



What is OpenAFS?

Andrew File System

Distributed Filesystem with Unique Properties

Open Source Descendant of Transarc AFS



Strengths of AFS

Volume Management
Scalability (?)
Security (ACLs, Encryption)
Client Cache
Replication



Some Limitations of AFS

Sync-On-Close
Whole-File Locking
Kerberos IV
Legacy Encryption
Complex Administration
Windows Issues



Some Protocol Details

Rxrpc Relative of ONC (XDR)
Support for Streaming, Reliable RPCs (in
Ubik)
Extensible RX Security Class
Layered on UDP/Dgram*



Some Server Details

Quorate Clustered Database Server
(Protection Server, Vserver)

Arbitrary Number of Network Fileservers
(Fileserver/Volservers)

Vserver Implements Transparent Fileserver
Redirection



Volume Concept

Filesevers Host Volumes (Virtual Disk)
Volumes Have Backup Clones, Replica
Clones

Backup Volumes (Presently) May Be
Accessed With RW Replica On-Line



Cache Manager

Kernel-Mode Filesystem on Unix*
Cache Manager Implements Block Cache
File Integrity Protected Via Callback (Ancestor
of Oplock)
Read Only Volumes Use 1 Callback
Etc



OpenAFS Developments 1.4.0/1

Pthreads (tviced, tbutc)
Vastly-Improved Windows Client
Client for MacOS X
Roaming Client Detection
LFS
Linux 2.6
Many Bugfixes/Improvements



AFS Developments Planned 1.6

Windows IFS Driver (EricJW@umich.edu)

Enhanced Encryption (Rxcgk, Rxc5 [us])

Database Server Improvements?

Rxtcp



AFS Developments We'd Like To See

Server-Side Byte-Range Locking

Arbitrary Volume Snapshots*

Enhanced Replication

Journalized Fileserver

New Management Tools (Check Back)



Rxk5

Native Krb5 Implementation of Rx Security
Completes AFS Kerberos V Suite
Kerberos V Encryption
Keeps CM Architecture As It Is (Portable
Kernel-Mode Crypto)



K5SSL

Partial Kerberos V Implementation With
Interesting Properties
(By Marcus Watts)

Fast Portable Crypto Implementations (AES,
DES3, Arcfour, ++ :)

Stripped Down (Doesn't Parse Keytabs,
Implement a KDC, etc)

Emulates OpenSSL EVP Interface in User and
Kernel Mode



Filesystems In Kernel Space

UML Development Environment
Debugger Support
Fun



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