Solaris file managmant



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File System Management

Solaris supports a wide variety of le system types to support most storage.

media (CDs, DVDs, Hard Drives, oppy disks, based storage) and network.

based file system protocols. Solaris also uses le systems to implement various.

system interface features, and to export some kernel information as files visible.

to the user (ie. /etc/mnttab).

Managing File system in solaris

The Solaris OS supports three types of file systems:

- Disk-based
- Network-based
- Virtual



Disk-Based maniging File Systems

Disk-based file systems are stored on physical media such as hard disks and DVDs . Disk-based

file systems can be written in different formats. The available formats are described in the following table:



Disk-Based File System

- ZFS
- UFS

• PxFS

• PCFS

• UDFS

• Format Description

- ZFS is the default disk-based and root file system.
- UFS Legacy UNIX file system (based on the BSD Fast File system that was provided in the 4.3 Tahoe release).
- Solaris Cluster software provides a cluster file system based on the Oracle
 Solaris Cluster Proxy File System (PxFS).
- PC file system, which allows read- and write- access to data and programs on DOS formatted disks that are written for DOS-based personal computers.
- The Universal Disk Format (UDFS) file system, the industrystandard format for storing information on the optical media technology called DVD (Digital Versatile Disc or Digital Video Disc)

Each type of disk-based file system is customarily associated with a particular media device, as follows:

ZFS or UFS with hard disk

HSFS with CD-ROM

PCFS with USB diskette

UDF with DVD

- SAM-QFS with a hard disk or tape
- PxFS with a hard disk For a cluster file system



Network-Based File Systems

- Network-based file systems can be accessed from the network. Typically network-based file systems reside on one system typically a server and are accessed by other systems across the network.
- With the NFS service, you can provide distributed resources (files or directories) by sharing them from a server and mounting them on individual clients.

With the Oracle SMB service you can provide distributed resources (files or directories) to Windows and Mac OS systems by sharing them from a server and mounting them on individual.

Virtual File Systems

Virtual file systems are memory-based file systems that provide access to special kernel information and facilities. Most virtual file systems do not use file system disk space. Also some virtual file systems, such as the temporary file system (TMPFS) use the swap space on a disk.

default file system



Solaris ZFS, a new file system provides simple administration transactional semantics, end-to-end data integrity and immense scalability The ZFS file system is hierarchical starting with the root directory (/) and continue downwards through a number of directories

ZFS provides the following administration features:

- Device management support
- Persistent snapshots and cloning features
- Quotas that can be set for file systems
- ACL-based access control
- Storage pool space reservations for file systems
- Support for Oracle Solaris systems that have zones installed

Reading from the CDROM

- Solaris Volume Management is enabled by default so it's easy to load a cd.
- Once you load it in the drive, Solaris automatically mounts it to /cdrom
- To look at the content of the CD ls –l /cdrom/cdrom0
- Use the cp command to copy files from the CD to disk.
- To unload the CD
- cd out of the cdrom directory
- Enter eject cdrom

File Handling



- CP Command: To copy one or more file or directories CP option: (-i –r)
- CP –i to display confirmation messages before overwrite it. CP –r to allow coping directories.
- mv command: Use mv to rename a file or to move the file to another directory
- When you need to rename only one file then mv is the preferred command to use.
- The syntax for the mv command
- #mv source target
- mv file100 ABC.txt

Create files & directories



touch Command: to create an empty file. The syntax for the touch command #touch newname Examples: touch file1

No over write in the touch command

mkdir command: to create an empty file The syntax for the mkdir command #mkdir directories

You can create the child and parent it in the same time using –p command.

Remove file & directories



rm command: when you no longer need a file use rm to remove it

when you use rm to remove a file the file is gone therefore be careful when removing files.

The syntax for the rm command. #rm filename. rm file1

