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Change history

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1.0.3	21.04.2022	• Update to latest template version • Add section about used ports • Add svnExport.sh as appendix	ThirtySomething
1.0.4	23.04.2022	• Add documentation about Syncting docker container	ThirtySomething
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1.0.11	26.05.2022	• Add description of AIO docker compose file • Add description of Gerbera	ThirtySomething
1.0.12	27.05.2022	• Remove description of Gerbera • Add basic description of Nextcloud	ThirtySomething
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1.0.18	07.02.2022	• Change order of OMV plugins • Add chapter about rsync	ThirtySomething
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Table 1: Change history

1 Initial situation

In 2010 I bought my first NAS. It was a Synology DS411slim. The device is running up to now. For a few years now, it is only supplied with security updates. That is quite remarkable for the fact that it has already 12 years on the hump.

Now I've run out of space - I have 4*2TB running there in RAID 10, which results in about 3.7TB. In addition, the performance is, well, not quite up to date.

2 Search for alternatives

2.1 Use a mini PC in front of the NAS

Realizing this situation I was searching for alternatives. The first idea was to use an existing mini PC in front of the NAS. This failed for some reasons.

- Using the NAS directly for Docker volumes only possible using iSCSI – everything else I was not successful.
- The CPU of the mini PC does not support Intel VT for virtualization in case of Proxmox for example.
- The network itself as bottleneck for Docker containers.

2.2 Hardware alternatives

Then I decided to by a new NAS system. But which kind of NAS will it be? I've spent a long time to search the internet for possible soultions. I didn't know about the possibility to pimp a TerraMaster NAS with a different OS. This is also possible for Western Digital NAS as described here and here. Also the variant with a mini PC and separated storage case was interesting. The idea is to get the most out of money, so the ranking here is done by price/performance ratio and the DIY NAS wins the comparison.

1. DIY NAS system on PC base
2. DIY NAS system with separated storage case and mini PC
3. Commercial NAS system
4. Commercial NAS with custom OS

2.3 The planned hardware

When comparing the different hardware solutions, I also made a comparison between an Intel and an AMD based NAS. The AMD variant won the price/power chapter, so I decided to buy:

- 32GB G.Skill RipJaws V black DDR4-3200 DIMM Dual Kit
- 250GB Samsung 970 Evo Plus M.2 2280

- 400 Watt be quiet! Pure Power 11 CM Modular 80+ Gold
- Black Fractal Design Node 304 cube without power supply
- 4x 4000GB WD Red Plus WD40EFZX 128MB 3.5”
- ASRock Fatal1ty B450 Gaming-ITX/AC AMD B450
- AMD Athlon 3000G with Radeon Vega Graphics 3.5GHz
- Noctua NH-L9a-AM4 topblow cooler

2.4 The bought hardware

„Life is what happens to you while you’re busy making other plans.“

Figure 1: A quote from John Lennon

This means that the availability of chips and other events affect the market and make it difficult to realize these plans. For example, motherboards in mini-ITX format with AM4 socket have been really hard to get in the first half of 2022. That’s why I revised my decision on the components:

- 32GB G.Skill RipJaws V black DDR4-3200 DIMM Dual Kit
- 250GB Samsung 970 Evo Plus M.2 2280
- 400 Watt be quiet! Pure Power 11 CM Modular 80+ Gold
- Black Fractal Design Node 304 cube without power supply
- 4x 4000GB WD Red Plus WD40EFZX 128MB 3.5”
- ASRock H610M-ITX/AC mITX Intel H610 DDR4 S1700
- Intel Core I3-12100 tray
- Noctua NH-L9i-17xx topblow cooler

2.5 The difference

The difference is that the CPU is a latest generation Intel I3 processor. The corresponding motherboard is also brand new. Both were only launched in Q1/2022.

2.6 The consequences

The fresh introduction to the market has some consequences: OMV 5 does not support the network chip of the motherboard. So I decided to install the OMV 6 beta on my DIY NAS. I also tried TrueNAS – it looks much more professional than OMV, but it is also a bit more complicated to understand and configure. It also doesn't have native support for Docker.

3 The hardware build

Although I build up my last PC more than 25 years ago assembling the hardware was a breeze. The only surprise was the mounting position of the power supply. As I understand how to do this everything was fine.

4 The software installation

4.1 The operating system

The basic installation of OMV works without any problems. This is known from debian. Additional Volker Theile, the founder of the OMV project, and his team have done a very good job. Thank you guys!

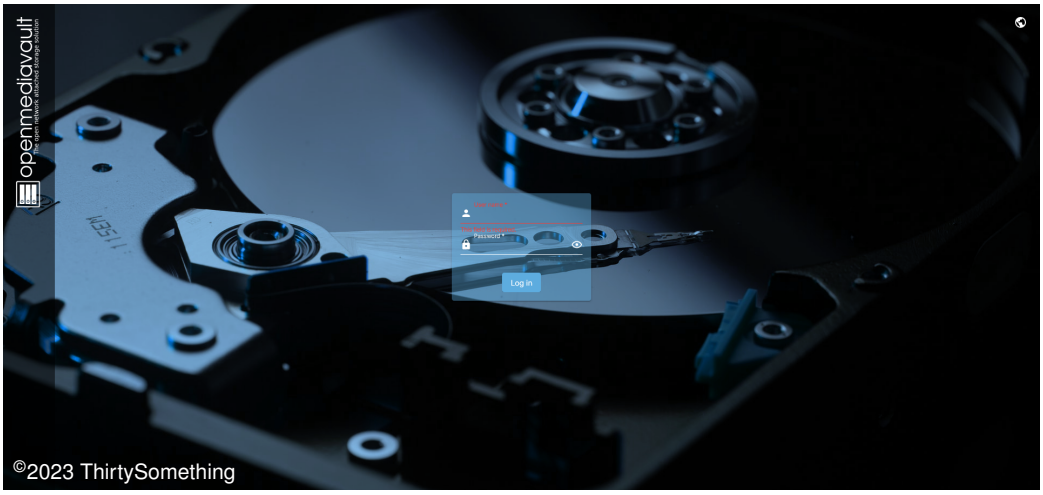

Figure 2: The OMV login page

4.2 The disks

All attached disks are working. The system disk is a NVME SSD with a 250 GB capacity. All others are 4 TB WD RED disks.

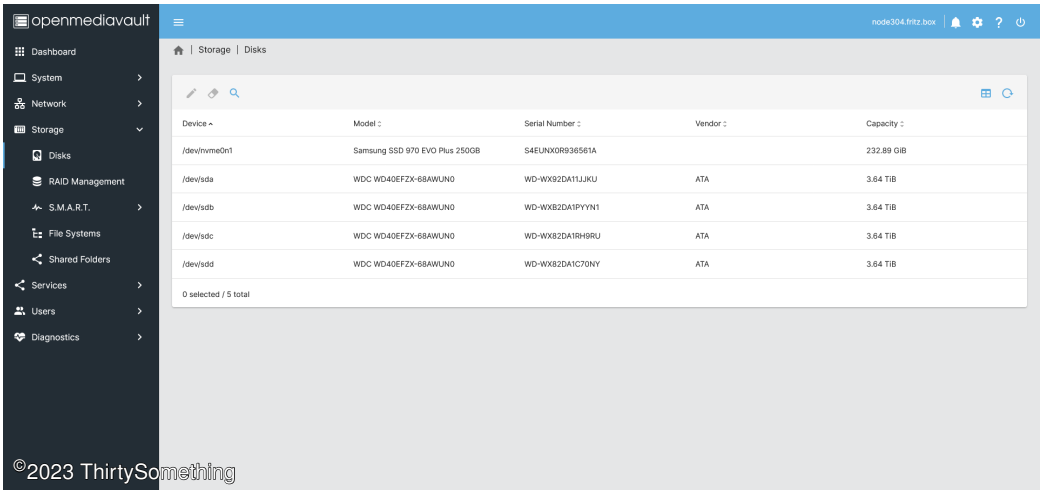

Figure 3: The OMV disks

Before you can create a filesystem on the disks, you have to erase them first.

4.3 EXT4 storage

Configuring the RAID was also less problematic. But there is an important point: As long as the RAID system is created, do not use the RAID! During the RAID build I was playing around with OMV plugins to see the diskstats – and damaged the RAID build. After a reboot the system hangs on the filesystem check. I was shocked - also about the large amount of blocks the fsck found and tried to repair. It took a while to understand what happens. Then I've startet from scratch and everything was okay. The creation of the filesystem at the end went without problems. A filesystem check found nothing to do.

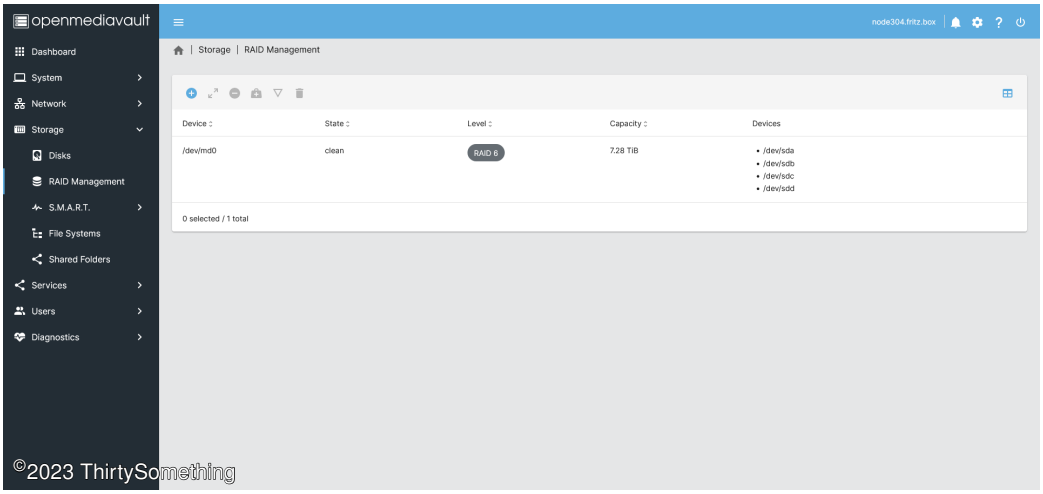

Figure 4: The OMV RAID

Setting up a RAID 6 on the four disks using EXT4 took aproximately 50 hours.

4.4 ZFS storage

Using the ZFS plugin offers an enterprise level filesystem compared to EXT4. The creation of this filesystem is done in a few seconds compared to EXT4. Transmitting data through the network to the NAS seems to be much faster than doing this on the same device using EXT4.

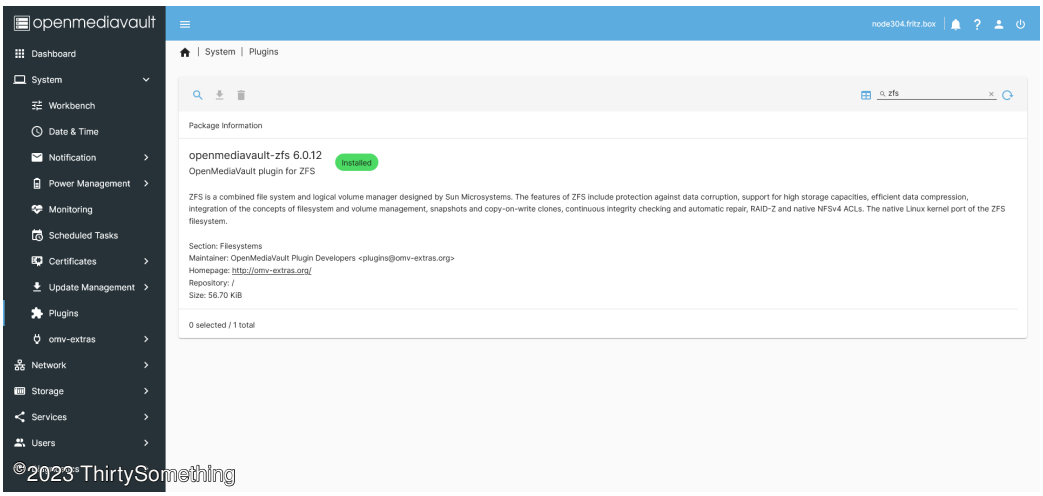

Figure 5: The OMV ZFS plugin

Testing and playing around with the ZFS showed that there is a lot of

knowledge about this filesystem required – and I'm lacking this knowledge. So I decided not to use the ZFS storage.

4.5 The filesystem

This was a simple step – just mount the previously created RAID volume.

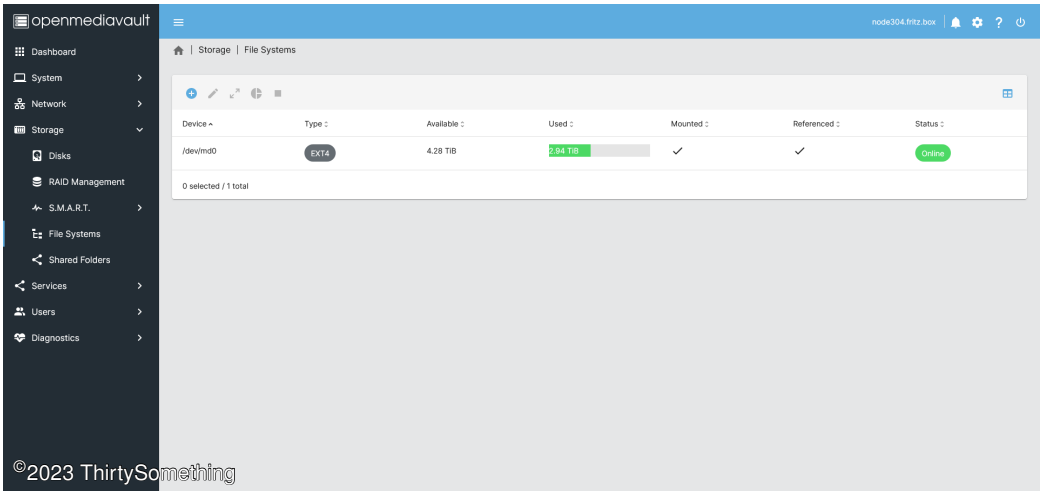

Figure 6: The OMV filesystem on the RAID

4.6 Shared folders

Some common folders should be defined before anything else is done:

- The folder `docker` for the use of Docker.
- The folder `homes` as base folder for the users home directories.
- The folder `music` for the miniDLNA plugin.
- The folder `quarantine` for the use of ClamAV.
- The folder `video` also for the miniDLNA plugin.

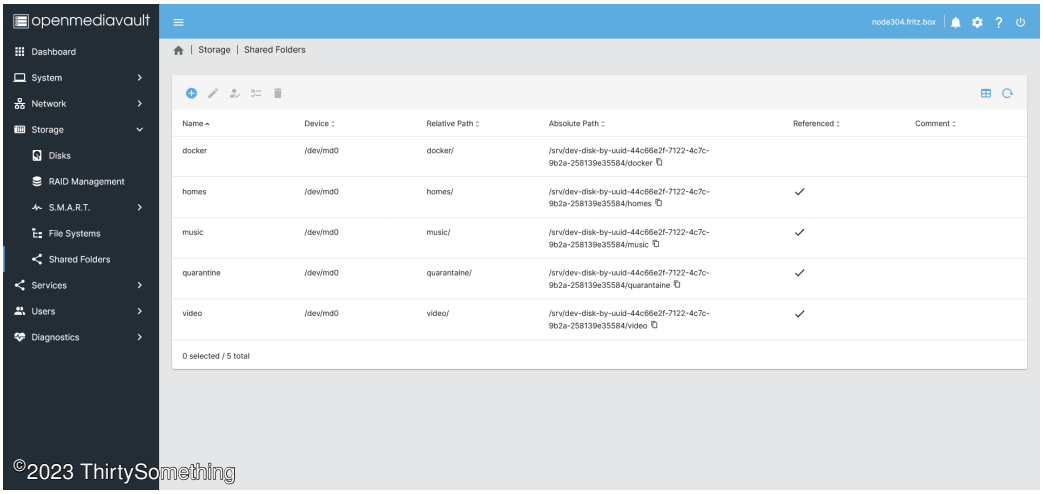

Figure 7: The OMV shared folders

This „shared folders“ are defined as container to be used inside of OMV. To make them accessible from the network you have to enable services for them.

4.7 Users

In the settings the option `User home directory` is enabled and points to the previously created `homes` folder. Then I created the users.

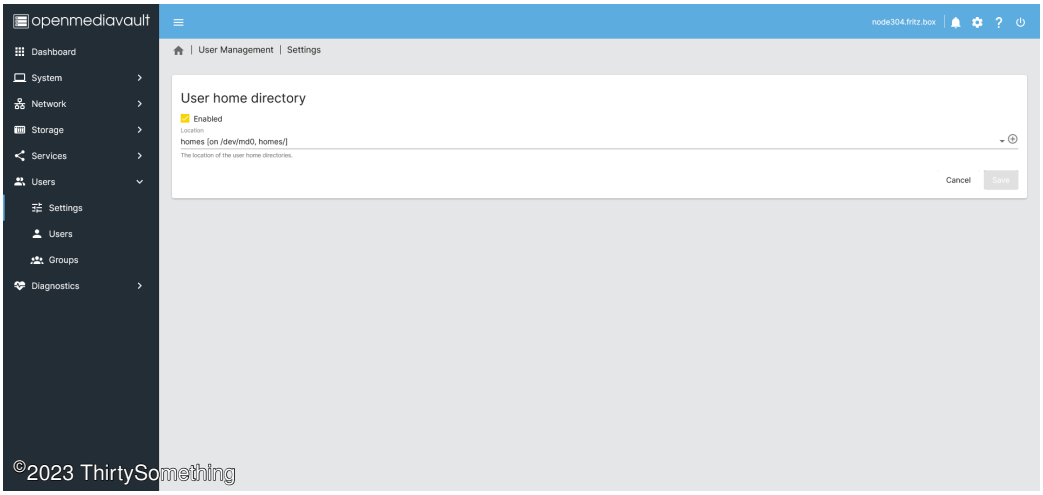

Figure 8: The OMV users home directory

4.8 CIFS shares

Simple - enable the `SMB/CIFS` service, enable the `home directories` and then create shares for the previously defined `shared folders`. Allow read/write access for the administrator of the shares (me), the others got read access to them.

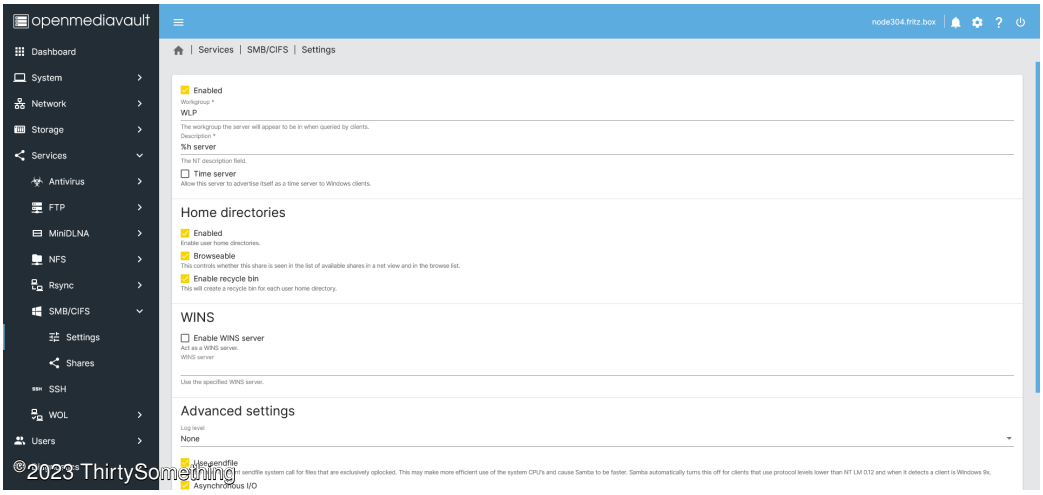

Figure 9: The OMV CIFS settings

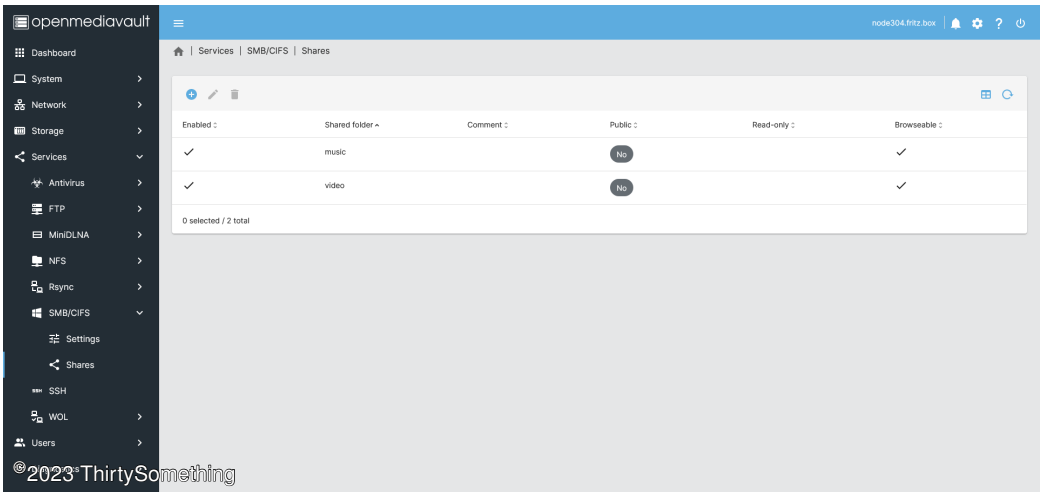

Figure 10: The OMV CIFS shares

As you can see there is actualy no public access to this shares. This means that only priviledged users can access them.

4.9 Tuning

4.9.1 SMB/CIFS

Transfering data from the old NAS to the new one takes a lot of time. To speed up the process I searched for some tuning and found this here:

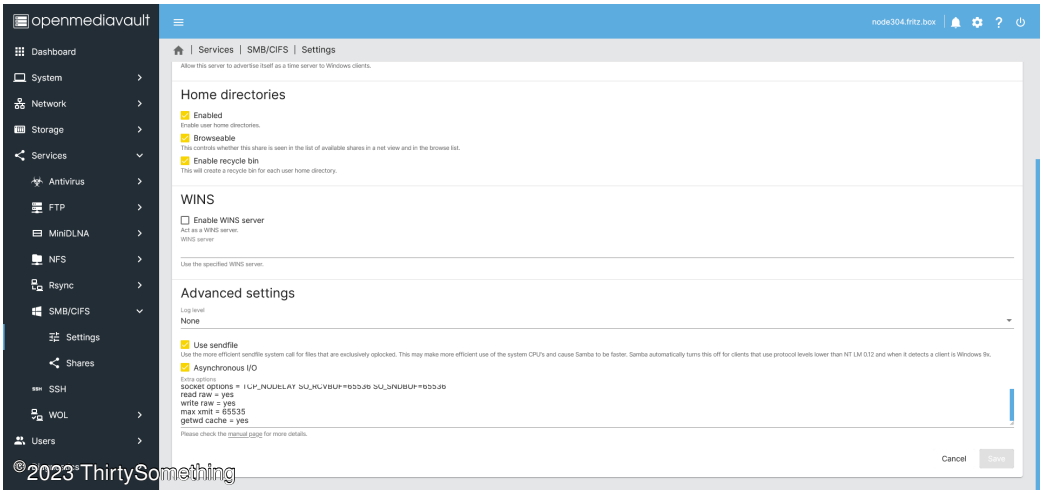

Figure 11: The OMV advanced CIFS settings

Just add the following tuning parameters as extra options on the SMB/CIFS settings:

```
socket options = TCP_NODELAY SO_RCVBUF=65536 SO_SNDBUF=65536
read raw = yes
write raw = yes
max xmit = 65535
getwd cache = yes
```

Figure 12: SMB/CIFS tuning options

4.10 Performance

For analyzing the speed of the NAS I've been using the NAS performance tester.

First the old Synology DS411Slim is measured. There is a manufacturer specific OS called DiskStation Manager DSM running using EXT4 as filesystem.

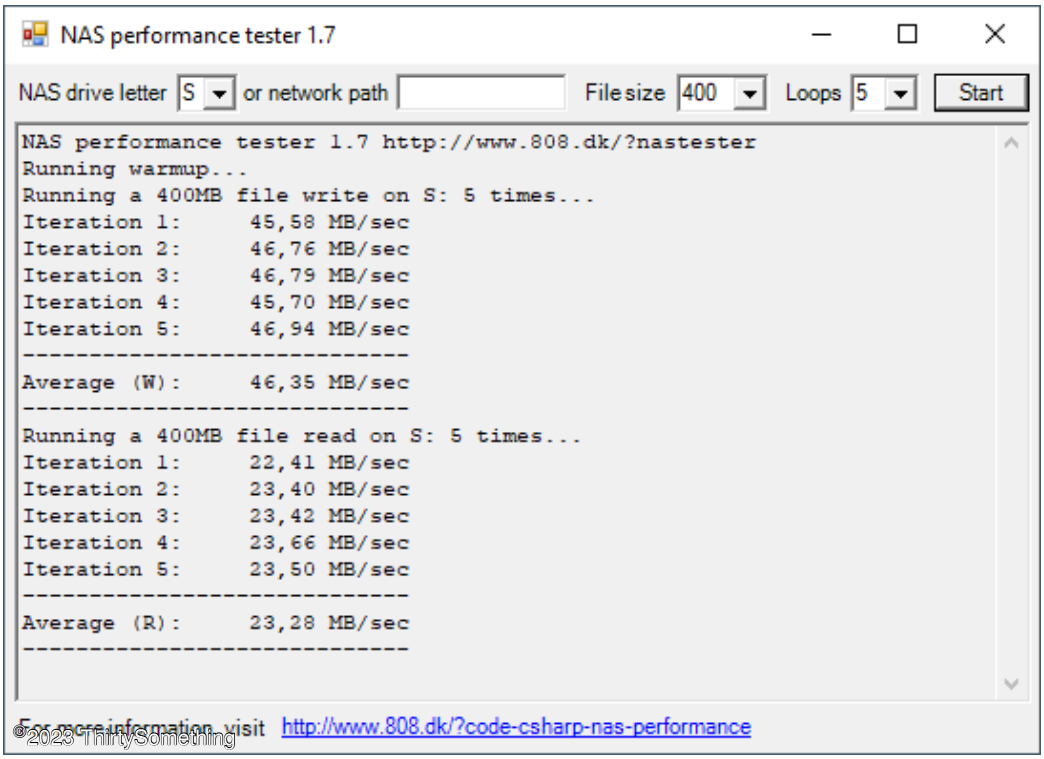

Figure 13: The speed of the old DS411Slim

Then the new Node304 is measured second. This is running OMV with an EXT4 filesystem and untuned SMB/CIFS settings.

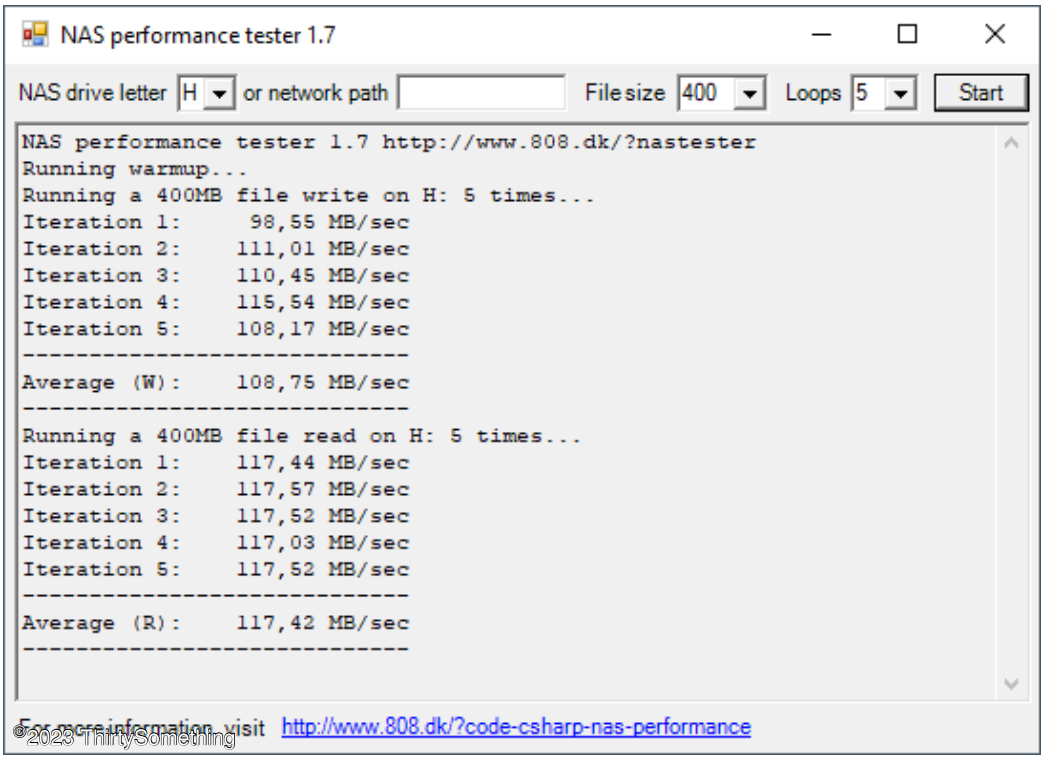

Figure 14: The speed of the OMV NAS

Reading is more than twice faster than before. And writing even more than five times faster. This is great!

Applying the settings mentioned in the Tuning chapter surprisingly result is a slower performance:

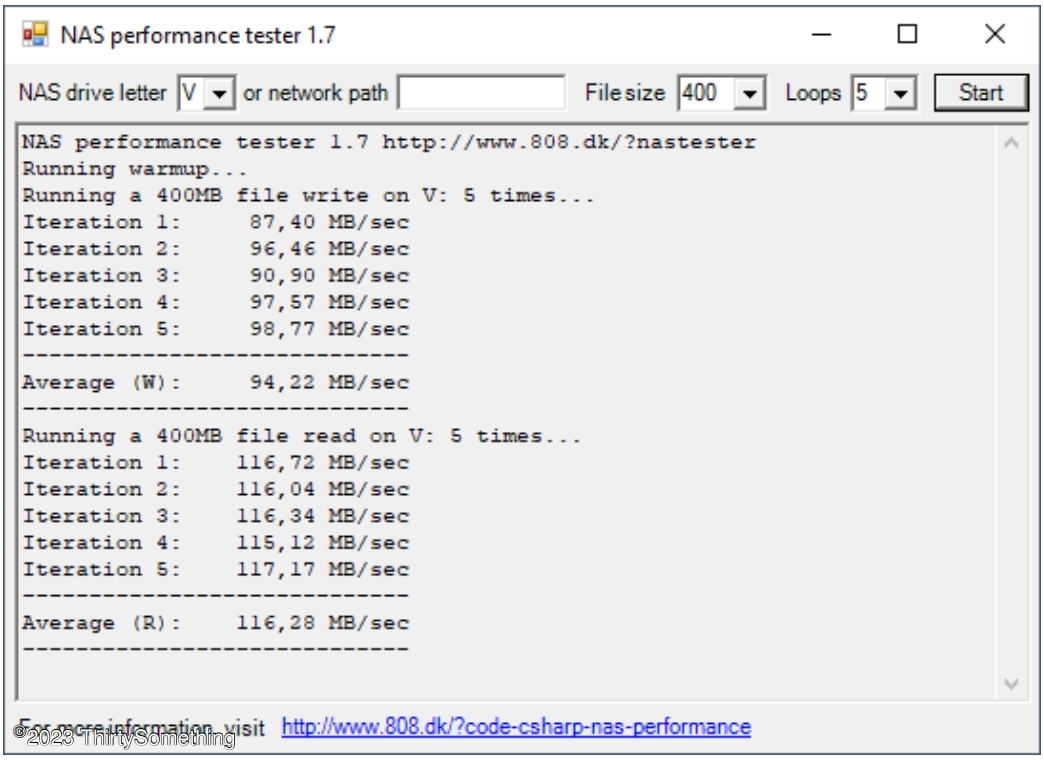

Figure 15: OMV NAS with tuned SMB/CIFS

So the final settings will be the default without the tuning settings.

5 OMV plugins

5.1 OMV extras

The OMV extras are not available in the default plugin list. The way to go to install them is described here. Login as user `root` using SSH and enter the following command:

```
wget -O - https://github.com/OpenMediaVault-Plugin-Developers/packages/raw/master/install | bash
```

Figure 16: The OMV extras installation

Using this plugin enables at least the Docker and Portainer installation to enhance the capabilities of the NAS. Also ReadyMedia is now available in the OMV extras.

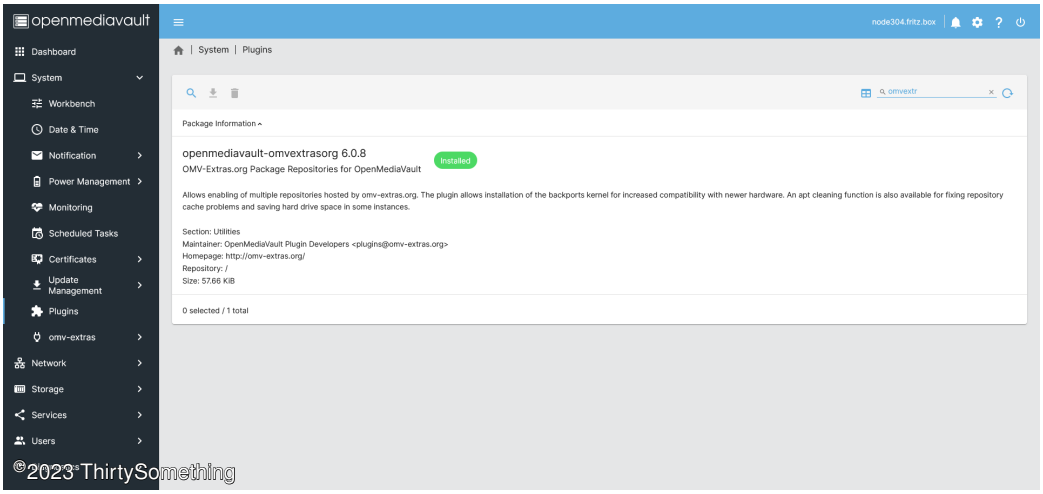

Figure 17: The OMV extras plugin

5.2 ClamAV

To protect the data I want to use an antivirus program. As open source solution there is ClamAV available – and also as plugin for OMV.

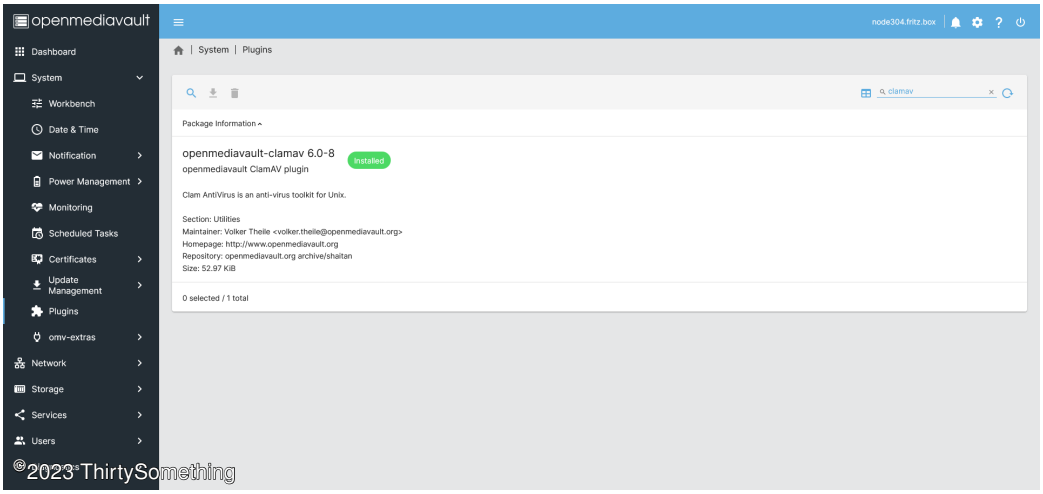

Figure 18: The OMV ClamAV plugin

In the setup we use the previously defined quarantine folder.

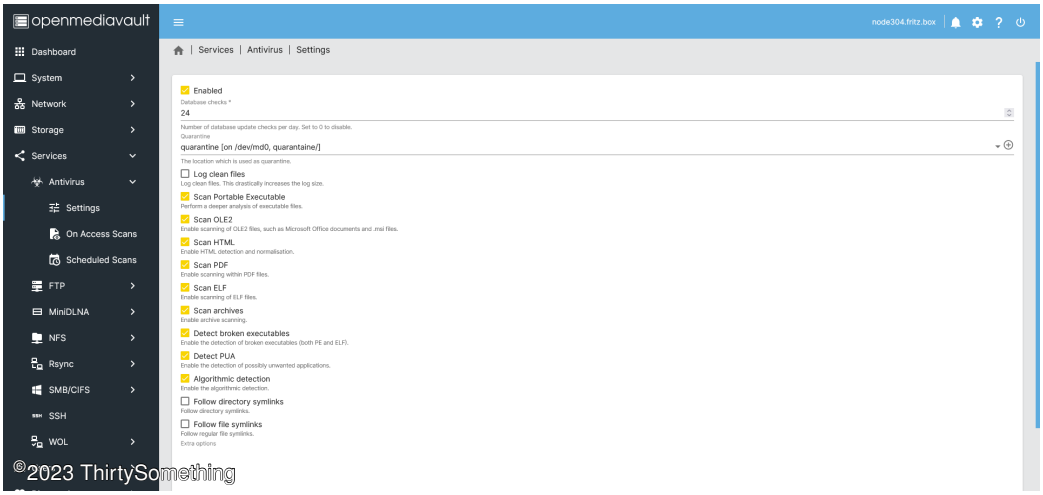

Figure 19: The antivirus settings

I enabled a scan on access for specific folders.

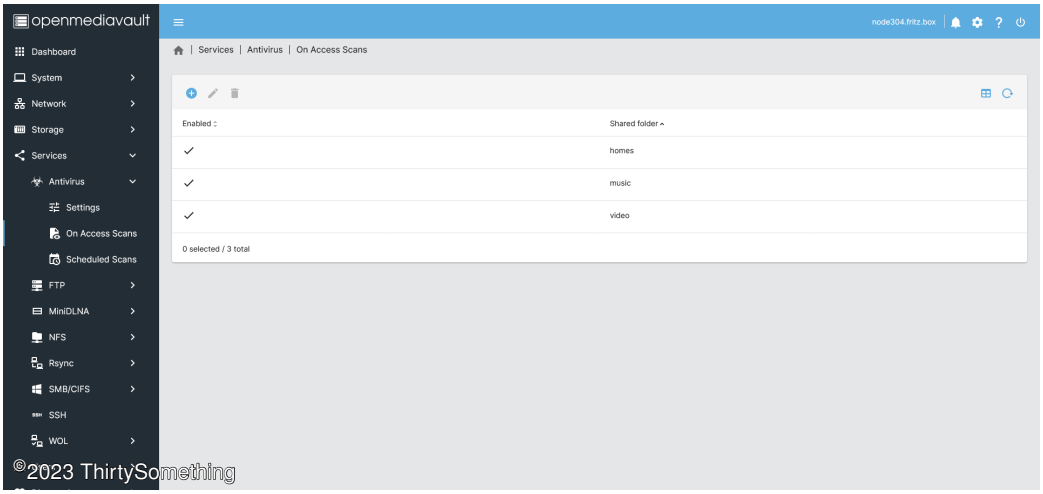

Figure 20: The antivirus on access scan

Also I've enabled a scheduled scan for these folders, too.

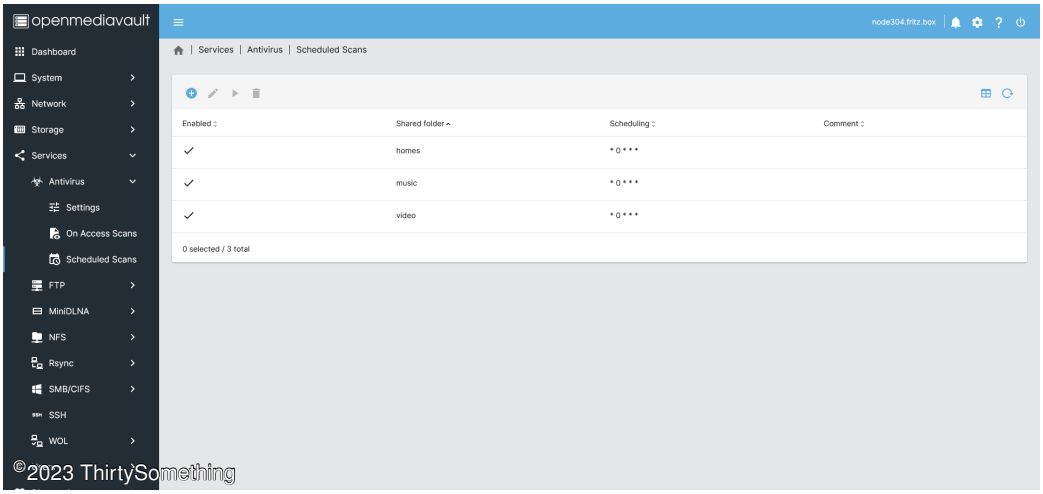

Figure 21: The antivirus scheduled scan

Maybe somebody will claim that all scheduled scans run on the same time. Yes – this was setup to check the power of the CPU. The system load increases to a load of about 3 – that's fantastic from my point of view! This means that there are more than enough reserves. When I'm spreading the schedule I can lower the load.

Figure 22: The antivirus system load on scan

5.3 MiniDLNA

To stream music and videos from the NAS to the network I'm using the ReadyMedia media server software. In OMV this is used with the old name `MiniDLNA`.

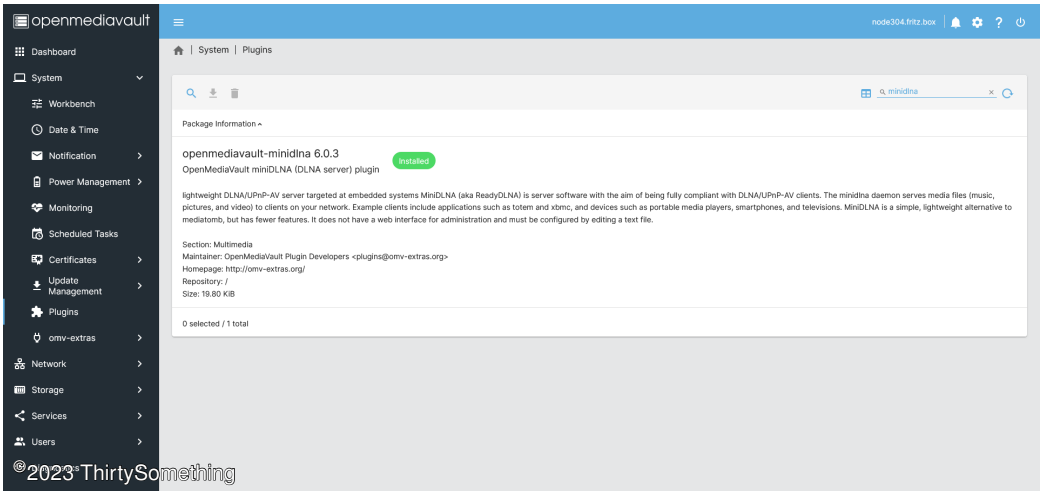

Figure 23: The MiniDLNA plugin

The basic setup is simple - I've checked the `Enable` box and that's it.

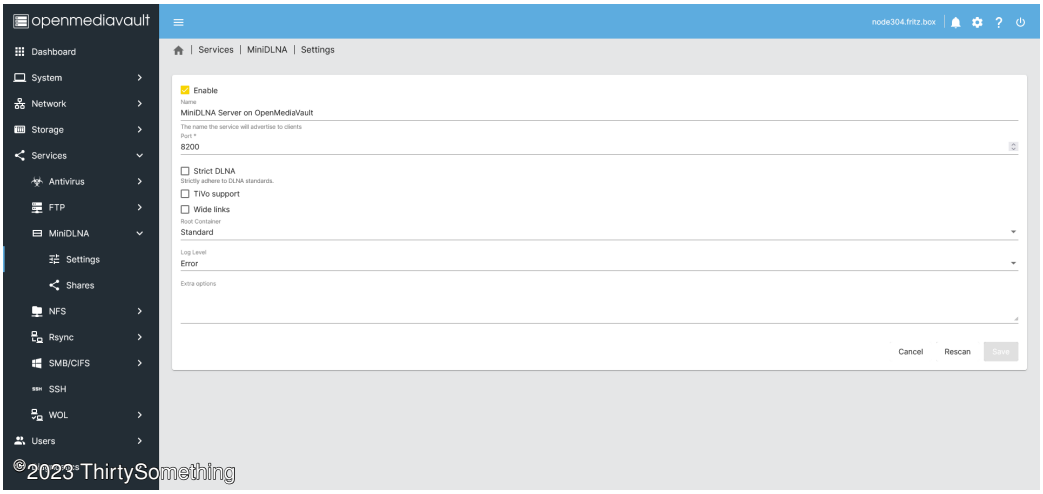

Figure 24: The MiniDLNA settings

Then I have to define the shares and the kind of content of the shares.

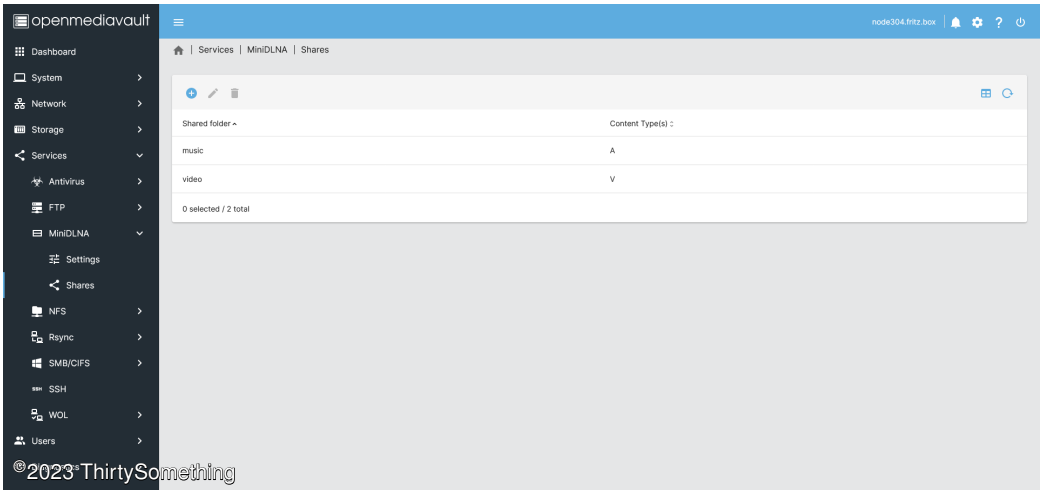

Figure 25: The MiniDLNA shares

Note to myself: The logfile of this software bloated twice all available space on the OS drive. Search for an alternative for this!

5.4 rsync

On Linux it's usual to use rsync to synchronize data between different locations. OMV offers a rsync service – it's not a plugin in the usual meaning. There are many different scenarios possible – I'll describe two of them.

The first one is the sync in the direction of the Node304 to the Synology DS411Slim, also known as rsync push:

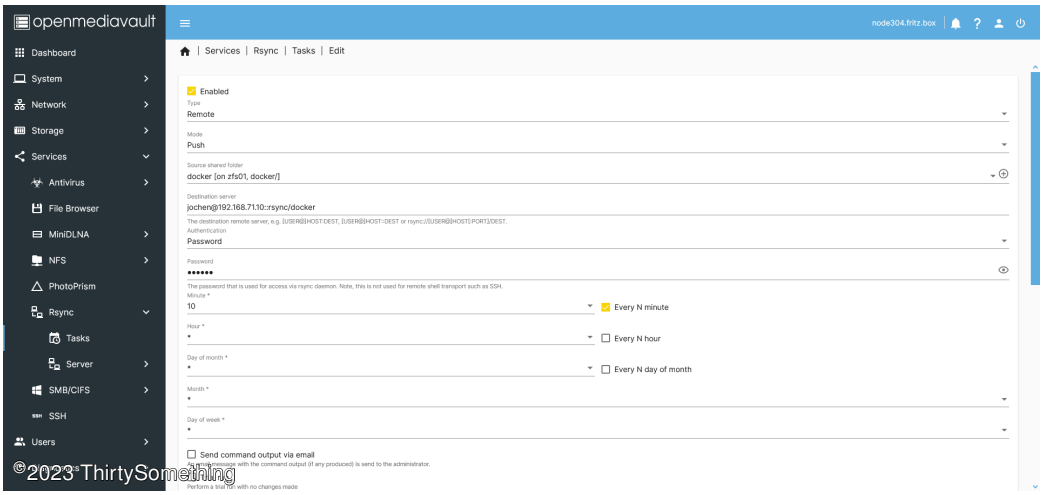

Figure 26: rsync push 1

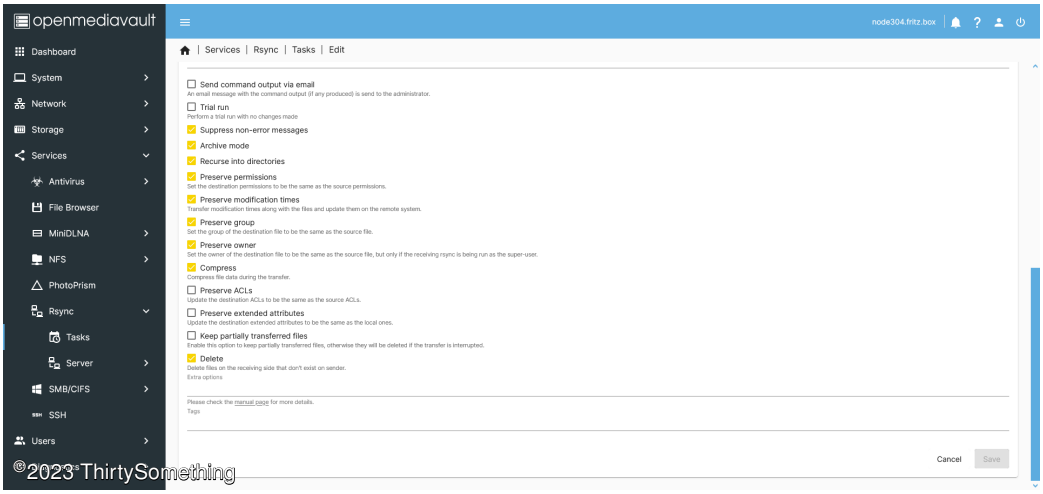

Figure 27: rsync push 2

The second one is the sync in the direction of the Synology DS411Slim to the Node304, also known as rsync pull:

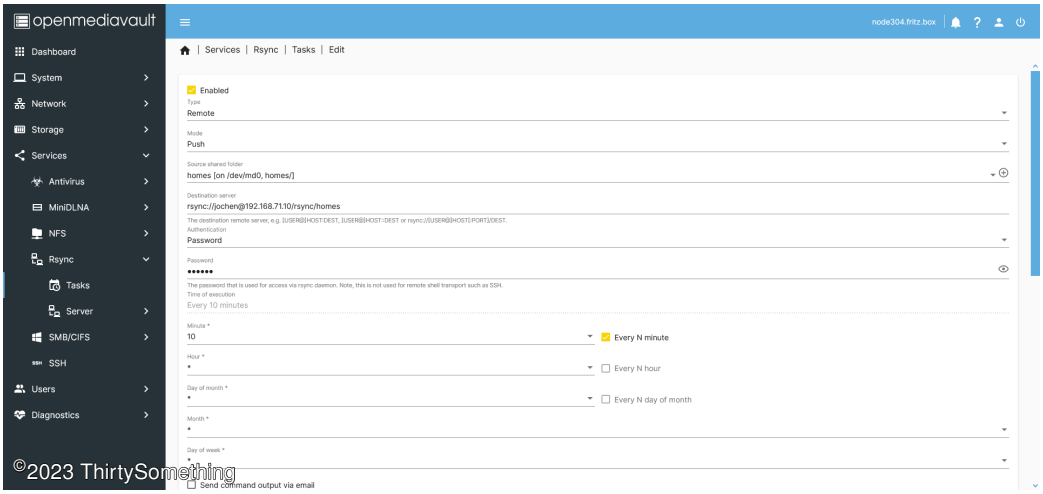

Figure 28: rsync pull 1

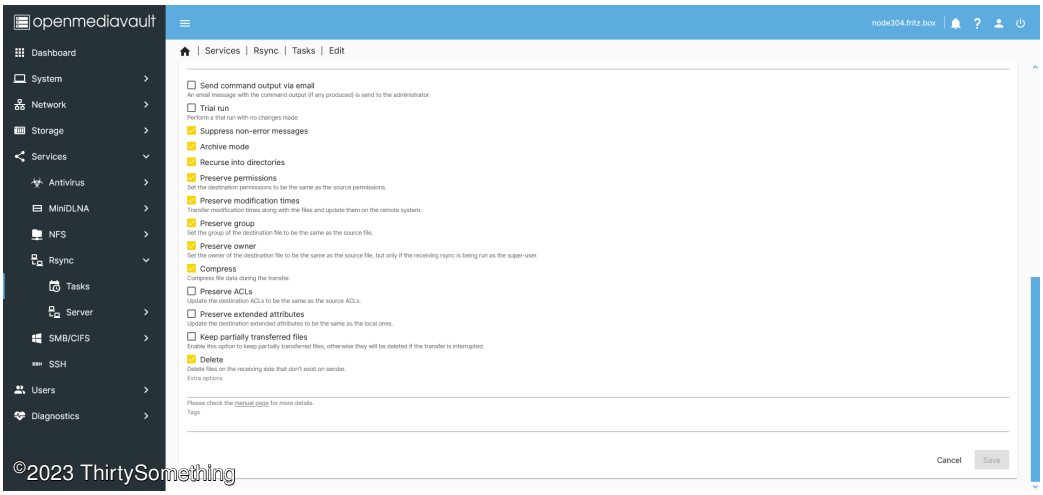

Figure 29: rsync pull 2

I've both methods to backup/restore my data using the Synology DS411Slim while setting up the Node304.

6 Docker

By using Docker I want to enhance the NAS with features which are not available out-of-the-box. Especially with services my previous NAS offers and which are not native available for OMV.

6.1 Docker installation

The default location of Docker is `/var/lib/docker` on the system disk. Allthough the system disk is a fast SSD, I want to install Docker on the slower RAID storage. So I have to change the path of Docker storage.

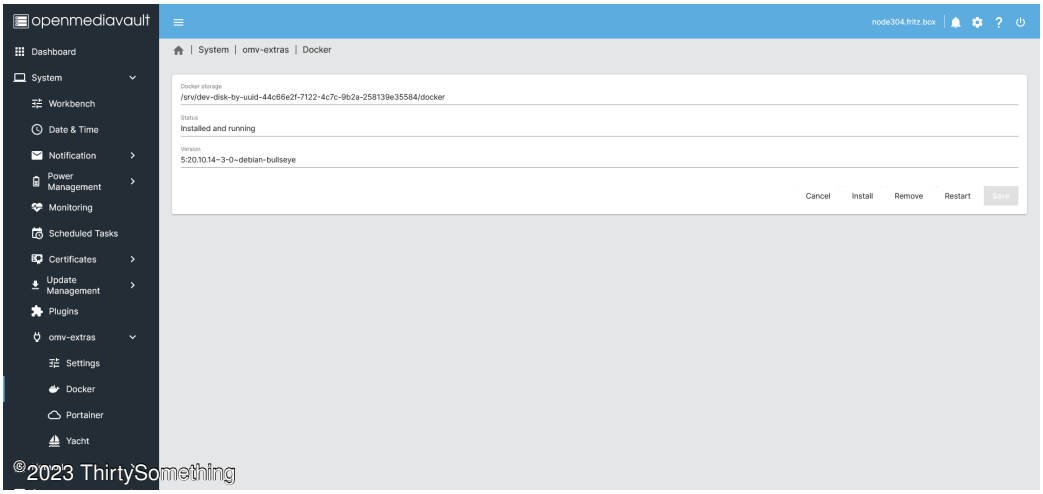

Figure 30: The Docker setup

In case Docker is already installed, see here how to move the Docker storage to another location.

6.2 Portainer

To have more comfort in dealing with Docker we install also Portainer from the OMV extras.

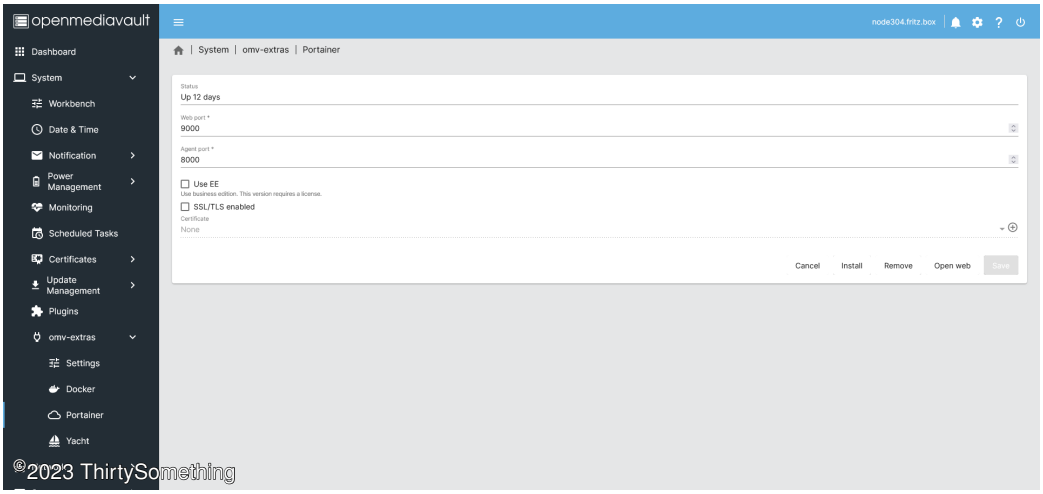

Figure 31: The Portainer setup

After installation Portainer is up and running.

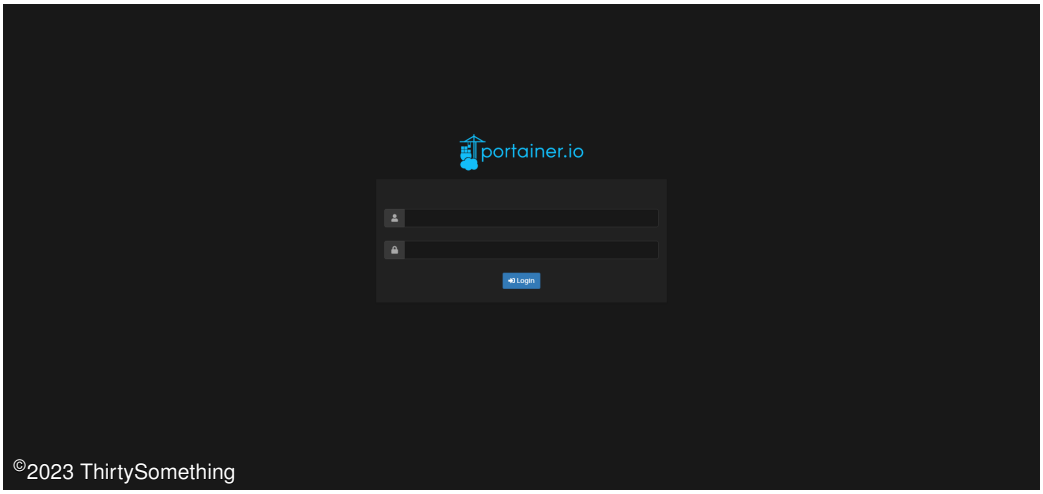

Figure 32: The Portainer login

6.3 Container list

- ~~Portainer – UI for docker~~ – done with docker installation.
- ~~SCM-Manager – SCM with git, svn and hg~~ – done.
- MariaDB – Database for various projects
- phpMyAdmin – UI for the database
- Mosquitto – A MQTT broker
- ~~Syncthing – File synchronization~~
- Nextcloud – Private cloud service
- Backup server?
  - restic
  - Duplicati
- MinIO – As data sink for Nextcloud, restic or Duplicati
- ~~Pi-hole – Adblocker for the network~~ – won't do that, see section 6.6 for explanation
- gotify – Notification server

Figure 33: Containerlist

6.4 SCM-Manager

SCM-Manager provides a comfortable user interface for git, Mercurial and Subversion. Up to now I use Subversion for version control. Some of my repositories are private and I will never publish them to a public hoster like GitHub allthough they offer private repositories. All my other repositories are hosted on my NAS – the plan is to move them to git if possible – just to have them on a more modern version control system.

The `docker-compose.yaml` for SCM-Manager looks like:

```
version: "3.8"
services:
```

```
  scmmanager:
    container_name: scmmanager
    environment:
      - PUID=1000
      - GUID=100
    image: scmmanager/scm-manager:latest
    ports:
      - 2222:2222
      - 8080:8080
    restart: unless-stopped
    volumes:
      - scm-config:/var/cache/scm/work
      - scm-data:/var/lib/scm
volumes:
  scm-config:
  scm-data:
```

The startup of the container should work without any problems. For the setup of SCM-Manager see the documentation.

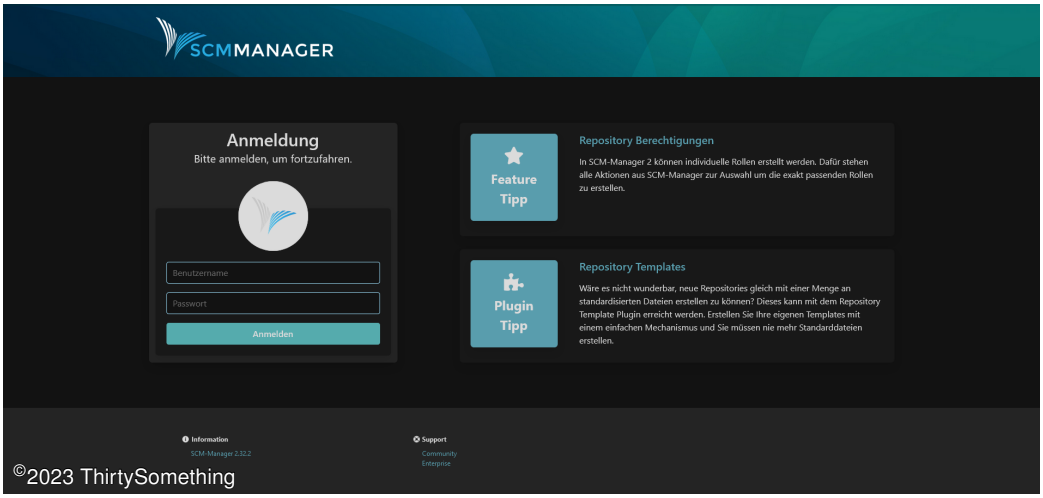

Figure 34: The SCM-Manager login

```
/bin/bash /srv/<omv-raid>/<path-to-script>/svnExport.sh >>
/srv/<omv-raid>/<path-to-script>/svnExport.log 2>&1 &
```

Figure 35: Cron command for svnExport

To setup a backup of the repositories I'm using a self written Python script.

The job is then setup in OMV scheduled tasks accessing the script.

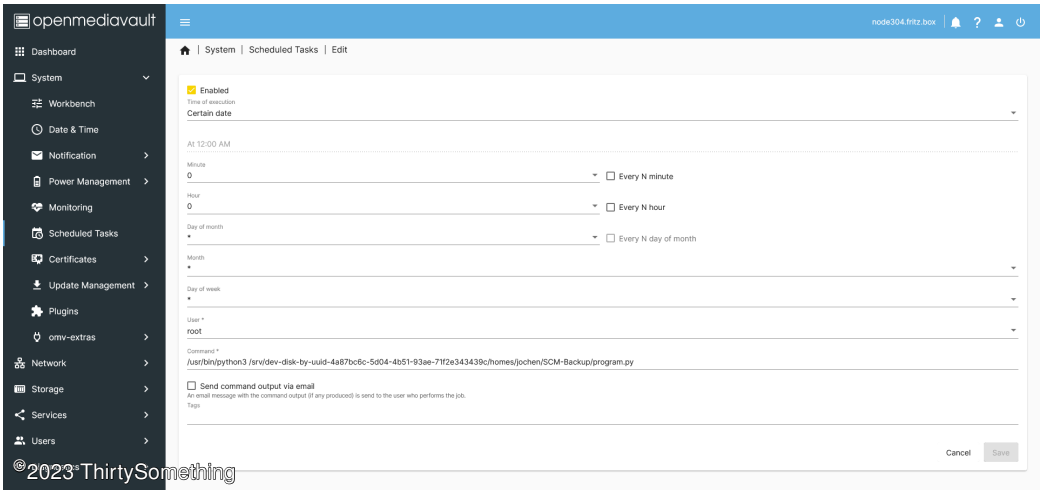

Figure 36: The SCM-Manager backup task

NOTE: The script needs some configuration settings. For more details have a look here.

6.5 Syncthing

Syncthing is a file synchronization service. I use this to synchronize data between my Node304, my PC and my smartphone. The setup is easy regarding the Docker README of the project. The `docker-compose.yaml` for Syncthing looks like:

```
version: "3.8"
services:
  syncthing:
    container_name: syncthing
    environment:
      - PUID=1000
      - GUID=100
    image: syncthing/syncthing:latest
    ports:
      - 8384:8384
      - 21027:21027/udp
      - 22000:22000/tcp
      - 22000:22000/udp
    restart: unless-stopped
    volumes:
      - syncthing-data:/var/syncthing
volumes:
  syncthing-data:
```

Setting up the synchronized folders is as usual with Syncthing. The result may look like this one.

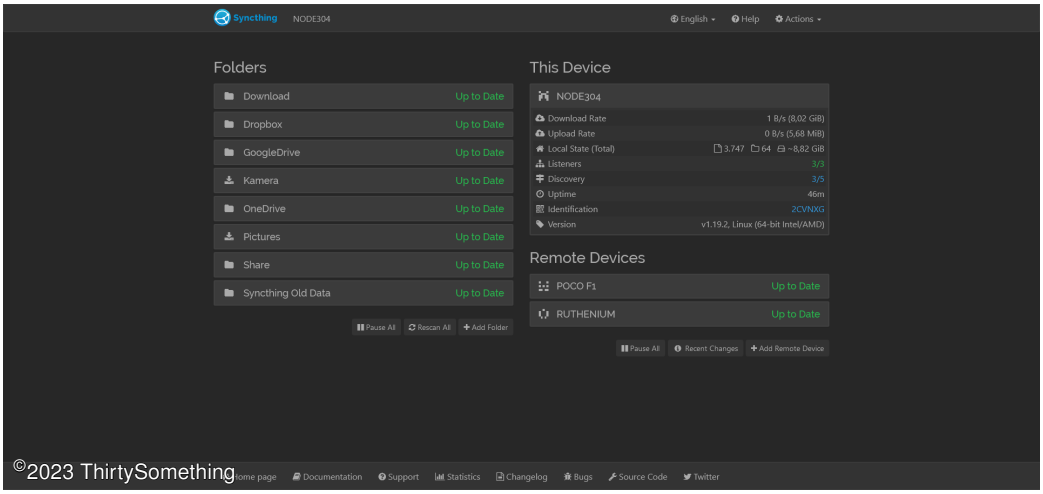

Figure 37: Syncthing

6.6 Pi-hole

I'm already using Pi-hole on a old Raspberry Pi 2B and I'm very pleased with that software. Because of it's nature working as a DNS resolver I won't move this to the NAS. The reason is quite simple – in case the NAS crashes or I want to re-install it, the Pi-hole will run and the internet is still available.

7 Ports

It's always a good idea to remember the used ports. This section will give you an overview about the used ports and the name of the application using this port.

7.1 Ports by application

Application	Port number	Comment
OMV	80	UI
Portainer	9000	UI
ReadyMedia	8200	UPnP
SCM-Manager	8123	UI
SCM-Manager	2222	ssh
Syncthing	8384	UI
Syncthing	TCP:22000	Filetransfer
Syncthing	UDP:22000	Filetransfer
Syncthing	UPD:21027	Receive local discovery broadcasts

Table 2: Ports by application

7.2 Ports by port number

Application	Port number	Comment
OMV	80	UI
SCM-Manager	2222	ssh
SCM-Manager	8123	UI
ReadyMedia	8200	UPnP
Syncthing	8384	UI

Syncthing	UPD:21027	Receive local discovery broadcasts
Syncthing	TCP:22000	Filetransfer
Syncthing	UDP:22000	Filetransfer

Table 3: Ports by port number

A svnExport.sh

```
#!/bin/bash
#+------------------------------------------------------------------------+
#| Script to export configured svn repositories                           |
#+------------------------------------------------------------------------+
# Comment line out for debugging purposes
# set -x
#+------------------------------------------------------------------------+
#| Variable definitions                                                   |
#+------------------------------------------------------------------------+
# location of all repositories
VAR_PATH_SVN="/srv/dev-disk-by-uuid-44c66e2f-7122-4c7c-9b2a-258139e35584/docker/volumes/scmmanager_scm-data/_data/repositories/*"
# suffix for SCM organized repositories
SUFFIX_SVN=data
# filename containing real repository name
META_SVN=metadata.xml
# maximum days to keep a backup
INT_AGE=5
# file extension
STR_EXT=gz
# current date
STR_DATE=$(date +%Y-%m-%d)
# get current name of backup folder
DIR_EXPORT=$(dirname "${0}")
DIR_EXPORT=$(realpath "${DIR_EXPORT}")

#+------------------------------------------------------------------------+
#| Check for valid SVN repository                                         |
#+------------------------------------------------------------------------+
function is_svn_repository {
    svnlook info "${1}" >/dev/null 2>&1
    echo $?
}

#+------------------------------------------------------------------------+
#| Get base name for SVN repository                                       |
#+------------------------------------------------------------------------+
function get_svn_base_name {
    REPOBASE="$(dirname "${1}")/${META_SVN}"
    REPONAME=$(xmlstarlet sel -T -t -m "/repositories/name" -v "/repositories/name" < "${REPOBASE}")
    echo "${REPONAME}"
}

#+------------------------------------------------------------------------+
#| Create name for SVN respoistory for export                             |
#+------------------------------------------------------------------------+
function get_svn_destination_name {
    REPOBASE=$(get_svn_base_name "${1}")
    echo "${DIR_EXPORT}/${REPOBASE}-${STR_DATE}.${STR_EXT}"
}

#+------------------------------------------------------------------------+
#| Delete backups older than specified age                                |
#+------------------------------------------------------------------------+
function drop_old_exports {
    PATTERN=$(get_svn_base_name "${1}")
    FTK=$((0 + "${INT_AGE}"))
    echo "$(date +'%Y%m%d-%H:%M:%S'): Keep the last ${INT_AGE} backups"
    COUNTER=0
    for CURRENT_DUMP in $(find "${DIR_EXPORT}" -name "${PATTERN}-*.${STR_EXT}" | sort -nr); do
        if [[ "${COUNTER}" -lt "${FTK}" ]]; then
            echo "Keep dump [${CURRENT_DUMP}]"
        else
            echo "Delete dump [${CURRENT_DUMP}]"
            rm "${CURRENT_DUMP}"
        fi
        COUNTER=$((COUNTER + 1))
    done
    echo ""
}

#+------------------------------------------------------------------------+
#| Export SVN repository                                                  |
#+------------------------------------------------------------------------+
function export_svn_repository {
    VAR_DEST_NAME=$(get_svn_destination_name "${1}")
    echo "$(date +'%Y%m%d-%H:%M:%S'): Dumping repo [${1}] to [${VAR_DEST_NAME}]"
    svnadmin dump "${1}" | gzip > "${VAR_DEST_NAME}"
}

#+------------------------------------------------------------------------+
```

```
#| Loop over all repositories                                                 |
#+----------------------------------------------------------------------------+
echo "================================================================================"
echo "***** Start export of SVN repositories for date [${STR_DATE}]"
for VAR_CURRENT_DIR in ${VAR_PATH_SVN}; do
    SVN_REPO="${VAR_CURRENT_DIR}/${SUFFIX_SVN}"
    if [[ $(is_svn_repository "${SVN_REPO}") -eq 1 ]]; then
        echo "$(date +'%Y%m%d-%H:%M:%S'): Skip non SVN repository [${SVN_REPO}]."
        echo ""
    else
        export_svn_repository "${SVN_REPO}"
        drop_old_exports "${SVN_REPO}"
    fi
    echo "--------------------------------------------------------------------------------"
done
echo ""
```

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