Technical Computing at Intel in 2013

Accelerating Lustre* Development

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From Whamcloud to Intel

Started July 16, 2010

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- Eric Barton CTO



whamcloud

- Founded Whamcloud to keep Lustre* in play and vendor-neutral for HPC
 - Recognized by OpenSFS and EOFS as the maintainer of open source repositories
- Acquired by Intel in July 2012
- Becomes the High Performance Data Division
- Same team, same mission, more resources

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Development of a Vibrant Ecosystem



Moving Lustre Forward

Continue to focus on traditional HPC requirements...

- Drive open and collaborative development
- Mange the open source tree on behalf of the community
- Rigorously tested to ensure high quality
- Member of EOFS and OpenSFS Board of Directors

Work to penetrate the enterprise and Big Data' markets

Provide support services to both Lustre communities

- Open source releases on a regular cadence
- Worldwide, multi-vendor support for any user

"Intel bought Whamcloud to be Whamcloud..."

- Boyd Davis, VP and General Manager, Datacenter Software Division

Lustre* Partner and Solution Ecosystem



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Community Lustre* Roadmap

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Increasing Community Participation



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Notable New Features and Enhancements

- Multiple performance enhancements
 - SMP Scaling
 - Multiple MDS support via Distributed Namespace (DNE)
- Object Storage Device API
- Hierarchical Storage Management API
- Distributed, automated test infrastructure maloo.whamcloud.com
- URL to Community Development details:
 - wiki.whamcloud.com/display/PUB/Lustre+Community+Development+in+Progress

Metadata Server Performance

- CPU Partition (CPT)
 - Similar to cpuset in Linux
 - Easily used by kernel thread
- Partitioned LNET (LND)
 - LND thread-pool for each CPT
 - Core LNet has partition data
- Partitioned ptlrpc service
 - Ptlrpc service thread-pool for each CPT
 - Request-queue & wait-queue for each CPT



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Improved Metadata Server Performance

4X improvement in file creation performance

• 15k-20k \rightarrow 60k-80k

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Distributed Namespace

- Distributes namespace by remote directory
- Supports active/active failover use
 - Allows multiple MDT to be exported from one MDS
 - Supports active/active failover for metadata and data
- Linear performance improvements seen
- Root command to mkdir on secondary MDS
- Additional features targeted for upcoming releases



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Scalable Metadata Performance (DNE)



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Object Storage Device API

- An abstraction layer between the storage 'file system' and Lustre usage
- Allows Lustre to support other file systems types as backing store
- Start with ZFS integration
- Potential future use with btrfs
- _ustre 2.4 can leverage many ZFS features
- Mature and robust file system
- Scales beyond current file system limits
 - Object count and size
 - File system size
- Easier management of many disks, commodity JBODs without RAID hardware
- Integrated with flash storage cache (L2ARC read cache)

Hierarchical Storage Management

- Important feature for traditional and commercial HPC
 - Move data between tiered storage to meet performance, capacity and availability
 - Classes of storage can include SSD, disk and tape
- Uses Robin Hood policy engine developed by CEA
 - Leverages ChangeLog for minimal impact on performance
- Client-side implemented in Lustre 2.4
 - Layout lock, copytools API, RPC protocol
- Server changes currently under development, targeted for 2.5
- Infrastructure for Intel proposed data migration and replication features

Project Maloo – Distributed test infrastructure

- Foundation for consistent, repeatable testing
- Improved quality assurance
- Easily review coverage
- Supports upgrade/downgrade and interoperability testing
- Key to ensuring stability and predictable releases
- Go to maloo.whamcloud.com for more details



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Project Maloo Dashboard

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reports & stats

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Accelerating Hadoop Workloads

- Bringing Hadoop analytics to HPC
- Initial work demonstrates the advantaged of shared storage
 - Exploit the superior performance, scalability and management simplicity of shared storage
 - Scale storage and compute nodes separately
- On track to deliver the combined benefits of Lustre* with Intel® Distribution of Apache Hadoop*



Intel[®] Manager for Lustre* Software

- Experience the benefits of Lustre* powered workloads faster and easier
- Simplifies installation, configuration, monitoring and management
- Extensible and easy to integrate using plug-in architecture and REST interface
- Management Console
- Provides graphical and command-line interfaces for file system management
- Central repository of file system details and statistics
- **Storage Servers**
 - Intelligent management software layered over object server nodes



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Exascale File System

Integrated I/O Stack

- Epoch transaction model
- Non-blocking scalable object I/O
- HDF5/other schema
- High level application object I/O model
- I/O forwarding
- I/O Dispatcher
- Burst Buffer management
- Impedance match application I/O performance to storage system capabilities
- DAOS
- Conventional namespace
- DAOS container files for transactional, scalable, object I/O



