

# multichannel / io\_uring

Status Update within Samba

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# Check for Updates

- ▶ Check for an updated version of this presentation here:
- ▶ <https://samba.org/~metze/presentations/2021/SDC/>

# Topics

- ▶ What is SMB3 Multichannel?
- ▶ Updates in Samba 4.15
- ▶ What is io\_uring?
- ▶ io\_uring for Samba
- ▶ Performance research, prototyping and ideas
- ▶ Questions? Feedback!

# What is SMB3 Multichannel?

- ▶ Multiple transport connections are bound to one logical connection
  - ▶ This allows using more than one network link
    - ▶ Good for performance
    - ▶ Good for availability reasons
  - ▶ Non TCP transports like RDMA (InfiniBand, RoCE, iWarp)
- ▶ All transport connections (channels) share the same ClientGUID
  - ▶ This is important for Samba
- ▶ An authenticated binding is done at the user session layer
  - ▶ SessionID, TreeID and FileID values are valid on all channels
- ▶ Available network interfaces are auto-negotiated
  - ▶ FSCTL\_QUERY\_NETWORK\_INTERFACE\_INFO interface list
  - ▶ IP (v4 or v6) addresses are returned together with:
    - ▶ Interface Index (which addresses belong to the same hardware)
    - ▶ Link speed
    - ▶ RSS and RDMA capabilities

# Last Status Updates (SDC 2020 / SambaXP 2021)

- ▶ I gave a similar talk at the storage developer conference 2020:
  - ▶ See <https://samba.org/~metze/presentations/2020/SDC/>
  - ▶ It explains the milestones and design up to Samba 4.13 (in detail)
- ▶ I gave a similar talk at the SambaXP 2021:
  - ▶ See <https://samba.org/~metze/presentations/2021/SambaXP/>
  - ▶ It explains the milestones and updates up to Samba 4.15 (in detail)

# Updates in Samba 4.15

- ▶ Automated regression tests are in place:
  - ▶ socket\_wrapper got basic fd-passing support (Bug #11899)
  - ▶ We added a lot more multichannel related regression tests
- ▶ The last missing features/bugs are fixed (Bug #14524)
  - ▶ The connection passing is fire and forget (Bug #14433)
  - ▶ Pending async operations are canceled (Bug #14449)
- ▶ 4.15 finally has "server multi channel support = yes"
  - ▶ We require support for TIOCOUTQ (Linux) or FIONWRITE (FreeBSD)
  - ▶ We disable multichannel feature if the platform doesn't support this
    - ▶ See: Retries of Lease/Oplock Break Notifications (Bug #11898)

# What is io-uring? (Part 1)

- ▶ Linux 5.1 introduced a new scalable AIO infrastructure
  - ▶ It's designed to avoid syscalls as much as possible
  - ▶ kernel and userspace share mmap'ed rings:
    - ▶ submission queue (SQ) ring buffer
    - ▶ completion queue (CQ) ring buffer
  - ▶ See "[Ringing in a new asynchronous I/O API](#)" on LWN.NET
- ▶ This can be nicely integrated with our async tevent model
  - ▶ It may delegate work to kernel threads
  - ▶ It seems to perform better compared to our userspace threadpool
  - ▶ It can also inline non-blocking operations

# io-uring for Samba (Part 1)

- ▶ Between userspace and filesystem (available from 5.1):
  - ▶ IORING\_OP\_READV, IORING\_OP\_WRITEV and IORING\_OP\_FSYNC
  - ▶ Supports buffered and direct io
- ▶ Between userspace and socket (and also filesystem) (from 5.8)
  - ▶ IORING\_OP\_SENDSMSG, IORING\_OP\_RECVMSG
  - ▶ Improved MSG\_WAITALL support (5.12, backported to 5.11, 5.10)
  - ▶ IORING\_OP\_SPLICE, IORING\_OP\_TEE
  - ▶ Maybe using IORING\_SETUP\_SQPOLL or IOSQE\_ASYNC
- ▶ Path based syscalls with async impersonation (from 5.6)
  - ▶ IORING\_OP\_OPENAT2, IORING\_OP\_STATX
  - ▶ Using IORING\_REGISTER\_PERSONALITY for impersonation
  - ▶ IORING\_OP\_UNLINKAT, IORING\_OP\_RENAMEAT (from 5.10)
  - ▶ IORING\_OP\_MKDIRAT, IORING\_OP\_SYMLINKAT,  
IORING\_OP\_LINKAT (from 5.15)

# io-uring for Samba (Part 2)

## IORING\_FEAT\_NATIVE\_WORKERS (from 5.12)

- ▶ In the kernel...
  - ▶ The io-uring kernel threads are clone()'ed from the userspace thread
  - ▶ They just appear to be blocked in a syscall and never return
  - ▶ This makes the accounting in the kernel much saner
  - ▶ Allows a lot of restrictions to be relaxed in the kernel
- ▶ For admins and userspace developers...
  - ▶ They are no longer 'io\_wqe\_work' kernel threads
  - ▶ 'top' shows them as part of the userspace process ('H' shows them)
  - ▶ They are now visible in containers
  - ▶ 'pstree -a -t -p' is very useful to see them
  - ▶ They are shown as iou-wrk-1234, for a task with pid/tid 1234

# vfs\_io\_uring in Samba 4.12 (2020)

- ▶ With Samba 4.12 we added "io\_uring" vfs module
  - ▶ For now it only implements  
SMB\_VFS\_PREAD,PWRITE,FSYNC\_SEND/RECV
  - ▶ It has less overhead than our pthreadpool default implementations
  - ▶ I was able to speed up a smbclient 'get largefile /dev/null'
    - ▶ Using against smbd on loopback
    - ▶ The speed changes from 2.2GBytes/s to 2.7GBytes/s
- ▶ The improvement only happens by avoiding context switches
  - ▶ But the data copying still happens:
    - ▶ From/to a userspace buffer to/from the filesystem/page cache
  - ▶ The data path between userspace and socket is completely unchanged
  - ▶ For both cases the cpu is mostly busy with memcpy

# Performance research (SMB2 Read)

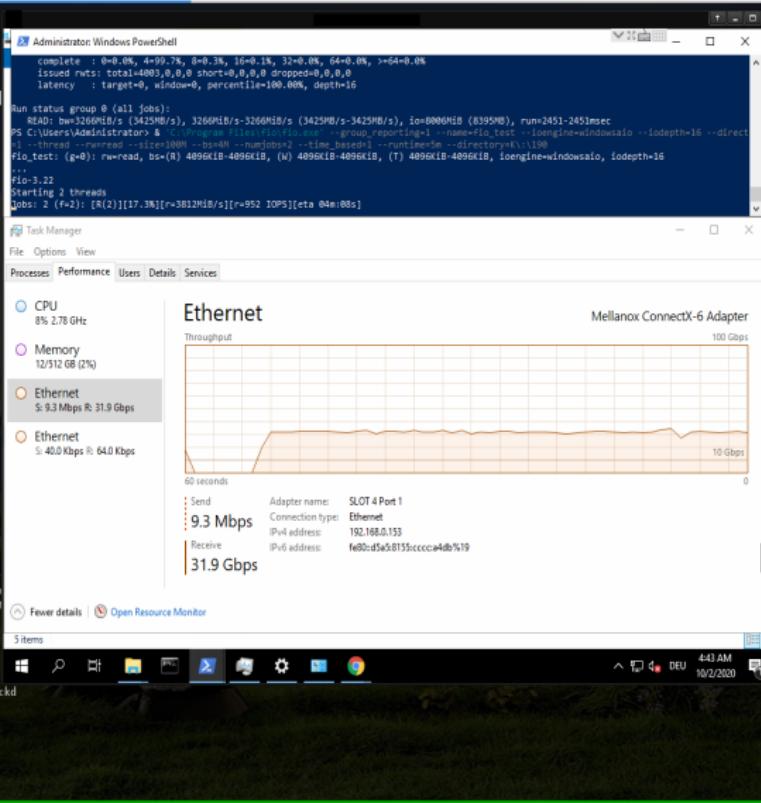
- ▶ In October 2020 I was able to do some performance research
  - ▶ With 100GBit/s interfaces and two NUMA nodes per server.
- ▶ At that time I focussed on the SMB2 Read performance only
  - ▶ We had limited time on the given hardware
  - ▶ We mainly tested with fio.exe on a Windows client
  - ▶ Linux kernel 5.8.12 on the server
- ▶ More verbose details can be found here:
  - ▶ <https://lists.samba.org/archive/samba-technical/2020-October/135856.html>

# Performance with MultiChannel, sendmsg()

4 connections, ~3.8 GBytes/s, bound by >500% cpu in total, sendmsg() takes up to 0.5 msecs

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top -b 05:43:16 up 2 days, 44 min, 2 users, load average: 5.42, 3.22, 1.52
Threads: 823 total, 33 running, 790 sleeping, 0 stopped, 0 zombie
%CPU(s): 0.0 us, 6.3 sy, 0.0 ni, 93.4 id, 0.0 wa, 0.1 hi, 0.2 sl, 0.0 st
Mem Mem: 191624.1 total, 182280.4 free, 2617.5 used, 6726.1 buff/cache
Mem Swap: 1024.0 total, 1024.0 free, 0.0 used. 185640.1 available Mem
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PID	USER	PR	NL	VIRT	RES	SHR	S	%CPU	%MEM	TIME+COMMAND
307372	root	20	0	2426196	62088	19104	R	96.0	0.0	:0.52,24 subd
307406	root	20	0	2426196	63408	19104	R	14.3	0.0	:0.06,96 subd
307412	root	20	0	2426196	65256	19104	R	14.0	0.0	:0.06,92 subd
307405	root	20	0	2426196	63144	19104	R	13.6	0.0	:0.06,82 subd
307410	root	20	0	2426196	64464	19104	R	13.6	0.0	:0.06,77 subd
307414	root	20	0	2426196	65528	19104	R	13.6	0.0	:0.06,88 subd
307422	root	20	0	2426196	68952	19104	R	13.6	0.0	:0.06,78 subd
307432	root	20	0	2426196	71592	19104	R	13.6	0.0	:0.06,66 subd
307488	root	20	0	2426196	63936	19104	R	13.3	0.0	:0.06,58 subd
307411	root	20	0	2426196	64992	19104	R	13.3	0.0	:0.06,77 subd
307413	root	20	0	2426196	65256	19104	R	13.3	0.0	:0.06,68 subd
307415	root	20	0	2426196	65528	19104	R	13.3	0.0	:0.06,63 subd
307418	root	20	0	2426196	66048	19104	R	13.3	0.0	:0.06,69 subd
307419	root	20	0	2426196	67104	19104	R	13.3	0.0	:0.06,84 subd
307420	root	20	0	2426196	67632	19104	R	13.3	0.0	:0.06,76 subd
307421	root	20	0	2426196	68168	19104	R	13.3	0.0	:0.06,71 subd
307423	root	20	0	2426196	69488	19104	R	13.3	0.0	:0.06,68 subd
307425	root	20	0	2426196	69488	19104	R	13.3	0.0	:0.06,59 subd
307428	root	20	0	2426196	70888	19104	R	13.3	0.0	:0.06,59 subd
307430	root	20	0	2426196	70888	19104	R	13.3	0.0	:0.06,84 subd
307433	root	20	0	2426196	72384	19104	R	13.3	0.0	:0.06,61 subd
307426	root	20	0	2426196	70088	19104	R	13.0	0.0	:0.06,62 subd
307429	root	20	0	2426196	70088	19104	R	13.0	0.0	:0.06,67 subd
307434	root	20	0	2426196	72384	19104	R	13.0	0.0	:0.06,76 subd
307435	root	20	0	2426196	72648	19104	R	13.0	0.0	:0.06,71 subd
307407	root	20	0	2426196	63672	19104	R	12.6	0.0	:0.06,58 subd
307416	root	20	0	2426196	66048	19104	R	12.6	0.0	:0.06,68 subd
307417	root	20	0	2426196	66312	19104	R	12.6	0.0	:0.06,53 subd
307422	root	20	0	2426196	70088	19104	R	12.6	0.0	:0.06,87 subd
307431	root	20	0	2426196	71064	19104	R	12.6	0.0	:0.06,58 subd
307424	root	20	0	2426196	69488	19104	R	12.3	0.0	:0.06,65 subd
307409	root	20	0	2426196	64200	19104	R	12.0	0.0	:0.06,68 subd
307404	root	20	0	2426196	62616	19104	D	11.3	0.0	:0.06,61 subd
307183	root	20	0	0	0	0	I	0.3	0.0	:0.00,41 kworker/u160:2-m1
307302	root	20	0	0	0	0	I	0.3	0.0	:0.00,03 kworker/23!-event!
307452	root	20	0	62928	5536	3936	R	0.3	0.0	:0.00,00 top
1	root	20	0	242512	18952	8176	S	0.0	0.0	:0.02,04 systemd
2	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	:0.00,13 kthreadd
3	root	0	+20	0	0	0	I	0.0	0.0	:0.00,00 rcu_gp
4	root	0	+20	0	0	0	I	0.0	0.0	:0.00,00 rcu_par_gp
6	root	0	+20	0	0	0	I	0.0	0.0	:0.00,00 kworker/0:0-kblockd
10	root	0	+20	0	0	0	I	0.0	0.0	:0.00,00 mm_percpu_wq
11	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	:0.00,32 ksoftirqd/0
12	root	20	0	0	0	0	I	0.0	0.0	:0.03,17 rcu_sched
13	root	rt	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	:0.00,03 migration/0
14	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	:0.00,00 cpuhp/0
15	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	:0.00,00 cpuhp/l
16	root	rt	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	:0.01,38 migration/1

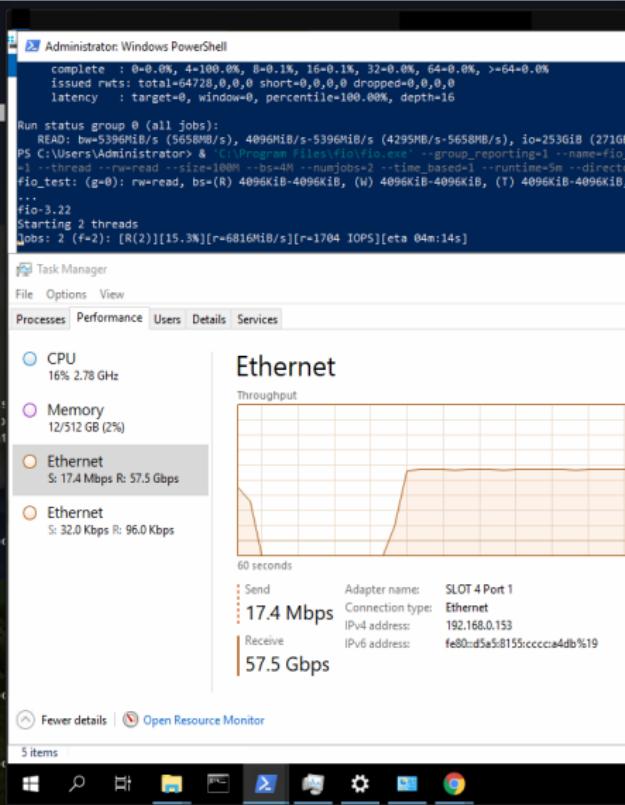


# IORING\_OP\_SENDSMSG (Part1)

4 connections, ~6.8 GBytes/s, smbd only uses ~11% cpu, (io\_wqe\_work ~50% cpu) per connection, we still use >300% cpu in total

```
top - 05:45:38 up 2 days, 46 min, 2 users, load average: 3.03, 2.84, 1.61
Threads: 823 total, 3 running, 820 sleeping, 0 stopped, 0 zombie
%Cpu(s): 0.1 us, 4.7 sy, 0.0 ni, 94.6 id, 0.0 wa, 0.1 hi, 0.5 si, 0.0 st
MiB Mem : 191624.1 total, 182194.6 free, 2782.6 used, 6726.9 buff/cache
MiB Swap: 1024.0 total, 1024.0 free, 0.0 used. 185554.7 avail Mem
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PID	USER	PR	NI	VIRT	RES	SHR	S	%CPU	%MEM	TIME+ COMMAND
307577	root	20	0	0	0	0	R	49.0	0.0	0:05.88 io_wqe_worker-0
307549	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	46.0	0.0	0:21.39 io_wqe_worker-0
307555	root	20	0	0	0	0	R	44.0	0.0	0:21.45 io_wqe_worker-0
307567	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	29.8	0.0	0:09.92 io_wqe_worker-1
307558	root	20	0	663100	144024	18804	S	23.2	0.1	0:09.10 smbd
307556	root	20	0	663100	144024	18804	S	19.9	0.1	0:08.95 smbd
307559	root	20	0	663100	144024	18804	S	19.5	0.1	0:08.92 smbd
307563	root	20	0	663100	144024	18804	S	19.5	0.1	0:08.86 smbd
307557	root	20	0	663100	144024	18804	S	19.2	0.1	0:09.11 smbd
307560	root	20	0	663100	144024	18804	S	19.2	0.1	0:08.38 smbd
307561	root	20	0	663100	144024	18804	S	19.2	0.1	0:09.07 smbd
307534	root	20	0	663100	144024	18804	S	18.9	0.1	0:09.00 smbd
307576	root	20	0	663100	144024	18804	S	18.9	0.1	0:05.61 smbd
307562	root	20	0	663100	144024	18804	S	18.5	0.1	0:08.93 smbd
307530	root	20	0	663100	144024	18804	D	11.3	0.1	0:05.16 smbd
307552	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	9.3	0.0	0:12.25 io_wqe_worker-0
417	root	20	0	0	0	0	I	0.3	0.0	0:03.58 kworker/0:2-event
307183	root	20	0	0	0	0	I	0.3	0.0	0:01.61 kworker/u160:2-mlock
307568	root	20	0	0	0	0	I	0.3	0.0	0:00.02 kworker/29:0-event
307588	root	20	0	62964	5532	3904	R	0.3	0.0	0:00.12 top
1	root	20	0	242512	10952	8176	S	0.0	0.0	0:02.84 systemd
2	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.13 kthreadd
3	root	8	-20	0	0	0	I	0.0	0.0	0:00.00 rcu_gp
4	root	0	-20	0	0	0	I	0.0	0.0	0:00.00 rcu_par_gp
6	root	0	-20	0	0	0	I	0.0	0.0	0:00.00 kworker/0:0H-kblock
10	root	0	-20	0	0	0	I	0.0	0.0	0:00.00 mm_percpu_wq
11	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.32 ksoftirqd/0
12	root	20	0	0	0	0	I	0.0	0.0	0:03.17 rcu_sched
13	root	rt	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.03 migration/0
14	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.00 cpuhp/0
15	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.00 cpuhp/1
16	root	rt	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:01.38 migration/1
17	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.07 ksoftirqd/1
19	root	0	-20	0	0	0	I	0.0	0.0	0:00.00 kworker/1:0H-kblock
21	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.00 cpuhp/2
22	root	rt	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:01.37 migration/2
23	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.01 ksoftirqd/2
25	root	0	-20	0	0	0	I	0.0	0.0	0:00.00 kworker/2:0H-kblock
26	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.00 cpuhp/3
27	root	rt	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:01.39 migration/3



# IORING\_OP\_SENDSMSG (Part2)

The results vary heavily depending on the NUMA bouncing, between 5.0 GBytes/s and 7.6 GBytes/s

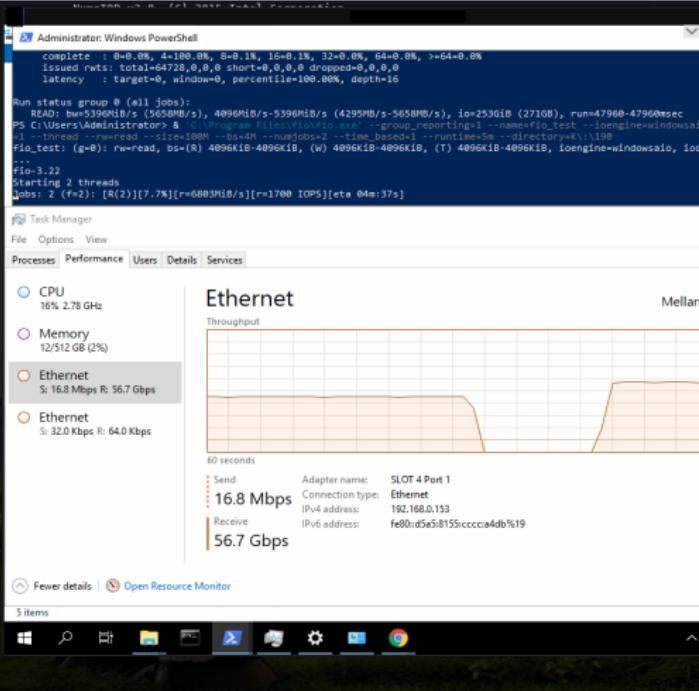
Monitoring 783 processes and 825 threads (interval: 5.0s)

PID	PROC	RMA (K)	LMA (K)	RMA/LMA	CPI	*CPU%
307550	io_wqe_work	25.2	207516.6	0.0	3.40	2.9
307552	io_wqe_work	12812.0	37401.2	0.3	3.97	0.7
307549	io_wqe_work	18153.3	46117.4	0.2	5.28	0.7
307555	io_wqe_work	5.8	58352.7	0.0	5.63	0.6
307553	io_wqe_work	19860.2	21523.9	0.9	4.70	0.4
307578	io_wqe_work	29.8	14415.8	0.0	3.73	0.2
307583	kwworker/15:	3.0	50.3	0.1	2.65	0.0
304171	kwworker/7:	0.3	19.3	0.0	2.23	0.0
307567	io_wqe_work	0.3	775.3	0.0	5.95	0.0
307569	numatop	11.1	28.2	0.4	0.69	0.0
307102	kwworker/16	0.0	11.3	0.1	2.20	0.0
307510	kwworker/47:	0.2	20.8	0.0	1.72	0.0
307183	kwworker/16	0.1	1.6	0.1	1.90	0.0
307342	kwworker/71:	0.0	10.0	0.0	3.80	0.0
306985	kwworker/71:	0.0	20.0	0.0	2.23	0.0
307359	kwworker/57:	0.0	10.0	0.0	3.57	0.0
1	systemd	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0
2	kthread	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0
3	rcu_gp	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0
4	rcu_par_gp	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0
6	kwworker/0:0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0
10	mm_percpu_w	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0
11	kssoftirqd/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0
12	rcu_sched	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0
13	migration/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0
14	cpuhp/0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0
15	cpuhp/1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0
16	migration/1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0
17	kssoftirqd/1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0
19	kwworker/1:0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0
21	cpuhp/2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0
22	migration/2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0
23	kssoftirqd/2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0
25	kwworker/2:0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0
26	cpuhp/3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0
27	migration/3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0
28	kssoftirqd/3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0
30	kwworker/3:0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0
31	cpuhp/4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0
32	migration/4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0
33	kssoftirqd/4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0
35	kwworker/4:0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0
36	cpuhp/5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0
37	migration/5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0
38	kssoftirqd/5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0

<- Hotkey for sorting: 1(RMA), 2(LMA), 3(RMA/LMA), 4(CPI), 5(CPUs) ->

CPUs = system CPU utilization

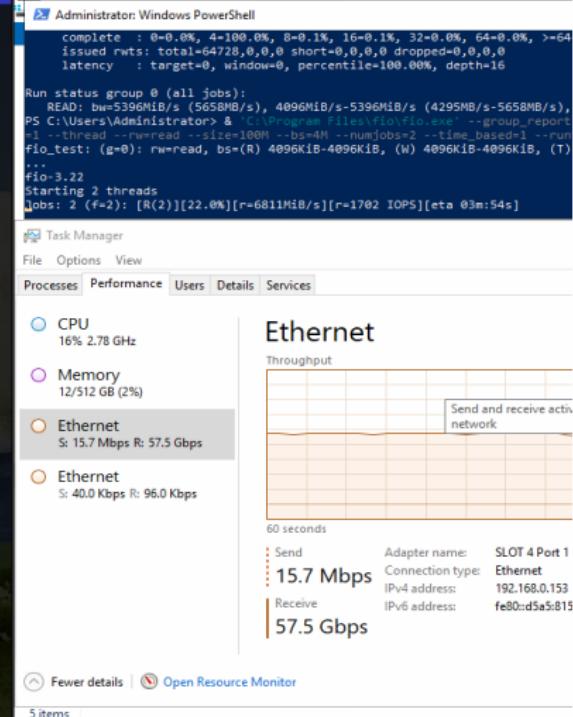
Q: Quit; H: Home; R: Refresh; I: IR Normalize; N: Node



# IORING\_OP\_SENDSMSG (Part3)

The major problem still exists, memory copy done by copy\_user\_enhanced.fast\_string()

overhead	Shared Object	Symbol
65.07%	[kernel]	[k] copy_user_enhanced_fast_string
0.28%	[kernel]	[k] shmem_file_read_iter
1.73%	[kernel]	[k] tcp_sendmsg_locked
1.25%	[kernel]	[k] find_get_entry
1.21%	[kernel]	[k] get_page_from_freelist
0.97%	[kernel]	[k] __list_del_entry_valid
0.87%	[kernel]	[k] native_queued_spin_lock_slowpath
0.80%	[kernel]	[k] __raw_spin_lock
0.60%	[kernel]	[k] skb_release_data
0.50%	[kernel]	[k] mlx5_sq_xmit
0.38%	[kernel]	[k] __free_pages_ok
0.37%	[kernel]	[k] __raw_spin_lock_irqsave
0.35%	[kernel]	[k] __zone_watermark_ok
0.33%	[kernel]	[k] unlock_page
0.32%	[kernel]	[k] copy_page_to_iter
0.31%	[kernel]	[k] find_lock_entry
0.31%	[kernel]	[k] __alloc_pages_nodemask
0.30%	[kernel]	[k] mlx5e_poll_tx_cq
0.29%	[kernel]	[k] page_mapping
0.28%	[kernel]	[k] xas_load
0.27%	[kernel]	[k] shmem_getpage_gfp
0.25%	[kernel]	[k] __check_object_size
0.23%	[kernel]	[k] tcp_wfree
0.22%	[kernel]	[k] __slab_free
0.21%	[kernel]	[k] __sched_text_start
0.20%	[kernel]	[k] free_one_page
0.20%	[kernel]	[k] mark_page_accessed
0.20%	[kernel]	[k] bad_range
0.19%	[kernel]	[k] tcp_rbtree_insert
0.19%	[kernel]	[k] inv_iter_advance
0.19%	[kernel]	[k] native_irq_return_iret
0.18%	[kernel]	[k] tcp_write_xmit
0.17%	[kernel]	[k] __alloc_skb
0.16%	[kernel]	[k] tasklet_action_common.isra.0
0.15%	[kernel]	[k] clear_page_ermss
0.14%	[kernel]	[k] do_syscall_64
0.14%	[kernel]	[k] __tcp_transmit_skb
0.13%	[kernel]	[k] __skb_clone
0.13%	[kernel]	[k] memcpy_ermss
0.13%	[kernel]	[k] menu_select
0.12%	[kernel]	[k] __list_add_valid
0.12%	[kernel]	[k] mlx5_eq_comp_int
0.11%	[kernel]	[k] tcp_ack



# IORING\_OP\_SENDSMSG + IORING\_OP\_SPLICE (Part1)

16 connections, ~8.9 GBytes/s, smbd ~5% cpu, (io\_wqe\_work 3%-12% cpu filesystem->pipe->socket), only ~100% cpu in total.

The Windows client was still the bottleneck with "Set-SmbClientConfiguration -ConnectionCountPerRssNetworkInterface 16"

```
top - 04:59:15 up 3 days, 0 min, 4 users, load average: 0.63, 0.54, 0.28
```

```
tasks: 854 total, 1 running, 853 sleeping, 0 stopped, 0 zombie
```

```
uCPU(s): 0.1 us, 1.2 sy, 0.6 ni, 97.1 id, 0.0 wa, 0.2 hi, 1.4 si, 0.0 st
```

```
Mem Mem: 191624.1 total, 177446.7 free, 2931.6 used, 11287.7 buff/cache
```

```
Mem Swap: 1024.0 total, 1024.0 free, 0.0 used, 100003.9 avail Mem
```

```
PID USER PP NI VIRT RES SHR S %CPU %MEM TIME+ COMMAND
```

```
312117 root 20 0 0 0 0 0 0.0 0.01:26 io_wqe_worker-0
```

```
311999 root 20 0 0 0 0 0 0.0 0.08:0 io_wqe_worker-0
```

```
312125 root 20 0 0 0 0 0 0.0 0.01:19 io_wqe_worker-0
```

```
312026 root 20 0 0 0 0 0 0.0 0.00:97 io_wqe_worker-0
```

```
312036 root 20 0 0 0 0 0 0.0 0.00:94 io_wqe_worker-0
```

```
312132 root 20 0 0 0 0 0 0.0 0.00:59 io_wqe_worker-0
```

```
312135 root 20 0 0 0 0 0 0.0 0.00:01 io_wqe_worker-0
```

```
312122 root 20 0 0 0 0 0 0.0 0.00:56 io_wqe_worker-0
```

```
311994 root 20 0 457060 248880 184245 5 5.3 0.0 0.00: 0.87 ssbd
```

```
312079 root 20 0 0 0 0 0 0.0 0.00:40 io_wqe_worker-0
```

```
312092 root 20 0 0 0 0 0 0.0 0.00:44 io_wqe_worker-0
```

```
312100 root 20 0 0 0 0 0 0.0 0.00:40 io_wqe_worker-0
```

```
312106 root 20 0 0 0 0 0 0.0 0.00:41 io_wqe_worker-0
```

```
312109 root 20 0 0 0 0 0 0.0 0.00:44 io_wqe_worker-0
```

```
312112 root 20 0 0 0 0 0 0.0 0.00:41 io_wqe_worker-0
```

```
308504 root 20 0 2986356 188452 546605 2 2.7 0.1 1:10:13 perf
```

```
312095 root 20 0 0 0 0 0 0.0 0.00:46 io_wqe_worker-0
```

```
312115 root 20 0 0 0 0 0 0.0 0.00:27 io_wqe_worker-0
```

```
312145 root 20 0 0 0 0 0 0.0 0.00:18 io_wqe_worker-0
```

```
312062 root 20 0 0 0 0 0 0.0 0.00:37 io_wqe_worker-0
```

```
312069 root 20 0 0 0 0 0 0.0 0.00:35 io_wqe_worker-0
```

```
312103 root 20 0 0 0 0 0 0.0 0.00:15 io_wqe_worker-0
```

```
312151 root 20 0 62984 5532 3884 R 0.7 0.0 0.00: 0.0 top
```

```
300276 root 20 0 62812 5404 3844 S 0.3 0.0 3:57:64 top
```

```
310569 root 20 0 0 0 0 I 0.3 0.0 0.00:02 kworker/u168:2+event
```

```
311621 root 20 0 0 0 0 I 0.3 0.0 0.00:18 kworker/u168:2+mls
```

```
311630 root 20 0 0 0 0 I 0.3 0.0 0.00:38 kworker/u168:0+mls
```

```
311894 root 20 0 0 0 0 I 0.3 0.0 0.00:42 kworker/u168:3+mls
```

```
1 root 20 0 242512 18952 8176 5 0.0 0.0 0:03:35 systemd
```

```
2 root 20 0 0 0 0 0 0.0 0.00:26 kthreadd
```

```
3 root 0:20 0 0 0 0 I 0.0 0.0 0.00:00 rcu_gp
```

```
4 root 0:20 0 0 0 0 I 0.0 0.0 0.00:00 rcu_par_gp
```

```
6 root 0:20 0 0 0 0 I 0.0 0.0 0.00:00 kworker/0:0h:kblockd
```

```
10 root 0:20 0 0 0 0 I 0.0 0.0 0.00:00 mm_percpu_wq
```

```
11 root 20 0 0 0 0 0 0.0 0.00:39 ksftuirqd/0
```

```
12 root 20 0 0 0 0 0 0.0 0.00:04 rcu_sched
```

```
13 root rt 0 0 0 0 0 0.0 0.00:05 migration/0
```

```
14 root 20 0 0 0 0 0 0.0 0.00:00 cpuhp/0
```

```
15 root 20 0 0 0 0 0 0.0 0.00:00 cpuhp/1
```

```
16 root rt 0 0 0 0 0 0.0 0.00:01 migration/1
```

```
17 root 20 0 0 0 0 0 0.0 0.00:00 ksftuirqd/1
```

```
19 root 0:20 0 0 0 0 I 0.0 0.0 0.00:00 kworker/1:0h:kblockd
```

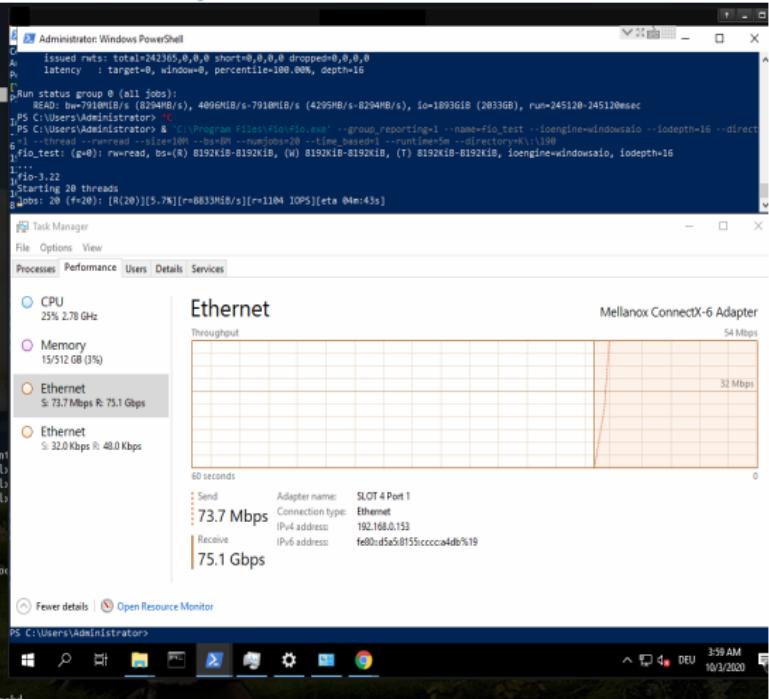
```
21 root 20 0 0 0 0 0 0.0 0.00:00 cpuhp/2
```

```
22 root rt 0 0 0 0 0 0.0 0.00:01 migration/2
```

```
23 root 20 0 0 0 0 0 0.0 0.00:01 ksftuirqd/2
```

```
25 root 0:20 0 0 0 0 I 0.0 0.0 0.00:00 kworker/2:0h:kblockd
```

```
30 root 0:20 0 0 0 0 0 0.0 0.00:00 cpuhp/3
```



## smbclient IORING\_OP\_SENDMSG/SPLICE (network)

4 connections, ~11 GBytes/s, smbd 8.6% cpu, with 4 io\_wqe\_work threads (pipe to socket) at ~20% cpu each.

smbclient is the bottleneck here too

```
setting File '5865.dat' of size 20975200 as {devnull} [277312, 2 Kilobytes/sec]
setting File '5865.dat' of size 20975200 as {devnull} [3185965, 5 Kilobytes/sec]
setting File '5865.dat' of size 20975200 as {devnull} [3188127, 5 Kilobytes/sec]
setting File '5865.dat' of size 20975200 as {devnull} [2824827, 2 Kilobytes/sec]
setting File '5865.dat' of size 20975200 as {devnull} [3255961, 3 Kilobytes/sec]
setting File '5865.dat' of size 20975200 as {devnull} [3276801, 3 Kilobytes/sec]
setting File '5865.dat' of size 20975200 as {devnull} [3238824, 3 Kilobytes/sec]
setting File '5865.dat' of size 20975200 as {devnull} [3215978, 2 Kilobytes/sec]
setting File '5865.dat' of size 20975200 as {devnull} [3221992, 8 Kilobytes/sec]
setting File '5865.dat' of size 20975200 as {devnull} [2790194, 4 Kilobytes/sec]
setting File '5865.dat' of size 20975200 as {devnull} [3185965, 5 Kilobytes/sec]
setting File '5865.dat' of size 20975200 as {devnull} [2979718, 3 Kilobytes/sec]
setting File '5865.dat' of size 20975200 as {devnull} [3259793, 1 Kilobytes/sec]
[average 276474, 9 Kilobytes/sec]
[average 3223967, 9 Kilobytes/sec]
[average 3176946, 8 Kilobytes/sec]
[average 2828845, 8 Kilobytes/sec]
[average 324892, 5 Kilobytes/sec]
[average 3276801, 5 Kilobytes/sec]
[average 3274638, 3 Kilobytes/sec]
[average 3176965, 8 Kilobytes/sec]
[average 3221992, 8 Kilobytes/sec]
[average 2828836, 8 Kilobytes/sec]
[average 3176974, 8 Kilobytes/sec]
[average 2764894, 5 Kilobytes/sec]
[average 3248921, 8 Kilobytes/sec]
```

```
top - 02:41:58 up 17 days, 17:34, 1 user, load average: 3.97, 4.22, 3.55
Tasks: 977 total, 5 running, 972 sleeping, 0 stopped, 0 zombie
Cpu(s): 0.1 us, 4.6 sy 0.0 ni, 93.5 id, 0.0 wa, 0.0 hi, 1.7 si, 0.0 st
Mem: 191888.7 total, 127133.7 free, 3813.5 used, 69041.4 buff/cache
Swap: 1024.0 total, 737.0 free, 287.0 used, 131646.8 avail Mem
```

PID	User	PR	NT	VIRT	RES	SHR	%CPU	%MEM	TIME+ COMMAND
744808	root	20	0	375680	35968	16052	R 9.9	0.9	:35:55 smbd/icon
744815	root	20	0	375664	35868	17816	R 9.9	0.9	:30:47 smbd/icon
744817	root	20	0	375692	35888	16096	R 8.1	0.9	:44:48 smbd/icon
744836	root	20	0	375652	35896	16740	R 8.4	0.6	:09:29 smbd/icon
180190	root	20	0	31540	5672	3412	S 2.0	0.0	180:05.15 httop
238	root	20	0	0	0	8	S 1.3	0.0	5:56:39 ksoftirqd
744766	root	20	0	249536	8876	5136	S 1.3	0.0	:11:20 iftop

```
top - 02:41:57 up 3 days, 21:43, 5 users, load average: 1.11, 0.89, 0.62
Tasks: 077 total, 1 running, 876 sleeping, 0 stopped, 0 zombie
Cpu(s): 0.1 us, 1.4 sy, 0.0 ni, 97.6 id, 0.0 wa, 0.1 hi, 0.9 si, 0.0 st
Mem: 19124.1 total, 17724.5 free, 3055.5 used, 11320.1 buff/cache
Swap: 1024.0 total, 1024.0 free, 0.0 used, 1024.0 available Mem
```

PID	USER	PR	NT	VIRT	RES	SHR	S%	CPU	%MEM	TIME+%	COMMAND
31612	root	0	0	0	0	0	21.3	0.0	0.52	01:00.0	wget worker
31613	root	20	0	0	0	0	20.3	0.0	0.53	37.0	wget worker
316139	root	20	0	0	0	0	17.9	0.0	0.49	39.0	wget_worker
316122	root	20	0	0	0	0	17.3	0.0	0.34	40.0	wget_worker
316116	root	20	0	458080	31264	17652	9.6	0.0	0.85	53.0	curl

**overhead shared object**

Overhead	Shared Object	Symbols
7.85%	[kernel]	[k] do_tcp_sendpages
5.37%	[kernel]	[k] _raw_spin_lock_bh
4.80%	[kernel]	[k] copy_page_to_iter
3.75%	[kernel]	[k] page_cache_pipe_buf_release
3.25%	[kernel]	[k] __x86_retpoline_rax

```
 3.20% [kernel]          [k] page_cache_pipe
 2.07% [kernel]          [k] native_queued_s
 2.04% [kernel]          [k] shmem_file_read
 2.70% [kernel]          [k] inet_sendpage
 2.61% [kernel]          [k] tcp_sendpage
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```

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# smbclient IORING\_OP\_SENDSMSG/SPLICE (loopback)

8 connections, ~22 GBytes/s, smbd 22% cpu, with 4 io\_wqe\_work threads (pipe to socket) at ~22% cpu each.

smbclient is the bottleneck here too, it triggers the memory copy done by copy\_user\_enhanced\_fast\_string()

```
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [1305674.6 Kilobytes/sec] average 2888881.8 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2942528.3 Kilobytes/sec] average 2943679.6 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2719787.2 Kilobytes/sec] average 2841637.3 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2951080.2 Kilobytes/sec] average 2879437.6 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2081641.2 Kilobytes/sec] average 2739178.0 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2958064.5 Kilobytes/sec] average 2958064.5 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2718738.5 Kilobytes/sec] average 27714142.3 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2733406.8 Kilobytes/sec] average 27733406.8 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3117190.9 Kilobytes/sec] average 2898262.3 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3047181.0 Kilobytes/sec] average 2944350.1 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3083535.4 Kilobytes/sec] average 2741473.6 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2741632.8 Kilobytes/sec] average 2848061.6 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3062932.1 Kilobytes/sec] average 2888254.5 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3126717.1 Kilobytes/sec] average 2959135.8 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3088589.0 Kilobytes/sec] average 2891536.4 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2515970.2 Kilobytes/sec] average 2731740.8 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2177191.9 Kilobytes/sec] average 2709204.0 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2921540.2 Kilobytes/sec] average 2944283.8 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3083655.1 Kilobytes/sec] average 2743728.7 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3083655.1 Kilobytes/sec] average 2842525.3 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3167341.7 Kilobytes/sec] average 2881888.4 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [296864.5 Kilobytes/sec] average 296864.5 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3136293.6 Kilobytes/sec] average 2939872.3 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2752687.0 Kilobytes/sec] average 2731189.3 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3064336.9 Kilobytes/sec] average 2945895.8 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2745308.0 Kilobytes/sec] average 2789462.2 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3117190.9 Kilobytes/sec] average 2744697.8 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [25159864.9 Kilobytes/sec] average 28442517.7 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [25252083.7 Kilobytes/sec] average 2878659.8 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2956514.5 Kilobytes/sec] average 2956514.5 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [30636551.1 Kilobytes/sec] average 2894340.3 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2822872.9 Kilobytes/sec] average 2732562.5 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2771132.2 Kilobytes/sec] average 2709897.3 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3131498.0 Kilobytes/sec] average 2846041.8 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3131498.0 Kilobytes/sec] average 2744870.8 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [25159840.4 Kilobytes/sec] average 2942472.7 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3083575.2 Kilobytes/sec] average 2957176.5 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2897643.8 Kilobytes/sec] average 2879300.8 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3083575.2 Kilobytes/sec] average 2895262.7 Kilobytes/sec
getting file 56G.dat of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2824822.7 Kilobytes/sec] average 2733199.6 Kilobytes/sec
```

```
top - 04:08:50 up 4 days, 23:02, 6 users, load average: 0.15, 3.56, 1.44
Tasks: 912 total, 14 running, 983 sleeping, 0 stopped, 0 zombie
Cpu(s): 0.3 us, 11.2 sy, 0.0 ni, 86.1 id, 0.0 wa, 0.2 hi, 2.1 si, 0.0 st
Mem: 101624.1 total, 176925.4 free, 3316.7 used, 11382.0 buff/cache
Swap: 1824.0 total, 1824.0 free, 0.0 used. 180483.7 avail Mem
```

PID	USER	PR	NI	VIRT	RES	SHR	S	NCPU	%MEM	TIME+ COMMAND
322763	root	20	0	376220	36620	17364	R	82.5	0.0	1:26.20 subclient
322764	root	20	0	360836	28192	17129	R	81.5	0.0	1:26.18 subclient
322765	root	20	0	360840	28056	17164	R	80.1	0.0	1:25.16 subclient
322766	root	20	0	376244	36740	17468	R	79.8	0.0	1:23.73 subclient
322767	root	20	0	376236	36490	17229	R	79.8	0.0	1:24.42 subclient
322768	root	20	0	376248	28920	17292	R	79.5	0.0	1:24.74 subclient
322769	root	20	0	360840	28546	17464	R	79.5	0.0	1:25.93 subclient
322770	root	20	0	376140	36494	17312	R	78.1	0.0	1:24.31 subclient
322782	root	20	0	0	0	0	R	23.8	0.0	0:14.04 io_wqe_worker-0
322827	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	23.5	0.0	0:12.77 io_wqe_worker-0
322892	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	22.8	0.0	0:14.36 io_wqe_worker-0
322838	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	22.8	0.0	0:12.96 io_wqe_worker-0
322772	root	20	0	458268	21488	17596	R	22.5	0.0	0:22.45 sabd
322796	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	22.2	0.0	0:14.00 io_wqe_worker-0
322880	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	21.5	0.0	0:14.13 io_wqe_worker-0
322827	root	20	0	0	0	0	R	21.5	0.0	0:12.06 io_wqe_worker-0
322818	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	19.2	0.0	0:12.71 io_wqe_worker-0
318810	root	20	0	248476	6976	4988	S	9.3	0.0	1:31.29 iiftop
322833	root	20	0	0	0	0	R	5.3	0.0	0:02.78 io_wqe_worker-0
322854	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	5.0	0.0	0:02.50 io_wqe_worker-0
322842	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	4.6	0.0	0:02.70 io_wqe_worker-0
322851	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	4.6	0.0	0:02.49 io_wqe_worker-0
322860	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	4.6	0.0	0:02.54 io_wqe_worker-0
322862	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	4.6	0.0	0:02.70 io_wqe_worker-0
318730	root	20	0	3837184	172756	54345	S	4.3	0.1	1:49.89 perf
322836	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	4.3	0.0	0:02.61 io_wqe_worker-0
322839	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	4.3	0.0	0:02.77 io_wqe_worker-0
322840	root	20	0	0	0	0	R	4.0	0.0	0:02.52 io_wqe_worker-0
322865	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	4.0	0.0	0:02.68 io_wqe_worker-0
322868	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	4.0	0.0	0:02.66 io_wqe_worker-0
322887	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	4.0	0.0	0:02.57 io_wqe_worker-0
322845	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	3.6	0.0	0:02.50 io_wqe_worker-0
322856	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	3.6	0.0	0:02.33 io_wqe_worker-0
322858	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	3.6	0.0	0:02.52 io_wqe_worker-0

Sample: 30M of event 'cycles', 1800 Hz, Event count (approx.): 536785509299 last: 0/0 drop: 0/0

Overhead	Shared Object	Symbol
51.1%	[kernel]	k_copy_user_enhanced_fast_string
6.4%	[kernel]	k_native_queued_spin_lock_slowpath
3.1%	[kernel]	k_psocket_rcv
1.7%	[kernel]	do_tcp_sendpages
1.0%	[kernel]	_raw_spin_lock_bh
1.21%	[kernel]	prb_fill_curr_block_isra_0
1.91%	[kernel]	k_spin_flip
1.92%	[kernel]	k_copy_page_to_iter
1.99%	[kernel]	k_sb_release_data
1.99%	[kernel]	k_check_object_size

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	157557920Gb	315187504Gb	4726514016Gb	636215160Gb787768934Gb
127.0.0.1	>> 127.0.0.1			
	<=			
TX:	cum: 2264260 peak: 6.596b			rates: 181Gb 181Gb 180Gb
RX:	0b	0b	0b	
TOTAL:	2264260	6.596b		181Gb 181Gb 180Gb

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# More loopback testing on brand new hardware

- ▶ Recently I re-did the loopback read tests  
`IORING_OP_SENDSMSG/SPLICE` (from `/dev/shm/`)
  - ▶ 1 connection, ~10-13 GBytes/s, `smbd` 7% cpu,  
with 4 `iou-wrk` threads at 7%-50% cpu.
  - ▶ 4 connections, 24-30 GBytes/s, `smbd` 18% cpu,  
with 16 `iou-wrk` threads at 3%-35% cpu.
- ▶ I also implemented SMB2 writes with  
`IORING_OP_RECVMSG/SPLICE` (tested to `/dev/null`)
  - ▶ 1 connection, ~7-8 GBytes/s, `smbd` 5% cpu,  
with 3 `io-wrk` threads at 1%-20% cpu.
  - ▶ 4 connections, ~10 GBytes/s, `smbd` 15% cpu,  
with 12 `io-wrk` threads at 1%-20% cpu.
- ▶ I tested with a Linux Kernel 5.13
  - ▶ In both cases the bottleneck is clearly on the `smbclient` side
  - ▶ We could apply similar changes to `smbclient` and add true multichannel support
  - ▶ It seems that the `filesystem->pipe->socket` path is much better optimized

# Improvements for transfers with SMB3 signing

- ▶ Samba 4.15 has support for AES-128-GMAC signing:
  - ▶ This is also available in recent Windows versions
  - ▶ It's based on AES-128-GCM (but only with authentication data)
  - ▶ The gnutls library is able to provide:
    - ▶ ~6 GBytes/s for AES-128-GCM
    - ▶ ~10 GBytes/s for AES-128-GMAC
- ▶ For SMB3 signing/encryption we use:
  - ▶ IORING\_OP\_SPLICE from a file into a (splice)pipe
  - ▶ IORING\_OP\_TEE from the (splice)pipe to a 2nd (tee)pipe
  - ▶ IORING\_OP\_READ from the (tee)pipe into a userspace buffer
    - ▶ (vmsplice might work even better)
  - ▶ The userspace buffer is only used to calculate the signing signature
  - ▶ IORING\_OP\_SENDMSG and IORING\_OP\_SPLICE are used in order to avoid a copy back to the kernel
- ▶ For a SMB2 read test I removed the signing check in smbclient:
  - ▶ The performance changed from ~3 GBytes/s before
  - ▶ To ~5 GBytes/s using the IORING\_OP\_TEE trick
    - ▶ With smbclient still being the bottleneck at 100% cpu

# Future Improvements

- ▶ recvmsg and splice deliver partial SMB packets to userspace
  - ▶ I tested with AF\_KCM (Kernel Connection Multiplexor) and an eBPF helper
  - ▶ But MSG\_WAITALL is the much simpler and faster solution
  - ▶ I also prototyped a SPLICE\_F\_WAITALL
  - ▶ eBPF support in io\_uring would also be great for optimizations
- ▶ It also seems that socket->pipe->filesystem:
  - ▶ Does not implement zero copy for all cases
  - ▶ Maybe it's possible to optimize this in future
- ▶ In the end SMB-Direct will also be able to reduce overhead
  - ▶ My smbdirect driver is still work in progress...
  - ▶ With the IORING\_FEAT\_NATIVE\_WORKERS feature it will be possible glue it to IORING\_OP\_SENDMSG

# Questions? Feedback!

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