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Splitting an IRIS db to multiple drives

I'm looking for a way to have an IRIS db distributed over several (hw) drives. Without touching the internal data structures (e.g. mapping)!

Are there any options in file systems to achieve this "splitting" or "appending"?

Historic background:

- Once upon a time CPUs worked on 32 bit
- Files could mostly not be larger than 2 GB
- And Caché had a (forgotten) option to EXTEND a db to a next file of another 2 GB max. and a next ...

This EXTENT was excellently suited to move fresh and active data to a faster spindle for more performance.

[oh dear!

Spindles are gone meanwhile with SSD and Virtual Storage Arrays they only survived in museums and old fairy tales to sleep 100 years]

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