**NSSA221 Systems Administration I**

**Lab 05 Report**

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**Requirements:**

Use this document to answer questions related to Lab 04. Submit this template to the LR04 drop box by the due date. Late submissions are subject to a 20% penalty. You must use this template and submit the document in Microsoft Word any other format will result in a zero grade for the report.

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Answer ALL questions in your OWN words. Your answer should give some indication that you understand the topic in question and can relate it to your experience in the lab, and not a general textbook answer. DO NOT copy and paste or plagiarize. You may use an outside resource and cite it accordingly to support your answer, but it should **NOT** be your entire answer.

Your answers must be complete sentences and use proper sentence structure. Phrases or one-word responses will receive a zero. Each response is worth a maximum of 20 points.

1. Describe the functionality of the **rsync** command in Linux systems for file synchronization and data transfer. How does **rsync** improve efficiency and accuracy compared to traditional file copying methods? Provide examples of **rsync** command options for different use cases, such as local file synchronization, remote file transfer, and incremental backup, explaining how each option enhances the command's functionality.

**The rsync command in Linux systems utilizes files and directories locally or between systems over network to transfer changed or new data while minimizing the bandwidth usage whilst improving speed. Comparing it to default Linux file methods like cp, rsync ensures the file is accurate by verifying the data and rsync supports backups to save resources and time. Options that can be utilized in rsyc include -a for archiving, -z for compression, and –delete for the cleaning tasks in local servers.**

1. In the context of FTP file transfers, explain how you can verify on the server side that a file has been successfully transferred from the client, especially when direct verification on the client side is not possible. Describe the role of the xferlog file in this verification process and provide an example of how you would inspect this log to confirm a successful file transfer.

**To verify if an FTP file transfer was successful you can check the xferlog file which holds the details of all commands like file transfers, their status, etc. The log records information about the file name, the size, the time it took to transfer, and the status of completion. An entry with today’s date and a “c” at the end of the entry would indicate that the file was transfer was complete.**

1. Discuss the role and configuration of the smb.conf file in setting up and managing a Samba server in Linux. How does smb.conf allow for the customization of Samba services, such as file sharing and printer services in a network? Provide examples of key directives in the smb.conf file and explain how they influence the behavior of the Samba server. Additionally, discuss the importance of security considerations in configuring smb.conf.

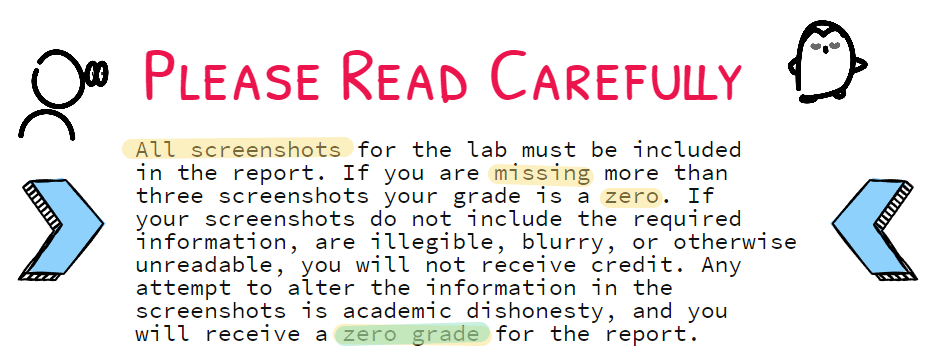
**The smb.conf file is a configuration file for setting up a Samba server in Linux. It enables the customization of services for files within a network. Configuring the [global] allows for serverwide settings, security for authentications within the network, read-only for control write access, and more. There is also security settings for valid users, encrypted passwords, and restrictions on sensitive data so if a config is poorly configured it could expose the server to unauthorized access.**

1. Discuss the role of the **/etc/exports** file in configuring NFS services on a Linux system. What are the key options and parameters that can be specified in this file, and how do they impact the behavior and security of NFS shares? Provide examples of different configurations in the **/etc/exports** file for various network sharing scenarios, explaining how each configuration tailors the NFS service to specific needs.

**The /etc/exports file is a file that configures the NFS services on a Linux system. It does this by defining which directories it is allowed to share, to whom to share, and what permissions the user has. Each entry specifies the directory that a user is allowed access to with options to change if it is only read-only (ro) or read-write (rw). For example if I specified 192.168.1.0/24(rw,sync) it would allow read-write to all users in that subnet. The options in the configuration file of the exports file provide a balance in usability and security.**

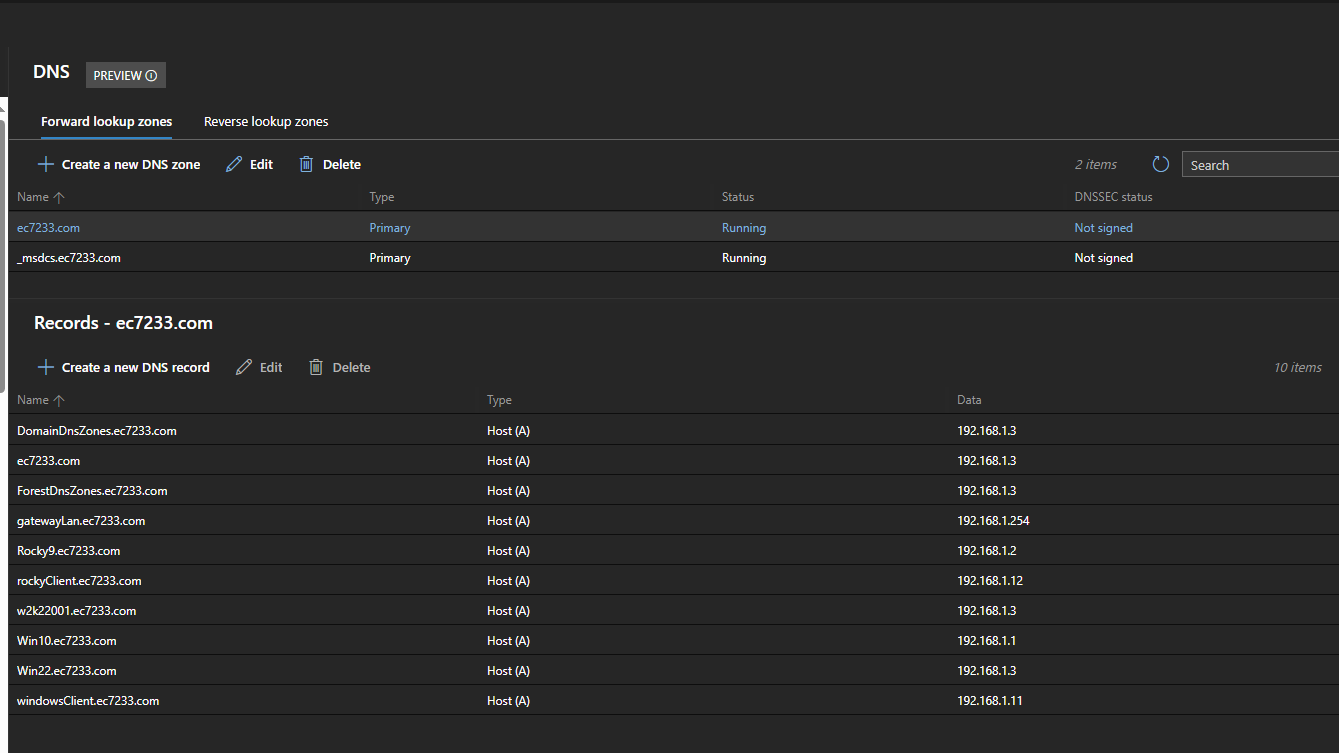
1. Compare and contrast the approaches for configuring user access in Samba and NFS systems. How do user permissions and authentication differ between Samba shares and NFS mounts? Provide examples of configuration settings from both **/etc/samba/smb.conf** for Samba and **/etc/exports** for NFS that demonstrate how user access is managed in each system.

**Samba and NFS differ in the aspects of user security in authentication and permissions. Samba uses a password-based database and settings in the samba.conf for valid users and read-only for restricted access. NFS specifies a more in-depth system that would only allow access based on the IP address or hostnames.**

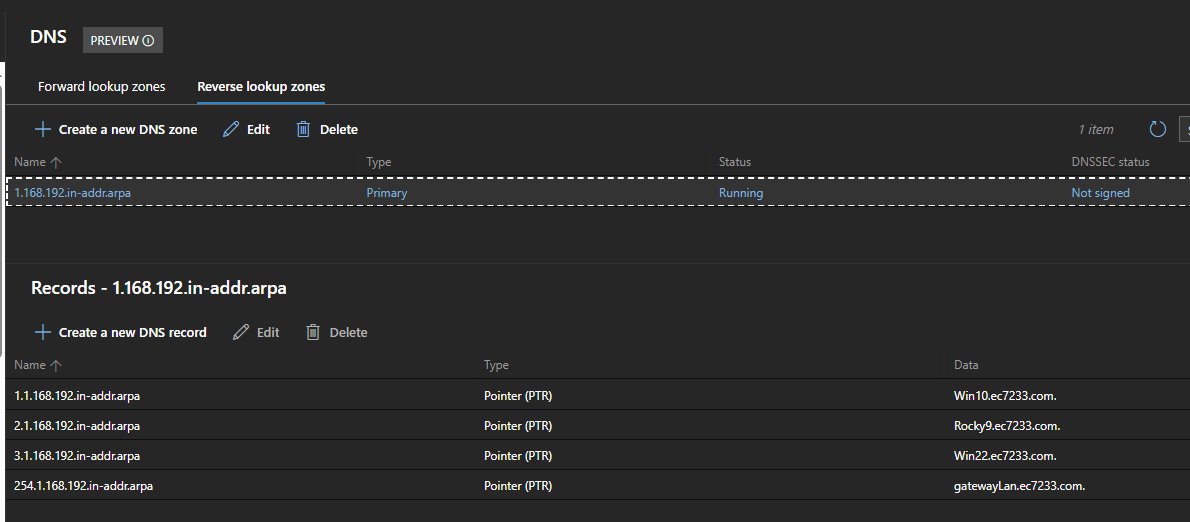
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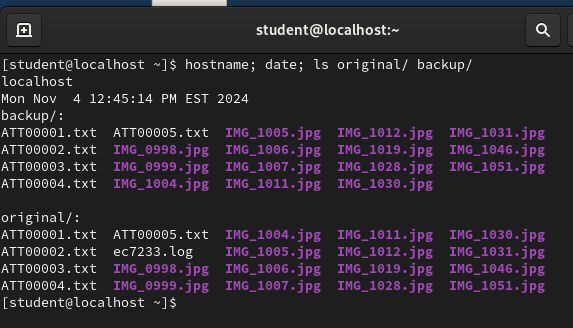
**Figure 1** – Forward Lookup Zone

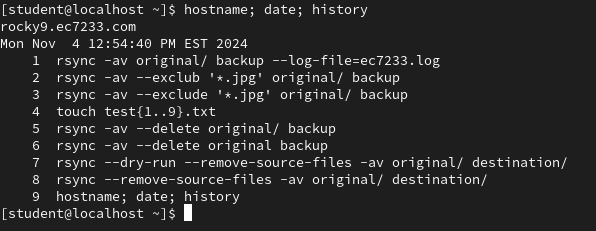


**Figure 2** – Reverse Lookup Zone

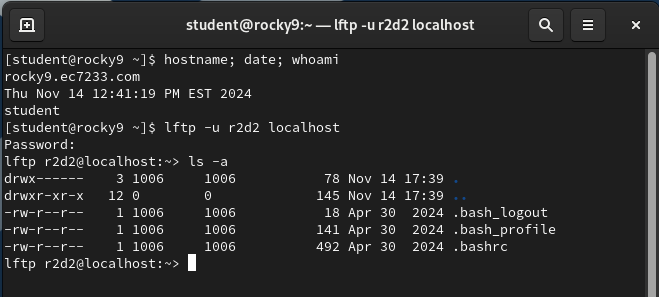


**Figure 3** – Rsync History

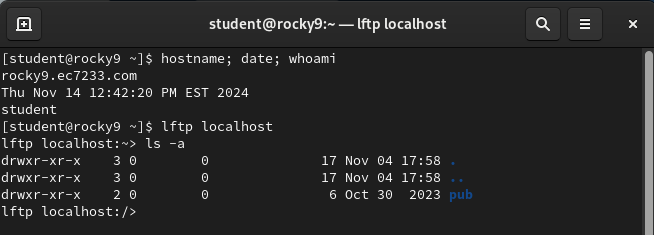




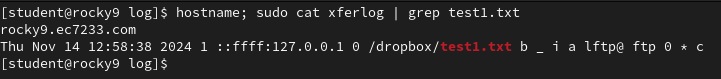
**Figure 4** – FTP User Login



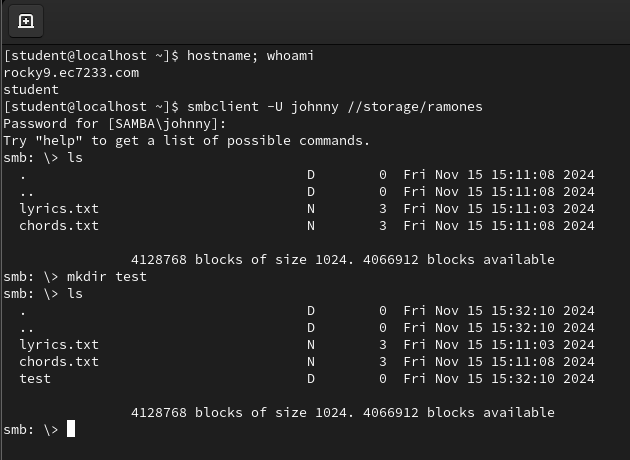
**Figure 5** – FTP Anonymous Login



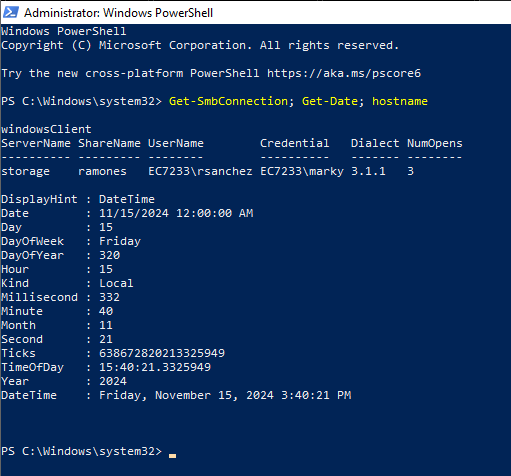
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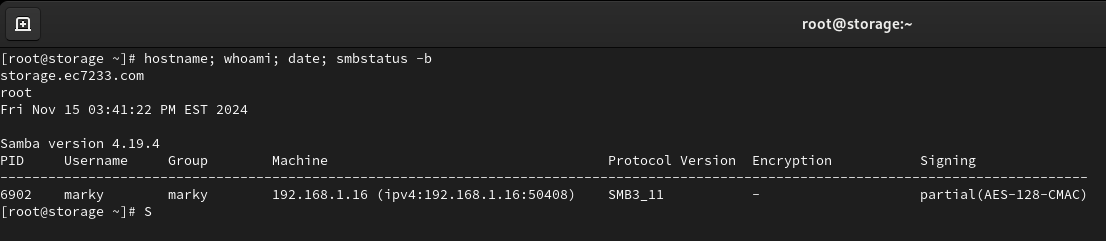
**Figure 7** – Remote Samba Access and Write Verification



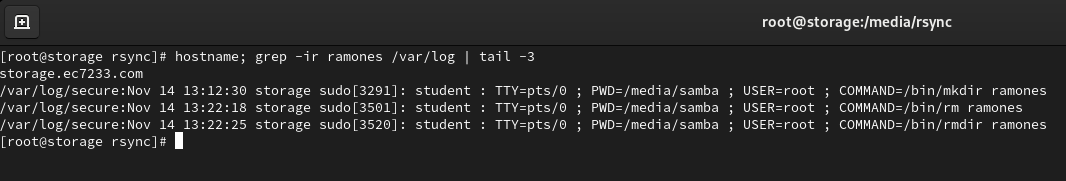
**Figure 8** – Windows Client Samba Verification



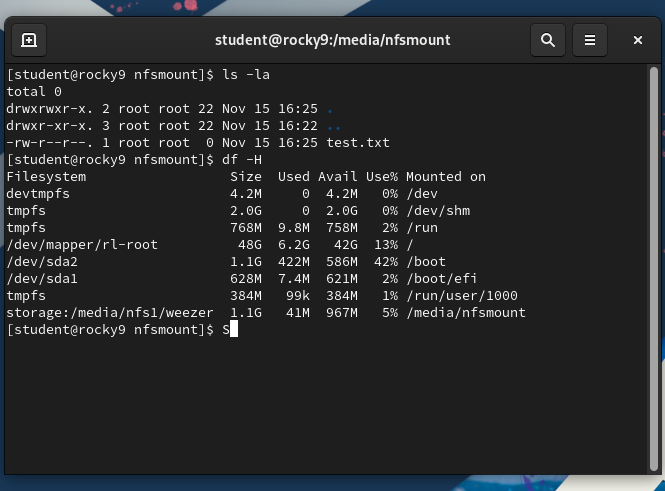
**Figure 9** – Server Samba Status



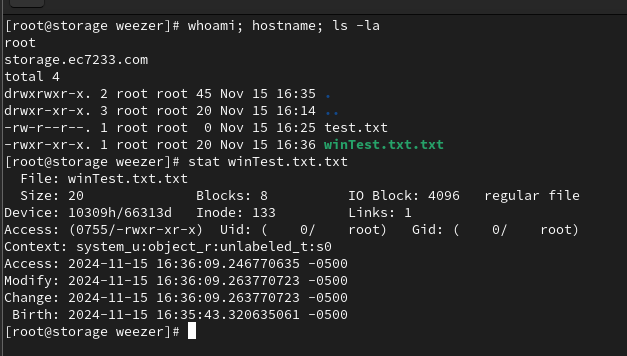
**Figure 10** – RSYNC File Transfer



**Figure 11** – Linux Client NFS Verification



**Figure 12** – Windows NFS Write Verification



**Figure 13** – NFS Network Connection Verification

