Disks

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Disk Interfaces

- SCSI
  - Small Computer Systems Interface
  - High performance and reliability

Expensive!
SCSI Card ~ 10k

- IDE (or ATA)
  - Integrated Device Electronics (or AT Attachment)
  - Low cost
  - Become acceptable for enterprise with the help of RAID technology

Low Price!

- SATA
  - Serial ATA

Enhancement

- SAS
  - Serial Attached SCSI

Speeds up!

- USB
  - Universal Serial Bus
  - Convenient to use

Disk Interfaces – ATA & SATA

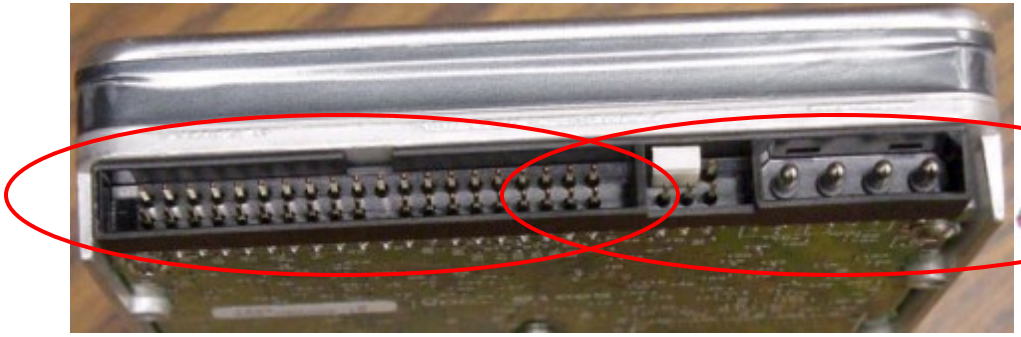
- ATA (AT Attachment)
  - ATA2
    - PIO, DMA
    - LBA (Logical Block Addressing)
  - ATA3, Ultra DMA/33/66/100/133
  - ATAPI (ATA Packet Interface)
    - CDROM, TAPE
  - Only one device can be active at a time
    - **SCSI support overlapping commands, command queuing, scatter-gather I/O**
  - Master-Slave
  - 40-pin ribbon cable

Primary Master (0)/Slave(1)
Secondary Master(2)/Slave(3)

- SATA
  - Serial ATA
  - SATA-1 1.5Gbit/s, SATA-2 3Gbit/s, SATA-3 6GBit/s

Disk Interfaces – ATA & SATA Interfaces

- ATA interface and it's cable



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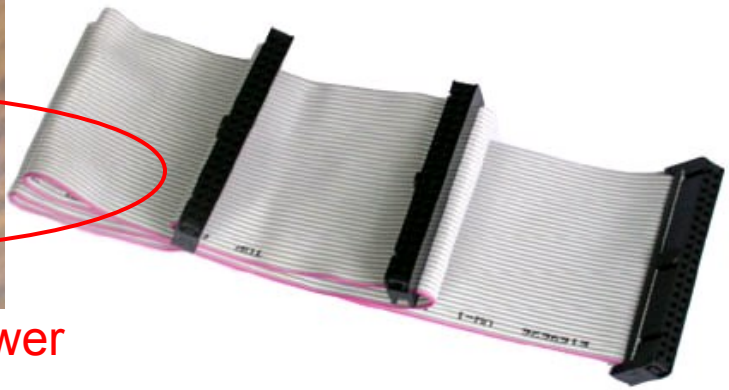
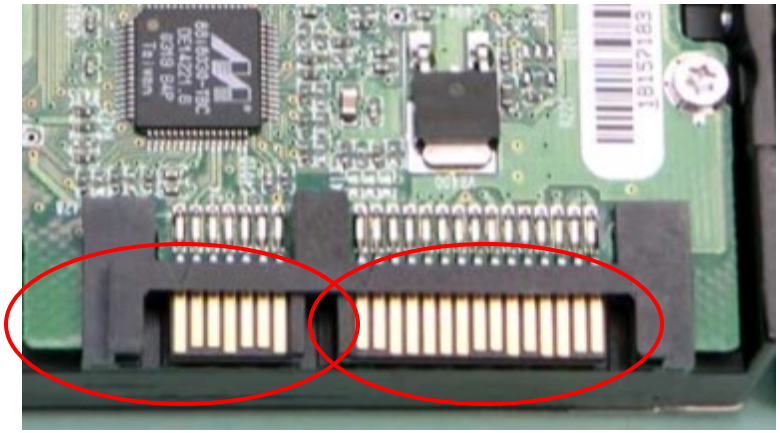


Power

- SATA interface and it's cable



Data

Power

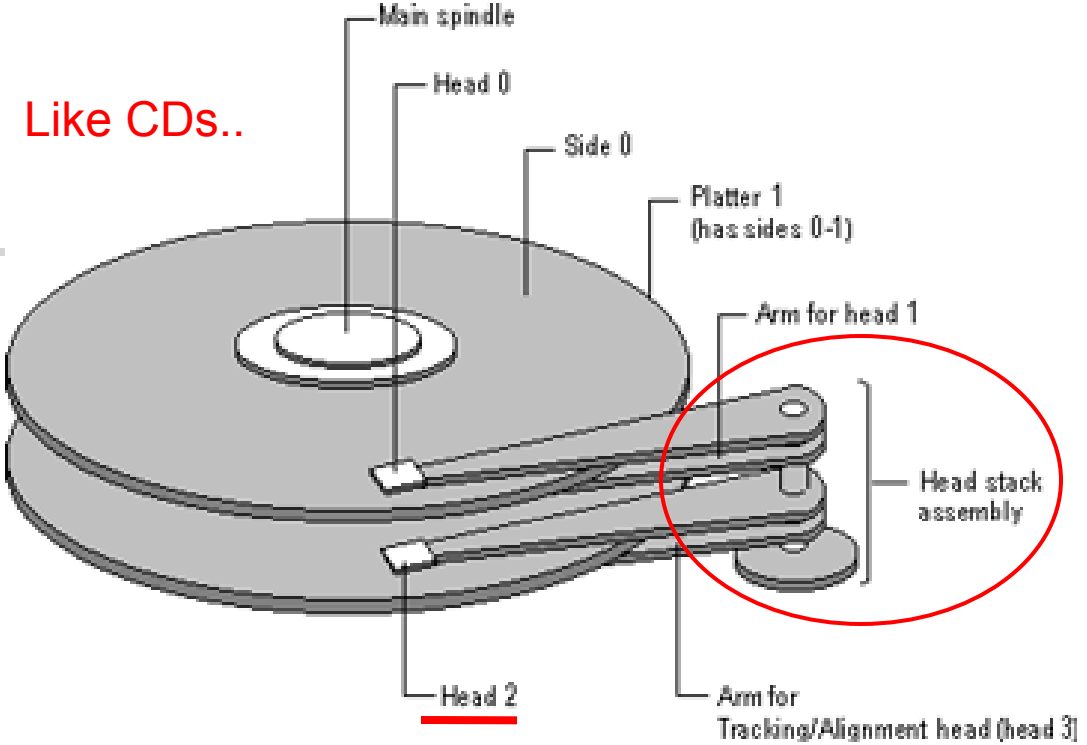
Disk Interfaces – USB

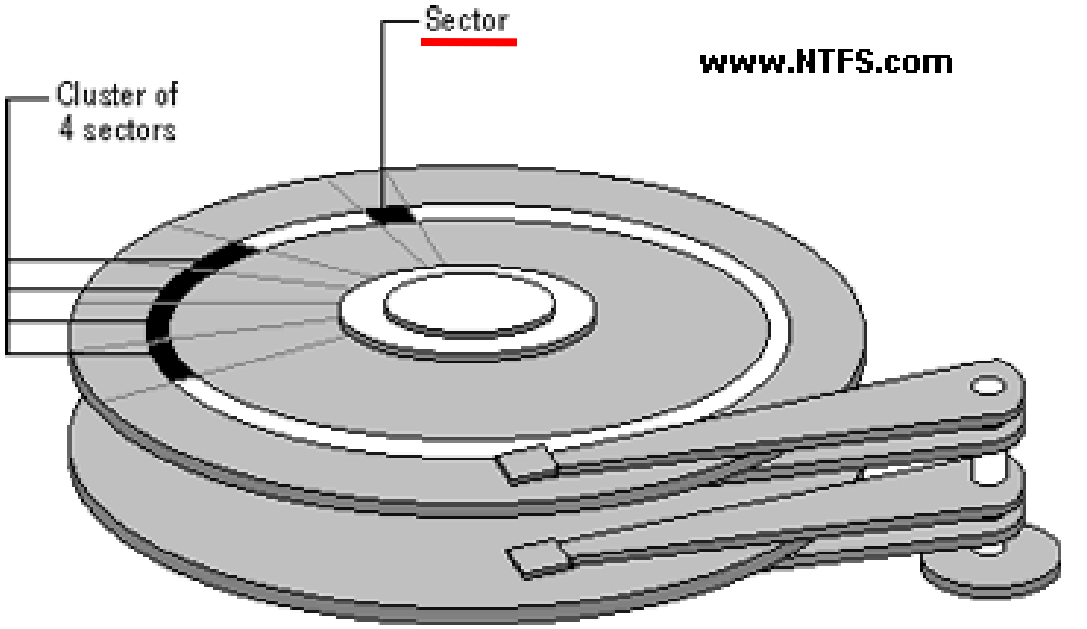
- IDE/SATA to USB Converters

Disk Geometry (1)

Like CDs..

- sector
  - Individual data block
- track
  - circle
- cylinder
  - circle on all platters
- Position
  - CHS:
    Cylinder,
    Head (0, 1, …),
    Sector





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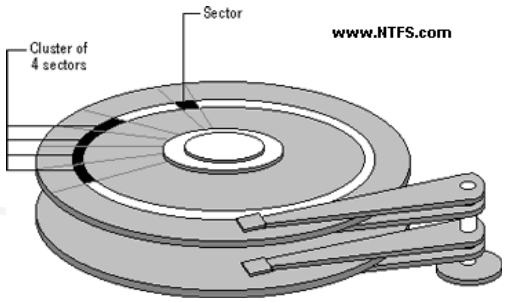


- 40G HD
  - 4866 cylinders, 255 heads
  - 63 sectors per track, 512 bytes per sector
  - 512 * 63 * 4866 * 255 = 40,024,212,480 bytes

    G M K
  - 1KB = 1024 bytes
  - 1MB = 1024 KB = 1,048,576 bytes
  - 1GB = 1024 MB = 1,073,741,824 bytes
  - 40,024,212,480 / 1,073,741,824 ≒ 37.275 GB

Why?

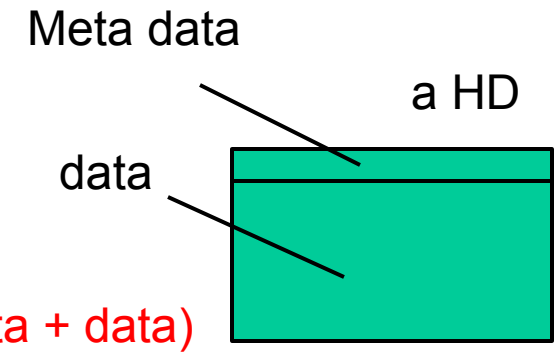
10^3 vs. 2^10…

Disk Installation Procedure (in BSD…)

Disk Installation Procedure (1)

- The procedure involves the following steps:
  - Connecting the disk to the computer
    - IDE: master/slave
    - SATA
    - SCSI: ID, terminator
    - power
  - Creating device files
    - Auto created by devfs
  - Formatting the disk
    - Low-level format
      - Manufacturer diagnostic utility
      - **Kill all** address information and timing marks on platters
      - Repair bad sectors → mark the bad sectors and don't use them!

Please do it offline…



Format (meta data + data)
vs. fast format (data only)

Disk Installation Procedure (2)

- **Partitioning and Labeling the disk**
  - **Allow the disk to be treated as a group of independent data area**
  - **e.g. root, home, swap partitions**
  - **Former Suggestions:**
    - **/var, /tmp ➔ separate partition (for backup issue)**
    - Make a copy of root filesystem for emergency
- **Establishing logical volumes**
  - **Combine multiple partitions into a logical volume**
  - **Related to RAID**
  - **Software RAID technology**
    - **GEOM: geom(4)、geom(8)**
    - **ZFS: zpool(8)、zfs(8)、zdb(8)**

Disk Installation Procedure (3)

- **Creating UNIX filesystems within disk partitions**
  - **Use "newfs" to install a filesystem for a partition**
  - **Establish all filesystem components**
    - **A set of inode storage cells**
    - **A set of data blocks**
    - **A set of superblocks**
    - **A map of the disk blocks in the filesystem**
    - **A block usage summary**

Disk Installation Procedure (4)

- Superblock contents
  - The length of a disk block
  - Inode table's size and location
  - Disk block map
  - Usage information
  - Other filesystem's parameters

Software info.

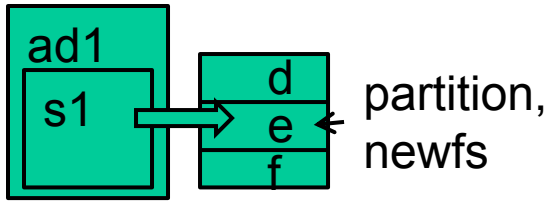
- sync
  - The ***sync() system call*** forces a write of dirty (modified) buffers in the block buffer cache out to disk.
  - The ***sync utility*** can be called to ensure that all disk writes have been completed before the processor is halted in a way not suitably done by reboot(8) or halt(8).

SoftUpdate

done automatically nowadays~ ☺

Disk Installation Procedure (5)

- **mount**
  - **Bring the new partition to the filesystem tree**
  - **mount point can be any directory (empty)**
  - **# mount /dev/ad1s1e /home2**
- **Setting up automatic mounting**
  - **Automount at boot time**
    - **/etc/fstab**
    - **% mount –t ufs /dev/ad2s1a /backup**
    - **% mount –t cd9600 –o ro,noauto /dev/acd0c /cdrom**



Mount CD
Also for ISO img. file

Usually: 2, 1 for root;
No write = 0

```
liuyh@NASA:/etc> cat fstab
# Device          Mountpoint      Fstype    Options       Dump    Pass#
/dev/ad0s1b       none            swap      sw            0       0
/dev/ad2s1b       none            swap      sw            0       0
/dev/ad0s1a       /               ufs       rw            1       1
/dev/acd0         /cdrom          cd9660    ro,noauto     0       0
/dev/ad2s1a       /backup         ufs       rw,noauto     2       2
csduty:/bsdhome   /bsdhome        nfs       rw,noauto     0       0
```

Mount from the network; talk about it in “NFS”…

Disk Installation Procedure (6)

- **Setting up swapping on swap partitions**
  - swapon, swapoff, swapctl
  - swapinfo, pstat

e.g. swapon –a // mount all partitions for swap usage

```
17:05 pmli@bsd5 [~] >swapinfo
Device          1K-blocks     Used    Avail Capacity
/dev/label/swap-0   1048572    60372   988200     6%
/dev/label/swap-1   1048572    59808   988764     6%
Total               2097144   120180  1976964     6%
17:05 pmli@bsd5 [~] >
```

fsck – check and repair filesystem (1)

- System crash will cause
  - Inconsistency between memory image and disk contents
- fsck
  - Examine all local filesystem listed in /etc/fstab at boot time. (fsck -p)
  - Automatically correct the following damages:
    - Unreferenced inodes
    - Inexplicably large link counts
    - Unused data blocks not recorded in block maps
    - Data blocks listed as free but used in file
    - Incorrect summary information in the superblock
    - fsck(8)、fsck_ffs(8)
    - ffsinfo(8): dump metadata

auto. Do it at boot time

check if filesys. is clean…
0 dirty (rw) 1 clean (ro)

fsck – check and repair filesystem (2)

- Run fsck in manual to fix serious damages
  - Blocks claimed by more than one file
  - Blocks claimed outside the range of the filesystem
  - Link counts that are too small
  - Blocks that are not accounted for
  - Directories that refer to unallocated inodes
  - Other errors
- fsck will suggest you the action to perform
  - Delete, repair, …

No guarantee on fully recover you HD…

Adding a disk to FreeBSD (1)

1. Check disk connection
   - Look system boot message

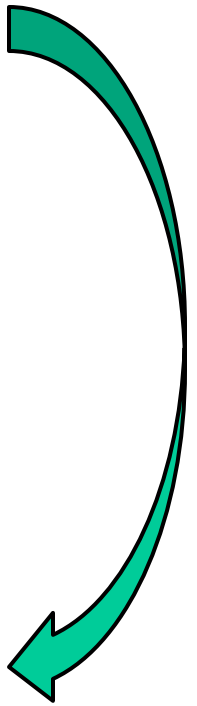
```
ad3: 238475MB <Hitachi HDS722525VLAT80 V36OA6MA> at ata1-slave UDMA100
```

Line, speed

2. Use /usr/sbin/sysinstall to install the new HD
   - Configure → Fdisk → Label
     - Don't forget to "W" the actions
     - Easiest approach, but has some problems.
   - fdisk(8), bsdlabel(8), newfs(8)
3. Make mount point and mount it
   - # mkdir /home2
   - # mount –t ufs /dev/ad3s1e /home2
   - # df
4. Edit /etc/fstab

Adding a disk to FreeBSD (2)

- If you forget to enable soft-update when you add the disk
  - % umount /home2
  - % tunefs –n enable /dev/ad3s1e
  - % mount –t ufs /dev/ad3s1e /home2
  - % mount



```
/dev/ad0s1a on / (ufs, local, soft-updates)
/dev/ad1s1e on /home (ufs, local, soft-updates)
procfs on /proc (procfs, local)
/dev/ad3s1e on /home2 (ufs, local, soft-updates)
```

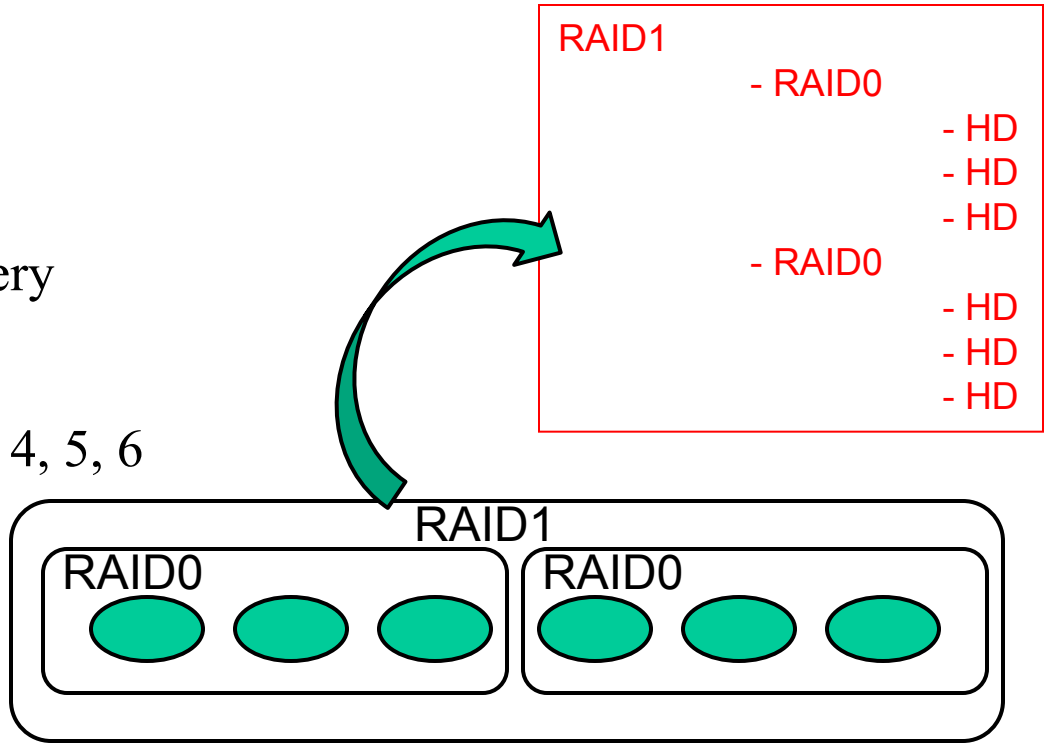
RAID

RAID – (1)

- Redundant Array of Inexpensive Disks
  - A method to combine several physical hard drives into one logical unit

e.g. HD1, HD2 → D:\ in windows

- Depending on the type of RAID, it has the following benefits:
  - Fault tolerance
  - Higher throughput
  - Real-time data recovery
- RAID Level
  - RAID 0, 1, 0+1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
  - Hierarchical RAID

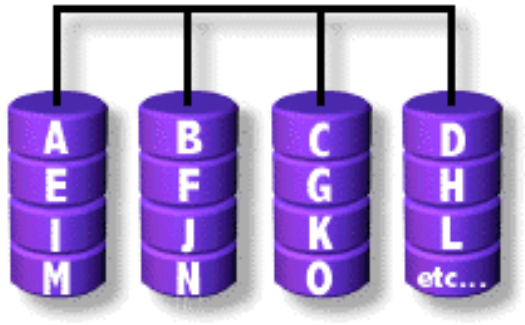


RAID – (2)

- Hardware RAID
  - There is a dedicate controller to take over the whole business
  - RAID Configuration Utility after BIOS
    - Create RAID array, build Array
- Software RAID
  - **GEOM**
    - **CACHE、CONCAT、ELI、JOURNAL、LABEL、MIRROR、MULTIPATH、NOP、PART、RAID3、SHSEC、STRIPE、VIRSTOR**
  - **ZFS**
    - **JBOD、STRIPE**
    - **MIRROR**
    - **RAID-Z、RAID-Z2、RAID-Z3**

RAID 0 (normally used)

(500GB+500GB=1TB)



- Stripped data intro several disks
- Minimum number of drives: 2

e.g. HD1 (500GB), HD2 (500GB)
→ D:\ in windows (1TB)

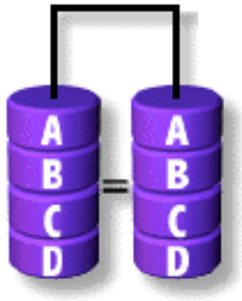
- Advantage
  - Performance increase in proportional to n **theoretically**
  - Simple to implement

parallel file io from/to different HDs

- Disadvantage
  - No fault tolerance
- Recommended applications
  - Non-critical data storage
  - Application requiring high bandwidth (such as video editing)

RAID 1
(normally used)

(500GB+500GB=500B)



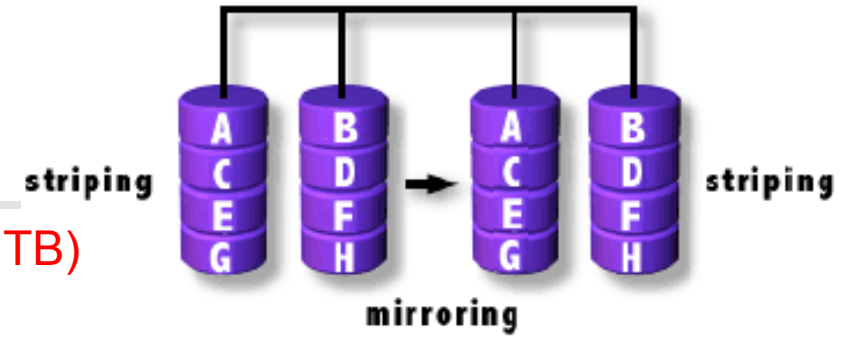
- Mirror data into several disks
- Minimum number of drives: 2
- Advantage
  - 100% redundancy of data
- Disadvantage
  - 100% storage overage
  - Moderately slower write performance
- Recommended application

Cause by double check mechanisms on data…

  - Application requiring very high availability (such as home)

RAID 0+1 (normally used)

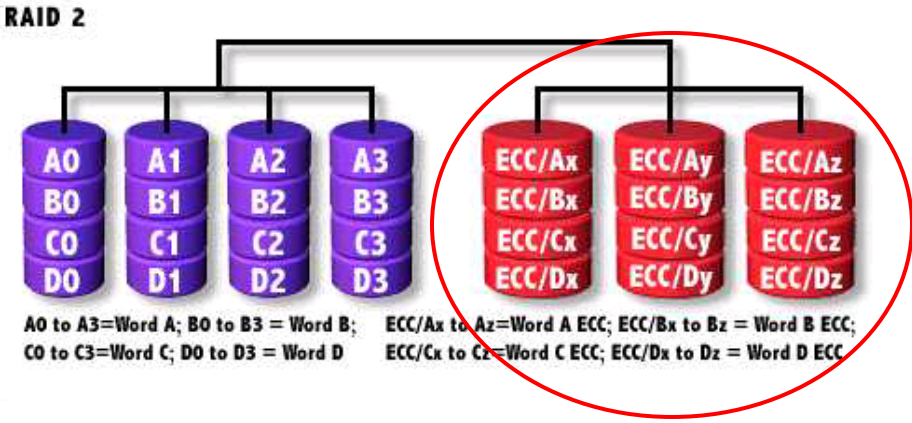
[(500GB+500GB)+(500GB+500GB)]=1TB)



- Combine RAID 0 and RAID 1
- Minimum number of drives: 4

RAID1, RAID1
Them RAID0 above it

RAID 2

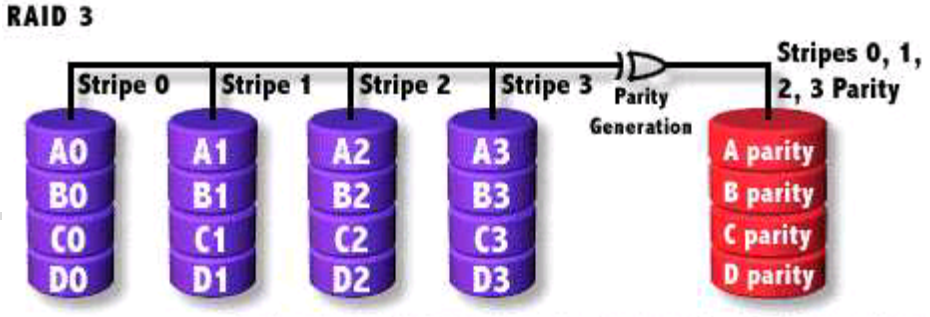


- Hamming Code ECC Each bit of data word
- Advantages:
  - "On the fly" data error correction

Read, check if correct, then read

- Disadvantages:
  - Inefficient
  - Very high ratio of ECC disks to data disks
- Recommended Application
  - No commercial implementations exist / not commercially viable

RAID 3

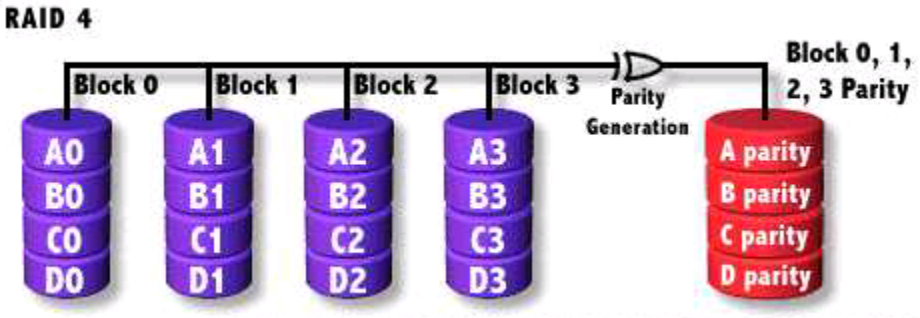


RAID1 if two HDs

Save parity

- Parallel transfer with Parity
- Minimum number of drives: 3
- Advantages:
  - Very high data transfer rate
- Disadvantages:
  - Transaction rate equal to that of a single disk drive at best
- Recommended Application
  - Any application requiring high throughput

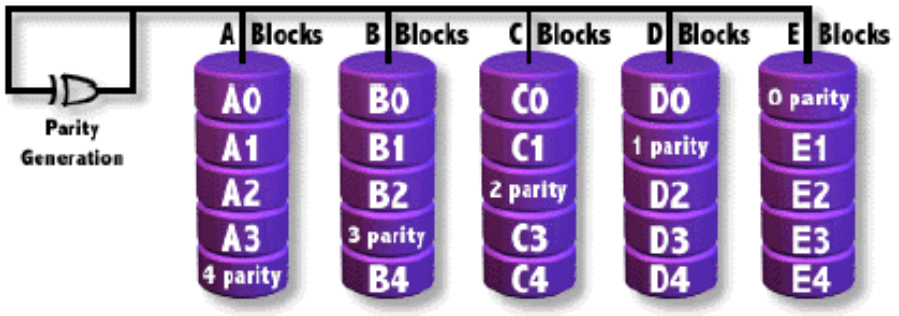
RAID 4



- Similar to RAID3
- RAID 3 V.S RAID 4
  - Byte Level V.S Block Level
  - Block interleaving
    - Small files (e.g. 4k)

Block normally 512bytes (4k for WD HDs)

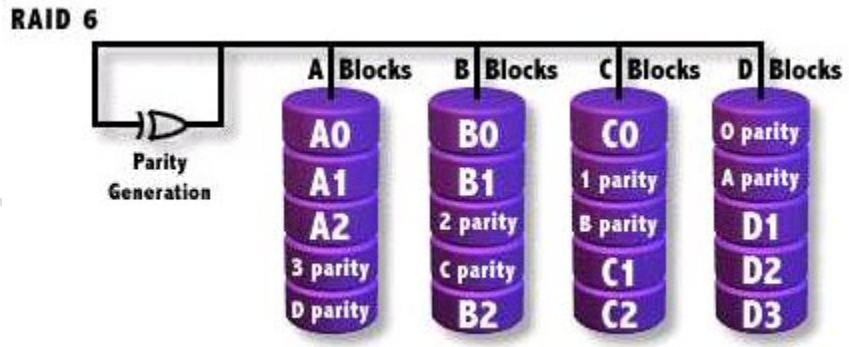
RAID 5 (normally used)



- Independent Disk with distributed parity blocks
- Minimum number of drives: 3 Origin from RAID3
- Advantage Parallel file I/O
  - Highest read data rate
  - Medium write data rate
- Disadvantage
  - Disk failure has a medium impact on throughput
  - Complex controller design
  - When one disk failed, you have to rebuild the RAID array

Can tolerate only 1 HD failure

RAID 6 (normally used)



- Similar to RAID5
- Minimum number of drives: 4
- 2 parity checks, 2 disk failures tolerable.

Slower than RAID5 because of storing 2 parities…

GEOM

Modular Disk Transformation Framework

GEOM – (1)

- Support
  - ELI – geli(8): cryptographic GEOM class
  - JOURNAL – gjournal(8): journaled devices
  - LABEL – glabel(8): disk labelization
  - MIRROR – gmirror(8): mirrored devices
  - STRIPE – gstripe(8): striped devices
  - …

Journalize (logs) before write

Software RAID1

Software RAID0

- http://www.freebsd.org/doc/handbook/geom.html

GEOM – (2)

- GEOM framework in FreeBSD
  - Major RAID control utilities
  - Kernel modules (/boot/kernel/geom_*)
  - Name and Prodivers ← devices
    - "manual" or "automatic"
    - Metadata in the last sector of the providers

Logical volumes

- Kernel support

(1) On demand load/unload kernel modules..

  - {glabel,gmirror,gstripe,g*} load/unload
    - device GEOM_* in kernel config
    - geom_*_enable="YES" in /boot/loader.conf

(2) Build-in kernel and recompile

(3) load automatically at booting

GEOM – (3)

❑ LABEL

Why us it? → bundle by name instead of bundle by provider

- Used for GEOM provider labelization.
- Kernel
  - device GEOM_LABEL
  - geom_label_load="YES"

e.g. ad0s1d → usr

- glabel (for new storage)
  - # glabel label -v usr da2
  - # newfs /dev/label/usr
  - # mount /dev/label/usr /usr
  - # glabel stop usr
  - # glabel clear da2

Label → auto. at boot
>> Create → only this time

/dev/label/usr

Stop using the name

Clear metadata on provider

- UFS label (for an using storage)
  - # tunefs -L data /dev/da4s1a
  - # mount /dev/ufs/data /mnt/data

"data" is a name

GEOM – (4)

❑ MIRROR

- Used for GEOM provider labelization.
- Kernel
  - device GEOM_MIRROR
  - geom_mirror_load="YES"
- gmirror ※ Using gmirror for building up RAID1
  - # gmirror label -v -b round-robin data da0
  - # newfs /dev/mirror/data ← logical volume called "data", using HD: da0, …
  - # mount /dev/mirror/data /mnt
  - # gmirror insert data da1 ← Add in HD
  - # gmirror forget data ← Kill inexist HDs
  - # gmirror insert data da1
  - # gmirror stop data
  - # gmirror clear da0

GEOM – (5)

❑ STRIPE

- Used for GEOM provider labelization.
- Kernel
  - device GEOM_STRIPE
  - geom_stripe_load="YES"
- gstripe
  - # gstripe label -v -s 131072 data da0 da1 da2 da3
  - # newfs /dev/stripe/data
  - # mount /dev/stripe/data /mnt
  - # gstripe stop data
  - # gstripe clear da0

Create logical volume "data", which stripe da0~da3 HDs