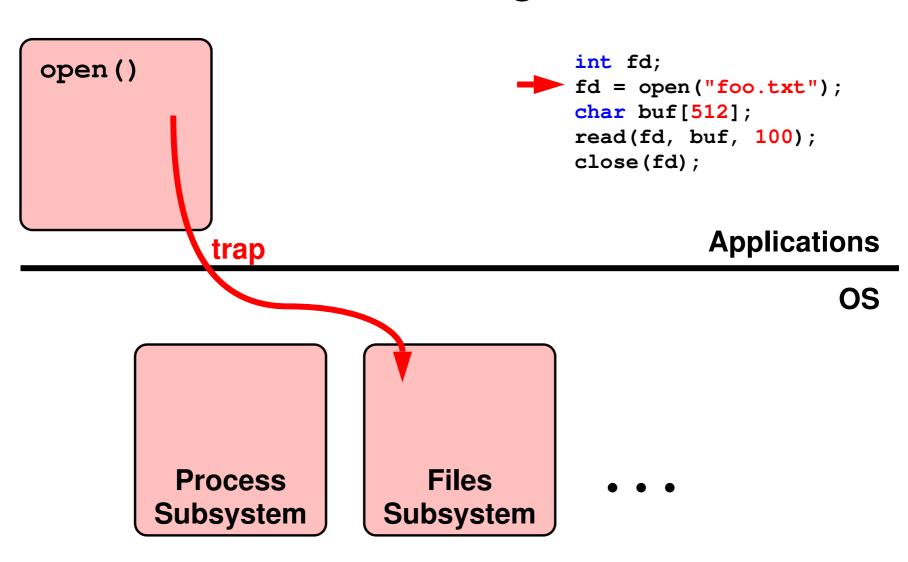
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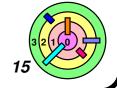
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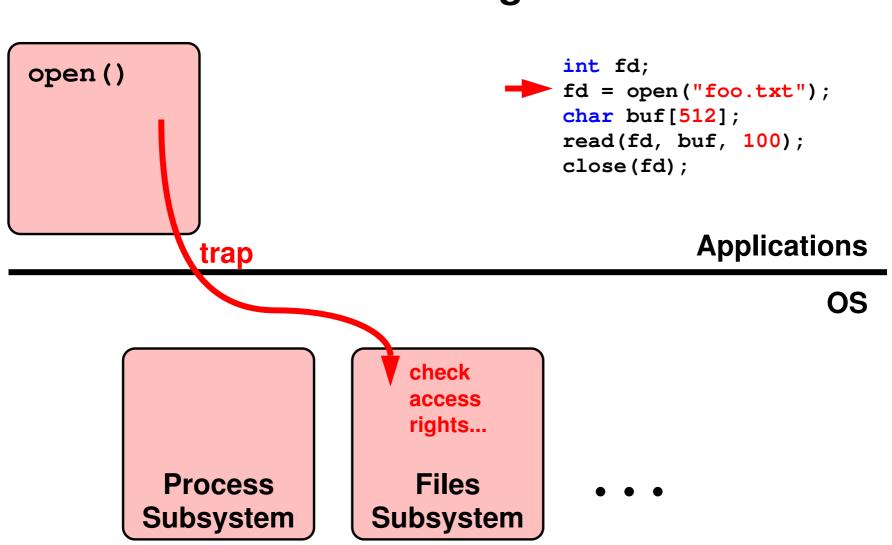
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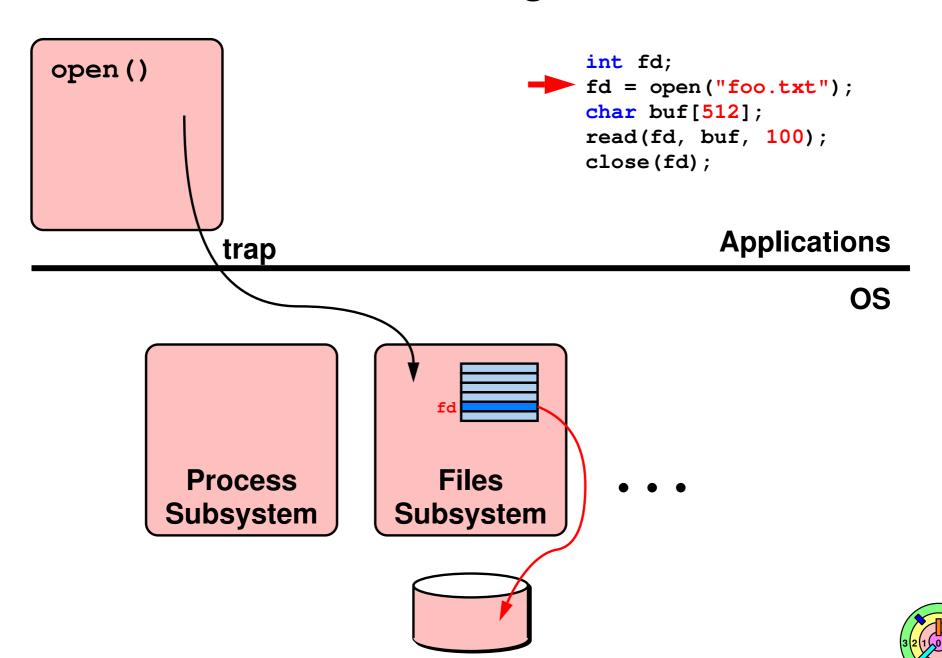


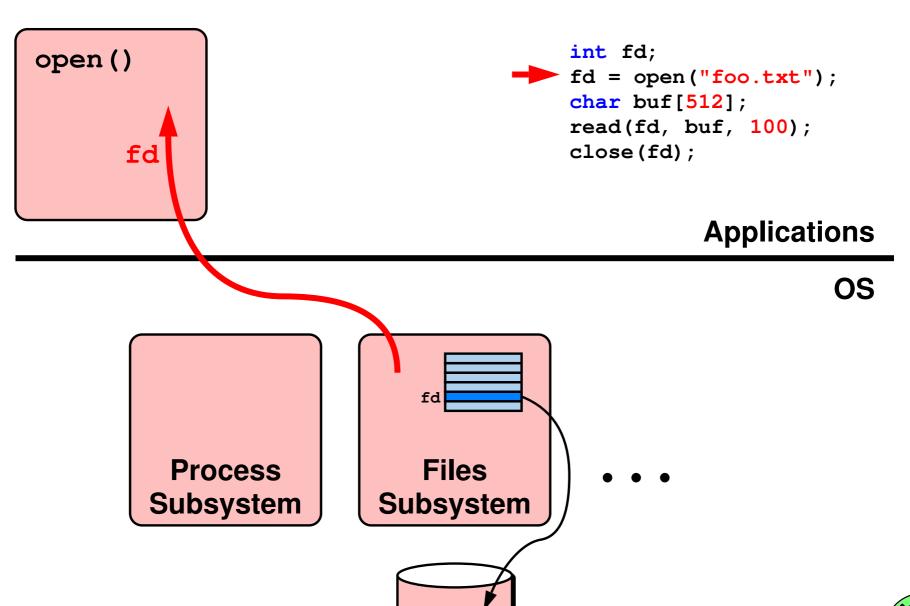


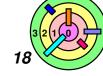


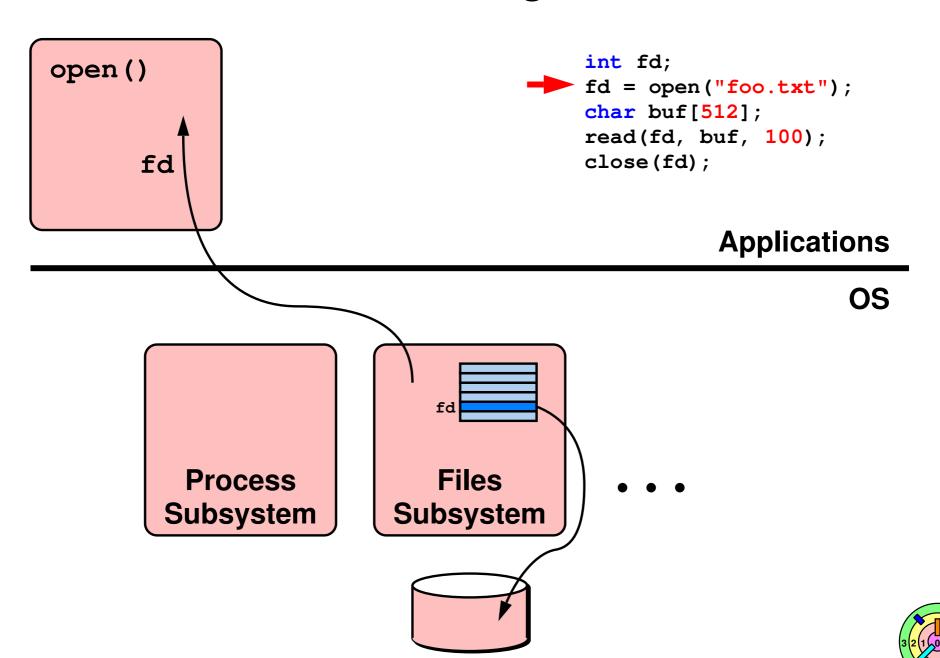










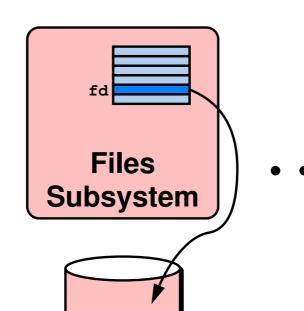


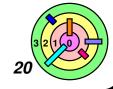
```
open()
read()
```

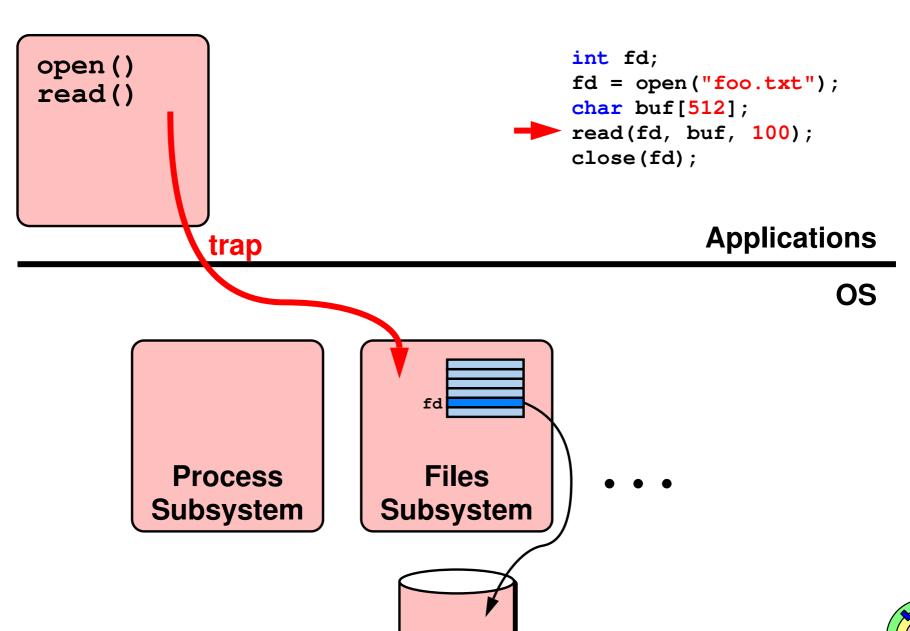
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close(fd);
```

Applications

OS







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read()
                                        char buf[512];
                                        read(fd, buf, 100);
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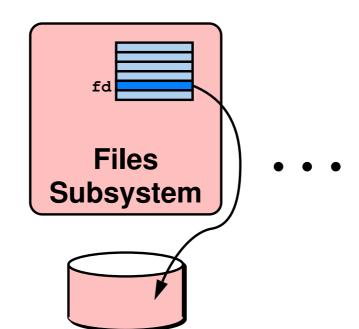


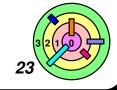
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open()
read()
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char buf[512];
read(fd, buf, 100);
close(fd);
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Applications

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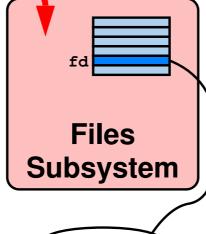


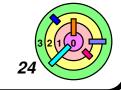


OS

Put It All Together

```
int fd;
open()
                                         fd = open("foo.txt");
read()
                                         char buf[512];
close()
                                         read(fd, buf, 100);
                                         close(fd);
                                                    Applications
             trap
```





```
open()
read()
close()
```

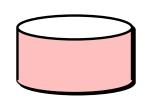
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char buf[512];
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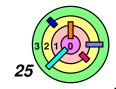
Applications

OS









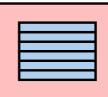
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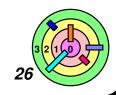
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Process Subsystem



Files Subsystem





Redirecting Output ... Twice

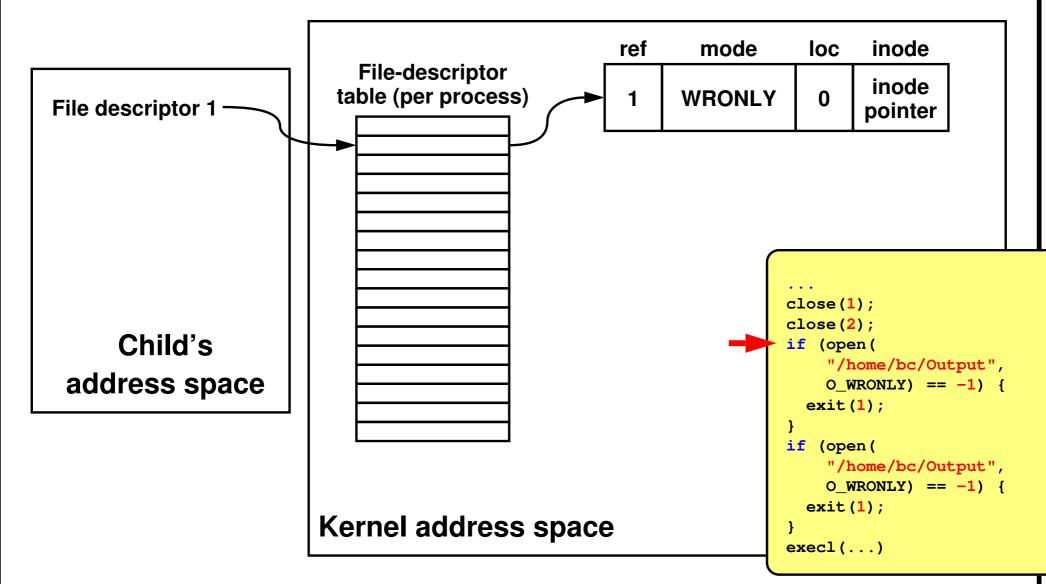
Every calls to open () creates a new entry in the system file table

```
if (fork() == 0) {
  /* set up file descriptors 1 and 2 in the child
    process */
  close(1);
 close(2);
  if (open("/home/bc/Output", O_WRONLY) == -1) {
   exit(1);
  if (open("/home/bc/Output", O_WRONLY) == -1) {
    exit(1);
  execl("/home/bc/bin/program", "program", 0);
 exit(1);
  parent continues here */
```

- stdout and stderr both go into the same file
 - would it cause any problem?

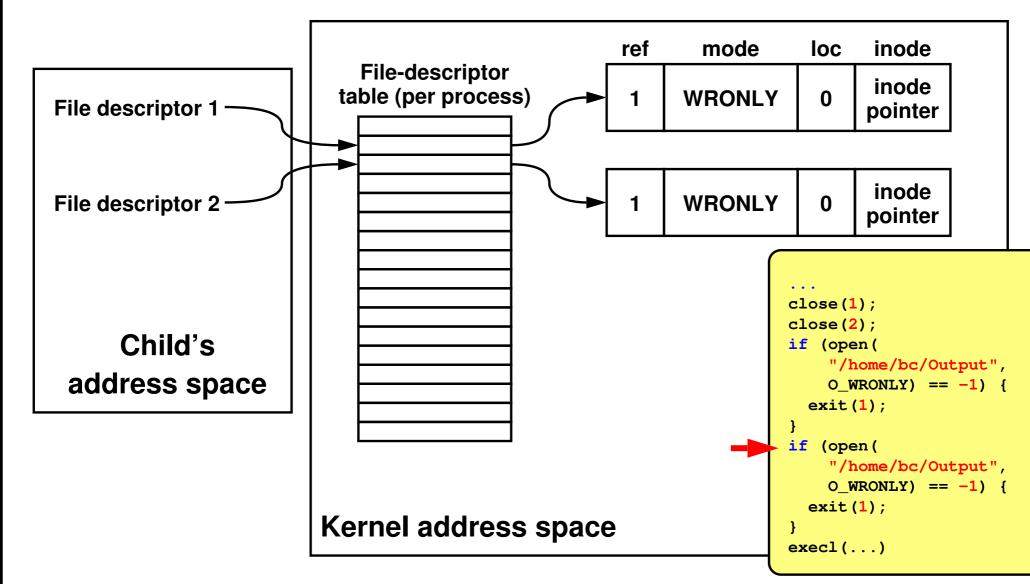


Redirected Output



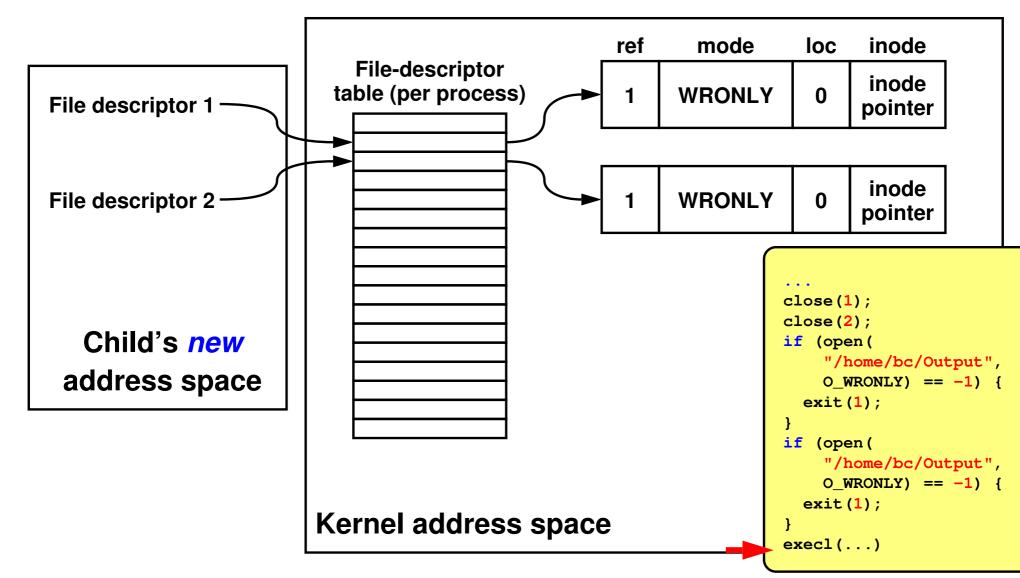


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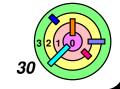




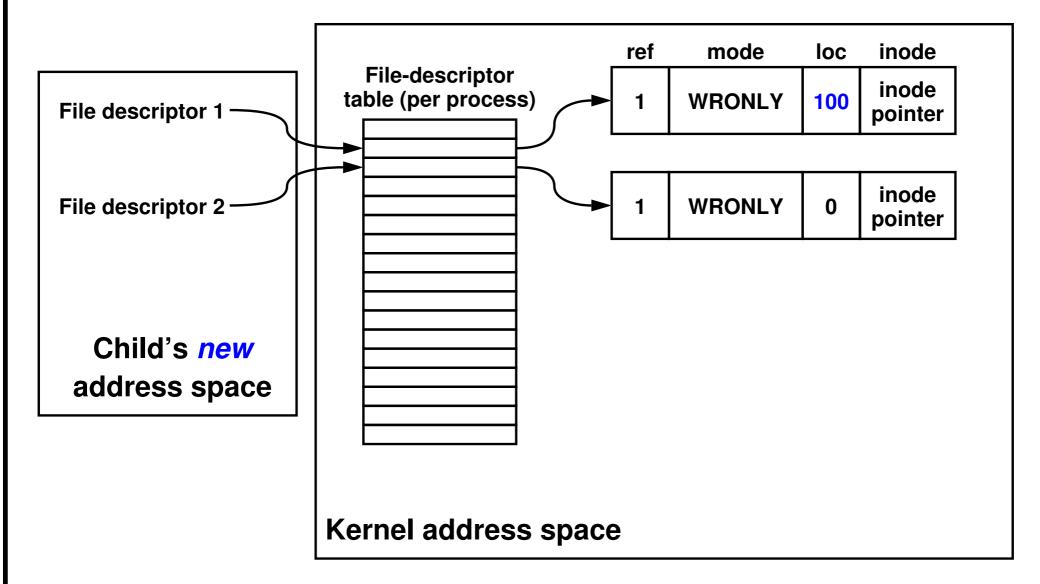
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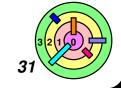
remember, extended address space survives execs



Redirected Output After Writing 100 Bytes



- write() to fd=2 will wipe out data in the first 100 bytes
 - that may not be the intent



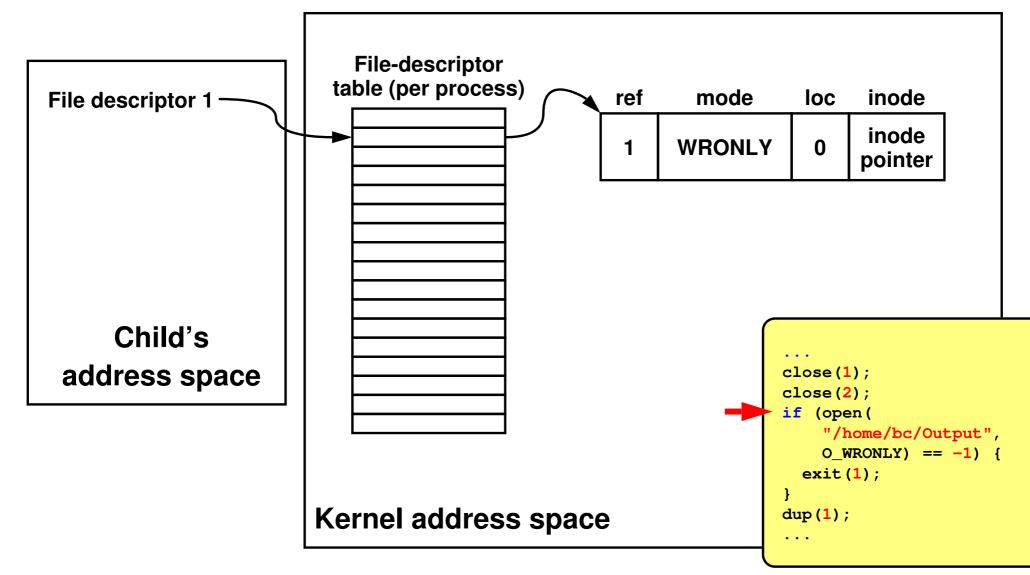
Sharing Context Information

```
if (fork() == 0) {
  /* set up file descriptors 1 and 2 in the child
   process */
 close(1);
 close(2);
  if (open("/home/bc/Output", O_WRONLY) == -1) {
     exit(1);
 dup(1);
  execl("/home/bc/bin/program", "program", 0);
 exit(1);
/* parent continues here */
```

- use the dup () system call to share context information
 - if that's what you want

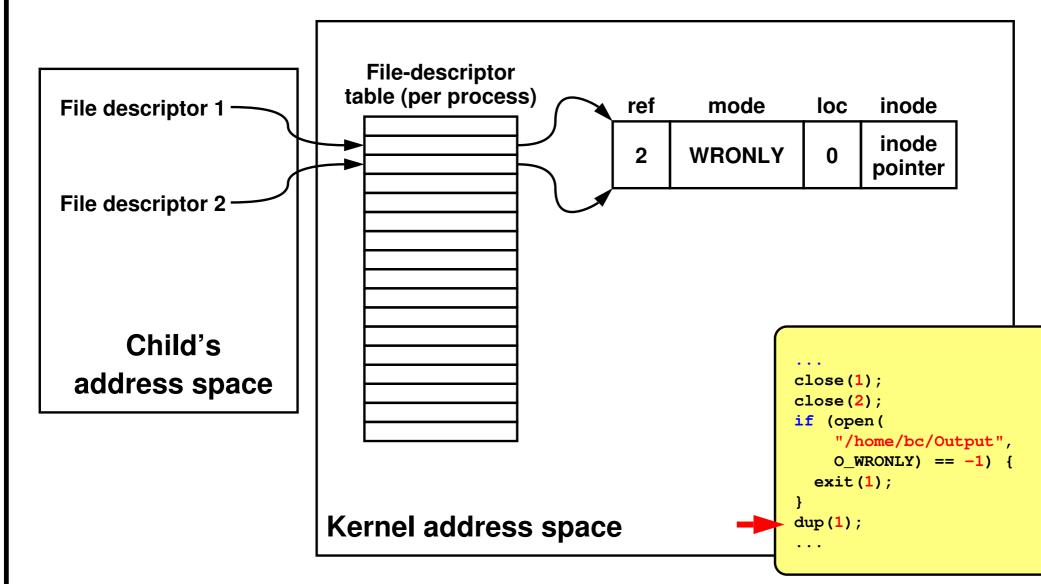


Redirected Output After Dup





Redirected Output After Dup





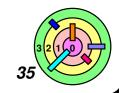
Fork and File Descriptors



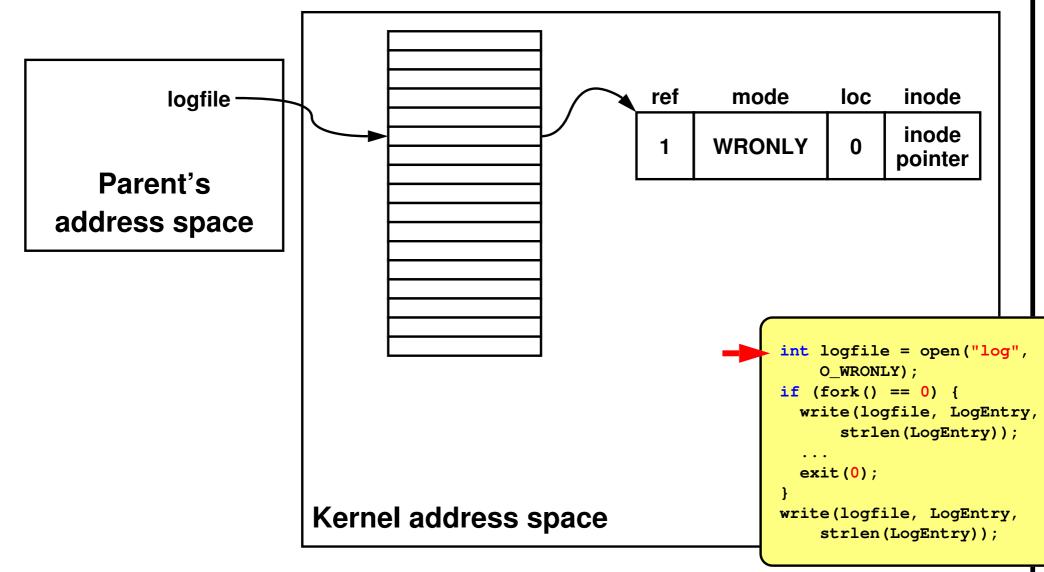
When fork() is called, the child process gets a *copy* of the parent's file descriptor table

```
int logfile = open("log", O_WRONLY);
if (fork() == 0) {
    /* child process computes something, then does: */
    write(logfile, LogEntry, strlen(LogEntry));
    ...
    exit(0);
}
/* parent process computes something, then does: */
write(logfile, LogEntry, strlen(LogEntry));
...
```

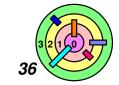
- remember, extended address space survives execs
 - also fork()



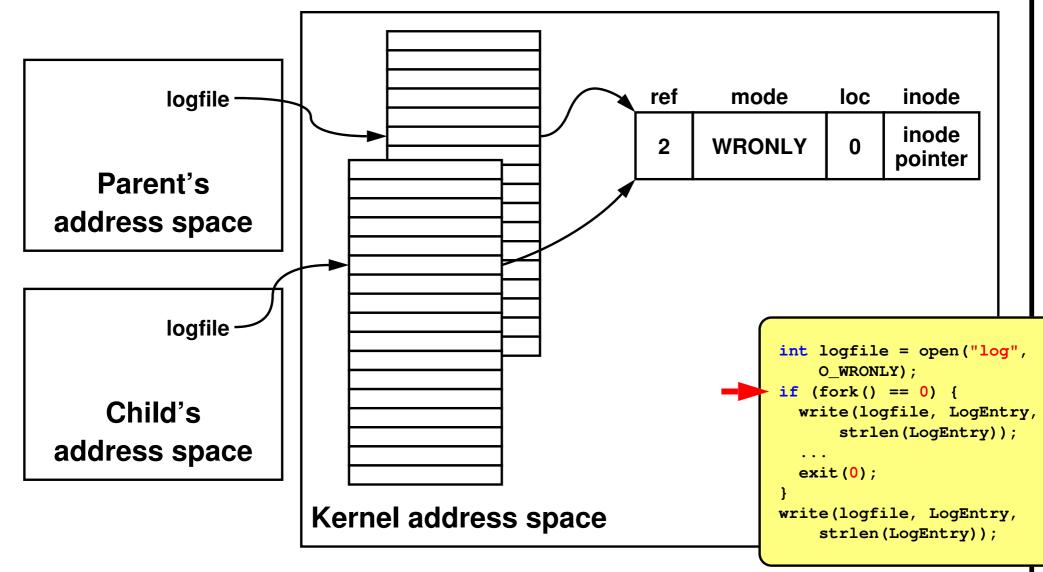
File Descriptors After Fork

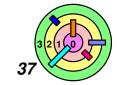


 parent and child processes get separate file descriptor table but share extended address space



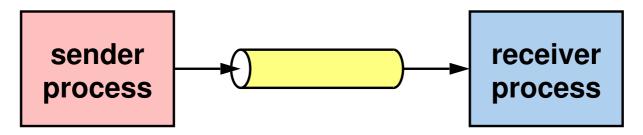
File Descriptors After Fork







A pipe is a means for one process to send data to another directly, as if it were writing to a file



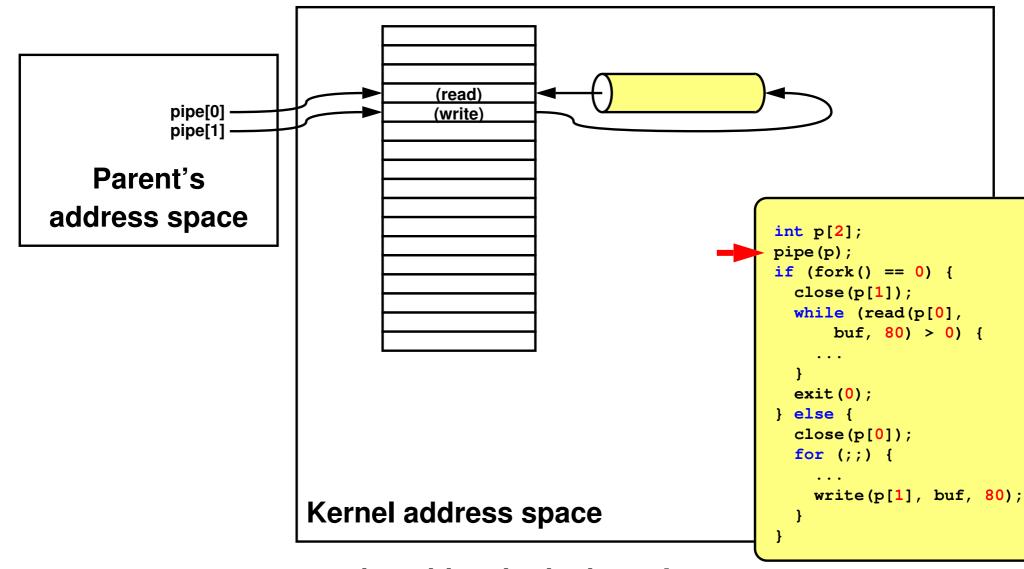
- the sending process behaves as if it has a file descriptor to a file that has been opened for writing
- the receiving process behaves as if it has a file descriptor to a file that has been opened for reading



- The pipe () system call creates a pipe object in the kernel and returns (via an output parameter) the two file descriptors that refer to the pipe
- one, set for write-only, refers to the input side
- the other, set for read-only, refers to the output side
- a pipe has no name, cannot be passed to another process

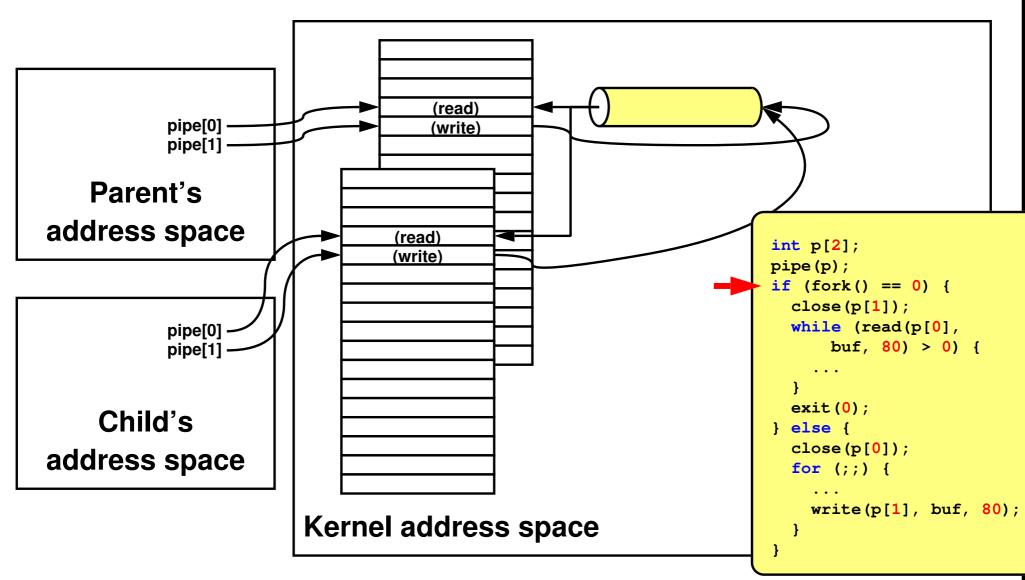


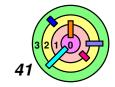
```
int p[2]; // array to hold pipe's file descriptors
pipe(p); // creates a pipe, assume no errors
  // p[0] refers to the read/output end of the pipe
  // p[1] refers to the write/input end of the pipe
if (fork() == 0) {
  char buf[80];
  close(p[1]); // not needed by the child
  while (read(p[0], buf, 80) > 0) {
    // use data obtained from parent
  exit(0); // child done
} else {
  char buf[80];
  close(p[0]); // not needed by the parent
  for (;;) {
    // prepare data for child
   write(p[1], buf, 80);
```

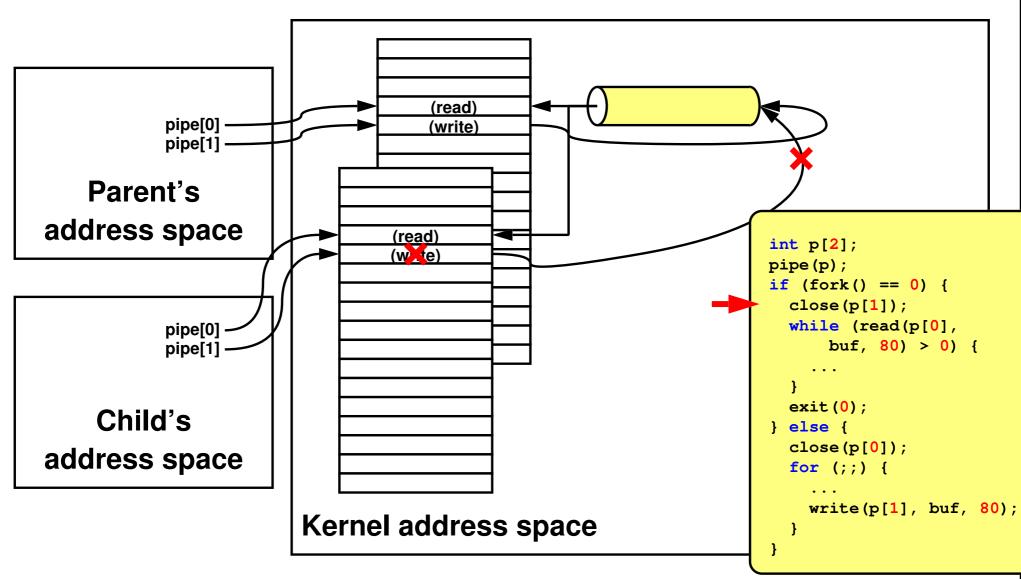


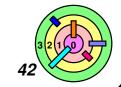
parent creates a pipe object in the kernel

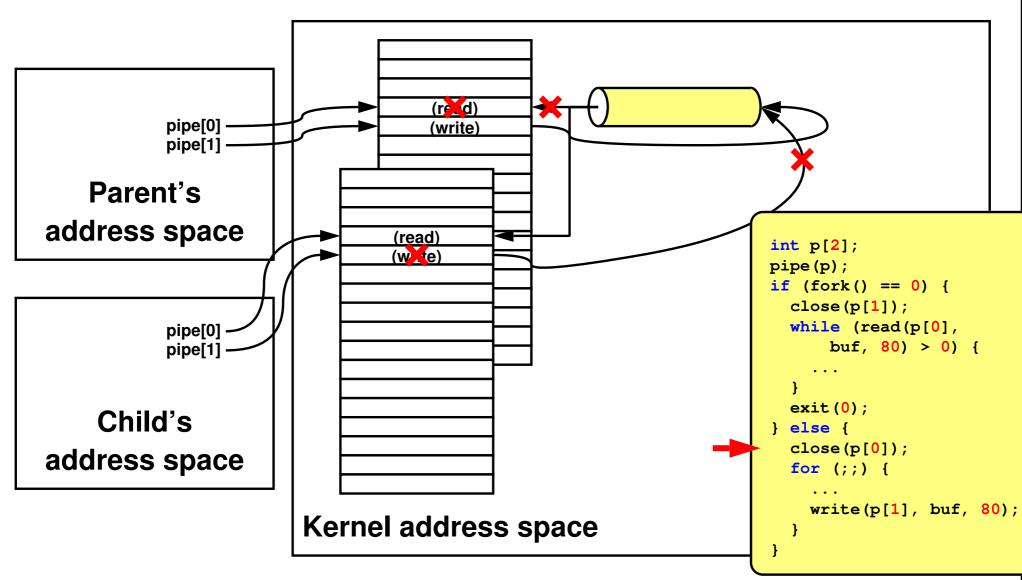


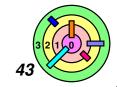


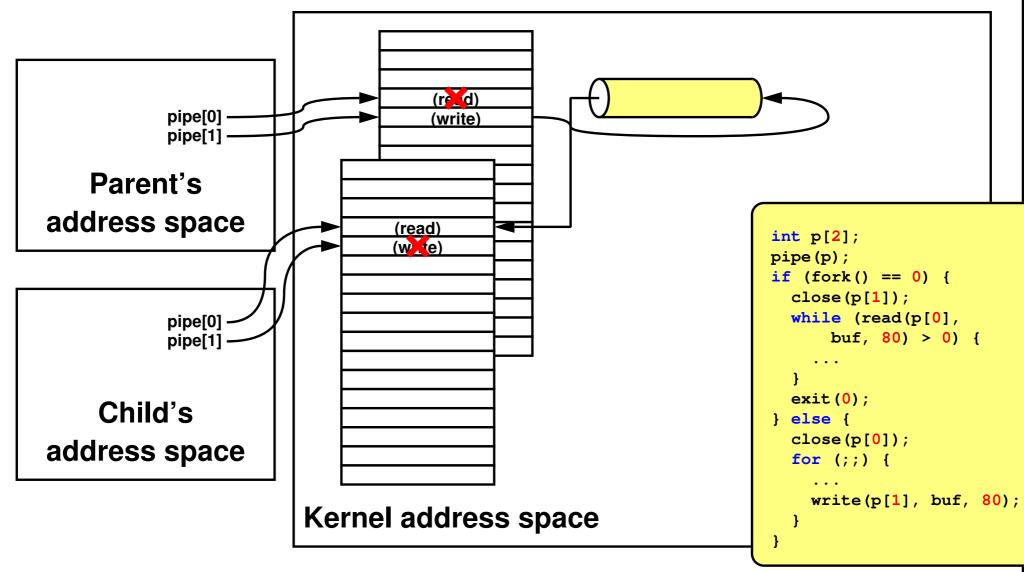




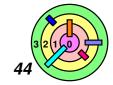








parent closes the read-end of the pipe child closes the write-end of the pipe



Command Shell



Now you know enough to write a command shell

- execute a command
- redirect I/O
- pipe the output of one program to another

```
cat f0 | ./warmup1 sort
```

- the shell needs to create a pipe
- create two child processes
- in the first child
 - have stdout go to the write-end of the pipe
 - close the read-end of the pipe
 - exec "cat f0"
- in the 2nd child
 - have stdin come from the read-end of the pipe
 - close the write-end of the pipe
 - exec"./warmup1 sort"
- run a program in the background

```
primes 1000000 > primes.out &
```

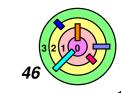


Random Access

```
fd = open("textfile", O_RDONLY);
// go to last char in file
fptr = lseek(fd, (off_t)(-1), SEEK_END);
while (fptr != -1) {
  read(fd, buf, 1);
  write(1, buf, 1);
  fptr = lseek(fd, (off_t)(-2), SEEK_CUR);
}

= "man lseek" gives
  off_t lseek(int fd, off_t offset, int whence);
```

- whence can be SEEK SET, SEEK CUR, SEEK END
- if succeeds, returns cursor position (always measured from the beginning of the file)
 - otherwise, returns (-1)
 - errno is set to indicate the error
- read(fd,buf,1) advances the cursor position by 1, so we need to move the cursor position back 2 positions



More On Naming

(Almost) everything has a path name

- files
- directories
- devices (known as special files)
- keyboards
- displays
- disks
- etc.

Uniformity

```
// opening a normal file
int file = open("/home/bc/data", O_RDWR);

// opening a device (one's terminal or window)
int device = open("/dev/tty", O_RDWR);

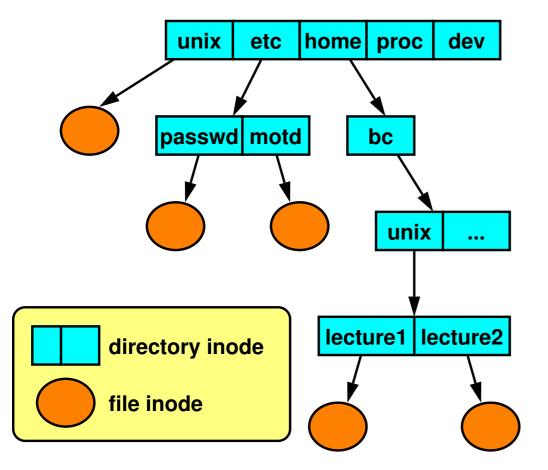
int bytes = read(file, buffer, sizeof(buffer));
write(device, buffer, bytes);
```

Directories



A directory is a file

- interprets differently by the OS as containing references to other files/directories
- a file is represented as an index node (or inode) in the file system



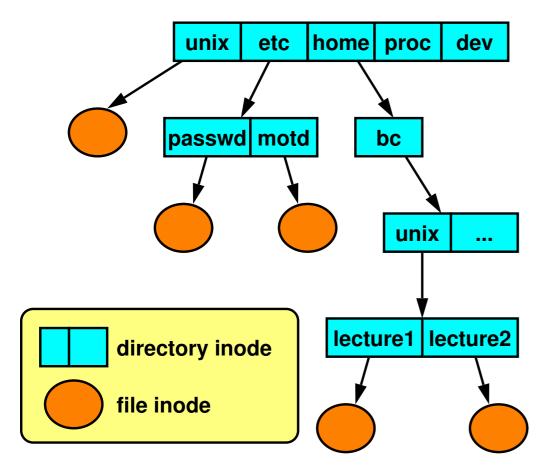
- A directory maps a file name to an inode number
 - maps a string to an integer
 - done inside Virtual File System in weenix
- An *inode* maps an *inode* number to sectors on disk
 - done inside Actual File System in weenix

Directory Representation



A root directory entry example

parent inode number = its own inode number



Component	Inode	
Name	number	
directory entry		

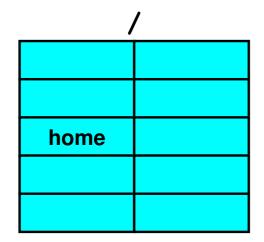
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etc	4
home	18
proc	36
dev	93

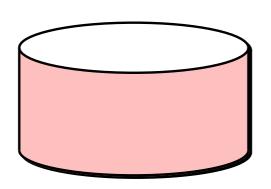
this is what a S5FS directory looks like in weenix

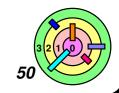


Tree structured hierarchy

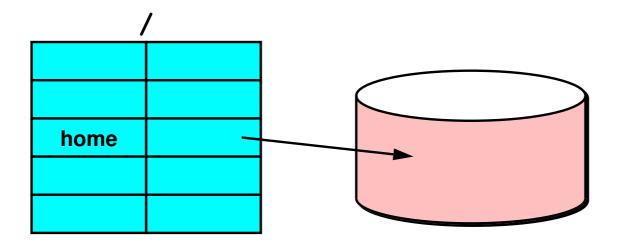






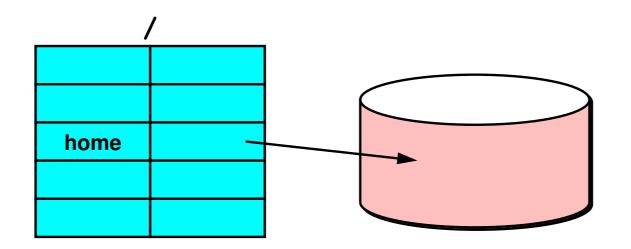


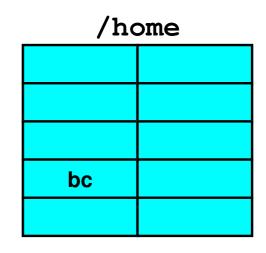






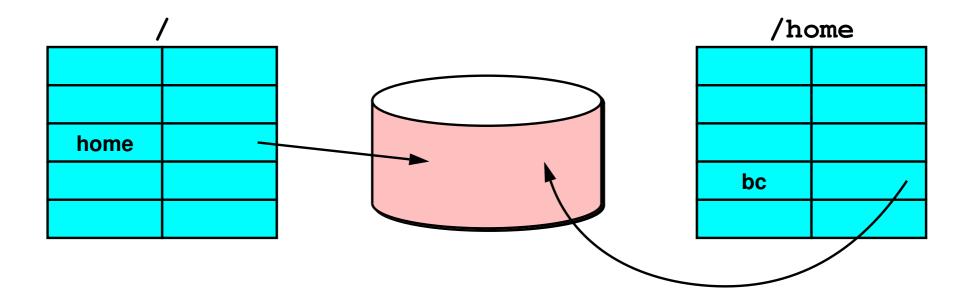






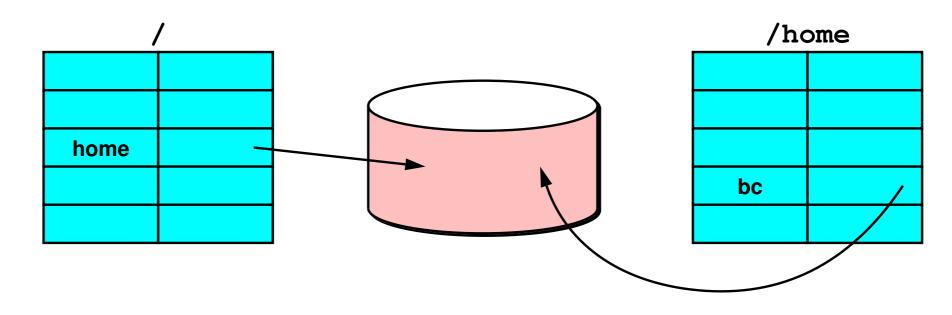


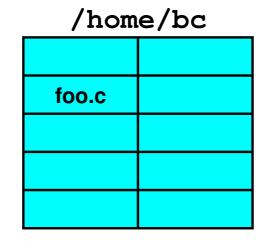


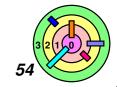




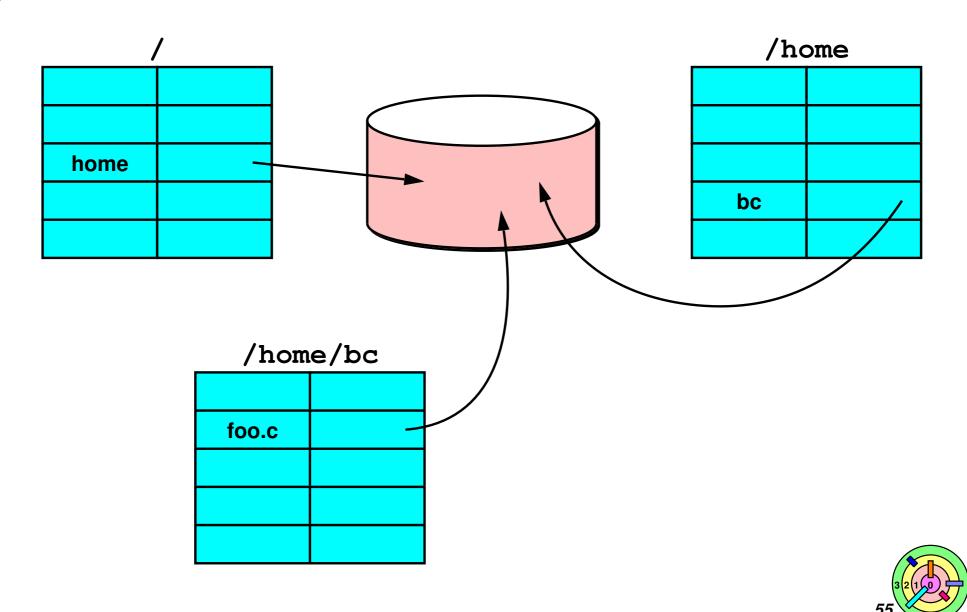












Directory Hierarchy



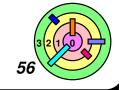
Unix and many other OSes allow limited deviation from trees

- hard links
 - reference to a *file* (not a directory) in one directory that also appears in another
 - using the link() system call or the "In" shell command
- soft links or symbolic links
 - a special kind of *file* containing the *name* of another file or directory
 - using the symlink() system call or the "In -s" shell command



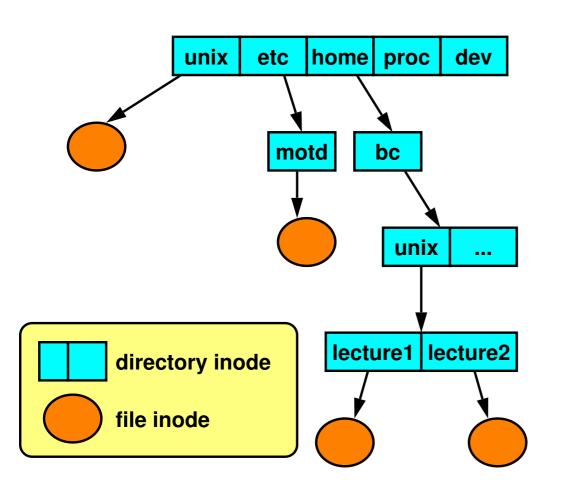
Why hard link cannot be used on a directory?

- to avoid cycles
- Unix directory hierarchy can be viewed as a directed acyclic graph (DAG)
 - can be traversed efficiently



Hard Links

% ln /unix /etc/image

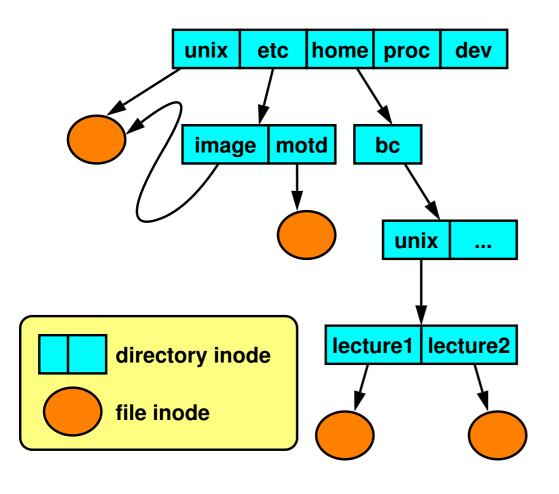


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Hard Links

% ln /unix /etc/image



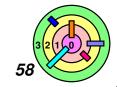
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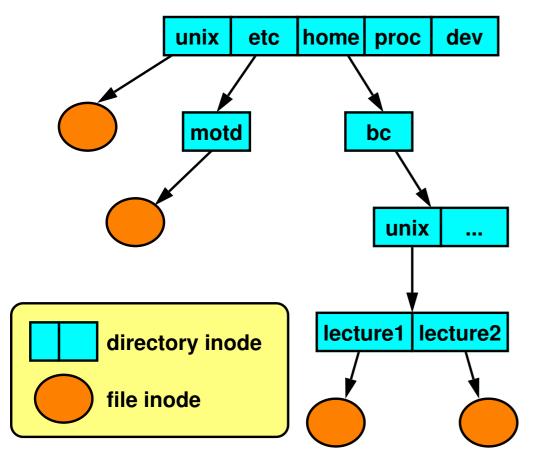
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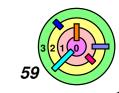
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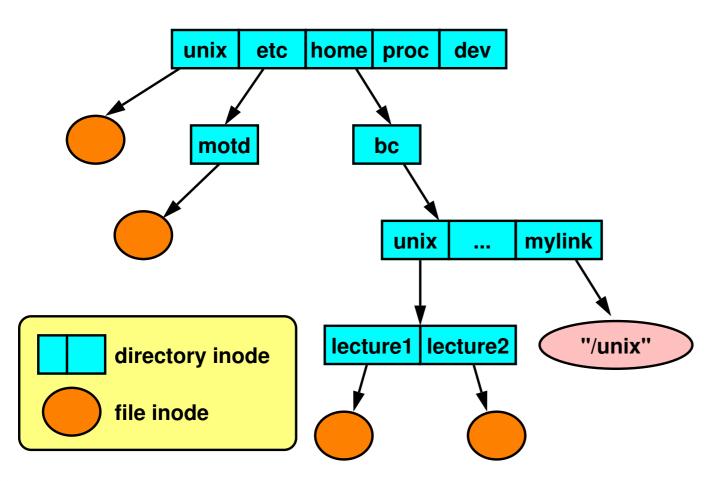
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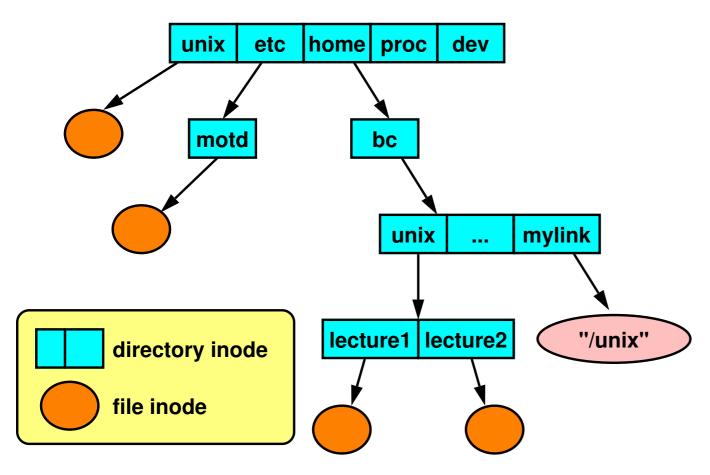
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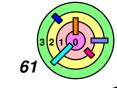




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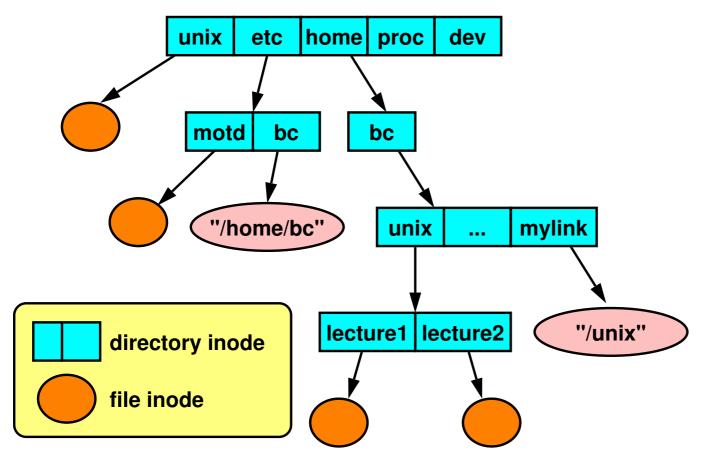
- % ln -s /unix /home/bc/mylink
- % ln -s /home/bc /etc/bc





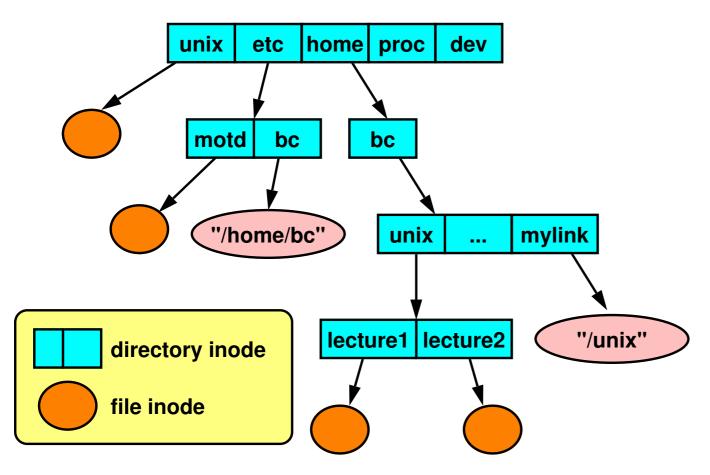
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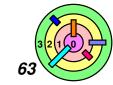
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- % ln -s /home/bc /etc/bc





- % ls -l /etc/bc/unix/lecture1
 - same as "ls -l /home/bc/unix/lecture1", or is it?
 - yes for the "root" account, may be no for the "bc" account
 - see "access protection"





Working Directory



Maintained in kernel for each process

- paths not starting from "/" start with the working directory
- get by using the getcwd() system call
- set by using the chdir() system call
- displayed (via shell) using "pwd"



Access Protection



- OS needs to make sure that only authorized processes are allowed access to system resources
- various ways to provide this



- Unix (and many other systems, such as Windows) associates with files some indication of which *security principals* are allowed access
- along with what sort of access is allowed



- A security principal is normally a user or group of users
- a "user" can be an identity used by processes performing system functions
- each running process can have several security principals associated with it
 - all processes have a user identification and a set of group identifications
 - for Sixth-Edition Unix, only one user ID and one group ID

Access Protection



Each file has associated with it a set of access permissions

- there are 3 classes of security principals:
 - user: owner of the file
 - group: group owner of the file
 - others: everyone else
- for each of the 3 classes of principals, specify what sorts of operations on the file are allowed
- the operations are grouped into 3 classes:
 - read: can read a file or directory
 - write: can write a file or directory
 - execute: one must have execute permission for a directory in order to follow a path through it



Rules for checking permissions

- 1) determines the *smallest class of principals the requester* belongs to (user being smallest and others being largest)
- 2) then it checks for appropriate permissions with that

```
% 1s -1R
total 2
drwxr-x--x 2 bill
                   \mathsf{adm}
                             1024 Dec 17 13:34 A
                             1024 Dec 17 13:34 B
drwxr---- 2 bill
                   \operatorname{\mathsf{adm}}
./A:
total 1
-rw-rw-rw- 1 bill adm
                             593 Dec 17 13:34 x
./B:
total 2
                             446 Dec 17 13:34 x
-r--rw-rw- 1 bill adm
                              446 Dec 17 13:45 y
-rw---rw- 1 trina adm
```



Suppose that bill and trina are members of the adm group and andy is not

1) Q: May andy list the contents of directory A?



```
% 1s -1R
total 2
drwxr-x-x 2 bill
                   \mathsf{adm}
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drwxr---- 2 bill
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./A:
total 1
-rw-rw-rw- 1 bill adm
                             593 Dec 17 13:34 x
./B:
total 2
-r--rw-rw- 1 bill adm
                             446 Dec 17 13:34 x
-rw---rw- 1 trina adm
                              446 Dec 17 13:45 y
```



Suppose that bill and trina are members of the adm group and andy is not

1) Q: May andy list the contents of directory A?

A: No



```
% ls -1R
total 2
drwxr-x-x 2 bill
                  \mathsf{adm}
                           1024 Dec 17 13:34 A
                           1024 Dec 17 13:34 B
drwxr---- 2 bill
                  adm
./A:
total 1
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./B:
total 2
-r--rw-rw- 1 bill adm
                           446 Dec 17 13:34 x
-rw---rw- 1 trina adm
                           446 Dec 17 13:45 y
```



Suppose that bill and trina are members of the adm group and andy is not

2) Q: May andy read A/x?



```
% ls -1R
total 2
drwxr-x-x 2 bill
                  \mathsf{adm}
                           1024 Dec 17 13:34 A
                           1024 Dec 17 13:34 B
drwxr---- 2 bill
                  adm
./A:
total 1
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total 2
-r--rw-rw- 1 bill adm
                           446 Dec 17 13:34 x
-rw---rw- 1 trina adm
                            446 Dec 17 13:45 y
```



Suppose that bill and trina are members of the adm group and andy is not

2) Q: May andy read A/x?

A: Yes



```
% ls -1R
total 2
drwxr-x--x 2 bill
                 \mathsf{adm}
                          1024 Dec 17 13:34 A
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drwxr---- 2 bill
                 adm
./A:
total 1
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                           593 Dec 17 13:34 x
./B:
total 2
-r--rw-rw- 1 bill adm
                           446 Dec 17 13:34 x
-rw---rw- 1 trina adm
                           446 Dec 17 13:45 y
```



Suppose that bill and trina are members of the adm group and andy is not

3) Q: May trina list the contents of directory B?



```
% 1s -1R
total 2
drwxr-x--x 2 bill
                   \mathsf{adm}
                            1024 Dec 17 13:34 A
                            1024 Dec 17 13:34 B
drwxr 2 bill
                  \operatorname{\mathsf{adm}}
./A:
total 1
-rw-rw-rw- 1 bill adm
                             593 Dec 17 13:34 x
./B:
total 2
-r--rw-rw- 1 bill adm
                             446 Dec 17 13:34 x
-rw---rw- 1 trina adm
                             446 Dec 17 13:45 y
```



Suppose that bill and trina are members of the adm group and andy is not

3) Q: May trina list the contents of directory B?

A: Yes



```
% ls -1R
total 2
drwxr-x-x 2 bill
                  \mathsf{adm}
                            1024 Dec 17 13:34 A
                            1024 Dec 17 13:34 B
drwxr---- 2 bill
                  \mathsf{adm}
./A:
total 1
                            593 Dec 17 13:34 x
-rw-rw-rw- 1 bill adm
./B:
total 2
-r--rw-rw- 1 bill adm
                            446 Dec 17 13:34 x
-rw---rw- 1 trina adm
                            446 Dec 17 13:45 y
```



Suppose that bill and trina are members of the adm group and andy is not

4) Q: May trina modify B/y?



```
% ls -1R
total 2
drwxr-x-x 2 bill
                   \mathsf{adm}
                             1024 Dec 17 13:34 A
                             1024 Dec 17 13:34 B
drwxr---- 2 bill
                   \operatorname{\mathsf{adm}}
./A:
total 1
-rw-rw-rw- 1 bill adm
                             593 Dec 17 13:34 x
./B:
total 2
-r--rw-rw- 1 bill adm
                             446 Dec 17 13:34 x
-rw---rw- 1 trina adm
                              446 Dec 17 13:45 y
```



Suppose that bill and trina are members of the adm group and andy is not

4) Q: May trina modify B/y?

A: No



```
% ls -1R
total 2
drwxr-x-x 2 bill
                  \mathsf{adm}
                           1024 Dec 17 13:34 A
                           1024 Dec 17 13:34 B
drwxr---- 2 bill
                  adm
./A:
total 1
                           593 Dec 17 13:34 x
-rw-rw-rw- 1 bill adm
./B:
total 2
-r--rw-rw- 1 bill adm
                           446 Dec 17 13:34 x
-rw---rw- 1 trina adm
                           446 Dec 17 13:45 y
```



Suppose that bill and trina are members of the adm group and andy is not

5) Q: May bill modify B/x?



```
% ls -1R
total 2
drwxr-x-x 2 bill
                      \mathsf{adm}
                                  1024 Dec 17 13:34 A
                                  1024 Dec 17 13:34 B
drwxr---- 2 bill
                      \operatorname{\mathsf{adm}}
./A:
total 1
-rw-rw-rw- 1 bill adm
                                  593 Dec 17 13:34 x
./B:
total 2
-\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}w-\mathbf{r}w-\mathbf{v}-\mathbf{v} 1 bill adm
                                  446 Dec 17 13:34 x
-rw---rw- 1 trina adm
                                   446 Dec 17 13:45 y
```



Suppose that bill and trina are members of the adm group and andy is not

5) Q: May bill modify B/x?

A: No



```
% ls -1R
total 2
drwxr-x-x 2 bill
                  \mathsf{adm}
                           1024 Dec 17 13:34 A
                           1024 Dec 17 13:34 B
drwxr---- 2 bill
                 adm
./A:
total 1
-rw-rw-rw- 1 bill adm
                           593 Dec 17 13:34 x
./B:
total 2
-r--rw-rw- 1 bill adm
                           446 Dec 17 13:34 x
-rw---rw- 1 trina adm
                           446 Dec 17 13:45 y
```



Suppose that bill and trina are members of the adm group and andy is not

6) Q: May bill read B/y?



```
% ls -1R
total 2
drwxr-x-x 2 bill
                  \mathsf{adm}
                           1024 Dec 17 13:34 A
drwxr---- 2 bill
                           1024 Dec 17 13:34 B
                  \mathsf{adm}
./A:
total 1
-rw-rw-rw- 1 bill adm
                            593 Dec 17 13:34 x
./B:
total 2
-r--rw-rw- 1 bill adm
                            446 Dec 17 13:34 x
-rw---rw- 1 trina adm
                            446 Dec 17 13:45 y
```



Suppose that bill and trina are members of the adm group and andy is not

6) Q: May bill read B/y?

A: No



Open

```
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/stat.h>
#include <fcntl.h>
int open(const char *path, int options [, mode_t mode])
```



options

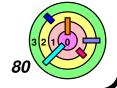
- O_RDONLY open for reading only
- O_WRONLY open for writing only
- O_RDWR open for reading and writing
- O_APPEND set the file offset to end of file prior to each write
- O_CREAT if the file does not exist, then create it, setting its mode to mode adjusted by umask
- O_EXCL: if O_EXCL and O_CREAT are set, then open fails
 if the file exists
- O_TRUNC delete any previous contents of the file
- O_NONBLOCK don't wait if I/O cannot be done immediately



Setting File Permissions

```
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/stat.h>
int chmod(const char *path, mode_t mode)
```

- sets the file permissions of the given file to those specified in mode
- only the owner of a file and the superuser may change its permissions
- nine combinable possibilities for mode (read/write/execute for user, group, and others)
- S_IRUSR (0400), S_IWUSR (0200), S_IXUSR (0100)
- S_IRGRP (040), S_IWGRP (020), S_IXGRP (010)
- S_IROTH (04), S_IWOTH (02), S_IXOTH (01)
 - o note: numeric prefix of 0 means the number is in octal format



Creating a File



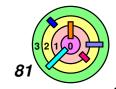
Use either open or creat

- open(const char *pathname, int flags, mode_t mode)
 - flags must include O_CREAT
- creat(const char *pathname, mode_t mode)
- open is preferred



The mode parameter helps specify the permissions of the newly created file

permissions = mode & ~umask



Umask



Standard programs create files with "maximum needed permissions" as *mode*

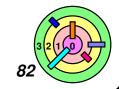
compilers: 0777

- editors: 0666



Per-process parameter, *umask*, used to *turn off* undesired permission bits

- e.g., turn off all permissions for others, write permission for group: set umask to 027
- \rightarrow compilers: permissions = 0777 & \sim (027) = 0750
- editors: permissions = 0666 & ~ (027) = 0640
- set with umask() system call or (usually) umask shell command



1.4 Beyond A Simple OS





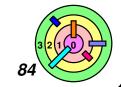


What Else?



Beyond Sixth-Edition Unix (1975)

- multiple threads per process
 - how is the process model affected?
- virtual memory
 - in Sixth-Edition Unix, all currently running process had to fit into the computer's memory at once, along with the OS
 - virtual memory separates the address space from physical resources
- name everything using directory-system path names
 - e.g., /proc
- security
 - Unix solution is pretty elegant
 - new types of requirement such as permissions to add new software, perform backups, etc.





What Else?



New functionalities

- networking
 - much is beyond the scope of this class
- interactive, multimedia user interface
 - make sure interactive user receives excellent response
- software complexity
 - o in Sixth-Edition Unix, to add a new device you need to:
 - write a "device driver" to handle the device
 - modify OS source code by adding references to the driver to a few tables
 - recompile the OS and reboot your computer
 - plug-and-play is desirable
 - need to support dynamic linking of modules into a running system
 - microkernel
 - how much of the OS functionality can be moved out of the kernel?



