1 Samba

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Samba (named after Microsoft's Server Message Block protocol) is an Open Source/Free Software suite that provides seamless file and print services to Windows clients. It can act as a primary domain controller (authentication server) to all major variants of Windows.

The course will show how to:

- install the necessary software
- configure samba for some basic file service tasks
- configure samba for to operate as a PDC

1.1 What is Samba

As the front page at samba.org says, "Samba is an Open Source/Free Software suite that provides seamless file and print services to SMB/CIFS clients." Samba is freely available, unlike other SMB/CIFS implementations, and allows for interoperability between Linux/Unix servers and Windows-based clients.

Samba is a software package that gives network administrators flexibility and freedom in terms of setup, configuration, and choice of systems and equipment. Because of all that it offers, Samba has grown in popularity, and continues to do so, every year since its release in 1992.

1.2 Installation & Configuration

The installation of Samba on Debian GNU/Linux is normally quite easy! The packages are pre-built, and you just have to run apt-get for the installation of the needed packages. Thus, the first step is:

apt-get install samba smbclient

This has to be done as root! During the installation, a few questions will be asked to build an initial database.

Question	Answer
Workgroup/Domain Name?	[country]
Use password encryption?	Yes
Modify smb.conf to use WINS settings from DHCP?	No
How do you want to run Samba?	daemons
Create samba password database?	Yes

After the installation, you should be able to do a first test (samba is automatically started from the system). This example assumes that your machine is called **berne**:

smbclient -L berne

This will ask for a password, simply type return, and you will see a list of all shares that are defined, as well as some other servers¹

1.2.1 Structure of the configuration file

The configuration file is made up of various *sections*. These are named [section name]. Most sections represent file or print shares. Parameters which apply to samba as a whole are set in a global section.

There are number of reserved shares or sections, such as for example

- printers defines parameters for printers which are not explicitly listed
- netlogon is used for holding the Windows startup scripts when operating as a PDC
- . . .

1.3 Samba as a simple file server

1.3.1 Global parameters

The following global parameters are relevant to simple file server operation:

Name	Description
workgroup	Windows workgroup or Domain
NetBIOS name	NetBIOS name by which a Samba server is known. By default it
	is the same as the first part of the Unix host name.
wins support	yes if this server should be a wins server, no otherwise.
wins server	the IP address of the Wins server (only set this if wins support
	is no).
map to guest	set this to Bad User to allow all users (even not logged in) to
	browse.

Set wins support to no if you intend to put your server into an existing Windows network, which already has a Wins server.

¹This list of nodes is only shown on a samba server which is a master browser for a workgroup, and only contains nodes of that workgroup. A master browser is not the same thing as a wins server. The master browser, responsible for supplying a list of all servers for the network neighborhood, is dynamically elected. The WINS server, responsible for translating names into IP addresses, is configured statically. For more information about master browsers, see http://ubiqx.org/cifs/Browsing.html

1.3.2 Per share parameters (all shares)

The following parameters are useful on all shares:

Name	Description
comment	Informative text to be displayed near share in Windows Browser
browseable	If set to yes (default), share shows up in network neighborhood, else is hidden
public	All users may access this share
read only	Users may only read from share
available	If set to no, share is switched off

1.4 Parameters for file shares

The following parameters are useful on file shares:

Name	Description]
path	Path of Unix directory which is exported in this share]

1.4.1 Parameters for printer shares

The following parameters are useful on printer shares:

Name	Description
printing	Identifies the printing system. One of cups, plp or lprng
printable	must be set to yes
printer	Unix (Cups,) printer corresponding to this share
path	Path of temporary directory where print jobs are to be spooled to
	(by default /tmp)
cups options	If your printing system is cups, this specifies the options passed on
	to cups. Usually, "raw, media=a4". These mean that "raw" mode
	should be used (no postscript processing, because in the Windows
	world, the "printer driver" lives on the client), and that the paper
	size is A4.

1.4.2 Parameters for the global printers share

If you don't want to define each printer individually, you can set up a global **printers** share which exports all printers known locally to Windows.

For this, set load printers = yes in the global section, and define a printers section.

1.4.3 User management

So far, we have not yet defined any users in Samba. The file server is already usable, but only for anonymous access (guest account).

If you want to set up named access, the following parameters need to be defined:

Name	Description
guest account	Name of Unix user who will serve anonymous (guest) re-
	quests (usually nobody)
username map	(Optional) Name of a file which maps long windows user names to short Unix login names

The username map has the following format (left is the Unix login, right the long Windows name):

root = admin administrator tridge = "Andrew Tridgell"

Once these changes are done, you add samba users using the following command:

smbpasswd -a user

These users have to be existing Unix users; the smbpasswd command only enables them for samba.

1.4.4 Testing

The following tools are available for testing:

- testparm: this parses the /etc/samba/smb.conf, mentions any errors that it finds, and waits for a keystroke. After the keystroke, it prints out the whole configuration, as understood by samba
- **smbclient**: smbclient is a samba client that allows you to access your file server, just as a Windows workstation would. Of course, it can also be used to access a real Windows server.

smbclient -L server -U user

```
smbclient //server/share -U user
```

The first command logs in as user and lists all shares on server.

The second command logs in as *user* connects to *share* on *server*. Once connected, the you get an ftp-like command line interface to get and put files on the server.

• log files are put into /var/log/samba/machine.log, where *machine* is the NetBIOS name of the client having connected. Set log level to at least 3 in the global section of smb.conf to see a log of all files that are opened.

• nmblookup: nmblookup resolves Windows computer names (NetBIOS names) into IP addresses.

nmblookup NetBIOSname

nmblookup -U winsServer -R NetBIOSname

The first finds *NetBIOSname* using broadcast. The second finds *NetBIOSname* by specifically the *winsServer*.

1.4.5 Example

This example shows the configuration file of a simple file server:

```
[global]
        workgroup = samba
       printing = cups
        cups options = "raw,media=a4"
        load printers = yes
        encrypt passwords = yes
        \log level = 3
[public]
        comment = A Test Share
       browseable = yes
       public = yes
       read only = yes
       path = /samba/public
[authenticated]
        comment = An authenticated share
        browseable = yes
        read only = no
       path = /samba/auth
[printers]
        comment = Printers share
```

printable = yes

Exercises:

- Create the share directories on Unix (/samba/auth, /samba/public).
- Log in using smbclient, using various users, and put files into the shares, where possible

1.5 Primary domain controller

A primary domain controller acts as an authentication server for all Windows workstations in its domain. Users authenticate to the PDC when they log in to their workstation. Once authenticated, they have access to all resources in the domain, be it on their local workstation, on the PDC, or on other Windows servers participating in the domain.

To set up a primary domain controller, you need to

- add some attributes to the global sections
- define a netlogon share
- define a homes share, which will contain Windows' users home directory
- set up a place where roaming profiles are stored

1.5.1 Global settings

Namo	Description
Name	Description
workgroup	name of the domain
domain logons	yes
wins support	yes in most cases, unless you've defined several domains
	which share a same LAN
add machine script	Script to handle the joining of workstations to the domain:
	add machine script=/usr/sbin/useradd -d / -g 100 -s /bin/false %u
logon drive	Drive letter for home directory (default: Z:)
logon home	profile location for Windows $95/98^2$
logon path	profile location for Windows $NT/2000/XP^3$

Notes:

- Unlike with earlier Samba versions, the drive letter (logon drive), profile directory (logon path), and others should not be enclosed in quotes
- On Debian, by default the **homes** share is declared as non-writable. This must be changed to **writable**, or else profiles won't work!
- The purpose of the add machine script is to create the Unix accounts that back the machine accounts which are created when a workstation joins the domain. Care must be taken that those accounts cannot be abused for interactive logins; that's why we set the login shell to /bin/false.
- logon home and logon path are interpreted by the Windows workstation (after substitution of samba variables), and should refer to an existing share. Example: \\%L\%U\profile. After substitutions of samba variables by the server, this will be \\server\user\profile, which is then interpreted by the workstation to mean the profile directory in the user's home share.

1.5.2 Homes share

The homes share represents the user's home directories. Each user will "see" a share named after himself, containing his own home directory.

```
[homes]
  comment = Home Directories
  browseable = no
# By default, the home directories are exported read-only. Change next
# parameter to 'yes' if you want to be able to write to them.
  writable = yes
# File creation mask is set to 0700 for security reasons. If you want to
# create files with group=rw permissions, set next parameter to 0775.
  create mask = 0700
# Directory creation mask is set to 0700 for security reasons. If you
# want to create dirs. with group=rw permissions, set next parameter
# to 0775.
```

directory mask = 0700

1.5.3 Roaming Profiles

On login the user's is copied from the location identified by logon path to the local workstation.

On logout, it is copied back to the server.

On first login, when the user does not yet have a profile on the server, his profile gets initialized from the "Default User"'s profile.

N.B. On Debian, the example config file defines the homes share as nonwritable. You need to set this to writable = yes in order to allow profiles to be stored here.

1.5.4 Netlogon share

The main purpose of the netlogon share is as a location for the startup script (identified by the logon script parameter), which is executed on the client workstation on login.

```
logon script = STARTUP.BAT
...
[netlogon]
```

path=/home/samba/netlogon

1.5.5 Adding a workstation to the domain

When joining a workstation to the domain, you need to supply a user name and a password on the server, who has the appropriate privileges.

One such user is root; however in Debian, root is marked as invalid user in smb.conf. In order to enable him, you need to comment out the following line, if present:

```
invalid users = root
```

After having made sure that the above line is gone, **root** can now add new workstations to the domain.

In many circumstances, however, it may not be desirable to hand out the root password of the server to the people doing the maintenance on the clients. In such cases, you may set up another user in such a way that he is entitled to add machines to the domain.

After having created this user (using useradd and then smbpasswd -a), you declare him to be admin user on the reserved IPC\$ share.

[IPC\$]

admin users = winjoin bigmouse
path = /ipc

The IPC share is a reserved file share which is used for administrative communications among Windows machines. Windows workstations log in to this share for numerous tasks, including joining the domain.

The admin users parameter defines a space-separated list of users who will enjoy root privileges when connecting to this share.

Caution: In addition to its special meaning, the IPC\$ share may contain files just like any other shares, and the admin users have full privileges on those files. Therefore it is important to point it to a directory which contains nothing of value (create an empty directory /ipc just for this purpose).

After having set up the IPC\$ share in this way, the user named winjoin, and bigmouse are now entitled to add machines to the domain.

1.5.6 Setting up a "Domain administrator"

"Domain administrators" are users, defined on the PDC, which have administrative privileges on the workstations. They do not, however, have any particular privileges on the server itself.

In order to define domain administrators, you need to:

• Create or chose a Unix Group which will hold the domain administrators:

groupadd domadm

• Define this group as domain administrators:

net groupmap modify ntgroup="Domain Admins" unixgroup=domadm

• add users to this group (by editing /etc/group. These users now enjoy administrative privileges on the workstations.

Notes:

- The net groupmap database may get corrupted, especially when samba's SID changes due to re-installation. In such case execute the following command: net groupmap cleanup, and try again.
- Use net groupmap add ... if the Windows group does not yet exist, and net groupmap modify ... if it does exist, or else the command will happily create two groups with different SIDs!

1.5.7 Example

```
[global]
## Browsing/Identification ###
# Change this to the workgroup/NT-domain name your Samba server will part of
   workgroup = switzerland
   domain logons = yes
   encrypt passwords = yes
   add machine script = /usr/sbin/useradd -d / -G '' -g 100 -s /bin/false %u
   printing = cups
   cups options = "raw,media=a4"
   load printers = yes
   username map = /etc/samba/user.map
# Windows Internet Name Serving Support Section:
# WINS Support - Tells the NMBD component of Samba to enable its WINS Server
   wins support = yes
. . .
[homes]
   comment = Home Directories
   browseable = no
# By default, the home directories are exported read-only. Change next
# parameter to 'yes' if you want to be able to write to them.
   writable = yes
```

1.6 Password synchronization

Due to the peculiar way how Windows workstations authenticate to servers and PDCs, the Windows password record format (as stored in /etc/samba/smbpasswd) is fundamentally incompatible with Unix' password records (as stored in /etc/shadow).

By default, these passwords are independent of each other: if the end user changes his Unix password, his Windows password is unaffected, and vice-versa. However, this is rather confusing to the end users, and this is where password synchronization steps in. With password synchronization, the ${\tt smbpasswd}$ utility also changes the Unix password, and vice versa.

1.6.1 Unix password follows Samba

In order to make the Unix password follow the samba password, two steps are needed:

configure samba : Add (or uncomment) the following lines to /etc/samba/smb.conf:

unix password change = yes
pam password change = yes

configure pam : Add the following line to /etc/pam.d/samba: @include common-password

You may test password change:

smbpasswd -r server -U user

This command performs the samba password change the same way as a Windows workstation would. Change the samba password of user, and then check (by logging in via **ssh**, for instance), that the Unix password has been changed as well.

1.6.2 Samba password follows Unix

In principle, a similar method should allow to do the synchronization in the other direction, by appending the following line to /etc/pam.d/common-password:

password sufficient pam_smbpass.so nullok try_first_pass use_authtok

However, unlike other distributions, such as SuSE, Debian does not ship the pam_smbpass module with its samba.

To solve this, you may either:

- compile samba from source, and enable the feature:
 - ./configure --with-pam --with-pam_smbpass
- simply symlink /usr/bin/passwd to /usr/bin/smbpasswd

1.7 Access control

In addition to the normal Unix file permissions, samba allows very fine-grained access control to shares.

This section describes how to control access by user, by workstation IP, and how to control the mapping of samba users to Unix users.

1.7.1 Access control by user

The following settings define which users may access a share:

Name	Description
valid users	Users who may connect to this share
invalid users	Users who may not connect to this share

Both lists may contain individual users or groups. If a user ends up in both lists at once, **invalid users** takes precedence.

The following settings define which users may access a share:

Name	Description
write list	Users who may write to this share
read list	Users who may not write to this share

Both lists may contain individual users or groups. If a user ends up in both lists at once, write list takes precedence, i.e. users that are in both lists at once may write.

The admin users setting defines a list of users who are granted administrator access to the share (i.e. they perform all operations on the share as root).

1.7.2 Access control by IP

The following settings define which IP addresses may access a share:

Name	Description
hosts deny	IP addresses who may not connect
hosts allow	IP addresses who may connect.

Both lists may contain individual machines or subnets (IP/netmask). If a machine happens to be in both lists at once, **allow** takes precedence.

1.7.3 Unix rights granted to share users

The following settings define which Unix rights the Samba users get:

Name	Description
force user	If this is set, all valid users connecting to the share act
	as this Unix user
force group	If this is set, all valid users connecting to the share act
	as belonging to this Unix group
create mask	"maximal" set of permissions set on newly created files.
	If client who creates a file asks to grant more permissions
	than specified in mask, the additional permission bits
	are silently ignored. For instance, if the mask does not
	include the <i>world writable</i> bit, samba will not create any
	world writable files, even if client asks it to.
directory mask	files
force create mode	"minimal" set of permissions set on newly created files.
	If client who creates a file asks to grant less permis-
	sions than specified in mask, the missing permission bits
	are set anyways. For instance, if the mode includes the
	group readable bit, samba will make files group readable,
	even if client didn't ask for group readable files.
directory mask	same as force create mode, but for new directories,
	rather than files
force security mode	same as mode, but applies to permission bit changes (chmod), rather than new object creation. There
	is a force security mode, a security mask, a
	force directory security mode and a directory
	security mask (minimal/maximal bit masks, applica-
	ble to directories or plain files)
dos filemode	The default behavior in Samba is to provide UNIX-like
	behavior where only the owner of a file/directory is able
	to change the permissions on it. However, this behavior
	is often confusing to DOS/Windows users. Enabling
	this parameter allows a user who has write access to the
	file (by whatever means) to modify the per- missions on
	1t.

1.8 Storing printer drivers on the server

When "installing" a network printer on a Windows workstation, the GUI usually asks for printer driver configuration, because on Windows, the printer driver is executed on the client, not the server.

However, in order to streamline the process of client installation, it is possible to store Windows drivers on the server. These drivers will still be executed on the client, but the setup of the client will now be less cumbersome.

There are two methods of storing Windows printer drivers on the server:

- cupsaddsmb. This is used to associate postscript drivers with a printer. The "real" printer driver (which converts postscript into PCL, for instance) continues to run on the print server.
- Using Windows' *add printer wizard*. This allows to associate real Windows drivers with a printer; this is useful if Unix drivers are not available, or do not offer access to all the features of the printer.

On the server, the drivers are stored in the [print\$] share. On Debian, this share is set up by default as non-writable and not accessible to guest user. Both settings need to be changed:

- Uncomment write list = root @ntadmin, so that both root and members of the ntadmin group may actually upload drivers to this share.
- Set guest ok = yes, so that local administrators of the client workstations may read the drivers for installation. If you do all installations as the domain administrator, this is not needed.

In general, for adding drivers to the server, the user doing the operation must meet the following conditions:

- he must be a printer admin (globally, or on the printer's share you want to add)
- he must have write rights to the [print\$] share. That includes the write list instruction mentioned above, but he also needs to have the necessary Unix rights to the directory backing [print\$].

1.8.1 Cupsaddsmb

Cupsaddsmb theoretically supports 3 sets of drivers:

- Cups' own drivers. Unfortunately, these don't work because there is a version mismatch between the cupsaddsmb program currently available and the drivers.
- Adobe's drivers. These do work.
- Microsoft's drivers.

Before running cupsaddsmb, the drivers need to be available in the directory /var/lib/cups/drivers. Cupsaddsmb will then copy them to the print share, generate a custom .ppd file, and associate the driver with the target printer.

In order to get the Adobe driver files, first download the Postscript driver from Adobe, and install it manually on one workstation. After installation, you may then find all driver files in the following directory:

%WINDOWS%\SYSTEM32\SPOOL\DRIVERS\W32X86\3.

Copy them from there to /var/lib/cups/drivers on the server. Now, when adding a printer, just call cupsaddsmb *Printer*. You may also call cupsaddsmb -a to add all printers. Once a printer is set up with the Adobe drivers, it may installed on as many Windows workstations as you want.

Cups addsmb connects to samba as the current Unix user; a different user may be specified using the $-\mathtt{U}$ option.

1.8.2 Add printer wizard

In situations where you want to use a real Windows driver, either because a Postscript driver is unavailable, or does not offer access to all the printer's features, you may want to use the real driver for your printer on your Windows workstations.

You can achieve this by using the *add printer wizard*.

Before you can use the *add printer wizard*, you first need to configure an addprinter command in your smb.conf. This script takes as parameters the printer name, the share name, the port name, the driver name, the location, and a Windows 9x driver location. Its responsibility is only to add the relevant share, and echo the port name to stdout. The actual installation of the driver is performed by Samba itself, so only the 3 first parameters are actually relevant.

Here is an example of such a script:

```
#!/bin/sh
echo Add printer >>/tmp/err
echo "$@" >>/tmp/err
# If printer already there, don't add it again
if fgrep -q "[$2]" /etc/samba/dynprinter.conf ; then
else
        (echo "[$2]"
        echo "
                printer=$1"
        echo "
                comment = port $3"
        echo "
                browseable = yes"
        echo "
                printable = yes"
        echo "
                public = yes"
        echo "
                path = /tmp"
        echo "
                cups options = \"raw\" "
        ) >>/etc/samba/dynprinter.conf
fi
echo $3
```

This scripts appends the new printer share to /etc/samba/dynprinter.conf. This file needs to be included by adding the following line to smb.conf:

include = /etc/samba/dynprinter.conf

Note that this script adds the parameter cups options = "raw" to the share definition. This is needed in order to disable any server-side conversion that may exist for that printer, because now the driver runs on the client.

Before you can go ahead, you must be aware that Windows only lets you add printers that do not exist yet (i.e. that Windows does not see). This means that you either need to (temporarily) set load printers to no (see section 1.4.2) or add a share for your printer that is **not** browseable. Once the server is suitably prepared, you may invoke the *add printer wizard* as follows from one of your Windows workstations:

- first locate the server's directory in the Windows Explorer (that's the directory which shows all the shares of the server)
- go into Printers and Faxes
- click the right mouse button, and chose Add printer
- Go through the menu, and pick the right driver.

When done, you may re-enable load printers on the server, or remove the non-browseable printer share.

1.8.3 Using the drivers

Now that one of the above methods has been performed (cupsaddsmb or *add* printer wizard), you may use the drivers stored on the server for installation on all further Windows workstations.

In order to do so, the user logged in to the Windows workstation must have read rights on the [print\$] share. This can be achieved in one of the 3 following ways:

- 1. Log in as a domain user which also has administrator privileges on the local machine (i.e. a domain administrator). Set up of a domain admistrator user is described in section 1.5.6.
- 2. Make sure the [print\$] share is readable by the guest (guest ok = yes)
- 3. Manually map a non-public share from the server, and supply credentials (usename and password) that also have access to [print\$].

Obviously, the first option (domain administrator) is the most convenient.

1.9 Miscellaneous Gimmicks

1.9.1 Samba variables

Often it is interesting to make values of samba configuration parameters dependent on the environment, such as properties of the client or user connecting to the service. This can be done using *samba variables*. Samba variables start with a percent sign (%) followed by a letter.

Variable	Description
%U	User name who connected to the share. This is the user name
	"requested", by the client, i.e. before it is changed by username
	map, force user or admin users.
%u	User name assigned by samba (after taking into account any
	remapping performed by username map, force user and admin
	user)
%G	Primary Unix group of %U
%g	Forced group (if set), or primary Unix group of %u if there is no
	forced group not
%н	Unix home directory of %u
%m	Net BIOS name of client workstation
%I	IP address of client workstation
%a	Windows variant of client (one of WfWg, Win95, WinNT, Win2k,
	WinXP. This variable is particularly useful to use different profile
	directories for different Windows versions (there may be some is-
	sues when WinNT and Win2k use the same profile, so we better
	keep them separate).
%L	Net BIOS name of server

1.9.2 User monitoring

- root preexec : The root preexec and root postexec share parameters specify a program that is executed whenever the share is mapped and/or unmapped. It can be used to propagate samba login/logout activity to Unix's last facility:

```
root preexec = /usr/X11R6/bin/sessreg -l %m -h %M -a %u
root postexec = /usr/X11R6/bin/sessreg -l %m -h %M -d %u
```

1.9.3 Time synchronization

The following line, in the global section, enables the samba server to act as a timeserver for its workstations:

time server = yes

To make use of this feature, the client workstation needs to execute the following command (for instance, from its startup script):

net time \\berne /set /y

1.9.4 Hiding files

hide The following hides the files with the named extensions (slash-separated list). They can still be accessed by their name, but will not show up in directories (their Dos H bit is set)

hide files = *.exe/*.scr/

veto The following makes the files with the named extensions (slash-separated list) completely inaccessible to samba. These files cannot be accessed, even if the user knows their name

veto files = *.exe/*.scr/

1.9.5 Included configuration files

It is possible for smb.conf to refer to other configuration files. This may be useful for better organizing the samba configuration, and also for making some configuration aspects dependent on samba variables.

complete override If the named file exists, the current configuration file is overridden (i.e. all settings read from the current file, except location of new file, are forgotten), and new file is read instead. If the named file does not exist, the settings from the current file are retained

configuration file = /etc/samba/lib/smb.conf.%m

include / merge The new file is read, and its setting merged with those read from the current file:

include = /etc/samba/lib/smb.conf.%m