

Solaris Volume Manager : Metaimport



What is metaimport?

- Allows disksets to move between hosts without the receiving host knowing about the set prior to the import
- May be used in a planned movement of disksets
- May be used as a means of disaster recovery

Overview – regular import

- All disks in a set now have a master block, either a "normal" mb or a "dummy" mb
- If there is a "normal" mb on disk, get list of disks in set by reading the on disk mddb
- Create linked list of importable sets on the system (misp)
- Under each set, create linked list of disks in the set (midp)
- For each disk, create linked list of replicas (mirp)

Overview – regular import (cont)

- Use information in misp/midp/mirp to create set records and drive records
- Set is taken at end of import

Overview – replicated import

- Replicated diskset assumed if master block devid is not the same as the disk's devid
- Mostly the same code as for the regular diskset import
- Must update the devids in the namespace, locator block, and master block to the disk's real devid

Overview – partial import

- Available for both regular and replicated disksets
- Information for the unavailable disk(s) is relative to the old configuration i.e. ctds's are "old"
- If the diskset is stale, metadbs on the unavailable disks are deleted by the import

Overview – verbose output

- metadb output
- metastat output
- Information is read from the disk

Master Block Structure

```
typedef struct mddb mb {
                                         /* used for verification */
   int
                      mb magic;
                      mb revision;
                                         /* used for verification */
   uint t
                      mb checksum; /* used for verification */
   uint t
#ifdef LP64
                                          /* incore to next mb */
   uint32 t
                      mb next;
#else
                                          /* incore to next mb */
   struct mddb mb
                      mb next;
#endif /* LP64 */
   daddr32 t
                      mb nextblk;
                                          /* block # for next mb */
                      mb timestamp;
                                          /* timestamp */
   md timeval32 t
                                          /* size of blkmap */
   daddr32 t
                      mb blkcnt;
                      mb blkno;
                                          /* physical loc. For this MB */
   daddr32 t
                                          /* used for verification */
   set t
                      mb setno;
                      mb setcreatetime; /* set creation timestamp */
   struct timeval32
                                                                            <---- new
   int
                      spares[7];
   mddb map t
                      mb blkmap;
                                          /* logical->physical blk map */
                                         /* verify devid in mb */
                      mb devid magic;
   int
                                                                           <---- new
                                          /* length of following devid */
   short
                      mb devid len;
                                                                           <---- new
                      mb devid[1];
                                          /* devid byte array */
   cahr
                                                                          <----- new
} mddb mb t;
```

Import Structures

```
typedef struct md im set desc {
   struct md im set desc
                                  *mis next;
                                  mis flags;
   int
                                  mis oldsetno;
   int
                                  *mis drives;
   md im drive info t
                                 mis active replicas;
   int
                                 mis partial;
   int
} md im set desc t;
typedef struct md im drive info {
   struct md im drive info
                                                    /* next drive in this set */
                                  mid next;
   mddrivename t
                                  *mid dnp;
   void
                                  *mid devid;
                                  *mid o devid;
   void
   int
                                 mid devid sz;
                                 mid o devid sz;
   int
                                 mid minor name[MDDB MINOR NAME MAX];
   char
   minor t
                                      mid mnum;
                                  mid available;
   int
                                  mid setcreatetimestamp;
   md timeval32 t
                                  *mid driver name;
   char
   char
                                  *mid devname;
   md im replica info t
                                  *mid replicas;
   int
                                  overlapped disk;
   struct md im drive info
                                  overlap;
                                                    /* chain of overlap disks */
} md im drive info t;
```

Import Structures (cont)

Overlapping disks

- The same disk may be found in more than one set
- Marked CONFLICT
- Disk is in conflict if mb_set_createtimestamp is different from others in the set or it's ctds is the same as that of a disk in another set

"Good" disks

- Must be available
- Replica on it must be active
- Must have a mb_set_createtimestamp that is the same as the replica set creation timestamp

Example – regular diskset

Disksets eligible for import:

1) Found regular diskset containing disks: c1t5d0 c1t8d0 c1t9d0

Creation time: Tue Dec 20 14:05:00 2005

For more information about this diskset: metaimport -r -v c1t5d0

To import this diskset: metaimport -s <newsetname> c1t5d0

metaimport -s blue c1t5d0

metaimport -r

Importing regular diskset containing disks: c1t5d0 c1t8d0 c1t9d0

Creation time: Tue Dec 20 14:05:00 2005

Example – partial diskset

metaimport -r

Disksets eligible for import:

```
    Found partial regular diskset containing disks:
        c1t5d0
        c1t8d0 (UNAVAIL)
        c1t9d0
        (UNAVAIL) WARNING: This disk is unavailable on this system.
        Import may corrupt data in the diskset.
```

Creation time: Tue Dec 20 14:48:43 2005
For more information about this diskset:
metaimport -r -v c1t5d0
To import this diskset:
metaimport -f -s <newsetname> c1t5d0

Example – verbose output

metaimport -rv

Disksets eligible for import:

1) Found regular diskset containing disks:

c1t5d0

c1t8d0

c1t9d0

Metadatabase information:

flags		first blk	block co	unt
a	u	16	8192	/dev/dsk/c1t5d0s7
a	u	16	8192	/dev/dsk/c1t8d0s7
a	u	16	8192	/dev/dsk/c1t9d0s7

Metadevice information:

d10	m 2.0GB d1 d2 d3
d1	s 2.0GB c1t5d0s0
d2	s 2.0GB c1t8d0s0
d3	s 2.0GB c1t9d0s0

Creation time: Tue Dec 20 14:05:00 2005 Last modified time: Tue Dec 20 14:05:17 2005

To import this diskset:

metaimport -s <newsetname> c1t5d0

Example – disks in conflict

Disksets eligible for import:

```
1) Found regular diskset containing disks:
 c1t5d0
 c1t8d0 (CONFLICT)
 c1t9d0
  (CONFLICT) WARNING: This disk has been reused in another diskset.
  Import may corrupt data in the diskset.
  Creation time:
                   Tue Dec 20 14:05:00 2005
  For more information about this diskset:
   metaimport -r -v c1t5d0
  To import this diskset:
   metaimport -f -s <newsetname> c1t5d0
2) Found regular diskset containing disks:
 c1t8d0 (CONFLICT)
 c1t10d0
 c1t11d0
  (CONFLICT) WARNING: This disk has been reused in another diskset.
  Import may corrupt data in the diskset.
  Creation time:
                   Tue Dec 20 14:18:41 2005
  For more information about this diskset:
   metaimport -r -v c1t8d0
  To import this diskset:
   metaimport -f -s <newsetname> c1t8d0
Number of disksets eligible for import: 2
```

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Warning: The following disks have been detected in more than one set. Import recommendation based upon set creation time.

Proceed with the import with caution.

c1t8d0 - must import with set created at: Tue Dec 20 14:18:41 2005



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