CS 340

#18: Data Storage - File Systems to Cloud

Computer Systems

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Data Storage

Throughout every program you have ever written, you have had to handle data storage in some way. Let's explore our options for data storage:

[1]: _ Why?

[2]:_ Why?

How?

How?

[3]: _ Why?

How?

[4]:_ Why? How?

[5]:_ Why? How?

[6]: Why? How?

[7]:_ Why? How?

File Systems

All modern systems utilize an Operating System to facilitate the storage of data in units called "files":

```
waf@sp22-cs340-001:~$ ls -la
drwxr-xr-x 7 waf csvm340-cls 4096 Oct 22 11:25 .
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 Oct 10 13:42 ...
-rw----- 1 waf csvm340-cls 19 Oct 10 13:56 .bash_history
-rw-r--r-- 1 waf csvm340-cls 220 Oct 10 13:42 .bash_logout
-rw-r--r-- 1 waf csvm340-cls 3771 Oct 10 13:42 .bashrc
drwx----- 2 waf csvm340-cls 4096 Oct 10 13:42 .cache
drwxr-xr-x 2 waf csvm340-cls 4096 Oct 22 11:22 cs340
drwxr-xr-x 2 waf csvm340-cls 4096 Oct 21 14:35 docker
Permission [3]
               File Owner and
                              File Size (bytes) [4]
                                                 File Name [6]
  Bits [1]
                 Group [2]
                             and Date Modified [5]
```

[1]: Permission Bits:

d	r	w	х	r	W	х	r	W	х
Dir	User		Group			Other			

[2]: File Owner and File Group

[5]: Last Modified Date:

- Almost all modern operating systems store three different date fields for every single file:

 - b.
 - c.
- The date/time fields are always based on **your local computer clock** -- easily modified, easily faked.

[6]: File Name

- "dot" files and directories:
- **Q:** Why does local file storage not work on a cloud-scale system?

Cloud Object Storage

Instead of using local file storage, large data storage in the cloud-based systems are commonly stored as "**objects**". These objects (files) are organized into

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Example: AWS

```
Amazon AWS S3 CreateBucket REST API
https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonS3/latest/API/API_CreateBucket.html

PUT / HTTP/1.1
Host: Bucket.s3.amazonaws.com
x-amz-acl: ACL
x-amz-grant-read: GrantRead: UserList
x-amz-grant-write: GrantWrite: UserList
x-amz-grant-full-control: GrantFullControl: UserList
x-amz-grant-read-acp: GrantReadACP: UserList
x-amz-grant-write-acp: GrantWriteACP: UserList
[...]
```

Bucket:	Name of the bucket. [Required]			
ACL:	The canned Access Control to apply to the bucket.			
UserList:	You specify each grantee (user) as a type=value pair, where the type is one of the following: id - if the value specified is the canonical user ID of an AWS account uri - if you are granting permissions to a predefined group emailAddress - if the value specified is the email address of an AWS account Ex: x-amz-grant-read: id="11112222333", id="444455556666"			
ACP:	x-amz-grant-read grants permission for the file itself; x-amz-grant-read-acp grants permissions for the access control policies.			

+ Lots of Language-level Libraries

Private Cloud Solutions:

MinIO: https://docs.min.io/docs/python-client-api-reference.html#make bucket

OpenStack/Swift:

https://docs.openstack.org/api-ref/object-store/index.html?expanded=create-container-detail#create-container

Adding files to storage are also HTTP endpoints:

```
Amazon AWS S3 PutObject REST API
https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonS3/latest/API/API_PutObject.html

PUT /Key HTTP/1.1
Host: Bucket.s3.amazonaws.com
x-amz-tagging: Tagging
x-amz-acl: ACL
x-amz-grant-full-control: GrantFullControl: UserList
x-amz-grant-read: GrantRead: UserList
x-amz-grant-read-acp: GrantReadACP: UserList
x-amz-grant-write-acp: GrantWriteACP: UserList
[...]
Content-Length: ContentLength

Body
```

Q: Is there a directory structure similar to traditional file systems?

Cloud Object Storage in Python

Instead of using file storage on disk, object storage in the cloud provides us access to a file-system-like interface without the need for all programs to be running on the same computer!

Reading a file in Python:

```
18/local.py

1     f = open("settings.json", "r")
2     print(f.read())
```

Reading Data from S3:

```
18/s3.py

1  import boto3
2  s3 = boto3.client('s3', [...])
3
4  # Reading data from S3:
5  obj = s3.get_object(Bucket="cs340", Key="session_data")
6  f = obj["Body"]
```