NFS Extensions for Parallel Storage

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Introductions

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Introductions

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Goals

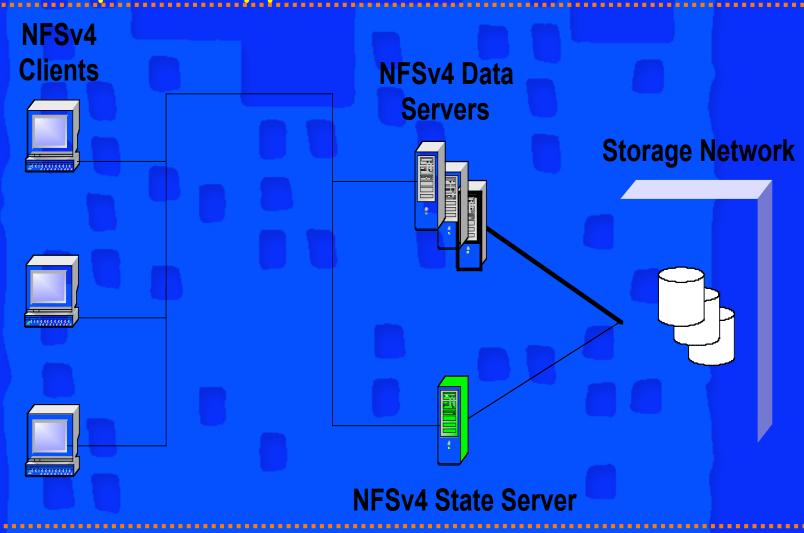
- Extend NFS to enable seamless, highperformance access to parallel storage
- Strawman architecture
- Prototype implementations
- Standards process
- Interoperability testing

Agenda

- This morning: presentations
- This afternoon: discussions
- This evening: seminars
- Tomorrow: heir of the dog (@ CITI)
- This month: comprehensive workshop report will be widely circulated



CITI prototype



Lessons learned

- By recapitulating the mechanism of underlying storage we can not help but run slower than the underlying storage
- Complex interference patterns depending on implementation details of NFS and underlying storage state management



The state

- Client name
- Client verifier
- Client IP address
 Lock type
- File ID
- State owner ID

- Access bits
- Deny bits
- Start byte
- End byte



Server-to-server protocol

- DISTRIBUTE_SHARE_STATE_ARGS
- DISTRIBUTE_LOCK_STATE_ARGS
- DISTRIBUTE_DELEGATION_STATE_ARGS
- INVALIDATE_STATE_ARGS



File location

- FILE_LOCATIONS attribute
 - List of data servers
 - Time-to-live parameter
 - Per data server root pathname
 - Per data server supported operations
 - Per data server lease maintenance indicator
- Extends FS_LOCATIONS



Thank you for your attention! Questions?!

