µSamba: Scaling Samba Down to Micro Servers

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- Computational Biologist
- Open Source developer
- Samba Team member
- Wrote the Samba internal DNS server



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- What is this all about, anyway?
- Why bother?
- How can we fix this?

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It's web scale!

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- Samba 3.0 series could be small
- Samba grew in 3.2 and later
- Nobody really noticed
- \Rightarrow Many NAS boxes keep running 3.0.x

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- Home users want to store files, not run AD
- Home users don't run infiniband scale-out clusters
- Home users run small, cheap NAS boxes
 - \Rightarrow stuck on 3.0
 - Can't get new features that way

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- 45 g of raw ARM computing power
- 700 MHz ARM11 (ARMv6) CPU
- 512 MB RAM
- 100 MbE
- 2 USB2 ports



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Unstripped Sizes



SMBD FILE SIZE (UNSTRIPPED)

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SMBD FILE SIZE (STRIPPED)

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Data

Version	unstripped (MB)	stripped (MB)
3.0.37	7.8	3.5
3.2.15	21	5.6
4.0.17 autoconf	24	14
master	32	19

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- ./configure.developer --without-ads --without-ldap¹
- cd source/bin && cp smbd smbd.unstripped
- strip smbd
- ▶ ls -lh smbd*

¹Apart from the master build

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What Happened?



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- ▶ 3070 additional symbols from 3.0 to 3.2
- 10068 additional symbols from 3.2 to 4.0²
- 6837 additional symbols from 4.0 to master

According to nm

 $^2\ensuremath{\mathsf{actually}}\xspace$, it's worse. This is not a static build

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- Not all of these symbols can be in use
- Clean up dependencies set in waf
- Add more --without options to configure

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What Was Done Already?

- Fixed --without-winbind
- Fixed static smbd build

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- Allow to disable more unneeded parts (spoolss, EPM)
- Find which symbols are unused

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Thank you

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