CSE 265: System and Network Administration

- Disks
- Partitions
- Volumes
- Filesystems
- Files
Disk interfaces

- Relatively few
  - SCSI (pronounced “scuzzy”)
    - Common, widely supported
  - IDE a.k.a. ATA or PATA, and SATA
    - Inexpensive, simple
  - Fibre Channel
    - High bandwidth, lots of simultaneous devices
    - Supports 100MB/s and faster
  - Universal Serial Bus (USB)
    - Typically used for slow devices (e.g., CD-ROMs, portable, removable drives)
SCSI:
Small Computer Systems Interface

- Many versions
  - SCSI-1 (1986) 8-bits, 5MB/s
  - SCSI-2 (1990) added command queuing, DMA, more
  - Fast SCSI-2 8-bits, 10MB/s
  - Fast/wide SCSI-2 16-bits, 20MB/s
  - Ultra SCSI 8 bits, 20MB/s
  - Wide Ultra SCSI 16bits, 40MB/s
  - Wide Ultra2 SCSI 16bits, 80MB/s
  - Wide Ultra3 SCSI 16bits, 160MB/s
  - Ultra-320, Ultra-640 SCSI
IDE a.k.a. ATA

- Integrated Drive Electronics / AT Attachment
  - Very short cable lengths (18in!)
- ATA-2 added DMA and LBA (get beyond BIOS 504MB limit)
- ATA-3 added power management, self-monitoring (16MB/s)
- Ultra-ATA added Ultra DMA/33, /66, and /133 modes (33-133MB/s)
- ATAPI interface allows non-ATA devices to connect
  - E.g., CD-ROMs
SATA

- Becoming standard equipment
  - Fast: 150-300MB/s (600MB/s now available)
  - Software compatible with parallel ATA
  - One drive per controller
  - Thin cables
SCSI vs. IDE

- SCSI traditionally beats IDE technically, but may not be worth the price premium
- In single-user systems, IDE will provide 85%, cheaply
- For best possible performance, SCSI is better
  - e.g., in servers and multi-user systems
  - handles multiple simultaneous reqs + more devices better
  - higher-end equipment (faster, better warranty, etc.)
- SATA technology is quite good
  - Better than IDE, usually better price/performance than SCSI
- Still subject to much debate
Black box

- 40+2 SATA drives
- RAID
- Dual Xeon
- 8U tall
- Up to 80TB
Sun X4500

- 48 SATA drives
- Software RAID or ZFS
- Dual AMD
- 4U tall
- Up to 48TB
Adding a disk to Linux
STEP-BY-STEP (w/out LVM)

- Install new hardware
  - verify that hardware is recognized by BIOS or controller
- Boot, make certain device files already exist in /dev
- Use `fdisk/parted` (or similar) to partition the drive
  - Verify the system type on each partition
- Use `mke2fs` (-t ext4) on each regular partition
- Use `mkswap` to initialize swap partitions
- Add entries to `/etc/fstab`
- Mount by hand, then reboot to verify everything
Disk installation

- Connecting the disk
  - depends primarily on the interface used

- Formatting the disk
  - Need device files in /dev to access a drive
  - Formatted capacity is less than advertised
  - All drives come preformatted
    - Factory formatting often more precise
    - Avoid doing a (low-level) format!
hdparm: test/set hd params

• hdparm will do simple performance tests

[root@wume2 ~]# /sbin/hdparm -Tt /dev/hda
/dev/hda:
  Timing cached reads:  1928 MB in  2.00 seconds = 963.26 MB/sec
  Timing buffered disk reads: 122 MB in  3.03 seconds =  40.22 MB/sec

[root@wumel ~]# /sbin/hdparm -Tt /dev/sda
/dev/sda:
  Timing cached reads:  3440 MB in  2.00 seconds = 1720.77 MB/sec
  Timing buffered disk reads: 162 MB in  3.03 seconds =  53.41 MB/sec

[root@night ~]# /sbin/hdparm -Tt /dev/sdd
/dev/sdd:
  Timing cached reads: 10504 MB in  2.00 seconds = 5254.65 MB/sec
  Timing buffered disk reads: 1196 MB in  3.00 seconds = 398.28 MB/sec

[root@morning ~]# /sbin/hdparm -Tt /dev/hda
/dev/hda:
  Timing cached reads:  4092 MB in  2.00 seconds = 2047.82 MB/sec
  Timing buffered disk reads: 10 MB in  3.03 seconds =  3.30 MB/sec
Disk partitions

- Drive are be divided into one or more partitions that are treated independently
  - Partitions make backups easier, confine damage
- Typically have at least two or three
  - root partition (one)
    - everything needed to bring system up in single-user mode
      (often copied onto another disk for emergencies)
  - swap partition (at least one)
    - stores virtual memory when physical memory is insufficient
  - user partition(s)
    - home directories, data files, etc.
  - boot partition - boot loader, kernel, etc.
Logical Volumes

- Partitions are static, and sometimes you want to change them
- LVM (Linux Logical Volume Manager) lets you combine partitions and drives to present an aggregate volume as a regular block device (just like a disk or partition)
  - Use and allocate storage more efficiently
  - Move logical volumes among different physical devices
  - Grow and shrink logical volume sizes on the fly
  - Take “snapshots” of whole filesystems
  - Replace on-line drives without interrupting service
- Similar systems are available for other OSes
LVM

- LVM2 was incorporated with the 2.6 kernel
- Sample organization:

```
  hda1  hdc1  (Physical volumes on
  \   /      partitions or whole disks
  \ /       containing many p.extents)
 diskvg  (Volume group)
  /   |    \
  /   |    \
 /   |    \\
 usrlv rootlv varlv (Logical volumes)
 |   |   |
 ext3 reiserfs xfs (filesystems)
```
Example configuration

[from fdisk]

Disk /dev/hda: 40.0 GB, 40020664320 bytes
16 heads, 63 sectors/track, 77545 cylinders
Units = cylinders of 1008 * 512 = 516096 bytes

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Disk /dev/hdd: 15.3 GB, 15393079296 bytes
16 heads, 63 sectors/track, 29826 cylinders
Units = cylinders of 1008 * 512 = 516096 bytes

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Example configuration

[root@davison ~]# lvs
LV   VG       Attr  LSize Origin Snap% Move Log Copy% Convert
lv_home vg_davison -wi-ao  9.77g
lv_root vg_davison -wi-ao 35.29g
lv_swap vg_davison -wi-ao  5.44g

[root@davison ~]# df -h
Filesystem        Size  Used   Avail Use% Mounted on
/dev/mapper/vg_davison-lv_root         35G   3.1G   30G  10% /
/tmpfs             1.8G  124K  1.8G  1% /dev/shm
/dev/sda1          485M   33M  428M   7% /boot
/dev/mapper/vg_davison-lv_home         9.7G  151M  9.0G  2% /home
Filesystems

- Linux filesystems are created in partitions or volumes
  - ext2fs (2nd Extended File System) is old
  - ext3fs (3rd Extended File System) is common
    - Augments ext2fs to incorporate journaling
      - Journals contain filesystem updates
      - Journal log can reconstruct consistent filesystem
      - Journal speeds filesystem consistency checks
  - ext4fs (Fourth Extended File System) is modern
    - Speeds large directories
    - Compatible with ext2 and ext3
  - Other filesystems also supported
    - ReiserFS, IBM's JFS, SGI's XFS
  - Can read foreign filesystems (e.g., FAT, NTFS, ISO 9660)
ext# filesystems

- For ext2/ext3/ext4, **mke2fs** is used, which creates
  - A set of inode storage cells
    - each holds info about one file
  - A set of scattered “superblocks”
    - holds global filesystem info (multiple copies for reliability)
    - size and location of inode tables, block map and usage, etc.
  - A map of the disk blocks in the filesystem (used and free)
  - The set of data blocks
Mounting a filesystem

- Filesystem must be mounted before use
  - Must be made part of root filesystem
- Can be mounted on (top of) any directory
  
  # mount /dev/sda1 /usr/local

  # df /usr/local

- Use /mnt for temporary mounts
- Want to set up automatic mounting
(Almost) every filesystem that the system knows about automatically is in /etc/fstab

```
[root@brian]# more /etc/fstab
# /etc/fstab
# Created by anaconda on Thu Jan 19 14:11:35 2012
#
# Accessible filesystems, by ref., are maintained under '/dev/disk'
# See man pages fstab(5), findfs(8), mount(8) and blkid(8) for more
#
/dev/mapper/vg_davison-lv_root / ext4 defaults 1 1
UUID=52bb6031-5fda-402e-bb9f-5c0fee93ca44 /boot ext4 defaults 1 2
/dev/mapper/vg_davison-lv_home /home ext4 defaults 1 2
/dev/mapper/vg_davison-lv_swap swap swap defaults 0 0
tmpfs /dev/shm tmpfs defaults 0 0
devpts /dev/pts devpts gid=5,mode=620 0 0
sysfs /sys sysfs defaults 0 0
proc /proc proc defaults 0 0
```
[u]mounting, swap

- **mount**, **umount**, **swapon** and **fsck** all read the /etc/fstab file
- enables
  ```bash
  # mount /mnt/cdrom
  ```
- fstab entries must be in the correct order
- at startup
  - **mount** `-a` executed, mounts all regular partitions
  - **swapon** enables swapping on all swap partitions
fsck: check and repair filesystems

- During power failure, superblock, inodes, and data blocks may not get written to disk

- `fsck` can fix minor damage (ext3/4 systems quickly)
  - unreferenced inodes
  - inexplicably large link counts
  - unused data blocks not recorded in block maps
  - data blocks listed as free that are also used in a file
  - incorrect summary info in superblock

- More complex damage will make `fsck` ask human
  - Places unfixable files in lost+found directory
  - You should re-run `fsck` until no errors are found
The Filesystem

- A filesystem incorporates:
  - A way of naming and organizing things (namespace)
  - An API for navigating and manipulating objects
  - A security model for protecting, hiding, and sharing objects
  - An implementation to tie the model to the hardware
- Linux abstract kernel interface supports many different filesystems
  - from disk, network, memory
Pathnames

The Linux filesystem is a single unified hierarchy, starting with / (the root directory).

A pathname can be

- absolute
  - /etc/passwd
- relative
  - ./passwd
  - Always starts with current working directory

No technical limitations on file naming other than length and /

- some chars are more difficult to use (need quotes or escape)
Mounting & unmounting filesystems

- The filesystem is made of smaller filesystems
- Most filesystems are disk partitions
  - but can be anything that obeys the API
- Filesystems may be added or removed using the mount and umount commands
  - The mount point is a directory
  - Ex:
    
    # mount /dev/hdc1 /backup
mounting filesystems

- List of filesystems is in /etc/fstab
  - Such filesystems are checked (\texttt{fsck -A}) and mounted (\texttt{mount -a}) at boot

- \texttt{umount} will fail if the filesystem is busy
  - busy = any open files, processes with cwd, or copies of executing programs

  \texttt{/sbin/fuser} will show such processes
  \begin{itemize}
    \item f – file open for reading or writing
    \item c – process cwd is on filesystem
    \item e – process is executing a file
    \item r – process root dir is on filesystem
    \item m – process has mapped file or shared lib
  \end{itemize}
File tree organization

- Not really well organized
- Many files organized by function
  - difficult to upgrade
  - /etc/ contains files that are never customized, and ones that are entirely local
- There is at least one place for everything
- Admins need to learn standard places, not move or use new ones
Filesystem hierarchy
http://www.pathname.com/fhs/

/bin : Essential user command binaries (for use by all users)
/boot : Static files of the boot loader (e.g., kernel)
/dev : Device files (terminals, disks, modems, etc.)
/etc : Host-specific system configuration
/home : User home directories (optional)
/lib : Essential shared libraries and kernel modules
/media : Filesystems on removable media
/opt : Add-on application software packages
/proc : Kernel and process information virtual filesystem
/root : Home directory for the root user (optional)
/sbin : Static system binaries for repairing, booting, & recovering OS
/tmp : Temporary files (that disappear at reboot)
/usr : (more next slide)
/var : (more next slide)
/usr, /var

/usr
/usr/bin : Most commands and executables
/usr/include : Header files for C programs
/usr/lib : Libraries and support files for standard programs
/usr/local : Local software (stuff you install)
/usr/man : Manual pages
/usr/sbin : Less essential sysadmin commands
/usr/share : Content that is common to multiple systems (RO)
/usr/src : Source code for (nonlocal) software packages

/var
/var/adm : Various logs, system setup records
/var/log : System log files
/var/spool : Spooling directories for printers, mail, dns
/var/tmp : More temporary space (preserved between reboots)
File types

- Linux defines seven types of files
  - [-] - Regular files
  - [d] - Directories
  - [c] - Character device files
  - [b] - Block device files
  - [s] - Local domain sockets
  - [p] - Named pipes (FIFO)
  - [l] - Symbolic links

- `ls -ld` shows the filetype of a file
Directories

- Created with `mkdir`, deleted with `rmdir` (if empty) or `rm -r`
- Contains named references (links) to other files
- Special entries “.” and “..” refer to self and parent directories respectively
- Filenames are stored within parent directory
- More than one directory entry can refer to the same file (hard links)
  - Can be created with `ln`, removed with `rm`
Character and block device files
/dev/

- Allow programs to communicate with hardware
  • When kernel gets request that refers to device file, it is handed off to the device driver
- Character (raw) device files: drivers do i/o buffering
- Block device files: handle i/o in large chunks
- Characterized by major (which driver) and minor (which device) device numbers
  
  crw-rw---- 1 root lp 6, 0 Jan 30 2003 /dev/lp0

- Created with **mknod** and deleted by **rm**
  • Usually managed automatically by system
Sockets & pipes

- Local domain sockets
  - Sockets provide connections between processes
  - Local/UNIX domain sockets are only accessible through the filesystem
  - Only used by processes involved in connection
  - Created with `socket`, deleted by `rm` or `unlink`
  - Used by X Windows, syslog, and printing system

- Named pipes
  - FIFO files that allow communication between processes on same host
  - Created with `mknod` and deleted with `rm`
Symbolic links

• Commonly used to reorganize a subtree, or provide multiple points of access to a file
• “Soft links” -- record path information, but not actual file
• Created by `ln -s`, deleted with `rm`
• Can contain absolute or relative path
  - `# ln -s ./../ parent`
  - `# ln -s /etc/mime.types .mime.types`
• First arg is recorded, not resolved until use
File attributes

- Every file has 12 mode bits
  (four octal values of 3 bits each)
- First three bits:
  - 4000 – setuid
  - 2000 – setgid
  - 1000 – sticky bit
    - On a directory, means only the owner of the file, directory, or superuser can delete or rename files
    - Keeps /tmp more private and secure
Permission bits

- Nine permission bits
  - User: owner read, write, execute
    - 400, 200, 100
  - Group read, write, execute
    - 40, 20, 10
  - Other: world read, write execute
    - 4, 2, 1
- Ability to delete or rename is controlled by permissions on directory
Examples

- `chmod` changes permissions
- `chown` changes ownership and group
  
  ```
  # chown -R user.group /home/user
  ```
- `umask`
  
  - Set shell parameters to control default permissions
  - `umask 027` gives everything to owner, forbids writes to group, and gives nothing to other users
  - Usually set in `/etc/profile` or `/etc/csh.login`