CS_344 Assignment 4 Readme

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Part A: Installing vdbench and testing

Unzip the vdbench.zip file provided and test a sample file to check the working:

\$unzip vdbench.zip
\$cd vdbench
\$./vdbench -tf

Part B: Creating new virtual hard disk in Ubuntu virtual machine

In the VM settings, under storage tab, add two hard disks in Controller: SATA section.

Check available disks using:

\$sudo fdisk -1

The two new disks are located at /dev/sdb and /dev/sdc respectively.

Part C: Installing ZFS file system

Install the file system:

\$sudo apt install zfsutils-linux

Check whether the file system installed correctly:

\$whereis zfs

Create new zfs pool at location /dev/sdb (i.e., Disk_A):

\$sudo zpool create [pool-name] /dev/sdb

To remove a pool, you can use:

\$sudo zpool destroy [pool-name]

Check mount point and overview of all file systems:

\$df -hT

Check memory usage of pool:

\$zpool list



Part D: Installing ext4 file system

The ext4 file system is present by default in Ubuntu, we do not need to install it explicitly.

Format file system with ext4 at /dev/sdc (i.e., Disk_B):

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$sudo mkfs.ext4 /dev/sdc
```

Label the partition:

```
$sudo e2label /dev/sdc [name]
```

Create mount point in root directory:

```
$sudo mkdir [name]
```

Mount the partition at mount point:

```
$sudo mount /dev/sdc [name]
```

In case you need to un-mount:

```
$sudo umount [name]
```

Part E: Compilation and execution for experiment

To set data deduplication on/off for zfs file system:

```
$sudo zfs set dedup=[on/off] [pool-name]
```

To run our workload, change to vdbench directory and run the following command:

```
$sudo ./vdbench -f [workload-file-name] anchor=/[anchor-point]
```

Anchor can be found using fdf - hT, under *Mounted On* column for zfs and ext4 file system.

Note:

- 1. The new hard disks must be of at least 5 GB in size.
- 2. Finding anchor is important, otherwise our workloads will not work.
- 3. To see the memory status, you can use \$df -hT before and after the experiment.