SMB3.1.1 and beyond: Optimizing access from Linux Client to Samba, the Cloud and modern file servers

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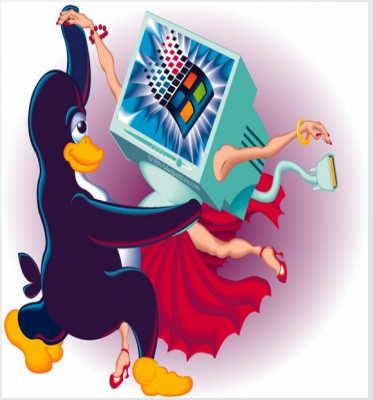

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Who am I?

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- Principal Software Engineer, Azure Storage: Microsoft

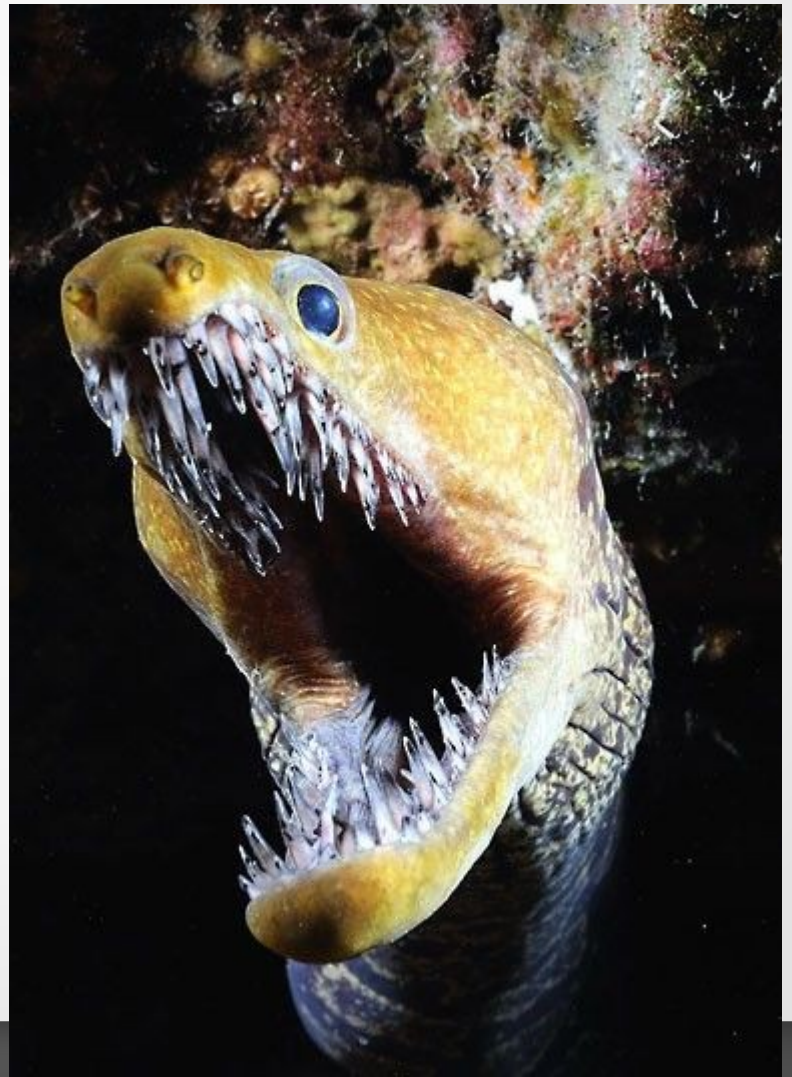
Outline

- General Linux File System Status – Linux FS and VFS Activity
- What are the goals?
- Key Feature Status (add RDMA, compounding, handle caching, directory leasing)
  - SMB3.11
  - Handle caching and directory leases
  - Compounding
  - RDMA (see Long Li's talk)
  - CopyOffload
  - HA
  - Security Features/Encryption
  - Other optional SMB3 features
- Performance overview
- POSIX compatibility
  - Status of SMB3 POSIX Extensions
  - Alternatives
- Testing

A year ago … and now … kernel (including SMB3 client cifs.ko) improving

- 13 months ago we had Linux version 4.11 ie “Fearless Coyote”

Three days ago we got 4.17 “Merciless Moray”



Discussions driving some of the FS development activity ?

- New mount API, new fsinfo API
- Many of the high priority, evolving storage features are critical:
  - Better support for faster storage
    - RDMA and low latency ways to access VERY high speed storage
    - NVMe
    - Faster (and cheaper) network adapters (10Gb → 40Gb->100Gb ethernet … and RDMA)
    - I/O priority
  - Now that statx (extended stat) is in, adding more metadata flags
  - Broadening use of copy offload (e.g. “copy_file_range” syscall)
    - In rsync, cp etc.
  - Shift to Cloud (longer latencies, object & file coexisting)

2018 Linux FS/MM summit (in April)

- Great group of talented developers

Most Active Linux Filesystems this year

- 4357 kernel filesystem changesets in last year (since 4.12-rc4 kernel)! Continuing strong (up slightly)
  - FS activity: 5.75% of overall kernel changes (which are dominated by drivers). FS is watched carefully!
  - Kernel is now 17.17 million lines of source code (measured last week with sloccount tool)
- There are many Linux file systems (>50), but six (and the VFS layer itself) drive 70% of the activity
  - File systems represent about 5.1% of the overall kernel source code (876,000 lines of code)
- cifs.ko (cifs/smb3 client) among more active fs (#5 out of 60 and growing). More activity is good!
  - BTRFS 826 changesets (up)
  - VFS (overall fs mapping layer and common functions) 598 (down 13%)
  - XFS 524 (up slightly)
  - F2FS 357 (down 25%)
  - NFS client 276 **(down over 40%!)**
  - CIFS/SMB2/SMB3 client 250 **(up 50%!). And speeding up! (70% in last 5 months)**
    - cifs.ko is 47,690 lines of kernel code (not counting user space helpers and samba userspace tools)
  - Ext4 230 (flat)
  - NFS server 140 (down 7%). Linux NFS server is **MUCH** smaller than CIFS or NFS clients (or Samba).
  - And various other file systems … Ceph 144 (down), GFS 130, AFS 120 ...
- NB: Samba is as active as all Linux file systems put together (>4000 changesets per year) - broader in scope (by a lot) and also is user space not kernel. **100x larger than the NFS server in Linux!**

What are the goals?

- Make SMB3 (SMB3.11 and followons) fastest, most secure general purpose way to access file data, whether in the cloud or on premises or from virtualized environments
- Implement all reasonable Linux/POSIX features - so apps don’t have to know running on SMB3 mounts (vs. local)
- Allow extensions so that as Linux evolves, and need for new features discovered, can quickly add them to Linux kernel client and Samba

Exciting year!!

- Faster performance
- POSIX Extensions (finally)!
- SMB3.11, improved security
- LOTS of new features

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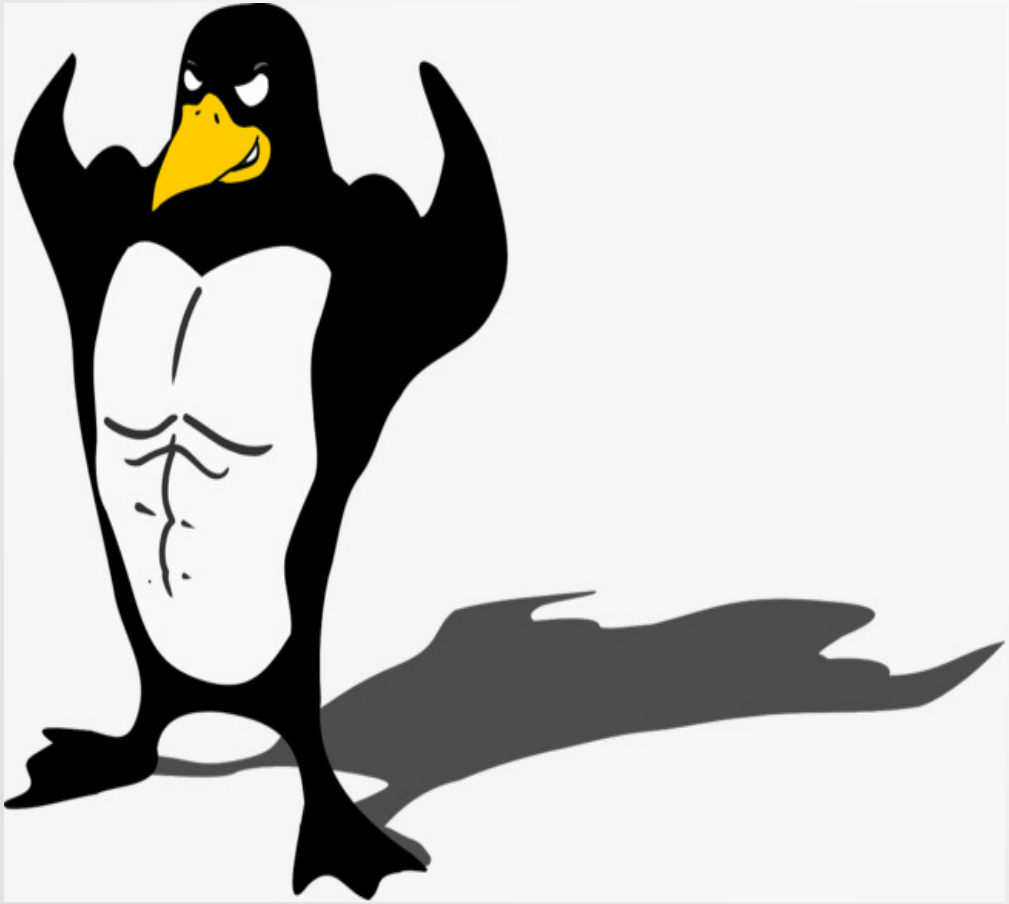
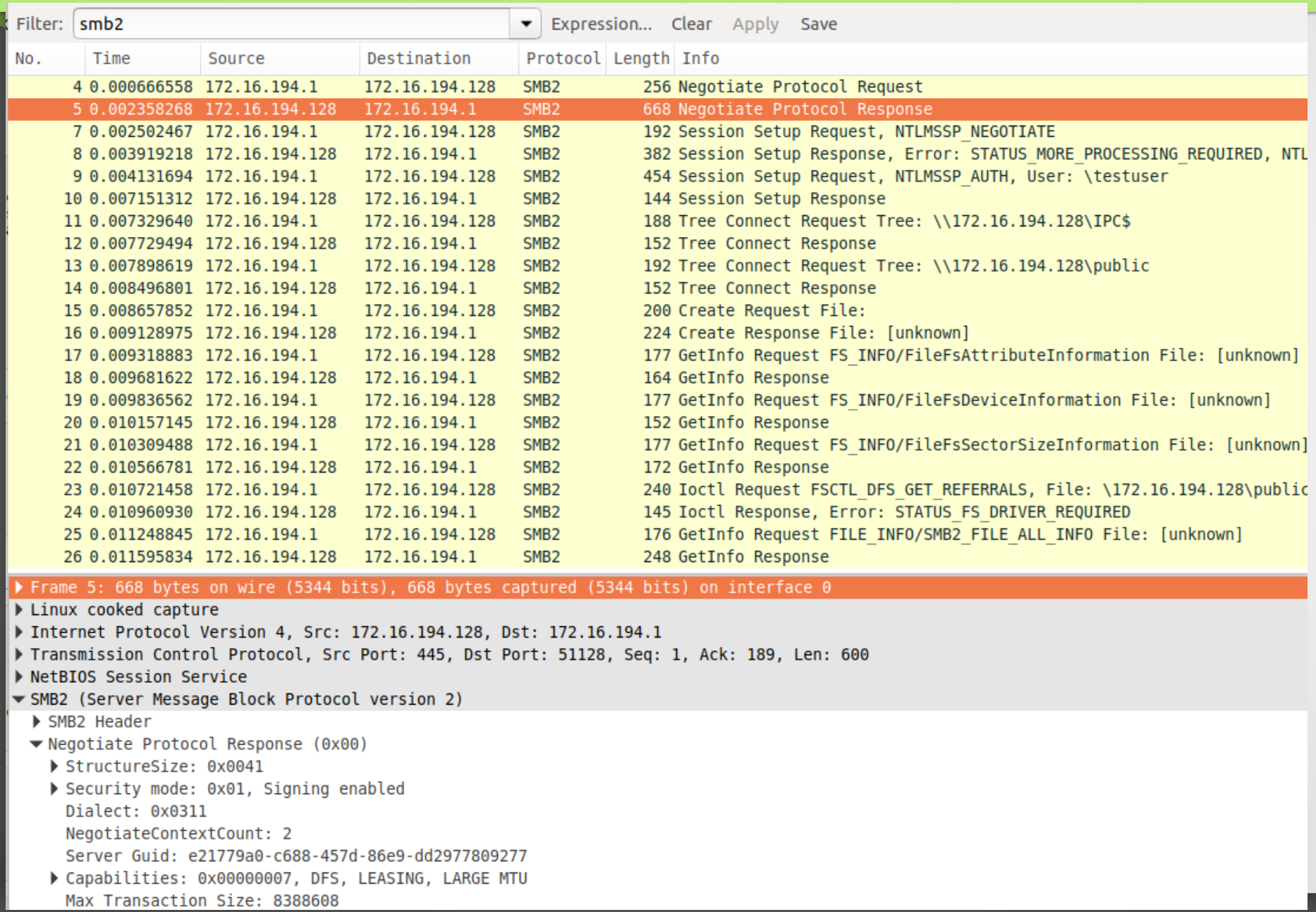
Fixes and Features that were in progress last time ...



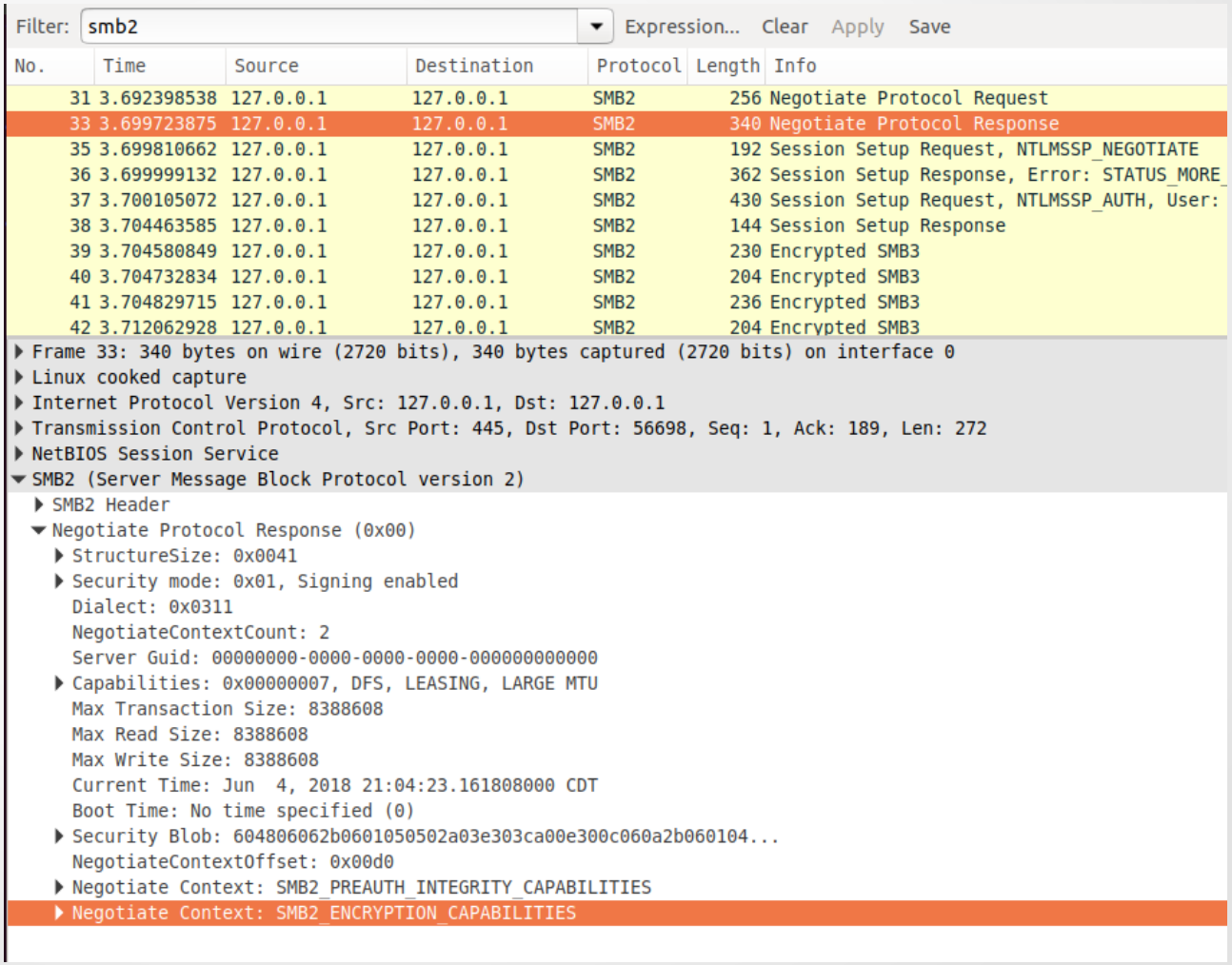
- ~~Full SMB3.11 support!~~
- ~~Statx (extended stat linux API returning additional metadata flags)~~
- ~~Improved performance~~
- ~~Improved POSIX compatibility~~ (partial, in progress)
- ~~ACLs and security improvements~~

35% more efficient mount & SMB3.11 works!



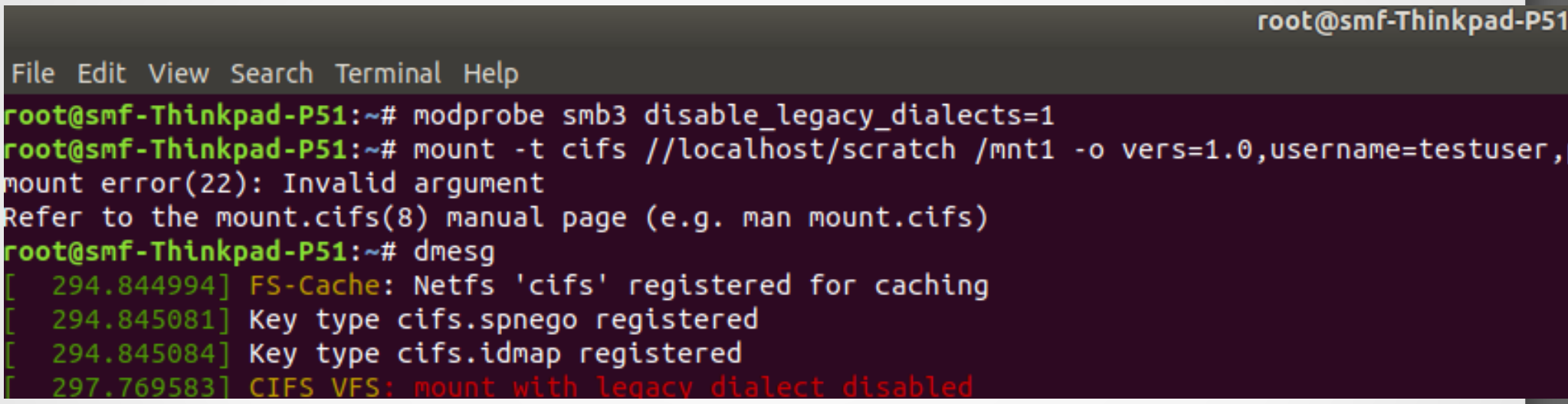
And SMB3.11 encryption works ...

- “mount -t cifs //server/share /mnt -o vers=3.11,seal”
- Thanks Aurelien!



Can load it as ‘smb3’ and even disable cifs

- Improving security: can disable cifs



Tracing with the new ftrace is so easy ...

```
root@smf-Thinkp

File  Edit  View  Search  Terminal  Help

root@smf-Thinkpad-P51:~# modprobe smb3
root@smf-Thinkpad-P51:~# trace-cmd start -e cifs
root@smf-Thinkpad-P51:~# mount -t cifs //localhost/test /mnt1 -o username=testuser,pass
root@smf-Thinkpad-P51:~# touch /mnt1/newfile
touch: cannot touch '/mnt1/newfile': Permission denied
root@smf-Thinkpad-P51:~# trace-cmd show
```

Current List of CIFS/SMB3 tracepoints and an example of detail for one

```
root@smf-Thinkpad-P51:/sys/kernel/debug/tracing/events/cifs# ls
enable          smb3_cmd_err    smb3_flush_err  smb3_open_err        smb3_set_info_err
filter          smb3_enter      smb3_fsctl_err  smb3_query_info_err  smb3_write_done
smb3_close_err  smb3_exit_done  smb3_lock_err   smb3_read_done       smb3_write_err
smb3_cmd_done   smb3_exit_err   smb3_open_done  smb3_read_err
root@smf-Thinkpad-P51:/sys/kernel/debug/tracing/events/cifs# cat smb3_fsctl_err/
enable   filter   format   hist     id       trigger
root@smf-Thinkpad-P51:/sys/kernel/debug/tracing/events/cifs# cat smb3_fsctl_err/format
name: smb3_fsctl_err
ID: 2554
format:
        field:unsigned short common_type;       offset:0;       size:2; signed:0;
        field:unsigned char common_flags;       offset:2;       size:1; signed:0;
        field:unsigned char common_preempt_count;       offset:3;       size:1; signed:0;
        field:int common_pid;   offset:4;       size:4; signed:1;

        field:unsigned int xid; offset:8;       size:4; signed:0;
        field:__u64 fid;        offset:16;      size:8; signed:0;
        field:__u32 tid;        offset:24;      size:4; signed:0;
        field:__u64 sesid;      offset:32;      size:8; signed:0;
        field:__u8 infclass;    offset:40;      size:1; signed:0;
        field:__u32 type;       offset:44;      size:4; signed:0;
        field:int rc;   offset:48;      size:4; signed:1;

print fmt: "xid=%u sid=0x%llx tid=0x%x fid=0x%llx class=%u type=0x%x rc=%d", REC->xid, REC->se
EC->tid, REC->fid, REC->infclass, REC->type, REC->rc
```

Example output: tracing mount and touch (create file) failure

```
                    | / _---=> hardirq/softirq
                    || / _--=> preempt-depth
                    ||| /     delay
      TASK-PID   CPU#  ||||    TIMESTAMP  FUNCTION
         | |       |   ||||       |         |
mount.cifs-4557  [005] ....  1370.528512: smb3_enter:     cifs_mount: xid=0
mount.cifs-4557  [005] ....  1370.528778: smb3_enter:     cifs_get_smb_ses: xid=1
mount.cifs-4557  [005] ....  1370.536041: smb3_cmd_done:  sid=0x0 tid=0x0 cmd=0 mid=0
mount.cifs-4557  [005] ....  1370.536324: smb3_cmd_err:   sid=0xfb6289ac tid=0x0 cmd=1 mid=1 status=0xc0000016 rc=-5
mount.cifs-4557  [005] ....  1370.541155: smb3_cmd_done:  sid=0xfb6289ac tid=0x0 cmd=1 mid=2
mount.cifs-4557  [005] ....  1370.541181: smb3_exit_done:         cifs_get_smb_ses: xid=1
mount.cifs-4557  [005] ....  1370.541183: smb3_enter:     cifs_setup_ipc: xid=2
mount.cifs-4557  [005] ....  1370.541419: smb3_cmd_done:  sid=0xfb6289ac tid=0x92f0b9bb cmd=3 mid=3
mount.cifs-4557  [005] ....  1370.541588: smb3_cmd_done:  sid=0xfb6289ac tid=0x92f0b9bb cmd=11 mid=4
mount.cifs-4557  [005] ....  1370.541590: smb3_exit_done:         cifs_setup_ipc: xid=2
mount.cifs-4557  [005] ....  1370.541591: smb3_enter:     cifs_get_tcon: xid=3
mount.cifs-4557  [005] ....  1370.541768: smb3_cmd_done:  sid=0xfb6289ac tid=0xb02df36d cmd=3 mid=5
mount.cifs-4557  [005] ....  1370.541873: smb3_cmd_done:  sid=0xfb6289ac tid=0xb02df36d cmd=11 mid=6
mount.cifs-4557  [005] ....  1370.541874: smb3_exit_done:         cifs_get_tcon: xid=3
mount.cifs-4557  [005] ....  1370.542069: smb3_cmd_done:  sid=0xfb6289ac tid=0xb02df36d cmd=5 mid=7
mount.cifs-4557  [005] ....  1370.542070: smb3_open_done: xid=0 sid=0xfb6289ac tid=0xb02df36d fid=0xf976554e cr_opts=0x0 des_access=0x80
mount.cifs-4557  [005] ....  1370.542122: smb3_cmd_done:  sid=0xfb6289ac tid=0xb02df36d cmd=16 mid=8
mount.cifs-4557  [005] ....  1370.542140: smb3_cmd_done:  sid=0xfb6289ac tid=0xb02df36d cmd=16 mid=9
mount.cifs-4557  [005] ....  1370.542159: smb3_cmd_done:  sid=0xfb6289ac tid=0xb02df36d cmd=16 mid=10
mount.cifs-4557  [005] ....  1370.542197: smb3_cmd_err:   sid=0xfb6289ac tid=0x92f0b9bb cmd=11 mid=11 status=0xc0000225 rc=-2
mount.cifs-4557  [005] ....  1370.542198: smb3_fsctl_err: xid=0 sid=0xfb6289ac tid=0x92f0b9bb fid=0xffffffffffffffff class=0 type=0x60194 rc=-2
mount.cifs-4557  [005] ....  1370.542200: smb3_exit_done:         cifs_mount: xid=0
mount.cifs-4557  [005] ....  1370.542259: smb3_enter:     cifs_root_iget: xid=4
mount.cifs-4557  [005] ....  1370.542310: smb3_cmd_done:  sid=0xfb6289ac tid=0xb02df36d cmd=16 mid=12
mount.cifs-4557  [005] ....  1370.542317: smb3_exit_done:         cifs_root_iget: xid=4
     touch-4562  [001] ....  1377.479938: smb3_enter:     cifs_atomic_open: xid=5
     touch-4562  [001] ....  1377.480702: smb3_cmd_err:   sid=0xfb6289ac tid=0xb02df36d cmd=5 mid=13 status=0xc0000022 rc=-13
     touch-4562  [001] ....  1377.480707: smb3_open_err: xid=5 sid=0xfb6289ac tid=0xb02df36d cr_opts=0x40 des_access=0x40000080 rc=-13
     touch-4562  [001] ....  1377.480711: smb3_exit_err:  cifs_atomic_open: xid=5 rc=-13
```

Splice write fixed (also helps sendfile)

```
root@smf-Thinkpad-P51:~# gio copy /mnt1/trace.dat /mnt1/targ
Transferred 7.2 MB out of 7.2 MB (7.2 MB/s)
root@smf-Thinkpad-P51:~#
```

Statx (and cifs pseudoxattrs) and get/set real xattrs work

```
root@smf-Thinkpad-P51:/mnt1# setfattr file2 -n user.somexattr -v somevalue
root@smf-Thinkpad-P51:/mnt1# getfattr file2 -d
# file: file2
user.somexattr="somevalue"

root@smf-Thinkpad-P51:/mnt1# ~/statx/test-statx file2 2M
statx(file2) = 0
results=fdf
  Size: 0               Blocks: 0          IO Block: 16384   regular file
Device: 00:38           Inode: 13107206    Links: 1
Access: (0755/-rwxr-xr-x)  Uid:     0   Gid:     0
Modify: 2018-06-05 02:39:25.088837500-0500
Change: 2018-06-05 02:39:25.088837500-0500
 Birth: 2018-05-31 18:06:01.644761500-0500
Attributes: 0000000000000000 (........ ........ ........ ........ ........ ........
statx(2M) = 0
results=fdf
  Size: 2097152         Blocks: 4096       IO Block: 16384   regular file
Device: 00:38           Inode: 13107210    Links: 1
Access: (0755/-rwxr-xr-x)  Uid:     0   Gid:     0
Modify: 2018-06-05 02:41:05.058102400-0500
Change: 2018-06-05 02:41:05.058102400-0500
 Birth: 2018-06-05 02:41:05.054102300-0500
Attributes: 0000000000000000 (........ ........ ........ ........ ........ ........
root@smf-Thinkpad-P51:/mnt1# getfattr 2M -n user.cifs.creationtime -e hex
# file: 2M
user.cifs.creationtime=0xdfff268fa0fcd301

root@smf-Thinkpad-P51:/mnt1# getfattr 2M -n user.cifs.dosattrib -e hex
# file: 2M
user.cifs.dosattrib=0x80000000
```

SMB3/CIFS Fixes/Features by release

- 4.9 (37 changesets) December 11, 2016
  - – Various reconnect improvements (e.g. send echo ASAP to reconnect smb session/tcon quicker after socket reconnect
  - Uid/gid from special sid (new mount option “idsfromsid”)
  - Can override number of credits (new mount option “max_credits”)
  - Query file attributes or creation time via xattr (cifs.dosattrib, cifs.creationtime)
- 4.10 (17) February 9th, 2017 Bug Fixes
- 4.11 (51 changesets) April 30th, 2017
  - SMB3 reconnect improvements (including better persistent & durable handles). Much higher reliability now when server crashes or failsover while I/o in flight or cached. Lots of corner cases fixed (Thank you Germano!)
  - Server side copy works much better: Clone file range (and “cp –reflink” command) now support more common
  - “copychunk” copy offload style (had required less common “duplicate extents” support). Thank you Sachin!
  - SMB3 DFS support (Thank you Aurelien!)
  - SMB3 Encryption support (Thank you Pavel!)
    - Note that this allows mounts to the cloud: Azure shares often require encryption
- 4.12 (36 changesets) July 12th, 2017
  - Posix smb3 name mapping improvements
  - Improved aio support
  - Add support for enumerating snapshots (via ioctl to cifs.ko)
  - Bug fixes

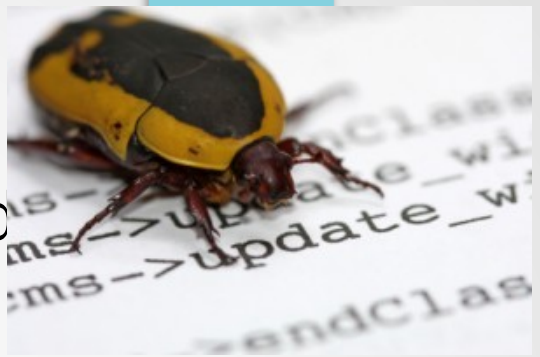
SMB3/CIFS Features by release (cont)

- 4.13 (27 changesets) September 3rd, 2017
  - Change default dialect to SMB3 from CIFS
  - SMB3 support for “cifsacl” mount option (and mode emulation)
  - Bug fixes
- 4.14 (37 changesets) November 12th, 2017
  - Bug fixes (especially for SMB2.1/SMB3 validate negotiate)
  - Default dialect changed to multidialect (SMB2.1, SMB3, SMB3.02)
  - Added xattr support for SMB2/SMB3
- 4.15 (6 changesets) – January 28, 2018
  - Minor bug fixes

SMB3/CIFS Features by release (cont)

- 4.16 (68 changesets) – April 1
  - Add splice_write support
  - Add support for smbdirect (SMB3 rdma). Thanks Long Li!
- 4.17 (54 changesets) - June 3
  - Bug fixes
  - Add signing support for smbdirect
  - Add support for SMB3.11 encryption, and preauth integrity
  - SMB3.11 dialect improvements (and no longer marked experimental)
- Linux next ie 4.18-rc (38 changesets)
  - RDMA and Direct I/O improvements (see Long Li's talk)
  - Bug fixes
  - SMB3 POSIX extensions (initial minimal set, open and negotiate context only. use 'posix' mnt parm)
  - Add "smb3" alias to cifs.ko ("insmod smb3")
  - Allow disabling less secure dialects through new module install parm (disable_legacy_dialects)
  - Add support for improved tracing (ftrace, trace-cmd)
  - Cache root file handle, reducing redundant opens, improving perf

Linux CIFS/SMB3 client bug status summary



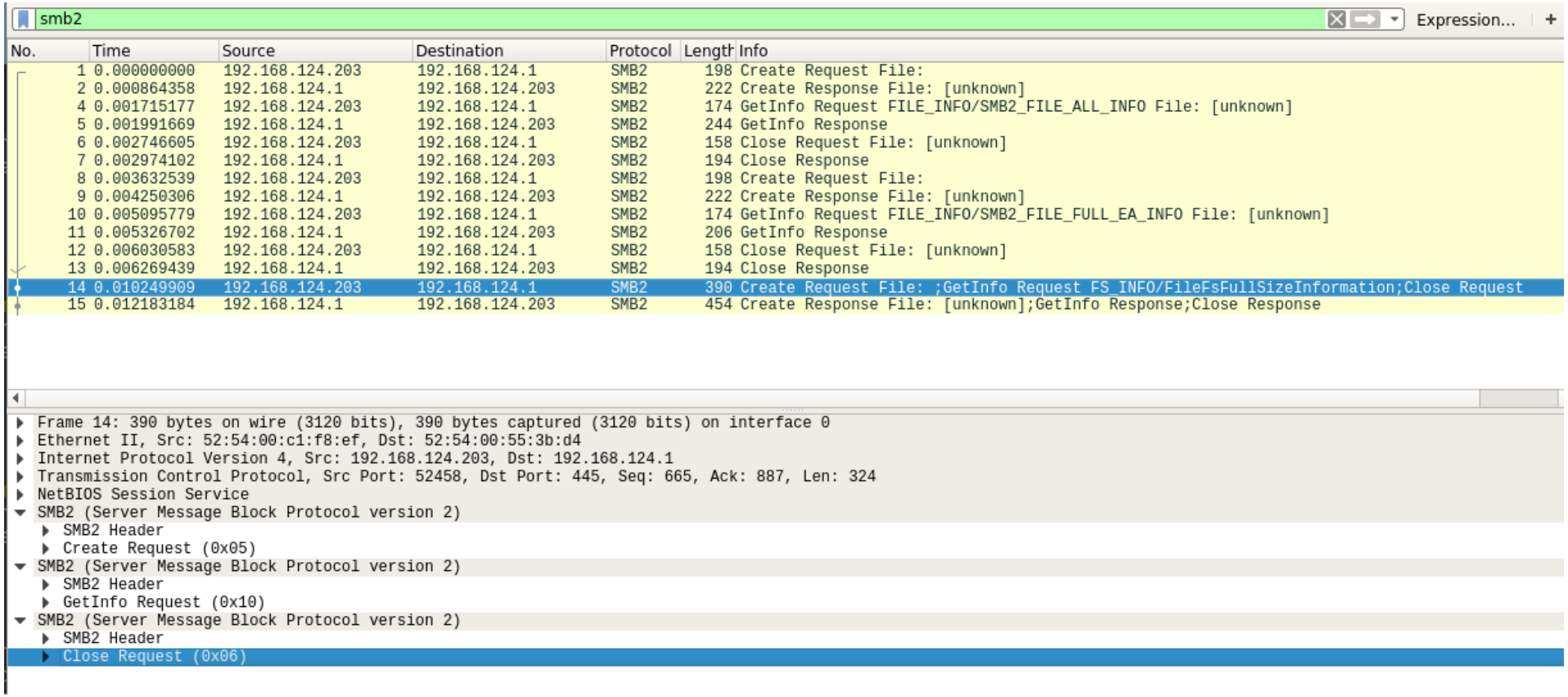
- Bugzilla.kernel.org
  - 40 bugs mostly not serious/already fixed
- Bugzilla.samba.org
  - 53 bugs mostly not serious or already fixed
- Would love help to triage, and close out some of the bugs which are already fixed.

SMB2/SMB3 Compounding

(Slides courtesy of Ronnie Sahlberg at RedHat who is doing great work improving this)

- Hard work is done by now. I.e. the separation of NBSS and SMB2 headers. Most of work is already merged into mainline now
- TODO: plumbing to operate on arrays of requests/responses that are all done in one one compound with an array of smb2 PDUs. Patches exist on the list for this.
- smb2 compounding is VERY flexible and there are a lot of places in cifs.ko where we will be able to use them to
  - improve performance
  - also make the client get slightly more posix like behavior from smb2.
- Once we have the compounding in, there are a HUGE number of places where we should switch to using compounding.

df


smb2
Expression...
No. Time Source Destination Protocol Length Info
1 0.000000000 192.168.124.203 192.168.124.1 SMB2 198 Create Request File:
2 0.000864358 192.168.124.1 192.168.124.203 SMB2 222 Create Response File: [unknown]
4 0.001715177 192.168.124.203 192.168.124.1 SMB2 174 GetInfo Request FILE_INFO/SMB2_FILE_ALL_INFO File: [unknown]
5 0.001991669 192.168.124.1 192.168.124.203 SMB2 244 GetInfo Response
6 0.002746605 192.168.124.203 192.168.124.1 SMB2 158 Close Request File: [unknown]
7 0.002974102 192.168.124.1 192.168.124.203 SMB2 194 Close Response
8 0.003632539 192.168.124.203 192.168.124.1 SMB2 198 Create Request File:
9 0.004250306 192.168.124.1 192.168.124.203 SMB2 222 Create Response File: [unknown]
10 0.005095779 192.168.124.203 192.168.124.1 SMB2 174 GetInfo Request FILE_INFO/SMB2_FILE_FULL_EA_INFO File: [unknown]
11 0.005326702 192.168.124.1 192.168.124.203 SMB2 206 GetInfo Response
12 0.006030583 192.168.124.203 192.168.124.1 SMB2 158 Close Request File: [unknown]
13 0.006269439 192.168.124.1 192.168.124.203 SMB2 194 Close Response
14 0.010249909 192.168.124.203 192.168.124.1 SMB2 390 Create Request File: ;GetInfo Request FS_INFO/FileFsFullSizeInformation;Close Request
15 0.012183184 192.168.124.1 192.168.124.203 SMB2 454 Create Response File: [unknown];GetInfo Response;Close Response
Frame 14: 390 bytes on wire (3120 bits), 390 bytes captured (3120 bits) on interface 0
Ethernet II, Src: 52:54:00:c1:f8:ef, Dst: 52:54:00:55:3b:d4
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.124.203, Dst: 192.168.124.1
Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 52458, Dst Port: 445, Seq: 665, Ack: 887, Len: 324
NetBIOS Session Service
SMB2 (Server Message Block Protocol version 2)
SMB2 Header
Create Request (0x05)
SMB2 (Server Message Block Protocol version 2)
SMB2 Header
GetInfo Request (0x10)
SMB2 (Server Message Block Protocol version 2)
SMB2 Header
Close Request (0x06)

API

- You create an array of requests. One request at a time and set if they are related or not.
- The result is an array of iovectors, one vector per request.

First a CREATE at [0]

```
oparms.tcon = tcon;
oparms.desired_access = FILE_READ_ATTRIBUTES;
oparms.disposition = FILE_OPEN;
oparms.create_options = 0;
oparms.fid = &fid;
oparms.reconnect = false;

rc = SMB2_open_init(tcon, &rqst[0], &oplock, &oparms, &srch_path);
if (rc)
        goto qfs_exit;
smb2_set_next_command(&rqst[0]);
```

Then a QUERY INFO at [1]

```
	rc = SMB2_query_info_init(tcon, &rqst[1], COMPOUND_FID,
COMPOUND_FID,
				FS_FULL_SIZE_INFORMATION,
				SMB2_O_INFO_FILESYSTEM, 0,
				sizeof(struct smb2_fs_full_size_info));
	if (rc)
		goto qfs_exit;
	smb2_set_next_command(&rqst[1]);
	smb2_set_related(&rqst[1]);
```

Finally a CLOSE at [2]

```
	rc = SMB2_close_init(tcon, &rqst[2], COMPOUND_FID,
COMPOUND_FID);
	if (rc)
		goto qfs_exit;
	smb2_set_related(&rqst[2]);
```

Send off the request

```
rc = compound_send_recv(xid, ses, flags, 3, rqst,
                        resp_buftype, rsp_iov);
if (rc)
        goto qfs_exit;
```

rsp_iov returns an array of 3 response vectors.

Better HA: Reconnect improvements

- Resilient and persistent handles are supported, and reconnect continues to improve
- Some remaining items:
  - Add lock sequence number
  - Fix EAGAIN rc which can occur for pending ops which overlap a reconnect
  - Reset credits on reconnect
  - Improve server to server failover
    - Allow alternate (failover) targets using DFS referrals
    - Witness protocol: server or share redirection

SMB3 and ACLs

- “cifsacl” mount option now supported for SMB3 for emulating mode bits via ACL

SMB3 Security Features

- SMB3.11 is no longer experimental, and works well
- SMB3.1.1 secure negotiate works (better than validate negotiate ioctl from SMB2.1 and SMB3)
- SMB3 and SMB3.11 Share Encryption works
  - AES128-CCM encryption algorithm is negotiated (AES128-GCM not supported yet for Linux client or Samba)

FSCTL passthrough ioctl ...

- Many interesting, useful features
  - Now we just need some python or C user space helpers to make them easier to use ...

Other Optional features

- statfs integration and new mount api integration
  - New API in Al Viro's tree
- IOCTLs e.g. to list alternate data streams
  - NB: Querying data in alternate data streams (e.g. for backup) requires disabling posix pathnames (due to conflict with ":")
- Clustering, Witness protocol integratio
- DFS reconnect to different DFS serve
- Performance features (see next slides
- Other suggestions ...

Approach 3 – POSIX Extensions for SMB3!

- See POSIX Extensions talk here!

```
root@Ubuntu-17-Virtual-Machine:~/cifs-2.6# cat /proc/mounts | grep cifs
//localhost/test-no-posix /mnt1 cifs rw,relatime,vers=3.1.1,cache=strict,username=testuser,domain=,uid=0,noforc
euid,gid=0,noforcegid,addr=127.0.0.1,file_mode=0755,dir_mode=0755,soft,nounix,serverino,mapposix,rsize=1048576,
wsize=1048576,echo_interval=60,actimeo=1 0 0
//localhost/test /mnt cifs rw,relatime,vers=3.1.1,cache=strict,username=testuser,domain=,uid=0,noforceuid,gid=0
,noforcegid,addr=127.0.0.1,file_mode=0755,dir_mode=0755,soft,posix,posixpaths,serverino,mapposix,rsize=1048576,
wsize=1048576,echo_interval=60,actimeo=1 0 0
root@Ubuntu-17-Virtual-Machine:~/cifs-2.6# cat /proc/fs/cifs/DebugData
Display Internal CIFS Data Structures for Debugging
---------------------------------------------------
CIFS Version 2.12
Features: dfs fscache lanman posix spnego xattr acl
Active VFS Requests: 0
Servers:
Number of credits: 16 Dialect 0x311 posix
1) Name: 127.0.0.1 Uses: 2 Capability: 0x300047 Session Status: 1       TCP status: 1
        Local Users To Server: 1 SecMode: 0x1 Req On Wire: 0
        Shares:
        0) IPC: \\127.0.0.1\IPC$ Mounts: 1 DevInfo: 0x0 Attributes: 0x0
        PathComponentMax: 0 Status: 1 type: 0
        Share Capabilities: None        Share Flags: 0x0
        tid: 0x4f5511db Maximal Access: 0x1f00a9

        1) \\localhost\test Mounts: 1 DevInfo: 0x20 Attributes: 0x1006f
        PathComponentMax: 255 Status: 1 type: DISK
        Share Capabilities: None Aligned, Partition Aligned,    Share Flags: 0x0
        tid: 0x8579c31d Optimal sector size: 0x200      Maximal Access: 0x1f01ff

        2) \\localhost\test-no-posix Mounts: 1 DevInfo: 0x20 Attributes: 0x1006f
        PathComponentMax: 255 Status: 1 type: DISK
        Share Capabilities: None Aligned, Partition Aligned,    Share Flags: 0x0
        tid: 0x1813a493 Optimal sector size: 0x200      Maximal Access: 0x1f01ff

        MIDs:
```

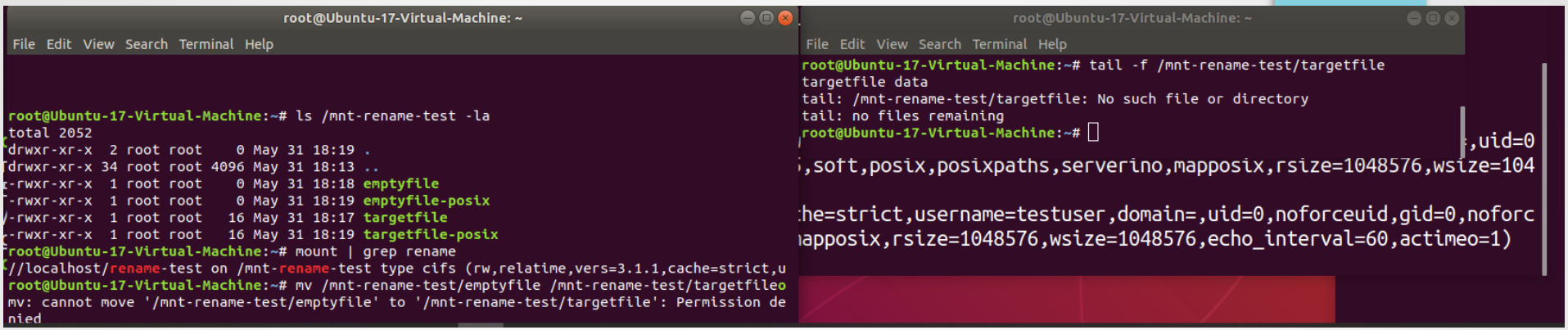
Mode bits on create and case sensitive!

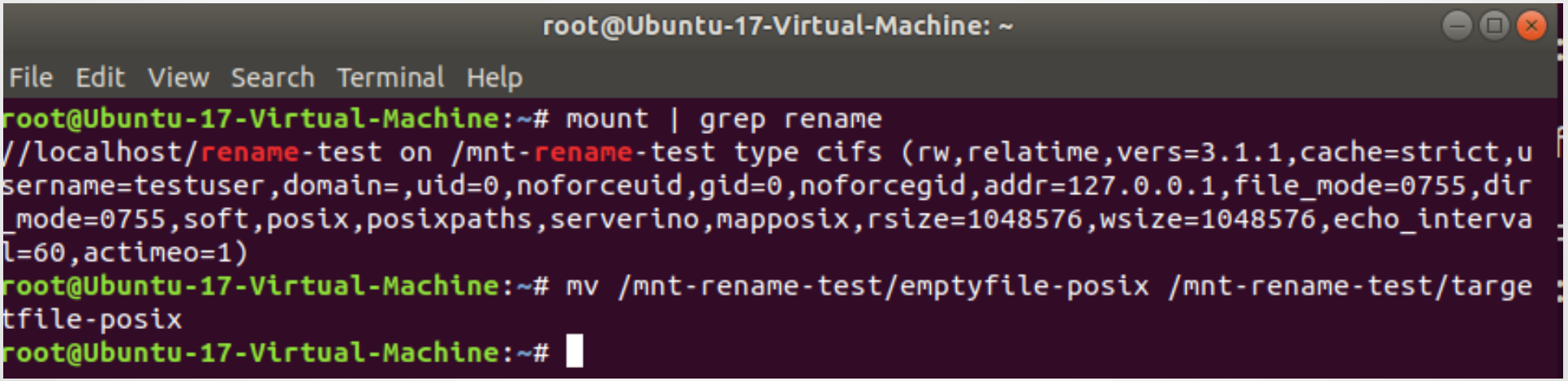
```
root@Ubuntu-17-Virtual-Machine:/mnt# ~/create-4-files-with-mode-test
root@Ubuntu-17-Virtual-Machine:/mnt# cd /mnt1
root@Ubuntu-17-Virtual-Machine:/mnt1# ~/create-4-files-with-mode-test
root@Ubuntu-17-Virtual-Machine:/mnt1# ls /test /test-no-posix -la
/test:
total 12
drwxrwxrwx  3 root     root     4096 May 31 16:55 .
drwxr-xr-x 32 root     root     4096 May 31 16:46 ..
-rwx------  1 testuser testuser    0 May 31 16:55 0700
-rwxrwx---  1 testuser testuser    0 May 31 16:55 0770
-rwxrwxr-x  1 testuser testuser    0 May 31 16:55 0775
drwxr-xr-x  2 sfrench  sfrench  4096 Mar 24 10:34 tmp

/test-no-posix:
total 8
drwxrwxrwx  2 root     root     4096 May 31 16:55 .
drwxr-xr-x 32 root     root     4096 May 31 16:46 ..
-rwxrw-r--  1 testuser testuser    0 May 31 16:55 0700
-rwxrw-r--  1 testuser testuser    0 May 31 16:55 0770
-rwxrw-r--  1 testuser testuser    0 May 31 16:55 0775
root@Ubuntu-17-Virtual-Machine:/mnt1# mkdir UPPER
root@Ubuntu-17-Virtual-Machine:/mnt1# touch upper
root@Ubuntu-17-Virtual-Machine:/mnt1# cd /mnt
root@Ubuntu-17-Virtual-Machine:/mnt# mkdir UPPER
root@Ubuntu-17-Virtual-Machine:/mnt# touch upper
root@Ubuntu-17-Virtual-Machine:/mnt# ls /test /test-no-posix
/test:
0700  0770  0775  tmp  upper  UPPER

/test-no-posix:
0700  0770  0775  UPPER
```

Rename works with POSIX extensions!



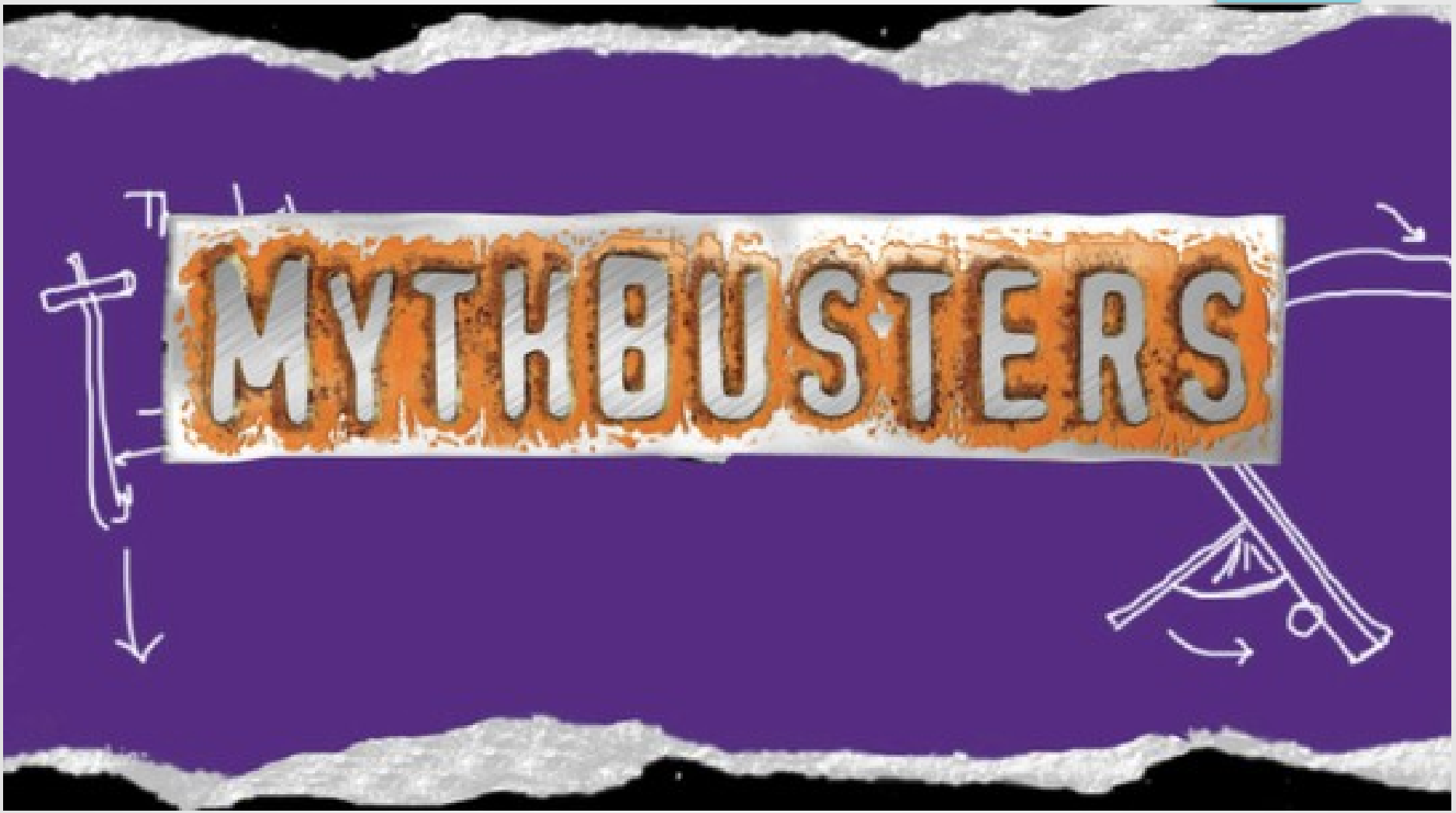


SMB3 Performance – the Myth

- Googling NFS vs. SMB3 (or Samba) ... first result said:

  "As you can see NFS offers a better performance and is unbeatable if the files are medium sized or small. If the files are large enough the timings of both methods get closer to each other. Linux and Mac OS owners should use NFS instead of SMB. Sadly Windows users are forced to use SMB ..."

Is NFS really always faster than Samba...


MYTHBUSTERS

SMB3 to Samba is faster in many cases

- Localhost (network shouldn't be an issue. Default Ubuntu Samba server vs. NFS kernel server. Default parms. Comparing NFSv3, NFSv4.2 and cifs.ko (SMB3.02 dialect is default)
- fio with the read/write job file : SMB3 12.5% faster to Samba (than NFSv4.2 server) for random reads and SMB3 12.8% faster for writes
- For sequential: SMB3 31.8% faster for read, 31.2% faster for write (and not just because of stricter sync)
- Even simple DD command with large file i/o shows SMB3 much faster Linux to Linux for write than NFS

Just last night … 1st test I tried SMB3 wins by 29% over NFS (defaults, localhost mounts)

```
root@smf-Thinkpad-P51:~/cifs-2.6# cat /proc/mounts | grep nfs
nfsd /proc/fs/nfsd nfsd rw,relatime 0 0
localhost:/nfsexport /mnt2 nfs4 rw,relatime,vers=4.2,rsize=1048576,wsize=1048576,namlen=255,hard,proto=tcp,timeo=600,retrans=2,sec=sys,clientaddr=127.0.0.1,local_lock=none,addr=127.0.0.1 0 0
root@smf-Thinkpad-P51:~/cifs-2.6# dd if=/dev/zero of=/mnt2/targetfile bs=10M count=100
100+0 records in
100+0 records out
1048576000 bytes (1.0 GB, 1000 MiB) copied, 1.83421 s, 572 MB/s
root@smf-Thinkpad-P51:~/cifs-2.6# dd if=/dev/zero of=/mnt2/targetfile bs=10M count=100
100+0 records in
100+0 records out
1048576000 bytes (1.0 GB, 1000 MiB) copied, 1.67055 s, 628 MB/s
root@smf-Thinkpad-P51:~/cifs-2.6# dd if=/dev/zero of=/mnt2/targetfile bs=10M count=100
100+0 records in
100+0 records out
1048576000 bytes (1.0 GB, 1000 MiB) copied, 1.80421 s, 581 MB/s
root@smf-Thinkpad-P51:~/cifs-2.6# dd if=/dev/zero of=/mnt2/targetfile bs=10M count=100
100+0 records in
100+0 records out
1048576000 bytes (1.0 GB, 1000 MiB) copied, 1.80514 s, 581 MB/s
root@smf-Thinkpad-P51:~/cifs-2.6# umount /mnt2
root@smf-Thinkpad-P51:~/cifs-2.6# mount | grep cifs
root@smf-Thinkpad-P51:~/cifs-2.6# mount -t cifs //localhost/scratch /mnt2 -o username=sfrench,noperm
Password for sfrench@//localhost/scratch:  **********
root@smf-Thinkpad-P51:~/cifs-2.6# dd if=/dev/zero of=/mnt2/targetfile bs=10M count=100
100+0 records in
100+0 records out
1048576000 bytes (1.0 GB, 1000 MiB) copied, 0.834104 s, 1.3 GB/s
root@smf-Thinkpad-P51:~/cifs-2.6# dd if=/dev/zero of=/mnt2/targetfile bs=10M count=100
100+0 records in
100+0 records out
1048576000 bytes (1.0 GB, 1000 MiB) copied, 1.76119 s, 595 MB/s
root@smf-Thinkpad-P51:~/cifs-2.6# dd if=/dev/zero of=/mnt2/targetfile bs=10M count=100
100+0 records in
100+0 records out
1048576000 bytes (1.0 GB, 1000 MiB) copied, 1.76155 s, 595 MB/s
root@smf-Thinkpad-P51:~/cifs-2.6# dd if=/dev/zero of=/mnt2/targetfile bs=10M count=100
100+0 records in
100+0 records out
1048576000 bytes (1.0 GB, 1000 MiB) copied, 1.78004 s, 589 MB/s
root@smf-Thinkpad-P51:~/cifs-2.6# mount | grep cifs
//localhost/scratch on /mnt2 type cifs (rw,relatime,vers=default,cache=strict,username=sfrench,domain=,uid=0,noforceuid,gid=0,noforcegid,addr=127.0.0.1,file_mode=0755,dir_mode=0755,soft,nounix,serverino,mapposix,noperm,rsize=1048576,wsize=1048576,echo_interval=60,actimeo=1)
root@smf-Thinkpad-P51:~/cifs-2.6# dd of=/dev/zero if=/mnt2/targetfile bs=10M count=100
100+0 records in
100+0 records out
1048576000 bytes (1.0 GB, 1000 MiB) copied, 0.244735 s, 4.3 GB/s
```

Maybe coincidence so lets try fio … (at 1am!)

- Standard fio random read/write i/o job file, localhost Samba vs. NFS, using all defaults
- /mnt2: fio ~/fio/fio-rand-RW.job
- SMB3 20% faster than NFS for read, 21% for write

```
   READ: bw=204MiB/s (214MB/s), 51.1MiB/s-51.1MiB/s (53.6MB/s-53.6MB/s), io=17.0GiB (19.3GB), run=90001-90001msec
  WRITE: bw=136MiB/s (143MB/s), 34.0MiB/s-34.1MiB/s (35.7MB/s-35.7MB/s), io=11.0GiB (12.9GB), run=90001-90001msec
sfrench@smf-Thinkpad-P51:/mnt2$ mount | grep mnt2
//localhost/scratch on /mnt2 type cifs (rw,relatime,vers=default,cache=none,username=sfrench,domain=,uid=0,noforceu
e=0755,dir_mode=0755,soft,nounix,serverino,mapposix,noperm,rsize=2097152,wsize=2097152,echo_interval=60,actimeo=1)
```

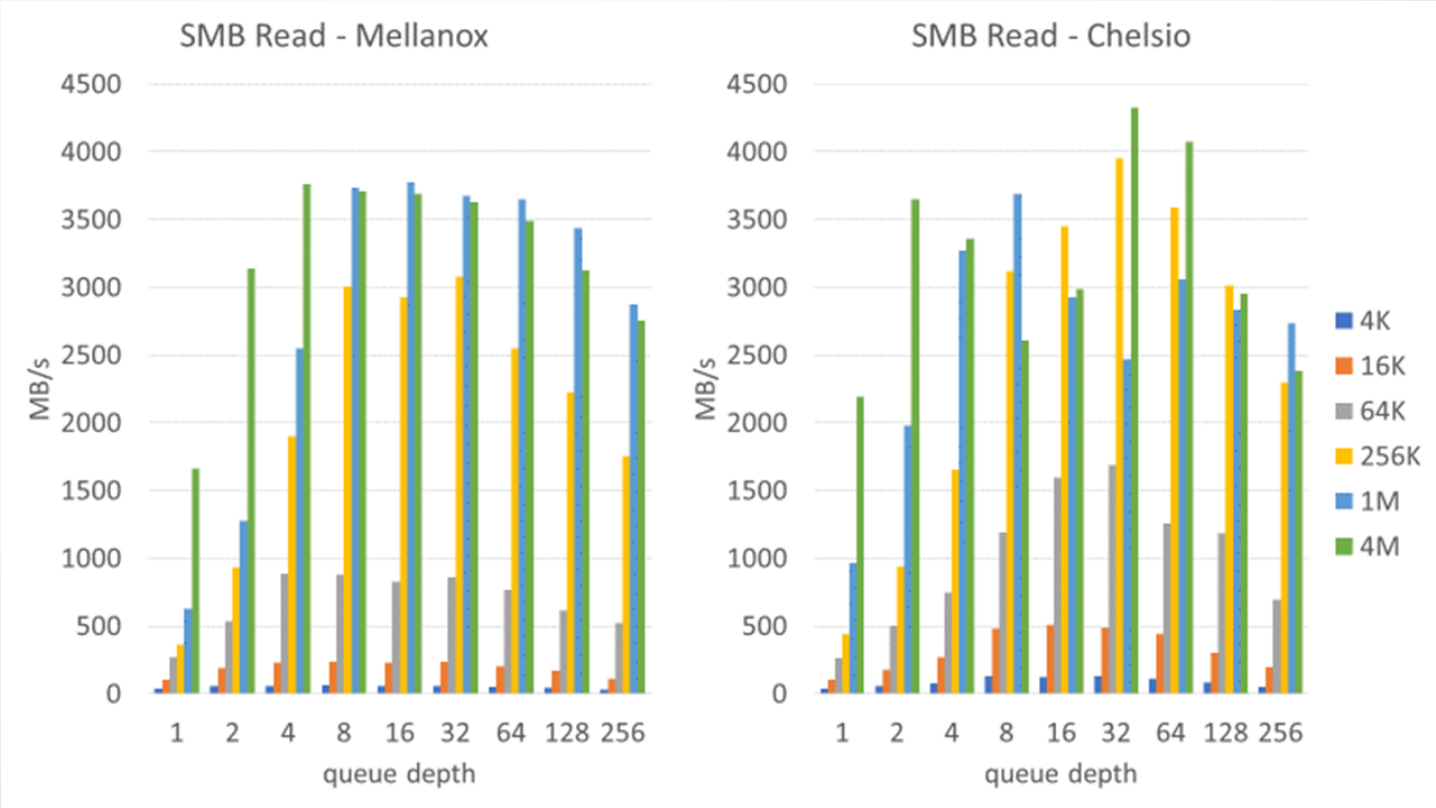
```
Run status group 0 (all jobs):
   READ: bw=170MiB/s (178MB/s), 42.5MiB/s-42.6MiB/s (44.6MB/s-44.7MB/s), io=14.0GiB (16.1GB), run=90001-90001msec
  WRITE: bw=113MiB/s (119MB/s), 28.3MiB/s-28.4MiB/s (29.7MB/s-29.7MB/s), io=9.97GiB (10.7GB), run=90001-90001msec
sfrench@smf-Thinkpad-P51:/mnt2$ mount | grep mnt2
localhost:/nfsexport on /mnt2 type nfs4 (rw,relatime,vers=4.2,rsize=1048576,wsize=1048576,namlen=255,hard,proto=tcp
.0.0.1,local_lock=none,addr=127.0.0.1)
sfrench@smf-Thinkpad-P51:/mnt2$
```

SMB3 Performance WIP: great features … but only if we implement them ...

- Key Features
  - Compounding
  - Large file I/O
  - File Leases
    - Lease upgrades
  - Directory Leases
  - Handle caching
  - Crediting
  - I/O priority
  - Copy Offload
  - Multi-Channel
    - And optional RDMA
  - Linux specific protocol optimizations possible too ...

We have fun work to do … (go to Long Li's talk to hear exciting improvements!)

- And not just for metadata heavy workloads
- But the SMB3 protocol is richer, more function that can help performance when implemented fully in client
- For example now 92% Utilization on Infiniband with SMB Direct Read
- 85% IWarp



Conclusion … When is SMB3 good?

- When need nice security …
- Workloads where performance with lots of large directories is not an obstacle (pending improvements to leasing and compounding in cifs.ko)
- Workloads which do not depend on case sensitivity (common unfortunately) and do not depend on advisory locking or delete of open files (more rare) … (pending POSIX extensions being merged into Samba etc.)
- Where you can take advantage of smbdirect (RDMA)
- Where global namespace (DFS) helps
- Where rich features of SMB3 (snapshots, encrypted/compressed files, persistent handles) are helpful …
- And of course … to the cloud (Azure) and Macs and Windows and … not just Samba

Testing … testing … testing

- See xfstesting page in cifs wiki https://wiki.samba.org/index.php/Xfstesting-cifs
- Easy to setup, exclude file for slow tests or failing ones
- XFSTEST status update
  - Bugzillas
  - Features in progress
  - Automating improvements

Thank you for your time

- Future is very bright!

+ ***SMB3***

Additional Resources to Explore for SMB3 and Linux

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  - https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/gg685446.aspx
    - In particular MS-SMB2.pdf at https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc246482.aspx
  - https://wiki.samba.org/index.php/Xfstesting-cifs
  - Linux CIFS client https://wiki.samba.org/index.php/LinuxCIFS
  - Samba-technical mailing list and IRC channel
  - And various presentations at http://www.sambaxp.org and Microsoft channel 9 and of course SNIA … http://www.snia.org/events/storage-developer
  - And the code:
    - https://git.kernel.org/cgit/linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux.git/tree/fs/cifs
    - For pending changes, soon to go into upstream kernel see:
      - https://git.samba.org/?p=sfrench/cifs-2.6.git;a=shortlog;h=refs/heads/for-next