

* Mounting and Unmounting

→ The mount command is used to attach a file system somewhere within the filesystem tree.

→ The basic arguments are device node and mount point. For example

```
$ sudo mount /dev/sda5 /home
```

→ will attach the file system contained in the disk partition associated with the /dev/sda5 device node into the file system tree at the /home mount point.

→ There are other ways to specify the partition other than the device node, such as the label or UUID (Universally Unique Identifier).

→ To Unmount the Partition, the command would be

```
$ sudo unmount /home
```

* NFS and Network File Systems

→ many system administrators mount remote users home directories on a server in order to give them access to the same file configuration, across multiple client systems.

→ This allows the users to log in to different computers, yet still have access to the same file resources.

→ The most common such file system is named simply NFS (the network file system).

* NFS on the servers

→ on the server machine, NFS uses daemons (built-in networking and service process in linux). and other systems servers are started at the command line by typing.

```
$ sudo systemctl start nfs
```

Note:- RHEL / centos, Fedora, the service is now called nfs-server not nfs.

→ The text file `/etc/exports` contains the directories and Permission that host is willing to share with other system over NFS.

→ A very simple entry in this file may look like the following

`/projects *.example.com(rw)`

→ This entry allows the directory `/projects` to be mounted using NFS with read and write (rw) Permissions and shared with other hosts in the `example.com` domain.

→ After modifying `/etc/exports` file, you can type `exports -av` to notify linux about the directories you are allowing remotely mounted using NFS.

→ You can also restart NFS with `sudo systemctl restart nfs` but this is heavier

→ To make sure the NFS service starts whenever the system is booted, issue `sudo systemctl enable nfs`.

* NFS on the client

→ on the client machine, If it is desired to have remote file system mounted automatically upon system boot `/etc/fstab` is modified to accomplish this.

→ For example, an entry in client `/etc/fstab` might look like the following

```
servername: /projects
```

```
1mnt|nfs|projects nfs defaults 0 0
```

→ you can mount the remote file system without reboot or as a one-time mount by directly using the mount command.

```
$ sudo mount servername: /projects
```

```
1mnt|nfs|projects.
```