OpenAFS Native Mountpoints on Linux

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Background

Single mountpoints are pretty simple:

```
$ fs mkm mtpt1 root.cell
$ ls -ld mtpt1
drwxr-xr-x 7 root root 2048 May 28 17:25 mtpt1
$ cd mtpt1
$ cd ..
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```

Background

What about multiple mountpoints?

```
$ fs mkm mtpt1 root.cell
$ mkdir dir
$ fs mkm dir/mtpt2 root.cell
$ cd mtpt1
$ cd ..
$ cd dir/mtpt2
$ cd ..
$ cd ..
$ cd ..
```

What is '..'?

Dentries and Inodes

• Inodes: files, dentries: links

- No directory hard-links
 - Why?

- Historically, AFS mountpoints were dir-links
 - or '...' moved on access

Dir-link workarounds

What about /proc/\$pid/cwd, /proc/\$pid/fd/\$n?

```
mkdir dir
 cd dir
 sleep 999 & pid=$!
[1] 13991
$ cd ..
 rmdir dir
 mkdir dir
 touch dir/newfile
$ ls -ld /proc/$pid/cwd
lrwxrwxrwx 1 [...] /proc/13991/cwd -> /home/adeason/dir (deleted)
 ls/proc/$pid/cwd/
$ ls dir
newfile
```

Dir-link workarounds

d_automount, follow_link

- Commit: "Make dir dentry aliases act like symlinks"
 - https://gerrit.openafs.org/7741

- find
 - ./mtpt1 \rightarrow ./mtpt1/subdir \rightarrow ./mtpt1/subdir/mtpt2 \rightarrow ./mtpt1/subdir/mtpt2/.. \rightarrow ./

There must be a better way!

Real Mountpoints

Linux VFS says: must use real mounts

volumes/mtpts fit the model

Why don't we already have it?

userspace: mount

kernel: GPLONLY vfs_kern_mount()

Non-GPL In-kernel Mounts

- Alternatives:
 - GPL wrapper
 - FUSE
 - kAFS
 - Userspace upcall

- Existing upcalls:
 - DNS (AFSDB)
 - OS X mv helper

Linux Native Mounts

```
$ cd /afs/vm.kupo.dson.org/deb-1
$ mount
sysfs on /sys type sysfs (rw.nosuid.nodev.noexec.relatime)
proc on /proc type proc (rw.nosuid.nodev.noexec.relatime)
[...]
AFS on /afs type afs (rw.relatime)
#vm.kupo.dson.org:root.cell on /afs/[...] type afs (rw.relatime)
#d1.root on /afs/vm.kupo.dson.org/deb-1 type afs (rw.relatime)
$
[]
```

Linux Native Mounts

```
$ df
Filesystem
               1K-blocks
                           Used
                                Available Use% Mounted on
udev
                  505672
                                    505672
                                            0% /dev
                              Ô
tmpfs
                  102036
                          10688
                                     91348 11% /run
              2147483647
                              0 2147483647 0% /afs
```

Linux Native Mounts

Concerns

■ MNT_EXPIRE in a loop

■ 10k mounts, 100k, ...?

Needs testing

Future

- /afs/:.mount/cell:vol:vnode:uniq
 - Non-/afs mountpoints

- Separate devices
 - df -h

Code

Top commit

https://gerrit.openafs.org/13285

All commits

https://gerrit.openafs.org/#/q/topic:linux-native-mounts

Slides

http://dson.org/talks

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