



Exercise 13.3: Create guest-access SMB share

- Share the directory `/home/export/cifs` as the share name `mainexports`.
- Use the workgroup name `LNXFND`.
- Allow read only, guest access to all hosts in the workgroup.
- Allow public access.

Solution 13.3

1. Ensure **Samba** is installed:

- On **CentOS**:

```
# yum install samba samba-client samba-common
```

- On **OpenSUSE**:

```
# zypper install samba samba-client
```

- On **Ubuntu**:

```
# apt-get install samba smbclient
```

2. Backup `smb.conf`:

```
# mv /etc/samba/smb.conf /etc/samba/smb.conf.backup
```

3. Create a new `smb.conf` file with the following contents:

```
[global]
workgroup = LNXFND
server string = Myserver
log file = /var/log/samba/log.%m
max log size = 50
cups options = raw

[mainexports]
path = /home/export/cifs
read only = yes
guest ok = yes
comment = Main exports share
```

4. Restart **Samba**:

- On **CentOS** and **OpenSUSE**:

```
# systemctl restart smb
```

- On **Ubuntu**:

```
# systemctl restart smbd
```

5. Check the share is available. The password is not required, when prompted press enter to continue as **anonymous**.

```
$ smbclient -L 127.0.0.1
```

6. From another machine or the localhost verify the **samba** share is working:

```
$ smbclient //SERVER/mainexports
```

`smbclient` will prompt for a password, you can press enter to have no password and `smbclient` will continue as anonymous user. If there is a user id and password added by `smbpasswd`, you may use those credentials. See the man page for `smbclient` for additional information.