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# **Advanced NOS Administration**



- 11.1 Backups
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- 11.3 Partition and Processes Management
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# **Overview of Backup Methods**

- The backup process involves copying data from one computer to some other reliable storage medium for safekeeping.
- Once the data has been archived, the system administrator can then restore data to the system from any previously recorded backup.
- Considerations that are relevant for storage devices:



- Cost
- Size
- Manageability
- Reliability





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#### **Zmanda Cloud Backup for Windows**

Zmanda Cloud Backup (ZCB) is a radically simple-to-use and cost-effective backup and disaster recovery solution. ZCB backs up Windows servers, desktops and live applications such as Microsoft Exchange and SQL Server to Amazon's highly dependable online storage.

LTO ULTRIUM 3, capacità di 800 GB, fattore di compressione 2:1. Alta velocità di trasferimento: 40-80 MB / sec compressione 2:1; nativo 20-40MB/sec.





# Backup (1)



- Per backup si intende sia la copia dei file che dei dati
- Il backup serve a ripristinare i dati, una volta che siano andati persi
- La perdita dei dati può avvenire per
  - cause legate agli operatori, persone fisiche (80%)
  - cause tecniche (14%)
  - cause ambientali (6%)

# Backup (2)

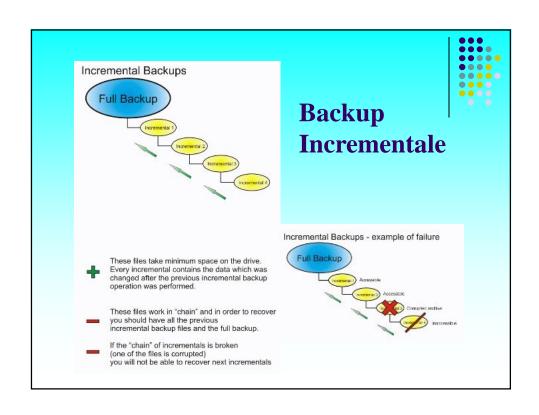


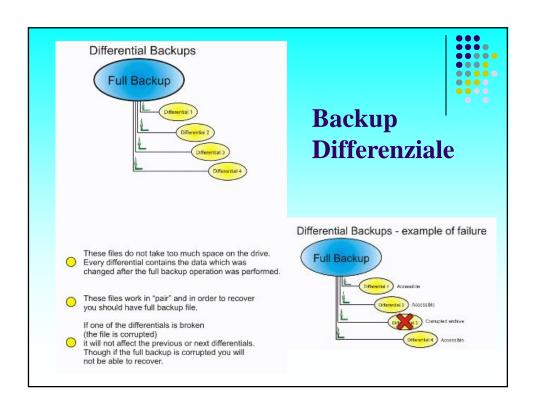
- Fattori da prendere in esame per decidere la strategia di backup ottimale:
  - quali file devono far parte del backup
  - backup di rete o locale
  - frequenza del backup
  - quando effettuare il backup
  - che metodi di backup attuare
  - che tecnologie adottare

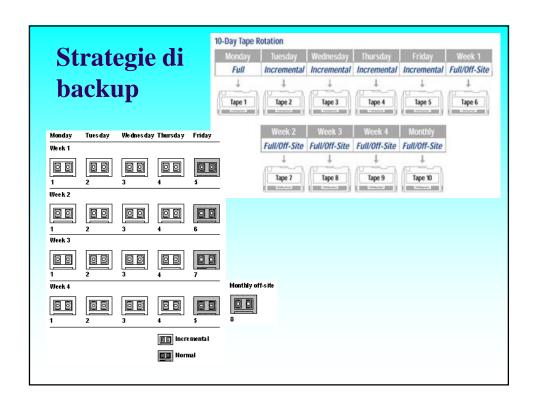
# **Overview of Backup Methods**

- Commonly used backup devices include tape drives, removable disk drives, recordable compact disc, HDs
- There are four types of backup procedures that define how the backup will take place:
  - Full will backup everything on the hard drive at the scheduled point in the day (daily)
  - Partial backs up selected files (daily)
  - Incremental only the files that have changed since the last backup will be selected for back up
  - **Differential** backs up files created or changed since the last normal or incremental backup

# Full Backup These files is a standalone file which can be moved/copled/recovered independently. These files take much space on the drive.









Un esempio di backup on the cloud



### Ecco come il back up dei dati aiuta le aziende di medie dimensioni a essere più competitive.

Oggi le medie aziende devono gestire volumi d'informazioni che crescono e si moltiplicano velocemente. Non possono permettersi di perdere dati preziosi su cui basano tutte le operazioni di business. Con budget sempre più ristretti e minori risorse a disposizione per molte aziende è difficile mantenere all'interno un sistema di back up e recovery affidabile. Ecco perché IBM e i suoi Business Partner stanno utilizzando la potenza del cloud computing per offrire alle medie aziende la stessa protezione dei dati che usano le grandi imprese: un servizio studiato per ridurre i rischi e rispondere alle loro esigenze di budget.

E' il nuovo Servizio di back up basato sul cloud di IBM. Si avvale di un'infrastruttura intelligente che effettua un salvataggio dei dati in uno dei data center IBM. Nel momento in cui i dati vengono salvati, sono protetti e al sicuro. Sempre e ovunque.

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#### 1. Riduci i costi complessivi e di gestione fino al 40%.

Il tuo Business Partner IBM può aiutarti a confrontare i costi dei sistemi interni alla tua azienda con quelli di un servizio scalabile basato sul cloud e gestito da IBM evitando di impegnare capitali.



#### 2. Un backup automatizzato e più sicuro.

Il backup viene effettuato automaticamente nella finestra temporale stabilita.



#### 3. Hai quello che ti serve, quando ti serve.

Nel cloud i tuoi dati sono custoditi in più versioni, subito disponibili, così puoi prendere più velocemente decisioni più efficaci.



#### 4. Libera risorse preziose.

Il 95% del risparmio sui costi in azienda deriva dalla riduzione di hardware, software e infrastruttura di backup. E il servizio di backup ti consente di indirizzare il personale IT verso iniziative più strategiche.

# What is Drive Mapping?

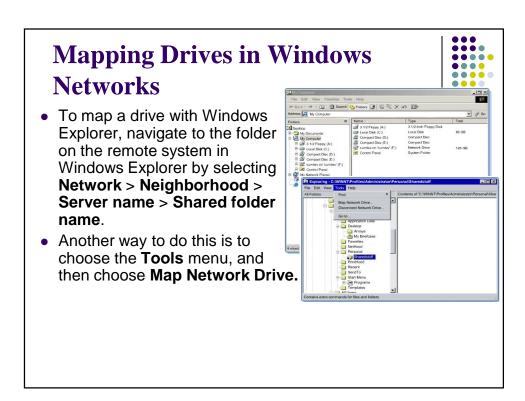


- Drive mapping is a useful tool that allows an administrator to share resources that are stored on a server.
- Requires two steps:
  - defining the path to the resource
  - assigning a drive letter
- The client computers that are connected to the network

assign a drive letter that will act as a direct path to access those resources stored on a server over the network.

 After a user identifies a network resource to be used locally, the resource can be "mapped" as a drive.







## **Mapping Drives in Windows Networks**



 Instead of mapping drives through Windows Explorer, the net use command can be used.

**net use** drive\_letter: \computer\_name\share\_name [/user:utente password]

net use z: \\Server01\Data

net use z: \\Server01\Data /user:Bob passBob

net use z: /delete

• **net use** can also be incorporated into a login script that automatically runs when the user logs in to the network.

# **Mapping Drives in Linux Networks**



To map a drive to a Linux server:

- with a Windows client: need the Samba daemon loaded
- with a Linux client, use the mount command to establish a connection to the shared directory on the server.

#### # mount //servername/sharename /localdirectory

- The local directory designation that points to the remote share denoted by the first part of the command is called the directory mount point.
- The mount point location must already exist before a share can be mapped to it.

# mkdir /localdirectory



# Partitions Using fdisk, mkfs, and fsck

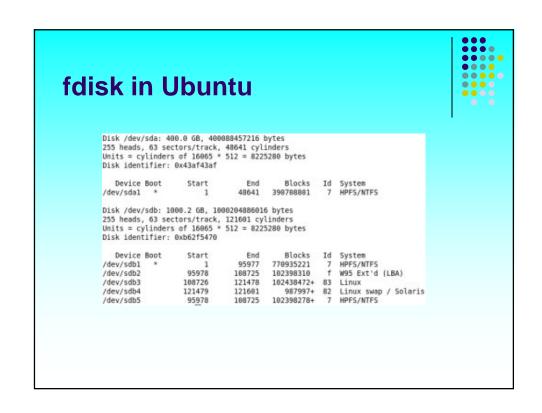


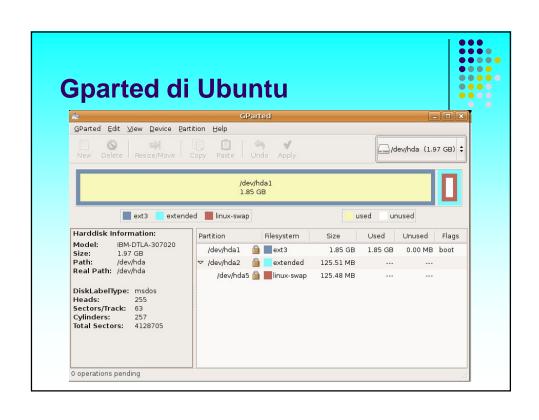
 fdisk is a text-based command and requires the use of one-letter commands to manipulate the options.

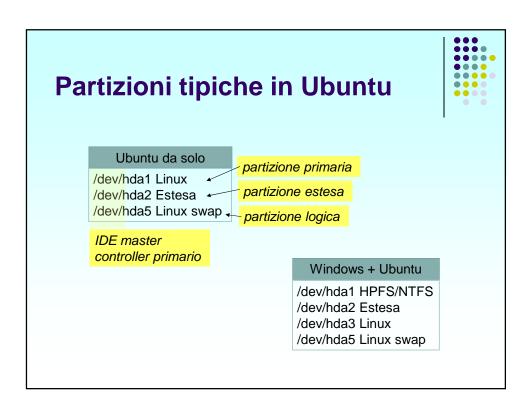
fdisk /dev/hda2  $\rightarrow$  p  $\rightarrow$  ...  $\rightarrow$  w



- Once the partition changes have been made, a filesystem must be created on the partition.
- This is also referred to as formatting the partition.







# Using fdisk, mkfs, and fsck



Use the mkfs utility to create a filesystem in Linux.
 mkfs [-V] [-t fstype] [options] device [blocks]

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Option	Description			
-v	Adding this option to the command will display additional output at the filesystem is created.			
-t fstype	This option allows the user to specify the filesystem type that will be created. The fstype would be replaced with something like ext3 for an ext3 filesystem, or msdos for a FAT filesystem, for example.			
Options	This parameter is used to specify options specific to the particular filesystem.			
device	This parameter specifies the device on which the filesystem was created. Usually it will be the same parameter used with the fdisk command.			
blocks	This parameter specifies the size of the filesystems blocks (usually 1024 bytes in size). This value will not always need to be used, because the block size can be determined from the size of the partition.			

## Using fdisk, mkfs, and fsck



 The fsck utility is used to check file systems and repair damaged files.

**fsck** [-A] [-V] [-t fs\_type] [-a] [-l] [-r] [-s] filesystem

#### #fsck -t ext2 /dev/hda1

- A good practice is to unmount a file system before checking it.
- To check the root file system, you should boot from a recovery/setup floppy.
- Use this utility often to check for file system integrity.
- If fsck makes any changes, reboot your system immediately.

)	-A	This parameter specifies that all files systems marked in /etc/fstab will be checked.
	-c	This parameter will display a text-mode progress indicator while the file system is being checked.
	-v	This will produce the same output for this command as with the mkfs utility.
	-N	This parameter will display the results of what fsck would do, but not actually doing it.
t	-fsck- options	This parameter is used to specify filesystem check options that fsck cannot interpret. Examples are $-\mathbf{a}$ or $-\mathbf{p}$ , which perform and automatically check, $-\mathbf{r}$ , which performs an interactive check, or $-\mathbf{f}$ , which forces a full system check.
	filesystems	Specifies the filesystem that is being checked.

# Managing System Processes with cron Jobs



- The way to schedule tasks to run at regular intervals on a Linux system is with Cron Programs.
- Also known as Cron jobs, they schedule system maintenance tasks that are performed automatically (ex: empties /tmp directory).
- Cron is controlled by the entries in the /etc/spool/cron and /etc/cron.d directories and /etc/crontab file.
- Cron is not a command, but rather it is a daemon that runs once every minute, scans the conf iguration files, and performs the tasks specified.
- There are two types of Cron jobs: System Cron jobs and User Cron jobs.

# Managing System Processes with cron Jobs



- To create a System Cron Job, you have to modify the /etc/crontab file.
- The file begins with set of environmental variables.
   These set some parameters

for the Cron jobs such as the PATH and MAILTO

- The other lines in this file specify the minute, hour, day, month, and day of the week the job will run (24h format).
- [\*] = all, [x-y] = from x to y, [/x] = every x min, [x,y] = at x and y min.s

```
0 8 * * root echo "Good morning!!!"
/5 * 15 * root /bin/ls /var/log>/temp/ls.out
```

-/bin/bash /sbin:/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin



1. minute 0-59

2. hour 0-23

3. day of month 1-31

4. month 1-12

5. day of week 0-7

6. owner

7. the command to be run

\* may be used as everyone, range (0-4,8-12) and list (1,2,5,9) are allowed

# Altra possibilità di System Cron Job



Altra possibilità è la creazione di uno script (sh, bash, perl o altro) per l'esecuzione dell'operazione desiderata. Tale script andrà inserito in una delle directory seguenti

/etc/cron. hourly

/etc/cron. daily

/etc/cron.monthly

/etc/cron.weekly

per poter essere eseguito ad intervalli ben definiti (se non specificato, alle 4:00)

# Managing System Processes with cron Jobs



 To create a User Cron Job, you have to use the crontab utility.

#### crontab [-u user] [-l|-e|-r] [file]

- If a user is not specified, the User Cron job will be created for the current user.
- file is the file containing the crontab commands with the same syntax used for a System Cron job.

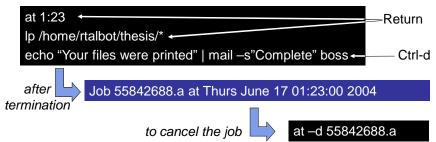
crontab -u jsmith myTest.cron

# /home/jsmith/myTest.cron
# User Cron Job Test
MAILTO=jsmith@localhost
\* \* \* \* \* jsmith echo "How are you?"

# Managing System Processes with cron Jobs



 The at command is similar to using cron, at the time and/or date specified by the command.



 For several commands, it's best to put them in a file at 8:00 –f scheduledJobs

# Managing System Processes with at command



Managing System Processes with Cron Jobs		
Format	Action	
at hh:mm	Schedules job at the hour (hh) and minute (mm) specified,using a 24-hour clock.	
at hh:mm month day year	Schedules job at the hour (hh) minute (mm), month, day,and year specified.	
at -1	Lists scheduled jobs; an alias for the atq command.	
at now +count time-units	Schedules the job right now plus count number of time- units; time units can be minutes, hours, days, or weeks.	
at -d job_id	Cancels the job with the job number matching job_id; analias for the atrm command.	

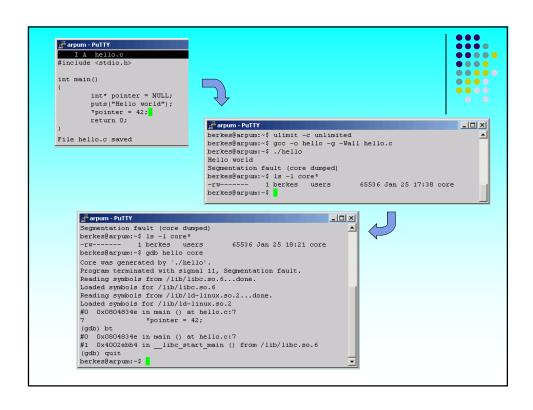
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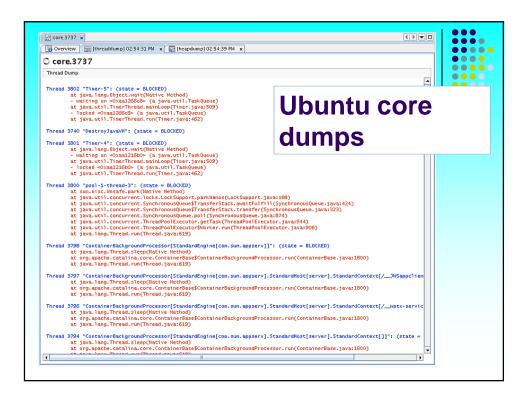


- **Core Dump** is a recording of the memory that a program was using at the time it crashed.
- The purpose of Core Dumps is to allow programmers to study the file to figure out exactly what caused the program to crash.
- To locate the Core files (not only) on a Linux system:

# find / -name core

- The main properties of the Core file are:
  - the Owner of the file states who executed the program
  - the Creation Date of the core file is the date at which the crash occurred and when the Core Dump was created
  - the Creating Program properties of core file will tell which program crashed and generated the Core Dump file (use gdb)





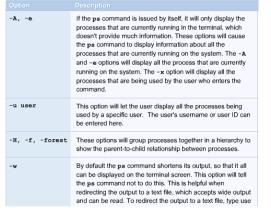
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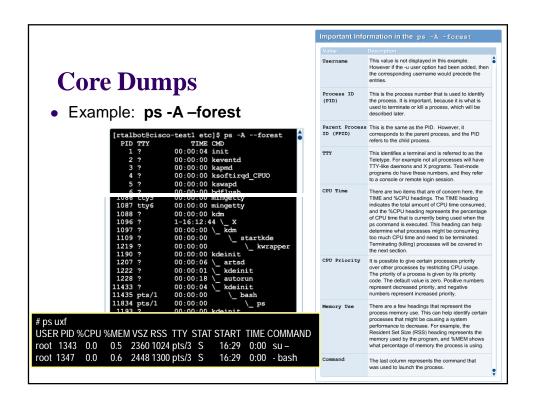
 In order to effectively manage system processes on all Linux system, it is important to be able to determine what processes are running on a system and which

process are critical and non-critical.

 The processes that are currently running on a Linux system can be viewed by using the ps command.

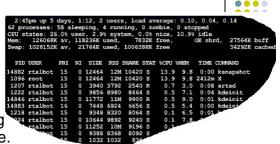
Example:ps -A -forest





# **Core Dumps**

 The top command functions much like the Windows 2000 Performance tool by providing detailed information regarding CPU and RAM usage.



The kill command can be used to terminate the process.

- The **signal** option represents the specified signal that is sent to the process.
- There are 63 different parameters that can be entered for the signal that is sent to the process. Each will terminate the process in a different manner.

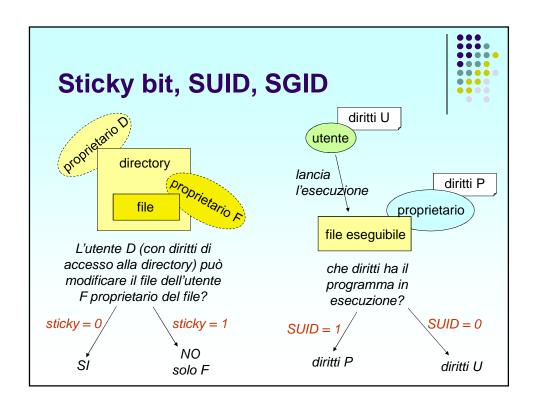
# **Assigning Permissions for Processes**



- Typically, programs have the same types of permission and can read the same files as the user who runs that program.
- Regular users cannot execute the **su** command, because it requires root account privileges.
- Programs such as these are run using the SUID (Set User ID) or SGID (Set Group ID) bit, which allows to run the program with the permission of whoever owns the file, instead of the user who executes the program.

There are a few security risks involved when using the SUID or SGID bit to allow programs to run with the permission of the other users:

- Applying the SUID root permissions for the fdisk command could allow a user to completely erase the hard drive of the server.
- Another security risk is if there are bugs in any of the SUID or SGID programs. If these programs contain problems or bugs and they are executed by users who should not have the permission to do so, those programs could potentially cause more damage to the system than if they were executed with the normal privileges.



# Other command for managing processes



bg places the current job or specified job in the

background

fg places the current job or specified job in the foreground.

run a program with modified scheduling priority;

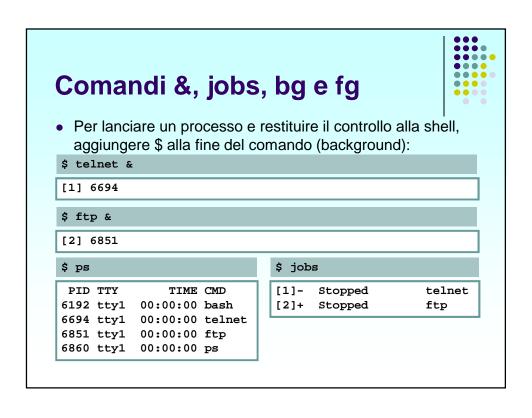
the priority range on a Linux system is -20 (most favorable scheduling) to 19 (least favorable). [-n xxx] add xxx to the priority (default 10). Non-root users may only alter their nice values

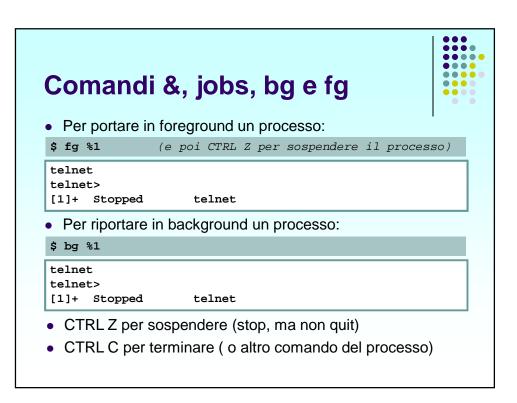
between 0 and 20

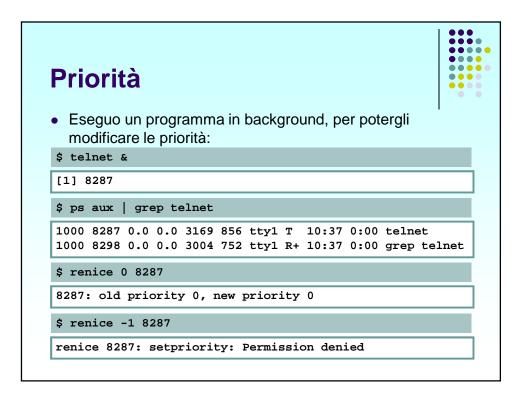
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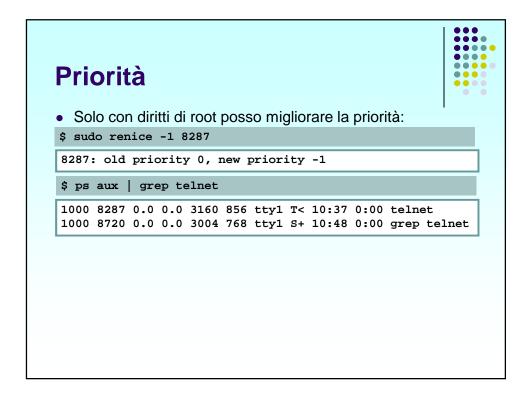
[-u user] all the user's processes will change their

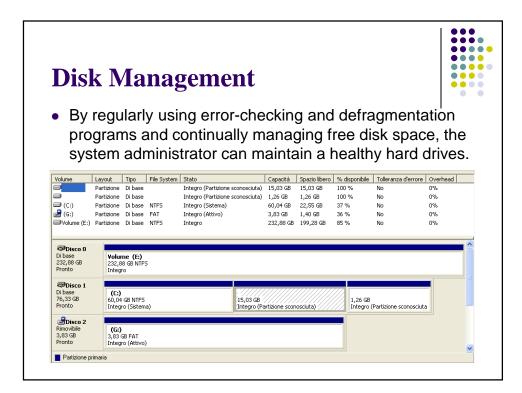
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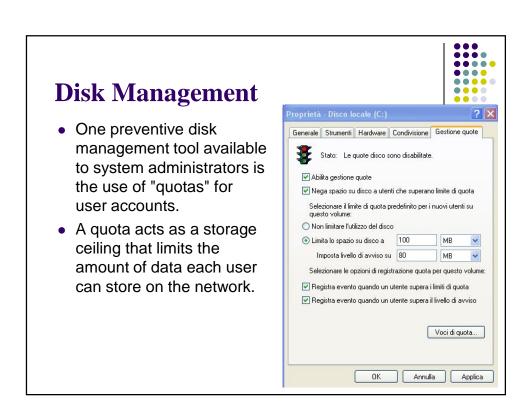


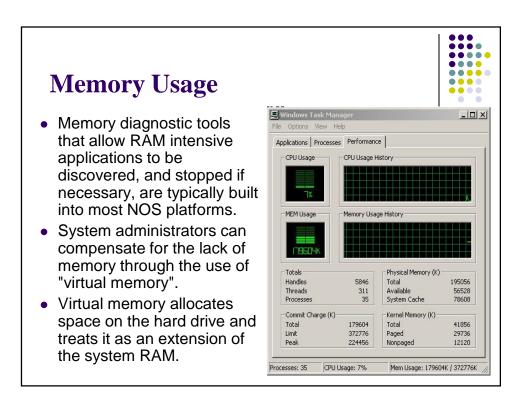


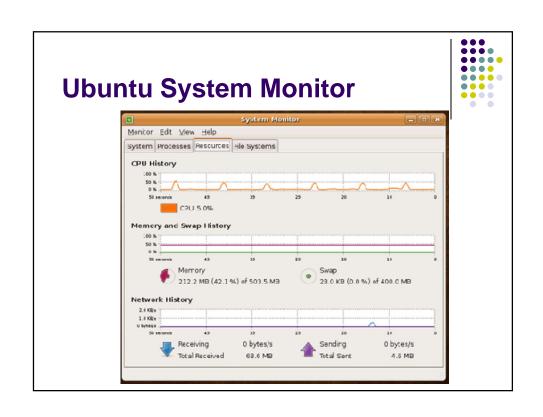






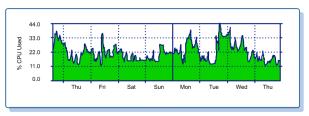






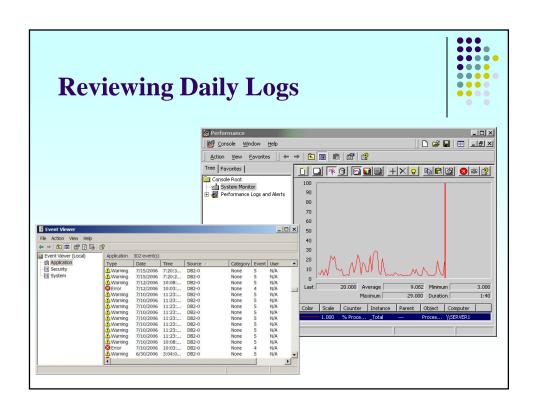
## **CPU Usage**

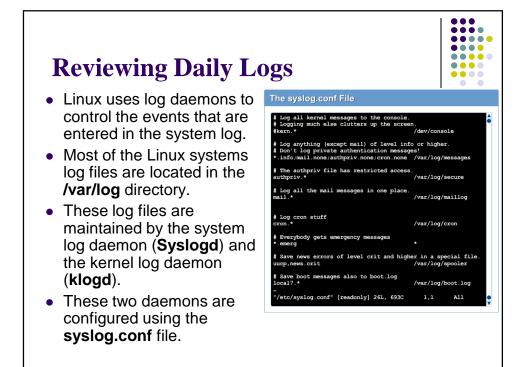
- All information used by the NOS, including the NOS itself, is processed millions of times per second by the CPU to display this information to the user.
- Built-in tools are commonly provided to allow system administrators to monitor the current level of CPU activity.
- This feedback is often presented in terms of the percentage of the CPU currently being used and is refreshed at frequent intervals.



## **Reviewing Daily Logs**

- Most computer programs, servers, login processes, as well as the system kernel, record summaries of their activities in log files.
- These summaries can be used and reviewed for various things, including software that might be malfunctioning or attempts to break into the system.
- In Windows 2000, the Computer Management tool allows users to browse the logged events generated by the NOS.
- Two categories beneath the System Tools heading store logged information. They are "Event Viewer" and "Performance Logs and Alerts"





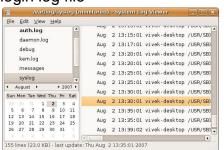
## **Reviewing Daily Logs**

Linux Log files and usage:

- /var/log/messages : General log messages
- /var/log/boot : System boot log
- /var/log/auth.log: User login and authentication logs
- /var/log/daemon.log: Running services such as squid, ntpd and others log message to this file
- /var/log/faillog: User failed login log file

#### Text view:

tail -f /var/log/auth.log more /var/log/daemon.log cat /var/log/mysql.err less /var/log/messages grep -i fail /var/log/boot



# **Ubuntu /var/log**



Vediamo un file di log:

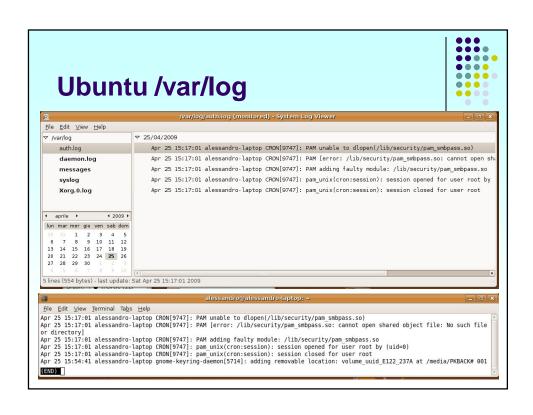
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$ 1s -al /var/log/auth*

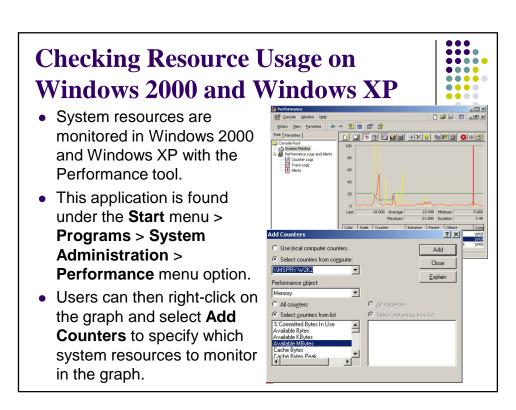
-rw-r---- 1 syslog adm 554 2009-04-20 15:17 auth.log
-rw-r---- 1 syslog adm 149.078 2009-04-20 15:11 auth.log.0
-rw-r---- 1 syslog adm 9.467 2009-04-18 10:42 auth.log.1.gz
-rw-r---- 1 syslog adm 876 2009-04-16 12:30 auth.log.2.gz
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\$ cat /var/log/auth.log | grep "Apr 21"

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Apr 21 14:11:04 amemo CRON[9747]: PAM unable to dlopen(/lib/sec Apr 21 14:11:04 amemo CRON[9747]: PAM [error: /lib/security/pam Apr 21 14:11:04 amemo CRON[9747]: PAM adding faulty module: /li Apr 21 14:11:04 amemo CRON[9747]: pam_unix(cron:session): sessi
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PAM (Pluggable authentication module) è un modulo aggiuntivo ad OpenLDAP e forza i client all'utilizzo di password normalizzate. Utilizza la libreria libpam-cracklib ed un dizionario di password non accettabili.





# **Checking Resource Usage on Linux**



- The df command is used to display the amount of disk space currently available to the various filesystems on the machine.
- When a directory name is specified, the du command returns the disk usage for both the contents of the directory and the contents of any subdirectories beneath it.
- The top command functions much like the Windows 2000 Performance tool by providing detailed information regarding CPU and RAM usage.

## Il comando df



- Il comando df (disk space of the file system) visualizza l'ammontare di spazio libero e occupato su tutti i dischi attualmente montati.
  - [-h] Aggiunge a ciascuna dimensione un suffisso, come M per megabyte binario («mebibyte»)
  - [-i] Dà informazioni sull'uso degli inode, invece che dei blocchi
  - [-I] Limita il risultato ai soli filesystem locali
  - [-T] Stampa il tipo di ciascun filesystem

