

Solaris 10 Overview

The Renaissance

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Objectives

- ◆ Discuss the state of S10
 - Which release to use
 - How to get it
 - Important features
 - Production readiness
 - What's next

Prerequisites

- ◆ Recommend at least a couple of years of Solaris experience
 - Or at least a few years of other Unix experience
- ◆ Best is a few years of admin experience, mostly on Solaris

About the Talk

- ◆ Every SysAdmin has a different knowledge set
- ◆ A lot to cover
 - So some covered quickly, some in detail
- ◆ Please ask questions
- ◆ If you want more...
 - Usenix conference tutorials
 - I talk with companies too...

Fair Warning

- ◆ Sites vary
- ◆ Circumstances vary
- ◆ Admin knowledge varies
- ◆ My goals
 - Provide information useful for each of you at your sites
 - Provide opportunity for you to learn from each other

Why Listen to Me

- ◆ 20 Years of Sun experience
- ◆ Seen much as a consultant
- ◆ Hopefully, you've used:
 - The Solaris Corner @ www.samag.com
 - The Solaris Security FAQ
 - SunWorld "Pete's Wicked World"
 - SunWorld "Pete's Super Systems"
 - Unix Secure Programming FAQ
 - Operating System Concepts (The Dino Book), 7th ed
 - Applied Operating System Concepts



Overview

Lay of the Land



Outline

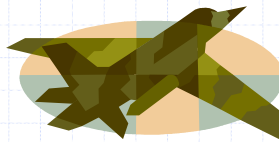
- ◆ Releases
- ◆ Reliability
 - SMF / FMA
- ◆ Performance
 - FireEngine
 - Dtrace
- ◆ Security
 - Zones / containers
 - Least privilege
- ◆ Usability
 - ZFS
- ◆ Philosophy

Polling Time

- ◆ Solaris releases in use?
 - Plans to upgrade?
- ◆ Other OSes in use?
- ◆ Use of Solaris rising or falling?

Your Objectives?

Releases



Solaris 10

- ◆ Shipped Feb 2005
- ◆ Major new features (some discussed throughout)
 - Dtrace
 - Fire Engine
 - Solaris Cryptography Framework
 - NFS V4
 - Solaris Privileges
 - ZFS (a little later)

Solaris 10 (2)

- ◆ Netscape 7
- ◆ New X Windowing features
- ◆ Gnome 2.0 desktop
- ◆ System V IPC resource controls
- ◆ Physical memory control using a new resource capping daemon
- ◆ Extended accounting for IPQos
- ◆ USB 2.0 support, and USB removable media support
- ◆ Dynamic intimate shared memory large-page support (for databases) (SPARC only)
- ◆ Memory placement optimization (on SunFire servers) (SPARC only)
- ◆ Improved UFS logging performance
- ◆ Unicode version 3.2
- ◆ FTP client and server enhancements
- ◆ PAM enhancements
- ◆ Auditing enhancements
- ◆ Password history checking

Solaris 10 (3)

- ◆ Locale administrator for adding and removing locales at the command line
- ◆ A new autofsd configuration file
- ◆ Multiterabyte volume and disk support (64-bit SPARC only)
- ◆ Up to 16TB UFS file systems (64-bit SPARC only) (individual files are still limited to 1TB)
- ◆ devfs dynamically attaches and detaches device entries in /devices
- ◆ NCA support of multiple instances of the web server
- ◆ IPv6 6to4 router and packet tunneling of IPv4 over IPv6
- ◆ NFS services are only started when needed, rather than only at boot time
- ◆ Sun ONE integration and availability
- ◆ routeadm routing administration command
- ◆ sendmail version 8.12 using TCP wrappers
- ◆ BIND version 8.4.2
- ◆ Availability of a reduced networking software group for selection during installation of more secure systems
- ◆ Solaris Product Registry added features and a command-line interface
- ◆ Solaris Flash differential archives and configuration scripts
- ◆ Customized contents of Solaris Flash archives

Solaris 10 (3)

- ◆ Solaris Live Upgrade 2.1
- ◆ Ability to boot and install software over a WAN
- ◆ Improved DHCP implementation
- ◆ Solaris Management Console Patches tool can now analyze, download and install recommended patches
- ◆ Improved System V IPC configuration
- ◆ Signed packages and patches for more secure download
- ◆ NIS to LDAP transition service
- ◆ Top-down volume creation in Solaris Volume Manager
- ◆ Systems Management Agent implements SNMPv1, v2c, and v3
- ◆ Event ports for generating and collecting events from disjoint sources
- ◆ New atomic operations API included in libc
- ◆ WBEM includes many updates
- ◆ Solaris Privileges for programmers allows applications to be written that need specific rights, rather than superuser rights.
- ◆ Smartcard interfaces and middleware APIs
- ◆ Basic Audit and Reporting Tool (BART) can compare contents of a system over time or audit an installed package for changes
- ◆ Kerberos enhancements

Solaris 10 Adoption

- ◆ Everyone wants it
- ◆ But waiting for vendor support
 - Given a list of apps, Sun can tell you expected support date
 - Start from that, start testing a few months before all apps expected to be supported
- ◆ Quite a bit in use in production already
- ◆ Lots in QA

Software Express for Solaris

- ◆ Get future Solaris releases, now!
- ◆ Frequent updates (~1 / month)
- ◆ Basically, exports of internal Solaris builds (SPARC and x86)
- ◆ Other products might be available in the future
- ◆ No patches, but bug report and on-line support for paid version
- ◆ Free version allows download, access to docs
- ◆ Takes a couple of hours over fast link
- ◆ Need to be able to create .iso CDs

OpenSolaris

- ◆ Solaris now open source under CDDL license!
- ◆ Updates currently once per week or so
- ◆ One week after code checked in to kernel gate
 - Very recent bits
 - Goal is to be even closer to kernel engineering
- ◆ No testing done
- ◆ No support
- ◆ But great stuff to play with

OpenSolaris (2)

- ◆ Needed to build OpenSolaris
- ◆ Can use either gcc or (free*) forte' compiler to build
- ◆ Whole community around OpenSolaris
 - At www.opensolaris.org
- ◆ Already some interesting community work
 - Live discs from shillix - <http://schillix.berlios.de/>
 - Belenix - http://belenix.sarovar.org/belenix_home.html
 - Nexenta – debian-based GNU/Solaris(!) - <http://www.gnusolaris.org/gswiki>
- ◆ Lots of great info at blogs.sun.com

OpenSolaris (3)

- ◆ Now (theoretically), can upgrade between Solaris Express / OpenSolaris releases
 - Otherwise need to reinstall each time
 - Or use the BFU to install a new archive over an old
 - ◆ Just updates the kernel components, not user-land stuff

Blogs

◆ blogs.sun.com

- bonwick
- cantrill
- moore
- shapiro

Reliability

Solaris 10 Service Management Facility (SMF)

- ◆ Part of larger predictive self-healing facility (Build 69 and beyond)
- ◆ Replacing inetd, changing use of /etc/rc files, etc
- ◆ Much more sophisticated management of system startup and daemons
 - Builds reference tree of which processes need which, and order to start them in
 - If service fails, knows how to restart the service and all that depended on it
 - Startup to login prompt much faster with multithreading

SMF - 2

- ◆ Booting now much "quieter"
- ◆ Each service has its own log in
`/var/svc/log (/etc/svc/volatile)`
- ◆ Services that would have hung boot now debuggable in maintenance mode
- ◆ New `boot -m verbose` to display message per service
- ◆ Processes will automatically restart by `svc.startd` or be placed in maintenance mode (watch out for `kill -9`)

SVCS

- ◆ Displays services and stati

```
# svcs
STATE          STIME    FMRI
legacy_run     Feb_28   lrc:/etc/rcS_d/S50sk98sol
legacy_run     Feb_28   lrc:/etc/rc2_d/S10lu
legacy_run     Feb_28   lrc:/etc/rc2_d/S20syssetup
legacy_run     Feb_28   lrc:/etc/rc2_d/S401lc2
. . .
legacy_run     Feb_28   lrc:/etc/rc3_d/S84appserv
legacy_run     Feb_28   lrc:/etc/rc3_d/S90samba
online         Feb_28   svc:/system/svc/restarter:default
online         Feb_28   svc:/network/pfil:default
online         Feb_28   svc:/system/filesystem/root:default
online         Feb_28   svc:/network/loopback:default
online         Feb_28   svc:/milestone/name-services:default
. . .
```

svcs (cont)

- ◆ Displays details about services (i.e. what failed)

```
# svcs -x
svc:/application/print/server:default (LP print server)
  State: disabled since Mon Feb 28 11:01:34 2005
  Reason: Disabled by an administrator.
  See: http://sun.com/msg/SMF-8000-05
  See: lpsched(1M)
  Impact: 2 dependent services are not running. (Use -v for list.)
```

svcs (cont)

- ◆ Displays details about services (i.e. what depends on what)

```
# svcs -xv ssh
STATE          STIME      FMRI
online         Feb_28    svc:/network/ssh:default
              Feb_28    366 sshd
```

svcadm

- ◆ Changes service states permanently (unless `-t` option used)

```
# svcs sendmail
STATE          STIME      FMRI
online         Feb_28    svc:/network/smtp:sendmail
# svcadm disable sendmail
# svcs sendmail
STATE          STIME      FMRI
disabled       17:46:01  svc:/network/smtp:sendmail
```

SMF Notes

- ◆ Changes to `inetd.conf` are still effective, but only if `inetconv` is run after the change
- ◆ Use SMF instead of RC script changes if at all possible
- ◆ “Manifests” contain service descriptions in `/var/svc/manifest`
 - Changes to services can be made here
 - Won't be reflected until service restarted or refreshed
- ◆ `svcs -a` shows all services, no matter the state
- ◆ Also of interest
 - `svcadm restart` – restart the service
 - `svcadm refresh` – reread the service configuration
 - `svcs -d FMRI` – shows named service and parents
 - `svcs -D FMRI` – shows named service and dependents
 - `boot -m milestone` – boots to named milestone
 - `svcadm milestone` – transitions to named milestone

FMA

- ◆ New with Solaris 10, Solaris Fault Management Architecture (called predictive self-healing by marketing)
- ◆ Two components – service manager and fault manager
- ◆ Fault manager designed to detect faults (as before) and analyze them
- ◆ Can reduce downtime / debugging by not “waiting for that problem to happen again”
- ◆ New daemon runs by default at boot – `fmd`
 - Still logs to `syslog` et al, and `/var/fm/fmd/fltlog`
 - Command line interface
 - ◆ `fmadm`
 - ◆ `fmdump`
 - ◆ `Fmstat`
- ◆ Currently, better hw info from SPARC than Opteron CPUs

FMA Fault Management

- ◆ Should be much more likely to catch and debug intermittent or correctable error and point to a correction: (from bigadmin article)

```
SUNW-MSG-ID: SUN4U-8000-6H, TYPE: Fault, VER: 1,
SEVERITY: Major EVENT-TIME: Sun Oct 17 14:15:50 PDT
2004 PLATFORM: SUNW,Sun-Blade-1000, CSN: -,
HOSTNAME: myhost EVENT-ID: 64fe6c23-12b7-ccd1-f0a7-
b531941738f8 DESC: The number of errors associated
with this CPU has exceeded acceptable levels. Refer
to http://sun.com/msg/SUN4U-8000-6H for more
information. AUTO-RESPONSE: An attempt will be made
to remove the affected CPU from service. IMPACT:
Performance of this system may be affected. REC-
ACTION: Schedule a repair procedure to replace the
affected CPU. Use fmdump -v -u <EVENT_ID> to
identify the CPU.
```

fmadm

- ◆ Main administrative interface

```
# fmadm
Usage: fmadm [-P prog] [-q] [cmd [args ... ]]

fmadm config                - display fault manager configuration
fmadm faulty [-ai]          - display list of faulty resources
fmadm flush <fmri> ...      - flush cached state for resource
fmadm load <path>           - load specified fault manager module
fmadm repair <fmri>|<uuid>  - record repair to resource(s)
fmadm reset [-s serd] <module> - reset module or sub-component
fmadm rotate <logname>     - rotate log file
fmadm unload <module>      - unload specified fault manager module

# fmadm config
MODULE          VERSION STATUS DESCRIPTION
cpumem-retire   1.0     active CPU/Memory Retire Agent
eft             1.12    active eft diagnosis engine
fmd-self-diagnosis 1.0     active Fault Manager Self-Diagnosis
io-retire       1.0     active I/O Retire Agent
syslog-msgs     1.0     active Syslog Messaging Agent
```


fmdump

◆ Facility to display fault logs and detailed information (from bigadmin article)

```
# fmdump -v -u 64fe6c23-12b7-ccd1-f0a7-b531941738f8
TIME UID SUNW-MSG-ID Oct 17 14:15:50.1630 64fe6c23-
12b7-ccd1-f0a7-b531941738f8 SUN4U-8000-6H 100%
fault.cpu.ultraSPARC-III.l2cachedata FRU:
hc:///component=Slot 1 rsrc:

cpu:///cpuid=1/serial=1107C270C8A
```

fmstat

Information about resource use by FMA

```
# fmstat
module      ev_recv ev_acpt wait  svc_t  %w  %b  open solve memsz bufisz
cpumem-retire  0      0 0.0  0.0  0  0  0  0  0  0
eft         0      0 0.0  0.0  0  0  0  0  260K 0
fmd-self-diagnosis  0      0 0.0  0.0  0  0  0  0  0  0
io-retire    0      0 0.0  0.0  0  0  0  0  0  0
syslog-msgs  0      0 0.0  0.0  0  0  0  0  32b  0
```

Performance



FireEngine

- ◆ Project to improve network performance
- ◆ Get streams out of the way
- ◆ Improve first byte performance
- ◆ Enable scalability across multiple CPUs
- ◆ TCP first (in FCS)
- ◆ UDP next (in OpenSolaris)
- ◆ 2 Opteron cores can drive 10Gb ethernet (without acceleration) at 7.3Gb

Dtrace Overview (Solaris 10)

- ◆ Best tool ever for understanding system behavior
- ◆ Dynamic probes within the kernel
- ◆ Has its own programming language (D)
- ◆ Zero overhead until used
- ◆ Can be used to find out about almost all happenings in the kernel
- ◆ Interview with the developers - <http://www.samag.com/documents/s=9171/sam0406h/0406h.htm>
- ◆ See talk from Usenix 2004
- ◆ blogs.sun.com/bmc (!)

DTrace

- ◆ Fully scalable
- ◆ Enabled in Solaris 10 – no custom kernel or configuration changes needed
- ◆ Way to much to cover here
 - So I'll whet your appetite
 - Got example code available at <http://users.tpg.com.au/adsln4yb/dtrace.html>
 - All DTrace resources at <http://www.sun.com/bigadmin/content/dtrace/>

DTrace Example - 1

- ◆ `connections.d` snoop inbound TCP connections as they are established, displaying the server process that accepted the connection.

```
# ./connections.d
UID PID IP_SOURCE PORT CMD
0 254 192.168.001.001 23 /usr/sbin/inetd -s
0 254 192.168.001.001 23 /usr/sbin/inetd -s
0 254 192.168.001.001 79 /usr/sbin/inetd -s
0 254 192.168.001.001 21 /usr/sbin/inetd -s
0 254 192.168.001.001 79 /usr/sbin/inetd -s
100 2319 192.168.001.001 6000 /usr/openwin/bin/Xsun :0 -
```

DTrace Example - 2

- ◆ The following script counts number of write(2) calls by application:

```
syscall::write:entry
{
@counts[execname] = count();
}
```

DTrace Example - 4

```
# dtrace -s write-calls-by-app.d
dtrace: script 'write-calls-by-app.d' matched 1 probe
^C

dtrace
1
login
1
sshd
2
sh
6
telnet
6
w
7
df
12
in.telnetd
25
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```

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DTrace Example - 5

- ◆ Let's have a look at the size of the writes to file descriptor 5, per section of user code (!)

```
syscall::write:entry
/execename == "sshd" && arg0 ==
5/
{
@[ustack()] = quantize(arg2);
```

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DTrace Example - 6

```

bash-2.05b# dtrace -s write-sshd-fd-5.d
dtrace: script 'write-sshd-fd-5.d' matched 1 probe
^C
      libc.so.1`_write+0xc
      sshd`atomicio+0x2d
      805b59c
      sshd`main+0xd59
      805b1fa

value  ----- Distribution ----- count
   8 |
  16 | @@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@ 1
  32 |
                                           0

      libc.so.1`_write+0xc
      sshd`packet_write_poll+0x2e
      sshd`packet_write_wait+0x23
      sshd`userauth_finish+0x19f
      805f42e
      sshd`dispatch_run+0x49
      sshd`do_authentication2+0x7c
      sshd`main+0xdc7
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value  ----- Distribution ----- count

```

DTrace Example - 7

```

#!/usr/sbin/dtrace -s
#pragma D option flowindent
pid$1:::entry
{
    self->trace = 1;
}
pid$1:::entry, pid$1:::return, fbt:::
/self->trace/
{
    printf("%s", curlwpsinfo->pr_syscall ?
    "K" : "U");
}
pid$1:::entry, pid$1:::return, fbt:::
/self->trace/
{
    self->trace = 0;
}
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```

```

# ./all.d 'pgrep xclock' XEventsQueued
dtrace: script './all.d' matched 52377 probes
CPU FUNCTION
0 -> XEventsQueued U
0 -> _XEventsQueued U
0 -> _X11TransBytesReadable U
0 <- _X11TransBytesReadable U
0 -> _X11TransSocketBytesReadable U
0 <- _X11TransSocketBytesReadable U
0 -> ioctl U
0 -> ioctl K
0 -> getf K
0 -> set_active_fd K
0 <- set_active_fd K
0 <- getf K
0 -> get_datamodel K
0 <- get_datamodel K
...
0 -> releasef K
0 -> clear_active_fd K
0 <- clear_active_fd K
0 -> cv_broadcast K
0 <- cv_broadcast K
0 <- releasef K
0 <- ioctl K
0 <- ioctl U
0 <- _XEventsQueued U
0 <- XEventsQueued U

```

DTrace One Liners

- ◆ # New processes with arguments,
dtrace -n 'proc:::exec-success { trace(curpsinfo->pr_psargs); }'
- ◆ # Files opened by process,
dtrace -n 'syscall::open*:entry { printf("%s
%s",execname,copyinstr(arg0)); }'
- ◆ # Syscall count by program,
dtrace -n 'syscall:::entry { @num[execname] = count(); }'
- ◆ # Syscall count by syscall,
dtrace -n 'syscall:::entry { @num[probefunc] = count(); }'
- ◆ # Syscall count by process,
dtrace -n 'syscall:::entry { @num[pid,execname] = count(); }'
- ◆ # Read bytes by process,
dtrace -n 'sysinfo:::readch { @bytes[execname] = sum(arg0); }'
- ◆ # Write bytes by process,
dtrace -n 'sysinfo:::writech { @bytes[execname] = sum(arg0); }'
- ◆ # Read size distribution by process,
dtrace -n 'sysinfo:::readch { @dist[execname] = quantize(arg0); }'
- ◆ # Write size distribution by process,
dtrace -n 'sysinfo:::writech { @dist[execname] = quantize(arg0); }'
- ◆ # Disk size by process,
dtrace -n 'io:::start { printf("%d %s %d",pid,execname,args[0]->b_bcount);
}'
- ◆ # Pages paged in by process,
dtrace -n 'vminfo:::pgpgin { @pg[execname] = sum(arg0); }'
- ◆ # Minor faults by process,
dtrace -n 'vminfo:::as_fault { @mem[execname] = sum(arg0); }'

Security

Why Me?



Warning about Security Work

- ◆ Be sure to get written permission before performing any security testing
 - Bad things can happen if you don't
 - ◆ **State of Oregon v. Randal Schwartz**
 - <http://www.lightlink.com/spacenka/fors>

Role-based Administration

- ◆ Doles out administrative privs without having to give full root privs
- ◆ New to Solaris 8, from Trusted Solaris
- ◆ Implemented via psh, pksh, ptcsh
- ◆ Like sudo, but built into shells
- ◆ Implements rule sets, roles limited to those rule sets
- ◆ Logging seems to be limited
- ◆ Improvements included in S9, S10
 - To make it actually usable

Privileges (s10)

- ◆ Really known as “least privilege”
 - Only the minimum privileges to get a job done should be available
- ◆ Alternative to being root or no one
- ◆ Done at the API level
 - SetUID programs can dictate fine grain access to kernel features
 - Can limit what privs children have
 - Should further help can buffer overflows and other privilege escalation methods
- ◆ Done at the user or role level
 - All specific users to perform specific operations regardless of the programs being run

Privileges - 2

- ◆ New level of management of rights within a Solaris 10 system
- ◆ Fine-grained privileges that can be assigned to entities
- ◆ The kernel enforces the new requirement that, to perform a special function, the entity must have the privilege to do so.
- ◆ Can work in parallel with traditional superuser functionality for backward compatibility.

Privilege Sets

- ◆ E - Effective privilege set – the current set of privileges that are in effect
- ◆ I - Inheritable privilege set – the set of privileges that a process can inherit across an exec()
- ◆ P - Permitted privilege set - the set of privileges that are available for use
- ◆ L - Limit privilege set – the outside limit of what privileges are available to a process and its children
 - Used to shrink the “I” set when a child is created, for example

Privileges Example

```
◆ Traceroute is now privilege enabled.
$ ls -l /usr/sbin/traceroute
-r-sr-xr-x 1 root bin 35392 Jul 3 14:42 /usr/sbin/traceroute
$ /usr/sbin/traceroute 1.2.3.4 &
[2] 7841
# pcred 7841
7841: e/r/suid=101 e/r/sgid=14

# ppriv -v 7896
7896: /usr/sbin/traceroute 1.2.3.4
flags = PRIV_AWARE
E: file_link_any,proc_exec,proc_fork,proc_info,proc_session
I: file_link_any,proc_exec,proc_fork,proc_info,proc_session
P:
file_link_any,net_icmpaccess,net_rawaccess,proc_exec,proc_
fork,proc_info,proc_session
L: none
◆ Note exploit needs to execute fully in the context of traceroute to make
use of its privileges because the "Limit" set is empty
```

Privileged Daemon Example

```
# ppriv `pgrep rpcbind`
153: /usr/sbin/rpcbind
flags = PRIV_AWARE
E:
basic,!file_link_any,net_privaddr,!proc_exe
c,!proc_info,!proc_session,sys_nfs
I:
basic,!file_link_any,!proc_exec,!proc_fork,
!proc_info,!proc_session
P:
basic,!file_link_any,net_privaddr,!proc_exe
c,!proc_info,!proc_session,sys_nfs
L:
basic,!file_link_any,!proc_exec,!proc_fork,
!proc_info,!proc_session
```

RBAC and Privileges

- ◆ Use RBAC to assign specific privs to roles or users
 - ◆ By default, all non-setuid processes have the "basic" set of privileges assigned
 - ◆ Create a role with that privilege and then allow the user to assume that role
 - The list of available privileges is available in the privileges(5), and via the all important `ppriv` command (the "-lv" options).
 - Divided into categories, including file, ipc, net, proc, and sys privileges.
 - ◆ For example, enable users in role "test" to do process management and use DTrace features
 - Create "test" role in `/etc/user_attr`
- ```
roleadd -u 201 -d /export/home/test -P "Process Management"
test
rolemod -K
defaultpriv=basic,dtrace_proc,dtrace_user,dtrace_kernel
test
grep test /etc/user_attr
test:::type=role;defaultpriv=basic,dtrace_proc,dtrace_user,d
trace_kernel;profiles=Process Management
```

## RBAC and Privileges - 2

```
$ ppriv $$
10897: -bash
flags = <none>
 E: basic
 I: basic
 P: basic
 L: all

$ dtrace -s bitesize.d
dtrace: failed to initialize dtrace: DTrace requires
additional privileges

$ su test
Password:
Roles can only be assumed by authorized users
su: Sorry
usermod -R test pbg
(then login as pbg)
```

## RBAC and Privileges - 3

```
$ roles
test
$su test
password:
$ ppriv $$
11022: pfish
flags = <none>
 E: basic,dtrace_kernel,dtrace_proc,dtrace_user
 I: basic,dtrace_kernel,dtrace_proc,dtrace_user
 P: basic,dtrace_kernel,dtrace_proc,dtrace_user
 L: all
$ dtrace -s bitesize.d
. . .
```

◆ Alternately, privileges can be directly assigned to users, as in:

```
pbg:::type=normal;roles=primary_administrator,test; \
defaultpriv=basic,dtrace_proc,dtrace_user,dtrace_kerne
1
```

## Privilege Assignment

- ◆ To add a privilege to a specific user, use the usermod command to add the privilege to the user's default privileges, as in

```
usermod -K defaultpriv=basic,proc_clock_high_res
jdoe
```
- ◆ Unfortunately, to be able to assign a specific privilege to a specific command, the command must be written to be privilege aware
- ◆ Currently, native system programs are becoming privilege aware and having a limited set of privileges assigned to them
  - Includes most setuid-root and network daemons
  - API available with privileges to allow Solaris programmers to write privilege aware programs
  - ppriv command can be used on a program that is failing due to a lack of privilege, to determine exactly the privileges that the program needs to succeed
  - Appropriate privileges can be assigned to the program, or assigned to a role or user to allow that program to run properly when the appropriate set of users runs it

## Packet Filtering Overview (S10)

- ◆ Solaris used to have nothing, then SunScreen was commercial, then SunScreen was included, now ipfilter is standard
- ◆ Solaris IP Filter is a host-based firewall that is derived from the open source IP Filter code, developed and maintained by Darren Reed
  - Based on version 4.0.33 of the open source IP Filter
  - Uses the STREAMS module, pfil, to intercept packets
  - By default, pfil is not autopushed onto network interface cards (NICs). Autopush of pfil is disabled for all drivers

## Packet Filtering Overview - 2

- ◆ Provides packet filtering and network address translation (NAT), based upon a user-configurable policy
  - Rules are configurable to filter either statefully or statelessly
  - Command line interface only
    - ◆ ipf for loading or clearing packet filter rules
    - ◆ ipnat for loading or clearing NAT rules
    - ◆ ippool for managing address pools associated with IP rules
    - ◆ ipfstat for viewing per-interface statistics
    - ◆ ipmon for viewing of logged packets
- ◆ Good info at <http://www.obfuscation.org/ipf/>

## ipfilter Details

- ◆ Can match on the following IP header fields
  - Source or destination IP address (including inverted matches)
  - IP protocol
  - TOS (Type of Service)
  - IP options or IP security classes
  - Fragment
- ◆ In addition it can:
  - Distinguish between various interfaces
  - Return an ICMP error or TCP reset for denied packets
  - Keep packet state information for TCP, UDP, and ICMP packet flows
  - Keep fragment state information for any IP packet, applying the same rule to all fragments in that packet
  - Use redirection to set up true transparent proxy connections
  - Provide packet header details to a user program for authentication
  - Provide temporary storage of pre-authenticated rules for passing packets

## ipfilter Details - 2

- ◆ Special provision is made for the three most common Internet protocols, TCP, UDP and ICMP. Can match based on:
  - TCP or UDP packets by port number or a port number range
  - ICMP packets by type or code
  - Established TCP packet sessions
  - Any arbitrary combination of TCP flags



## Enable ipfilter

- ◆ Disabled by default
- ◆ Assume a role that includes the Network Management rights profile, or become superuser
- ◆ Edit `/etc/ipf/pfil.ap`
  - Uncomment the interface(s) to filter on
- ◆ Put filter rules in `/etc/ipf/ipf.conf` for automatic use at boot
- ◆ Put NAT rules in `/etc/ipf/ipnat.conf` for automatic use at boot
- ◆ Put config info in `/etc/ipf/ippool.conf` for pooling of interfaces at boot time

## Enable ipfilter - 2

- ◆ Reboot or run
  - `/etc/init.d/pfil start`
  - unplug and replug the interface(s) to filter
  - Activate filtering via `/etc/init.d/ipfboot start`
- ◆ Now enable ipfiltering
  - Enable filtering: `ipf -E`
  - Activate filtering: `ipf -f filename`
  - Activate NAT if wanted: `ipnat -f filename`
- ◆ Monitor with `ipfstat`



## /etc/ipf/ipf.conf

- ◆ Rules processed top to bottom
  - ◆ Entire ruleset is run, not just until a match
    - Last matching rule always has precedence
    - "quick" rule option says to stop processing if match
- ```
pass in quick on lo0 all
pass out quick on lo0 all
block in log all
block out all
pass in quick proto tcp from any to any port = 113 flags S
      S keep state
pass in quick proto tcp from any to any port = 22 flags S
      keep state
pass in quick proto tcp from any port = 20 to any port
39999 >< 45000 flags S keep state
pass out quick proto icmp from any to any keep state
pass out quick proto tcp/udp from any to any keep state
      keep frags
```

/etc/ipf/ipnat.conf

- ◆ Very feature rich translation of address and ports
- ◆ Some examples:

```
map eril 192.168.1.0/24 ->
20.20.20.1/32
map eril 192.168.1.0/24 -> 0/32 portmap
tcp/udp auto
map eril 192.168.1.0/24 ->
20.20.20.1/32 proxy port ftp ftp/tcp
rdr eril 20.20.20.5/32 port 80 ->
192.168.0.5, 192.168.0.6, port 8000
```

/etc/ipf/ippool.conf

- ◆ Pool of addresses used by ipfilter
- ◆ Used for defining a single object that contains multiple IP address / netmask pairs
 - Then rule can be applied to a pool
- ◆ ipf rule: pass in from pool/100 to any

```
table role = ipf type = tree number = 100
{ 1.1.1.1/32, 2.2.0.0/16, !2.2.2.0/24 };
```

N1 Grid Containers (aka Zones)

Zones Overview

- ◆ Virtualized operating system services
- ◆ Isolated and “secure” environment for running apps
- ◆ Apps and users (and superusers) in zone cannot see / effect other zones
 - Delegated admin control
- ◆ Virtualized device paths, network interfaces, network ports, process space, resource user (via resource manager)

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Zones Overview - 2

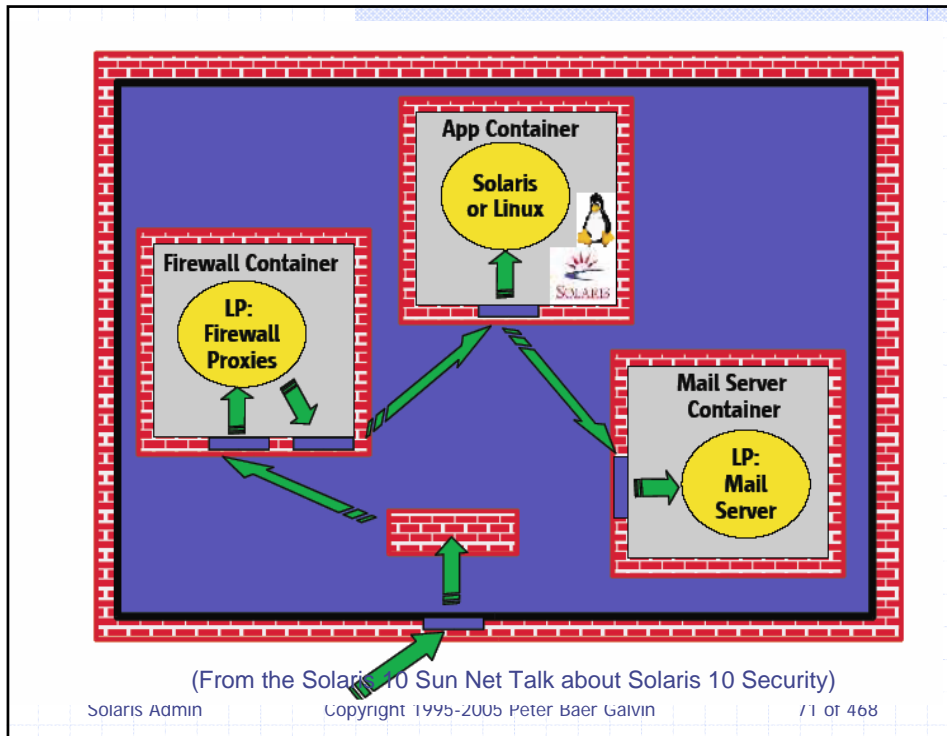
- ◆ Low physical resource use
 - Up to 8192 zones per system!
- ◆ Differentiated file system
 - Multiple versions of an app installed and running on a given system
- ◆ Inter-zone communication is only via network (but short-pathed through the kernel)
- ◆ No application changes needed – no API or ABI

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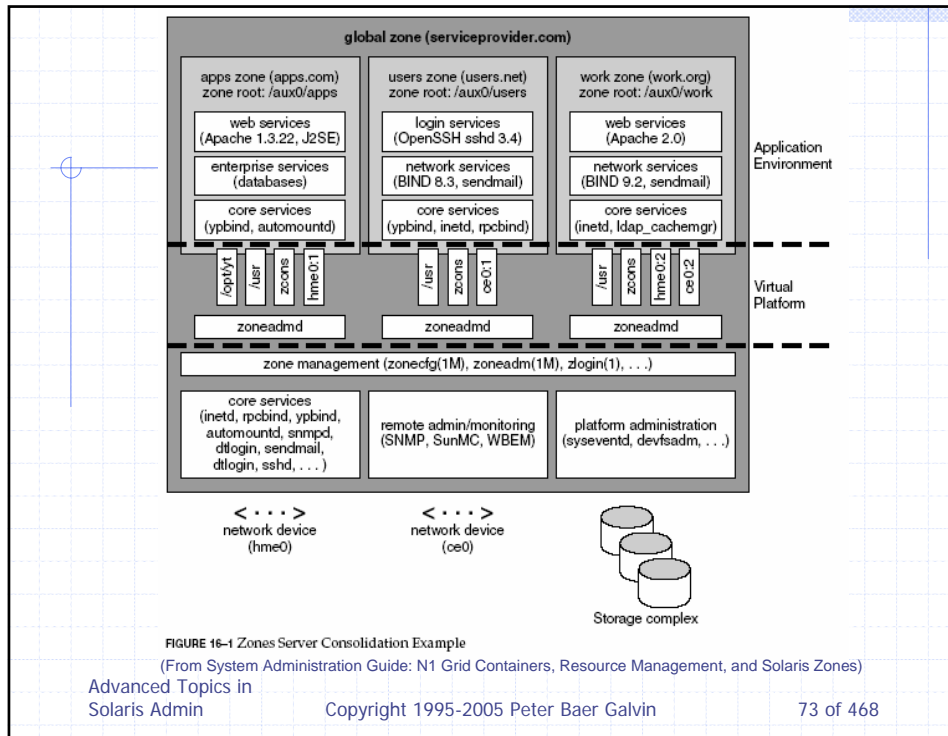
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- ◆ Can restrict disk use of a zone via the



Zone Limits

- ◆ Only one OS installed on a system
- ◆ One set of OS patches
- ◆ Only one `/etc/system`
 - Although Sun working to move as many settings as possible out of `/etc/system`
- ◆ System crash / OS crash -> all zones crash
- ◆ Zones cannot be moved between systems (yet)
- ◆ Each zone uses



Global Zone

- ◆ Aka the usual system
 - ◆ Global Is assigned ID 0 by the system
 - ◆ Provides the single instance of the Solaris kernel that is bootable and running on the system
 - ◆ Contains a complete installation of the Solaris system software packages
 - ◆ Can contain additional software packages or additional software, directories, files, and other data not
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Global Zone - 2

- ◆ Provides a complete and consistent product database that contains information about all software components installed in the global zone
- ◆ Holds configuration information specific to the global zone only, such as the global zone host name and file system table
- ◆ Is the only zone that is aware of all devices and all file systems
- ◆ Is the only zone with knowledge of non-global zone existence and configuration
- ◆ Is the only zone from which a non-global

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Non-global Zones

- ◆ Non-Global Is assigned a zone ID by the system when the zone is booted
- ◆ Shares operation under the Solaris kernel booted from the global zone
- ◆ Contains an installed subset of the complete Solaris Operating System software packages
- ◆ Contains Solaris software packages shared from the global zone
- ◆ Can contain additional installed

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Non-global Zones -2

- ◆ Can contain additional software, directories, files, and other data created on the non-global zone that are not installed through packages or shared from the global zone
- ◆ Has a complete and consistent product database that contains information about all software components installed on the zone, whether present on the non-global zone or shared read-only from the global zone. Is not aware of the existence of any other zones
- ◆ Cannot install, manage, or uninstall other zones, including itself
- ◆ Has configuration information specific to

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Non-global Zone States

- ◆ Configured - The zone's configuration is complete and committed to stable storage, not initially booted
- ◆ Incomplete - During an install or uninstall operation
- ◆ Installed - The zone's configuration is instantiated on the system but no virtual platform
- ◆ Ready - The virtual platform for the zone is established. The kernel creates the `zsched` process, network interfaces are plumbed, file systems are mounted, and devices are configured. A unique zone ID is assigned by the system, no processes associated with the zone have been started.
- ◆ Running - User processes associated with the zone application environment are running.
- ◆ Shutting down and Down - These states are transitional states that are visible while the zone is being halted. However, a zone that is unable to shut down for any reason will stop in one of these states.

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TABLE 16-1 Commands That Affect Zone State

Current Zone State	Applicable Commands
Configured	<code>zonecfg -z zonename verify</code> <code>zonecfg -z zonename commit</code> <code>zonecfg -z zonename delete</code> <code>zoneadm -z zonename verify</code> <code>zoneadm -z zonename install</code>
Incomplete	<code>zoneadm -z zonename uninstall</code>
Installed	<code>zoneadm -z zonename ready</code> (optional) <code>zoneadm -z zonename boot</code> <code>zoneadm -z zonename uninstall</code> uninstalls the configuration of the specified zone from the system.
Ready	<code>zoneadm -z zonename boot</code> <code>zoneadm halt</code> and <code>system reboot</code> return a zone in the ready state to the installed state.
Running	<code>zlogin options zonename</code> <code>zoneadm -z zonename reboot</code> <code>zoneadm -z zonename halt</code> returns a ready zone to the installed state. <code>zoneadm halt</code> and <code>system reboot</code> return a zone in the running state to the installed state.

(From System Administration Guide: N1Grid Containers, Resource Management, and Solaris Zones)

Zone Configuration

- ◆ Data from the following are not referenced or copied when a zone is installed:
 - Non-installed packages
 - Patches
 - Data on CDs and DVDs
 - Network installation images
 - Any prototype or other instance of a zone
- ◆ In addition, the following types of information, if present in the global zone, are not copied into a zone that is being installed:
 - New or changed users in the `/etc/passwd` file
 - New or changed groups in the `/etc/group` file
 - Configurations for networking services such as DHCP address assignment, UUCP, or `sendmail`
 - Configurations for network services such as naming services
 - New or changed `crontab`, printer, and mail files

Zone Configuration

- ◆ `zlogin -C` logs in to a just-boot virgin zone
 - Only root can `zlogin` – normal zone access is via network
- ◆ The usual `sysidconfig` questions are asked (hostname, name service, timezone, kerberos)
- ◆ Zone reboots to put configuration changes into effect (a few seconds)
- ◆ Messages look like a system reboot (within your window)

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Zone Configuration - 2

```
# zonecfg -z appl
appl: No such zone configured
Use 'create' to begin configuring a new zone.
zonecfg:appl> create
zonecfg:appl> set zonepath=/opt/zone/appl
zonecfg:appl> set autoboot=false
zonecfg:appl> add net
zonecfg:appl:net> set physical=pnc0
zonecfg:appl:net> set address=192.168.118.140
zonecfg:appl:net> end
zonecfg:appl> add fs
zonecfg:appl:fs> set dir=/export/home
zonecfg:appl:fs> set special=/export/home
zonecfg:appl:fs> set type=lofs
zonecfg:appl> add inherit-package-dir
zonecfg:appl:inherit-pkg-dir> set dir=/opt/sfw
zonecfg:appl:inherit-pkg-dir> end
zonecfg:appl> verify
zonecfg:appl> commit
zonecfg:appl> exit
```

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Zone Configuration - 3

```
# df -k
Filesystem            kbytes  used  avail capacity  Mounted on
/dev/dsk/c0d0s0      5678823 2689099 2932936   48%      /
/devices              0         0         0     0%     /devices
/dev/dsk/c0d0p0:boot  10296    1401    8895    14%     /boot
proc                 0         0         0     0%     /proc
mnttab               0         0         0     0%     /etc/mnttab
fd                   0         0         0     0%     /dev/fd
swap                 600780    28    600752    1%     /var/run
swap                 600776    24    600752    1%     /tmp
/dev/dsk/c0d0s7      4030684 32853 3957525    1%     /export/home

# zoneadm -z appl verify
WARNING: /opt/zone/appl does not exist, so it cannot be verified.
When 'zoneadm install' is run, 'install' will try to create
/opt/zone/appl, and 'verify' will be tried again,
but the 'verify' may fail if:
the parent directory of /opt/zone/appl is group- or other-writable
or
/opt/zone/appl overlaps with any other installed zones.
could not verify net address=192.168.118.140 physical=pnc0: No such
device or address
zoneadm: zone appl failed to verify
```

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Zone Configuration - 4

```
# ls -l /opt/zone
total 2
drwx-----  4 root    other          512 Aug 21 12:44
  test

# mkdir /opt/zone/appl
# chmod 700 /opt/zone/appl
# ls -l /opt/zone
total 4
drwx-----  2 root    other          512 Sep 16 15:14
  appl
drwx-----  4 root    other          512 Aug 21 12:44
  test

# zonadm -z appl verify
could not verify net address=192.168.118.140
physical=pnc0: No such device or address
zoneadm: zone appl failed to verify

# zonecfg -z appl
zonecfg: zone appl> info
zonepath: /opt/zone/appl
```

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Zone Configuration - 5

```
net:
  address: 192.168.118.140
  physical: pnc0
zonecfg:appl> remove physical=pnc0
zonecfg:appl> add net
zonecfg:appl:net> set physical=pcn0
zonecfg:appl:net> set address=192.168.118.140
zonecfg:appl:net> end
zonecfg:appl> exit
# zoneadm -z appl verify
# zoneadm -z appl install
Preparing to install zone <appl>.
Creating list of files to copy from the global zone.
Copying <2199> files to the zone.
Initializing zone product registry.
Determining zone package initialization order.
zoneadm: zone into initialize <779> packages on the zone.
Initializing package <0> of <779> percent complete: 85 of 468
0%
```

Zone Configuration -6

```
Zone <appl> is initialized.
The file
  </opt/zone/appl/root/var/sadm/system/logs/install_log>
contains a log of the zone installation.

# zoneadm list -v
  ID NAME          STATUS          PATH
  0 global         running        /
  1 test           running        /opt/zone/test

# df -k
Filesystem          kbytes  used  avail capacity
Mounted on
/dev/dsk/c0d0s0     5678823 2766177 2855858   50% /
/dev/devices        0         0         0         0% /devices
/dev/dsk/c0d0p0:boot 10296    1401    8895     14% /boot
proc                0         0         0         0% /proc
mnttab              0         0         0         0% /mnttab
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Id
/dev/ld
```

Zone Configuration -7

```
# zoneadm -z appl boot
zoneadm: zone 'appl': WARNING: pcn0:2: no matching subnet found in
netmasks(4) for 192.168.118.131; using default of
192.168.118.131.
# zoneadm list -v
ID NAME          STATUS          PATH
0 global         running        /
1 test          running        /opt/zone/test
2 appl          running        /opt/zone/appl
# telnet 192.168.118.140
Trying 192.168.118.140...
telnet: Unable to connect to remote host: Connection refused

# zlogin -C appl
[Connected to zone 'appl' console]

Select a Locale

0. English (C - 7-bit ASCII)
1. U.S.A. (UTF-8)
2. ...

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```

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Zone Configuration -8

```
rebooting system due to change(s) in /etc/default/init

[NOTICE: Zone rebooting]

SunOS Release 5.10 Version s10_63 32-bit
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reserved.
Use is subject to license terms.
Hostname: zone-appl
The system is coming up. Please wait.
starting rpc services: rpcbind done.
syslog service starting.
Sep 16 15:48:24 zone-appl sendmail[7567]: My unqualified host
name (zone-appl) unknown; sleeping for retry
Sep 16 15:49:24 zone-appl sendmail[7567]: unable to qualify
my own domain name (zone-appl) -- using short name
WARNING: local host name (zone-appl) is not qualified; see
cf/README: WHO AM I?
/etc/mail/aliases: 12 aliases, longest 10 bytes, 138 bytes
Total
```

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Zone Configuration -9

```
STSF Font Server Daemon.

Standard Type Services Framework 0.11.1
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Reserved.
STSF is Open Source Software. http://stsf.freedesktop.org

Creating new rsa public/private host key pair
Creating new dsa public/private host key pair
The system is ready.
zone-appl console login: root
Password:
Sep 16 15:51:08 zone-appl login: ROOT LOGIN /dev/console
Sun Microsystems Inc. SunOS 5.10 s10_63 May 2004
# cat /etc/passwd
root:x:0:1:Super-User:/:/sbin/sh
daemon:x:1:1:/:/
bin:x:2:2:/:usr/bin:
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nobody:x:65534:65534:SunOS 4.x NFS Anonymous Access User:/:
```

Zone Configuration -10

```
# useradd -u 101 -g 14 -d /export/home/pbg -s /bin/bash pbg
# passwd pbg
New Password:
Re-enter new Password:
passwd: password successfully changed for pbg
# zoneadm list -v
ID NAME STATUS PATH
3 appl running /

# exit
zone-appl console login: ~.
[Connection to zone 'appl' console closed]

# zoneadm list -v
ID NAME STATUS PATH
0 global running /
1 test running /opt/zone/test
3 appl running /opt/zone/appl
# uptime
3:53pm up 5:14, 1 user, load average: 0.23, 0.34, 0.43
# telnet 192.168.118.140
Trying 192.168.118.140...
Connected to 192.168.118.140.
Escape character is '^['
Login: pbg
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```

Zone Script

```
create -b
set zonepath=/opt/zones/zone0
set autoboot=false
add inherit-pkg-dir
set dir=/lib
end
add inherit-pkg-dir
set dir=/platform
end
add inherit-pkg-dir
set dir=/sbin
end
add inherit-pkg-dir
set dir=/usr
end
add inherit-pkg-dir
set dir=/opt/sfw
end
add net
set address=192.168.128.200
pcn0: flags=1000843<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,IPv4> mtu 1500
index 2
add rctl
```

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Life in a Zone

```
# ifconfig -a
lo0: flags=1000849<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING,MULTICAST,IPv4> mtu 8232
index 1
inet 127.0.0.1 netmask ff000000
lo0:1: flags=1000849<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING,MULTICAST,IPv4> mtu 8232
index 1
zone test
inet 127.0.0.1 netmask ff000000
lo0:2: flags=1000849<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING,MULTICAST,IPv4> mtu 8232
index 1
zone appl
inet 127.0.0.1 netmask ff000000
pcn0: flags=1004843<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,DHCP,IPv4> mtu
1500 index 2
inet 192.168.80.128 netmask ffffffff broadcast
192.168.80.255
ether 0:c:29:44:a9:df
pcn0:1: flags=1000843<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,IPv4> mtu 1500
index 2
zone test
inet 192.168.80.139 netmask ffffffff broadcast
192.168.80.255
pcn0:2: flags=1000843<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,IPv4> mtu 1500
index 2
```

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Life in a Zone - 2

```
$ telnet 192.168.80.140
. . .
$ df -k
Filesystem            kbytes   used   avail capacity  Mounted on
/                    9515147 1894908 7525088    21%    /
/dev                 9515147 1894908 7525088    21%    /dev
/export/home        10076926 10369 9965788     1%    /export/home
/lib                9515147 1894908 7525088    21%    /lib
/platform           9515147 1894908 7525088    21%    /platform
/sbin               9515147 1894908 7525088    21%    /sbin
/usr                9515147 1894908 7525088    21%    /usr
proc                 0         0         0         0%    /proc
mnttab              0         0         0         0%    /etc/mnttab
fd                  0         0         0         0%    /dev/fd
swap                1043072    16 1043056     1%    /var/run
swap                1043056     0 1043056     0%    /tmp
$ touch /usr/foo
touch: /usr/foo cannot create
```

◆ Note that virtual memory (and therefore swap) are global resources

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Life in a Zone - 3

```
$ ps -ef
UID    PID  PPID  C   STIME TTY          TIME CMD
root  11120 11120  0   11:00:35 ?           0:00 zsched
pbg   11377 11347  0   11:01:28 pts/8      0:00 ps -ef
root  11229 11120  0   11:00:40 ?           0:00 /usr/sbin/cron
root  11341 11120  0   11:00:46 ?           0:00
/usr/sfw/sbin/snmpd
root  11266 11120  0   11:00:41 ?           0:00 /usr/lib/im/htt -
port 9010 -s
yslog -message_locale C
root  11339 11336  0   11:00:46 ?           0:00
/usr/lib/saf/ttymon
root  11250 11120  0   11:00:41 ?           0:00 /usr/lib/utmpd
root  11264 11261  0   11:00:41 ?           0:00
/usr/sadm/lib/smc/bin/smcboot
root  11261 11120  0   11:00:41 ?           0:00
/usr/sadm/lib/smc/bin/smcboot
root  11227 11120  0   11:00:40 ?           0:00 /usr/sbin/nscd
root  11218 11120  0   11:00:40 ?           0:00
/usr/lib/autofs/automountd
root  11325 11120  0   11:00:45 ?           0:00
/usr/lib/dmi/snmpxdmid -s zon
root  11239 11120  0   11:00:40 ?           0:00 /usr/lib/sendmail
```

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Life in a Zone - 4

```
root 11323 11120 0 11:00:45 ? 0:00
/usr/lib/dmi/dmispd
daemon 11152 11120 0 11:00:37 ? 0:00
/usr/lib/crypto/kcfd
root 11241 11120 0 11:00:41 ? 0:00
/usr/lib/sendmail -Ac -q15m
root 11214 11120 0 11:00:39 ? 0:00
/usr/sbin/syslogd
root 11299 11120 0 11:00:44 ? 0:00
/usr/dt/bin/dtlogin -daemon
root 11317 11120 0 11:00:45 ? 0:00
/usr/lib/snmp/snmpdx -y -c /e
tc/snmp/conf
root 11337 11129 0 11:00:45 console 0:00
/usr/lib/saf/ttymon -g -h -p
zone-appl console login: -T dtterm -d /dev/consol
daemon 11177 11120 0 11:00:38 ? 0:00
/usr/sbin/rpcbind
root 11343 11120 0 11:00:47 ? 0:00
/usr/lib/ssh/sshd
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root 11347 11344 1 11:00:50 pts/8 0:00 -bash
root 11344 11230 0 11:00:50 ? 0:00 in.telnetd
```

Life in a Zone - 5

```
$ mount -p
-bash: mount: command not found
$ su -
Password:
Sun Microsystems Inc. SunOS 5.10 s10_63 May 2004
# mount -p
/ - / ufs - no rw,intr,largefiles,logging,xattr,onerror=panic
/dev - /dev lofs - no zonedevfs
/export/home - /export/home lofs - no
/lib - /lib lofs - no ro,nodevices,nosub
/platform - /platform lofs - no ro,nodevices,nosub
/sbin - /sbin lofs - no ro,nodevices,nosub
/usr - /usr lofs - no ro,nodevices,nosub
proc - /proc proc - no nodevices,zone=appl
mnttab - /etc/mnttab mntfs - no nodevices,zone=appl
fd - /dev/fd fd - no rw,nodevices,zone=appl
swap - /var/run tmpfs - no nodevices,xattr,zone=appl
swap - /tmp tmpfs - no nodevices,xattr,zone=appl
# hostname
zone-appl
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```


Other Cool Zone Stuff

- ◆ `ps -Z` shows zone in which each process is running
- ◆ Can use resource manager with zones
- ◆ Zones can use global naming services
 - Use features to enable or disable accounts per zone
- ◆ Interzone networking executed via loopback for performance

Zones and Resource Management

- ◆ Load the fair share schedule as the default schedule class
 - `dispadm -d fss`
- ◆ Move all processes into the FSS class
 - `priocntl -s -c FSS -i class TS`
- ◆ Give the global zone some (2) shares
 - `prctl -n zone.cpu-shares -v 2 -r -i zone global`
- ◆ Check the shares of the global zone
 - `prctl -n zone.cpu-shares -i zone global`
- ◆ Add a zone-wide resource control (1 share) to a zone (within `zonecfg`)
 - `zonecfg:my-zone> add rctl`
 - `zonecfg:my-zone:rctl> set name=zone.cpu-shares`
 - `zonecfg:my-zone:rctl> add value \
(priv=privileged,limit=1,action=none)`
 - `zonecfg:my-zone:rctl> end`

Zone Issues

- ◆ Zone cannot reside on NFS
 - But zone can be NFS client
- ◆ Each zone normally has a “sparse” installation of a package, if package is from “inherit-package-dir” directory tree
- ◆ By default, a package installed in global zone is installed in all existing non-global zones
 - Unless the `pkgadd -G` or `-z` options are used
 - See also `SUNW_PKG_ALLZONES` and `SUNW_PKG_HOLLOW` package parameters
- ◆ By default, patch installed in global zone is installed in all non-global zones

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Zone issues - cont

- ◆ Upgrading the global zone to a new Solaris release upgrades the non-global zones (but only by using live upgrade)
- ◆ Best practice is to keep packages and patches synced between global and all non-global zones
- ◆ Best practice – prebuild a bunch of zones, even if you won't need them
 - Packages and patches stay in sync or as in generic initial system
 - Low resource use
 - Use one of them for all applications & non-sys admin users

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- ◆ Watch out for giving users root in a zone –

Zones and Packages

```
# pkgadd -d screen*
```

```
The following packages are available:
```

```
1 SMCscreen    screen
   (intel) 4.0.2
```

```
Select package(s) you wish to process (or 'all' to process
all packages). (default: all) [?,??,q]:
```

```
## Not processing zone <zone10>: the zone is not running and cannot be booted
```

```
## Booting non-running zone <zone0> into administrative state
```

```
## waiting for zone <zone0> to enter single user mode...
```

```
## Verifying package <SMCscreen> dependencies in zone <zone0>
```

```
## Restoring state of global zone <zone0>
```

```
## Booting non-running zone <zone1> into administrative state
```

```
## waiting for zone <zone1> to enter single user mode...
```

```
...
```

```
## Booting non-running zone <zone0> into administrative state
```

```
## waiting for zone <zone0> to enter single user mode...
```

```
## waiting for zone <zone0> to enter single user mode...
```

```
## Installing package <SMCscreen> in zone <zone0>
```

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Zones and Packages (Cont.)

```
screen(intel) 4.0.2
```

```
Using </usr/local> as the package base directory.
```

```
## Processing package information.
```

```
## Processing system information.
```

```
86 package pathnames are already properly installed.
```

```
Installing screen as <SMCscreen>
```

```
## Installing part 1 of 1.
```

```
[ verifying class <none> ]
```

```
Installation of <SMCscreen> on zone <zone0> was
```

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successful.
```

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```
## Restoring state of global zone <zone0>
```

Usability

zfs

- ◆ Looks to be the “next great thing”
- ◆ Now available in Solaris Express, and then in S10 update 2 (summer '06)
- ◆ Includes volume management, file system, **reliability, scalability**, performance, **snapshots**
- ◆ 128-bit file system
- ◆ Checksumming throughout
- ◆ Simple

zfs (cont)

```
(/)# zpool
missing command
usage: zpool command args ...
where 'command' is one of the following:

create [-fn] [-R root] <pool> <vdev> ...
destroy [-f] <pool>

add [-fn] <pool> <vdev> ...

list [-H] [-o field[,field]*] [pool] ...
iostat [-v] [pool] ... [interval [count]]
status [-vx] [pool] ...

attach [-f] <pool> <device> <new_device>
detach [-f] <pool> <device>
replace [-f] <pool> <device> <new_device>

online [-t] <pool> <device>
offline [-ft] <pool> <device>

import [-d dir]
import [-d dir] [-f] [-o opts] [-R root] -a
import [-d dir] [-f] [-o opts] [-R root ]<pool | id> [newpool]
export [-f] <pool> ...
```

zfs (cont)

```
(/)# zpool status -v
pool: bigp
state: ONLINE
config:
```

NAME	STATE	READ	WRITE	CKSUM
bigp	ONLINE	0	0	0
raidz	ONLINE	0	0	0
c0d0s6	ONLINE	0	0	0
c0d1s6	ONLINE	0	0	0
c1d0s6	ONLINE	0	0	0
c1d1s6	ONLINE	0	0	0

zfs (cont)

```
(/)# zpool iostat -v
```

pool	capacity		operations		bandwidth	
	used	avail	read	write	read	write
bigp	630G	392G	2	4	41.3K	496K
raidz	630G	392G	2	4	41.3K	496K
c0d0s6	-	-	0	2	8.14K	166K
c0d1s6	-	-	0	2	7.77K	166K
c1d0s6	-	-	0	2	24.1K	166K
c1d1s6	-	-	0	2	22.2K	166K

zfs (cont)

```
(/)# zfs
missing command
usage: zfs command args ...
where 'command' is one of the following:

create <filesystem>
create -c <container>
create [-s] -V <size> <volume>
destroy [-rRf] <filesystem|container|volume|snapshot>

clone <snapshot> <filesystem|volume>
rename <filesystems|container|volume|snapshot>
      <filesystem|container|volume|snapshot>

snapshot <filesystem@name|volume@name>
rollback [-rRf] <snapshot>

list [-rH] [-o property[,property]...] [-t type[,type]...]
      [filesystem|container|volume|snapshot] ...
```

zfs (cont)

```
set <property=value> <filesystem|container|volume> ...
inherit [-r] <property> <filesystem|container|volume> ...
get [-rHp] [-s source[,source]] [-o field[,field]...]
  <property[,property]...> <filesystem|container|volume|snapshot>
...

mount
mount [-o opts] [-O] -a
mount [-o opts] [-O] <filesystem>
unmount -a
unmount <filesystem|mountpoint>
share -a
share <filesystem>
unshare -a
unshare <filesystem|mountpoint>

backup [-i <snapshot>] <snapshot>
restore [-n] -d <filesystem|container>
restore [-n] <snapshot>
```

Each dataset is of the form: pool/[container/]dataset[@name]

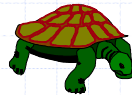
Run 'zfs -?' to get a list of properties and acceptable values.

zfs (cont)

```
(/)# zfs list
NAME                                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
bigp                                630G  384G   -      /zfs/bigp
bigp/big                            630G  384G  630G   /zfs/bigp/big
(root@sparky)-(7/pts)-(06:35:11/05/05)-
(/)# zfs snapshot bigp/big@5-nov
(root@sparky)-(8/pts)-(06:35:11/05/05)-
(/)# zfs list
NAME                                USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
bigp                                630G  384G   -      /zfs/bigp
bigp/big                            630G  384G  630G   /zfs/bigp/big
bigp/big@5-nov                      0      -    630G   /zfs/bigp/big@5-nov
```

Philosophy

In the Liberal Arts Tradition



Topics

- **System Administration Best Practices**
 - From March 2003 SysAdmin Magazine column
 - Full version at end of tutorial material
 - Consensus administration best practices (Solaris and general) with contributions from many experienced sysadmins
 - Contribute at bestpractice@petergalvin.info

SysAdmin Best Practices (1)

- ◆ Keep an Eye peeled and the wall at your back
 - Know how your systems run when no problems, put debugging tools in place
- ◆ Communicate with users
 - They can “help” spot problem, give you room to work when trouble strikes
- ◆ Help users fix it themselves
 - Knowledge transfer to fellows, users
- ◆ Use Available Information
 - RTFM is right, after all these years, use available tech support

SysAdmin Best Practices (2)

- ◆ Know when to use strategy, when to use tactics
 - Hand-to-hand combat vs. arranging the battlefield to increase your odds of winning
- ◆ All projects take 2X scheduled time and money
 - So 2 X estimates to prepare!
- ◆ It's not done until its tested
 - Great aggravation from untested changes
- ◆ It's not done until its documented
 - Decrease wheel-reinvention, miscommunication
- ◆ Never change anything on Fridays...or Mondays
 - Speed kills, causes unhappy weekends

SysAdmin Best Practices (3)

- ◆ Audit before Edit
 - Review system logs, understand state before making changes
- ◆ Use defaults whenever possible
 - Too clever causes too complex
- ◆ Always be able to undo what you are about to do
 - Copy individual files, directories, backup systems to disk/tape
- ◆ Do not spoil management
 - Don't let management put you in lose/lose situations
- ◆ If you haven't seen it work, it probably doesn't
 - Discount the marketing, watch the details
- ◆ If you're fighting fires, find the source
 - Implement alarming, log file monitoring, push important data, don't pull unimportant

SysAdmin Best Practices (4)

- ◆ If you don't understand it, don't play with it on production systems
 - Get a QA environment for experiments, before mistakes cost you in production
- ◆ If it can be accidentally used, and can produce bad consequences, protect it
 - Put scripts around powerful commands or procedures, boxes around power-off buttons
- ◆ Ockham's Razor is very sharp
 - Check the simple stuff first, avoid complex solutions to simple problems
- ◆ The last change is the most suspicious
 - Even if whatever changed couldn't possibly be causing the current problem, it probably is
- ◆ When in doubt, reboot
 - Rebooting still solves problems, **when used appropriately**

SysAdmin Best Practices (5)

- ◆ If it ain't broke, don't fix it
 - Consider how much time has been wasted by those who said "just one more tweak"...
- ◆ Save early and often
 - Don't be the guy who lost his thesis when his floppy disk went bad
- ◆ Dedicate a system disk (or 4)
- ◆ Have a plan
 - Develop written task list, reuse it when task reoccurs or use as basis for similar tasks
- ◆ Cables and connectors can go bad
 - Be sure to check them, especially after board changes & system moves
- ◆ Mind the power
 - Check power supplied vs. power drawn, grounding, single power grid vs. multiple into a system
 - Same with cooling

SysAdmin Best Practices (6)

- ◆ Try before you buy
 - If possible, the best way to assure that the solution fits your needs, in your environment
- ◆ Don't panic and have fun
 - Rash decisions cause serious problems
- ◆ Know where you are
 - And make it very obvious!
 - I.e. color-coded windows & prompts

SysAdmin Best Practices (pearls)

- ◆ Keep your propagation constant less than 1. (This comes from nuclear reactor physics. A reactor with a propagation constant less than 1 is a generator. More than 1 is a warhead. Basically, don't let things get out of control.)
- ◆ Everything works in front of the salesman.
- ◆ Don't cross the streams (Ghostbusters reference — heed safety tips).
- ◆ If at first you don't succeed, blame the compiler.
- ◆ If you finish a project early, the scope will change to render your work meaningless before the due date.
- ◆ If someone is trying to save your life, cooperate.
- ◆ Never beam down to the planet while wearing a red shirt (Star Trek reference — don't go looking for trouble).
- ◆ Learning from your mistakes is good. Learning from someone else's mistakes is better.
- ◆ The fact that something should have worked does not change the fact that it didn't.

SysAdmin Best Practices (pearls)

- ◆ The customer isn't always right, but he pays the bills.
- ◆ Flattery is flattery, but chocolate gets results.
- ◆ When dealing on an enigmatic symptom, whether it's an obscure application or database error, or a system "hanging": the Hardware is always guilty until proven innocent.
- ◆ Use only standard cross-platform file formats, to share documentation (i.e., ASCII files, HTML, or PDF).
- ◆ Use a log file in every computer to log every change you make.
- ◆ Share your knowledge and keep no secrets.
- ◆ Don't reinvent the wheel, but be creative.
- ◆ If you can't live without it, print it out on hardcopy.
- ◆ Always know where your software licenses are.
- ◆ Always know where your installation CDs/DVDs/tapes are.
- ◆ The question you ask as a sys admin is not "Are you paranoid?"; it's "Are you paranoid enough?"

SysAdmin Best Practices (pains)

- ◆ Reboots are for pansies - avoid them at all costs - even when you think you need to perform one!
- ◆ Users will eventually find out about the changes you have made to the system - there is no need to "inform" them with emails, meetings, man pages, etc.
- ◆ If you haven't moved the cables - they are not the problem!
- ◆ Cut your time estimates in half - a good Sys. Admin thrives on intense situations.
- ◆ There is no better time to make a change than Friday afternoon, people will be more than willing to stay a little while extra to help you test and debug if it is necessary.
- ◆ The people who write software don't know what they are doing - you have to chose your own settings every time you install a package
- ◆ Backups take too long to produce and are rarely needed - make the system change and "wing it"!