USER MANUAL



This guide walks you through a complete end-to-end workflow for building, configuring, testing, and operating the AVID-FP Object Store in both 3-of-5 and 4-of-6 modes, with detailed commands and expected results.

Prerequisites

- Docker ≥ 20.10 & Docker Compose (v2+)
- PowerShell (Windows) or bash (Linux/macOS)
- Go ≥ 1.23 (if building locally)
- jq (optional, for JSON inspection)

Repository Structure

```
distributed_object_store/
├─ cmd/
   - server/
   | └─ main.go
                                  # gRPC server entrypoint
   └─ client/
                                  # CLI client entrypoint
      └─ main.go
   ├─ config/
├─ config.go
                                 # YAML/ENV/CLI loader
   - erasure/
   │ └─ erasure.go
                                  # Reed-Solomon encode/decode
   ├─ fingerprint/
├─ fingerprint.go
                                 # Homomorphic fingerprint logic
     - protocol/
   | ├─ protocol.proto # gR
| └─ (generated .pb.go/.pb.gw.go)
                                  # gRPC definitions

─ storage/
      ├─ atomicfile.go
└─ batcher.go
                                  # AtomicWrite helper
                                # BoltDB write-batcher
├─ configs/
   ├─ server1.yaml
                                 # Node-specific YAML
   ├─ server2.yaml
   └─ server5.yaml
                                # (or server6.yaml for 4-of-6)
   deploy/
   deploy/
├─ prometheus.yml # Prometheus scrape config
   └─ grafana-dashboard.json # Grafana dashboard export
                     # Host-mounted volume for node1
├─ data-store1/
   ⊢ store.db
⊢ fragments/
                                 # BoltDB file
      └─ <objectID>/0.bin ... 4.bin
  data-store2/ ... data-store5/ # Volumes for other nodes
  - Dockerfile
                                 # Multi-stage Go build → distroless
├─ docker-compose.yml
                                 # 5-node cluster + Prometheus + Grafana
 — go.mod
├─ go.sum
  - Commands.txt
                                  # End-to-end test script & results
                                 # Overview & quickstart
└─ README.md
```

1. Clean Up Previous State

```
Ensure no leftover containers, volumes, or files remain from earlier runs:
```

Stop and remove all Compose services + volumes

docker compose down -v

Prune dangling containers & volumes

docker container prune -f

docker volume prune -f

Remove local fragment directories, binaries, DBs, logs

Remove-Item -Recurse -Force data* *.bin *.txt -ErrorAction SilentlyContinue

Get-ChildItem -Filter 'store-*.db' | Remove-Item -Force -ErrorAction SilentlyContinue

Kill any local server processes

Get-Process server -ErrorAction SilentlyContinue | Stop-Process -Force

taskkill /IM server.exe /F 2>\$null

What this does:

- Tears down any running cluster
- · Cleans Docker artifacts
- Wipes on-disk data (fragments, BoltDB files)
- Ensures a pristine environment

2. Build & Deploy 5-Node Cluster (m=3, n=5)

1. Rebuild images (picks up any code or config changes)

2. Start cluster + monitoring

You should see seven containers:

- server1, ..., server5 (Up)
- prometheus (Up)
- grafana (Up)

3. 3-of-5 Happy-Path Write & Read

1. Parameters:

```
$P = "server1:50051,server2:50052,server3:50053,server4:50054,server5:50055"  
$m = 3; $n = 5
```

```
PS C:\Users\dattu\OneDrive\Desktop\distributed_object_store> $P = "server1:50051, server2:50052, server3:50053, server4:50054, server5:50055"

>> $m = 3; $n = 5
```

2. Prepare input

"Happy-path demo \$(Get-Date)" | Set-Content demo.txt docker compose cp demo.txt server1:/demo.txt

```
PS C:\Users\dattu\OneDrive\Desktop\distributed_object_store> "Happy-path demo $(Get-Date)" | Set-Content demo.txt >> docker compose cp demo.txt server1:/demo.txt
```

3. Disperse (write)

docker compose exec server1 /bin/client \

- -mode disperse \
- -file /demo.txt \
- -id demo-3of5 \
- -peers \$P \
- -m \$m -n \$n
- Expected output: "Shard 1/5 dispersed ... Disperse complete for 'demo-3of5'"

```
PS C:\Users\dattu\OneDrive\Desktop\distributed_object_store> docker compose exec server1 /bin/client`

>> -mode disperse`

>> -file /demo.txt'

>> -id demo1'

e>> -peers $P'

>> -mode of server1 /bin/client`

>> in demo2'

e>> -peers $P'

>> -mode of server1 /bin/client`

>> in demo2'

e>> -peers $P'

>> -mode of server1 /bin/client`

>> -mode of server1 /bin/client`

e>> -peers $P'

>> -mode of server1 /bin/client`

e>> -file /demo2 /server1 /serve
```

4. Retrieve (read)

docker compose exec server2 /bin/client \

- -mode retrieve \
- -file ok.txt \
- -id demo-3of5 \
- -peers \$P \
- -m \$m -n \$n

```
PS C:\Users\dattu\nonePrive\Desktop\distributed_object_store> docker compose exec server2 /bin/client `

> -mode retrieve '

> -file /demo_out.txt '

> -ad demo1 '

> -peers $P '

> -a 3 -n 5

>> time="2025-05-081700:50:31-05:00" level=warning msg="C:\\Users\\dattu\\OneDrive\\Desktop\\distributed_object_store\\docker-compose.yml: the attribute `version` is obsolete, it will be eignored, please remove it to avoid potential confusion"

Retrieved "demo1" - "/demo_out.txt"
```

5. Verify integrity

Compare-Object (Get-Content demo.txt) (Get-Content ok.txt)

```
PS C:\Users\dattu\OneDrive\Desktop\distributed_object_store> Compare-Object (Get-Content demo.txt) (Get-Content ok.txt) >>
```

No differences → happy-path successful.

4. 3-of-5 Availability Test (≤ f=2 Faults)

1. Simulate two node failures

docker compose stop server2 server4

- 2. docker compose exec server3 /bin/client \
 - -mode retrieve \
 - -file avail.txt \
 - -id demo-3of5 \
 - -peers \$P \
 - -m \$m -n \$n

```
PS C:\Users\dattu\OneOrive\Desktop\distributed_object_store> docker compose exec server1 /bin/client `
>> -mode retrieve `
>> -file /avail.txt `
>> -id demol `
>> -peers $P2 `
>> -m 3 -n 5
time="2025-05-08T80:51:34-05:00" level=warning msg="C:\\Users\\dattu\\OneOrive\\Desktop\\distributed_object_store\\docker-compose.yml: the attribute `version` is obsolete, it will e ignored, please remove it to avoid potential confusion"
Retrieved "demol" → "/avail.txt"
```

3. Verify

Compare-Object (Get-Content demo.txt) (Get-Content avail.txt)

Still matches → availability under 2 faults holds.

```
PS C:\Users\dattu\OneDrive\Desktop\distributed_object_store> Compare-Object (Get-Content demo.txt) (Get-Content avail.txt) >>
```

4. Restore nodes

docker compose start server2 server4

```
PS C:\Users\dattu\OneDrive\Desktop\distributed_object_store> docker start distributed_object_store-server2-1 distributed_object_store-server4-1 >>>
```

5. 3-of-5 Integrity-Failure Test (> f shards corrupted)

1. Prepare New Object

```
PS C:\Users\dattu\OneDrive\Desktop\distributed_object_store> "Phase-2 demo $(Get-Date)" | Set-Content demoB.txt >>
```

2. Disperse New Object

```
PS C:\Users\dattu\OneDrive\Desktop\distributed_object_store> docker start distributed_object_store-server2-1 distributed_object_store-server4-1
>> distributed_object_store-server2-1
distributed_object_store-server4-1
PS C:\Users\dattu\OneDrive\Desktop\distributed_object_store> "Phase-2 demo $(Get-Date)" | Set-Content demoB.txt
>> 
PS C:\Users\dattu\OneDrive\Desktop\distributed_object_store> .\bin\client.exe -mode disperse -file demoB.txt -id demoB -peers $P
>> 
Shard 1/5 dispersed
Shard 2/5 dispersed
Shard 3/5 dispersed
Shard 4/5 dispersed
Shard 4/5 dispersed
Shard 5/5 dispersed
Shard 5/5 dispersed
Disperse complete for "demoB"
```

3. Corrupt f+1 = 3 shards on nodes 1-3

```
foreach ($idx in 0,1,2) {
  foreach ($s in 1,2,3) {
    $ctr = "distributed_object_store-server${s}-1"
    $rem = "/data/data-5005${s}/demoB/$idx.bin"
    $tmp = "tmp_${idx}_${s}.bin"

    docker cp "$($ctr):$rem" $tmp
    $bytes = [IO.File]::ReadAllBytes($tmp)
    $bytes[0] = $bytes[0] -bxor 0xFF # flip first byte
    [IO.File]::WriteAllBytes($tmp,$bytes)
    docker cp $tmp "$($ctr):$rem"
    Remove-Item $tmp
}
```

```
Successfully copied 2.05kB to C:\Users\dattu\OneDrive\Desktop\distributed_object_store\tmp_0_1.bin
Successfully copied 2.05kB to distributed object store-server1-1:/data/data-50051/demoB/0.bin
Successfully copied 2.05kB to C:\Users\dattu\OneDrive\Desktop\distributed object store\tmp 0 2.bin
Successfully copied 2.05kB to distributed object store-server2-1:/data/data-50052/demoB/0.bin
Successfully copied 2.05kB to C:\Users\dattu\OneDrive\Desktop\distributed_object_store\tmp_0_3.bin
Successfully copied 2.05kB to distributed object store-server3-1:/data/data-50053/demoB/0.bin
Successfully copied 2.05kB to C:\Users\dattu\OneDrive\Desktop\distributed_object_store\tmp_1_1.bin
Successfully copied 2.05kB to distributed_object_store-server1-1:/data/data-50051/demoB/1.bin
Successfully copied 2.05kB to C:\Users\dattu\OneDrive\Desktop\distributed_object_store\tmp_1_2.bin
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Successfully copied 2.05kB to C:\Users\dattu\OneDrive\Desktop\distributed_object_store\tmp_1_3.bin
Successfully copied 2.05kB to distributed object store-server3-1:/data/data-50053/demoB/1.bin
Successfully copied 2.05kB to C:\Users\dattu\OneDrive\Desktop\distributed_object_store\tmp_2_1.bin
Successfully copied 2.05kB to distributed_object_store-server1-1:/data/data-50051/demoB/2.bin
Successfully copied 2.05kB to C:\Users\dattu\OneDrive\Desktop\distributed_object_store\tmp_2_2.bin
Successfully copied 2.05kB to distributed object store-server2-1:/data/data-50052/demoB/2.bin
Successfully copied 2.05kB to C:\Users\dattu\OneDrive\Desktop\distributed_object_store\tmp_2_3.bin
Successfully copied 2.05kB to distributed object store-server3-1:/data/data-50053/demoB/2.bin
```

4. Simulate two more faults

```
PS C:\Users\dattu\UneDrive\Desktop\distributed_object_store> <mark>docke</mark>r kill distributed_object_store-server4-1 distributed_object_store-server5-1
>>
distributed_object_store-server4-1
distributed_object_store-server5-1
```

5. Attempt retrieve (should fail)

Expected error: "cannot decode"

6. Build & Deploy 6-Node Cluster (m=4, n=6)

```
Adjust configs/server*.yaml:
erasure:
data: 4
total: 6
Add server6.yaml with ports 50056/9107.
```

```
! server6.yaml U X
configs > ! server6.yaml
        peers:
            "server1:50051",
           "server2:50052",
            "server3:50053",
            "server4:50054",
            "server5:50055",
           "server6:50056",
      self: "server6:50056"
     erasure:
      ttl: "24h"
 20 storage:
      datadir: "/data/fragments"
      db: "/data/store.db"
 24 server:
       grpc_port: 50056
       metrics_port: 9107
```

docker compose down -v docker compose build --pull docker compose up -d docker compose ps

Verify server1-server6, prometheus, grafana are all Up.

7. 4-of-6 Happy-Path Write & Read

\$P6 =

"server1:50051,server2:50052,server3:50053,server4:50054,server5:50055,server6:50056" \$m = 4; \$n = 6

1. Prepare input

"4-of-6 demo \$(Get-Date)" | Set-Content demo46.txt docker compose cp demo46.txt server1:/demo46.txt

```
PS C:\Users\dattu\OneDrive\Desktop\distributed_object_store> "4-of-6 demo $(Get-Date)" | Set-Content demo46.txt >> docker compose cp demo46.txt server1:/demo46.txt >>
```

2. Disperse

docker compose exec server1 /bin/client \

- -mode disperse \
- -file /demo46.txt \
- -id demo-4of6 \
- -peers \$P6 \
- -m \$m -n \$n

```
PS C:\Users\\dartu\OneDrive\Desktop\distributed_object_store> docker compose exec server1 /bin/client`
>> -mode disperse'
>> -file /demod6.txt`
>> -id demod6
>> -peers server1:50051,server2:50052,server3:50053,server4:50054,server5:50055,server6:50056`
>> -peers server1:50051,server2:50052,server3:50053,server4:50054,server5:50055,server6:50056`
>> -m 4`
>> -m 6

time="2025-05-081702:34:42-05:00" level=warning msg="C:\\Users\\dattu\\OneDrive\\Desktop\\distributed_object_store\\docker-compose.yml: the attribute `version` is obsolete, it will e ignored, please remove it to avoid potential confusion"

Shard 1/6 dispersed
Shard 2/6 dispersed
Shard 3/6 dispersed
Shard 3/6 dispersed
Shard 4/6 dispersed
Shard 5/6 dispersed
```

3. Simulate 2 failures (f = 2)

docker compose stop server5 server6

```
PS C:\Users\dattu\OneDrive\Desktop\distributed_object_store> docker compose stop server5

>> time="2025-05-08T02;35:22-05:00" level=warning msg="C:\Users\dattu\OneDrive\Desktop\\distributed_object_store\docker-compose.yml: the attribute `version` is obsolete, it will be a language. Please remove it to avoid potential confusion"

[+] Stopping 2/2

$\int \text{Container distributed_object_store-server6-1} \text{Stopped}

$\int \text{Container distributed_object_store-server6-1} \text{Stopped}

$\int \text{Container distributed_object_store-server5-1} \text{Stopped}
```

4. Retrieve

docker compose exec server2 /bin/client \

- -mode retrieve \
- -file demo46_out.txt \
- -id demo-4of6 \
- -peers \$P6 \
- -m \$m -n \$n

```
>> docker compose exec server2 /bin/client -mode retrieve -file demo46_out.txt -id demo46 -peers $P46 -m 4 -n 6
>>
>>
time="2025-05-08T02:35:51-05:00" level=warning msg="C:\\Users\\dattu\\OneDrive\\Desktop\\distributed_object_store\\docker-compose.yml: the attribute `version` is obsolete, it will be ignored, please remove it to avoid potential confusion"
Retrieved "demo46" - "demo46" of "demo46" of "demo40" of
```

5. Verify

Compare-Object (Get-Content demo46.txt) (Get-Content demo46_out.txt)

```
PS C:\Users\dattu\OneDrive\Desktop\distributed_object_store> Compare-Object (Get-Content demo46.txt) (Get-Content demo46.txt)
```

8. Metrics & Monitoring Validation

1. List scrape targets

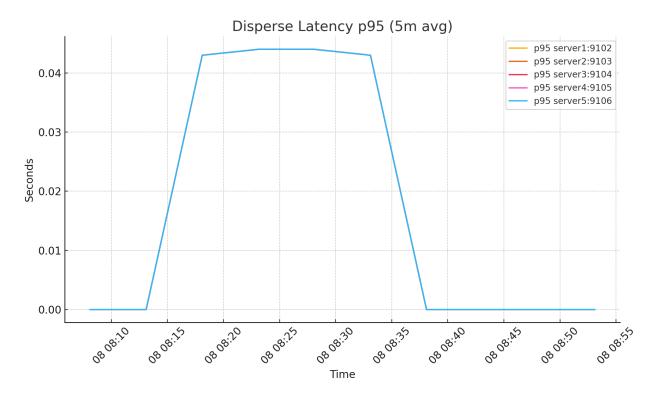
curl http://localhost:9090/api/v1/targets | jq '.data.activeTargets[] | {job,labels}'

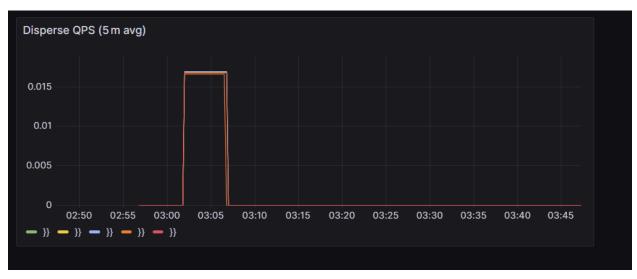
2. Query disperse rate

curl 'http://localhost:9090/api/v1/query?query=rate(avid_fp_disperse_total[5m])'

3. Grafana:

- Import deploy/grafana-dashboard.json
- View write QPS, latency, failure rates





9. Snapshot & GC Test

1. Take on-demand snapshot

docker compose exec server1 /bin/server \

- -config /etc/avid/config.yaml \
- -snapshot /snapshots

docker compose exec server1 ls /snapshots

```
PS C:\Users\dattu\OneDrive\Desktop\distributed_object_store> docker compose exec server1 /bin/server `
>> -config /etc/avid/config.yaml `
>> -snapshot /snapshots
>> -snapshot /snapshots
>> time="2025-05-08104:28:02-05:00" level=warning msg="C:\\Users\\dattu\\OneDrive\\Desktop\\distributed_object_store\\docker-compose.yml: the attribute `version` is obsolete, it will te ignored, please remove it to avoid potential confusion"
2025/05/08 09:28:02 snapshot created at /snapshots/20250508-092802
```

```
Directory: C:\Users\dattu\OneDrive\Desktop\distributed_object_store\snapshots_host
                  LastWriteTime
                                         Length Name
               5/8/2025 4:31 AM
5/8/2025 4:28 AM
                                               20250508-092802
   Directory: C:\Users\dattu\OneDrive\Desktop\distributed_object_store\snapshots_host\20250508-092802
Mode
                                         Length Name
              5/8/2025 4:31 AM
5/8/2025 4:31 AM
5/8/2025 4:28 AM
                                                ping-test
   Directory: C:\Users\dattu\OneDrive\Desktop\distributed_object_store\snapshots_host\20250508-092802\demo46
Mode
                   LastWriteTime
                                         Length Name
               5/8/2025 4:28 AM
5/8/2025 4:28 AM
5/8/2025 4:28 AM
                                             9 1.bin
9 2.bin
               5/8/2025 4:28 AM
5/8/2025 4:28 AM
```

2. Test TTL-based GC

• In configs/server1.yaml, Set object.ttl: 1s

```
cluster:
peers:

| peers:
| "server1:50051",
| "server2:50052",
| "server3:50053",
| "server4:50054",
| "server5:50055",
| "server6:50056",
| ]
| self: "server1:50051"

| data: 4 # m
| total: 6 # n

| object:
| ttl: "1s"
| object:
| datadir: "/data/fragments"
| db: "/data/store.db"

| server:
| grpc_port: 50051
| metrics_port: 9102
```

- · Restart node, disperse small file
- Wait > 2 s, then:

docker compose exec server1 ls /data/fragments

```
>> Cote-of-ligation-of-regionate polyect_store booker of %[cig].data[fragments - (fragments_after_gc)
>> Cet.Of-lighter .(Fragments_after_gc - Recurse)
>> Successfully copied 1.54k8 to C:\Users\dattu\OneDrive\Desktop\distributed_object_store> $cid = (docker compose ps -q server1).Trim()
>> C:\Users\dattu\OneDrive\Desktop\distributed_object_store> $cid = (docker compose ps -q server1).Trim()
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>> C:\Users\datau\OneDrive\Desktop\distributed_object_store> $
```

· Expired object directory should be gone

10. Environment-Variable Overrides

docker compose down -v docker compose up -d

On server1 only:

docker compose exec server1 bash -lc '
export AVID_FP_ERASURE_DATA=2
export AVID_FP_ERASURE_TOTAL=4
exec /bin/server -config /etc/avid/config.yaml

Then test a 2-of-4 write/read:

docker compose cp demo.txt server1:/demo.txt docker compose exec server1 /bin/client
-mode disperse -file /demo.txt -id demo-2of4

-peers "server1:50051,server2:50052,server3:50053,server4:50054" -m 2 -n 4

docker compose exec server2 /bin/client -mode retrieve -file ok2.txt -id demo-2of4

-peers "server1:50051,server2:50052,server3:50053,server4:50054" -m 2 -n 4

11. Final Tear-Down

docker compose down -v docker container prune -f volume prune -f Remove-Item -Recurse -Force data* *.bin .txt store-.db -ErrorAction SilentlyContinue