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[ Welcome to the  
CS Picnic! ]

## File Systems : Implementation

→ Simple : Very simple  
File system  
(VFS)

→ Locality : Fast File  
System  
(FFS)

→ Crash Consistency :

Journaling (JFS)  
Write Ahead . ext3/4



## → Directories )

File: An array of bytes

has ⇒  
low-level  
name  
(number) { operations:  
open, read/write,  
unlink, close }

Directory:  
list of names  
(of files, dirs) low-level name

one file:

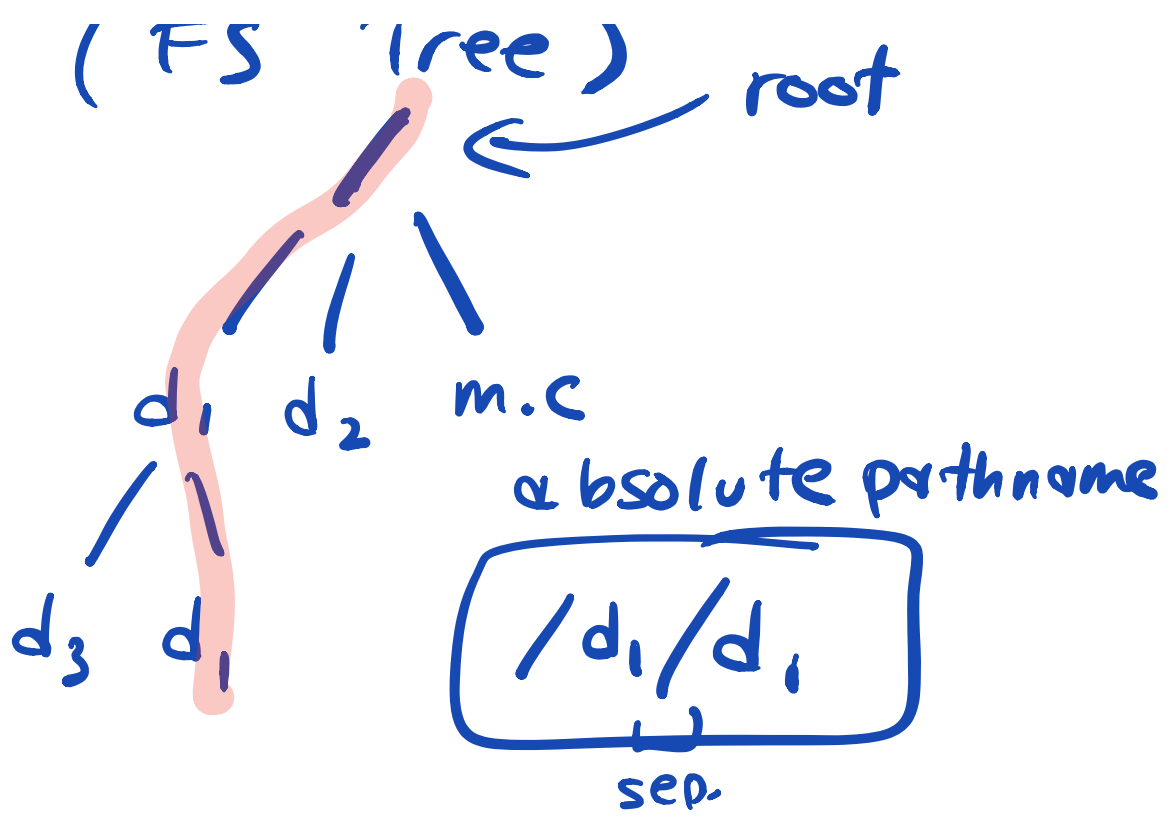
FS → file 3

"main.c"

dir: maps

"main.c" → 3

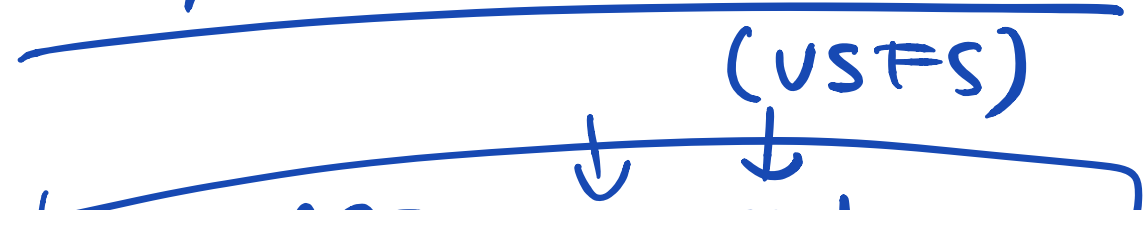
Directory hierarchy:



Implementation :

- On-disk Data Structures
- Access Methods  
open, read/write, etc.

Very Simple File System

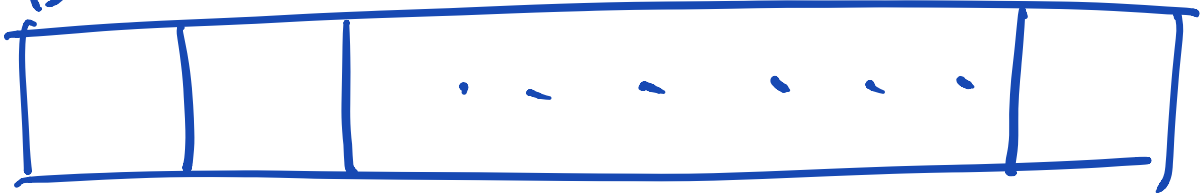




FS : API open read ....

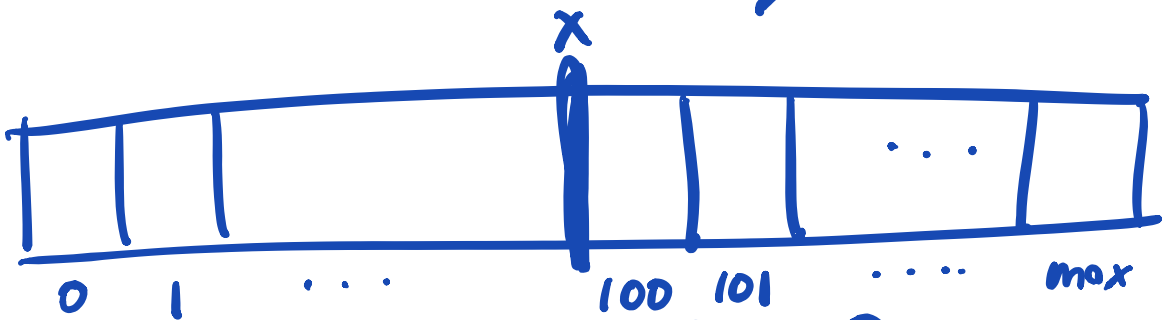
↓  
read/write to  
disk blocks

Disk : Bunch of Blocks



What needs to be  
on disk?

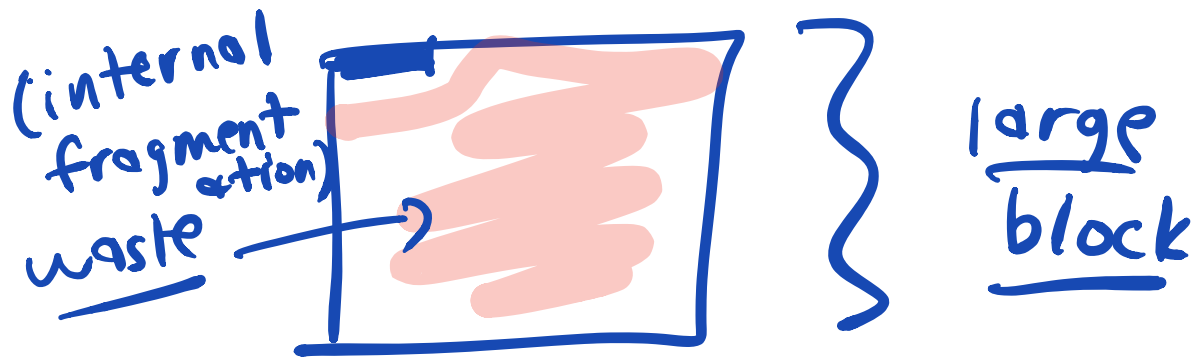
→ Data → "data blocks"



Block size: ⇒ (4KB)  
must be multiple  
of sector size (512b)

↳ minimal unit of allocation → file  
→ directory

main.c:  
#include <stdio.h>



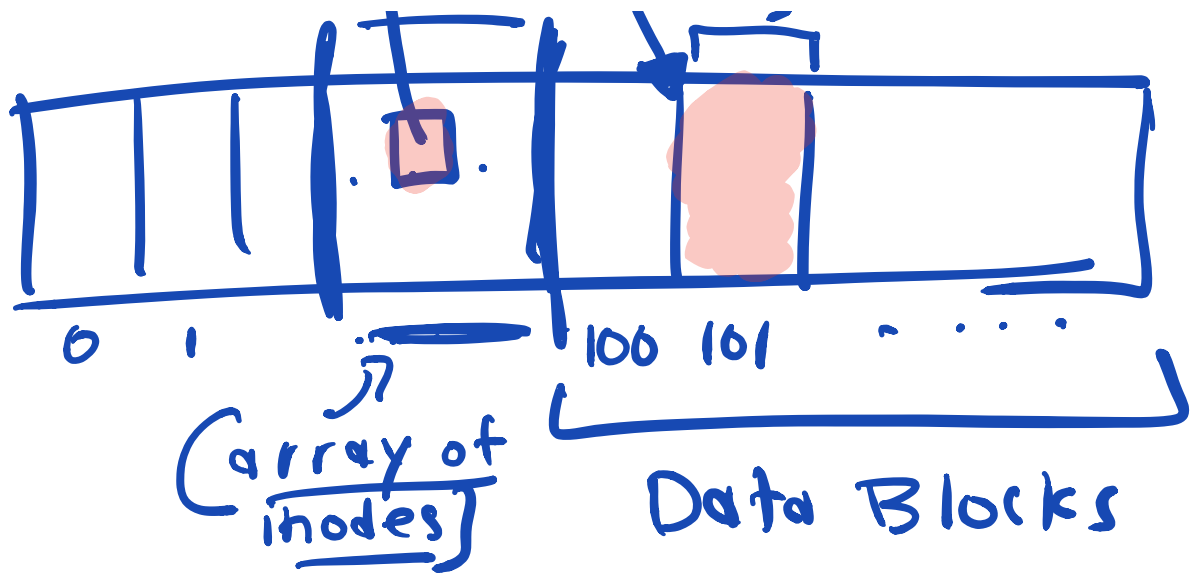
Small blocks:

better: less internal waste

but: lots + lots of blocks in large file

Blocks: (4KB) ⇒ also: matches page size





- 1) Data
  - 2) Info about each file
- per file: structure on disk

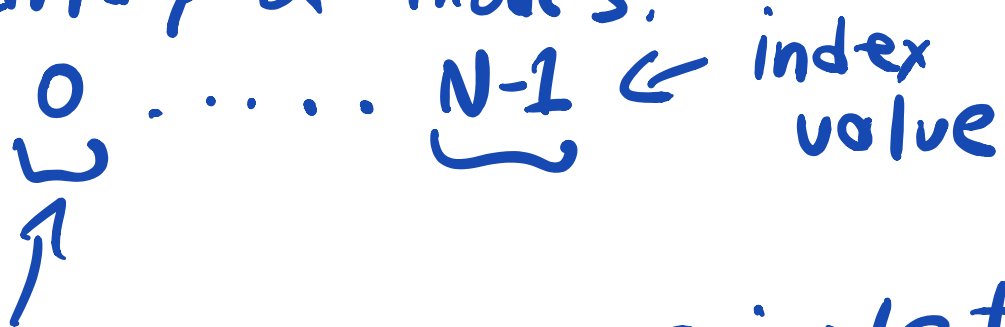
[inode] (index node)

↳ what's inside?

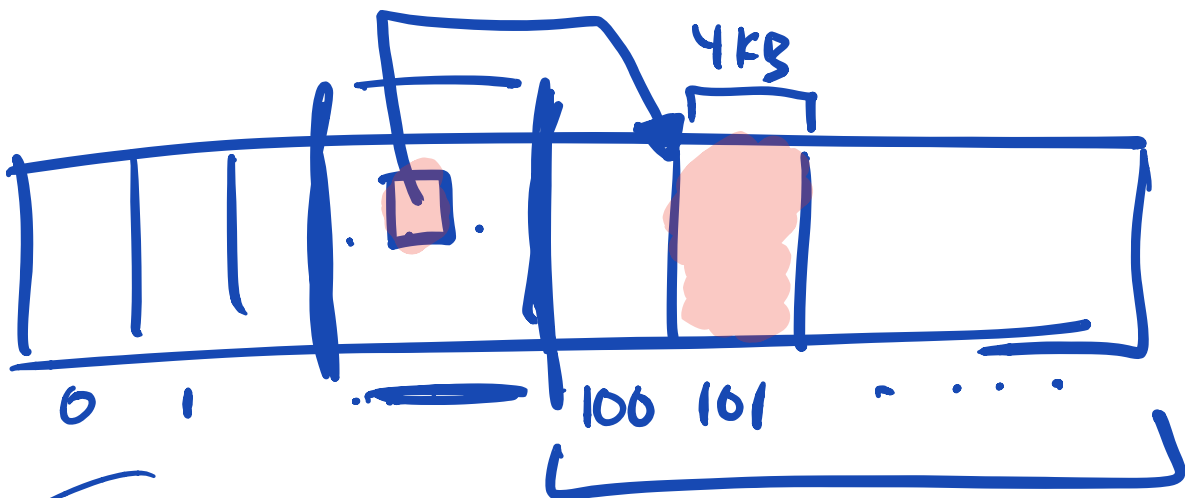
- type: regular file  
directory
- ownership: renzi
- permission:  
who can read/  
write/exec.
- timestamps  
size of file

- size, # of files
- location of blocks of this file/dir

array of inodes:

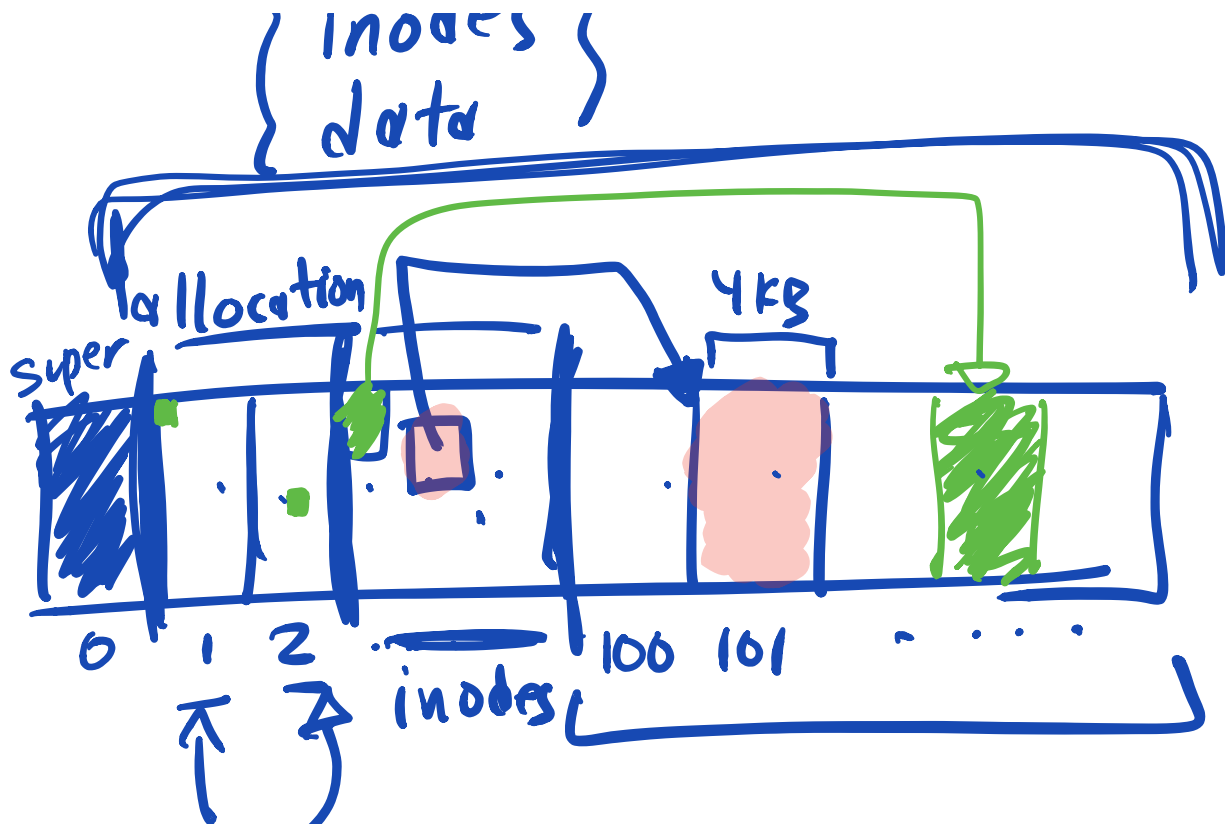


low-level name ⇒ inode #  
(index value)

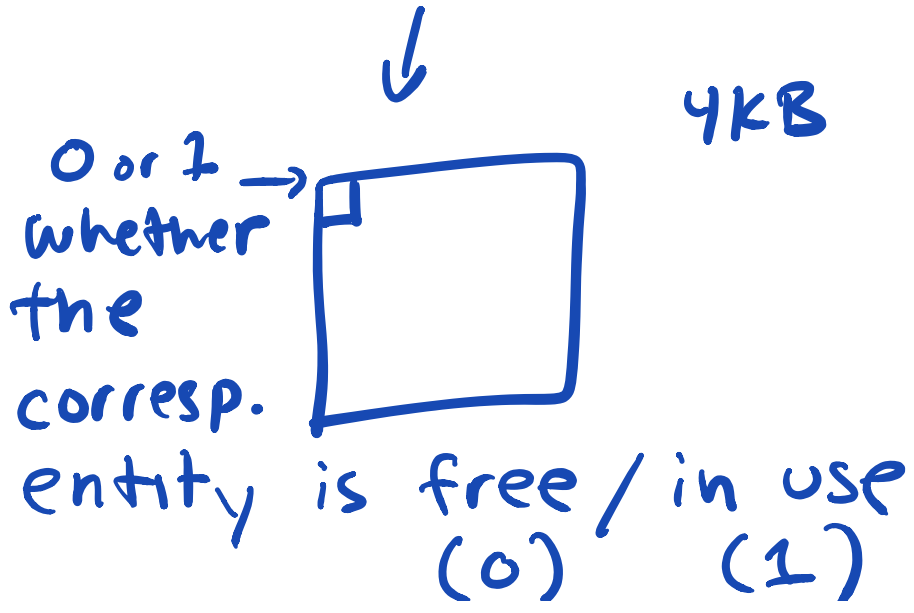


given inode #:





- 1: inode bitmap
- 2: data bitmap



- 1) data
- 2) inode
- 3) dir
- 4) bitmaps

5) superblock:

per file system info.

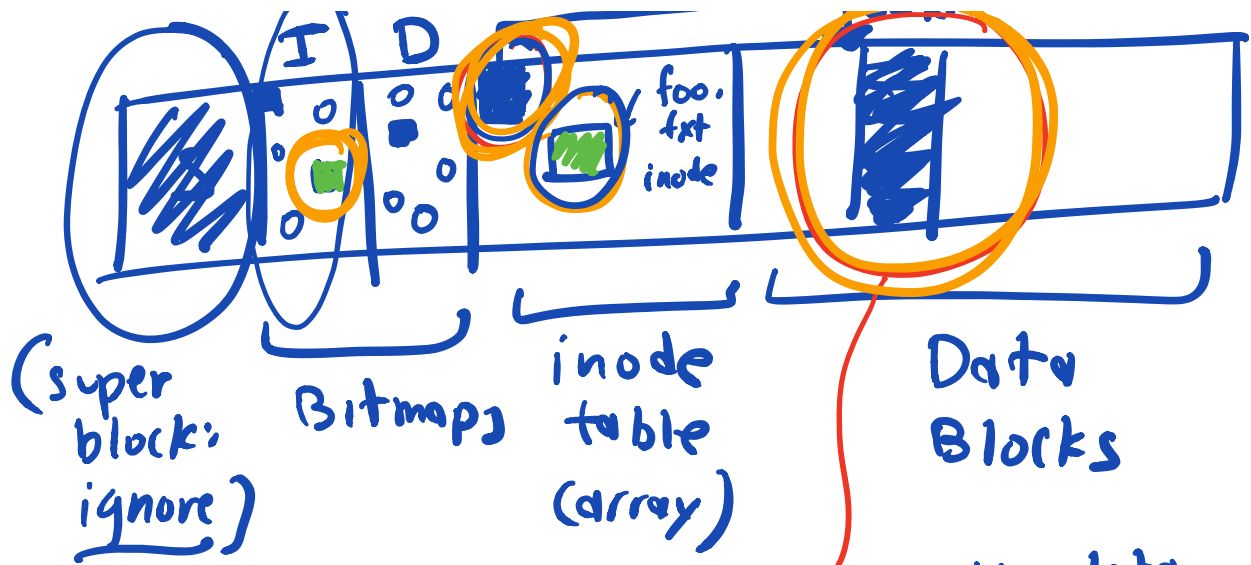
-> block size, type: ext4  
(where is inode table,  
where are data blocks?  
etc.)

Access Methods:

API: -> what it does  
to disk?

creat("/foo.txt")

Assume: Empty File System



create foo.txt  
 => read inode of root directory

dir. data block

•••	○
•	○
foo.txt	1

know: root inode # => 0

- 1) READ: block containing inode # 0 (root inode) (permissions check)

- 2) make sure filename is unique:

DATA (s) data blocks



READ (s) of root  
directory

3) look for space for inode;

READ inode bitmap

4) mark bit (in use) [<sup>in</sup>memory]

5) WRITE inode bitmap

6) update inode of foo.txt

READ inode block  
table

update in memory:  
[.....]

WRITE block (inode)  
of  
foo.txt

7) link file into directory

READ

update

root data

[foo.txt → 1]

↑  
directory  
entry

WRITE

dir block

=> creation: finished

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~~⇒~~ ⇒ write()

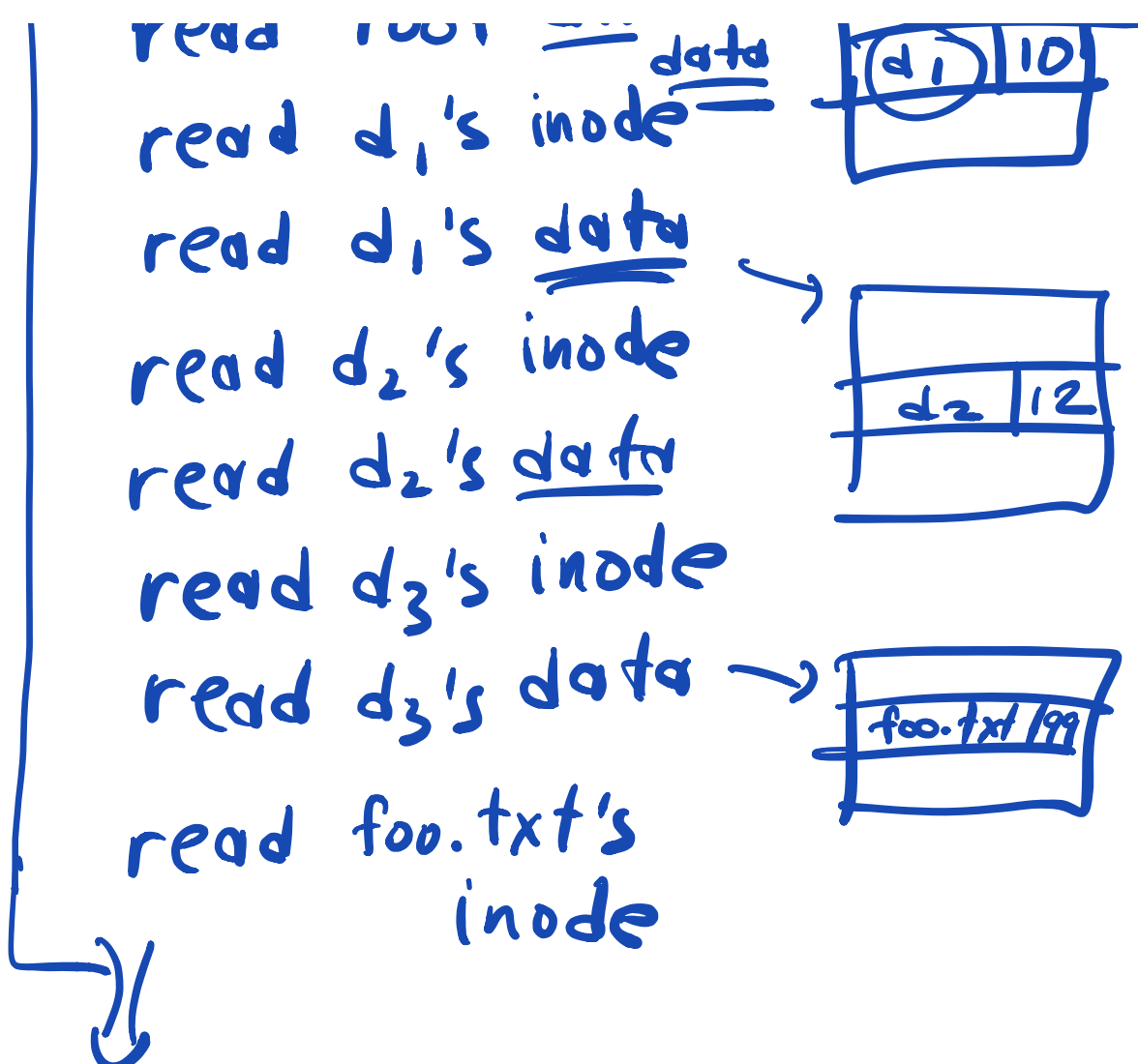
{ ⇒ allocation  
or  
not? }

⇒ open  
("/a/b/c/..")

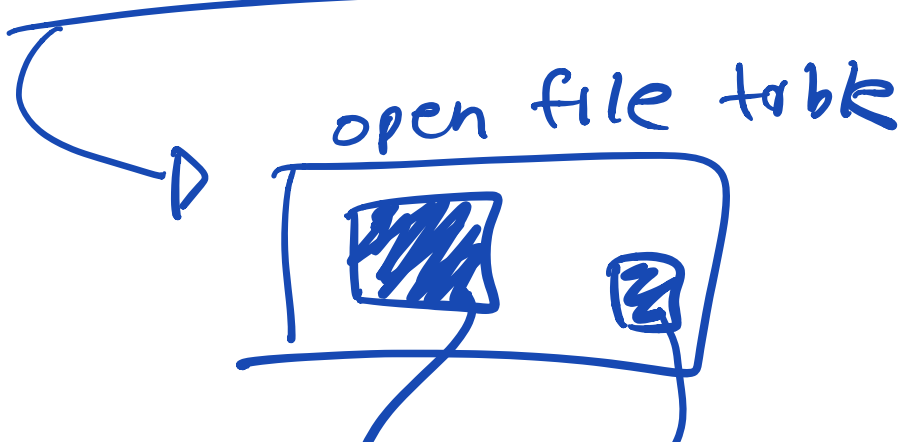
[ path  
traversal ]



[ read root inode  
root dir → ]



per-process:  
file descriptor (int)

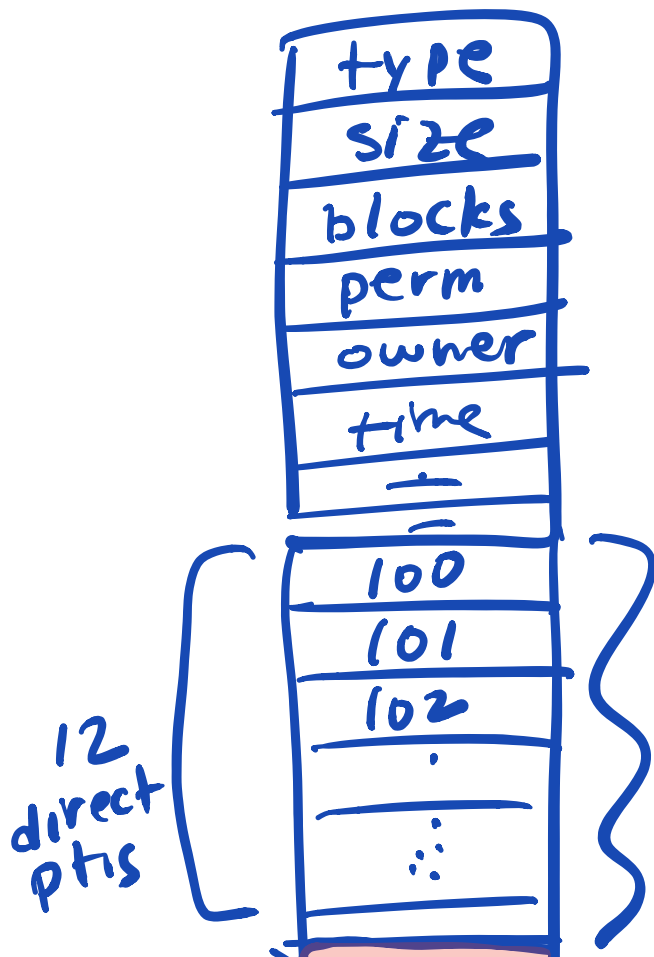


(in-memory inode)

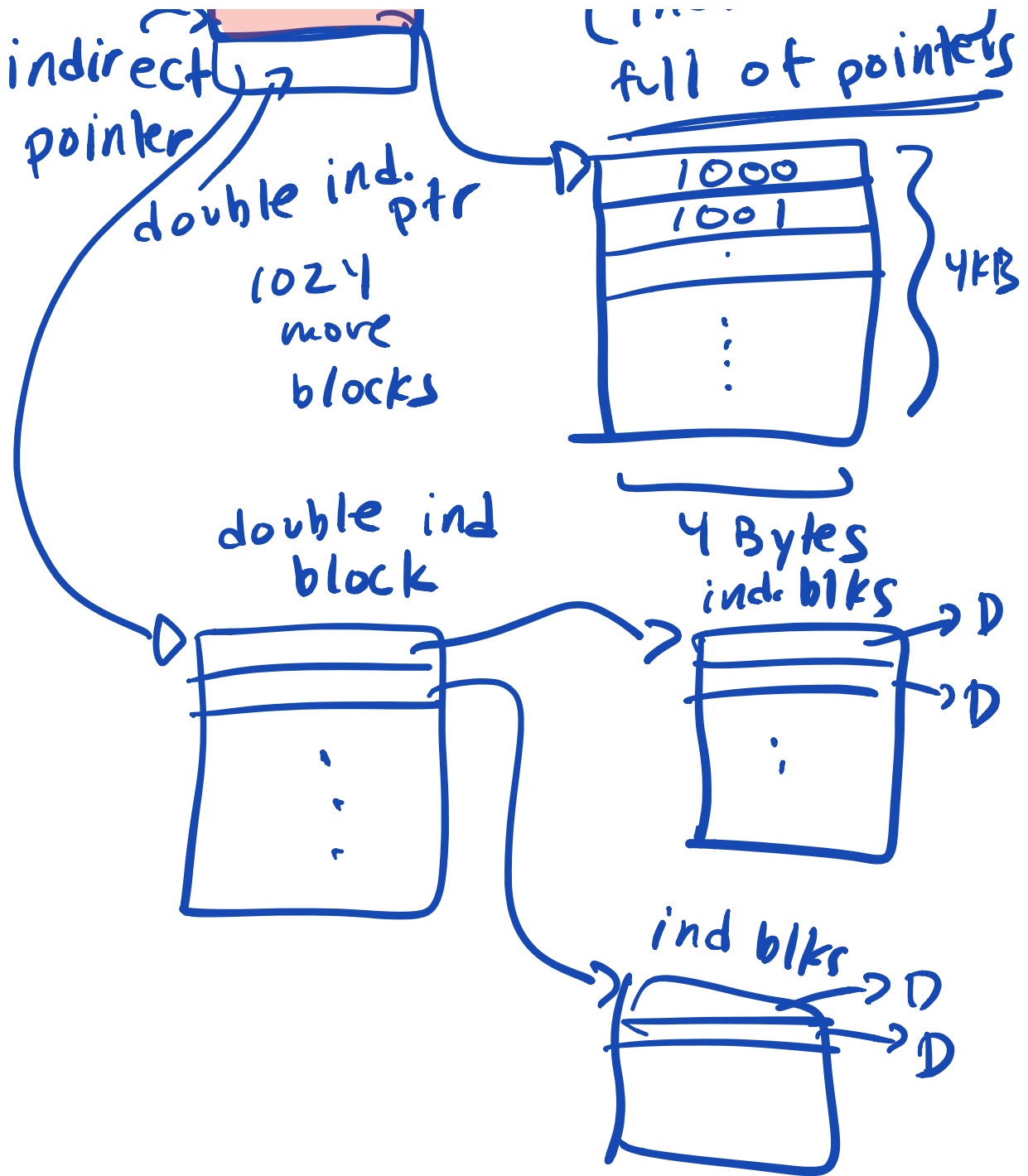
=> small files (so far)

what about large files?

inode structure: 128 bytes



(address)  
pointers  
(to disk  
blocks)  
(indirect block?)



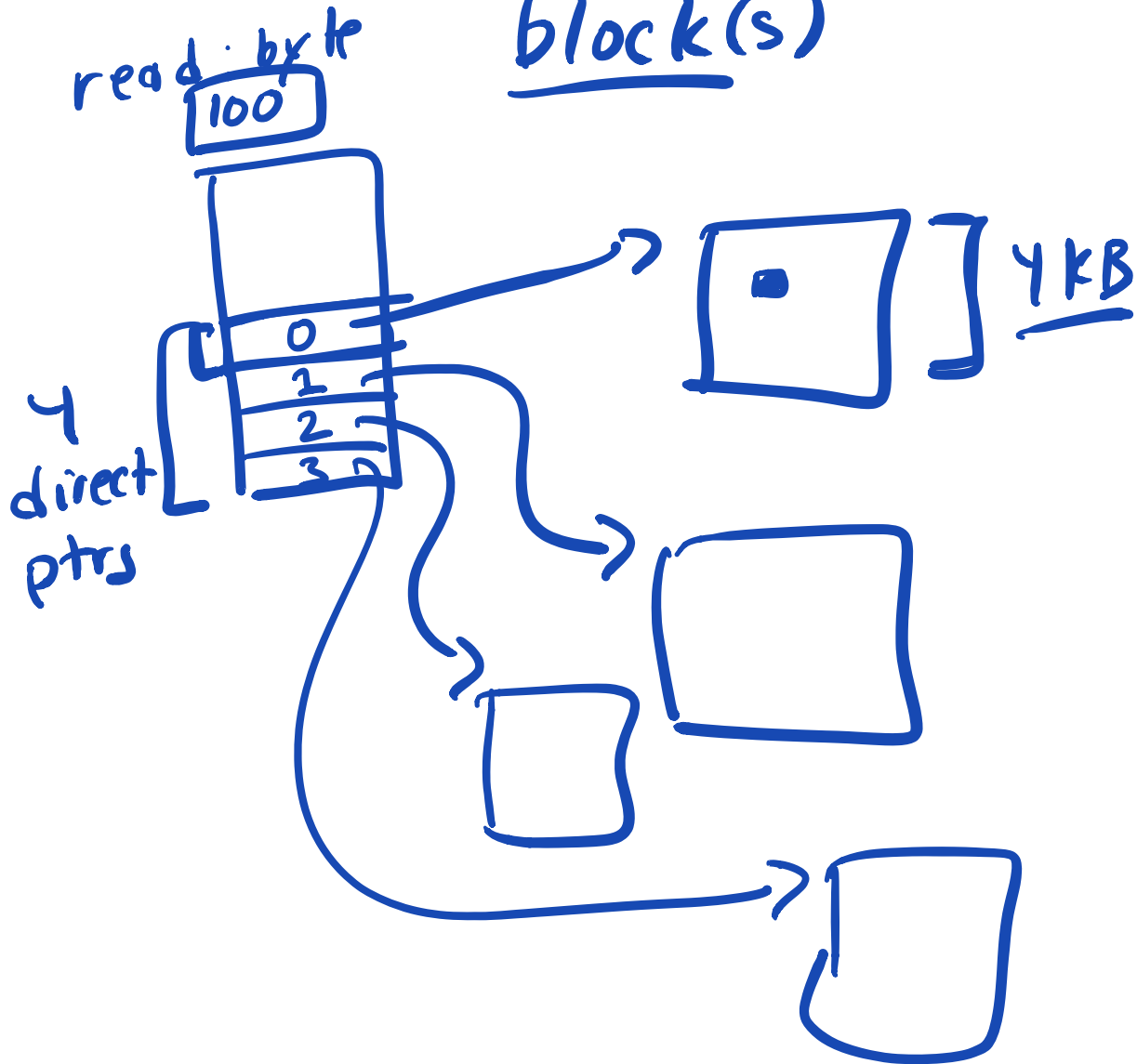
Mapping : File  $\Rightarrow$  Block

read / write

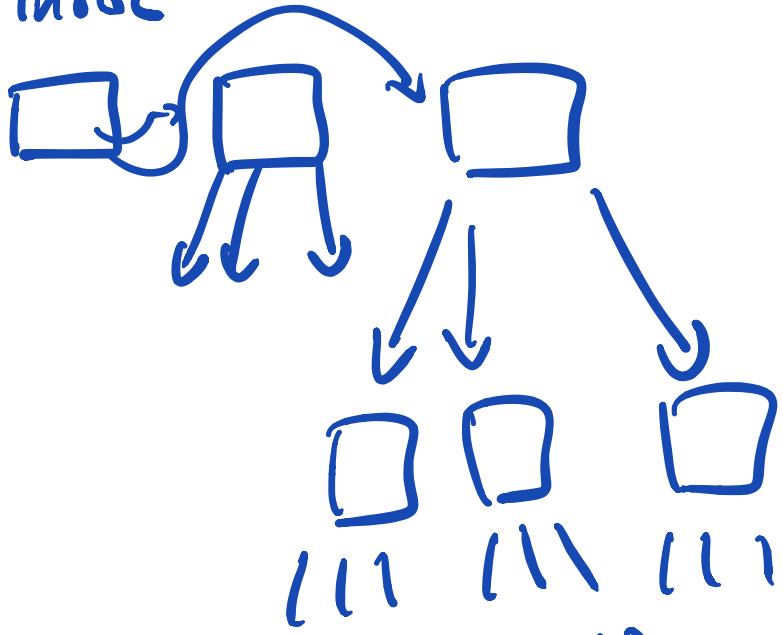
starts @

$\Rightarrow (\text{current offset}) \quad \underline{0}$   
(byte offset)

FS : translating  
byte offset  $\Rightarrow$   
block(s)



FS inode



(imbalanced)

most files are small

→ Caching (write Buffering)

→ Project 4a  
⇒

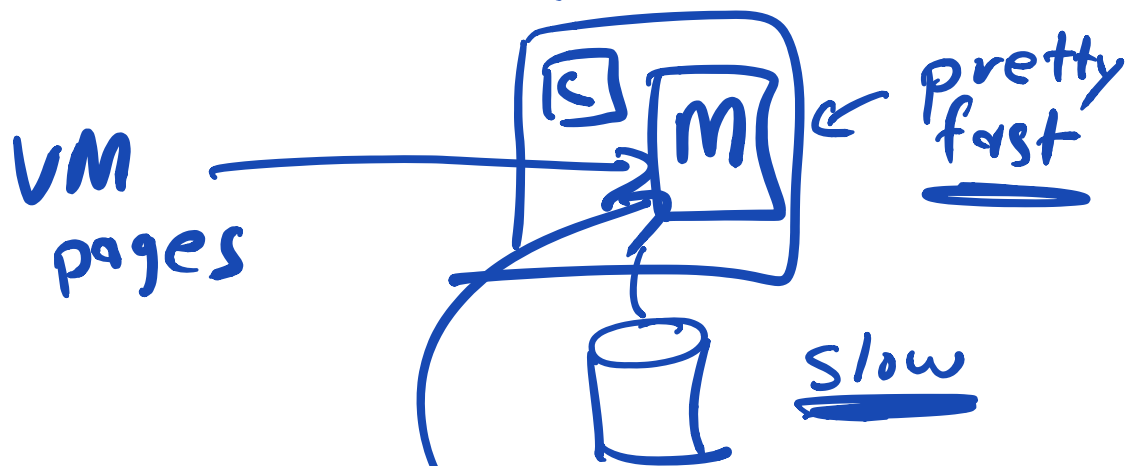
P5 yes  
1-0

Everyone gets 100!  
here

sign here



Caching / Write Buffering  
machine



=> Use memory  
(for FS stuff)

Important on reads:

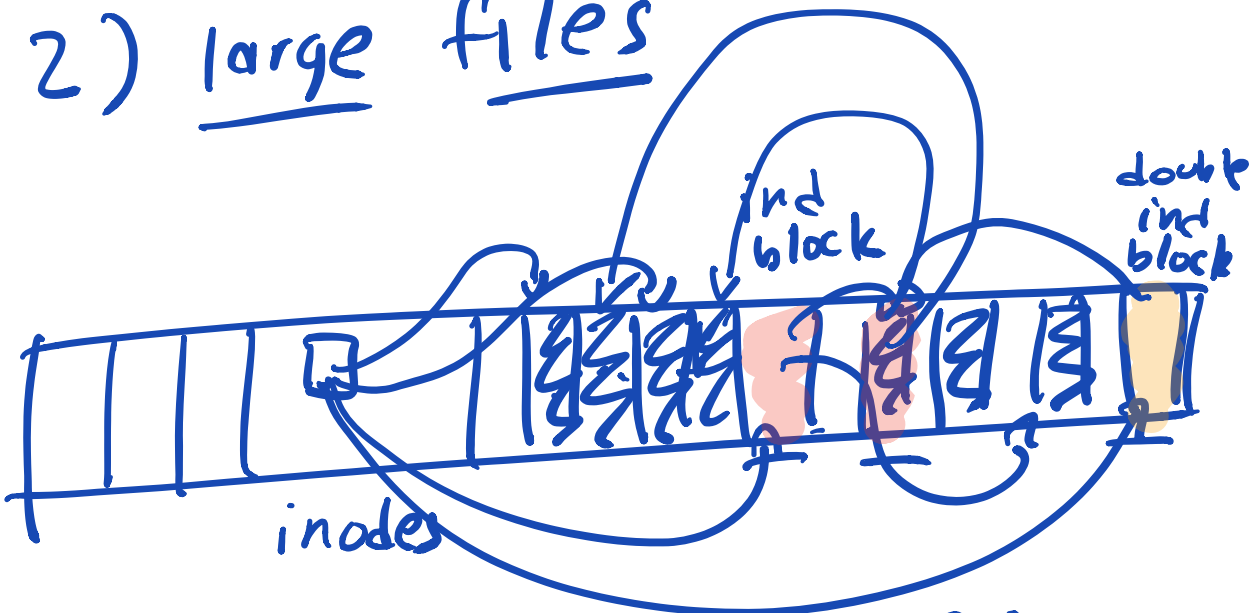


1) open ("\_/a/\_/b/\_/c/\_/d/\_/e.txt")  
=> slow O\_RDONLY)

many reads  
cache inodes, (meta data)  
dir data  
(in memory)

re-open file again => fast

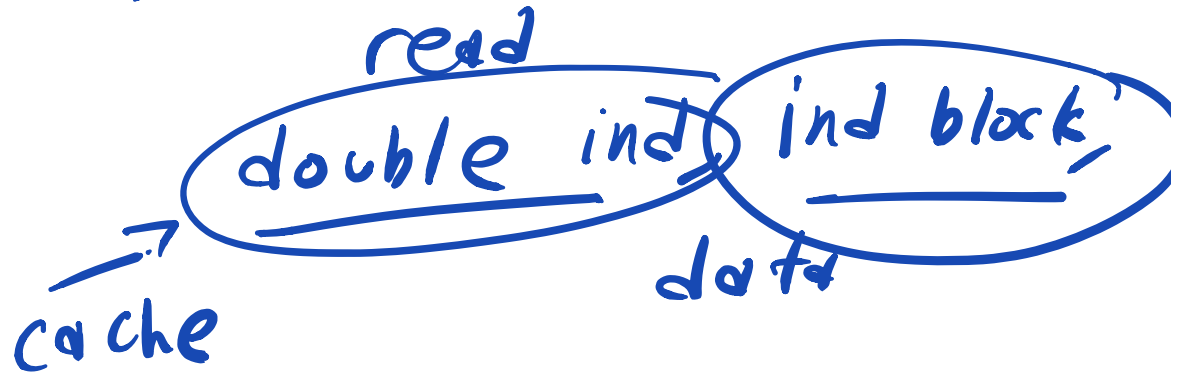
2) large files



read from large file

- . . . + . . . + . . . + . . . +

=> might not need to



3) cache data too

writing:

open("/foo", O\_WRONLY)

write(...)

⋮  
write(...)

close

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FS has done no I/O  
to disk

⇒ buffering data in  
memory

Later, in background,  
OS writes out  
data → disk

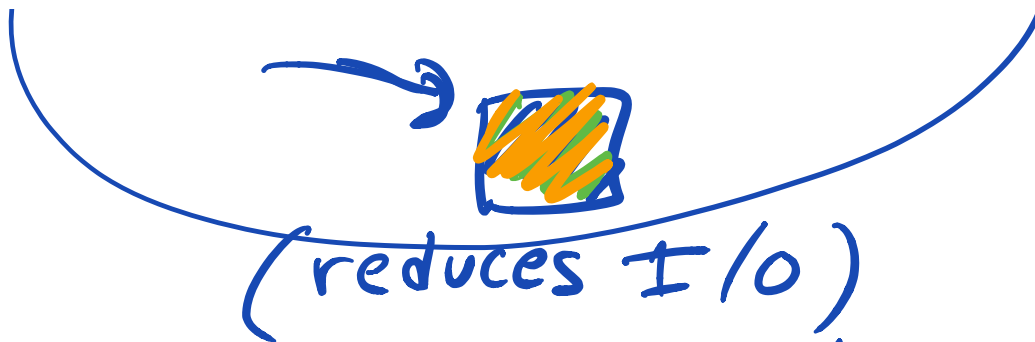
Why useful?

⇒ seems faster (decreases  
perceived  
latency)

⇒ leave it in  
memory : might be  
read  
later

⇒ aggregate many  
"small" writes ⇒ 1 block  
write  
(batching)

⇒ overwrite same  
block repeatedly



⇒ disk scheduling  
(better w/  
more writes!)

⇒ open  
write  
⋮  
write  
close  
⋮  
unlink  
(delete)

if file  
deleted,  
never write  
to disk  
at all!

Why bad?

⇒ Crash ⇒ Data Loss!

if you really care  
about immediate writes:

open ( )

write ( )

⋮

write ( )

fsync ( ) ⇒ forces  
data to  
disk

(SLOW)  
but safe

$P_1$

$P_2$

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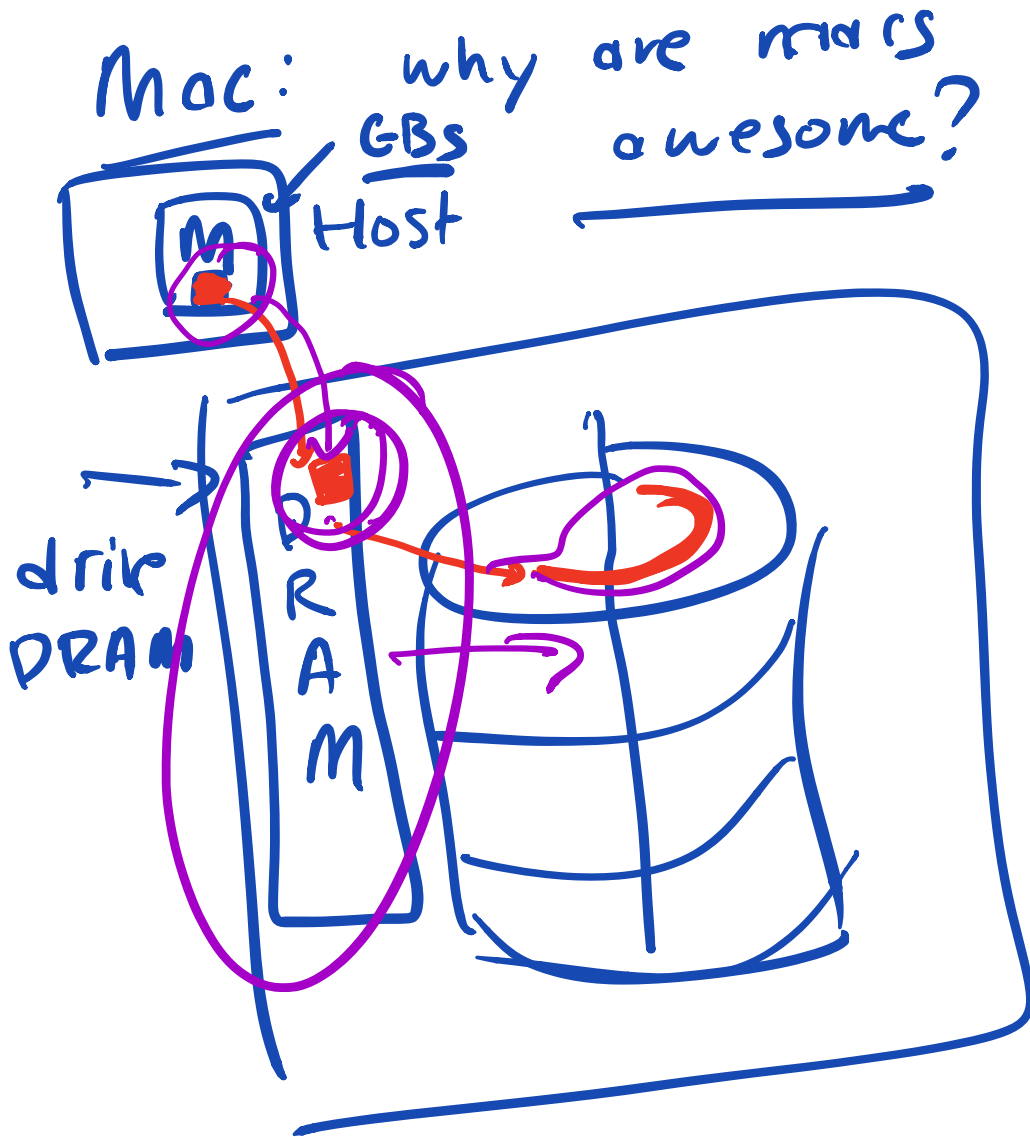
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FS cache:  
(Shared)

across all  
processes

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Discussion :

Map Reduce Q/A

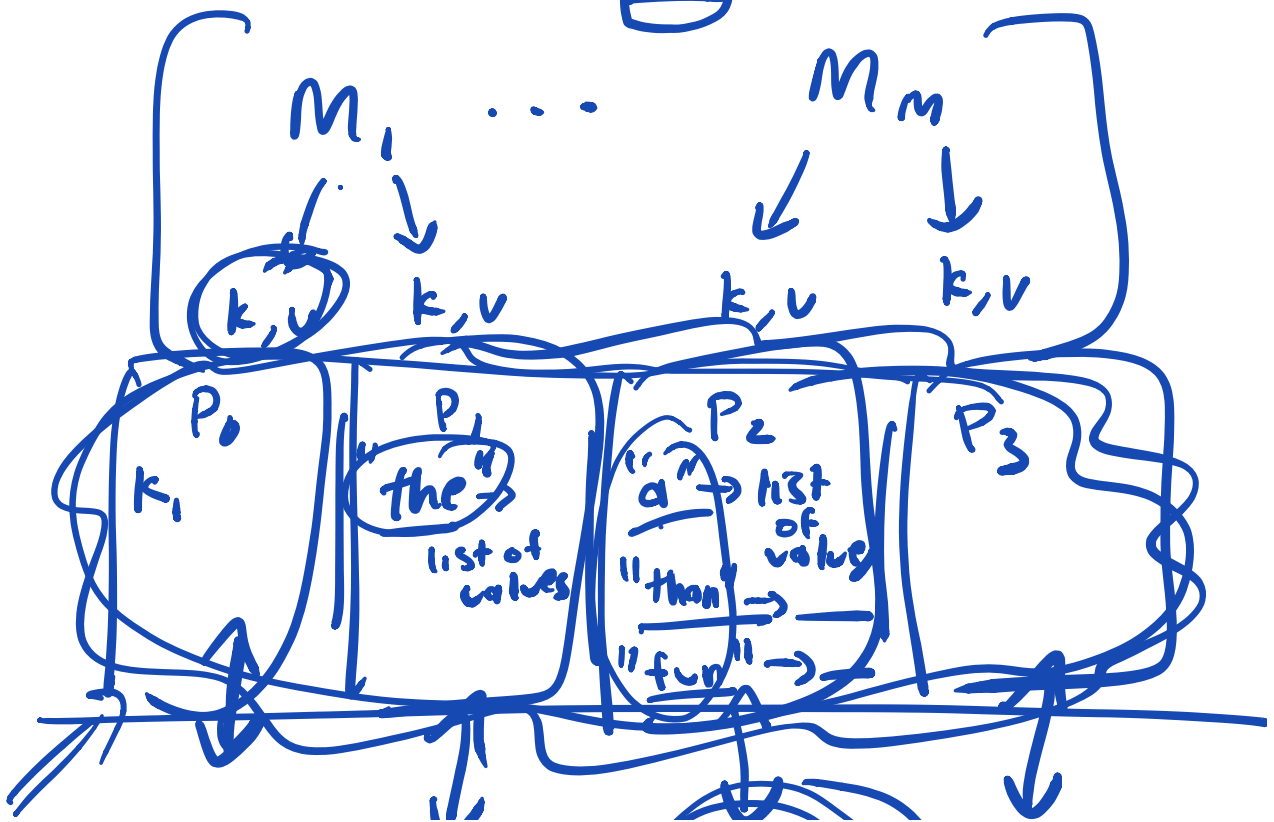
=> Project reason:  
citations

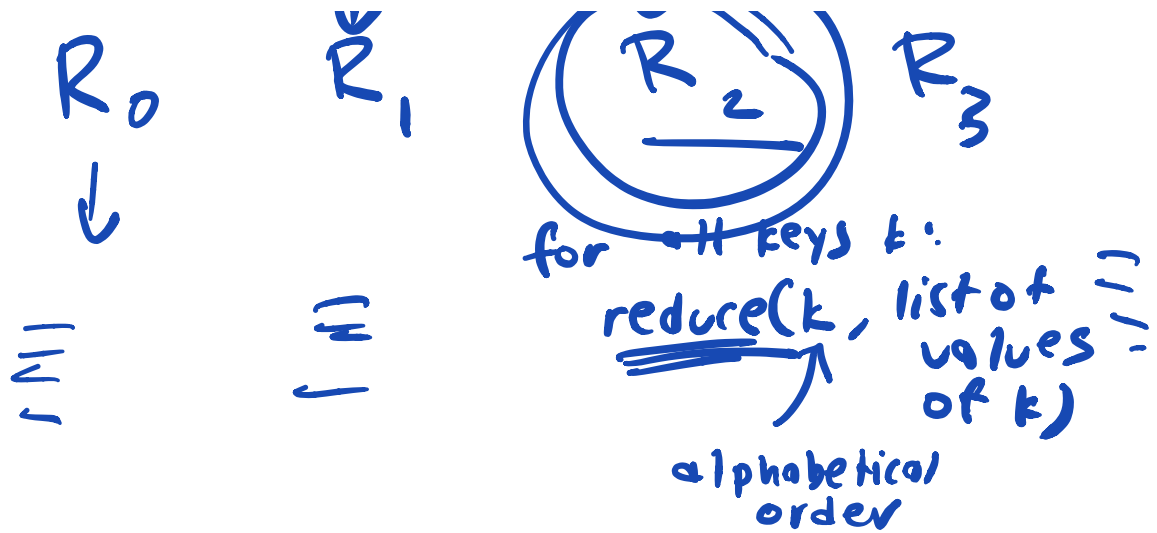
=> Structure of map-  
reduce problems

more  
=> examples

=> Perf : (~25%)

=> Sort :





wait for all reducers

- clean up
- return