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Distributed Replicated Block Device (DRBD) Network Packet Tracing Module ABSTRACT Distributed Replicated Block Device (DRBD) is an open-source replication storage system. DRBD works by layering over logical block devices on participating nodes. The aim of the project is to write a packet tracer and logger for DRBD. DRBD is implemented as a loadable kernel module. We also want to write a loadable kernel module. This module will be responsible for communicating with the drbd module and preparing the log file. We will add an user land utility which will make system calls to our module and be responsible for analysing the data in the log file and display results and reports in graphical format. PICT - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – 2020-21 4

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Data Structure of Log 21 6. Fig 6. Cscope 21 7. Fig 7. System Tap 22 Sr. No. Abbreviations Full Form 1. DRBD Distributed Replicated Block Device 2. VM Virtual Machine 3. LKM Linux Kernel Module

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Distributed Replicated Block Device (DRBD) Network Packet Tracing Module 1. INTRODUCTION 1.1. TITLE Distributed Replicated Block Device (DRBD) Network Packet Tracing Module 1.2. OVERVIEW DRBD is an open source data replication software that is used to replicate the data at multiple nodes. It consists of a primary node, and one or several other secondary nodes. Our project is to build a packet tracer for DRBD which would maintain a log file of all the writes and reads at the primary and secondary nodes respectively. DRBD is implemented as a loadable kernel module. We also write a loadable kernel module. The main aim of this module is to create a global queue for storing all packets being sent and received by the node in the cluster. From this queue, a log file is created in the user space. We will also add a user space daemon. This daemon will be responsible to read and analyse the log file. This daemon will also display the data in a visual format (graphs). 1.3. MOTIVATION • Opportunity to work on an open-source project. • We got first hand industry exposure by working with Veritas LLC, Pune. • This project also gave us the opportunity to work on an industry standard replication project. • We had the opportunity to learn about cluster networks, as well as about system programming. PICT - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – 2020-21 8

Distributed Replicated Block Device (DRBD) Network Packet Tracing Module 2. LITERATURE REVIEW 2.1. EXISTING METHODOLOGIES 2.1.1. DRBD DRBD stands for Distributed Replicated Block Device. It is an open source data replication storage solution. It consists of a primary node, and one or several other secondary nodes. DRBD works by layering over logical block devices on participating nodes. Primary node is responsible for functioning of the system. When a write operation occurs at the primary node, it is simultaneously propagated to secondary nodes. In case the primary node fails, then one of the secondary nodes is promoted to the designation of primary node. [1] DRBD consists of two independent modules - • A kernel module, that implements a driver replicated across the primary and secondary nodes. • User space applications, that are responsible for administration. 2.1.2. DRBD vs RAID •

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RAID is designed for two or more disks connected locally whereas DRBD is designed to replicate a block-device over a network.

- We use RAID (software or hardware) to increase the reliability of the local storage over 2 or more disks. DRBD would sit on top of your RAID and replicate that data to another server for failover purposes.
- DRBD can also allow two servers to access that data at the same time, which you can't really do with RAID

in a cluster-aware file system. 2.2. PROPOSED METHODOLOGIES 2.2.1. LINUX ARCHITECTURE The Linux System consists of four primary components - • Hardware layer • Kernel PICT - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – 2020-21 9

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The kernel is the central part of any operating system. It is responsible for the overall functioning of the

computer and the hardware. The kernel is a separate entity as compared to the user space, and hence the programs written for the kernel are different as compared to the normal user programs. Fig 1. Linux Architecture 2.2.2. CHARACTER DEVICE DRIVER There are two types of device drivers - • Character Driver • Block Driver This division is made on the basis of speed and the organisation of data in the system. Character drivers are usually slow speed devices, which handle comparatively smaller amounts of data and do not require frequent seeks or writes from and to the system. Examples - Keyboards, mouse, joysticks etc. These devices generally involve sequential read and write, i.e, byte by byte. PICT - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – 2020-21 10

Distributed Replicated Block Device (DRBD) Network Packet Tracing Module Block drivers are the ones which handle comparatively larger amounts of data. Devices such as hard disks, floppies and ram generally fall in this category. Reading and writing of data takes place at the block level in these devices. [2] The operating system relies on two unique and fixed identifiers for identifying each device - • Major Number • Minor Number Each unique identifier consists of two parts or halves. The first part is used to identify the type of the device (serial port, etc); and the second part is used to denote the device (1. disk, 2. serial port). The major number usually identifies the driver, and the minor number denotes the device that is using the particular driver. Generally each driver has a major number that is responsible for all the minor numbers associated with that major number. 2.2.3. LOADABLE KERNEL MODULE Kernel configuration primarily refers to selecting the files that we want, when the kernel is compiled and run. Appending code to the kernel basically refers to adding the required files to the source code and recompiling the kernel. [5] Loadable Kernel Module (LKM) refers to the code that is added to the kernel, without shutting it down completely. LKMs are generally of three types - • Device Drivers • Filesystem Drivers • System Calls PICT - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – 2020-21 11

Distributed Replicated Block Device (DRBD) Network Packet Tracing Module The kernel is designed so as to encapsulate the functions, so that new functions can be added to it without disturbing the basic functionalities. The new functions/ LKMs are added in complete isolation of the existing kernel code base. LKMs are primarily used for these six tasks - • Device drivers - The operating system (kernel) establishes contact with the hardware so as to ensure its proper functioning. • Filesystem drivers - These drivers are used to understand the hierarchy of a filesystem in an operating system. • System calls - User space applications and programs make use of system calls in order to perform certain tasks such as reading a file, creating a new process etc. • Network drivers - These drivers are used to identify the network protocols.. • TTY line disciplines - A console command. • Executable interpreters - Responsible to load and execute an executable file/ code. PICT - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – 2020-21 12

Distributed Replicated Block Device (DRBD) Network Packet Tracing Module 3. REQUIREMENT SPECIFICATION AND ANALYSIS 3.1. PROBLEM DEFINITION Build a packet tracing module on DRBD to track the data packets transferred over a cluster in a network during data replication between multiple block devices and analyse the transfer of packets. 3.2. CONCEPT Data Replication is the process of storing data in more than one site or node. It is useful in improving the

availability of data. It is simply copying data from a database from one server to another server so that all the users can share the same data without any inconsistency.

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Packet tracing is the process by which you can verify the path of a packet through the layers to its destination.

Using packet tracing it is possible to check the volume of data being transferred and various information related to the process of replication as at its core, replication occurs through the transfer of packets. 3.3. SCOPE • Provide an enterprise grade solution to analyze the packet transfer in replication phase at multiple data nodes. • Calculate the accuracy of data replicated at multiple data nodes in a cluster. • Determine the bandwidth required over a network based on the accuracy of the transfer of packets. • Determine the number of replication nodes required in a data cluster. • Learning Scope : ◦ Work on an open-source project with industry guidance ◦ Learn Linux programming ◦ Learn about 3.4. OBJECTIVE • Understand how replication in DRBD works - code flow how/where we put the packet on air in code. • Writing a kernel module to trace/keep track of logs in memory and on-disk. • Enable tracing on the modules dynamically. PICT - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – 2020-21 13

Distributed Replicated Block Device (DRBD) Network Packet Tracing Module • Least or no performance impact is desirable. • Writing utility/daemon to pull tracing information from kernel - parse the data for reporting/debugging problems • Use a container to run the analyser tool. • Eg: plot a graph, create sequential logs combining primary and secondary logs. 3.5. PROJECT REQUIREMENTS 3.5.1. FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS • Log data and acknowledgement packets passed between nodes in a DRBD cluster • Analyse above mentioned logs • Represent analysis in graphical format 3.5.2. NON-FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS • No performance impact on DRBD cluster 3.5.3. HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS • System with i5 or higher • System with 8 GB of RAM 3.5.4. SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS • Oracle VM VirtualBox • Two Virtual Machines • CentOS running on two VMs • DRBD 3.6. PROJECT PLAN 3.6.1. MODULE SPLIT-UP • Understanding and Identifying Data Flow Points in DRBD. • Creating Global Queue for logs in the module. • Calling our module functions from DRBD. PICT - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – 2020-21 14

Distributed Replicated Block Device (DRBD) Network Packet Tracing Module • Preparing a log file. • Writing a user land utility to analyse data from a log file. • Display analysis in graphical format. 3.6.2. GANTT CHART Fig 2. Gantt Chart PICT - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – 2020-21 15

Distributed Replicated Block Device (DRBD) Network Packet Tracing Module 4. SYSTEM ANALYSIS AND DESIGN 4.1. ARCHITECTURE Being an open source software, we can review and make changes in the code base of DRBD. We can identify the points where data packets are sent and received in the code. We will implement our module as a loadable kernel module. This module will be responsible for communicating with the drbd module and preparing the log file. We will add an user land utility which will make system calls to our module and be responsible for analysing the data in the log file and display results and reports in graphical format. The kernel space consists of a global queue, where the corresponding details will be enqueued and dequeued as and when the read and write operations take place at the primary and secondary nodes respectively. We then plan to write a user space utility that will take this log data as the input, and plot different graphs accordingly. PICT - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – 2020-21 16

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Distributed Replicated Block Device (DRBD) Network Packet Tracing Module 5.1.2. DATA STRUCTURE OF LOG Fig 5. Data Structure of Log 5.2. ELABORATE IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES/ TECHNIQUES/ SOFTWARE TOOLS ETC. 5.2.1. CSCOPE

Cscope is used to browse the code in the console. Cscope generally works along with Vim. Using Cscope we identified the main important functions in DRBD source code like drbd_send_dblock etc. [6] Fig 6. Cscope PICT - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – 2020-21 21

Distributed Replicated Block Device (DRBD) Network Packet Tracing Module 5.2.2. SYSTEM TAP System Tap is generally used along with Cscope to find the flow data, in the functions identified using Cscope. [7] Fig 7. System Tap PICT - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – 2020-21 22

Distributed Replicated Block Device (DRBD) Network Packet Tracing Module 6. CONCLUSION 6.1. CONCLUSION Thus in this project, we have studied about DRBD which is an open source, data replication technology. DRBD is used to replicate the data between a primary, and one or multiple secondary nodes. We also started the implementation of a network packet tracing module for DRBD, that will basically maintain a log of all the reads and writes at the primary and secondary data locations. This is done by using a global queue. We will also develop a user space daemon that will help represent all the data from the log in a visual format (in the form of graphs, etc). 6.2. DRAWBACKS DRBD is comparatively more difficult to set up as compared to RAID. DRBD also does not promise the performance benefits, as in the case of RAID (especially RAID 0). The packet tracing module will be written inside the DRBD send data function and called as and when the read or write operation is performed. Thus the entire DRBD code needs to be re-compiled in case of any error in the code. PICT - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – 2020-21 23

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