

# file system consistency

~ reads are great for caching  
 writes cause a consistency problem.

today!

1:45pm.

└ multiple copies

└ single FS write syscall  $\Rightarrow$  multiple writes to disk.

|                               |     | <u>inode<br/>update</u> | <u>data<br/>bitmap<br/>update</u> | <u>data block<br/>update</u> |
|-------------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                               | C   | ✓                       | ✓                                 | ✓                            |
|                               | C   | x                       | x                                 | x                            |
| data loss!                    | IC  | x                       | x                                 | ✓                            |
| inode state<br>≠ bitmap state | IC  | ✓                       | x                                 | x                            |
| leaky block                   | IC  | x                       | ✓                                 | x                            |
| garbage<br>data               | IC? | ✓                       | ✓                                 | x                            |
|                               | IC  | ✓                       | x                                 | ✓                            |
| leaky block                   | IC  | x                       | ✓                                 | ✓                            |

① File consistency : ~~the~~ file system state on disk  
 has metadata matching w/  
 data & state of device.

# FS promise — file abstraction

persistence, consistency, reliability, efficiency.

① fsck — file system consistency check.

+ reactive, after-the-fact check!

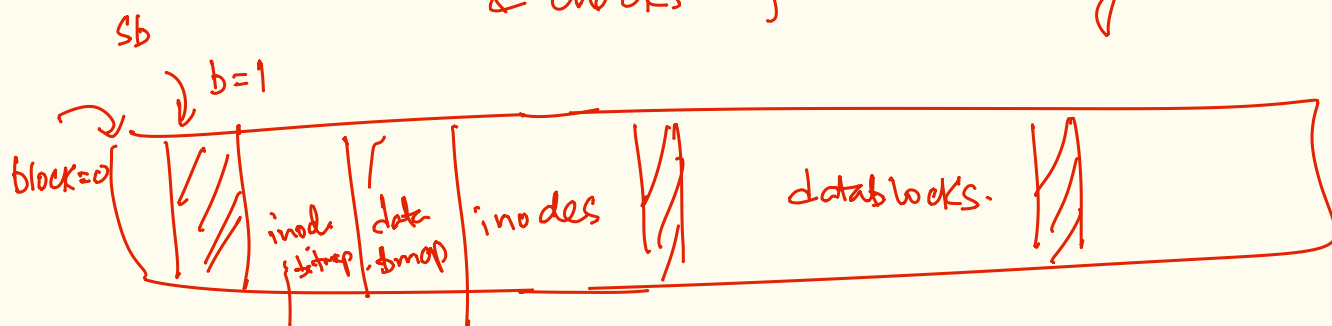
+ Q. is the FS consistent.

+ looks/scans a disk device  
which is managed by a FS.

reads the disk raw (block by block)

& interprete FS state ~~on~~ on it

& checks for consistency.



Superblock : FS size  $\leq$  device size  
disk

check integrity of superblocks

#inodes  $\stackrel{?}{=}$  inode region/size of inode

inode bitmap size  $\stackrel{?}{=}$  #inodes

~~data~~ db bitmap  $\stackrel{?}{=}$  #datablocks

- Datablocks : are all datablocks accounted for.
  - (i) is a db in inode but not set in bitmap?
  - (ii) is a db set in bitmap but not in any inode?

- inodes :  $\frac{\text{inode}}{\text{bitmap}} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{\text{inode}}{\text{used.}}$

- bad blocks — ~~range~~  $W + R = W$

- directories — loops  
                                   if  $\begin{matrix} \cdot \\ \cdot \end{matrix} \} \text{first } 2 \text{ entries}$

- inode datablocks out of range..

— size  $\stackrel{?}{=} \# \text{ data blocks.}$

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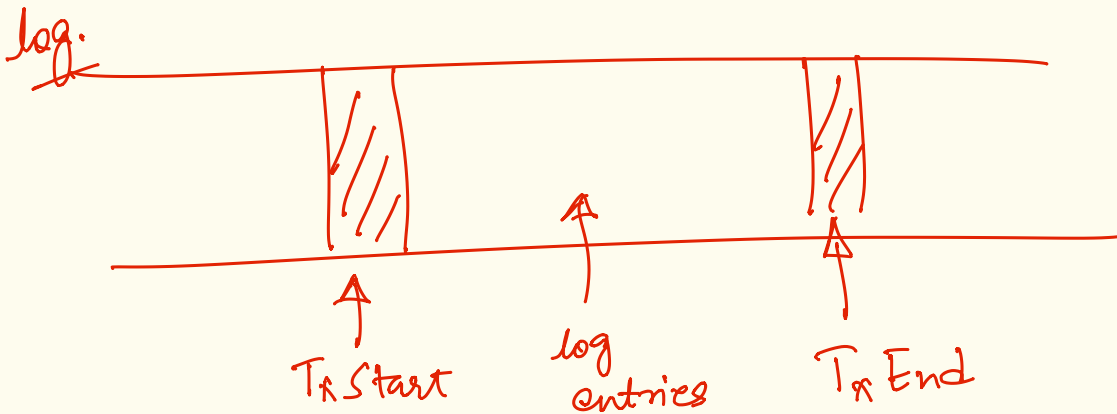
fscck (re)

+ reactive  
 + cannot ~~catch~~ catch all inconsistencies.

## ② journaling / write-ahead logging

- info. about writes/updates stored in a log. └ metadata  
└ data.

- log has transaction semantics.  
└ all or nothing



FS  
on write

~ Tx Start (if needed)

~ update/write log entries  
to journal

~ commit (Tx End)

~ periodically or on read  
flush the log to update FS  
metadata.

~ post flush clear the log entry

update inode 23  
update info  
update dB bitmap 73  
update info.

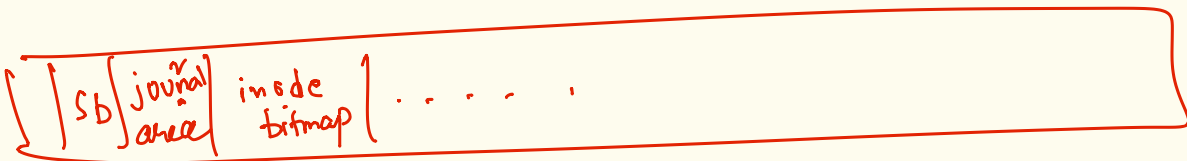
update datablock 2023  
update info (data)

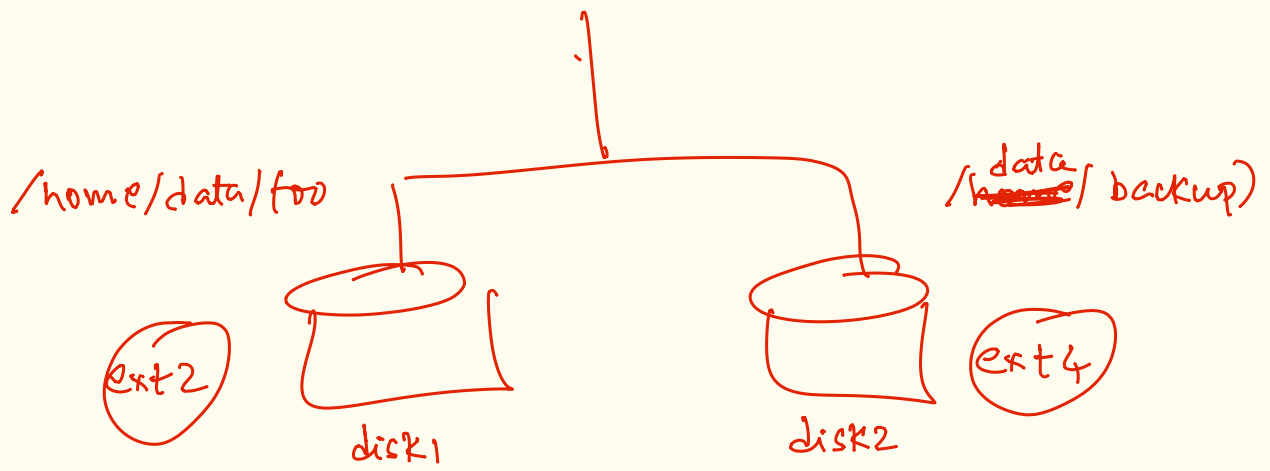


where to store log!

to store on disk

disk





cp /home/data/foo /data/~~home~~/backup