CSE321 Project 2

VSFSck: A Consistency Checker for Very Simple File System (VSFS)

In this project, you will **design** and **implement** a file system consistency checker, `vsfsck`, for a custom virtual file system (VSFS). Your tool will be responsible for verifying the **integrity** and **consistency** of essential file system structures, including:

- **Superblock**
- **Inodes**
- **Data blocks**
- **Inode and data bitmaps**

The checker will operate on a file system image (`vsfs.img`), identifying and reporting any inconsistencies found. Please note that the **vsfs.img file is given in this link**.

Task Description

You will be provided with a corrupted file system image (`vsfs.img`) containing various errors. Your objectives are to:

1. **Analyze** the file system image using your `vsfsck` tool.
2. **Identify** all inconsistencies and structural issues.

File System Layout

- **Block size: 4096 Bytes**
- **Total blocks: 64**
- **Block 0: Superblock**
- **Block 1: Inode bitmap**
- **Block 2: Data bitmap**
- **Blocks 3–7: Inode table (5 blocks)**
- **Blocks 8–63: Data blocks**
- **Inodes: 256 Bytes each**

Superblock Structure

- **Magic Bytes: 2 Bytes (0xD34D)**
- **Block size: 4 Bytes**
- **Total number of blocks: 4 Bytes**
- **Inode bitmap block number: 4 Bytes**
- **Data bitmap block number: 4 Bytes**
- **Inode table start block number: 4 Bytes**
- **First data block number: 4 Bytes**
- **Inode size: 4 Bytes**
- **Inode count: 4 Bytes**
- **Reserved: 4058 Bytes**

Inode Structure

- **Mode: 4 Bytes**
- **User ID of the file owner: 4 Bytes**
- **Group ID of the file owner: 4 Bytes**
- **File size in Bytes: 4 Bytes**
- **Last access time: 4 Bytes**
- **Creation time: 4 Bytes**
- **Last modification time: 4 Bytes**
- **Deletion time: 4 Bytes**
- **Number of hard links to this inode: 4 Bytes**
- **Number of data blocks allocated to the file: 4 Bytes**
- **Direct block pointers (point directly to data blocks): 4 Bytes**
- **Single Indirect block pointer: 4 Bytes**
- **Double Indirect block pointer: 4 Bytes**
- **Triple Indirect block pointer: 4 Bytes**
- **Reserved: 156 Bytes**

Features

1. **Superblock Validator**
   Verifies:
   a. Magic number (must be 0xd34d)
   b. Block size (must be 4096)
   c. Total number of blocks (must be 64)
   d. Validity of key block pointers: inode bitmap, data bitmap, inode table start, data block start
   e. Inode size (256) and count constraints

2. **Data Bitmap Consistency Checker**
   Verifies:
   a. Every block marked used in the data bitmap is actually referenced by a valid inode
   b. Every block referenced by an inode is marked as used in the data bitmap

3. **Inode Bitmap Consistency Checker**
   Verifies:
   a. Each bit set in the inode bitmap corresponds to a valid inode
   (Hint: An inode is valid if its number of link is greater than 0 and delete time is set to 0)
   b. Conversely, every such inode is marked as used in the bitmap

4. **Duplicate Checker** detects blocks referenced by multiple inodes

5. **Bad block checker** detects blocks with indices outside valid range

Mark Distribution

Features	Marks
Superblock Validator	20
Data Bitmap Consistency Checker	20
Inode Bitmap Consistency Checker	20
Duplicate Checker	20
Bad block checker	20
Total	**100**

Submission Guideline

- Submission guidelines can be found in the submission form. The link to the submission form is given below.

Submission Form Link

Collaboration Policy

- This project is a group assignment. A group can consist of at most 3 people. The difficulty of the project will be adjusted according to the number of people in the group. Discussions are encouraged, but direct code sharing is prohibited.
- Plagiarism will result in penalties according to university policies.