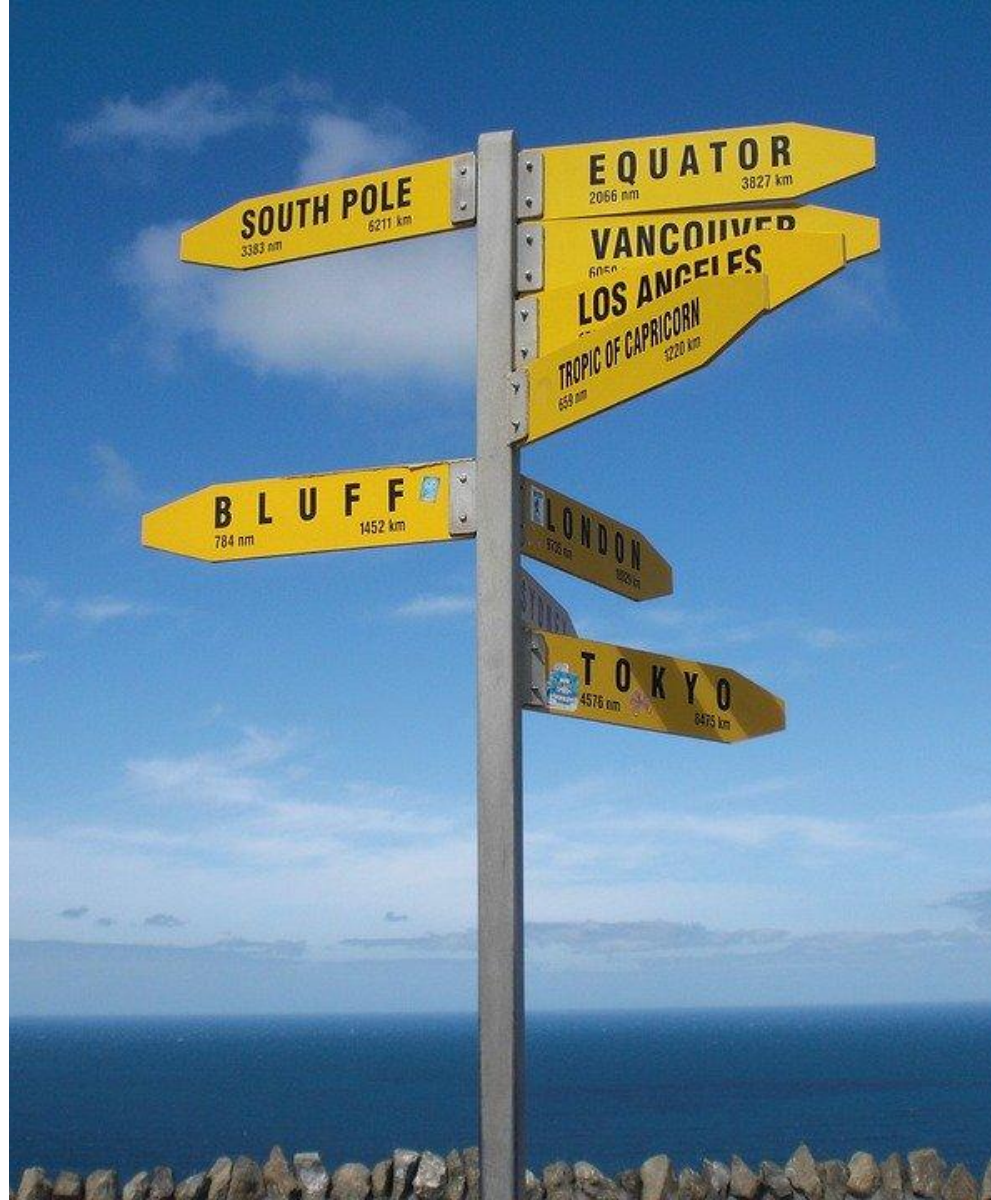


“Directory” (Latin: *directorium*)

Something that “directs”





Shopping Mall

- Directory is just a board of **business name** and **store location**
- Directory is **not** a space for placing the store

Filesystem

- Directory is just a *special file* that hold **file name** and **its location**
- Directory is **not** a space for holding the file contents

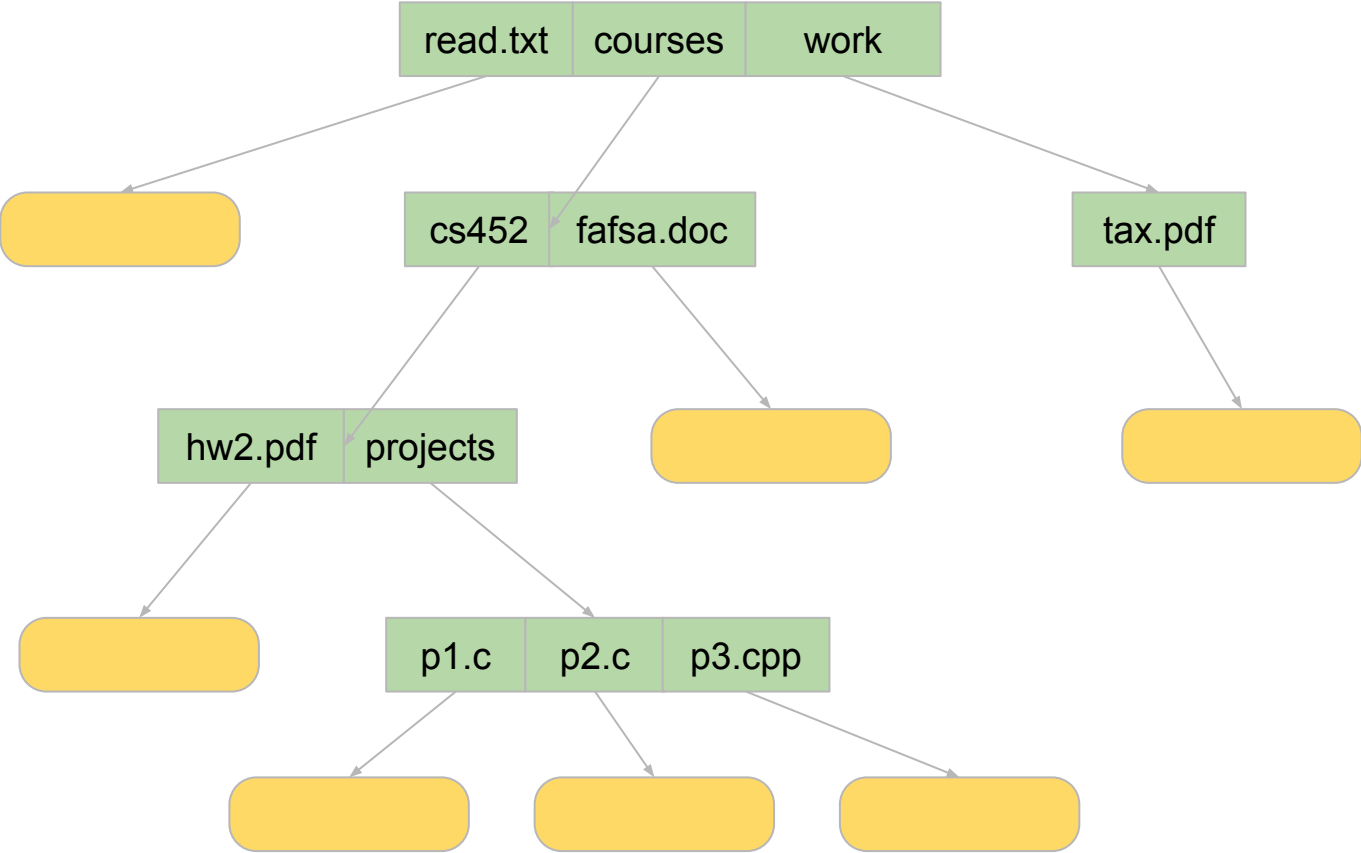
Misconception:

Directories store (the data of) my files

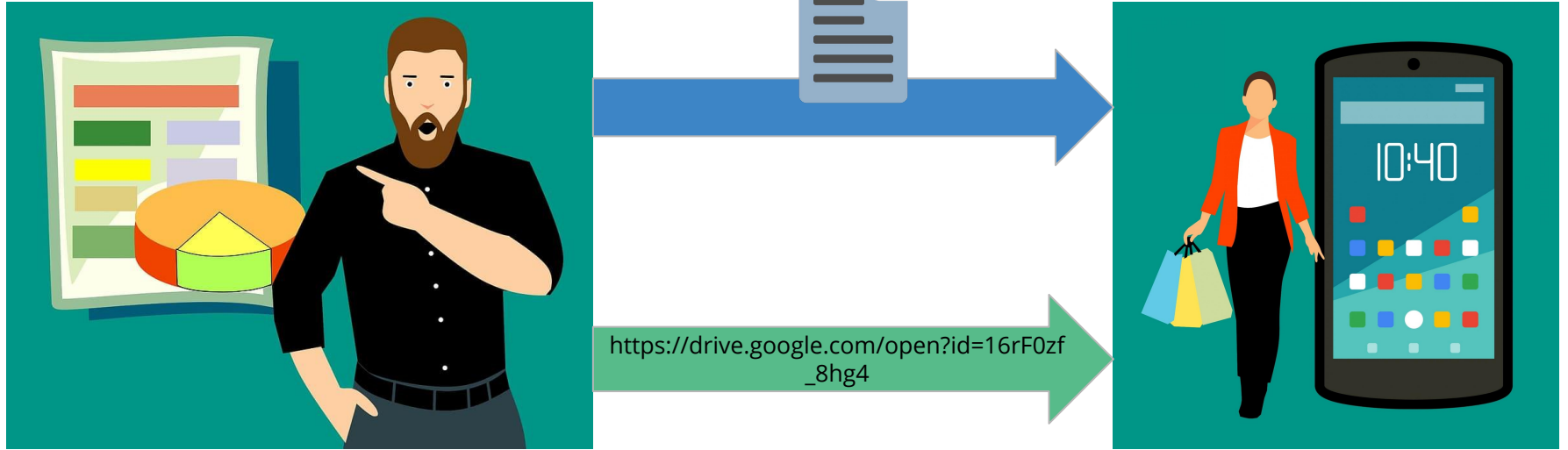
Fact:

*Directories hold only my **file metadata**
(filename, size, location, owner, type, modification date, ...)*

Directory Structure: Tree Structure

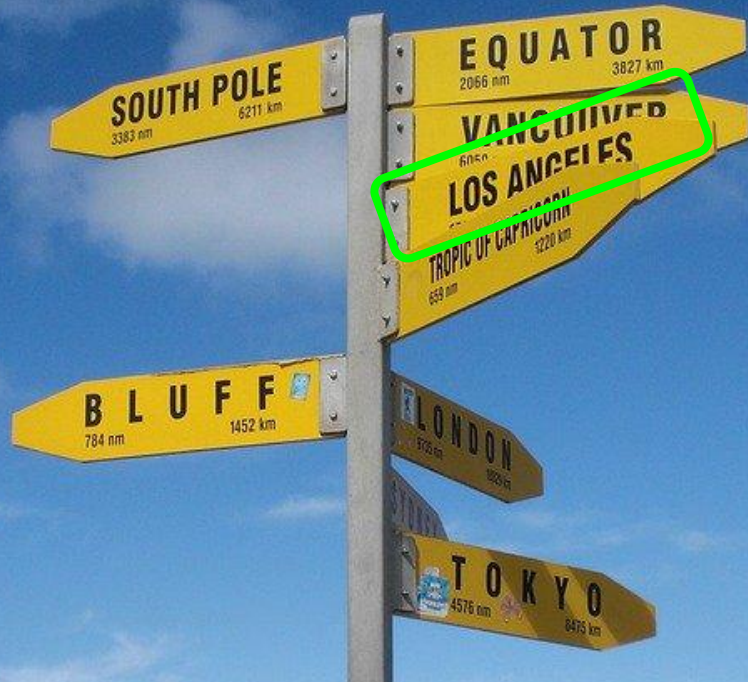


File Sharing

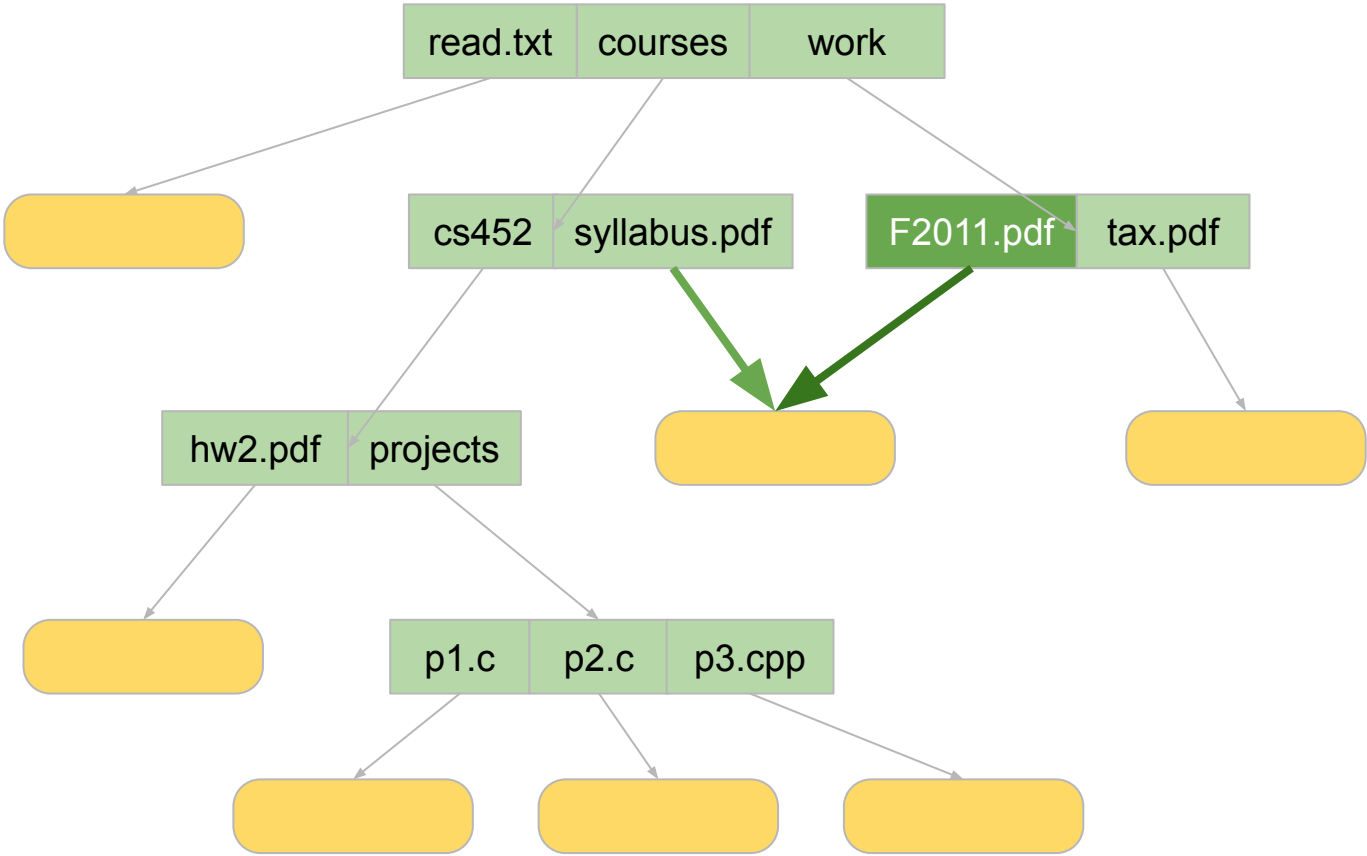
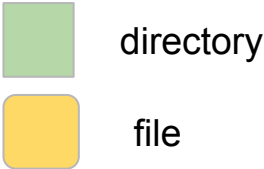


Links in Directory Entry

Two different 'Links" pointing to "Los Angeles"



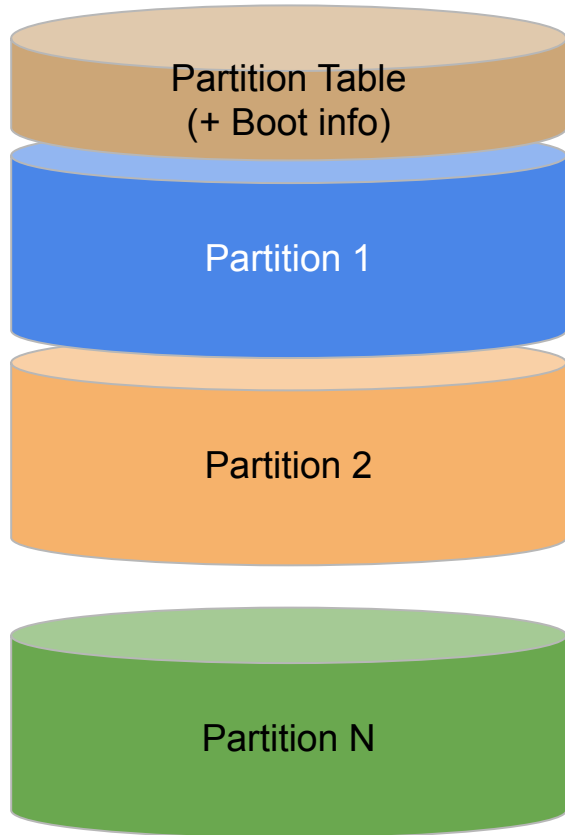
Directory Structure: File Sharing via Links



Directory Operations

- CRUD operations
 - Create a new directory entry (after creating a new file)
 - Read: List the contents of a directory
 - Update: Change file metadata (Linux chown, chmod, chgrp)
 - Delete an existing directory entry (after deleting a file)
- **Linking a file: a mechanism to share a file**
 - **Hard links** are created in one step
 - Create a new directory entry by copying **metadata** of the source file S
 - multiple directory boards in a mall*
 - two pointers to one file*
 - **Symbolic links** are created in two steps
 - Create a new file T whose content is the path to the source file S
 - Create a new directory entry for T
 - a "pointer" to a "pointer" to a file*

Disk Structure



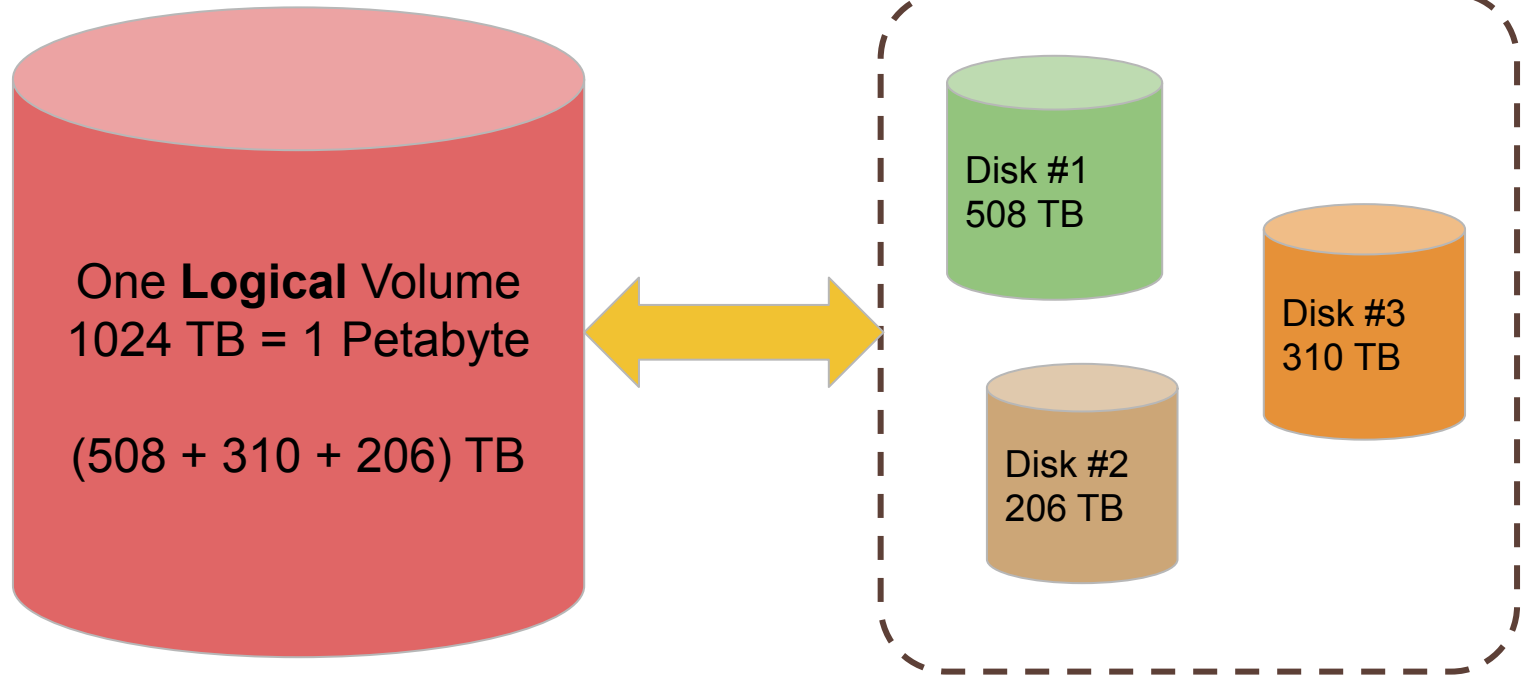
Partition Types

- MBR (Master Boot Record)
 - Older technique
 - Max 4 partitions
- GPT (GUID Partition Table)
 - Newer specification (2010)
 - Max 128 partitions

Windows Partition formatted for VFAT

Linux Partition formatted for Ext4

Logical Volumes vs. Physical Drives



“Mounting” a Filesystem

- *Historical background*
 - **Off-line** magnetic tape drives required operators to **mount** them to make them **on-line**
- EOS examples (df)



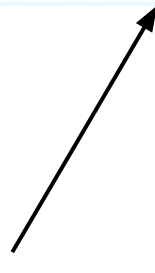
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[2] ~$ df | grep volume
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35.39.165.172:/volume1/homes          9851112192 5370644608 4480467584   55% /home
35.39.165.172:/volume1/multimedia    9851112192 5370644608 4480467584   55% /lab/groups/multimedia
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Total disk space



Used



Available

