

Lecture 29 (4-8-26)

Systems Calls, File Systems, I/O (System Calls)

Motivating Questions:

1. What is a **system call**?
 2. How do we lookup a file's **inode** information?
 3. How do we walk a **directory**?
 4. How do we copy a file's **data**?
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Computing Stack

Top: Applications

- Libraries
 - Operating System (kernel)
 - Bottom: Computer Hardware
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System Calls

- when libraries talk to the operating system / kernel
- Request a **service** from the **operating system**:
- **File system / Files / I/O**
 - Open/Close
 - Read/Write
 - Stat
 - Opendir/Readdir
- **Processes**
 - Fork/Exec
 - Wait
 - Kill
 - Signal
- **Networking**

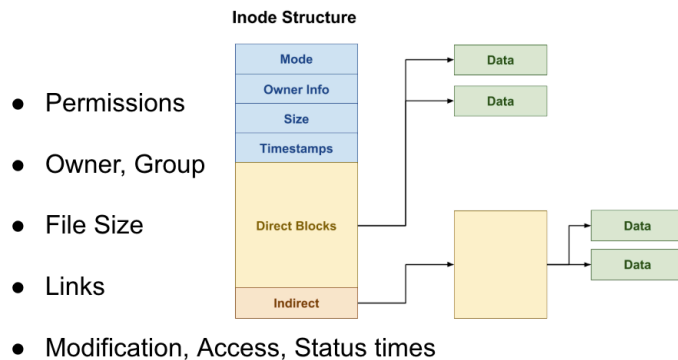
- Getaddrinfo
- Socket
- Listen/Bind
- Connect

Files: Inodes

- **Inodes** store **administrative** data about **files/directories**:

Files: Inodes

Inodes store **administrative** data about **files**:



- Permissions
- Owner, Group
- File Size
- Links
- Modification, Access, Status times

- `strace stat Makefile`
 - this command gives you all the system calls that were made when running `stat Makefile`
- All the system calls have a man page
 - `man stat` -> Manual section 1 (User Commands)
 - `man 2 stat` -> Manual section 2 (System Calls)
- everytime you make a system call, you need to check if it fails
 - if a system call fails it assigns a number to the global `errno` variable
 - from this number you can identify the error

list.c

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/* list.c */
#include <errno.h>
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#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>

#include <dirent.h>
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/stat.h>
#include <unistd.h>

/* Node Structure */

typedef struct Node Node;
struct Node {
    char *path;
    size_t size;
    Node *next;
};

// TODO

Node * node_create(const char *path, size_t size) {
    // TODO
    Node *n = calloc(1, sizeof(Node));
    if (n){
        n->path = (char *)path;
        n->size = size;
    }
    return n;
}

void node_delete(Node *n) {
    // TODO
}

/* List Structure */

// TODO
typedef struct{
    Node *head;
}List;

void list_add(List *l, const char *path, size_t size) {
    // TODO
    Node *n = node_create(path, size);
    // Case 1: Empty List

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    if (!l->head){
        l->head = n;
    } else { // Case 2: Non-Empty List
        Node *tail = l->head;

        while (tail->next){
            tail = tail->next;
        }

        tail->next = n;
    }
}

/* Functions */

void    add_files(const char *root, List *files) {
    // TODO
    DIR *d = opendir(root);
    if (!d){
        fprintf(stderr, "opendir(%s): %s\n", path, strerror(errno));
        return;
    }

    for (struct dirent *e = readdir(d); e; e = readdir(d)){
        if (strcmp(e->d_name, ".") == 0 || strcmp(e->d_name, "..") == 0){
            continue;
        }
        printf("%s\n", e->d_name);
    }
    closedir(d);
}

void    print_files(List *files) {
    // TODO
    for (Node *curr = files->head; curr; curr = curr->next){
        printf("[%lu] %s\n", curr->size, curr->path);
    }
}

/* Main Execution */

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    // TODO: Determine directory
    char root[BUFSIZ];

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if (argc >= 2){
    strcpy(root ,argv[1]);
} else {
    getcwd(root, BUFSIZ); //system call!!!!
}
printf("root is %s\n", root);

// TODO: Add files and print them
List l = {NULL};
add_files = (root, &files);
print_files(&files);

// TODO: Release resources

return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}

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