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Form of Storage

- A) 3 dimensional, requires 3 numbers to specify a word
 - 1. Large block (halftrack)
 - 2. Small block (sector)
 - 3. word position
- B) In what follows, a single number will designate a large block, 2 numbers for a small block, 3 numbers for a word.
- C) There will be a main object table.
 - Each entry will obtain 3 items.
 - 1. a check number
 - 2. a free, or in use bit
 - 3. if free, a pointer (3 numbers) to next free entry
if in use, a pointer (2 numbers) to beginning of object

Each capability will point to the object via the main object table with

- 1. a check number
- 2. 3 numbers to point to entry in main object table

The in use bit must be on and the check numbers must agree. If they don't, some thing may be wrong, or simply someone referring to an object since destroyed and replaced with another.

Representation of a Permanent File

Assume a storage system divided into addressable blocks. Then a file can be defined by giving a sequence of location addresses. Assume a two part addressing structure. All files will start with 2nd part of address 0. Assume a scheme that allocates space in large blocks, with a program for allocating small blocks.

To Make a File Permanent

- 1. Copy from non permanent area to permanent area
- 2. Get a small block and copy addresses of big blocks onto it, if over Slow, chain to another small block, etc.
- 3. Now in mainfile table, put an entry for one small block starting chain of block addresses.

Form of main file table

chain number

pointer to start of address chain

Form of a capability pointer to object

check number

small block address

position in block of object entry

Implementation

- I. Designate a certain physical portion of disk as permanent file area
 - A) Fix stack processor so that it will do no writes in that region except by special (and now) type of request.
 - B) Fix ce programs so that they do not write in that area.
- II. Represent capabilities by FNT entries.
 - A) Invent a new equipment type for capabilities, thus all ordinary requests will fail.
- III. Write ppu subroutines to perform the e-operations.