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Motivation and Objectives

Why is Ext4 important?

▪ Motivation

- Default file system for newer Linux Installations
- Android moving from YAFFS2 to Ext4
- BtrFS almost ready

▪ Objectives

- Comprehensive low-level study
 - Data persistence
 - New on-disk structures
 - Audience: Forensic Tool Makers and Analyst
- Sleuthkit Extension

Related Work

- **Ext4: bit by bit**
 - Hal Pomeranz

- **TSK Patches**
 - Willi Ballenthin

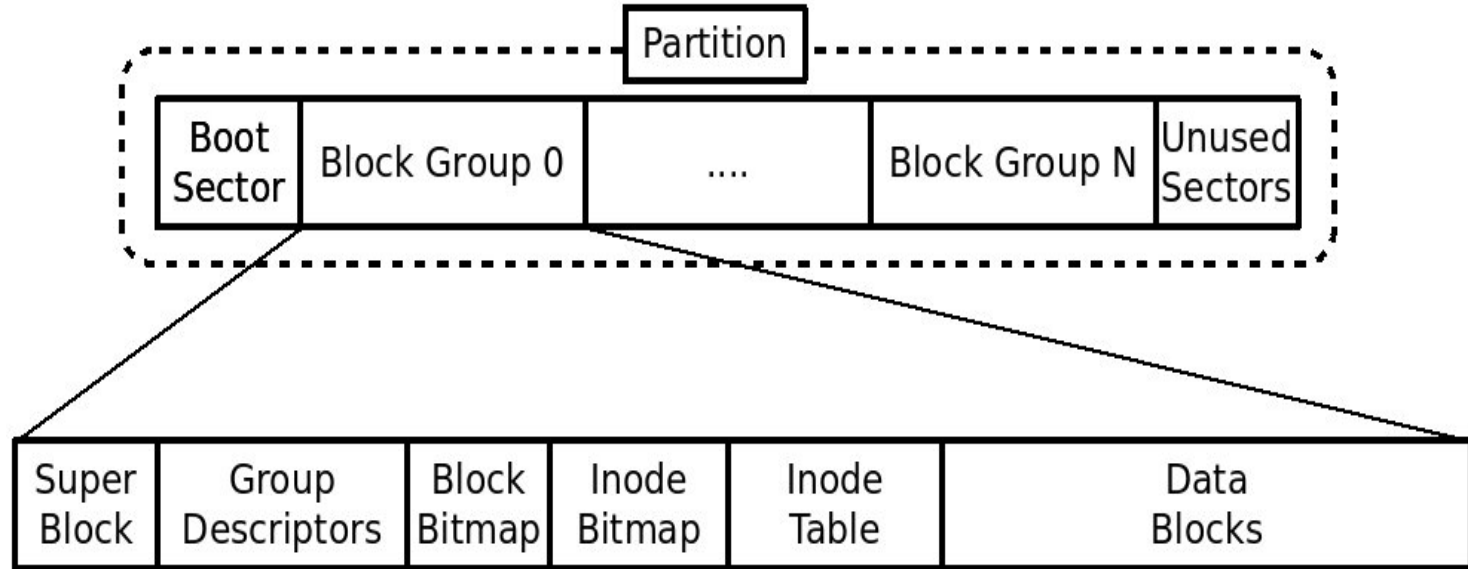
- **Forensic Implications of Ext4**
 - Kevin Fairbanks

Overview

- **Ext2/3 Primer**
- **Ext4**
 - Features
 - Scaling
 - Topology
 - Reliability
- **Forensic Implications**
- **TSK Ext4 Screenshots**

Ext2/3 Primer

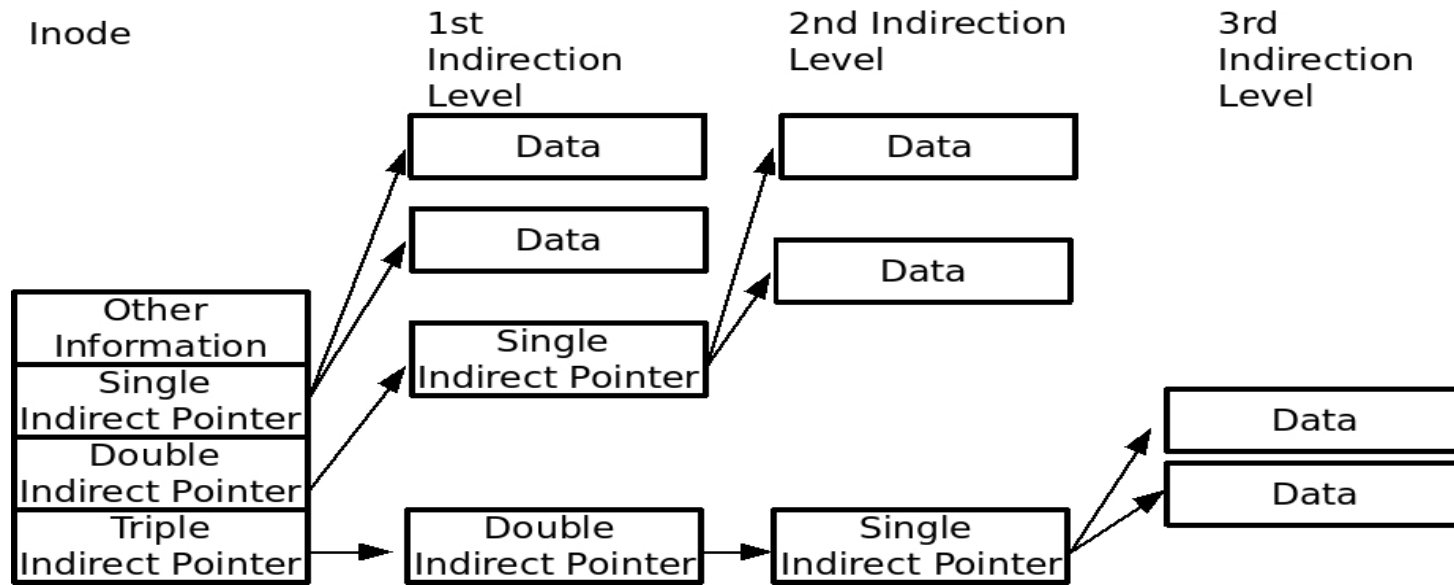
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- Super Block and Group Descriptors may not be in every Block Group

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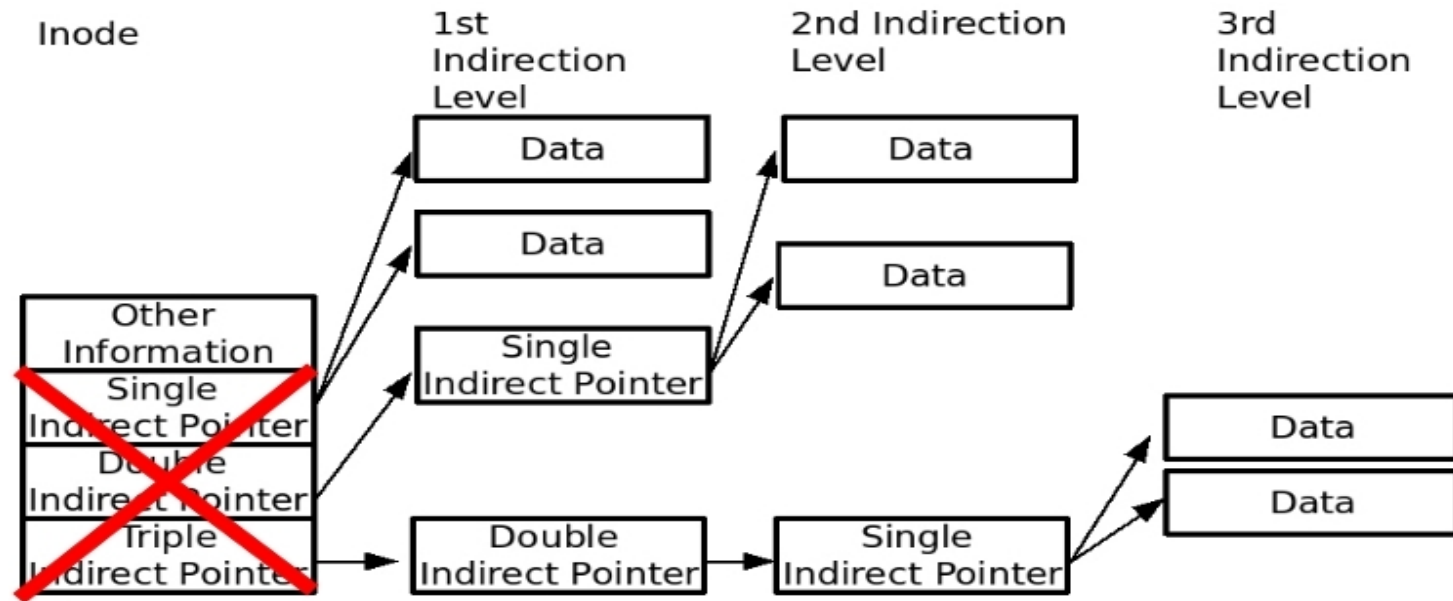
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- File data mapped to inode using well known pointer system

Ext2/3 Primer

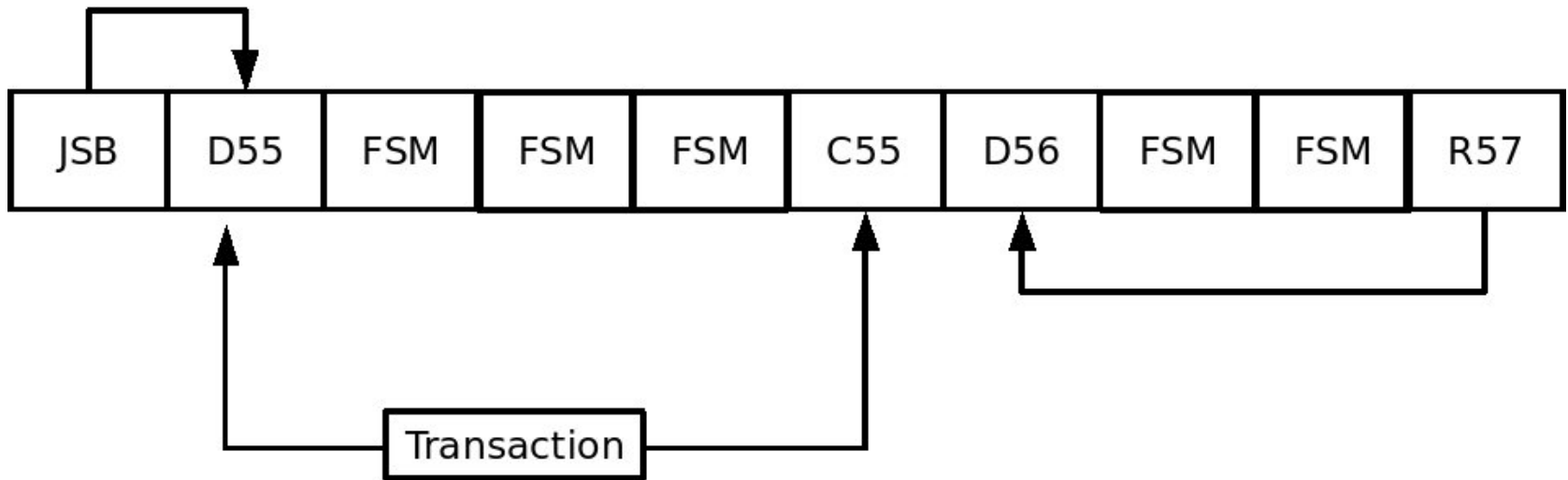
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- Deletion in Ext3 zeros inode resident pointers

Ext2/3 Primer

Ext3 Journal



- Transaction based cyclic log
- By default, metadata written to journal
- Uncommitted transactions revoked
- Two stage process

Ext2/3 Primer

Directory Indexing

- **Optional in Ext2/3, but default in Ext4**
- **Constant depth H-tree used vs linked list**
 - Hash of filename and seed located in super block
 - Maximum depth – 2 levels
 - Leaf blocks are linked lists of directory entries
 - CRC32 checksum at end of each block

Ext2/3 Primer

Directory Indexing

▪ Root Node Example

The image displays a hex dump of a file system node, specifically a root node, illustrating directory indexing. The data is organized into several fields, each annotated with a label and an arrow:

- fake_dirent 1**: Points to the first 16 bytes of the hex dump (00000000 to 00000010).
- fake_dirent 2**: Points to the second 16 bytes of the hex dump (00000011 to 00000020).
- dx_root_info**: Points to the 16 bytes starting at offset 00000088 (46 69 6C 6C 46 69 72 5F 30 33 30 30 30 30).
- dx_entries**: Points to the 16 bytes starting at offset 00000099 (00 00 00 7A 41 00 00 00 11 02 46 69 6C 6C 46 69).

The hex dump shows the following data (hex values on the left, ASCII characters on the right):

```
00000000 02 00 00 00 0C 00 01 02 2E 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 F4 .....
00000011 03 02 02 2E 2E 00 00 00 00 00 01 08 00 00 7C 00 .....|
00000022 03 00 01 00 00 00 4C 32 29 60 02 00 00 00 B2 18 6A .....j
00000033 B8 03 00 00 00 46 69 6C 65 44 69 72 5F 30 30 30 30 .....FileDir_0000
00000044 00 00 00 41 F6 00 00 1C 00 11 02 46 69 6C 6C 46 69 6C 6C 46 .....A.....FillF
00000055 6C 65 44 69 72 5F 30 31 30 30 30 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....eDir_01000....3
00000066 01 00 1C 00 11 02 46 69 6C 6C 46 69 6C 65 46 .....FillFileDir
00000077 5F 30 32 30 30 30 00 00 00 21 7B 00 00 1C 00 11 02 ....._02000...!{.....
00000088 46 69 6C 6C 46 69 72 5F 30 33 30 30 30 30 30 .....FillFileDir_03000
00000099 00 00 00 7A 41 00 00 00 11 02 46 69 6C 6C 46 69 .....zA.....FillFi
000000AA 6C 65 44 69 72 5F 30 34 30 30 30 00 00 00 0A 7F 00 .....leDir_04000.....
000000BB 00 1C 00 11 02 46 69 6C 6C 46 69 6C 65 44 69 72 5F .....FillFileDir_
000000CC 30 35 30 30 30 00 00 00 2A FA 00 00 1C 00 11 02 46 .....05000...*.....F
000000DD 69 6C 6C 46 69 6C 65 44 69 72 5F 30 36 30 30 30 00 .....illFileDir_06000.
000000EE 00 00 BA 37 01 00 1C 00 11 02 46 69 6C 6C 46 69 6C .....7.....FillFil
000000FF 65 44 69 72 5F 30 37 30 30 30 00 00 00 63 45 00 00 .....eDir_07000...cE..
```

Ext2/3 Primer

Directory Indexing

Index Node Example

000003FC	31	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	04	0A	01	66	69	6C	65	5F	1.....file_
0000040D	30	30	31	33	34	00	00	CF	07	00	00	04	01	0A	01	66	69	00134.....fi
0000041E	6C	65	5F	30	31	39	38	36	00	00	DB	0A	00	00	14	00	0A	le_01986.....
0000042F	01	66	69	6C	65	5F	30	32	37	36	36	00	00	E3	0F	00	00	.file_02766.....
00000440	DC	00	00	00	00	00	00	65	5F	30	31	30	35	34	00	00	76	....file_04054..v
00000451	36	00	00	00	00	00	00	66	09	0C	05	3F	31	33	39	32	39	6.....file_13929
00000462	00	00	E4	3D	00	00	28	00	0A	01	66	69	6C	65	5F	31	35	...=..(...file_15
00000473	38	33	31	00	00	CE	42	00	00	14	00	0A	01	66	69	6C	65	831...B.....file
00000484	5F	31	37	30	38	39	00	00	D5	46	00	00	14	00	0A	01	66	_17089...F.....f
00000495	69	6C	65	5F	31	38	31	32	30	00	00	3F	48	00	00	14	00	ile_18120..?H....
000004A6	0A	01	66	69	6C	65	5F	31	38	34	38	32	00	00	23	58	00	..file_18482..#X.
000004B7	00	64	00	0A	01	66	69	6C	65	5F	32	32	35	35	30	00	00	.d...file_22550..
000004C8	2F	5D	00	00	50	00	0A	01	66	69	6C	65	5F	32	33	38	34	/]..P...file_2384
000004D9	32	00	00	64	60	00	00	14	00	0A	01	66	69	6C	65	5F	32	2..d`.....file_2
000004EA	34	36	36	33	00	00	CC	68	00	00	28	00	0A	01	66	69	6C	4663...h..(...fil
000004FB	65	5F	32	36	38	31	35	00	00	80	77	00	00	14	00	0A	01	e_26815...w.....

Ext2/3 Primer

Directory Indexing

▪ Leaf Node Example

000003C9	13 00 00 1C 00	11 02 46 69 6C 6C 46 69 6C 65 44 69	.....FillFileDir_33000.....
000003D0	00 00 00 00 00 C9 1E 00 00 1C 00 11	00 30 30 00 00 00 00 C9 1E 00 00 1C 00 11	.FillFileDir_34000
000003EB	02 46 69 6C 6C 46 69 6C 65 44 69 72 5F 33 34 30 30	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	0.....lost+
000003FC	30 00 00 00 00 0B 00 00 00 14 00 0A 02	00 0B 00 00 00 14 00 0A 02 6C 6F 73 74 2B	found..zA.....FillFileDir_04000..
0000040D	66 6F 75 6E 64 00 00 7A 41 00 00 1C 00 11 02 46 69	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....FillFileDir_05000....7...
0000041E	6C 6C 46 69 6C 65 44 69 72 5F 30 34 30 30 30 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	...FillFileDir_07000....;.....FillFileDir_11000...
0000042F	00 0A 7F 00 00 1C 00 11 02 46 69 6C 6C 46 69 6C 65	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....FillFileDir_12000.....
00000440	44 69 72 5F 30 35 30 30 30 00 00 00 BA 37 01 00 1C	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	..FillFileDir_14000
00000451	00 11 02 46 69 6C 6C 46 69 6C 65 44 69 72 5F 30 37	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00.....FillFileDir_15000...L
00000462	30 30 30 00 00 00 00 A3 3B 01 00 1C 00 11 02 46 69 6C	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....FillFileDir_16000.....
00000473	6C 46 69 6C 65 44 69 72 5F 31 31 30 30 30 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....FillFileDir_17000.....
00000484	0C 00 00 00 1C 00 11 02 46 69 6C 6C 46 69 6C 65 44	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....FillFileDir_18000.....
00000495	69 72 5F 31 32 30 30 30 00 00 00 B1 B8 00 00 1C 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....FillFileDir_19000.....
000004A6	11 02 46 69 6C 6C 46 69 6C 65 44 69 72 5F 31 34 30	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....FillFileDir_20000.....
000004B7	30 30 00 00 00 DC 86 00 00 1C 00 11 02 46 69 6C 6C	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....FillFileDir_21000.....
000004C8	46 69 6C 65 44 69 72 5F 31 35 30 30 30 00 00 00 4C	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....FillFileDir_22000.....

Ext4 Features

Just Ext3 with extents, right?

- Flexible Block Groups
- Directory Hashing (Default)
- Extents
- Huge Files
- Persistent Preallocation
- Nanosecond Timestamps
- Journal Block Device 2
- More to come?

Ext4

File System Scaling

▪ Maximum file system size

- Ext3: 16 TB
 - 32 bit address space
- Ext4: 1 EB = 10^3 PB = 10^6 TB*
 - 48 bit address space

▪ Maximum file size

- Ext3: 2TB
 - 32 bit `i_blocks` field
- Ext4: 16TB
 - `HUGE_FILE` flag means `i_blocks` is blocks not sectors

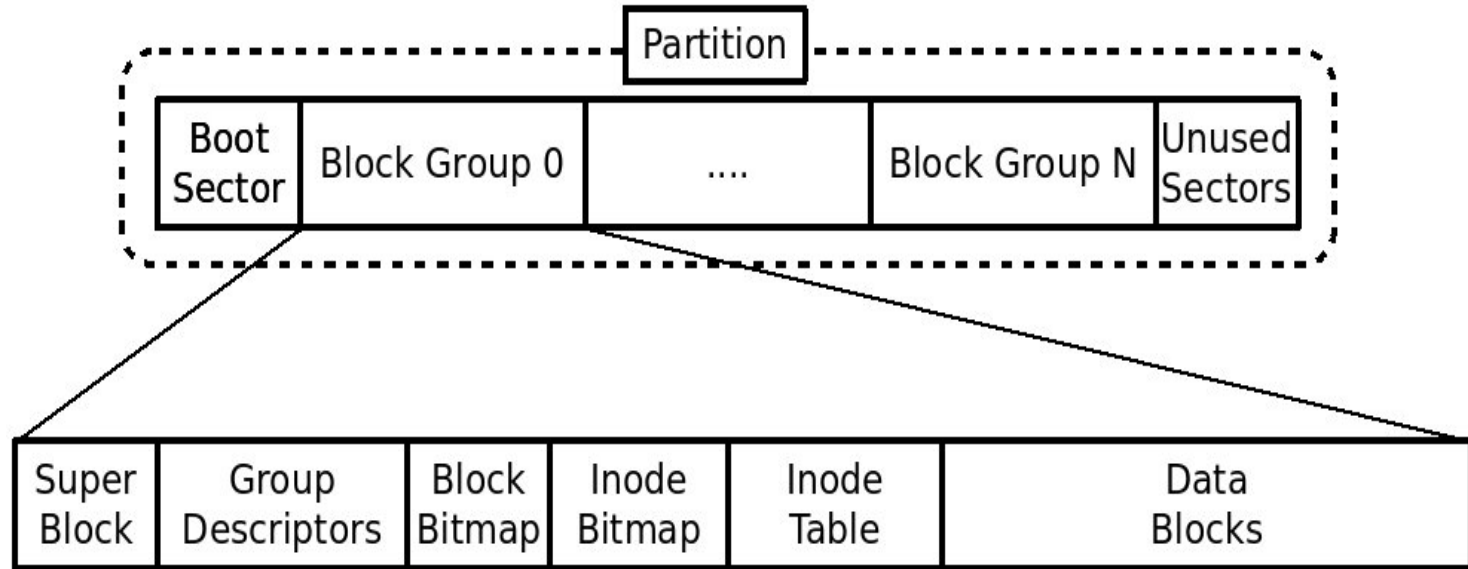
▪ Max Files Per Directory

- Ext3: 32K
- Ext4: Unlimited
 - Link Counter set to 1
 - Directory Indexing Used

*Despite the footnote in the paper

Ext4 Topology

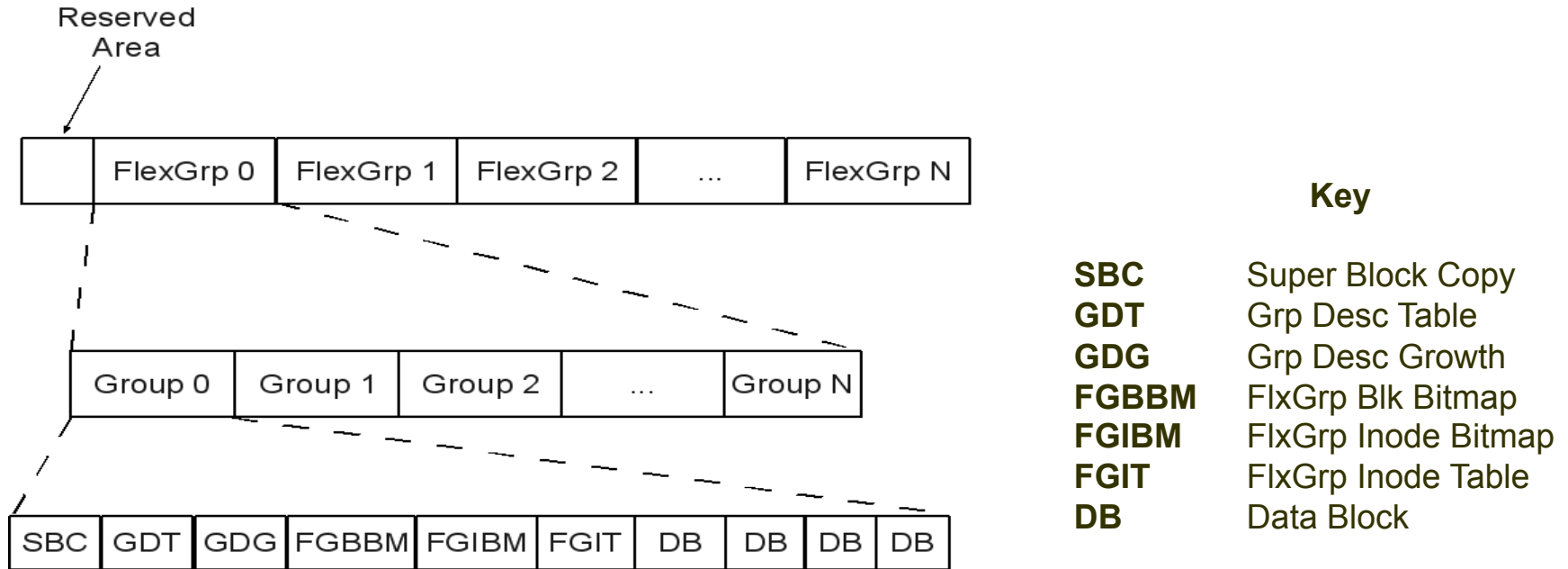
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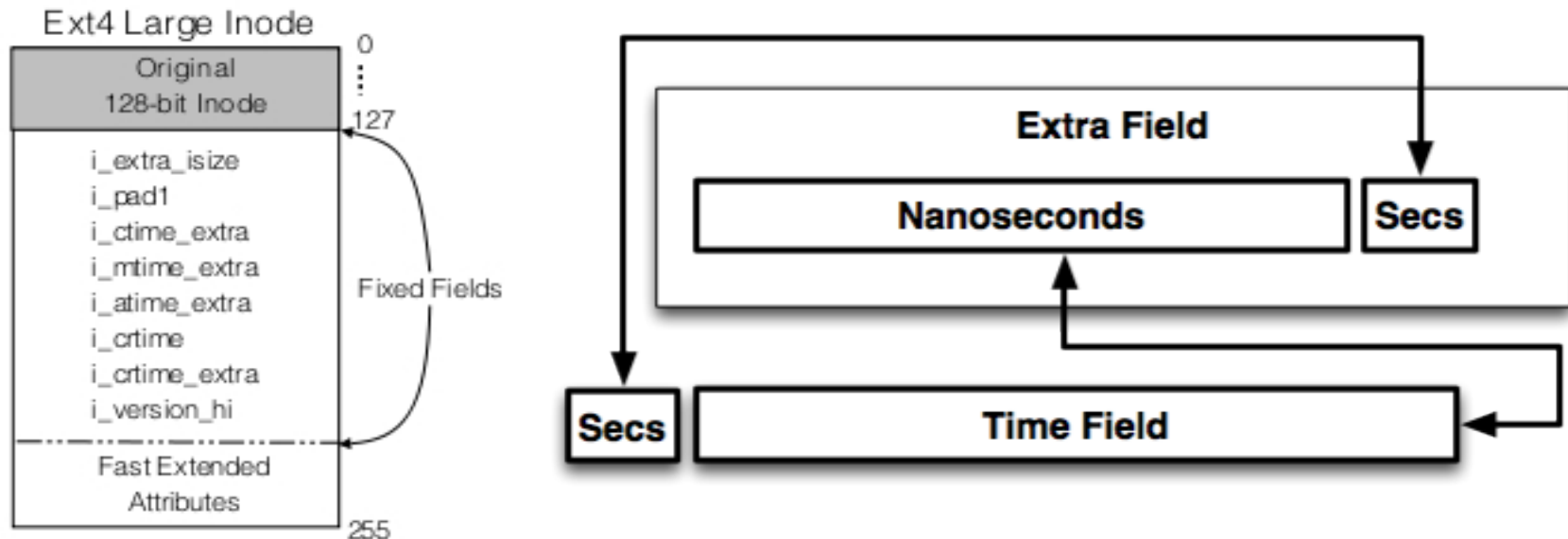
Ext4 File System Layout



- **Block Groups combined into Flex Groups**
- **Metadata no longer resides inside a particular block group**
- **GDG blocks reserved for expansion**
- **Lazy initialization of bitmaps and inode tables (lazy_bg)**

Ext4 Topology

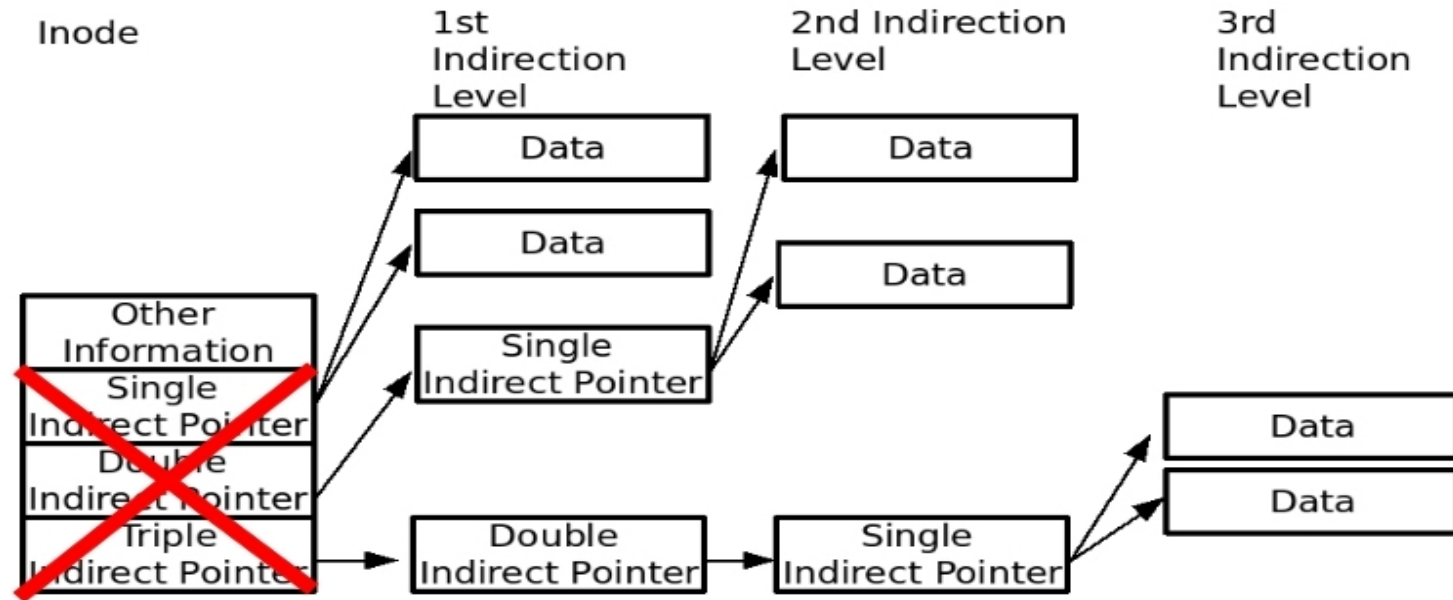
Nanosecond Timestamps



- MAC times get better resolution
- Creation timestamp introduced
- Deletion timestamp still has second resolution
- High 30 bits used for nanoseconds lower 2 bits extend timestamp

Ext4 Topology

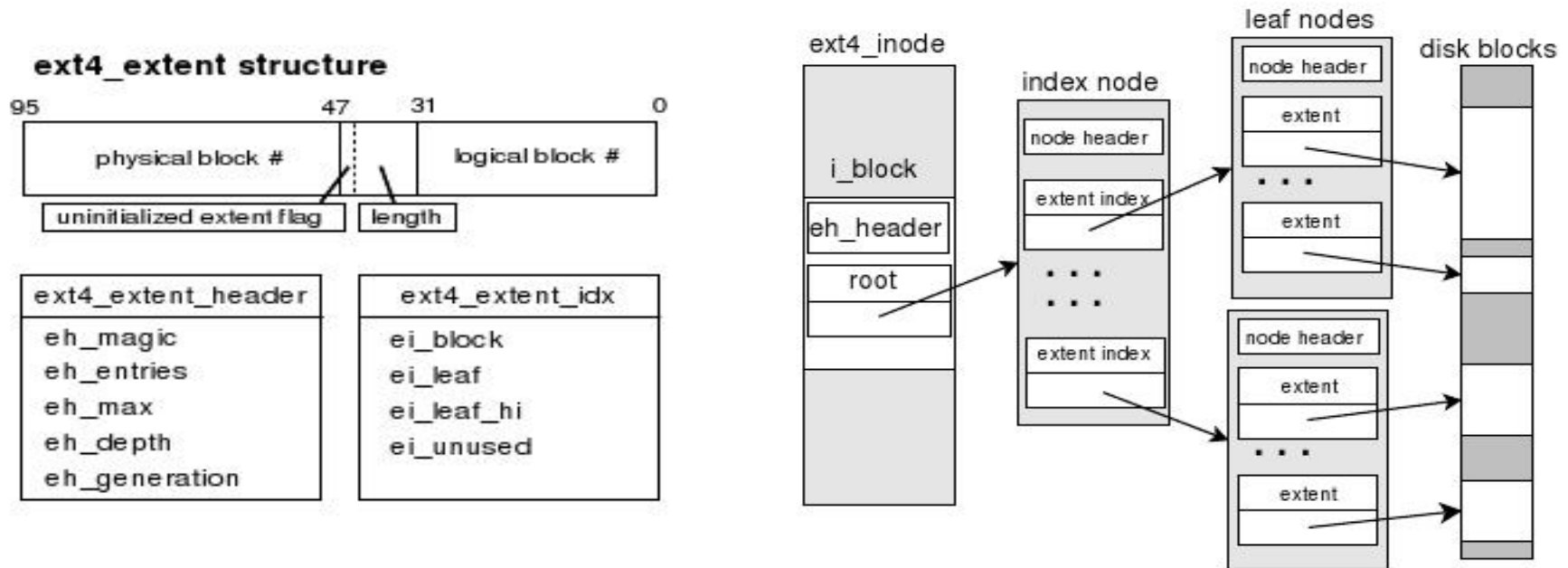
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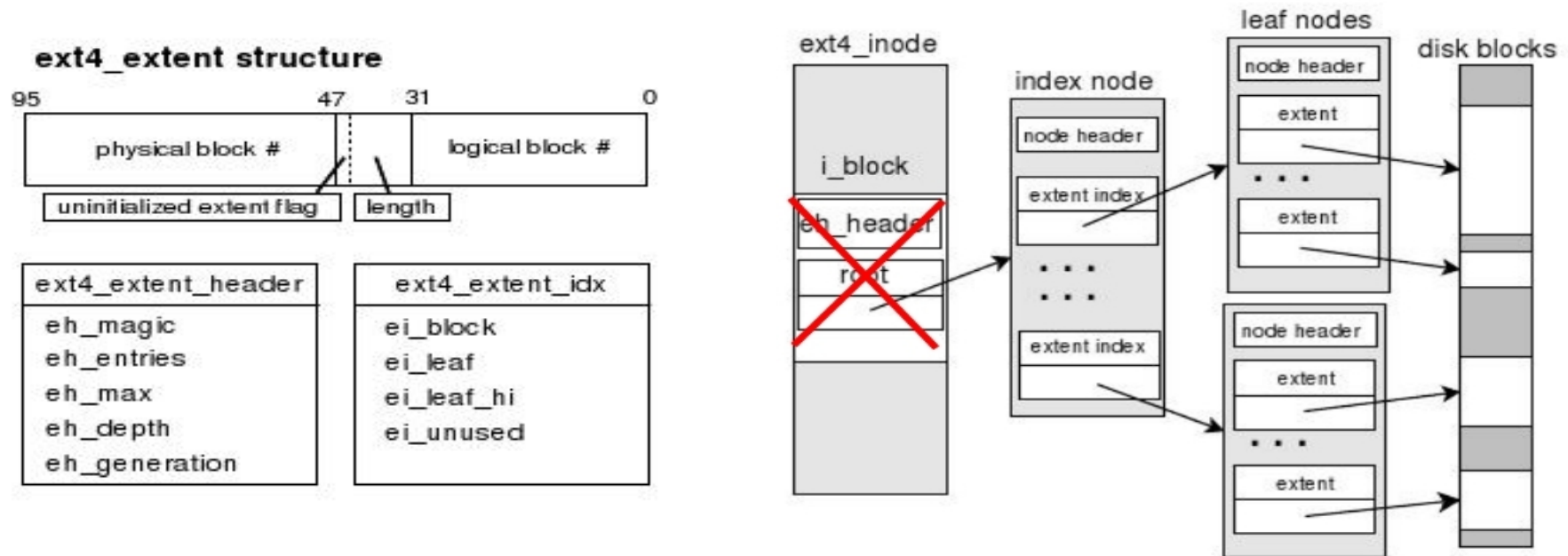
Ext4 Data Mapping



- Extents can reside in inode or form a tree
- Every level of tree has an extent header
- Persistent Preallocation

Ext4 Topology

Ext4 Data Mapping



- Zeroing of inode resident extents depends upon creation of extent tree

Ext4 Topology

Extent Resident File Deletion

Before Deletion

```
00042570 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 A4
00042581 81 00 00 00 00 10 00 00 28 4D 3F 4F 9A 4F 3F 4F 9A 4F
00042592 3F 4F 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 01 00 08 00 00 00 00 00 08
000425A3 00 01 00 00 00 00 0A F3 04 00 04 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
000425B4 00 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 9B 09 00 00 01 00 00 00 01
000425C5 00 00 00 9D 09 00 00 02 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 9F 00
000425D6 00 00 03 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 A1 09 00 00 77 70 16
000425E7 79 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
000425F8 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 A4 81 00 00 00 04 00 00 9E
```

After Deletion

```
00042570 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 A4
00042581 81 00 00 00 00 00 00 28 4D 3F 4F D9 57 3F 4F D9 57
00042592 3F 4F D9 57 3F 4F 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 08
000425A3 00 01 00 00 00 00 0A F3 00 00 04 00 00 00 00 00 00
000425B4 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 00
000425C5 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
000425D6 00 00 03 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 77 70 16
000425E7 79 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
000425F8 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 A4 81 00 00 04 00 00 9E
```


Ext4 Topology

Extent Tree File Deletion

Before Deletion

00042273	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	A4	81	00	00
00042284	00	E8	74	02	06	58	29	4F	27	58	29	4F	27	58	29	4F	00
00042295	00	00	00	00	00	01	00	42	3E	01	00	00	00	08	00	01	00
000422A6	00	00	0A	F3	01	00	04	00	03	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
000422B7	00	28	7C	00	00	00	00	00	00	90	1B	00	00	E8	68	00	00
000422C8	00	00	00	00	20	37	00	00	12	D7	00	00	00	00	00	00	B0
000422D9	52	00	00	74	65	01	00	00	00	00	00	85	3A	3A	8A	00	00
000422EA	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
000422FB	00	00	00	00	00	A4	81	00	00	00	04	00	00	9E	57	29	4F

After Deletion

00042273	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	A4	81	00	00
00042284	00	00	00	00	CB	5A	29	4F	50	E5	3B	4F	50	E5	3B	4F	50
00042295	E5	3B	4F	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	08	00	01	00
000422A6	00	00	0A	F3	00	00	04	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
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000422FB	00	00	00	00	00	A4	81	00	00	00	04	00	00	9E	57	29	4F

Ext4 Reliability

- **Journal Block Device 2**

- 64bit and 32bit systems
- CRC32 checksum added to the commit block
- Computed over all transaction blocks
- Commit block written to journal in 1 step process

- **Group Descriptor Checksums**

- CRC16
- Verify inode count
- Can skip over unused areas during e2fsck

Forensic Implications I

- **Deleted Files**

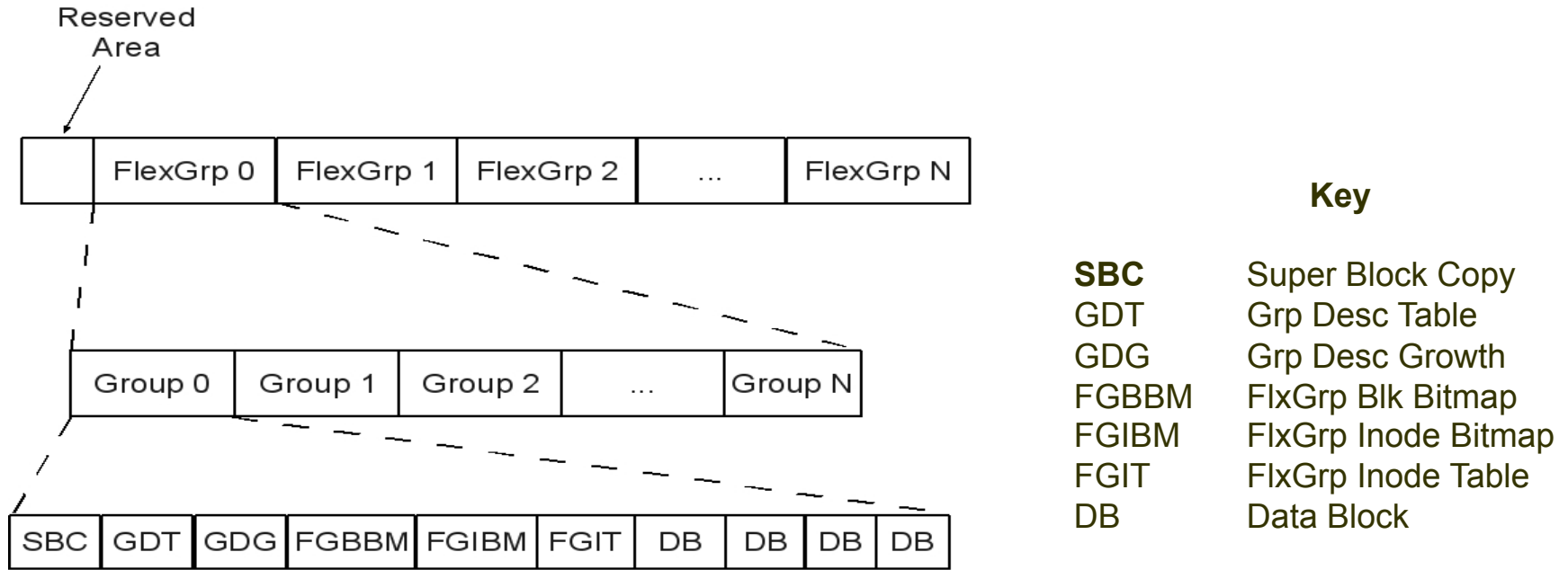
- Inode resident extent dependent upon tree creation
- Extent index node not zeroed
- Extent headers for file recovery

- **Metadata**

- FS metadata statically located
- File metadata mixed with normal blocks
- IFF 256-byte Inode
 - Increased timestamp resolution
 - Creation Timestamp

Ext4 Topology

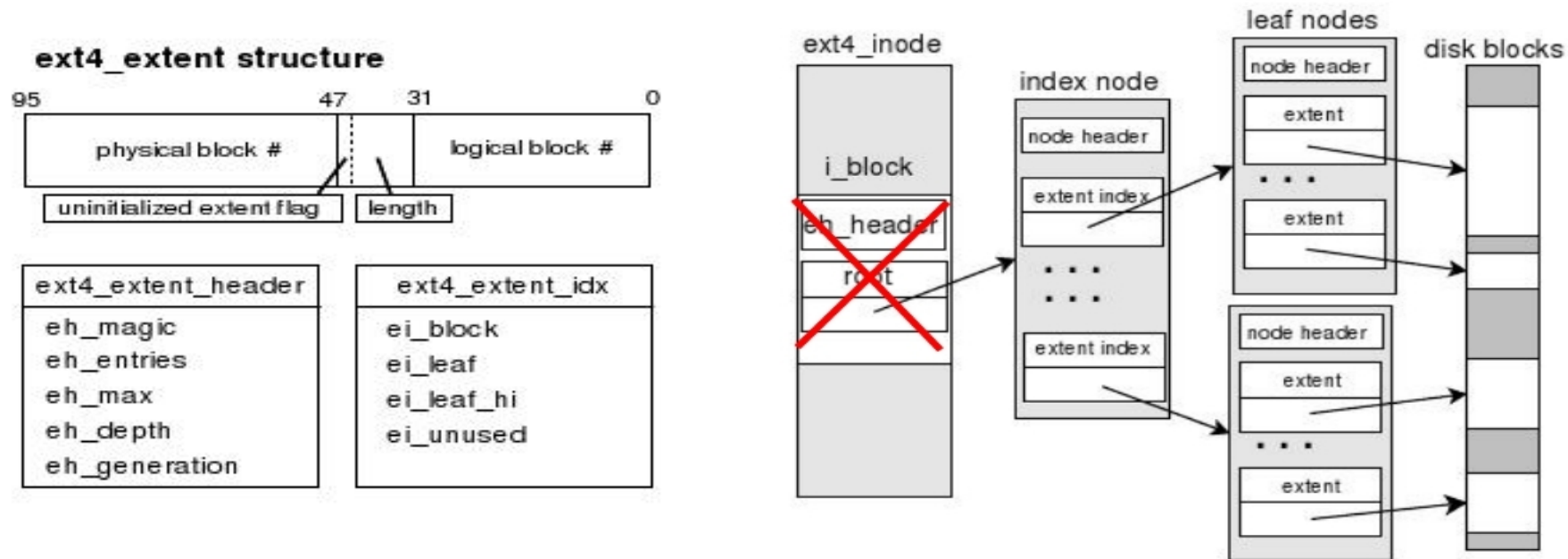
Ext4 File System Layout



- **File system metadata structures do not move around**

Ext4 Topology

Ext4 Data Mapping



- Zeroing of inode resident extents depends upon creation of extent tree
- Extent index and leaf nodes mixed in with file data blocks

Forensic Implications II

- **Data**

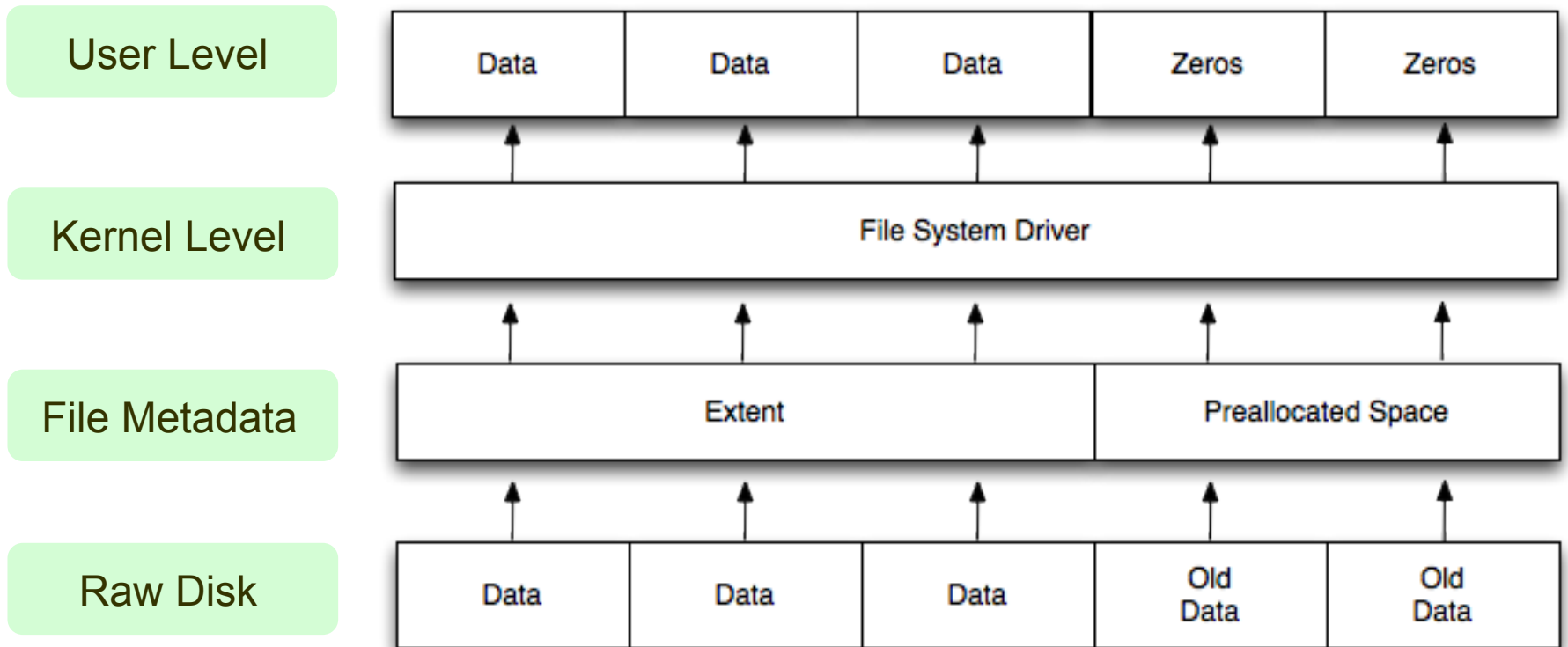
- Content may exist in preallocated extents
- Partially located in H-tree nodes
- Group Descriptor Growth Blocks

- **Journal**

- Extend index node journaled

Ext4

What lies beneath?



Forensic Implications

Stale Data: Directory Indexing

▪ Root Node Example

The image displays a hex dump of a root node example, showing hexadecimal data and its corresponding ASCII representation. The data is organized into rows, with the first column containing hexadecimal values and the second column containing ASCII characters. Several annotations are present:

- fake_dirent 1**: A red dashed box highlights the first row of data, starting with 00000000 and ending with 02 00 00 00 F4.
- fake_dirent 2**: A blue dashed box highlights the second row of data, starting with 03 02 02 2E 2E 00 00 and ending with 7C 00.
- dx_root_info**: A red dashed box highlights the third row of data, starting with 03 00 01 00 00 00 4C 32 29 60 02 00 00 00 B2 18 6A.
- dx_entries**: A white box with a black border highlights the fourth row of data, starting with 00 00 00 41 F6 00 00 1C 00 11 02 46 69 6C 6C 46.
- Stale Data**: A green box with a black border highlights the fifth row of data, starting with 6C 65 44 69 72 5F 30 31 30 30 30 00 00 00.

The ASCII representation on the right side of the hex dump shows the corresponding characters, including ".....", "|.", "j", "FileDir_0000", "A.....FillF", "eDir_01000....3", "FillFileDir", "02000...!{.....", "FillFileDir_03000", "zA.....FillFi", "leDir_04000.....", "FillFileDir_", "05000...*.....F", "illFileDir_06000.", "...7.....FillFil", "eDir_07000...cE..", and ".....".

Forensic Implications

Stale Data: Directory Indexing

Index Node Example

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Invalid Inode Number

Entry Length of Block

Stale Data

Forensic Implications

Stale Data: Directory Indexing

▪ Leaf Node Example

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00000484	0C 00 00 00 1C 00 11 02 46 69 6C 6C 46 69 6C 65 44	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00FillFileDir_18000.....
00000495	69 72 5F 31 32 30 30 30 00 00 00 B1 B8 00 00 1C 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00FillFileDir_19000.....
000004A6	11 02 46 69 6C 6C 46 69 6C 65 44 69 72 5F 31 34 30	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00FillFileDir_20000.....
000004B7	30 30 00 00 00 DC 86 00 00 1C 00 11 02 46 69 6C 6C	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00FillFileDir_21000.....
000004C8	46 69 6C 65 44 69 72 5F 31 35 30 30 30 00 00 00 4C	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00FillFileDir_22000.....

Current Status & Futurework

- **Completed**

- In depth study of Ext4

- **In Progress**

- TSK + Ext4
- <https://github.com/kfairbanks/sleuthkit> (for now)

- **Next Steps**

- Ext4 Snapshots
- Volatility of data
 - H-tree Spaces
 - Group Descriptor Growth Blocks
 - Extent Trees
 - Online Defragmentation
- Data Hiding Using Journal
 - Do CRCs prevent techniques for hiding data?

TSK + Ext4

jls snapshot

```
sb version: 4
sb feature_compat flags 0x00000001
    JOURNAL_CHECKSUMS
sb feature_incompat flags 0x00000003
    JOURNAL_REVOKE
    JOURNAL_64BIT
sb feature_ro_incompat flags 0x00000000
1:    Unallocated FS Block Unknown
2:    Unallocated FS Block Unknown
3:    Unallocated Commit Block (seq: 14877073, checksum_type: 1-CRC32, checksum_size: 4, chksum: 0x759CBD41, sec: 1343784101.3759799040)
4:    Unallocated Descriptor Block (seq: 14877074)
```

- Reporting subsecond timestamps
- Checksum Type
- Checksum value

TSK + Ext4

fls output

```
0|/lost+found|11|d|drwx-----|0|0|16384|1343615389.000000000|1343615389.000000000|1343615389.000000000|1343615389.000000000|
0|/DirFiles_000000000-099999999|264880129|d|drwxrwxr-x|1007|1007|59392|1343752845.083029559|1343752692.439479900|1343752692.439479900|1343752691.334468682|
0|/DirFiles_100000000-199999999|19939329|d|drwxrwxr-x|1007|1007|61440|1343752691.335468692|1343752693.276488397|1343752693.276488397|1343752691.335468692|
0|/DirFiles_200000000-299999999|34717697|d|drwxrwxr-x|1007|1007|57344|1343752691.335468692|1343752694.108496845|1343752694.108496845|1343752691.335468692|
0|/DirFiles_300000000-399999999|252952577|d|drwxrwxr-x|1007|1007|61440|1343752691.335468692|1343752694.939505280|1343752694.939505280|1343752691.335468692|
0|/DirFiles_400000000-4464025030|49725441|d|drwxrwxr-x|1007|1007|30720|1343752691.336468702|1343752695.132507240|1343752695.132507240|1343752691.336468702|
0|/$OrphanFiles|281250817|d|d-----|0|0|0|0.000000000|0.000000000|0.000000000|0.000000000
```

- **Nanosecond timestamps**
- **Creation timestamp**

TSK + Ext4

fsstat output

FILE SYSTEM INFORMATION

```
-----  
File System Type: Ext4  
Volume Name:  
Volume ID: 41a2329c5a8f528f514442b77894e3d9  
  
Last Written at: 2012-07-30 23:59:59 (EDT)  
Last Checked at: 2012-07-29 17:44:29 (EDT)  
  
Last Mounted at: 2012-07-30 23:59:59 (EDT)  
Unmounted properly  
Last mounted on: /home/kevinfairbanks/Ext4_temp
```

```
Source OS: Linux  
Dynamic Structure  
Compat Features: Journal, Ext Attributes, Resize Inode, Dir Index  
InCompat Features: Filetype, Needs Recovery, Extents, 64bit, Flexible Block Groups,  
Read Only Compat Features: Sparse Super, Extra Inode Size
```

```
Journal ID: 00  
Journal Inode: 8
```

METADATA INFORMATION

```
-----  
Inode Range: 1 - 281250817  
Root Directory: 2  
Free Inodes: 281250805
```

CONTENT INFORMATION

```
-----  
Block Groups Per Flex Group: 16  
Block Range: 0 - 4499999999  
Block Size: 2048  
Free Blocks: 169057734
```

BLOCK GROUP INFORMATION

```
-----  
Number of Block Groups: 274659  
Inodes per group: 1024  
Blocks per group: 16384
```

```
Group: 0:  
Block Group Flags: [INODE_ZEROED]  
Inode Range: 1 - 1024  
Block Range: 0 - 16383  
Layout:  
Super Block: 0 - 0  
Group Descriptor Table: 1 - 8584  
Group Descriptor Growth Blocks: 8585 - 9096  
Data bitmap: 9097 - 9097  
Inode bitmap: 9113 - 9113  
Inode Table: 9129 - 9256  
Data Blocks: 11177 - 16383  
Free Inodes: 909 (88%)  
Free Blocks: 5093 (31%)  
Total Directories: 106  
Stored Checksum: 0xE705  
Calculated Checksum: 0xE705
```

Flex BG Information
GD Growth Blocks
GD Checksum