Virtual File System Module

- Allows processes to access files via file descriptors
    - Just like local Unix files! So, local and remote files are indistinguishable (i.e., gives transparency)
    - For a given file access, decides whether to route to local file system or to NFS client system
- Names all files (local or remote) uniquely using "NFS file handles"
- Keeps a data structure for each mounted file system
- Keeps a data structure called v-node for all open files
    - If local file, v-node points to local disk block (called i-node)
    - If remote, v-node contains address of remote NFS server

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