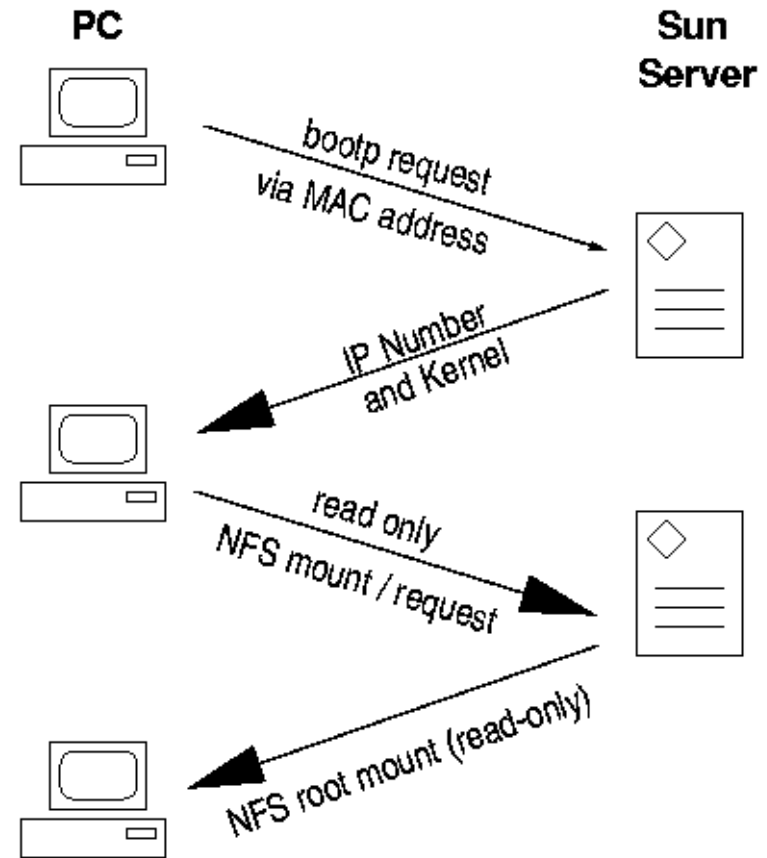
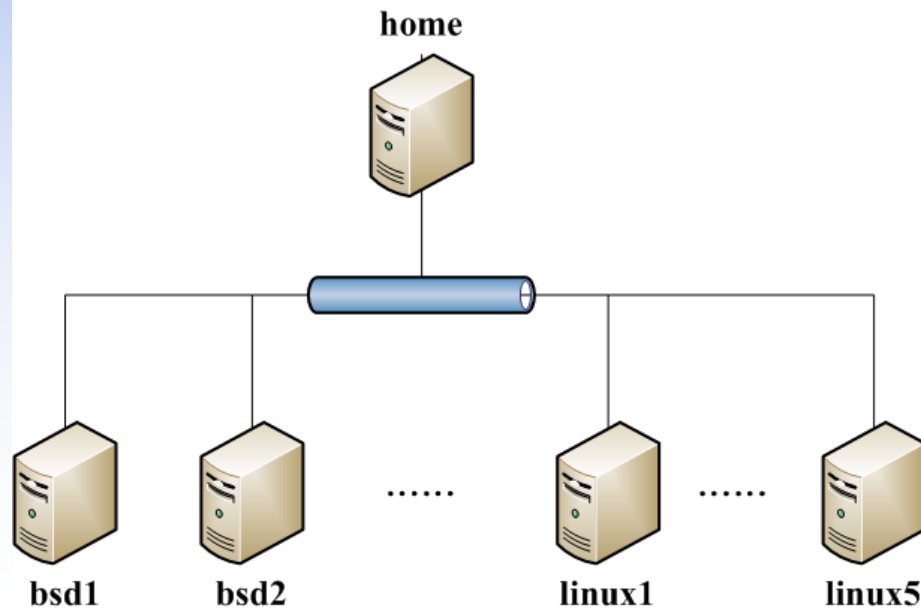




The Network File System

NFS

- ❑ Share filesystem to other hosts via network
- ❑ NFS History
 - Introduced by Sun Microsystems in 1985
 - Originally designed for diskless client-server architecture



The PC then starts the appropriate X-Server using the MAC address as a key

Components of NFS – mounting protocol (1)

❑ NFSv2

- Synchronous write
- V2 NFS server must commit each modified block to disk before replying to NFS client
- Cause long delay when there is a NFS write operation

❑ NFSv3 in 1990s

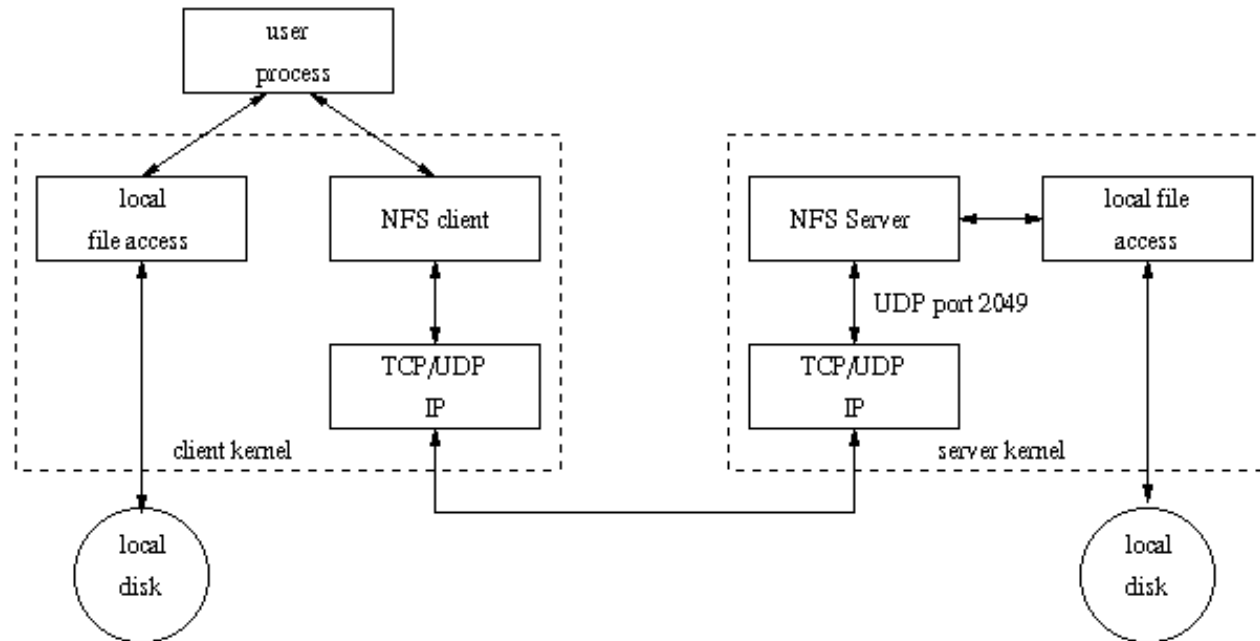
- Asynchronous write
- Provide increase performance and better support for large files

❑ NFSv4 in 2000s

- Available in FreeBSD 8.1-R
- Stateful protocol
- Unicode support

Components of NFS – mounting protocol (2)

- ❑ Sun's ONC distributed computing standards
 - NFS client → RPC → Transport Layer → ...
 - Transport Layer
 - UDP: Lack congestion control
 - TCP: become more suitable



Components of NFS

□ Including

- Mounting Protocol
- Mount Server
- Daemons that coordinate basic file service
- Diagnostic utilities

Components of NFS – Server-side NFS (1)

❑ NFS Server

- Export sharing filesystem
 - **System dependent**
- Waiting for “mount request”
 - mountd (rpc.mountd) daemon
- Waiting for “file access request”
 - nfsd (rpc.nfsd) daemon

Components of NFS – Server-side NFS (2)

- ❑ Exporting filesystem
 1. Edit export configuration file
 - Each line is “what to export and how”
 2. Reload related daemons

System	Exports info file	How to reload
FreeBSD	/etc/exports	kill -1 <mountd's pid>
Linux	/etc/exports	/usr/sbin/exportfs -a
Solaris	/etc/dfs/dfstab	/usr/sbin/shareall
SunOS	/etc/exports	/usr/sbin/exportfs -a

Components of NFS – Server-side NFS (FreeBSD.1)

❑ Exporting filesystem

- /etc/exports
 - White-space separated
 - Format: *directory-list options-list client-list*

Option	Description
-ro	Exports read-only, default is (read-write)
-alldirs	Allow any subdirectory to be mounted
-maproot=user	Maps root to the specified user.
-mapall=user	Maps all UIDs to the specified user.

Client	Description
hostname	Host name (ex: mailgate ccserv)
netgroup	NIS netgroups
-network -mask	-network 140.113.235.0 -mask 255.255.255.0

Components of NFS – Server-side NFS (FreeBSD.2)

❑ Example of /etc/exports

```
/raid    -alldirs -maproot=root mailgate ccserv backup  
/raid    -alldirs -maproot=65534 -network 140.113.209 -mask 255.255.255.0  
/home    -ro -mapall=nobody -network 140.113.235.0 -mask 255.255.255.0  
/usr/src /usr/obj -maproot=0 bsd_cc_csie
```

- Network and mask cannot appear on the same line with hosts and netgroups

❑ Reload daemons

- % kill -1 `cat /var/run/mountd.pid`
- /etc/rc.d/mountd restart

Components of NFS – Server-side NFS (3)

❑ nfsd daemon

- Handle NFS file access request from NFS clients
- **Number of nfsd is important**
 - Too small, some NFS request may be not served
 - Too large, load will be high

❑ In FreeBSD

- Specify nfsd options in /etc/rc.conf
 - `nfs_server_enable="YES"`
 - `nfs_server_flags="-u -t -n 4"`

Components of NFS – Client-side NFS (1)

❑ NFS Client

- Mount NFS filesystem first
- Access file under NFS filesystem

❑ mount command

- [format]
 - *mount [-o options] host:directory mount-point*
- *Ex:*
 - **% mount -t nfs cbsd4:/home/www /home/nfs/www**

❑ /etc/fstab (/etc/vfstab in Solaris)

- **% mount -a -t nfs (FreeBSD, Linux)**
- **% mount -a -F nfs (Solaris)**

# Device	Mountpoint	FStype	Options	Dump	Pass#
dragon:/usr/man	/usr/man	nfs	ro,bg,soft	0	0
ccserv:/spool/mail	/var/mail	nfs	rw,bg,intr	0	0

- **Aborting 20-hour simulation after running for 18 hours due to transient network glitch**

Components of NFS – Client-side NFS (2)

❑ NFS mount flags

Flag	Systems	Description
ro or rw	S,L,F	Mount the NFS as ro or rw
bg	S,L,F	If failed, keep trying in background
hard	S,L	If server down, access will keep trying until server comes back
soft	S,L,F	If server down, let access fail and return error
intr, nointr	S,L,F	Allow/Disallow user to interrupt blocked access
retrans=n	S,L,F	# of times to repeat a request before error return
timeo=n	S,L,F	Timeout period of requests (tens of seconds)
rsize=n	S,L,F	Set read buffer size to n bytes
wsiz=n	S,L,F	Set write buffer size to n bytes
vers=n	S	Selects NFS v2 or v3
nfsv3,nfsv2	F	Selects NFS v2 or v3
proto=prot	S	tcp or udp
tcp	L,F	Select TCP. UDP is default

Components of NFS – Client-side NFS (3)

- ❑ Client side daemons that enhance performance
 - biod (block I/O daemon, or called **nfsiod**)
 - Perform read-ahead and write-behind caching

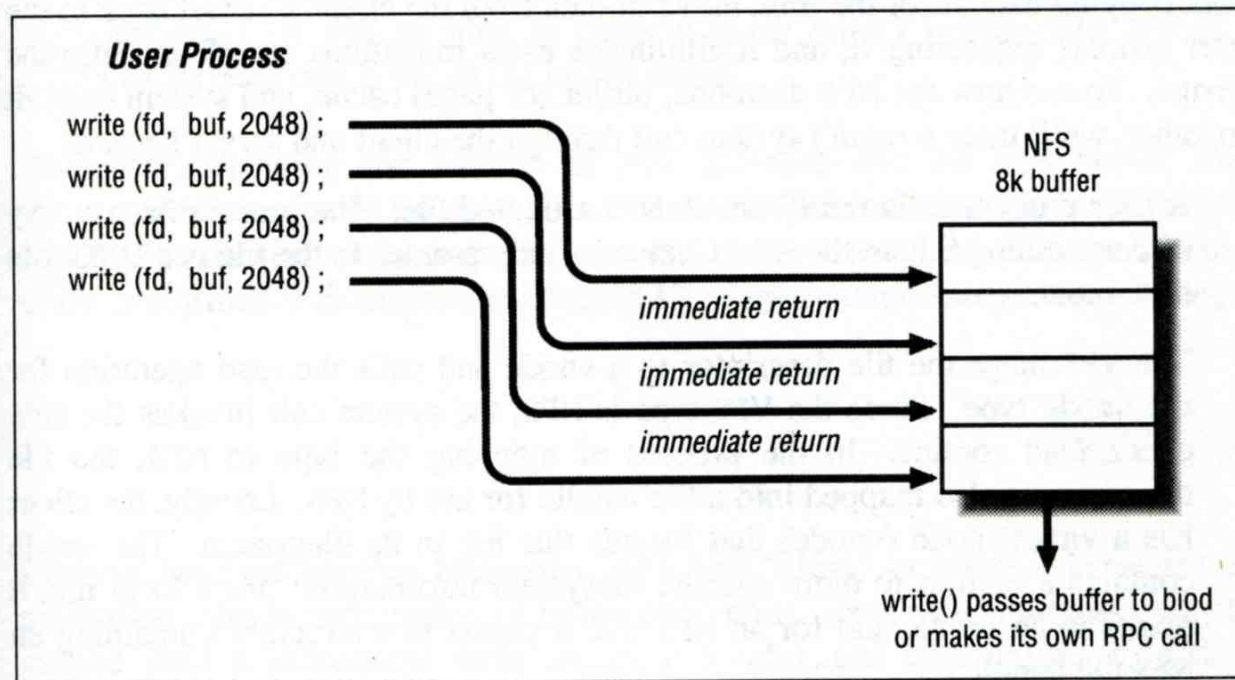


Figure 6-2. NFS buffer writing

Components of NFS – NFS Utilities (1)

❑ nfsstat

- Display NFS statistics
 - % nfsstat -s (display statistics of NFS server)
 - % nfsstat -c (display statistics of NFS client)

```
csduty [/u/dcs/94/9455832] -chwong- nfsstat -c
```

```
Client Info:
```

```
Rpc Counts:
```

Getattr	Setattr	Lookup	Readlink	Read	Write	Create	Remove
1065253	34196	379742	5187	111699	182603	18049	29803
Rename	Link	Symlink	Mkdir	Rmdir	Readdir	RdirPlus	Access
20838	4746	1	10	1003	4705	0	316560
Mknod	Fsstat	Fsinfo	PathConf	Commit			
0	13742	3889	0	75747			

```
Rpc Info:
```

TimedOut	Invalid X	Replies	Retries	Requests
0	0	69	3994	2267773

```
Cache Info:
```

Attr Hits	Misses	Lkup Hits	Misses	BioR Hits	Misses	BioW Hits	Misses
1920497	1259363	1256973	379714	352854	102015	521158	182603
BioRLHits	Misses	BioD Hits	Misses	DirE Hits	Misses		
347749	5187	14996	4685	6137	0		

Components of NFS – NFS Utilities (2)

❑ showmount

- % showmount -e cchome
 - show the hosts's export list
- % showmount -a
 - List all mount points

```
magpie [/u/dcs/94/9455832] -chwong- showmount -e magpie
Exports list on magpie:
/home                ccduty mailgate 140.113.209.0
/drongo              operator ccduty mailgate 140.113.209.0
```

```
cshome [/u/dcs/94/9455832] -chwong- showmount -a
All mount points on localhost:
bsd1:/home2
bsd1:/raid/home
csduty:/home2
csduty:/raid/home
linux1:/raid/home
linux2:/raid/home
nat235.dynamic:/raid/home
sun1:/raid/home
```

NFS in FreeBSD

❑ NFS server

- Edit /etc/rc.conf

```
...  
nfs_server_enable="YES"  
nfs_server_flags="-u -t -n 4"  
...
```

❑ NFS client

```
...  
nfs_client_enable="YES"  
...
```