SMB2 and SMB3 in Samba: Durable File Handles and Beyond

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Hi there!



Hey, who are you?...



Oh, and ...

please interrupt with questions!

SMB2+

- ► SMB 2.0:
 - durable file handles.
- ► SMB 2.1:
 - multi-credit / large mtu
 - dynamic reauthentication
 - leasing
 - resilient file handles
- ► SMB 2.2[^]H[^]H[^]H3.0:
 - persistent file handles
 - multi-channel
 - SMB direct (SMB over RDMA)
 - cluster features
 - directory leases



Durable Handles And Samba



- target: short network outages
- ▶ client reconnects session (cleanup)⇒ need to find old session by session_id
- ▶ then reconnects durable handle ⇒ needs to find file handle by persistent file ID
- multi-process vs threaded: keep files open vs reopen files
- need to serialze state that had been on memory only needs to be serialized
- new structures in samba: smb(2)-layer vs file system (fsa) layer
- Clustering! (ctdb vs SO and CA)

The Construction Squad ...



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TODO: Improve Protocol Precision



TODO: Improve Structures and Protocol Layer Mixup



- mix of SMB and File System (FSA)/POSIX
- proposal:
 - SMB
 - ntfsa vfs layer
 - posix vfs layer as backend
- untangle create call

writing tests and client libraries

- tests to explore protocol details: use client libraries
- ► the existing client libraries had a limited functionality and it wasn't possible to test all protocol aspects
- we had 4 completely independed client libraries
 [smb1, smb2] x [source3, source4] (each with its own problems)
- ▶ the solution was to create just one low level library which is able to handle everything (the others are just wrappers now) ⇒ libcli/smb/smbXcli_base.h
- we now have a lot of new tests (reauth, multi-credit, multi-channel, durable/persistent handles)
- ▶ the tests still use the old interfaces
 ⇒ TODO: write a higher level protocol independed library for usage in generic tests and client tools

existing server structures

the current structures in smbd (all in memory)

- struct smbd_server_connection
 - ⇒ transport connection (one process per connection)
- struct user_struct
 - ⇒ user session (multiple per connection)
- ▶ struct connection struct
 - ⇒ tree connect (multiple per connection)
- struct files_struct
 - ⇒ open file handle (multiple per connection)

existing server databases

the current global state databases

- ▶ sessionid.tdb
 - ⇒ mostly only for debugging (smbstatus)
- connections.tdb
 - ⇒ mostly only for debugging (smbstatus)
- ▶ locking.tdb
 - ⇒ open file information
- ▶ brlock.tdb
 - ⇒ byte range lock information

problems with the current design regarding new features

► The current structures mix the SMB1/2/3 server layer with the filesystem layers

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\Rightarrow [MS-CIFS], [MS-SMB] and [MS-SMB2]
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 [MS-FSA]

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 SMB_VFS / posix layer

► As the structures public used by different layers they can't be changed easily in order to fix problem in just one of the layers

cleanup work (gensec)

- ▶ backport the gensec code (as abstraction layer, but with the old code as implementation) ⇒ this makes it possible to use the same authentiation code in all places (SMB, RPC, LDAP and other servers) (with the help of Andrew Bartlett)
- ► The SMB1/2 code was simplified a lot

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\Rightarrow v3-6 vs. master
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new smbXsrv structures and databases

Structures for the SMB1/2/3 server layer are the first step

- struct smbXsrv_connection (per transport connection/in memory)
- struct smbXsrv_session (per user session/in memory)
 - struct smbXsrv_session_global
 (in smbXsrv_session_global.tdb with 32bit index key)
- struct smbXsrv_tcon (per tree connect/in memory)
 - struct smbXsrv_tcon_global
 (in smbXsrv_tcon_global.tdb with 32bit index key)
- struct smbXsrv_open (per open file handle/in memory)
 - struct smbXsrv_open_global (in smbXsrv_open_global.tdb with 32bit index key)
- struct smbXsrv_version_global
 (smbXsrv_version_global.tdb just one record)
 - ⇒ an array with version information per node
 - ⇒ maybe allows rolling code upgrades later

useful infrastructure

- dbwrap_record_watch_send()/dbwrap_record_watch_recv() (by Volker Lendecke)
 - ⇒ an easy way to get notified when a tdb record changed
- msg_channel_init(), msg_read_send()/msg_read_recv() (by Volker Lendecke)
 - ⇒ a tevent_reg based infrastructure to receive samba internal messages

(Maybe) in future:

- (re)write and unify the source3 and source4 struct messaging_context subsystems to have a way all samba components are able to talk to each other
- ▶ make IRPC (currently only in source4) available for the whole code base
- make it possible to do fd passing via IRPC



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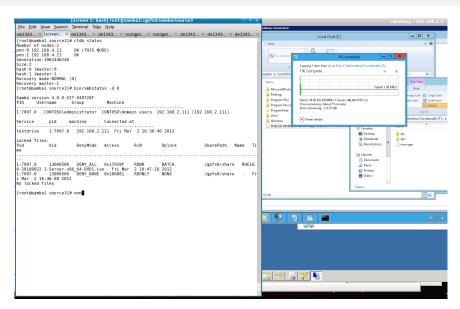
dynamic reauthentication

- with SMB1 and SMB 2.0 reauthentication was designed to only happen when a kerberos ticket expired
 ⇒ when the server returns NT_STATUS_USER_SESSION_EXPIRED
- ▶ with SMB 2.1 clients, clients can reauthentiate a session at anytime ⇒ which means we have to implement it.
- implementing dynamic reauth is much easier using gensec and the new smbXsrv structures
- but it's still not that easy as there might be code that relies on pointers to the previous 'struct auth_session_info' in memory during async operations.

session reconnect (handling previous_session_id)

- when a client reconnects to a server (after a network problem) it tries to recreate the user sessions, tree connects and (durable) open file handles
- ▶ on the SMB2/3 session setup the clients sends the previous_session_id ⇒ the server closes all opens on the old session in case the server doesn't noticed the network problem of the client.
- ▶ implementing this within samba was relatively easy using the new smbXsrv structures and the new helpers

What is already working?



When will we get it???



Questions?

https://wiki.samba.org/index.php/Samba3/SMB2

