SOME CONCEPTS RELATED TO PROJECT SURFSTORE

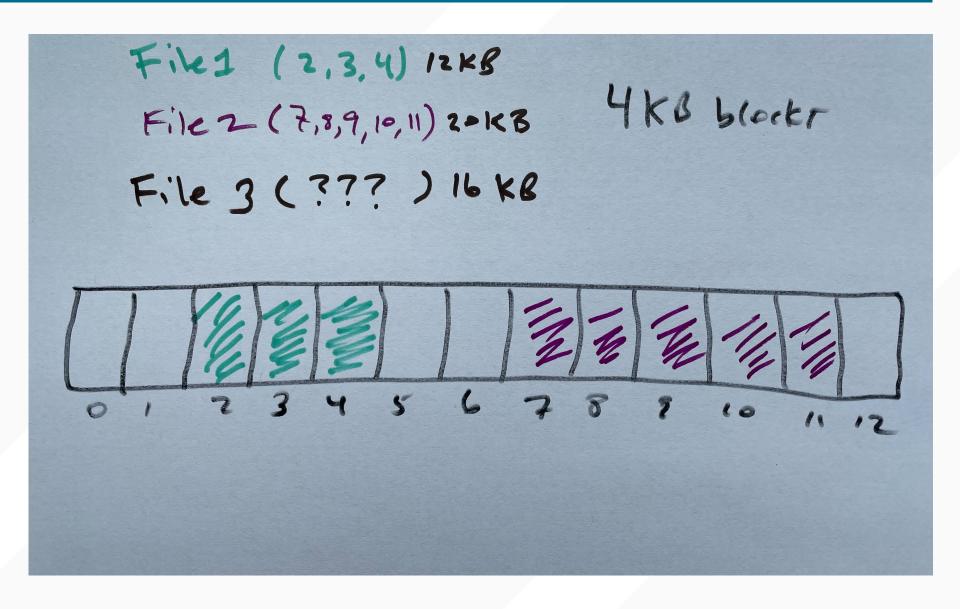
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FILE METADATA (TOP) VS FILE DATA (BOTTOM)

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[gmporter@navygrog bin % stat -x protoc-gen-go
File: "protoc-gen-go"
Size: 8425842 FileType: Regular File
Mode: (0755/-rwxr-xr-x) Uid: ( 501/gmporter) Gid: ( 20/ staff)
Device: 1,15 Inode: 7741446 Links: 1
Access: Thu Jan 27 13:29:54 2022
Modify: Thu Jan 27 13:27:02 2022
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gmporter@navygrog bin % ■
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gmporter@navygrog bin % hexyl protoc-gen-go | head -10
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gmporter@navygrog bin % |
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STORING FILE CONTENTS IN BLOCKS



SEPARATING DATA FROM METADATA

- Metadata typically "points" to where the data is located
 - For local file systems inodes hold a list of block addresses (called LBA or logical block address)

- For network file systems like Dropbox, HDFS, Google File System (GFS) we need:
 - The IP address/hostname of the server that holds the block
 - A unique identifier for that block (often a hash value)

CRYPTOGRAPHIC HASH FUNCTIONS

 A hash function that maps from its input domain to its output domain in such a way that small changes to the input produce large changes in the output*

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[gmporter@navygrog ~ % echo "hello CSE124" | shasum -a 256 36afbd691a3d11af50398c5bd81eb080d9a039acca7911d6661712807eca72ea - [gmporter@navygrog ~ % echo "Hello CSE124" | shasum -a 256 c02485236023d447856040c101df785285481992933d345dbccca7e6bbced258 - gmporter@navygrog ~ %
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^{*} It's more complicated than that.

THE SOURCE CODE TO THE UNITED STATES: THE US CONSTITUTION



IDENTIFYING BLOCKS OF DATA BY HASH FUNCTIONS EXAMPLE: THE US CONSTITUTION

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[gmporter@navygrog surfstore % hexyl const.txt| head -20
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gmporter@navygrog surfstore %

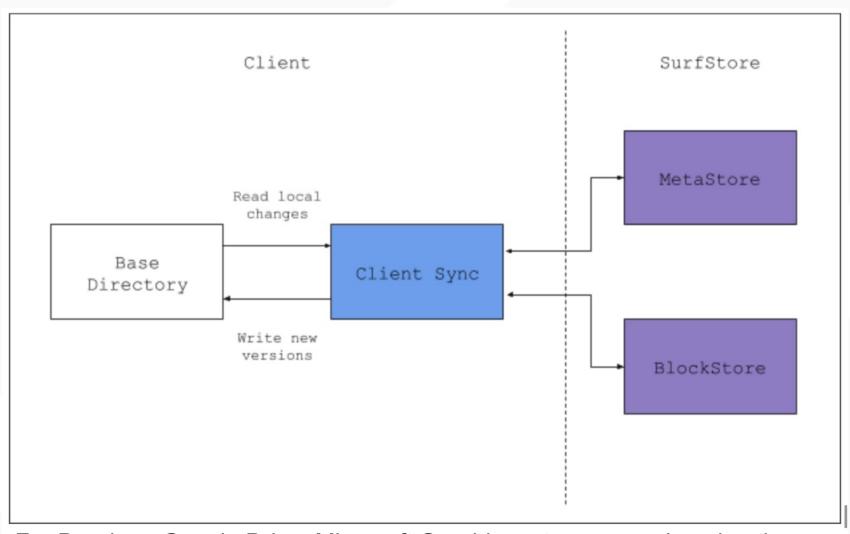
BLOCK IDS DETERMINED BY SHA-256 HASHES

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gmporter@navygrog surfstore % ./printhashes.sh 672e9bff6a0bc59669954be7b2c2726a74163455ca18664cc350030bc7eca71e - 31f28d5a995dcdb7c5358fcfa8b9c93f2b8e421fb4a268ca5dc01ca4619dfe5f - 172baa036a7e9f8321cb23a1144787ba1a0727b40cb6283dbb5cba20b84efe50 - 745378a914d7bcdc26d3229f98fc2c6887e7d882f42d8491530dfaf4effef827 - 912b9d7afecb114fdaefecfa24572d052dde4e1ad2360920ebfe55ebf2e1818e - 3e6e0ff9279538e95d4818eb7f13846b26a984671f75ca668098906fbded2484 - gmporter@navygrog surfstore %
```

What happens when we add a new Amendment to the constitution?

THE START OF A NETWORKED FILE SYSTEM...

- Metadata service
 - Maps files to size, list of block hashes
- Blockstore service
 - Maps a hash value to the contents of the block



For Dropbox, Google Drive, Microsoft Onedrive, etc, you can imagine there are many thousand BlockStore instances and a small number of MetaStores

WHAT DOES OUR CONSTITUTION LOOK LIKE?

Filename: const.txt

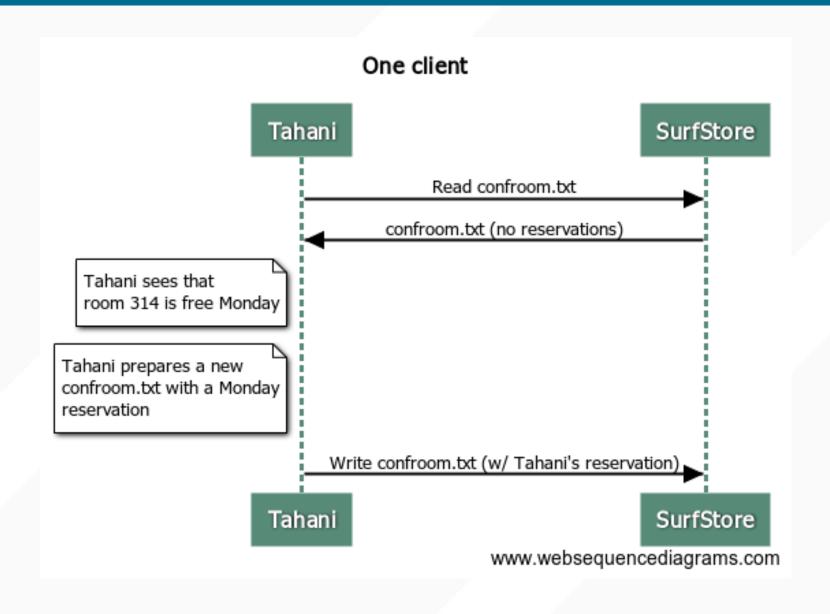
Size: 44841 bytes

Block hashes:

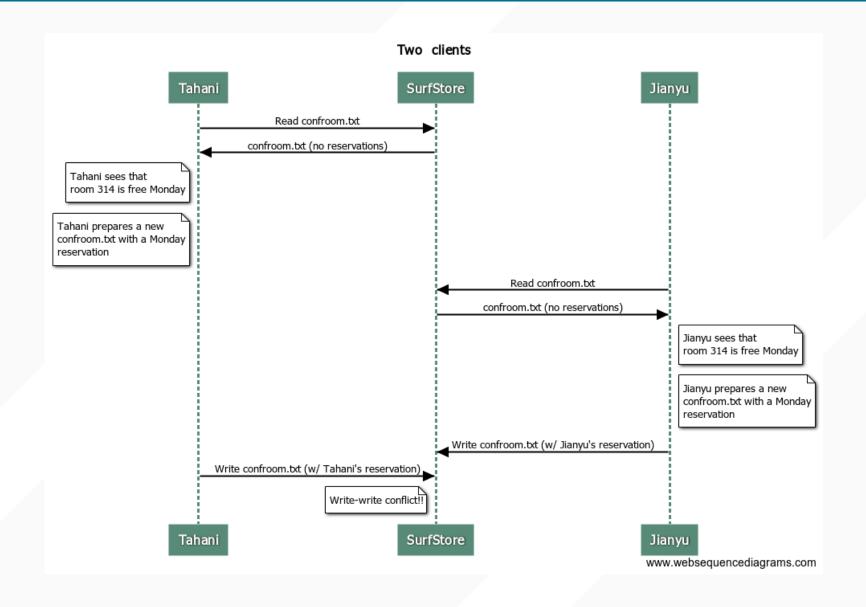
- 1. 672e9bff6a0bc59669954be7b2c2726a74163455ca18664cc350030bc7eca71e
- 2. 31f28d5a995dcdb7c5358fcfa8b9c93f2b8e421fb4a268ca5dc01ca4619dfe5f
- 3. 172baa036a7e9f8321cb23a1144787ba1a0727b40cb6283dbb5cba20b84efe50
- 4. 745378a914d7bcdc26d3229f98fc2c6887e7d882f42d8491530dfaf4effef827
- 5. 912b9d7afecb114fdaefecfa24572d052dde4e1ad2360920ebfe55ebf2e1818e
- 6. 3e6e0ff9279538e95d4818eb7f13846b26a984671f75ca668098906fbded2484

To modify a file, you add/remove/change one or more of the hash values and update the file size (after uploading any new blocks to the blockstore)

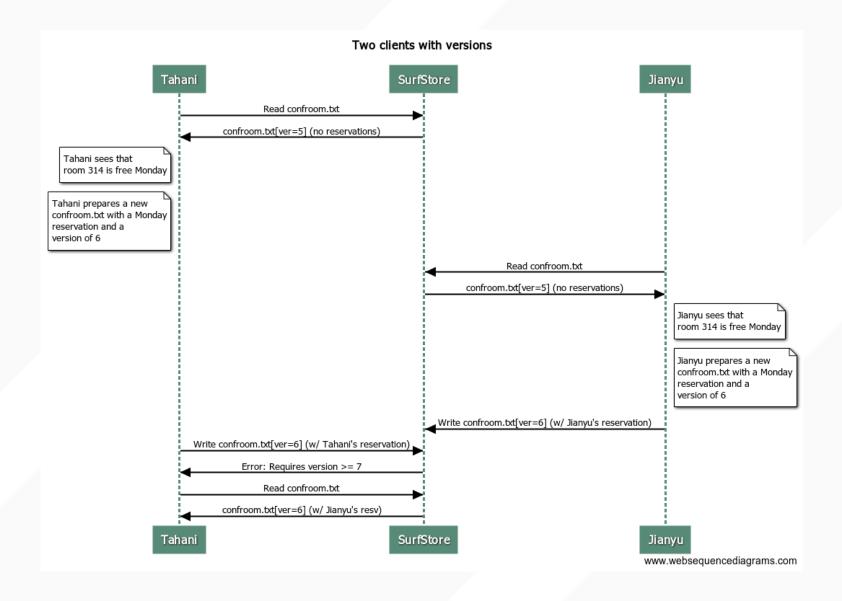
BUT A NETWORK SUPPORTS MULTIPLE USERS...



MULTIPLE USERS EDITING THE SAME FILE?



FILE VERSIONING



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