

FAT-16 Examples

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Command: s 0
0000: 33 C0 8E D0 BC 00 7C FB 50 07 50 1F FC BE 1B 7C 3.....|.P.P....|
0010: BF 1B 06 50 57 B9 E5 01 F3 A4 CB BE BE 07 B1 04 ...PW.....
0020: 38 2C 7C 09 75 15 83 C6 10 E2 F5 CD 18 8B 14 8B 8,|.u.....
0030: EE 83 C6 10 49 74 16 38 2C 74 F6 BE 10 07 4E AC ....It.8,t....N.
0040: 3C 00 74 FA BB 07 00 B4 0E CD 10 EB F2 89 46 25 <.t.....F%
0050: 96 8A 46 04 B4 06 3C 0E 74 11 B4 0B 3C 0C 74 05 ..F...<.t...<.t.
0060: 3A C4 75 2B 40 C6 46 25 06 75 24 BB AA 55 50 B4 :.u+@.F%.u$.UP.
0070: 41 CD 13 58 72 16 81 FB 55 AA 75 10 F6 C1 01 74 A..Xr...U.u....t
0080: 0B 8A E0 88 56 24 C7 06 A1 06 EB 1E 88 66 04 BF ....V$.....f..
0090: 0A 00 B8 01 02 8B DC 33 C9 83 FF 05 7F 03 8B 4E .....3.....N
00A0: 25 03 4E 02 CD 13 72 29 BE 46 07 81 3E FE 7D 55 %.N...r).F...>.)U
00B0: AA 74 5A 83 EF 05 7F DA 85 F6 75 83 BE 27 07 EB .tZ.....u..'.
00C0: 8A 98 91 52 99 03 46 08 13 56 0A E8 12 00 5A EB ...R..F..V....Z.
00D0: D5 4F 74 E4 33 C0 CD 13 EB B8 00 00 00 00 00 00 .Ot.3.....
00E0: 56 33 F6 56 56 52 50 06 53 51 BE 10 00 56 8B F4 V3.VVRP.SQ...V..
00F0: 50 52 B8 00 42 8A 56 24 CD 13 5A 58 8D 64 10 72 PR..B.V$..ZX.d.r
0100: 0A 40 75 01 42 80 C7 02 E2 F7 F8 5E C3 EB 74 49 .@u.B.....^..tI
0110: 6E 76 61 6C 69 64 20 70 61 72 74 69 74 69 6F 6E nvalid partition
0120: 20 74 61 62 6C 65 00 45 72 72 6F 72 20 6C 6F 61 table.Error loa
0130: 64 69 6E 67 20 6F 70 65 72 61 74 69 6E 67 20 73 ding operating s
0140: 79 73 74 65 6D 00 4D 69 73 73 69 6E 67 20 6F 70 ystem.Missing op
0150: 64 72 61 74 69 6E 67 20 73 79 73 74 65 6D 00 00 erating system..
0160: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
0170: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
0180: 00 00 00 8B FC 1E 57 8B F5 CB 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....W.....
0190: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
01A0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
01B0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 80 01 .....
01C0: 01 00 06 03 FF 3F 3F 00 00 00 C1 32 03 00 00 00 .....??....2....
01D0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
01E0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
01F0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 55 AA .....U.

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24 bits (3 bytes) CHS format CHS(cylinder, head, sector)
H7 H6 H5 H4 H3 H2 H1 H0 : C9 C8 S5 S4 S3 S2 S1 S0 : C7 C6 C5 C4 C3 C2 C1 C0

partition entries

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byte 0 bootable
1-3 first block CHS
4 system id, 6=new DOS with FAT-16, 4=old DOS with 32MB limit
5-7 last block CHS (int binary, 1100111111 is 831)
8-11 first block as a 32-bit int
12-15 number of blocks as a 32-bit int.

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Command: m

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partition 1: ACTIVE --- kind 06 = DOS 16-bit FAT >=32M
102 MB or 209601 sectors, first is 63, last is 209663
CHS (0,1,1) to (831,3,63)

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This disc has 63 blocks per track and 4 heads

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Command: s 63
0000: EB 3C 90 4D 53 57 49 4E 34 2E 31 00 02 04 01 00 .<.MSWIN4.1.....
0010: 02 00 02 00 00 F8 CD 00 3F 00 04 00 3F 00 00 00 .....?....?....
0020: C1 32 03 00 80 00 29 ED 15 77 38 4D 53 44 4F 53 .2....)..w8MSDOS
0030: 37 31 30 20 20 20 46 41 54 31 36 20 20 20 33 C9 710 FAT16 3.
0040: 8E D1 BC FC 7B 16 07 BD 78 00 C5 76 00 1E 56 16 ....{...x..v..V.
0050: 55 BF 22 05 89 7E 00 89 4E 02 B1 0B FC F3 A4 06 U."...~..N.....
0060: 1F BD 00 7C C6 45 FE 0F 38 4E 24 7D 20 8B C1 99 ...|.E..8N$} ...
0070: E8 7E 01 83 EB 3A 66 A1 1C 7C 66 3B 07 8A 57 FC .~....:f..|f;..W.
0080: 75 06 80 CA 02 88 56 02 80 C3 10 73 ED 33 C9 FE u.....V.....s.3..
0090: 06 D8 7D 8A 46 10 98 F7 66 16 03 46 1C 13 56 1E ..}.F...f..F..V.
00A0: 03 46 0E 13 D1 8B 76 11 60 89 46 FC 89 56 FE B8 .F....v..`F..V..
00B0: 20 00 F7 E6 8B 5E 0B 03 C3 48 F7 F3 01 46 FC 11 .....^...H...F..
00C0: 4E FE 61 BF 00 07 E8 28 01 72 3E 38 2D 74 17 60 N.a....(.r>8-t.`
00D0: B1 0B BE D8 7D F3 A6 61 74 3D 4E 74 09 83 C7 20 ....}..at=Nt...
00E0: 3B FB 72 E7 EB DD FE 0E D8 7D 7B A7 BE 7F 7D AC ;.r.....){...}.
00F0: 98 03 F0 AC 98 40 74 0C 48 74 13 B4 0E BB 07 00 .....@t.Ht.....
0100: CD 10 EB EF BE 82 7D EB E6 BE 80 7D EB E1 CD 16 .....}.....}....
0110: 5E 1F 66 8F 04 CD 19 BE 81 7D 8B 7D 1A 8D 45 FE ^.f.....}.}..E.
0120: 8A 4E 0D F7 E1 03 46 FC 13 56 FE B1 04 E8 C2 00 .N....F..V.....
0130: 72 D7 EA 00 02 70 00 52 50 06 53 6A 01 6A 10 91 r....p.RP.Sj.j..
0140: 8B 46 18 A2 26 05 96 92 33 D2 F7 F6 91 F7 F6 42 .F.&...3.....B
0150: 87 CA F7 76 1A 8A F2 8A E8 C0 CC 02 0A CC B8 01 ...v.....
0160: 02 80 7E 02 0E 75 04 B4 42 8B F4 8A 56 24 CD 13 ...~...u..B...V$..
0170: 61 61 72 0A 40 75 01 42 03 5E 0B 49 75 77 C3 03 aar.@u.B.^.Iuw..
0180: 1A 01 27 0D 0A 49 6F 76 31 6C 69 64 2D 73 79 73 . Invalid sys
0190: 74 63 65 20 64 69 73 6B FF 0D 0A 44 64 73 6B 10 en disk...Disk
01A0: 49 2F 4F 20 65 72 72 6F 72 FF 0D 0A 52 65 70 6C I/O error...Repl
01B0: 61 63 65 20 74 68 65 20 64 69 73 6B 2C 20 61 6E ace the disk, an
01C0: 64 20 74 68 65 6E 20 70 72 65 73 73 20 61 6E 79 d then press any
01D0: 20 6B 65 79 7D 0A 00 00 44 4F 20 20 20 20 20 20 key....IO
01E0: 53 59 53 4D 53 44 4F 53 20 20 20 53 59 53 7F 01 SYSMSDOS SYS..
01F0: 00 41 BB 00 07 60 66 6A 00 E9 3B FF 00 00 55 AA .A....`fj.;...U.

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EB 3C is a jump instruction, skips 3E bytes
90 is a no-op instruction

Bios Parameter Block starts at byte 11

- 11-12 bytes per sector (0200 = 512)
- 13 sectors per cluster (04 = 4)
- 14-15 number of reserved sectors (0001 = 1)
- 16 number of FATs (02 = 2)
- 17-18 max number of entries in root directory (0200 = 512)
- 19-20 total number of sectors (0: too many to say in 16 bits)
- 21 code (F8 means normal disc, FD means floppy)
- 22-23 size of FAT in sectors (00CD = 205)
- 24-25 sectors per track (003F = 63)
- 26-27 number of surfaces (0004 = 4)
- 28-31 number of hidden sectors (0000003F = 63) not very meaningful.

This is block 63, 2 copies of FAT means 2x205 blocks, 64+410 = 474
So...

This is where we expect to find the first block of the root directory

Command: s 474

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0000: 4D 53 44 4F 53 37 31 30 20 20 20 28 00 00 00 00 MSDOS710 (....
0010: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 FA 72 78 34 00 00 00 00 00 .....rx4.....
0020: 44 4F 53 37 31 20 20 20 20 20 20 10 00 00 00 00 DOS71 .....
0030: 00 00 78 34 00 00 55 73 78 34 02 00 00 00 00 00 ..x4..Usx4.....
0040: 53 4F 55 4E 44 20 20 20 20 20 20 10 00 00 00 00 SOUND .....
0050: 00 00 78 34 00 00 70 73 78 34 34 0F 00 00 00 00 ..x4..psx44.....
0060: 4D 45 44 49 41 20 20 20 20 20 20 10 00 00 00 00 MEDIA .....
0070: 00 00 78 34 00 00 74 73 78 34 EC 10 00 00 00 00 ..x4..tsx4.....
0080: 43 43 44 4F 53 20 20 20 20 20 20 10 00 00 00 00 CCDOS .....
0090: 00 00 78 34 00 00 7D 73 78 34 20 17 00 00 00 00 ..x4..}sx4 .....
00A0: 50 44 4F 53 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 10 00 00 00 00 PDOS .....
00B0: 00 00 78 34 00 00 81 73 78 34 AF 1A 00 00 00 00 ..x4...sx4.....
00C0: 50 44 4F 53 20 20 20 20 44 45 46 20 00 00 00 00 PDOS DEF ....
00D0: 00 00 78 34 00 00 67 6C 01 2F 95 1C 74 08 00 00 ..x4..gl./..t...
00E0: 49 4F 20 20 20 20 20 20 53 59 53 27 00 00 00 00 IO SYS'....
00F0: 00 00 78 34 00 00 78 84 7C 2F 9A 1C 1C 00 02 00 ..x4..x.|/.....
0100: 4D 53 44 4F 53 20 20 20 53 59 53 27 00 00 00 00 MSDOS SYS'....
0110: 00 00 78 34 00 00 8B 73 78 34 DB 1C 39 02 00 00 ..x4...sx4...9...
0120: 43 4F 4D 4D 41 4E 44 20 43 4F 4D 20 00 00 00 00 COMMAND COM ....
0130: 00 00 32 37 00 00 C0 B2 A5 2E DC 1C 54 70 01 00 ..27.....Tp..
0140: 43 4F 4E 46 49 47 20 20 53 59 53 20 00 00 00 00 CONFIG SYS ...
0150: 00 00 32 37 00 00 9B 73 78 34 0B 1D 1B 02 00 00 ..27...sx4.....
0160: 41 49 4D 50 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 00 00 00 00 TIME ....
0170: 00 00 78 34 00 00 E0 74 78 34 CE 00 20 00 00 00 ..x4..t4...
0180: 4C 4F 47 4F 20 20 20 20 53 59 53 20 00 00 00 00 LOGO SYS ....
0190: 00 00 78 34 00 00 01 46 7E 2F 0D 1D 6B F8 01 00 ..x4...F~/..k...
01A0: 49 46 53 48 4C 50 20 20 53 59 53 20 00 00 00 00 IFSHLP SYS ....
01B0: 00 00 32 37 00 00 C0 B2 A5 26 4F 1D 07 0D 01 00 ..27.....&M.|...
01C0: 44 52 56 53 50 41 43 45 42 49 4E 27 00 00 00 00 DRVSPACEBIN'....
01D0: 00 00 78 34 00 00 C0 B2 A5 26 4F 1D 07 0D 01 00 ..x4.....&O.....
01E0: 44 42 4C 53 50 41 43 45 42 49 4E 20 00 00 00 00 DBLSPACEBIN ....
01F0: 00 00 78 34 00 00 C0 B2 A5 26 4F 1D 07 0D 01 00 ..x4.....&q.....
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Each entry is 32 bytes, looking at the entry for CONFIG.SYS

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bytes 0-7: name before the dot (CONFIG )
8-10: name after the dot (SYS)
11: file attributes (20 = "archive")
12-21: officially reserved. Who knows what the 32 37 is
22-23: time of last change
      (739B: first five bits 01110 = hour = 14
            next six bits = 011100 = minute = 27
            remaining five bits = 11011 = seconds/2=28, secs=56)
24-25: date of last change
      (3478: first seven bits 0011010 = year-1980 = 26, year=2006
            next four bits = 0011 = month = 3
            remaining five bits = 11000 = day = 24)
26-27: first cluster number = 1D0B or 7435 in decimal
28-31: exact file length in bytes = 0000021B or 539 in decimal
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The line as printed by the DIR command is:

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CONFIG  SYS                539  03/24/2006  2:27:56p  CONFIG.SYS
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The command TYPE CONFIG.SYS produces 16 lines, the first of which is

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DEVICE=C:\DOS72\ECHO.SYS W/e/l/c/o/m/e /t/o MS-DOS 7.20...
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The root directory started at block 474, and is 32 blocks long, so the first available cluster for data starts at block 506.

Our file's cluster number is 7435, but they start counting from 2, so it really means cluster number 7433.

Each cluster is 4 blocks, so the file starts at data block 29732

$506 + 29732 = 30238$, which means the real data of the file starts at absolute block 30238 of the whole disc.

Command: s 30238

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0000: 44 45 56 49 43 45 3D 43 3A 5C 44 4F 53 37 31 5C DEVICE=C:\DOS71\
0010: 45 43 48 4F 2E 53 59 53 20 57 2F 65 2F 6C 2F 63 ECHO.SYS W/e/l/c
0020: 2F 6F 2F 6D 2F 65 20 2F 74 2F 6F 20 4D 53 2D 44 /o/m/e /t/o MS-D
0030: 4F 53 20 37 2E 31 30 2E 2E 2E 0D 0A 44 45 56 49 OS 7.10.....DEVI
0040: 43 45 3D 43 3A 5C 44 4F 53 37 31 5C 45 43 48 4F CE=C:\DOS71\ECHO
0050: 2E 53 59 53 20 43 2F 6F 2F 70 2F 79 2F 72 2F 69 .SYS C/o/p/y/r/i
0060: 2F 67 2F 68 2F 74 20 4D 2F 69 2F 63 2F 72 2F 6F /g/h/t M/i/c/r/o
0070: 2F 73 2F 6F 2F 66 2F 74 20 43 2F 6F 2F 72 2F 70 /s/o/f/t C/o/r/p
0080: 2E 20 41 2F 6C 2F 6C 20 2F 72 2F 69 2F 67 2F 68 . A/l/l /r/i/g/h
0090: 2F 74 2F 73 20 2F 72 2F 65 2F 73 2F 65 2F 72 2F /t/s /r/e/s/e/r/
00A0: 74 2F 65 2F 64 2F 0D 0A 44 45 56 49 43 45 3D 43 /s/d... DEVICE=C
00B0: 3A 5C 44 4F 53 37 31 5C 48 49 4D 43 45 4E 48 49 \DOS71\HIMEM.SY
00C0: 53 0D 0A 44 45 56 49 43 45 3D 43 3A 5C 44 4F 53 S..DEVICE=C:\DOS
00D0: 37 31 5C 45 4D 4D 33 38 36 2E 45 58 45 20 4E 4F 71\EMM386.EXE NO
00E0: 45 4D 53 0D 0A 44 45 56 49 43 45 48 49 47 48 3D EMS..DEVICEHIGH=
00F0: 43 3A 5C 44 4F 53 37 31 5C 48 49 4D 43 45 4E 48 C:\DOS71\SETVER.
0100: 45 58 45 0D 0A 44 45 56 49 43 45 48 49 47 48 3D EXE..DEVICEHIGH=
0110: 43 3A 5C 44 4F 53 37 31 5C 56 49 44 45 2D 43 44 C:\DOS71\VIDE-CD
0120: 44 2E 53 59 53 20 2F 44 3A 49 44 45 2D 43 44 0D D.SYS /D:IDE-CD.
0130: 0A 52 45 4A 2E 44 45 56 48 43 45 48 49 47 48 3D .REM DEVICEHIGH=
0140: 43 3A 5C 44 4F 53 37 31 5C 44 49 53 50 4E 41 59 C:\DOS71\DISPLAY
0150: 2E 53 59 53 20 43 4F 4E 3D 28 2C 2C 31 29 0D 0A .SYS CON=(, ,1)..
0160: 43 4F 55 4E 54 52 59 3D 30 30 31 2C 34 33 37 2C COUNTRY=001,437,
0170: 43 3A 5C 44 4F 53 37 31 5C 43 4F 55 4E 54 52 59 C:\DOS71\COUNTRY
0180: 2E 53 59 53 0D 0A 53 48 45 4C 4C 3D 43 4F 4D 4D .SYS..SHELL=COMM
0190: 41 4E 44 2E 43 4F 4D 20 2F 50 20 2F 45 3A 36 34 AND.COM /P /E:64
01A0: 30 0D 0A 44 4F 53 3D 48 49 47 48 2C 55 4D 42 2C 0..DOS=HIGH,UMB,
01B0: 41 55 54 4F 0D 0A 46 49 4C 45 53 3D 33 30 0D 0A AUTO..FILES=30..
01C0: 46 43 42 53 48 49 47 48 3D 34 2C 30 0D 0A 42 55 FCBSHIGH=4,0..BU
01D0: 46 46 45 52 53 48 49 47 48 3D 32 30 2C 30 0D 0A FFERSHIGH=20,0..
01E0: 4C 41 53 54 44 52 49 56 45 48 49 47 48 3D 32 36 LASTDRIVEHIGH=26
01F0: 0D 0A 53 54 41 43 4B 53 48 49 47 48 3D 39 2C 32 ..STACKSHIGH=9,2
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FAT entries
0 = free
2 to FFF6 next block in file
FFF7 bad block
FFF8 to FFFF end of file

We are interested in cluster number 7435.

Each FAT entry is two bytes, so we want to look at bytes 14870 and 14871. 14870 / 512 is 29 remainder 22, so our entry should start at byte 22 of the 29th block of the FAT.

The FAT starts at block number 64, so we want to look at block 64+29 = 93

Command: s 93

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0000: 01 1D 02 1D 03 1D 04 1D 05 1D 06 1D 07 1D 08 1D .....
0010: 09 1D 0A 1D FF FF FF FF 00 00 0E 1D 0F 1D 10 1D .....
0020: 11 1D 12 1D 13 1D 14 1D 15 1D 16 1D 17 1D 18 1D .....
0030: 19 1D 1A 1D 1B 1D 1C 1D 1D 1D 1E 1D 1F 1D 20 1D .....
0040: 21 1D 22 1D 23 1D 24 1D 25 1D 26 1D 27 1D 28 1D !."#.$.%&.'.(.
0050: 29 1D 2A 1D 2B 1D 2C 1D 2D 1D 2E 1D 2F 1D 30 1D ).*+.,-.../.0.
0060: 31 1D 32 1D 33 1D 34 1D 35 1D 36 1D 37 1D 38 1D 1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.
0070: 39 1D 3A 1D 3B 1D 3C 1D 3D 1D 3E 1D 3F 1D 40 1D 9...;.<.=.>.?.@.
0080: 41 1D 42 1D 43 1D 44 1D 45 1D 46 1D 47 1D 48 1D A.B.C.D.E.F.G.H.
0090: 49 1D 4A 1D 4B 1D 4C 1D FF FF 4E 1D FF FF 50 1D I.J.K.L...N...P.
00A0: 51 1D 52 1D 53 1D 54 1D 55 1D 56 1D 57 1D 58 1D Q.R.S.T.U.V.W.X.
00B0: 59 1D 5A 1D 5B 1D 5C 1D 5D 1D 5E 1D 5F 1D 60 1D [ \ ] ^ _ ` .
00C0: 61 1D 62 1D 63 1D 64 1D 65 1D 66 1D 67 1D 68 1D a.b.c.d.e.f.g.h.
00D0: 69 1D 6A 1D 6B 1D 6C 1D 6D 1D 6E 1D 6F 1D 70 1D i.j.k.l.m.n.o.p.
00E0: FF FF 72 1D 73 1D 74 1D 75 1D 76 1D 77 1D 78 1D .r.s.t.u.v.w.x.
00F0: 79 1D 7A 1D 7B 1D 7C 1D 7D 1D 7E 1D 7F 1D 80 1D y.z.{.|.}.~.....
0100: 81 1D 82 1D 83 1D 84 1D 85 1D 86 1D 87 1D 88 1D .....
0110: 89 1D 8A 1D 8B 1D 8C 1D 8D 1D 8E 1D 8F 1D 90 1D .....
0120: 91 1D 92 1D FF FF 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
0130: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
0140: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
0150: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
0160: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
0170: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
0180: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
0190: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
01A0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
01B0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
01C0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
01D0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
01E0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
01F0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
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Starting from byte number 22 we see FFFF, which is the END-OF-FILE signal. so we know that after reading all of the first cluster of this file, there will be no more.

That makes sense because the file size is 539, and a cluster of four blocks has 4x512 = 2048 bytes. More than enough for our config.sys.

Now for a longer file. TEXT.TXT:

Command: s 476

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0000: E5 30 58 58 20 20 20 20 54 4D 50 20 00 00 00 00 .0XX    TMP ....
0010: 00 00 33 37 00 00 A6 78 33 37 00 00 00 00 00 00 ..37...x37.....
0020: 54 52 59 20 20 20 20 20 43 4F 4D 20 00 00 00 00 TRY    COM ....
0030: 00 00 7D 36 00 00 D9 56 7D 36 D8 00 24 00 00 00 ..}6...V}6..$.
0040: 41 74 00 65 00 78 00 74 00 2E 00 0F 00 90 74 00 At.e.x.t.....t.
0050: 78 00 74 00 00 00 FF FF FF FF 00 00 FF FF FF FF x.t.....
0060: 54 45 58 54 20 20 20 20 54 58 54 20 00 00 A6 78 TEXT    TXT ...x
0070: 33 37 33 37 00 00 A6 78 33 37 CA 00 BA 1F 00 00 3737...x37.....
0080: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
0090: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00A0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00B0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
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Decoding the entry in the normal way, the file size 00001FBA is 8122 bytes, and its first cluster is number 00CA = 202.

Computing its first block number in the same was as before,
 $506 + 4 \times (202 - 2)$ is 1306.

Command: s 1306

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0000: 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 6A 6B 6C 6D 6E 6F 70 abcdefghijklmnop
0010: 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 7A 2E 0D 0A 61 62 63 qrstuvwxyz...abc
0020: 64 65 66 67 68 69 6A 6B 6C 6D 6E 6F 70 71 72 73 defghijklmnopqrs
0030: 74 75 76 77 78 79 7A 2E 0D 0A 61 62 63 64 65 66 uvwxyz...abcdef
0040: 67 68 69 6A 6B 6C 6D 6E 6F 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 ghijklmnopqrstuv
0050: 77 78 79 7A 2E 0D 0A 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 wxyz...abcdefghi
0060: 6A 6B 6C 6D 6E 6F 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 jklmnopqrstuvwxyz
0070: 7A 2E 0D 0A 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 6A 6B 6C z...abcdefghijkl
0080: 6D 6E 6F 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 7A 2E 0D mnopqrstuvwxyz..
0090: 0A 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 6A 6B 6C 6D 6E 6F .abcdefghijklmno
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The file just consists of the alphabet repeated many times, so it is easy to recognise. Remembering that a cluster is 4 blocks, we know that blocks 1306, 1307, 1308, and 1309 all make up the beginning of the file. Skip to 1309 and see how it ends:

Command: s 1309

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0000: 0A 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 6A 6B 6C 6D 6E 6F .abcdefghijklmno
0010: 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 7A 2E 0D 0A 61 62 pqrstuvwxyz...ab
.....
01D0: 0A 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 6A 6B 6C 6D 6E 6F .abcdefghijklmno
01E0: 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 7A 2E 0D 0A 61 62 pqrstuvwxyz...ab
01F0: 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 6A 6B 6C 6D 6E 6F 70 71 72 cdefghijklmnopqr
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Note that the last character in this cluster is 'r', so if we find the next one correctly, it will begin with 's'.

Looking in the FAT and using the same calculation as last time, cluster number 202 will occupy bytes 404 and 405 (hexadecimal 194 and 195) of the very first block of the FAT. That is block 64.

Command: s 64

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0000: F8 FF FF FF 60 0A FF FF FF FF FF FF FF 08 00 ....`.....
....
0190: FF FF FF FF CC 00 FF FF CD 00 CE 00 FF FF 00 00 .....
....
01F0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
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You'll notice that the bytes in question contain the number 00CC = 204

Note that this isn't contiguous allocation, the first cluster was number 202. cluster 204 starts at block 1314:

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Command: s 1314
0000: 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 7A 2E 0D 0A 61 62 63 64 65  stuvwxyz...abcde
0010: 66 67 68 69 6A 6B 6C 6D 6E 6F 70 71 72 73 74 75  fghijklmnopqrstu
0020: 76 77 78 79 7A 2E 0D 0A 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68  vwxyz...abcdefgh
0030: 69 6A 6B 6C 6D 6E 6F 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78  ijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
0040: 79 7A 2E 0D 0A 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 6A 6B  yz...abcdefghijkl
0050: 6C 6D 6E 6F 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 7A 2E  lmnopqrstuvwxyz.
0060: 0D 0A 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 6A 6B 6C 6D 6E  ..abcdefghijklmn
0070: 6F 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 7A 2E 0D 0A 61  opqrstuvwxyz...a
0080: 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 6A 6B 6C 6D 6E 6F 70 71  bcdefghijklmnopq
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and there it is, starting from the letter 's' as expected

Just to prove the point, look at the previous block, 1313:

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Command: s 1313
0000: 02 C7 06 39 07 50 00 B6 01 B0 0F 06 8E 06 42 01  ...9.P.....B.
0010: 26 3A 06 C5 0D 76 04 26 A2 C5 0D 07 80 C9 20 8A  &:...v.&.....
0020: FA 80 3E B4 08 01 76 05 FE CF 80 F1 20 33 C0 A0  ..>...v..... 3..
....
01D0: 0E E8 E8 F8 BD A3 0F E8 E2 F8 E8 61 06 EA C8 14  .....a....
01E0: 5A 05 C4 3E F8 00 26 80 0D 04 80 74 0A 26 C4 3D  i.>|&|.t.&.=
01F0: 83 F7 FF 25 F8 FF 4D 80 0F 26 89 45 0E 26 C4 3D  ..t.M.&.E.&.=
```

Clearly nothing to do with the alphabet file. The last block of our cluster, 1317 ends like this:

```
....
01C0: 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 6A 6B 6C 6D 6E 6F 70 71  bcdefghijklmnopq
01D0: 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 7A 2E 0D 0A 61 62 63 64  rstuvwxyz...abcd
01E0: 65 66 67 68 69 6A 6B 6C 6D 6E 6F 70 71 72 73 74  efghijklmnopqrst
01F0: 75 76 77 78 79 7A 2E 0D 0A 61 62 63 64 65 66 67  uvwxyz...abcdefg
```

and where does the file continue? Back to the FAT.

Cluster 204 leads us to bytes 408 and 409 of the FAT (198 and 199 hexa.)

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0190: FF FF FF FF CC 00 FF FF CD 00 CE 00 FF FF 00 00  ....
```

They contain 00CD = which is 205, so the third cluster of the file is number 205.

The entry in the FAT for cluster 205 says 00CE = 206, so the fourth cluster is number 206. Contiguous allocation gets used a lot when the disc is nearly empty, but is not to be expected normally.

The FAT entry for cluster 206 says FFFF, which is the "end-of-chain" signal, so we know that cluster 206 is the last one in the file. It starts at block 1322, which is full of alphabet:

```
Command: s 1322
0000: 7A 2E 0D 0A 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 6A 6B 6C  z...abcdefghijkl
0010: 6D 6E 6F 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 7A 2E 0D  mnopqrstuvwxyz..
0020: 0A 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 6A 6B 6C 6D 6E 6F  .abcdefghijklmno
....
01D0: 7A 2E 0D 0A 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 6A 6B 6C  z...abcdefghijkl
01E0: 6D 6E 6F 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 7A 2E 0D  mnopqrstuvwxyz..
01F0: 0A 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 6A 6B 6C 6D 6E 6F  .abcdefghijklmno
```

And the next block and the next block are also both full of alphabet.
But the last block of this cluster, block 1325, isn't full.

We've had 3 full clusters and three more full blocks, for a total of 15
blocks or 7680 bytes. The file length was given as 8122, so there should
442 bytes of text in this block. 442 is hexadecimal 1BA:

Command: s 1325

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0000: 79 7A 2E 0D 0A 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 6A 6B yz...abcdefghijkl
0010: 6C 6D 6E 6F 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 7A 2E lmnopqrstuvwxyz.
0020: 0D 0A 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 6A 6B 6C 6D 6E ..abcdefghijklmn
0030: 6F 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 7A 2E 0D 0A 61 opqrstuvwxyz...a
0040: 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 6A 6B 6C 6D 6E 6F 70 71 bcdefghijklmnopq
0050: 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 7A 2E 0D 0A 61 62 63 64 rstuvwxyz...abcd
0060: 65 66 67 68 69 6A 6B 6C 6D 6E 6F 70 71 72 73 74 efghijklmnopqrst
0070: 75 76 77 78 79 7A 2E 0D 0A 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 uvwxyz...abcdefg
0080: 68 69 6A 6B 6C 6D 6E 6F 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 hijklmnopqrstuvw
0090: 78 79 7A 2E 0D 0A 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 6A xyz...abcdefghij
00A0: 6B 6C 6D 6E 6F 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 7A klmnopqrstuvwxyz
00B0: 2E 0D 0A 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 6A 6B 6C 6D ...abcdefghijklm
00C0: 6E 6F 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 7A 2E 0D 0A nopqrstuvwxyz...
00D0: 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 6A 6B 6C 6D 6E 6F 70 abcdefghijklmnop
00E0: 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 7A 2E 0D 0A 61 62 63qrstuvwxyz...abc
00F0: 64 65 66 67 68 69 6A 6B 6C 6D 6E 6F 70 71 72 73 defghijklmnopqrs
0100: 74 75 76 77 78 79 7A 2E 0D 0A 61 62 63 64 65 66 tuvxyz...abcdef
0110: 67 68 69 6A 6B 6C 6D 6E 6F 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 ghijklmnopqrstuv
0120: 77 78 79 7A 2E 0D 0A 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 xyz...abcdefghi
0130: 6A 6B 6C 6D 6E 6F 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 jklmnopqrstuvwxyz
0140: 7A 2E 0D 0A 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 6A 6B 6C z...abcdefghijkl
0150: 6D 6E 6F 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 7A 2E 0D mnopqrstuvwxyz..
0160: 0A 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 6A 6B 6C 6D 6E 6F .abcdefghijklmno
0170: 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 7A 2E 0D 0A 61 62 pqrstuvwxyz...ab
0180: 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 6A 6B 6C 6D 6E 6F 70 71 72 cdefghijklmnopqr
0190: 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 7A 2E 0D 0A 61 62 63 64 65 stuvwxyz...abcde
01A0: 66 67 68 69 6A 6B 6C 6D 6E 6F 70 71 72 73 74 75 fghijklmnopqrstu
01B0: 76 77 78 79 7A 2E 0D 0A 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 vwxyz.....
01C0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
01D0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
01E0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
01F0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
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And that is exactly where the contents stops.