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Building a File Server: SAMBA File Server

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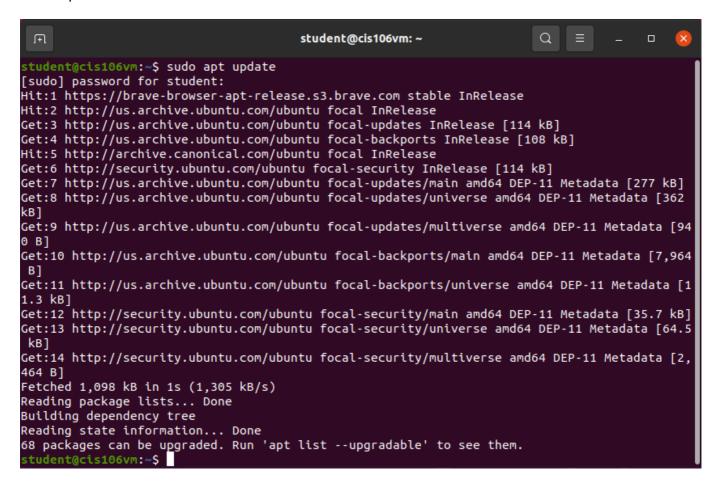
1. Installing SAMBA

- 1. Open your Linux terminal.
- 2. Enter

sudo apt update

This will update your repository to check for any changes.

sudo - super user do **apt** - task to install,remove,update software **update** - command for apt to update software

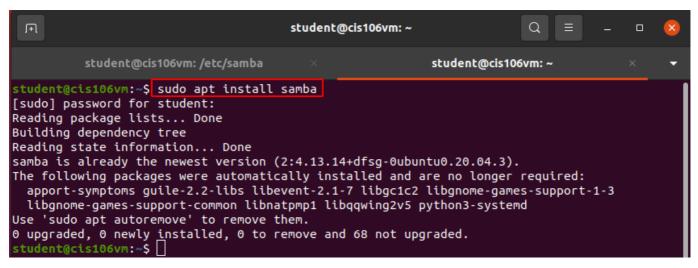


3. Enter

sudo apt install samba

This will install the application samba.

install - command for apt to install software samba - installing SAMBA software from the repository



SAMBA was preinstalled for me already.

2. Checking the status of SAMBA

1. Enter

sudo systemctl status smbd

This will check if your Samba server is active or running.

systemctl - command to control the system manager. **status** - show the runtime status of a unit **smbd** - the software unit being selected.

```
student@cis106vm: ~
student@cis106vm:~$ sudo systemctl status smbd
🏿 smbd.service - Samba SMB Daemon
     Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/smbd.service; enabled; vendor preset: enabled)
     Active: active (running) since Wed 2021-12-08 15:44:02 EST; 4 days ago
       Docs: man:smbd(8)
             man:samba(7)
             man:smb.conf(5)
   Main PID: 66156 (smbd)
     Status: "smbd: ready to serve connections..."
      Tasks: 4 (limit: 2312)
     Memory: 6.6M
     CGroup: /system.slice/smbd.service
              -66156 /usr/sbin/smbd --foreground --no-process-group
              —66158 /usr/sbin/smbd --foreground --no-process-group
               -66159 /usr/sbin/smbd --foreground --no-process-group
             └─66160 /usr/sbin/smbd --foreground --no-process-group
Dec 08 15:44:02 cis106vm systemd[1]: Starting Samba SMB Daemon...
Dec 08 15:44:02 cis106vm systemd[1]: Started Samba SMB Daemon.
student@cis106vm:~$
```

2. Enter

sudo systemctl stop smbd

This will stop the Samba server. We will configure the Samba server while it is down then restart it once we are done.

stop - command to stop a piece of software smbd - the Samba SMB Daemon software

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student@cis106vm: ~
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student@cis106vm:~$ sudo systemctl stop smbd
student@cis106vm:~$ sudo systemctl status smbd
smbd.service - Samba SMB Daemon
     Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/smbd.service; enabled; vendor preset: enabled)
     Active: inactive (dead) since Mon 2021-12-13 00:04:27 EST; 4s ago
       Docs: man:smbd(8)
             man:samba(7)
             man:smb.conf(5)
    Process: 66156 ExecStart=/usr/sbin/smbd --foreground --no-process-group $SMBDOPTIONS (c>
   Main PID: 66156 (code=killed, signal=TERM)
     Status: "smbd: ready to serve connections..."
Dec 08 15:44:02 cis106vm systemd[1]: Starting Samba SMB Daemon...
Dec 08 15:44:02 cis106vm systemd[1]: Started Samba SMB Daemon.
Dec 13 00:04:27 cis106vm systemd[1]: Stopping Samba SMB Daemon...
Dec 13 00:04:27 cis106vm systemd[1]: smbd.service: Succeeded.
Dec 13 00:04:27 cis106vm systemd[1]: Stopped Samba SMB Daemon.
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3. Configuring the SAMBA config file

SAMBA has made a new directory in the etc directory. Your SAMBA server should also be inactive or dead.

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student@cis106vm:~$ cd /etc/samba
student@cis106vm:/etc/samba$ ls -l
total 20
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 8 Aug 6 08:17 gdbcommands
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 8942 Dec 8 15:43 smb.conf
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Aug 6 08:17 tls
student@cis106vm:/etc/samba$
```

Back Up the conf. file by entering this command while in the etc/samba directory.

sudo mv smb.conf smb.conf.bak

This will rename the extension of the smb.conf file to a smb.conf.bak file. **mv** - command to move files or directories. This can also rename files.

2. Create a new smb.conf file with this command

sudo nano smb.conf

This will make a new smb.conf file and it will be opened with the program nano. nano - text editor

3. Set up the smb.conf file in this way.

[global] server string = Samba Server workgroup = WORKGROUP security = user map to guest = Bad User name resolve order = bcast host include = /etc/samba/shares.conf

[global] is the header section of config options. **server string** is the name of the server **workgroup** is the workgroup that can access it. WORKGROUP is default. **security** is who can access it. **map to guest** will let it not allow a user account to access the server. **name resolve order** will check the host

in a specific order. include will access other configuration files to implement. Useful for organization.



4. Create the directories that will be shared Enter

mkdir -p /home/student/Documents/SAMBA/{public,private}

mkdir will make a directory **p** argument will allow the creation the parent directories **{public,private}** will create two folders respectively in the SAMBA folder.

5. Create the shares.conf file This file will deal with what directories are accessible and what permission will be allowed. Enter

sudo nano shares.conf

In the file, the structure will be

[Public Files] path = /home/student/Documents/SAMBA/public force user = smbuser force group = smbgroup create mask = 0664 force create mode = 0664 directory mask = 0775

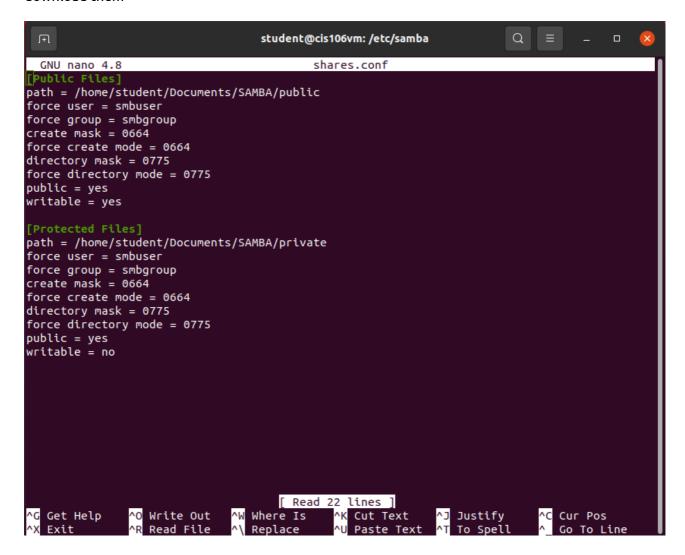
[Public Files] is the header section of the config optinos for publicly accessible files. path is the directory that will be accessed. force user is the user being used to access the server. force group is the group being used to access the server. create mask is the permissions of a file when it is created. -6-- user has rw- permissions --6- group has rw- permissions ---4 other has r-- permissions force create mode is the permissions required when creating a file. directory mask is the permissions of the directory when it is created. -7-- user has rwx permissions ---7- group has rwx permissions ---5 other has r-x permissions. Execute permission is to allow the user to go inside the directory force directory mode forces the permissions of created directory public makes the directory public writable allows changes to be made

6. Optional: Make another directory but for files that can be download files but not be able to change the files.

To this this, you can create a new section and type with the following changes.

[Protected Files] path = /home/student/Documents/SAMBA/private writable = no

path will be a different path for protected files **writable** will not allow users to change files and only download them



4. Create the SAMBA user and group

1. Create the group by entering

sudo groupadd --system smbgroup

groupadd - create a new group. --system - within the system smbgroup - name of the group

You can check if the group was recently made with

tail -1 /etc/group

tail will list the last 5 lines of a file -1 argument for tail that will list the last line of the file

2. Create the user by entering

sudo useradd --system --no-create-home --group smbgroup -s /bin/false smbuser

useradd - create a new user. **--no-create-home** - will not create a home directory for user **--group smbgroup** sets the group to smbgroup **-s /bin/false** prevent user as a log in user. **smbuser** is the name of the user

You can check if the user was recently made with

tail -1 /etc/passwd

5. Set up the folder permissions

1. Change the ownership of the directory with the command:

sudo chown -R smbuser:smbgroup /home/student/Documents/SAMBA

sudo chmod -R g+w /home/student/Documents/SAMBA

chown will change the user/group ownership **-R** recursively give the change in file ownership **smbuser:smbgroup** the user and group **chmod** will change who can access files, directories.

```
student@cis106vm:~/Documents/SAMBA

student@cis106vm:/etc/samba$ cd /home/student/Documents/Samba
bash: cd: /home/student/Documents/Samba: No such file or directory
student@cis106vm:/etc/samba$ cd /home/student/Documents/SAMBA
student@cis106vm:~/Documents/SAMBA$ ls -l
total 8
drwxrwxr-x 2 smbuser smbgroup 4096 Dec 13 01:24 private
drwxrwxr-x 2 smbuser smbgroup 4096 Dec 13 01:24 public
student@cis106vm:~/Documents/SAMBA$
```

6. Starting/Restarting SAMBA

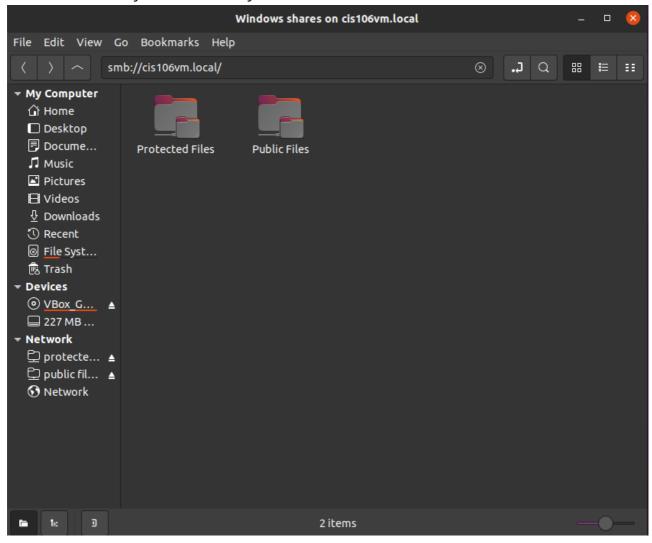
1. Now you can start/restart SAMBA with this command

```
sudo systemctl start smbd
sudo systemctl restart smbd
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restart will restart smbd.

```
student@cis106vm: ~
 🏿 smbd.service - Samba SMB Daemon
     Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/smbd.service; enabled; vendor preset: enabled)
     Active: active (running) since Mon 2021-12-13 01:30:34 EST; 1min 10s ago
       Docs: man:smbd(8)
              man:samba(7)
              man:smb.conf(5)
    Process: 114400 ExecStartPre=/usr/share/samba/update-apparmor-samba-profile (code=exited,>
   Main PID: 114409 (smbd)
     Status: "smbd: ready to serve connections..."
      Tasks: 4 (limit: 2312)
     Memory: 26.5M
     CGroup: /system.slice/smbd.service
               —114409 /usr/sbin/smbd --foreground --no-process-group
               —114411 /usr/sbin/smbd --foreground --no-process-group
               -114412 /usr/sbin/smbd --foreground --no-process-group
-114413 /usr/sbin/smbd --foreground --no-process-group
Dec 13 01:30:34 cis106vm systemd[1]: Starting Samba SMB Daemon...
Dec 13 01:30:34 cis106vm smbd[114409]:
Dec 13 01:30:34 cis106vm systemd[1]: Started Samba SMB Daemon.
Dec 13 01:30:34 cis106vm smbd[114409]:
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2. You can now access your file server in your Network of Linux.



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