

Activity 10: File system

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a. What is the name of the filesystem used by your system? Please also briefly explain its features (eg. maximum number of files and file size limitation)

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Type: ext2/ext3

Block size: 4096

Fundamental block size: 4096

Blocks: Total: 997043

Free: 386456

Available: 382360

Inodes: Total: 524288

Free: 400371

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Name of the filesystem: ext2/ext3

Maximum number of files: 524,288 (based on total inodes available in the filesystem)

Maximum file size limitation: 2 TB (with a 4 KiB block size).

b. What will happen if you change the permission of the file test.txt? Does the permission affect both test.s and test.h?

Changing `test.txt`'s permission affects `test.h` (hard link), but not `test.s` (symbolic link).

c. What is the difference between symbolic link and hard link?

Hard link: Points directly to the same inode as the original file; shares content and metadata.

Symbolic link: Points to the file path; acts like a shortcut and can break if the target file is moved or deleted.

d. Is it possible to create a hard link for a directory? If not, Why is it (not) possible? Please provide your analysis.

Hard links to directories are disallowed to preserve the tree structure of the filesystem and prevent loops or inconsistencies during navigation and maintenance.

e. What is the block size of your filesystem? When will a new block be allocated to a file? Please explain.

Block size: 4096 bytes

New block allocated: When file size grows beyond current blocks or new data is added that doesn't fit in existing blocks.

f. In “/proc”, what is the filesystem there? What does the content suggest? What are files in /proc/[pid]/fd? Please explain.

Filesystem: `proc`

Content suggests: It provides real-time system and process information. The files are virtual and reflect the current state of the system.

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ubuntu@Ubuntu-OS:/proc/1040$ ls
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attr      comm      fd          latency  mountinfo  oom_adj    root
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smaps_rollback task
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autogroup coredump_filter fdinfo      limits    mounts    oom_score
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sched     stack     timers_offsets
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auxv      cpuset    gid_map     loginuid   mountstats oom_score_adj
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schedstat stat      timers
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cgroup    cwd       io          map_files  net       pagemap    sessionid
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statm     timerslack_ns
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clear_refs environ    ksm_merging_pages maps      ns        personality
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setgroups status     uid_map
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cmdline   exe       ksm_stat    mem        numa_maps projid_map
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smaps     syscall   wchan
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Files in /proc/[pid]/fd: Symbolic links to all open files used by that process (e.g., stdin, stdout, sockets, files).

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lrwx----- 1 ubuntu ubuntu 64 Mar 24 15:30 0 -> /dev/pts/0

lrwx----- 1 ubuntu ubuntu 64 Mar 24 15:30 1 -> /dev/pts/0

lrwx----- 1 ubuntu ubuntu 64 Mar 24 15:30 2 -> /dev/pts/0

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