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Goals

- Provide the five basic file I/O functions to access disk space inside a disk partition, which is contained in a VDI file.
- Create a structure or class to contain the data necessary to implement the five functions.

Details

As with the lower-level VDI file, you'll want to set up a basic structure or class to hold the data necessary to work with partitions. The necessary data can take one of two forms — either a pointer to an opened VDI file and a partition table entry, or the VDI file pointer, the start location of the partition within the disk and the size of the partition in bytes.

Pro tip: I use the latter option, you only have to do the calculations once.

Wikipedia has a good article on Master Boot Records (MBRs) at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Master_boot_record; it has all of the information you need to extract the necessary data for this step.

In addition to the structure, you'll need to implement the five basic file I/O functions:

- struct PartitionFile *partitionOpen(struct VDIFile *,struct PartitionEntry)
 - Combine the open VDI file and the given partition into a single structure and return a pointer to that structure.
- void partitionClose(struct PartitionFile *f)
 Close the file whose pointer is given. Deallocate any dynamically created memory regions.
- ssize_t partitionRead(struct PartitionFile *f,void *buf,size_t count)
 - Operates the same as **vdiRead()**. Restrict **count** so that it does not read beyond the end of the partition.
- ssize_t partitionWrite(struct PartitionFile *f,void *buf,size_t count)
 - Operates the same as **vdiWrite()**. Restrict **count** so that it does not write beyond the end of the partition.
- off_t partitionSeek(struct PartitionFile *f,off_t offset,int anchor)
 - Operates the same as **vdiSeek()**. Restrict the function so that the cursor remains unchanged if a location outside the partition is requested.

If you are using a class, then the VDIFile * parameter is omitted.

You should also write a function that takes a pointer to a VDIFile and an array of PartitionEntry as parameters and fills the array with the disk's partition table. The function simply needs to set the cursor to offset 446 and read 64 bytes into the table.

Finally, write a function that takes a PartitionEntry structure and displays its fields in an easy-to-read manner. Again, your exact format may differ somewhat from my example.

▶Example 1

This is the output from my step 2 program, on the dynamic VDI file with 1KB blocks. It shows the four entries in the partition table. It then reads a 1KB block from the disk, starting at an offset of 1024. This is displayed using the displayBuffer(,) function.

Spoiler alert: That 1KB block is called the *superblock*, and it's *really* important, so it's a critical check here that your program is reading the same bytes you're seeing in this output.

```
Partition 1
  Status: Inactive
  First sector CHS: 0-32-33
4 Last sector CHS: 16-81-1
5 Partition type: 83 linux native
 First LBA sector: 2048
7
  LBA sector count: 260096
8
9
  Partition 2
10 Status: Inactive
11 First sector CHS: 0-0-0
12 Last sector CHS: 0-0-0
13 Partition type: 00 empty
  First LBA sector: 0
15 LBA sector count: 0
16
17 Partition 3
  Status: Inactive
19
  First sector CHS: 0-0-0
20 Last sector CHS: 0-0-0
21 Partition type: 00 empty
22 First LBA sector: 0
  LBA sector count: 0
23
24
25 Partition 4
26 Status: Inactive
 First sector CHS: 0-0-0
27
28 Last sector CHS: 0-0-0
 Partition type: 00 empty
30 First LBA sector: 0
  LBA sector count: 0
31
32
33
  Offset: 0x400
     00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0a 0b 0c 0d 0e 0f
34
                                                      0...4...8...c...
    +----+
35
  00|00 7f 00 00 00 fc 01 00 66 19 00 00 3b d6 01 00|00|
  20 00 20 00 00 00 20 00 00 f0 07 00 00 db ea bc 56 20
                                                                    ٧
  30|19 eb bc 56 03 00 ff ff 53 ef 01 00 01 00 00 00|30|
  40|9a bb ba 56 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 01 00 00 00|40|
  50|00 00 00 00 0b 00 00 00 80 00 00 00 38 00 00 00|50|
                                                                 8
                                                                  fJ
  60|02 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 71 2b 0f f6 04 66 4a a7|60|
  70 86 c4 5d b7 72 22 07 09 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 170 l
 80|00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 2f 6d 65 64 69 61 2f 62|80|
                                                              /media/b
45 90|6f 62 2f 37 31 32 62 30 66 66 36 2d 30 34 36 36|90|ob/712b0ff6-0466|
  a0|2d 34 61 61 37 2d 38 36 63 34 2d 35 64 62 37 37|a0|-4aa7-86c4-5db77|
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b0|32 32 32 30 37 30 39 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |b0|2220709
48
e0|00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 2d 98 fc 1b|e0|
f0|11 69 47 40 93 c8 52 24 9c 57 46 c9 01 00 00 00|f0| iG@ R$ WF
51
52
53
54
Offset: 0x500
55
 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0a 0b 0c 0d 0e 0f 0...4...8...c...
 +----+
56
57
00|0c 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 9a bb ba 56 00 00 00 00|00|
58
70|00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 b8 0f 00 00 00 00 00 00|70|
72
73
 +----+ +
74
75
Offset: 0x600
 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0a 0b 0c 0d 0e 0f 0...4...8...c...
76
77
 +----+
78
79
80
93
+----+
94
95
96
Offset: 0x700
97
 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0a 0b 0c 0d 0e 0f 0...4...8...c...
98
99
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108
115
+----+
```

▶Example 2

Same output from the fixed-allocation VDI file with 1KB block size.

```
Partition 1
   Status: Inactive
   First sector CHS: 0-32-33
4 Last sector CHS: 16-81-1
  Partition type: 83 linux native
  First LBA sector: 2048
7
   LBA sector count: 260096
8
   Partition 2
Q
   Status: Inactive
10
11 First sector CHS: 0-0-0
12 Last sector CHS: 0-0-0
13 Partition type: 00 empty
14 First LBA sector: 0
15
  LBA sector count: 0
16
17 Partition 3
  Status: Inactive
18
19 First sector CHS: 0-0-0
20 Last sector CHS: 0-0-0
21 Partition type: 00 empty
  First LBA sector: 0
23
  LBA sector count: 0
24
   Partition 4
25
  Status: Inactive
27
  First sector CHS: 0-0-0
28 Last sector CHS: 0-0-0
29 Partition type: 00 empty
30 First LBA sector: 0
31 LBA sector count: 0
32
  Offset: 0x400
33
      00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0a 0b 0c 0d 0e 0f 0...4...8...c...
```

```
+----+ +-----
35
 00|00 7f 00 00 00 fc 01 00 66 19 00 00 ef 53 00 00|00|
36
 20 00 20 00 00 00 20 00 00 f0 07 00 00 5f e7 a9 58 20
                            Χ
 30|87 e7 a9 58 04 00 ff ff 53 ef 01 00 01 00 00 00|30|
                       Χ
 40|88 bb ba 56 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 01 00 00 00|40|
                       V
 50|00 00 00 00 0b 00 00 00 80 00 00 00 38 00 00 00|50|
 60 02 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 5f 86 41 71 27 65 4b c9 60
 70|87 be a7 4a bb 9f 7d 28 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00|70|
 80 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 2f 6d 65 64 69 61 2f 62 80
                         /media/b
 90|6f 62 2f 35 66 38 36 34 31 37 31 2d 32 37 36 35|90|ob/5f864171-2765
 a0|2d 34 62 63 39 2d 38 37 62 65 2d 61 37 34 61 62|a0|-4bc9-87be-a74ab
 b0|62 39 66 37 64 32 38 00 64 32 38 00 00 00 00 00|b0|b9f7d28 d28
 e0|00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 b5 7f 76 83|e0|
 f0|7f cd 4d 67 a6 34 20 ae 2f fd b0 6b 01 00 00 00|f0| Mg 4 / k
51
 +----+ +-----+
53
54 Offset: 0x500
55
 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0a 0b 0c 0d 0e 0f 0...4...8...c...
  +----+
 00|0c 00 00 00 00 00 00 88 bb ba 56 00 00 00 00|00|
57
 D
 72
 +----+ +
73
74
75 Offset: 0x600
 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0a 0b 0c 0d 0e 0f 0...4...8...c...
76
  +----+ +-----+
77
 78
 60 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
           00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 60
```

```
90
93
94
95
96
Offset: 0x700
97
00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0a 0b 0c 0d 0e 0f
      0...4...8...c...
98
+------
100
101
103
105
111
112
113
115
+----+
```

▶Example 3

This is the program's output using the test VDI file with 4KB block size.

```
Partition 1
1
  Status: Inactive
 First sector CHS: 0-32-33
 Last sector CHS: 16-81-1
5 Partition type: 83 linux native
  First LBA sector: 2048
7
  LBA sector count: 260096
Q
 Partition 2
10 Status: Inactive
11 First sector CHS: 0-0-0
12 Last sector CHS: 0-0-0
  Partition type: 00 empty
13
14 First LBA sector: 0
15 LBA sector count: 0
16
17 Partition 3
18 Status: Inactive
19 First sector CHS: 0-0-0
20 Last sector CHS: 0-0-0
21 Partition type: 00 empty
22 First LBA sector: 0
23 LBA sector count: 0
24
25 Partition 4
26 Status: Inactive
27 First sector CHS: 0-0-0
28 Last sector CHS: 0-0-0
29 Partition type: 00 empty
30 First LBA sector: 0
31 LBA sector count: 0
32
33 Offset: 0x400
34
     00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0a 0b 0c 0d 0e 0f
                                                   0...4...8...c...
35
  00|00 7f 00 00 00 7f 00 00 59 06 00 00 f2 15 00 00|00|
  37
  20|00 80 00 00 00 80 00 00 07 f 00 00 d8 ea bc 56|20|
                                                                 ٧
                                                           S
  30|19 eb bc 56 03 00 ff ff 53 ef 01 00 01 00 00 00|30|
                                                      V
 40|92 bb ba 56 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 01 00 00 00|40|
                                                      ٧
  50 00 00 00 00 0b 00 00 00 80 00 00 00 38 00 00 00 50
  60 0 00 00 00 03 00 00 00 8c b4 8d bc 5c 10 4e 70 60
                                                               \ Np
  70|a5 68 cd d0 ad 4f 12 0e 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | 70| h
  80|00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 2f 6d 65 64 69 61 2f 62|80|
45 90|6f 62 2f 38 63 62 34 38 64 62 63 2d 35 63 31 30|90|ob/8cb48dbc-5c10
46 a0 2d 34 65 37 30 2d 61 35 36 38 2d 63 64 64 30 61 a0 -4e70-a568-cdd0a
47 b0|64 34 66 31 32 30 65 00 32 30 65 00 00 00 00 00|b0|d4f120e 20e
50 e0|00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 05 e6 e3 aa|e0|
  f0|bf 36 43 4a 9f c4 82 9f af f7 80 c0 01 00 00 00|f0| 6CJ
```

```
+----+ +----+ +-----+
52
53
Offset: 0x500
 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0a 0b 0c 0d 0e 0f
55
           0...4...8...c...
 +----+
56
00|0c 00 00 00 00 00 00 92 bb ba 56 00 00 00 00|00|
57
63
70 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 38 95 01 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 170
            8
a0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
     00
      00 00 00 00 00 00 00 a0
72
+-----
73
74
75
Offset: 0x600
 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0a 0b 0c 0d 0e 0f 0...4...8...c...
76
 +----+
77
78
93
+----+ +
94
95
96
Offset: 0x700
 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0a 0b 0c 0d 0e 0f
97
           0...4...8...c...
 +----+
98
100
101
```

106	70 00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	70
107	80 00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	80
108	90 00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	90
109	a0 00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	a0
110	b0 00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	b0
111	c0 00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	c0
112	d0 00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	d0
113	e0 00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	e0
114	f0 00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	f0
115	+															+	++