

Lab 15.1: Finding Out More About xfs

We do not have a detailed lab exercise you can do with **xfs**; many systems still will not have the kernel modules and relevant user utilities installed. However, if your **Linux** kernel and distribution does support it, you can easily create a filesystem with mkfs -t xfs.

Then you can find out about available **xfs**-related utilities with:

\$ man -k xfs

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attr (1)
                    - extended attributes on XFS filesystem objects
filesystems (5)
                    - Linux file-system types: minix, ext, ext2, ext3, ext4,...
fs (5)
                    - Linux file-system types: minix, ext, ext2, ext3, ext4,...
fsck.xfs (8)
                    - do nothing, successfully
fsfreeze (8)
                    - suspend access to a filesystem (Linux Ext3/4, ReiserFS...
mkfs.xfs (8)
                    - construct an XFS filesystem
pmdaxfs (1)
                    - XFS filesystem performance metrics domain agent (PMDA)
                    - layout of the XFS filesystem
xfs (5)
xfs_admin (8)
                    - change parameters of an XFS filesystem
xfs_bmap (8)
                    - print block mapping for an XFS file
xfs_copy (8)
                    - copy the contents of an XFS filesystem
xfs_db (8)
                    - debug an XFS filesystem
xfs_estimate (8)
                    - estimate the space that an XFS filesystem will take
xfs_freeze (8)
                    - suspend access to an XFS filesystem
xfs_fsr (8)
                    - filesystem reorganizer for XFS
xfs_growfs (8)
                    - expand an XFS filesystem
xfs_info (8)
                    - expand an XFS filesystem
xfs_io (8)
                    - debug the I/O path of an XFS filesystem
                    - print the log of an XFS filesystem
xfs_logprint (8)
xfs_mdrestore (8)
                    - restores an XFS metadump image to a filesystem image
xfs_metadump (8)
                    - copy XFS filesystem metadata to a file
xfs_mkfile (8)
                    - create an XFS file
xfs_ncheck (8)
                    - generate pathnames from i-numbers for XFS
                    - manage use of quota on XFS filesystems
xfs_quota (8)
                    - repair an XFS filesystem
xfs_repair (8)
xfs_rtcp (8)
                    - XFS realtime copy command
xfsdump (8)
                    - XFS filesystem incremental dump utility
xfsinvutil (8)
                    - xfsdump inventory database checking and pruning utility
xfsrestore (8)
                    - XFS filesystem incremental restore utility
xqmstats (8)
                    - Display XFS quota manager statistics from /proc
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Read about these utility programs and see if you can play with them on the filesystem you created.