TCSS 422: OPERATING SYSTEMS

HDDs, RAID, File Systems Final Exam Review

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FALL 2020 - TCSS 562 SOFTWARE ENG. FOR CLOUD COMPUTING

- This is a "cloud computing" course
- Previous year's course:
 http://faculty.washington.edu/wlloyd/courses/tcss562
- Course introduces major cloud computing delivery models: Infrastructure-as-a-Service (IaaS), Platform (PaaS), Functions (FaaS), Container (CaaS), Software (SaaS)
- Course features a software development project where we build and evaluate software entirely for the cloud
- Fall 2019 focus: developing serverless software: e.g. data processing pipelines
- Fall 2020 focus: serverless/cloud-native software, containerization, cloud services

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TCSS 562 - CLOUD COMPUTING - 2

- Class does not have prerequisites
- TCSS 422 provides good foundation we use Linux
- If interested in enrolling, contact by email
- Can take 1 x 500-level class, counts as 400-level elective
 - SAVINGS: able to take graduate course and only pay undergraduate tuition
- DOUBLE-DIP !!
 - Class taken in last quarter of undergrad can be used twice
 - Once as a undergraduate elective towards graduation
 - Once as a graduate elective towards the Masters in Computer Science & Systems (MSCSS) degree

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NEXT YEAR - TCSS 498/499 (ANY QUARTER) UNDERGRADUATE READIN/RESEARCH IN CSS

- Independent study in "cloud computing"
- Work to collaboratively draft a proposal and submit to Dr. Chinn, CSS Chair for Approval
- Focus on variety of topics related to cloud/distributed systems
- Variable credits from 1 to 5
- Involves participation in weekly research group meeting
 - Spring 2020: currently Wednesday at 12:30p
- Usually 1 or 2 one-on-one or small group meeting during week
- Contact by email if interested
- Identify preferred quarter(s)
- Number of credits
- Can take up to 10 credits TCSS 498/499 CSS elective credits

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COURSE EVALUATION: TCSS 422 B SPRING 2020

- Please complete the course evaluation survey at:
- TCSS 422 B Computer Operating Systems:
- https://uwt.iasystem.org/survey/106940
- New this quarter:
- Assignment 2- available in Java or C
- Tutorial 2- parallel prime number generation
- Assignment 3 Kernel Module programming-tutorial format
- Course entirely online & recorded
- Paperless daily feedback surveys
- Quizzes with multiple attempts
- Problem solutions w/ document cam
- Open book, note, and internet midterm and final exam
- Slide revisions & refactoring for 100% online delivery

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MATERIAL / PACE

- Please classify your perspective on material covered in today's class (35 respondents):
- 1-mostly review, 5-equal new/review, 10-mostly new
- Average 6.44 (\(\psi \) from 7.3)
- Please rate the pace of today's class:
- 1-slow, 5-just right, 10-fast
- Average 5.56 (\$\psi\$ from 5.83)

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FEEDBACK FROM 6/2

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CH. 37: HARD DISK DRIVES TCSS422: Operating Systems [Spring 2020] School of Engineering and Technology, University of Washington - Tacoma June 4, 2020 L19.12

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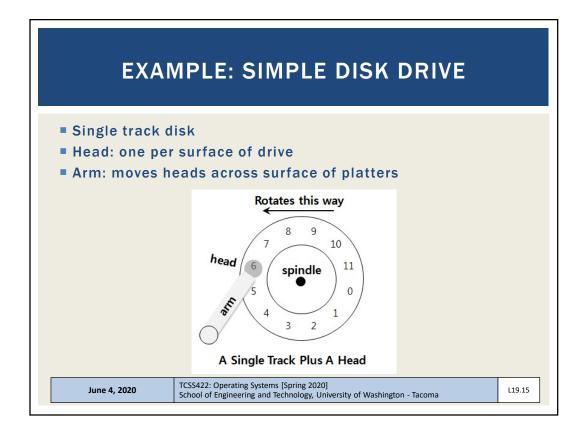
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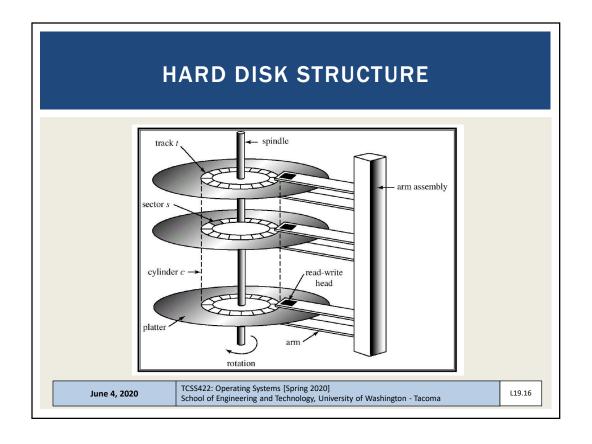
- Chapter 37
 - HDD Internals
 - Seek time
 - Rotational latency
 - Transfer speed
 - Capacity
 - Scheduling algorithms

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SINGLE-TRACK LATENCY: THE ROTATIONAL DELAY

■ Rotational latency (T_{rotation}): time to rotate to desired sector

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- Average T_{rotation} is ~ about half the time of a full rotation
- How to calculate T_{rotation} from rpm
- 1. Calculate time for 1 rotation based on rpm
 - > Convert rpm to rps

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- 2. Divide by two (average rotational latency)
- 7200rpm = 8.33ms per rotation /2= ~4.166ms
- 10000rpm = 6ms per rotation /2= ~3ms
- 15000rpm = 4ms per rotation /2= ~2ms

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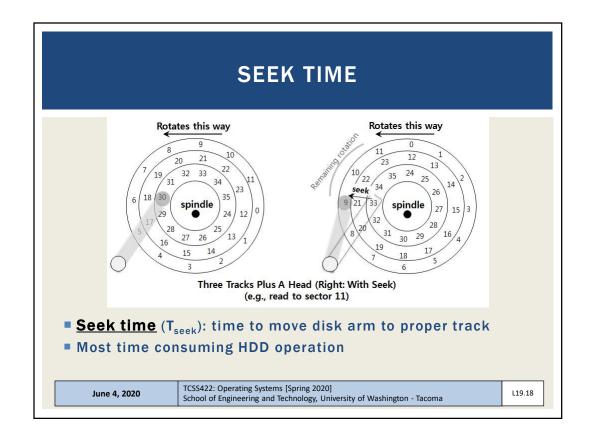
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A Single Track Plus A Head

Rotates this way



FOUR PHASES OF SEEK

- Acceleration → coasting → deceleration → settling
- Acceleration: the arm gets moving
- Coasting: arm moving at full speed
- Deceleration: arm slow down
- Settling: Head is carefully positioned over track
 - Settling time is often high, from .5 to 2ms

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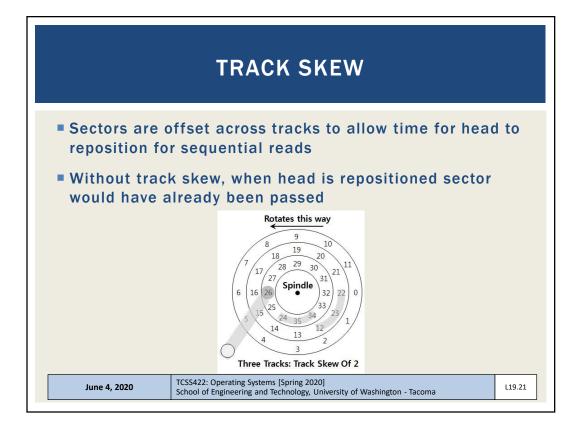
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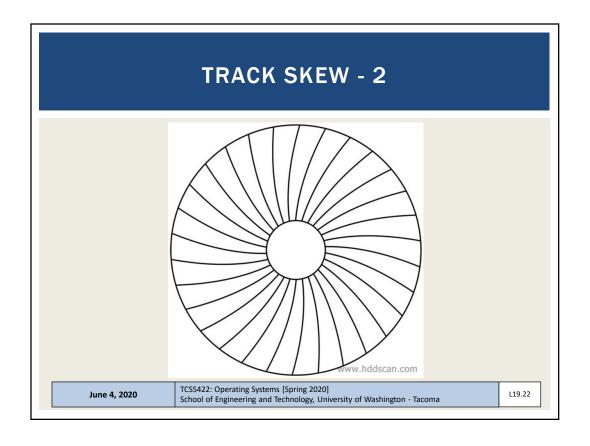
- Data transfer
 - •Final phase of I/O: time to read or write to disk surface
- Complete I/O cycle:
 - 1. Seek (accelerate, coast, decelerate, settle)
 - 2. Wait on rotational latency (until track aligns)
 - 3. Data transfer

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HDD CACHE

- Buffer to support caching reads and writes
- Improves drive response time
- Up to 256 MB, slowly have been growing
- Two styles
 - Writeback cache
 - Report write complete immediately when data is transferred to HDD cache
 - Dangerous if power is lost
 - Writethrough cache
 - Reports write complete only when write is physically completed on disk

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TRANSFER SPEED

- Can calculate I/O transfer speed with:
- I/O Time: $T_{I/O} = T_{seek} + T_{rotation} + T_{transfer}$
- T_{transfer} = DATA_{size} x Rate_{I/O}
- $R_{I/O} = \frac{Size_{Transfer}}{T_{I/O}}$ Rate of I/O:

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EXAMPLE: I/O SPEED

- Compare two disks:
- 1. Random workload: 4KB (random read on HDD)
- 2. Sequential workload: 100MB (contiguous sectors)
 - > Calculate $T_{rotation}$ from rpm (rpm \rightarrow rps, time for 1 rotation / 2)

	Cheetah 15K.5	Barracuda
Capacity	300 GB	1 TB
RPM	15,000	7,200
Average Seek	4 ms	9 ms
Max Transfer	125 MB/s	105 MB/s
Platters	4	4
Cache	16 MB	16/32 MB
Connects Via	SCSI	SATA

Disk Drive Specs: SCSI Versus SATA

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$T \dots - T \dots \perp T$	T_{se}	ek	4 ms	9 ms
$T_{I/O} = T_{seek} + T_{rotation} + T_{transfer}$	T_{rota}	tion	2 ms	4.2 ms
	4 KB	$T_{transfer}$	30 microsecs	38 microsecs
	Random	$T_{I/O}$	6 ms	13.2 ms
$T_{transfer} = Data_{size} x Rate_{I/O}$		$R_{I/O}$	0.66 MB/s	0.31 MB/s
	100 MB	$T_{transfer}$	800 ms	950 ms
Sizo	Sequential	$T_{I/O}$	806 ms	963.2 ms
$R_{I/O} = \frac{Size_{Transfer}}{T_{I/O}}$		$R_{I/O}$	125 MB/s	105 MB/s
11/0	Dis	k Drive Perfor	mance: SCSI Versus	SATA

There is a huge gap in drive throughput between random and sequential workloads

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MODERN HDD SPECS

- See sample HDD configurations here:
 - Up to 20 TB
- https://www.westerndigital.com/products/data-centerdrives#hard-disk-hdd

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DISK SCHEDULING

- Disk scheduler: determine how to order I/O requests
- Multiple levels of scheduling: OS and HW
- OS: provides ordering
- HW: further optimizes using intricate details of physical **HDD** implementation and state

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DISK SCHEDULING ALGORITHMS - 1 ■ Disk scheduling: which I/O request to schedule next Shortest Seek Time First (SSTF) Order queue of I/O requests by nearest track Rotates this way 33 32 SSTF: Scheduling Request 21 and 2 Spindle 18 30 Issue the request to 21 → issue the request to 2 24 12 TCSS422: Operating Systems [Spring 2020] School of Engineering and Technology, University of Washington - Tacoma June 4, 2020 L19.29

SSTF ISSUES

- Problem 1: HDD abstraction
- Drive geometry not available to OS. Nearest-block-first is a comparable alternate algorithm.
- Problem 2: Starvation
- Steady stream of requests for local tracks may prevent arm from traversing to other side of platter
 - Keeps head local to a few tracks

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DISK SCHEDULING ALGORITHMS - 2

- SCAN (SWEEP)
- Perform single repeated passes back and forth across disk
- Issue: if request arrives for a recently visited track it will not be revisited until a full cycle completes
- F-SCAN
- Freeze incoming requests by adding to queue during scan
- Cache arriving requests until later
- Delays help avoid starvation by postponing servicing nearby newly arriving requests vs. requests at edge of sweep
- Provides better fairness
- Elevator (C-SCAN) circular scan
- Sweep only one direction (e.g. outer to inner) and repeat
- SCAN favors middle tracks vs. outer tracks with 2-way sweep

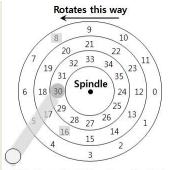
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DISK SCHEDULING ALGORITHMS - 3

- Shortest Positioning Time First
- Select next sector to read based on which sector can be reached first
 - Use when: $T_{seek} = T_{rotation}$
- Next read depends on current position
 - which track?
 - which sector?



SSTF: Sometimes Not Good Enough

On modern drives, both seek and rotation are roughly equivalent: Thus, SPTF (Shortest Positioning Time First) is useful.

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OPTIMIZATION: I/O MERGING

- Group temporary adjacent requests
- Reduce overhead
- Read (memory blocks): 33 8 34
- How long we should wait for I/O ?
- When do we know we have waited too long?

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RAID

- Redundant array of inexpensive disks (RAID)
- Grouping together of multiple disks
- Provides the illusion of one GIANT disk
- For performance improvements:
 - STRIPING: create big disk by spreading data across several
 - Data reads/writes are automatically distributed to physically different device
 - MIRRORING: duplicate disks: read transactions are distributed across disks and can run in parallel
 - 2 disks: each handles 50% of the reads doubles throughput
- For redundancy / fault tolerance:
 - Mirroring: duplicates data in case of drive failure

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RAID - 2

Good system administrators will always say:

RAID is not a backup!

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RAID LEVEL 0 - STRIPING

- RAID Level 0: Simplest form
- Stripe blocks of data across disks in a round-robin fashion
- Excellent performance and capacity
- Capacity
 - Capacity is equal to the sum of all disks
- Performance
 - R/W are distributed in round-robin fashion across all disks
- Reliability
 - No redundancy

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RAID LEVEL 1 - MIRRORING

- RAID 1 tolerates HDD failure
- Two copies of each block across disks
- RAID 1 Example with 4 disks, each data block saved twice:

Disk 0	Disk 1	Disk 2	Disk 3
0	0	1	1
2	2	3	3
4	4	5	5
6	6	7	7
Simple RAI	D-1: Mirroring	g (Keep two p	hysical copies)

- Can suffer the loss of two disks

Just not two even or odd numbered disks !!

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RAID 1 - EVALUATION

- Capacity: RAID 1 is expensive
 - The useful capacity is n/2
- Reliability: RAID-1 does well
 - Can tolerate the loss of disk(s)
 - Up to n/2 disk failures tolerated depending on which disk fails
- Performance: RAID-1 is slow at writing
 - Must wait for writes to complete to all disk(s)

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RAID 5 - PARITY DISK Raid 5 - trades off space requirement for redundancy In a 5-disk array, you can only recover from the loss of 1 HDD 5 disk RAID 5: Capacity is 80% of 5 disks Writes rotate across disks, distributing a parity data To rebuild data blocks you only need data from 4 disks Any drive can fail, as long Disk 0 Disk 1 Disk 2 Disk 3 Disk 4

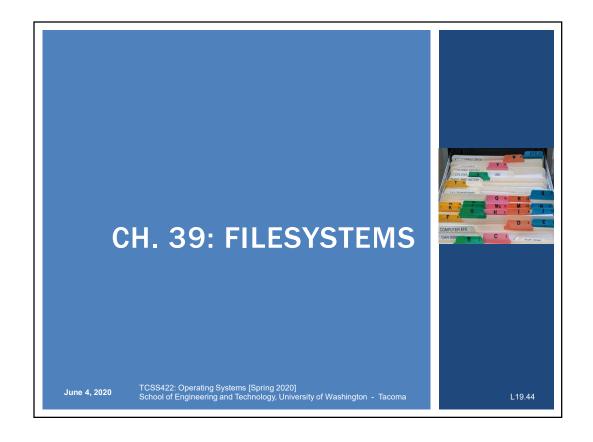
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just one dr	ive fails	0	1	2	3	PO
■ To recover	need:	5	6	7	P1	4
3 blocks +	1 parity block	10	11	P2	8	9
-or-		15	P3	12	13	14
4 blocks		P4	16	17	18	19
			RAID-5	With Rotated	l Parity	
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RAID 5 - EVALUATION

- Capacity: Useful capacity is (n-1) disks
 - A HDD must be dedicated as a parity disk
- Performance
 - Writes are very slow: roughly = n/4
 - Reads are equivalent to a single disk
- Reliability
 - In RAID 5, a disk may fail, and the RAID keeps running
 - Rebuilds are slow !!!
 - Depending on disk size 8-24 hours is not unheard of
- RAID 6: Adds a second parity disk for increased resilience

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RAID COMPARISON										
RAID Level Comparison Features RAID 0 RAID 1 RAID 1E RAID 5 RAID 5EE RAID 6 RAID 10										
Minimum # Drives	2	2	3	3	4	4	4			
Data Protection	No Protection	Single-drive failure	Single-drive failure	Single-drive failure	Single-drive failure	Two-drive failure	Up to one disk failure in each sub-array			
Read Performance	High	High	High	High	High	High	High			
Write Performance	High	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Medium			
Read Performance (degraded)	N/A	Medium	High	Low	Low	Low	High			
Write Performance (degraded)	N/A	High	High	Low	Low	Low	High			
Capacity Utilization	100%	50%	50%	67% - 94%	50% - 88%	50% - 88%	50%			
Typical Applications	High end workstations, data logging, real-time rendering, very transitory data	Operating system, transaction databases	Operating system, transaction databases	Data warehousing, web serving, archiving	Data warehousing, web serving, archiving	Data archive, backup to disk, high availability solutions, servers with large capacity requirements	Fast databases application servers			



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FILE SYSTEMS

- Implemented by the OS as pure software
- Provide:
 - Data structures: to describe disk content
 - Arrays of blocks, index-nodes, trees
 - Access methods: provides mapping for OS calls open(), read(), write(), etc.
 - Which structures are read? written? For each call?
 - How efficiently does the structure support file operations?
- Many available file systems (A-Z)

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FILE SYSTEMS: A TO Z

- Numerous file systems abound (A-Z)
- ADFA, AdvFS, AFS, AFS, AosFS, AthFS, BFS, BFS, Btrfs, CFS, CMDFS, CP/M, DDFS, DTFS, DOS 3.x, EAFS, EDS, ext, etx2, etx3, ext4, ext3cow, FAT, VFAT, FATX, FFS, Fossil, Files-11, Felx, HFS, HPFS, HTFS, IceFS, ISO 9660, JFS, JXFS, Lisa FS, LFS, MFS, Minix FS, NILFS, NTFS, NetWare FS, OneFS, OFS, OS-9, PFS, ProDOS, Qnx5fs, Qnx6fs, ReFS, ReiserFS, Reiser4, Reliance, Reliance Nitro, RFS, S51K, SkyFS, SFS, Soup (Apple), SpadFS, STL, TRFS, Tux3, UDF, UFS, UFS2, VxFS, VLIR, WAFL, XFS, FS, ZFS

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FILE SYSTEM ORGANIZATION

- Disk is divided into blocks
- Block size supported by most HDDs is 512 bytes
- Typical FS block size is 4 KB
- An instance of a file system is typically called a partition
- A single physical disk can have multiple partitions (file systems)

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FILE SYSTEM STORAGE

- File system is stored using blocks on the disk
- Location considered a "reserved" region of the disk
- Corruption of the reserved region can destroy the file tables causing data on the disk to by unaddressable
- File system keeps track of:
 - Which blocks comprise a file
 - Where the blocks reside (are they contiguous?)
 - The size of files
 - The owner of files
 - File permissions (e.g. R/W/X)

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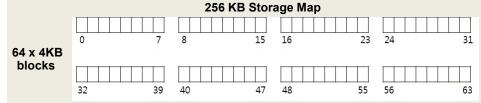
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FILE SYSTEM EXAMPLE

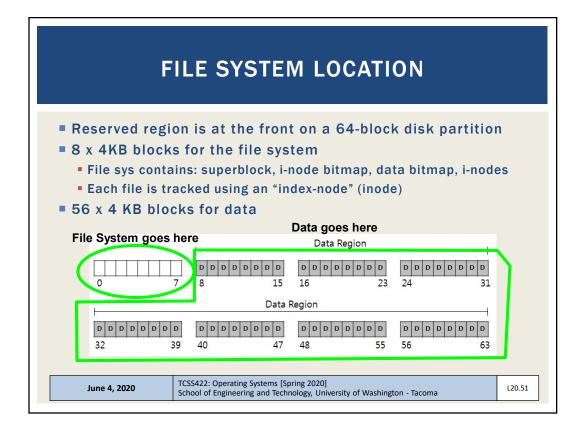
- Consider a 64 block disk (w/ 4096B block size)
 a.k.a. a 256 KB disk
- Legacy low density 5-1/4" floppies had 160KB single side, 360KB double sided capacity

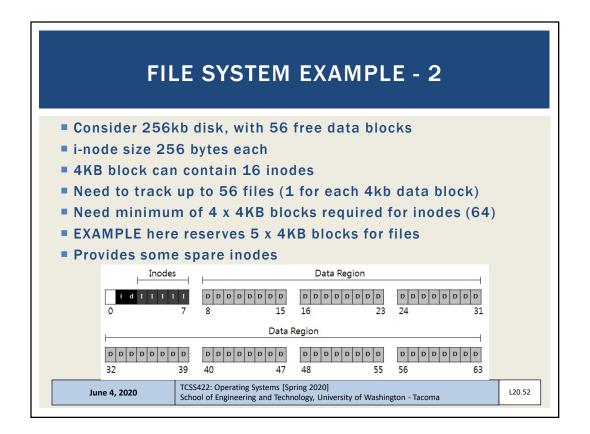


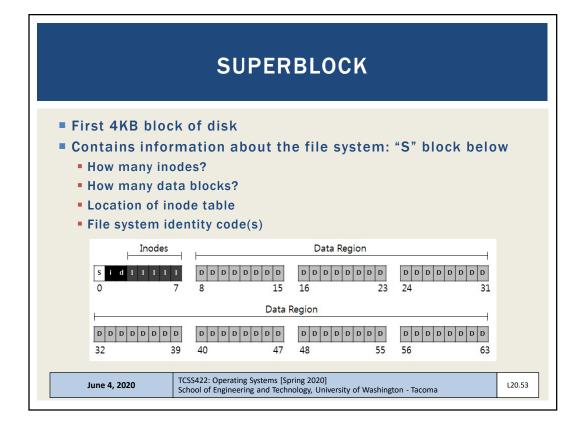


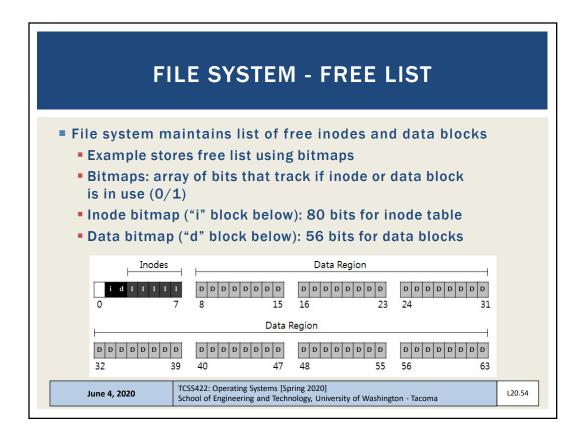
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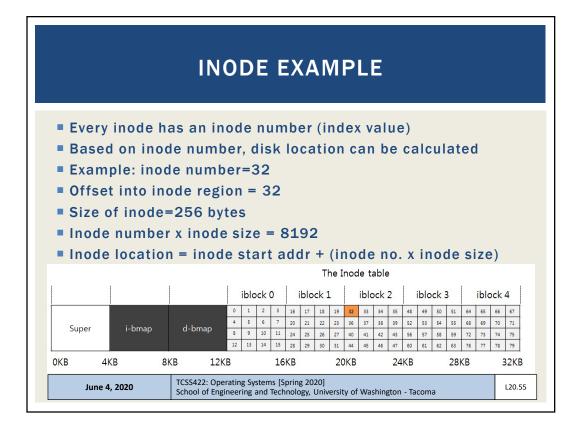
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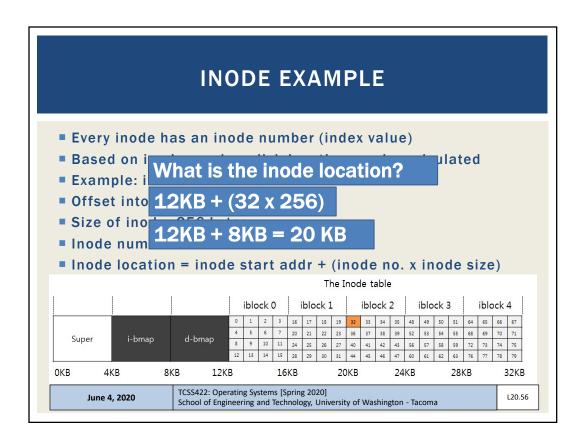


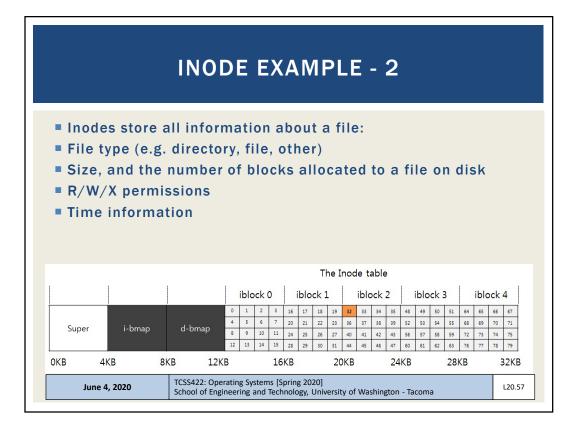












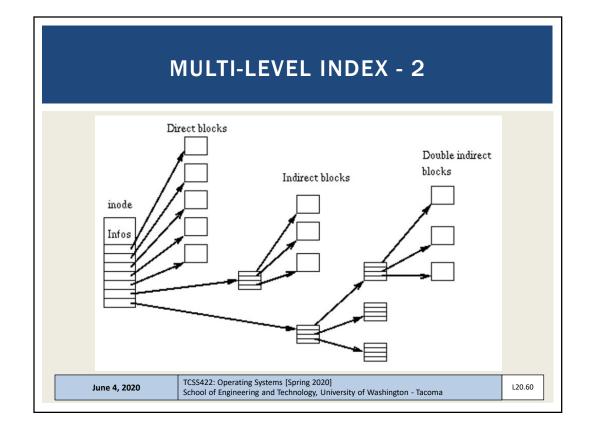
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Size	Name	What is this inode field for?	
2	mode	can this file be read/written/executed?	
2	uid	who owns this file?	
4	size	how many bytes are in this file?	
4	time	what time was this file last accessed?	
4	ctime	what time was this file created?	
4	mtime	what time was this file last modified?	
4	dtime	what time was this inode deleted?	
4	gid	which group does this file belong to?	
2	links_count	how many hard links are there to this file?	
2	blocks	how many blocks have been allocated to this file?	
4	flags	how should ext2 use this inode?	
4	osd1	an OS-dependent field	
60	block	a set of disk pointers (15 total)	
4	generation	file version (used by NFS)	
4	file acl	a new permissions model beyond mode bits	
4	dir_acl	called access control lists	
4	faddr	an unsupported field	
12	i_osd2	another OS-dependent field	
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MULTI-LEVEL INDEXING

- Inodes use a multi-level index
- First level: includes 12-direct block pointers
- Second level: provides 1 indirect block pointer
- Points to a Block: contains 1,024 x 4 byte block pointers
- Indirect pointer:
- 12 direct block pointers, 1 indirect block ptr to a block
- Maximum file size:
- \blacksquare (12 + 1,024 entries) * 4KB = (1,036 x 4KB) = 4,144 KB
- Need more space?
 - Can have double and triple indirect block pointers

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MULTI-LEVEL INDEX - 3

- Double indirect pointer
- First level: include 12-direct block pointers
- Second level: include 1 indirect block pointer
- Third level: include 1 indirect block pointer
- Maximum file size: (entries x 4KB block size)
- 12 + 1,024 + (1,024 x 1,024) * 4KB
- 1,049,612 x 4KB = 4,198,448 KB
 - -~ 4GB
- Triple indirect pointer
- Adds another level & indirect block pointer
- Maximum file size: (entries x 4KB block size)
- \blacksquare 12 + 1,024 + (1024²) + (1024³) * 4KB = ~ 4TB

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EXTENTS

- Extents have a pointer with a stored length
- Each file has multiple extents
- A single extent would require contiguous file allocation
- In contrast to block pointers:
- Extents conserve space better than multi-level indexes, but are less agile at representing file allocations scattered across the disk
 - Multi-level indexes excel for files w/ blocks scattered across the disk
 - Don't care if storage is contiguous because each block has a pointer
- File indexing presents a space vs. flexibility tradeoff
 - Extents (space efficient, rigid), multi-level indexes (better for tracking files w/ fragmented blocks)

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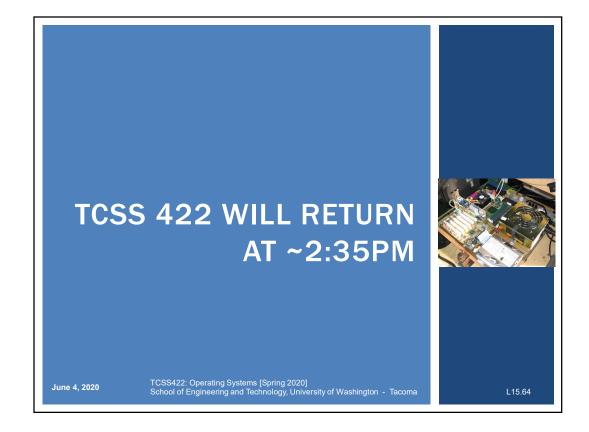
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FILE INDEXING

- Multi-level indexing
 - ext2, ext3
 - can you have a disk >4TB w/ ext3 ??
- Extents
 - ext4 (default Ubuntu 16.04), XFS (default CentOS 7)
 - NTFS, Btrfs (b-tree fs)
- Exhaustive file systems feature comparison
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_file_systems

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- Questions from 6/2
- Tutorial 2 (pthreads, locks, conditions) due Thurs June 4
- Assignment 3 on Linux kernel programming offered in "tutorial" format due Sat June 13
- Quiz 4 Page Tables optional provides practice problems - to be posted
- Chapter 37: Hard Disk Drives
- Chapter 38: RAID (Redundant array of inexpensive disks)- very brief
- Chapter 39/40: File Systems very brief
- Practice Final Exam Questions Today 2nd hour

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QUESTION 1 - BASE AND BOUNDS

A computer system uses a simple base/bounds register pair to virtualize address spaces. For each traces fill in the missing values of virtual addresses, physical addresses, base, and/or bounds registers. In some cases, it is not possible to provide an exact value. If so, specify a range (e.g. greater than 100), or value that is not a single number.

Scenario 1			
<u>Virtual Address</u>	Physical Address		
100	600		
300	800	Base?	S <u>-4</u>
699	1199		
700	[fault]	Bounds?	13

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and containing on a			
Scenario 2			
firtual Address	Physical Address		
300	1500	Base?	
1600	2800		
1801	?	Bounds?	
2801	4001		*
	(HEZZOTSKE)		
Scenario 3			
Virtual Address	Physical Address		
	1000	Base?	1000
	1100		9774014-019
N	2999	Bounds?	2000
		Dounus	2000
	[fault]		

QUESTION 2 - SINGLE-LEVEL PAGE TABLE Consider a computer with 4 GB (2³²) of physical memory, where the page size is 4 KB (2^{12}) . For simplicity assume than 1GB=1000MB, 1MB=1000KB, 1KB=1000 bytes (a) How many pages must be tracked by a single-level page if the computer has 4GB (2³²) of physical memory and the page table size is 4 KB (2^{12}) ? (b) How many bits are required for the virtual page number (VPN) to address any page within this 4GB (2³²) memory space? (c) Assuming that the smallest addressable unit of memory within a page is a byte (8-bits), how many bits are required for the offset to refer to any byte in the 4 KB page? (d) Assuming each page table entry (PTE) requires 4 bytes of memory, how much memory is required to store the page table for one process (in MB)?

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(e) Using this memory requirement, how many processes would fill the memory with page table data on a 4GB computer?

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QUESTION 3 - TWO-LEVEL PAGE TABLE

- Consider a computer with 1 GB (2³⁰) of physical memory, where the page size is 1024 bytes (1KB) (2^{10}) . We would like to index memory pages using a two level page table consisting of a page directory which refers to page tables which are created on demand to index the entire memory space.
- For simplicity assume than 1GB=1000MB, 1MB=1000KB, 1KB=1000 bytes
- (a) For a two-level page table, divide the VPN in half. How many bits are required for the page directory index (PDI) in a two-level scheme?
- (b) How many bits are required for the page table index (PTI)?
- (c) How many bits are required for an offset to address any byte in the 1 KB page?

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Q3 - 2

- (d) Assuming each page table entry (PTE) requires 4 bytes of memory, how many extra bits are available for status bits?
- (e) HelloWorld.c consists of 4 memory pages. One code page, one heap page, one data segment page, and one stack segment page. How large is the two-level page table in bytes with the structure described above that could index the all 4 memory pages of HelloWorld.c?

Hint: There should be 2 tables, a page directory, and a page table.

(f) Assuming the same page table as for HelloWorld.c, using the exact same two-level page table, how large in bytes could the program grow to before needing to expand the page table?

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QUESTION 4 - CACHE TRACING

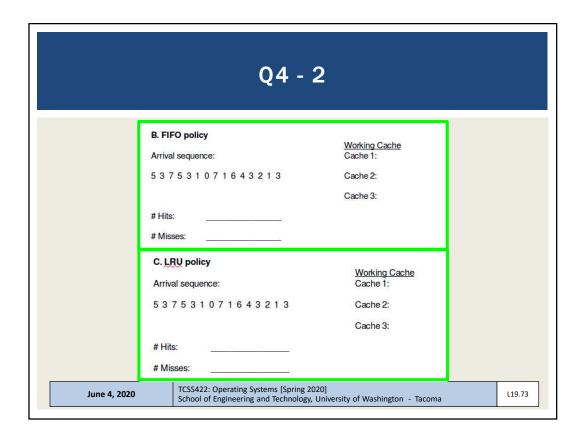
- Consider a 3-element cache with the cache arrival sequences below.
- Determine the number of cache hits and cache misses using each of the following cache replacement policies:

Working Cache	
Cache 1:	
Cache 2:	
Cache 3:	
	Cache 1:

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QUESTION 5 - FREE SPACE MANAGEMENT

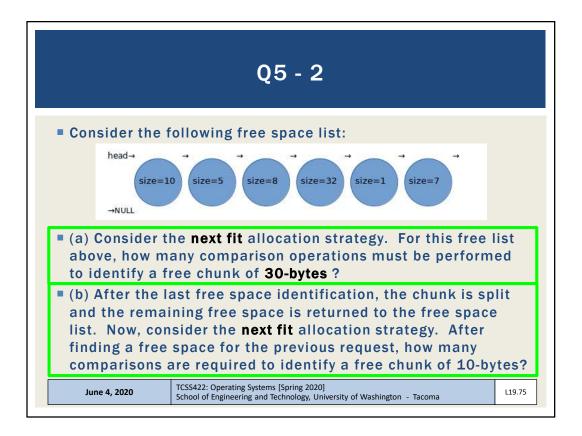
- Free space management involves capturing a description of the computer's free memory using a data structure, storing this data structure in memory, and OS support to rapidly use this structure to determine an appropriate location for new memory allocations. An efficient implementation is very important when scaling up the number of operations the OS is required to perform.
- Consider the use of a linked list for a free space list where each node is represented by placing the following structure in the header of the memory chunk:

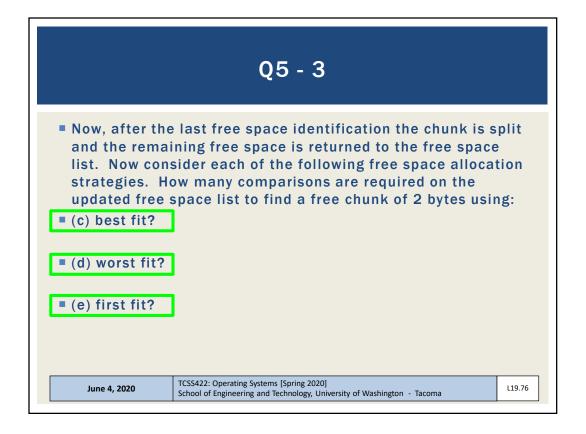
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typedef struct node t
   int size;
   struct node t *next;
} node t;
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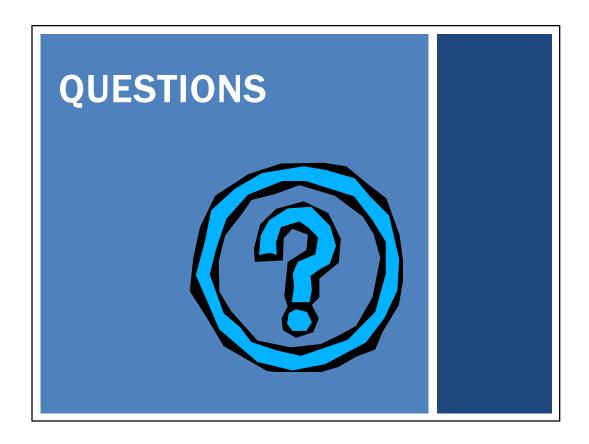
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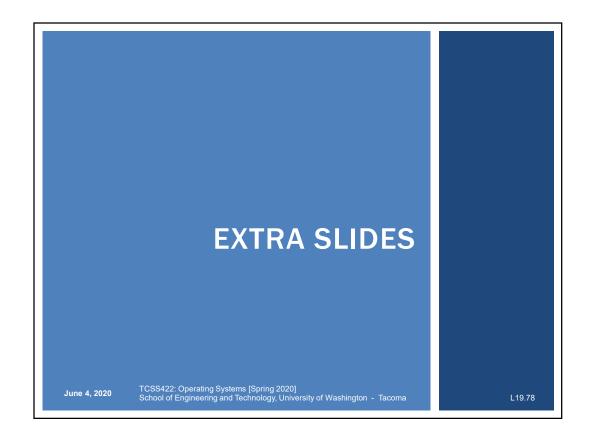
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COMMON FILE CHARACTERISTICS

Most files are small Average file size is growing Most bytes are stored in large files File systems contains lots of files File systems are roughly half full Directories are typically small

Roughly 2K is the most common size Almost 200K is the average A few big files use most of the space Almost 100K on average Even as disks grow, file system remain -50% full Many have few entries; most have 20 or fewer

File System Measurement Summary

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DIRECTORIES

- Directory contains file name and i number (index)
- Extra files for the parent dir and pwd
- Can store dirs as linear list, often stored in inodes
- XFS uses B-trees to eliminate sequential search of filenames for duplicates when creating a new file

inum	reclen	strlen	name
5	4	2	
2	4	3	
12	4	4	foo
13	4	4	bar
24	8	7	foobar
	di	isk for dir	

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FILE I/O - READ

- Consider reading a file called "/foo/bar"
- Traverse starting at root "/" (inumber = 2) to find file
- Read each inode to dereference file block location on disk

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FILE I/O - READ OPERATIONS

■ 3 block file: 11 reads, 3 writes (last access time)

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	data bitmap	inode bitmap	root inode	foo inode	bar inode	root data	foo data	bar data[0]	bar data[1]	bar data[2]	
open(bar)		read			read						
				read		read					
							read				
					read						
read()					read						
NY WY								read			
10					write						
read()					read						
									read		
					write						
read()					read						
					write	0				read	

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FILE I/O - WRITE

- At least Five I/Os to update an existing file
 - one to read the data bitmap
 - one to write the bitmap (to reflect its new state to disk)
 - two more to read and then write the inode
 - one to write the actual block itself.

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FILE I/O - WRITE - 2 data inode data[0] create (/foo/bar) read read write write write() read write write write() read write write() read write write File Creation Timeline (Time Increasing Downward)

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FREE SPACE MANAGEMENT

- **■** Free Lists
 - Linked list of free blocks
 - Head node tracks first free block, each subsequent block is linked with a pointer
 - Bitmaps
 - Bit-wise arrays of free blocks
 - B-trees (XFS)
 - Represents free list in a more compact form, with better search performance
- Free list design impacts efficiency of finding free blocks

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CACHING READS AND WRITES

- Two approaches to cache allocation
- Static partitioning
 - Allocate a fixed size cache at system boot time
 - For example: dedicate 10% of memory for disk R/W cache
- Dynamic partitioning
 - Linux has a unified page cache
 - Pages are cached to a unified page cache for multiple purposes
 - Memory virtualization pages
 - Inodes, disk pages

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FILE CACHING

- Subsequent file opens to a cache file can eliminate reads
- Benefits of write caching
 - Batch updates together to reduce HDD requests
 - Writes can be scheduled intelligently in the future
 - Some writes can be avoided altogether
 - For example: short lived tmp files
- Typical write buffering is from 5 to 30 seconds
- Risk of data loss
 - Fsync(): force synchronization to disk
 - Some apps such as database use to ensure immediate writes

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