CS241 #34 - Disks & Signals

> Solid State Drives/Solid State Disks (SSD)s

NAND Flash. Use quantum tunneling through an insulator to write/erase! Limited number of erasures. No moving parts.

Requires separate controller:

Error-correcting code (ECC), Bad block mapping

Block erasing, Wear leveling

Read and write caching, Garbage collection, Encryption

Very fast random access & throughput. Can be limited by bus speeds. e.g. SATAIII speeds 6Gbit/s (600MB/s bus)

Benchmarks measure 'IOPs'

SLC (Single bit per cell); 100K writes per cell MLC Multilevel cell (2bits); 10K writes per cell

TLC Triple level (3bits per cell); consumer grade; 3-5K writes per cell

Actuator

> Spinning disks

Cylinders. Platters. Heads.

Two common rotational speeds

5400 & 7200rpm.

7200rpm = revolutions per

second

How many milliseconds for one revolution?

Access time?

Average seek time $\sim 10 ms$ (but seeking to next track $\sim 1 ms$).

Average rotational latency.

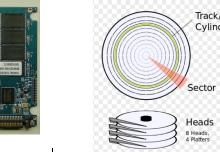
Tiny contributions:

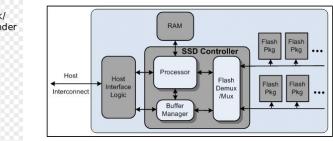
Command processing time (0.003ms)

Head settling time (0.1ms)

IOPs?

Image attrib://www.usenix.org/legacy/event/usenix08/tech/full papers/agrawal/agrawal html/index.html





> Signals

For more information man -s7 signal

Can signals be queued?

Signal terminology.

Generated

Pending?

Blocked

Delivered

Caught

Spindle

Platters

Disposition

Signal disposition per thread or per process?

Signal disposition after fork?

after exec?

What is signal masking?

When would I use sigprocmask?

When would I use pthread sigmask?

So which thread will get the signal?

What are Pending signals?

From man -s7 signal

"A child created via fork(2) initially has an empty pending signal set; the pending signal set is preserved across an execve(2)."

Sending signals? pthread_kill raise kill

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Catching signals?
sigwait
signalfd
signal
sigaction
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Demo: Write a program that demonstrates sigprocmask to block and then unblock a signal.

What's wrong with signal?

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How do I use sigaction?

int sigaction(int sig, struct sigaction *act, struct sigaction *oldact);

struct sigaction {

void (*sa_handler)(int);

void (*sa_sigaction)(int, siginfo_t *, void *);

sigset_t sa_mask;

int sa_flags;
};
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struct sigaction sa;
sa.sa_handler = handler;
sigemptyset(&sa.sa_mask); //Also sigfillset
sa.sa_flags = SA_RESTART; /* Restart functions if
interrupted by handler */
sigaction(SIGINT, &sa, NULL)
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How do we complete and fix this code to catch SIGCHILD ? (hint
WNOHANG and a while loop will be useful here)

int dezombify(int signal) {
   int status;
   pid_t child;
   child = waitpid(-1, &status, _____);
}

struct sigaction sa;
sa.sa_handler = _____;
sig____ (____);
sa.sa_flags = sigaction(_____, &sa, NULL)
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How do I set a threads mask? Why would I want to?

int pthread_sigmask(int how, sigset_t *set, sigset_t *oldset);
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What happens to the new thread during pthread_create to *pending* signals and the thread's signal mask?