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New in Avere OS 5.3.2.1

This release includes bug fixes and updates to support the new Microsoft [Azure HPC Cache](#) service, which is in public preview.

Resolved issues

Filesystem

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| 27448 | Removed an automatic debugging data collection routine from the nightly collection list to prevent a possible system restart on nodes with very large caches. |
| 26768 | Fixed a missing lock to prevent a possible database corruption and restart. |
| 26359 | Prevent blocked operations and possible system restarts by allowing more operations to abort when the associated core filer is being removed or suspended. |

NFS

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| 27057 | <p>Added the ability to restrict which NFS exports should be probed by the cluster. This change protects the cluster from attempting to investigate overwhelming numbers of core filer exports, and also gives administrators the ability to protect restricted exports which should not be mounted by the Avere cluster.</p> <p>The new setting is controlled by the new XML-RPC methods <code>corefiler.getExportFilters()</code> and <code>corefiler.setExportFilters()</code>. Refer to their help files for details.</p> |
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General

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| 27399 | Fixed a software error that could cause the system to loop while reassigning IP addresses to cluster nodes. |
| 27373 | Updated descriptions in the Avere Control Panel to clarify that the “use 1Gb management network” setting makes those ports unavailable for client-facing data. |

New in Avere OS 5.3.1.2

This release introduces support for the new Azure FXT Edge Filer hardware platform. Read more at <https://azure.microsoft.com/services/fxt-edge-filer/>.

Resolved issues

Cloud object store

- 26155 Avere OS now prevents users from creating two core filers that point to the same cloud storage container. Each active core filer must control a different set of data. The system now checks unique IDs to detect whether the new core filer is a cloned version of an existing core filer on the cluster and gives a failure message if it is.
- 26267 Updated locking code for multithread-safe data structures. Before this change, it was possible that running a debugging command which accessed certain internal data structures could cause a crash because the service utility did not obtain the proper locks.
- 26390 Fixed a problem in cloud core filer shutdown that could cause a filesystem restart because a timer was not correctly cleaned up.
- 26647 Fixed a problem that could cause a core loop after a cross-directory rename. The issue was caused by a failed sanity check when the directory contents on the cloud storage did not match the expected contents.
- 26941 Fixed a bug so that files can flush to the core filer even in the rare situation when a file handle hash collides with the hash of a reserved file handle.
- 27264 Fixed an issue that could cause TCP connection requests to the cloud back end to get stuck during SSL negotiation, requiring a filesystem restart.

Filesystem

- 23176 Eliminated a false report of a long-running operation.
- 24341 Improved core filer invalidation code to fix a race condition that could cause a panic if the cluster restarted during invalidation.
- 25315 Removed a problem with an internal data structure that could sometimes cause a file system restart when truncating a very large file.
- 25853 Enhanced data migration to use all nodes in the cluster.
- 25929 Removed a conflict between the system that decides to when to write data to the back end and the system that reserves space for future writes.
- 25930 Updated code for failover to avoid unnecessarily marking cache content as stale. This change ensures that non-idempotent file operations are executed exactly once, even when cluster nodes crash.
- 26059 Fixed code related to the transaction log to prevent a data inconsistency problem that could occur if cluster nodes are not shut down cleanly. This defect was found in vFXT

clusters after nodes were shut down from the Azure portal instead of using the cluster control panel; it is safer to always shut down the cluster before suspending or powering off individual nodes.

- 26061 Installed proper locking to prevent future file system crashes while examining internal log entries. Diagnostic debugging tools were also added to help diagnose any future crashes in related systems.
- 26068 Fixed an internal state issue that could cause an out of memory error when flushing data and using cloud file system buffers directly.
- 26321 Corrected a resource limit configuration that could cause an unexpected filesystem service restart in a vFXT node running on a VM with more than 144G of memory.
- 26374 Corrected a code error that caused a lock to be held too long, potentially causing a deadlock and system restart.
- 26455 Fixed a rare race condition that could leave internal logs in an unexpected state after a restart.
- 26532 Changed FlashMirror™ code to ensure that all files marked out-of-sync on both the primary node and the mirror node are copied if there is a failover event.
- 26576 Corrected code that resets pointers to metadata files during failover.
- 26608 Changed a default so that the system gives alerts and disables directories in a specific invalid state instead of crashing.
- 26622 Fixed an issue in always-forward mode so that a readdirplus operation now provides all attributes and file handles.
- 26679 Fixed an issue that could cause errors when purging metadata files if filenames in the log included non-UTF-8 characters.
- 26682 Fixed a timing-related memory corruption that could be triggered when the file count was extremely high. Before this change, this problem could cause a restart and core file when using HA features.
- 26706 Fixed an issue to prevent using freed pointer values.
- 26768 Fixed a missing lock to prevent a possible database corruption and restart.
- 26786 Fixed an issue where a lock used while scanning a large data structure could cause causing which can cause other threads in armada to watchdog.
- 26796 Sped up the file scan time to improve performance during file validation after restarting the cluster.
- 26802 Fixed a file system restart that was caused by the improper state of an out-of-sync item during a migration.
- 26817 Improved token manager operations to boost per-operation performance by reducing disk writes.
- 26829 Fixed an issue that could causing a cache manager crash when reporting long running operations in log messages or to the Avere Control Panel.

26859	Improved buffer management controls to avoid deadlocks while flushing data to cloud storage.
26879	Improved flush log free space estimation to prevent errors or dropped requests when space ran out.
26880	Fixed an issue where an aborted rename could be logged incorrectly. Before this fix, the incorrect state could permanently block operations on some files or directories.
26914	Changed an algorithm in the name cache to prevent the number of allocated entries from exceeding the maximum.
26923	Fixed a crash related to an invalid file handle during a rename operation in a system with always-forward mode enabled.
26926	Fixed a problem where processing a truncation and running out of log space could cause a crash.
26967	Fixed an issue where improper locking could cause a restart after a migration.
27074	Fixed a problem that could cause the cluster to deny access to a cloud core filer when SMB access was enabled.
27087	Fixed an issue to prevent a crash in read-only mode when the target of an object pointer would be removed, causing a null pointer.
27099	Improved locking to prevent a filesystem core if identical rename operations happened simultaneously.
27113	Added code to automatically clear a dangling reference. In some rare circumstances the reference problem could prevent file access indefinitely.
27134	Fixed an out-of-memory problem that could cause the cache flush component to crash.
27184	Fixed an issue that interfered with running the ping command directly on cluster nodes. The ping command no longer runs within a secure sandbox.
27187	Fixed a race condition when reading the core filer directories to populate the cache.
27196	Fixed a problem that could cause a deadlock when opening metadata files.
27215	Updated code to ensure that inactive flush requests are cleared from the request log.
27234	Fixed a small leak in the code to detect long-running operations.
27244	Fixed a memory issue that could occur during heavy reading from a core filer.
27278	Fixed a problem that could cause a node to fail during migration to or from a cloud core filer.
27279	Added locking and proper initialization code to fix a bug that could cause a crash when deleting cache flush records.

General

- 26056 Added validation to prevent an empty entry for the KMIP server hostname.
- 26723 Fixed a problem where bootloader messages and prompts were not being shown on the serial-over-LAN (SOL) console for some 2000-, 3000-and 4000-series FXT models.
- 26756 Increased the frequency of checks for upcoming cloud credential expirations.
- 26887 Increased a ulimit setting to prevent certain internal processes from unnecessarily restarting.
- 26952 The Data Management tab no longer appears in the control panel dashboard on Azure vFXT systems.
- 27014 Cluster proxy server connection tests now tolerate failures with short timeouts. This change allows the proxy configuration to be honored even if the proxy service is not always reliable.
- 27031 Fixed a software defect that could cause the management layer to fail and restart when the number of assigned client IP addresses in the cluster was reduced. This failure affected each cluster node in turn as management control switched to healthy nodes.

If you need to reduce the number of virtual interfaces (client- or cluster-facing) before updating, contact Microsoft Customer Service and Support for advice.
- 27055 A divide-by-zero error in a network driver could cause the system to unexpectedly restart. The issue has been corrected.
- 27060 Enhanced logging to improve the supportability of token management, especially during cache invalidation.
- 27120 Improved memory usage, fixing an issue where the system requested a larger buffer for packets than required, and consumed extra memory unnecessarily.
- 27146 Fixed a problem where a web page error could prevent cluster creation.
- 27174 Updated the Core Filer Details settings page to clarify the “filer class” control and update the list of options. The control is now labeled SMB filer class, and the help text has been revised.
- 27217 Corrected a problem that caused the private preview software for the Azure FXT Edge Filer (v5.2.1.1) to return an error when trying to configure a syslog server.

NFS

- 26285 Fixed a defect in the network lock manager so that an internal server lock recovers correctly. Before this change, lock operations could receive “lockgrace” errors after the end of the grace period.
- 26979 Addressed a defect where specific errors (like ROFS) during junction add or modify operations returned generic "system is busy" errors instead of appropriate descriptions.
- 27135 Updated code to avoid a file system service restart (with associated core file) if an NFS client attempted to access a junction that did not have an NFS export policy.

SMB/CIFS

- 26634 Added a CIFS admin field in the Core Filer Details configuration page. If provided, this user’s credentials are supplied when reading SMB ACLs from the core filer.
- 26815 Fixed an issue where junctions in a migration from a cloud source to a NAS target with the “force default ACL” option set could cause a filesystem service restart.
- 27095 Changed code to correctly handle non-terminal errors that could cause a core file from SMB processes.

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