

CS615 - Aspects of System Administration

SMTP, Backup and Disaster Recovery

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Email... still popular

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- 4.6 billion - number of email accounts.
- 269 billion - Average number of email messages per day.
That's 3.1 million emails *per second*.
- 121 - Average number of emails an office worker receives.
- 42 - Percentage of Americans that check their email in the bathroom.
- 18 - Percentage of Americans that check their email while driving.
- >70 - Percentage of emails that are Spam.

Sending...

```
# tcpdump -i xennet0 -w /tmp/t.out port not 22 2>/dev/null &  
# mail -s "CS615 - SMTP Exercise" jschauma@stevens.edu -f jschauma@stevens.edu
```

Hello,

SMTP is simple.

-Jan

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```
tcpdump -i xennet0 -w /tmp/t.out port not 22 2>/dev/null
```

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Sending...

```
# tail -5 /var/log/maillog
Apr  4 15:42:33 ip-10-235-167-232 postfix/pickup[848]: 2A17275438:
      uid=0 from=<jschauma@stevens.edu>
Apr  4 15:42:33 ip-10-235-167-232 postfix/cleanup[765]: 2A17275438:
      message-id=<20160404154233.2A17275438@ip-10-235-167-232.ec2.internal>
Apr  4 15:42:33 ip-10-235-167-232 postfix/qmgr[876]: 2A17275438:
      from=<jschauma@stevens.edu>, size=380, nrcpt=1 (queue active)
Apr  4 15:42:33 ip-10-235-167-232 postfix/smtp[1124]: 2A17275438:
      to=<jschauma@stevens.edu>, relay=spamfilter01.stevens.edu[155.246.14.37]:25,
      delay=0.62, delays=0.04/0.01/0.03/0.54, dsn=2.0.0,
      status=sent (250 Ok: queued as 688CD6F4001)
Apr  4 15:42:33 ip-10-235-167-232 postfix/qmgr[876]: 2A17275438: removed
```

Sending...

```
# tcpdump -t -r /tmp/t.out port 53
IP 10.235.167.232.65498 > 172.16.0.23.domain: 61195+ MX? stevens.edu. (29)
IP 172.16.0.23.domain > 10.235.167.232.65498: 61195 2/0/0
    MX spamfilter01.stevens.edu. 10,
    MX spamfilter02.stevens.edu. 20 (87)
IP 10.235.167.232.65497 > 172.16.0.23.domain: 1949+
    A? spamfilter01.stevens.edu. (42)
IP 172.16.0.23.domain > 10.235.167.232.65497: 1949 1/0/0 A 155.246.14.37 (58)
IP 10.235.167.232.65496 > 172.16.0.23.domain: 39922+
    AAAA? spamfilter01.stevens.edu. (42)
IP 172.16.0.23.domain > 10.235.167.232.65496: 39922 0/1/0 (113)
IP 10.235.167.232.65495 > 172.16.0.23.domain: 26844+
    A? spamfilter02.stevens.edu. (42)
IP 172.16.0.23.domain > 10.235.167.232.65495: 26844 1/0/0 A 155.246.248.24 (58)
IP 10.235.167.232.65494 > 172.16.0.23.domain: 1439+
    AAAA? spamfilter02.stevens.edu. (42)
IP 172.16.0.23.domain > 10.235.167.232.65494: 1439 0/1/0 (113)
```

Sending...

```
# host -t mx stevens.edu
stevens.edu mail is handled by 20 spamfilter02.stevens.edu.
stevens.edu mail is handled by 10 spamfilter01.stevens.edu.
# host spamfilter01.stevens.edu.
spamfilter01.stevens.edu has address 155.246.14.37
# host spamfilter02.stevens.edu.
spamfilter02.stevens.edu has address 155.246.248.24
#
```

Sending...

```
IP 10.235.167.232.65524 > 155.246.14.37.smtp: Flags [S], seq 1528496417,  
IP 155.246.14.37.smtp > 10.235.167.232.65524: Flags [S.], seq 3510048077, ack 1528496  
IP 10.235.167.232.65524 > 155.246.14.37.smtp: Flags [.] , ack 1,  
IP 155.246.14.37.smtp > 10.235.167.232.65524: Flags [P.], seq 1:72, ack 1, length 71  
IP 10.235.167.232.65524 > 155.246.14.37.smtp: Flags [P.], seq 1:38, ack 72, length 37  
IP 155.246.14.37.smtp > 10.235.167.232.65524: Flags [.] , ack 38,  
IP 155.246.14.37.smtp > 10.235.167.232.65524: Flags [P.], seq 72:244, ack 38, length  
IP 10.235.167.232.65524 > 155.246.14.37.smtp: Flags [P.], seq 38:119, ack 244, length  
IP 155.246.14.37.smtp > 10.235.167.232.65524: Flags [P.], seq 244:282, ack 119, lengt  
IP 10.235.167.232.65524 > 155.246.14.37.smtp: Flags [.] , ack 282,  
IP 155.246.14.37.smtp > 10.235.167.232.65524: Flags [P.], seq 282:369, ack 119, lengt  
IP 10.235.167.232.65524 > 155.246.14.37.smtp: Flags [P.], seq 119:508, ack 369, lengt  
IP 155.246.14.37.smtp > 10.235.167.232.65524: Flags [.] , ack 508  
IP 155.246.14.37.smtp > 10.235.167.232.65524: Flags [P.], seq 369:400, ack 508, lengt  
IP 155.246.14.37.smtp > 10.235.167.232.65524: Flags [FP.], seq 400:499, ack 508, leng  
IP 10.235.167.232.65524 > 155.246.14.37.smtp: Flags [.] , ack 500  
IP 10.235.167.232.65524 > 155.246.14.37.smtp: Flags [F.], seq 508, ack 500  
IP 155.246.14.37.smtp > 10.235.167.232.65524: Flags [.] , ack 509
```


Sending...

```
$ telnet 155.246.14.37 25
Trying 155.246.14.37...
Connected to spamfilter01.stevens.edu.
Escape character is '^]'.
220 spamfilter01.stevens.edu ESMTP (fe32969a29a5f461e53bf93b18c8fdb5)
EHLO ip-10-235-167-232.ec2.internal
250-spamfilter01.stevens.edu Hello ec2-54-205-68-41.compute-1.amazonaws.com
    pleased to meet you
250-SIZE 50000000
250-PIPELINING
250-8BITMIME
250 HELP
MAIL FROM:<jschauma@stevens.edu> SIZE=380
250 Sender <jschauma@stevens.edu> OK
RCPT TO:<jschauma@stevens.edu>
250 Recipient <jschauma@stevens.edu> OK
```

Sending...

DATA

354 Start mail input; end with <CRLF>.<CRLF>

Received: by ip-10-235-167-232.ec2.internal (Postfix, from userid 0)
id 2A17275438; Mon, 4 Apr 2016 15:42:33 +0000 (UTC)

To: jschauma@stevens.edu

Subject: CS615 - SMTP Exercise

Message-Id: <20160404154233.2A17275438@ip-10-235-167-232.ec2.internal>

Date: Mon, 4 Apr 2016 15:42:33 +0000 (UTC)

From: jschauma@stevens.edu (Charlie Root)

Hello,

SMTP is simple.

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250 Ok: queued as 6A9C76F4004

SMTP Codes

SMTP codes consist of three digits in five classes:

- 1xx – Mail server has accepted the command, but does not yet take any action. A confirmation message is required.
- 2xx – Mail server has completed the task successfully without errors.
- 3xx – Mail server has understood the request, but requires further information to complete it.
- 4xx – Mail server has encountered a temporary failure. If the command is repeated without any change, it might be completed. Try again, it may help!
- 5xx – Mail server has encountered a fatal error. Your request can't be processed.

Receiving...

Date: Mon, 4 Apr 2016 15:42:33 +0000
From: jschauma@stevens.edu (Charlie Root)
To: Jan Schaumann <jschauma@stevens.edu>
Subject: CS615 - SMTP Exercise

Hello,

SMTP is simple.

-Jan

Receiving...

```
From jschauma@stevens.edu Mon Apr 4 11:42:35 2016
Received: by panix.netmeister.org (Postfix, from userid 1004)
       id 6B0F56513D; Mon, 4 Apr 2016 11:42:35 -0400 (EDT)
Received: from nexus.stevens.edu (nexus.stevens.edu [155.246.14.12])
       by panix.netmeister.org (Postfix) with ESMTP id 2AD596513B
Received: from exchng02.campus.stevens-tech.edu (exchng02.campus.stevens-tech.edu [155.246.14.12])
       by nexus.stevens.edu (Postfix) with ESMTPS id 11E3817F825
Received: from exchng04.campus.stevens-tech.edu (2002:9bf6:f826::9bf6:f826) by
       exchng02.campus.stevens-tech.edu (2002:9bf6:e17::9bf6:e17) with Microsoft
       SMTP Server (TLS) id 15.0.1104.5; Mon, 4 Apr 2016 11:42:34 -0400
Received: from exchng03.campus.stevens-tech.edu (155.246.248.36) by
       exchng04.campus.stevens-tech.edu (155.246.248.39) with Microsoft SMTP Server
       (TLS) id 15.0.1104.5; Mon, 4 Apr 2016 11:42:34 -0400
Received: from exchng03.campus.stevens-tech.edu (:::1) by
       exchng03.campus.stevens-tech.edu ([fe80::599a:f128:d1b3:4ce7%12]) with
       Microsoft SMTP Server id 15.00.1104.000; Mon, 4 Apr 2016 11:42:34 -0400
From: Jan Schaumann <jschauma@stevens.edu>
To: Jan Schaumann <jschauma@stevens.edu>
Subject: CS615 - SMTP Exercise
Date: Mon, 4 Apr 2016 15:42:33 +0000
Message-ID: <1b1399e9c44b494f99e9d0030f0fa74b@exchng03.campus.stevens-tech.edu>
x-barracuda-apparent-source-ip: 54.205.68.41
x-ms-exchange-parent-message-id: <20160404154233.2A17275438@ip-10-235-167-232.ec2.intel.com>
Resent-Message-Id: <20160404154235.11E3817F825@nexus.stevens.edu>
```

Receiving...

```
$ tail -f /var/log/maillog
postfix/smtpd[552]: connect from nexus.stevens.edu[155.246.14.12]
postfix/smtpd[552]: 2AD596513B: client=nexus.stevens.edu[155.246.14.12]
postfix/cleanup[6975]: 2AD596513B:
    message-id=<1b1399e9c44b494f99e9d0030f0fa74b@exchn03.campus.stevens-tech.edu>
postfix/cleanup[6975]: 2AD596513B:
    resent-message-id=<20160404154235.11E3817F825@nexus.stevens.edu>
postfix/smtpd[552]: disconnect from nexus.stevens.edu[155.246.14.12]
postfix/qmgr[24644]: 2AD596513B: from=<jschauma@stevens.edu>, size=3116, nrcpt=1 (queue)
spamd[24829]: spamd: connection from localhost [::1]:58531 to port 783, fd 5
spamd: processing message <1b1399e9c44b494f99e9d0030f0fa74b@exchn03.campus.stevens-tech.edu>
    aka <20160404154235.11E3817F825@nexus.stevens.edu> for spamd:1004
postfix/pipe[8278]: 2AD596513B: to=<jschauma@netmeister.org>, relay=spamassassin, delay=0.05,
    delays=0.05/0.01/0/0.23, dsn=2.0.0, status=sent (delivered via spamassassin)
postfix/qmgr[24644]: 2AD596513B: removed
postfix/pickup[16387]: 6B0F56513D: uid=1004 from=<jschauma@stevens.edu>
postfix/cleanup[6975]: 6B0F56513D:
    message-id=<1b1399e9c44b494f99e9d0030f0fa74b@exchn03.campus.stevens-tech.edu>
postfix/cleanup[6975]: 6B0F56513D:
    resent-message-id=<20160404154235.11E3817F825@nexus.stevens.edu>
postfix/qmgr[24644]: 6B0F56513D: from=<jschauma@stevens.edu>, size= 3442, nrcpt=1 (queue)
postfix/local[2264]: 6B0F56513D: to=<jschauma@netmeister.org>, relay=local, delay=0.15,
    delays=0.08/0.01/0/0.06, dsn=2.0.0, status=sent (delivered to command)
    /usr/pkg/bin/procmail)
```

Receiving...

```
IP 155.246.14.12.37547 > 166.84.7.99.25: Flags [S], seq 2435028943
IP 166.84.7.99.25 > 155.246.14.12.37547: Flags [S.], seq 4137148947, ack 2435028944
IP 155.246.14.12.37547 > 166.84.7.99.25: Flags [.], ack 1
IP 166.84.7.99.51798 > 166.84.67.2.53: 29782+ PTR? 12.14.246.155.in-addr.arpa. (44)
IP 166.84.67.2.53 > 166.84.7.99.51798: 29782 1/2/2 PTR nexus.stevens.edu. (160)
IP 166.84.7.99.51797 > 166.84.67.2.53: 17361+ A? nexus.stevens.edu. (35)
IP 166.84.67.2.53 > 166.84.7.99.51797: 17361 1/3/3 A 155.246.14.12 (173)
```

Receiving...

```
IP 166.84.7.99.25 > 155.246.14.12.37547: Flags [P.], seq 1:41, ack 1
IP 155.246.14.12.37547 > 166.84.7.99.25: Flags [P.], ack 41
IP 155.246.14.12.37547 > 166.84.7.99.25: Flags [P.], seq 1:25, ack 41
IP 166.84.7.99.25 > 155.246.14.12.37547: Flags [P.], seq 41:174, ack 25
IP 155.246.14.12.37547 > 166.84.7.99.25: Flags [P.], seq 25:157, ack 174
IP 166.84.7.99.51796 > 166.84.67.2.53: 41349+ MX? stevens.edu. (29)
IP 166.84.67.2.53 > 166.84.7.99.51796: 41349 2/3/5 MX spamfilter02.stevens.edu.
    20, MX spamfilter01.stevens.edu. 10 (241)
IP 166.84.7.99.51795 > 166.84.67.2.53: 51732+ A? nexus.stevens.edu. (35)
IP 166.84.67.2.53 > 166.84.7.99.51795: 51732 1/3/3 A 155.246.14.12 (173)
IP 166.84.7.99.51794 > 166.84.67.2.53: 64776+ A? 12.14.246.155.sbl.spamhaus.org. (48)
IP 166.84.67.2.53 > 166.84.7.99.51794: 64776 NXDomain 0/1/0 (112)
```


Receiving...

```
IP 166.84.7.99.25 > 155.246.14.12.37547: Flags [P.], seq 174:239, ack 157
IP 155.246.14.12.37547 > 166.84.7.99.25: Flags [.], seq 157:1605, ack 239
IP 155.246.14.12.37547 > 166.84.7.99.25: Flags [.], seq 1605:3053, ack 239
IP 155.246.14.12.37547 > 166.84.7.99.25: Flags [P.], seq 3053:3080, ack 239
IP 166.84.7.99.25 > 155.246.14.12.37547: Flags [.], ack 3053, win 4016,
IP 166.84.7.99.25 > 155.246.14.12.37547: Flags [P.], seq 239:290, ack 3080
IP 166.84.7.99.25 > 155.246.14.12.37547: Flags [F.], seq 290, ack 3080
IP 155.246.14.12.37547 > 166.84.7.99.25: Flags [F.], seq 3080, ack 290
IP 166.84.7.99.25 > 155.246.14.12.37547: Flags [.], ack 3081, win 4197
IP 155.246.14.12.37547 > 166.84.7.99.25: Flags [.], ack 291, win 123
```

Receiving...

```
IP 166.84.7.99.50935 > 166.84.67.2.53: 12067 [1au] A? 12.14.246.155.psbl.surriel.com. (59)
IP 166.84.7.99.50935 > 166.84.67.2.53: 39395 [1au] A? 12.14.246.155.bb.barracudacentral.org. (66)
IP 166.84.7.99.50935 > 166.84.67.2.53: 17365 [1au] A? 12.14.246.155.bl.score.senderscore.com. (67)
IP 166.84.7.99.50935 > 166.84.67.2.53: 38635 [1au] TXT? 37.248.246.155.bl.spamcop.net. (58)
IP 166.84.7.99.50935 > 166.84.67.2.53: 10907 [1au] TXT? 21.14.246.155.bl.spamcop.net. (57)
IP 166.84.7.99.50935 > 166.84.67.2.53: 11246 [1au] TXT? 12.14.246.155.bl.spamcop.net. (57)
IP 166.84.67.2.53 > 166.84.7.99.50935: 39395 0/2/7 (206)
IP 166.84.67.2.53 > 166.84.7.99.50935: 12067 0/4/6 (247)
IP 166.84.67.2.53 > 166.84.7.99.50935: 17365 0/4/5 (254)
IP 166.84.67.2.53 > 166.84.7.99.50935: 38635 0/8/9 (354)
IP 166.84.67.2.53 > 166.84.7.99.50935: 13318 0/8/9 (403)
IP 166.84.67.2.53 > 166.84.7.99.50935: 10907 0/8/9 (353)
IP 166.84.7.99.50935 > 166.84.67.2.53: 8582 [1au] A? 37.248.246.155.dnsbl.sorbs.net. (59)
IP 166.84.7.99.50935 > 166.84.67.2.53: 61203 [1au] A? 21.14.246.155.dnsbl.sorbs.net. (58)
IP 166.84.7.99.50935 > 166.84.67.2.53: 59454 [1au] A? 12.14.246.155.dnsbl.sorbs.net. (58)
IP 166.84.7.99.50935 > 166.84.67.2.53: 7289 [1au] A? 12.14.246.155.iadb.isipp.com. (57)
IP 166.84.7.99.50935 > 166.84.67.2.53: 63596 [1au] TXT? 12.14.246.155.sa-trusted.bondedsender.org. (70)
IP 166.84.7.99.50935 > 166.84.67.2.53: 18732 [1au] TXT? 12.14.246.155.sa-accredit.habeas.com.
(65)
IP 166.84.7.99.50935 > 166.84.67.2.53: 43600 [1au] A? 12.14.246.155.bl.mailspike.net. (59)
IP 166.84.67.2.53 > 166.84.7.99.50935: 49122 0/19/80 (1472)
IP 166.84.67.2.53 > 166.84.7.99.50935: 6461 0/6/10 (360)
IP 166.84.67.2.53 > 166.84.7.99.50935: 54452 0/13/14 (607)
IP 166.84.67.2.53 > 166.84.7.99.50935: 8582 0/13/14 (558)
IP 166.84.67.2.53 > 166.84.7.99.50935: 61203 0/13/14 (557)
IP 166.84.67.2.53 > 166.84.7.99.50935: 59454 0/13/14 (557)
IP 166.84.67.2.53 > 166.84.7.99.50935: 7289 0/5/7 (288)
IP 166.84.67.2.53 > 166.84.7.99.50935: 63596 0/18/19 (879)
IP 166.84.67.2.53 > 166.84.7.99.50935: 18732 0/15/16 (742)
IP 166.84.67.2.53 > 166.84.7.99.50935: 43600 0/2/3 (126)
IP 166.84.7.99.50935 > 166.84.67.2.53: 2649 [1au] TXT? nexus.stevens.edu. (46)
IP 166.84.67.2.53 > 166.84.7.99.50935: 2649 0/3/4 (168)
```

Relaying mail

```
$ telnet spamfilter01.stevens.edu 25
Trying 155.246.14.37...
Connected to spamfilter01.stevens.edu.
Escape character is '^]'.
220 spamfilter01.stevens.edu ESMTP (fe32969a29a5f461e53bf93b18c8fdb5)
ehlo localhost
250-spamfilter01.stevens.edu Hello ec2-54-205-68-41.compute-1.amazonaws.com
      [54.205.68.41], pleased to meet you
250-SIZE 50000000
250-PIPELINING
250-8BITMIME
250 HELP
MAIL FROM:<obama@whitehouse.gov>
250 Sender <obama@whitehouse.gov> OK
RCPT TO:<comey@fbi.gov>
550 No such domain at this location
```

Authenticity

```
MAIL FROM:<obama@whitehouse.gov>
250 Sender <obama@whitehouse.gov> OK
RCPT TO:<jschauma@stevens-tech.edu>
250 Recipient <jschauma@stevens-tech.edu> OK
DATA
354 Start mail input; end with <CRLF>.<CRLF>
From: "Barack Obama" <obama@whitehouse.gov>
Subject: Friday
```

Yo,

Party at my house.
BYOB.

-B

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```
250 Ok: queued as 61D4D6F4003
```

Authenticity

```
MAIL FROM:<president@stevens.edu>
250 Sender <president@stevens.edu> OK
RCPT TO:<jschauma@stevens-tech.edu>
250 Recipient <jschauma@stevens-tech.edu> OK
DATA
354 Start mail input; end with <CRLF>.<CRLF>
From: "Barack Obama" <obama@whitehouse.gov>
Subject: Friday
```

Yo,

Party at my house.
BYOB.

-B

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```
250 Ok: queued as 61D4D6F4003
```

Authenticity

Date: Mon, 4 Apr 2016 15:35:12 -0400 (EDT)
From: Barack Obama <obama@whitehouse.gov>
To: undisclosed-recipients: ;
Subject: Friday

Yo,

Party at my house.
BYOB.

-B

Authenticity

```
From president@stevens.edu Mon Apr 4 15:35:12 2016
Return-Path: <president@stevens.edu>
Date: Mon, 4 Apr 2016 15:35:12 -0400 (EDT)
From: Barack Obama <obama@whitehouse.gov>
To: undisclosed-recipients: ;
Subject: Friday
```

Yo,

Party at my house.
BYOB.

-B

SMTP is a Simple Mail Transfer Protocol.

- TCP port 25
- DNS MX records
- mail may be relayed or processed by many servers in transit
- transport is in clear text
- STARTTLS may provide (opportunistic) transport encryption
- SPAM controls may include DNS lookups, bayesian scoring, ...
- authenticity not guaranteed

The Mail System

Divided into:

- *Mail User Agent* or MUA, such as `mutt(1)`, *Mail.app*, *Outlook*, a browser (`ugh`) ...
- *Mail Transfer Agent* or MTA, such as *postfix*, *sendmail*, *qmail*, ...
- *Mail Delivery Agent* or MDA, such as *procmail*
- *Access Agent* providing access via *POP*, *IMAP* etc.

Anatomy of an email message

An email consists of:

- mandatory headers (such as "From ", "Delivered-To: ", ...)
- optional headers (such as "From: ", "To: ", "Subject: ", ...)
- the (optional) body of the message

Service Considerations

- outsourcing versus in-house
- privacy considerations
- spam protections
- phishing protections
- mail delivery cannons for notifications vs. spam lists
- high volume traffic demands fine-tuned systems
- high volume traffic implications on logging

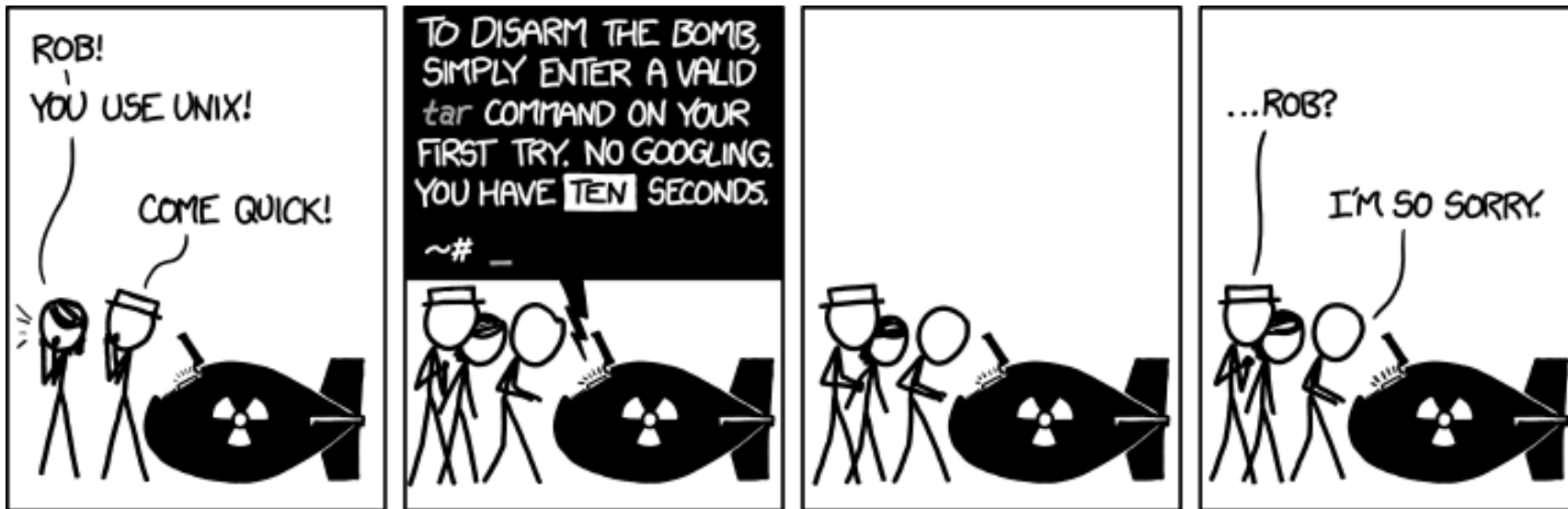
See also:

- <http://is.gd/JQp1zM>
- <http://is.gd/cXyrwX>
- <http://is.gd/o6Y5f8>

Hooray!

5 Minute Break

Know a Unix Command



<https://www.xkcd.com/1168/>

<https://www.cs.stevens.edu/~jschauma/615/tar.html>

Backups

- backup vs. restore

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- backup vs. restore
- backup devices and media



Backups

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Backups

- backup vs. restore
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- filesystem considerations

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- backup strategies

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- planning for disasters

Backups and Restore Basics

When do we need backups?

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Think of your backups as *insurance*: you invest and pay for it, hoping you will never need it.

Key Reasons for Restores

Three key reasons for restores: *Accidental File Deletion*, *Disk Failure* and *Archival*.

1. Accidental File Deletion

- ability to restore a file within a certain time frame
- restore time, including
 - actual time spent restoring
 - waiting until resources permit the restore
 - staff availability
- self-service restore

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2. Disk Failure

- loss of entire file system
- leads to downtime
- RAID may help
- takes long time to restore

3. Archival

- *full* set of level 0 backups
- separate set from regular backups
- usually stored off-site
- store for long time

Filesystem backup

`dump(8) / restore(8)`

- in use since ~1975
- full filesystem level backups
- direct interaction with tape devices
- integration with `/etc/fstab`
- efficient incremental backups

Filesystem backup

- start an EC2 instance
- create a full filesystem backup using `dump(8)`
- add e.g. the 'apache' package
- create an incremental backup
- delete the 'apache' package
- restore all files from the incremental backup using the `restore(8)` command
- verify that the 'apache' package is fully installed

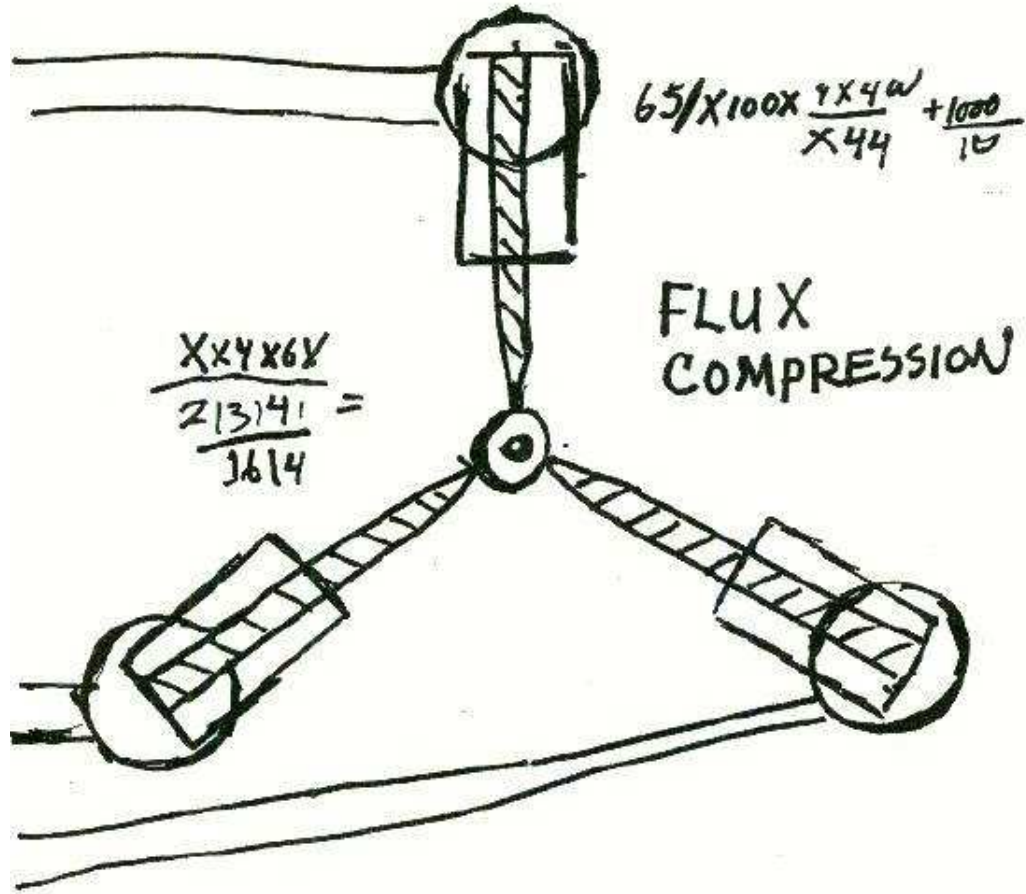
Filesystem backup

```
ssh ec2-instance "sudo dump -u -0 -f - /" | bzip2 -c -9 >tmp/ec2.0.bz2
DUMP: Date of this level 0 dump: Thu Mar 26 19:25:06 2015
DUMP: Dumping /dev/xvda1 (/) to standard output
DUMP: Label: cloudimg-rootfs
DUMP: Writing 10 Kilobyte records
DUMP: mapping (Pass I) [regular files]
DUMP: mapping (Pass II) [directories]
DUMP: estimated 823759 blocks.
DUMP: Volume 1 started with block 1 at: Thu Mar 26 19:25:07 2015
DUMP: dumping (Pass III) [directories]
DUMP: dumping (Pass IV) [regular files]
DUMP: Volume 1 completed at: Thu Mar 26 19:28:21 2015
DUMP: Volume 1 820690 blocks (801.46MB)
DUMP: Volume 1 took 0:03:14
DUMP: Volume 1 transfer rate: 4230 kB/s
DUMP: 820690 blocks (801.46MB)
DUMP: finished in 194 seconds, throughput 4230 kBytes/sec
DUMP: Date of this level 0 dump: Thu Mar 26 19:25:06 2015
DUMP: Date this dump completed: Thu Mar 26 19:28:21 2015
DUMP: Average transfer rate: 4230 kB/s
DUMP: DUMP IS DONE
```

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$ cat /var/lib/dumpdates
/dev/xvda1 0 Thu Mar 26 19:25:06 2015 +0000
$ sudo apt-get install apache2
[...]
$ ssh ec2-instance "sudo dump -u -i -f - /" | bzip2 -c -9 >tmp/ec2.1.bz2
DUMP: Date of this level i dump: Thu Mar 26 19:56:45 2015
DUMP: Date of last level 0 dump: Thu Mar 26 19:48:58 2015
DUMP: Dumping /dev/xvda1 (/) to standard output
DUMP: Writing 10 Kilobyte records
DUMP: mapping (Pass I) [regular files]
DUMP: mapping (Pass II) [directories]
DUMP: estimated 39644 blocks.
DUMP: Volume 1 started with block 1 at: Thu Mar 26 19:56:50 2015
DUMP: dumping (Pass III) [directories]
DUMP: dumping (Pass IV) [regular files]
DUMP: Volume 1 completed at: Thu Mar 26 19:56:56 2015
DUMP: Volume 1 39820 blocks (38.89MB)
DUMP: Volume 1 transfer rate: 6636 kB/s
DUMP: 39820 blocks (38.89MB)
DUMP: finished in 5 seconds, throughput 7964 kBytes/sec
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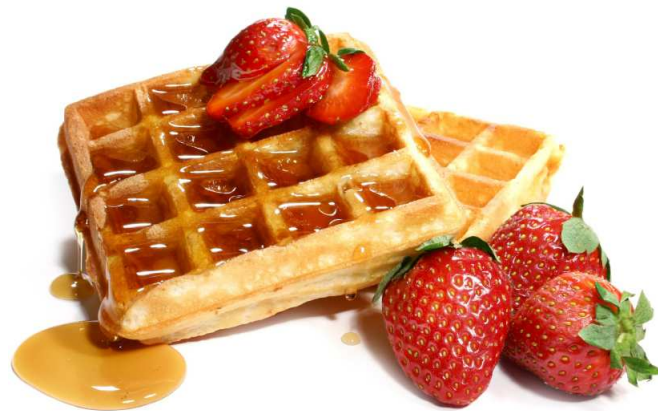
Example: Mac OS X “Time Machine”:

- automatically creates a full backup (equivalent of a “level 0 dump”) to separate device or NAS, recording (specifically) last-modified date of all directories
- every hour, creates a full copy via *hardlinks* (hence no additional disk space consumed) for files that have not changed, new copy of files that have changed
- changed files are determined by inspecting last-modified date of directories (cheaper than doing comparison of all files’ last-modified date or data)
- saves hourly backups for 24 hours, daily backups for the past month, and weekly backups for everything older than a month.

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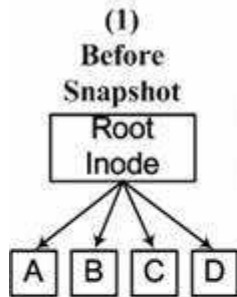
Example: WAFL (Write Anywhere File Layout)

- used by NetApp's "Data ONTAP" OS
- a snapshot is a read-only copy of a file system (cheap and near instantaneous, due to CoW)
- uses regular snapshots ("consistency points", every 10 seconds) to allow for speedy recovery from crashes



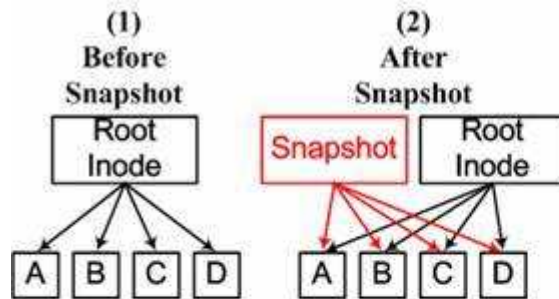
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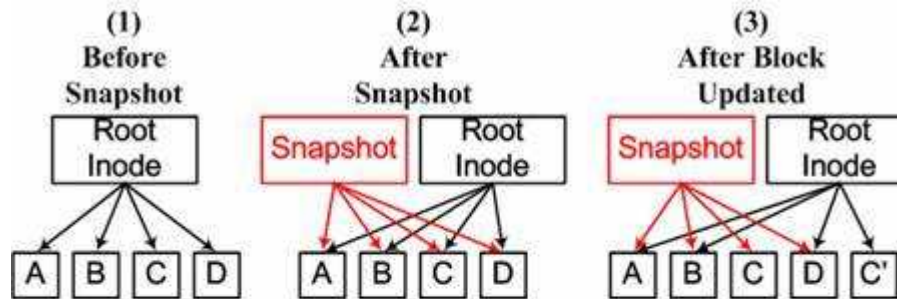
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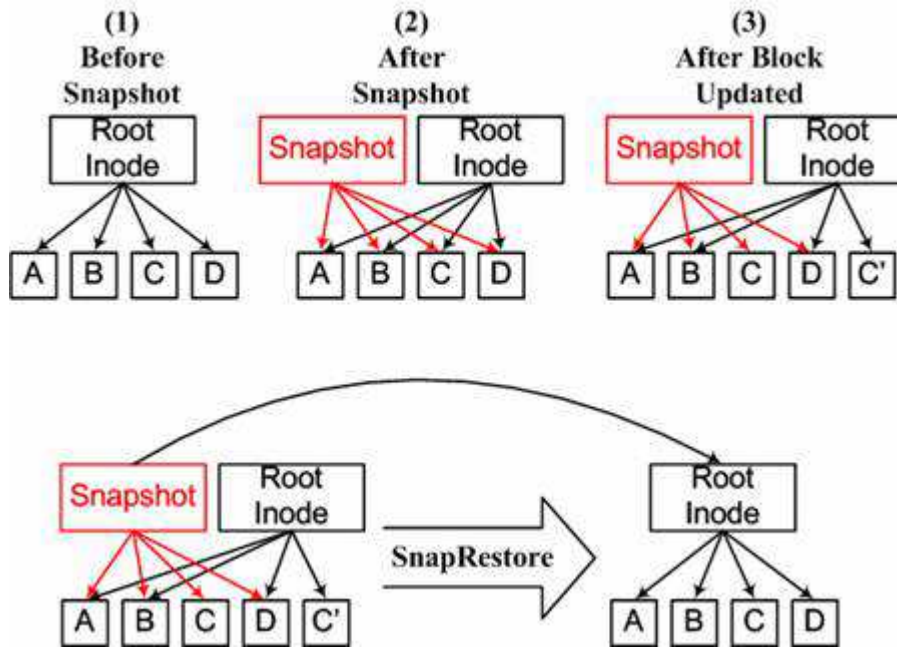
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Example: ZFS snapshots

- ZFS uses a copy-on-write transactional object model (new data does not overwrite existing data, instead modifications are written to a new location with existing data being referenced), similar to WAFL
- a snapshot is a read-only copy of a file system (cheap and near instantaneous, due to CoW)
- initially consumes no additional disk space; the writable filesystem is made available as a “clone”
- conceptually provides a branched view of the filesystem; normally only the “active” filesystem is writable

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4 drwx--x--x 37 jschauma professor 88 Feb 24 22:32 amanda-_export_home_jschauma-0
4 drwx--x--x 37 jschauma professor 88 Feb 26 11:47 amanda-_export_home_jschauma-1
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$ cd .zfs/snapshot
$ echo foo > amanda-_export_home_jschauma-0/oink
-ksh: amanda-_export_home_jschauma-0/oink: cannot create [Read-only file system]
$ ls -laid . /
2 dr-xr-xr-x 4 root root 4 Feb 28 21:00 .
2 drwxr-xr-x 26 root root 4096 Jan 27 11:44 /
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/home/jschauma/.zfs/snapshot
$ ls -lai amanda-export_home_jschauma-0 >/tmp/a
$ ls -lai amanda-export_home_jschauma-1 >/tmp/b
$ diff -bu /tmp/[ab]
--- /tmp/a 2014-03-01 22:55:49.000000000 -0500
+++ /tmp/b 2014-03-01 22:55:59.000000000 -0500
@@ -35,7 +35,7 @@
 57723 drwx----- 3 jschauma professor      6 Dec 31 15:08 .subversion
 49431 -rw----- 1 jschauma professor      6 Dec 22 12:25 .sws.pid
   20 drwx----- 2 jschauma professor      3 Jan 26 10:30 .vim
-61768 -rw----- 1 jschauma professor    14538 Feb 24 22:32 .viminfo
+61775 -rw----- 1 jschauma professor    14557 Feb 26 09:23 .viminfo
  173 -rw----- 1 jschauma professor      4355 Sep 17 2012 .vimrc
 45744 -rw-r--r-- 1 jschauma professor      0 Jul 28 2013 .xsession-errors
  21 drwxr-xr-x  3 jschauma professor      6 Apr  4 2010 CS615A
$

```

Summary

- backups are most commonly done as incrementals of a filesystem, mountpoint, or directory hierarchy
- consider (long-term) storage:
 - media and location
 - increased storage requirements
 - privacy and safety of the data
- self-service restores and filesystem snapshots
- backups need to be:
 - regular, frequent, automated
 - invisible
 - verifiable

Summary

Schrodinger's Backup

“The condition of any backup is unknown until a restore is attempted.”

@nixcraft

Reading

Hurricane Sandy

- <http://is.gd/aaxzvI>
- <http://is.gd/Y75pEA>
- <http://is.gd/32Az7y>
- <http://is.gd/FhAuFZ>

Reading

Backups with `dump(8)` and `restore(8)`:

- `dump(8)` and `restore(8)`
- <http://is.gd/bXG9of>

Filesystem snapshots:

- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Snapshot_\(computer_storage\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Snapshot_(computer_storage))
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Time_Machine_\(Apple_software\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Time_Machine_(Apple_software))
- <http://comet.lehman.cuny.edu/jung/cmp426697/WAFL.pdf>
- <http://www.cs.tau.ac.il/~ohadrode/slides/WAFL.pdf>

Book: <http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/unixbr/>