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Aim: Configuration of NFS (Network File System) Server and transfer files to a Linux Client.

Theory: NFS (Network File System) is a distributed file system. An NFS server has one or more file systems that are mounted by NFS clients. These file systems are mounted by using the standard UNIX mount commands. NFS is the standard method to share files between Linux and Unix-like systems.

NFS is a networking protocol for distributed file sharing. A file system defines the way files are stored and retrieved from storage devices, such as hard disk drives, solid-state drives and on tape drives across networks. It enables network administrators to share all or a portion of a file system on a networked server to make it accessible to remote computer users. NFS is one of the most widely used protocols for file servers. Cloud vendors also implement the NFS protocol for cloud storage, including Amazon Elastic File System, NFS file shares in Microsoft Azure and Google Cloud Filestore.

How does the Network File System work?

NFS is a client-server protocol. An NFS Server is a host that meets the following requirements:

- has NFS Installed
- has at least one network connection for sharing NFS resources; and
- is configured to accept and respond to NFS requests over the network connection.

An NFS Client is a host that meets the following requirements:

- has NFS client software installed
- has network connectivity to an NFS server
- is authorized to access resources on the NFS server; and
- is configured to send and receive NFS requests over the network connection.

NFS was initially conceived as a method for sharing file systems across workgroups using UNIX. It is still often used for ad hoc sharing of resources.

Installation of NFS Server

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root@ubuntu: —

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root apt install nfs-kernel-server Reading package
lists. Done
Bui lding dependency tree
Reading state information. .. Done nfs-kernel-server is already the
newest version (1 : 1.3.4-2.5ubuntu3.4) .
The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer required :
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  libcotamd2 libde265-O libgegl-O .4-0 libgegl-common libgfortran5 libgimp2.0
  libgme libgsm libheif libid3tag liblame liblapack3 libmetts5
  libmng2 libmypaint-1.5-1 libmypaint-common libopenexr24 libopenmptO
  libquadmathO libraw19 1 libstdc++2-2.0-0 1 libstdc++6 libssh-gcrypt-4
  libsubprocess5 libswresample3 libswscale5 libumfpack5 libva-drm2
  libva-x11-2 libva2 libvdpau libx264-155 libx265-179 libxvidcore4
  libzvbi-common libzvbiO mesa-va-drivers mesa-vdpau-drivers oct-
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  to remove them .
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root@ubuntu: —

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  libopencl va-driver-all vdpau-driver-all Use ' apt auto remove' to remove
  them .
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: root@ubuntu : root@ubuntu :
root      apt install nfs- common Reading
package   Done
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Building dependency tree

Reading state information... Done nfs-common is already the newest version (I : I. 3.4-2. subuntu3.4) .

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Create the folder that needs to be shared,

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root@ubuntu:~#  
root@ubuntu:~# cd /mnt  
root@ubuntu:/mnt#  
root@ubuntu:/mnt#  
root@ubuntu:/mnt# ls -lrt  
total 0  
root@ubuntu:/mnt#  
root@ubuntu:/mnt# mkdir nfsshare  
root@ubuntu:/mnt#  
root@ubuntu:/mnt# ls -lrt  
total 4  
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Apr 27 07:35 nfsshare  
root@ubuntu:/mnt#
```

Provide permissions as below,

```

root@ubuntu:/mnt#
root@ubuntu:/mnt# chown -R nobody:nogroup nfsshare
root@ubuntu:/mnt#
root@ubuntu:/mnt# ls -lrt
total 4
drwxr-xr-x 2 nobody nogroup 4096 Apr 27 07:35 nfsshare
root@ubuntu:/mnt#
root@ubuntu:/mnt#
root@ubuntu:/mnt#
root@ubuntu:/mnt# chmod -R 777 nfsshare/
root@ubuntu:/mnt#
root@ubuntu:/mnt#
root@ubuntu:/mnt# ls -lrt
total 4
drwxrwxrwx 2 nobody nogroup 4096 Apr 27 07:35 nfsshare
root@ubuntu:/mnt#
root@ubuntu:/mnt#

```

Edit "/etc/exports" with below entry with IP or (*) for all servers,

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# /etc/exports: the access control list for filesystems which may be exported
#               to NFS clients.  See exports(5).
#
# Example for NFSv2 and NFSv3:
# /srv/homes      hostname1(rw,sync,no_subtree_check) hostname2(ro,sync,no_sub
# tree_check)
#
# Example for NFSv4:
# /srv/nfs4       gss/krb5i(rw,sync,fsid=0,crossmnt,no_subtree_check)
# /srv/nfs4/homes gss/krb5i(rw,sync,no_subtree_check)
/mnt/nfsshare 192.168.75.129(rw,sync,no_root_squash,insecure)

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//add the IP address of server with details of the file being shared
Check the status of NFS service after making these changes,

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root@ubuntu : ---4 root@ubuntu:---# systemctl status nfs-kernel-server
nfs-server . service NFS server and services
Loaded : loaded ( /lib/systemd/system/nfs -server . service; enabled; vendor p
Active : active (exited) since wed 2022-04-27 PDT ; 34s ago
Process : 6243 ExecStartPre=/usr/sbin/exportfs - r (code---exited, status=O/SU
Process : 6244 Execstart=/usr/sbin/rpc . nfsd SRPCNFSDARGS (code---exited, stat
main PID: 6244 (code---exited, status=O/SUCCESS)
Apr 27 07:44:40 ubuntu systemd[1]: Starting NFS server and services... A r 27 07:44 •41
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Check the firewall status,

```

root@ubuntu:~# ufw status
Status: inactive
root@ubuntu:~#
root@ubuntu:~#

```

Export the NFS folder and mount the shared folder,

```

root@ubuntu:/mnt#
root@ubuntu:/mnt# exportfs -rav
exportfs: /etc/exports [3]: Neither 'subtree_check' or 'no_subtree_check' specified for export "*/mnt/nfsshare".
    Assuming default behaviour ('no_subtree_check').
    NOTE: this default has changed since nfs-utils version 1.0.x

exporting */mnt/nfsshare
root@ubuntu:/mnt#
root@ubuntu:/mnt#
root@ubuntu:/mnt# mount 192.168.75.129:/mnt/nfsshare /mnt/nfs_client_Share
root@ubuntu:/mnt#
root@ubuntu:/mnt# ls -lrt
total 8
drwxrwxrwx 2 nobody nogroup 4096 Apr 27 07:35 nfsshare
drwxrwxrwx 2 nobody nogroup 4096 Apr 27 07:35 nfs_client_Share
root@ubuntu:/mnt#

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root@ubuntu:/mnt#

Folder actin as server, has a "a.txt" file

```

root@ubuntu:/mnt/nfsshare# cd nfsshare/
root@ubuntu:/mnt/nfsshare#
root@ubuntu:/mnt/nfsshare#
root@ubuntu:/mnt/nfsshare#
root@ubuntu:/mnt/nfsshare# ls -lrt
total 4
-rw-rw-rw- 1 root root 28 Apr 27 08:06 a.txt
root@ubuntu:/mnt/nfsshare# cat a.txt
This file is shared on NFS.
root@ubuntu:/mnt/nfsshare#

```

Text file acting as a server has a .txt file and is also now visible via Client share machine

```
root@ubuntu:/mnt#  
root@ubuntu:/mnt#  
root@ubuntu:/mnt# cd nfs_client_Share/  
root@ubuntu:/mnt/nfs_client_Share#  
root@ubuntu:/mnt/nfs_client_Share#  
root@ubuntu:/mnt/nfs_client_Share# ls -lrt  
total 4  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 28 Apr 27 08:06 a.txt  
root@ubuntu:/mnt/nfs_client_Share#  
root@ubuntu:/mnt/nfs_client_Share#  
root@ubuntu:/mnt/nfs_client_Share# cat a.txt  
This file is shared on NFS.
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Conclusion: Hence, we have studied about the configuration of NFS Server and transferred files across Linux clients and servers.