

SAMBA EXPERIENCE

multichannel / io_uring

Status Update within Samba

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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!

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Last Status Update SDC 2020

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

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Performance with MultiChannel, sendmsg()

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

```
top - 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 si, 0.0 st
MiB Mem : 191624.1 total, 182280.4 free, 2617.5 used, 6726.1 buff/cache
MiB Swap: 1024.0 total, 1024.0 free, 0.0 used, 185648.1 avail Mem
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PID	USER	PR	NI	VIRT	RES	SHR	S	%CPU	%MEM	TIME+	COMMAND
307372	root	20	0	2426196	67808	13104	R	16.3	0.0	0:06.97	send
307406	root	20	0	2426196	67408	13104	R	14.3	0.0	0:06.96	send
307412	root	20	0	2426196	65256	13104	R	14.0	0.0	0:06.92	send
307405	root	20	0	2426196	63144	13104	R	13.6	0.0	0:06.82	send
307410	root	20	0	2426196	64644	13104	R	13.6	0.0	0:06.87	send
307414	root	20	0	2426196	65520	13104	R	13.6	0.0	0:06.88	send
307422	root	20	0	2426196	68952	13104	R	13.6	0.0	0:06.78	send
307432	root	20	0	2426196	71592	13104	R	13.6	0.0	0:06.66	send
307408	root	20	0	2426196	63936	13104	R	13.3	0.0	0:06.58	send
307411	root	20	0	2426196	64992	13104	R	13.3	0.0	0:06.77	send
307413	root	20	0	2426196	65256	13104	R	13.3	0.0	0:06.60	send
307415	root	20	0	2426196	65520	13104	R	13.3	0.0	0:06.62	send
307410	root	20	0	2426196	66048	13104	R	13.3	0.0	0:06.69	send
307419	root	20	0	2426196	67104	13104	R	13.3	0.0	0:06.84	send
307420	root	20	0	2426196	67632	13104	R	13.3	0.0	0:06.76	send
307421	root	20	0	2426196	68160	13104	R	13.3	0.0	0:06.71	send
307423	root	20	0	2426196	69408	13104	R	13.3	0.0	0:06.68	send
307425	root	20	0	2426196	69408	13104	R	13.3	0.0	0:06.59	send
307428	root	20	0	2426196	70008	13104	R	13.3	0.0	0:06.59	send
307430	root	20	0	2426196	70008	13104	R	13.3	0.0	0:06.84	send
307433	root	20	0	2426196	72384	13104	R	13.3	0.0	0:06.61	send
307426	root	20	0	2426196	70008	13104	R	13.0	0.0	0:06.62	send
307429	root	20	0	2426196	70008	13104	R	13.0	0.0	0:06.67	send
307434	root	20	0	2426196	72384	13104	R	13.0	0.0	0:06.70	send
307435	root	20	0	2426196	72648	13104	R	13.0	0.0	0:06.71	send
307407	root	20	0	2426196	63672	13104	R	12.6	0.0	0:06.58	send
307416	root	20	0	2426196	66048	13104	R	12.6	0.0	0:06.68	send
307417	root	20	0	2426196	66312	13104	R	12.6	0.0	0:06.53	send
307427	root	20	0	2426196	70008	13104	R	12.6	0.0	0:06.87	send
307431	root	20	0	2426196	71064	13104	R	12.6	0.0	0:06.58	send
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307183	root	0	0	0	0	0	I	0.3	0.0	0:00.41	kworke
307392	root	20	0	0	0	0	I	0.3	0.0	0:00.03	kworke
307452	root	20	0	62928	5536	3936	R	0.3	0.0	0:00.08	top
1	root	0	0	242512	18952	1176	S	0.0	0.0	0:02.84	system
2	root	0	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.13	khreadd
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	kworke
10	root	0	-20	0	0	0	I	0.0	0.0	0:00.00	mm_percpu_wq
11	root	0	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.32	ksoftirqd/0
12	root	0	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

The screenshot shows a Windows PowerShell window running a benchmark script. The script output indicates a run status group of 0 (all jobs), with a read rate of 3266MiB/s and a write rate of 3425MiB/s. The script also shows the number of threads (2) and jobs (2) running.

The Task Manager Performance tab is open, showing the following system metrics:

- CPU: 8% 2.78 GHz
- Memory: 12/512 GB (2%)
- Ethernet: 9.3 Mbps R; 31.9 Gbps S
- Ethernet: 40.0 Kbps R; 64.0 Kbps S

The Ethernet section shows a throughput graph for the Mellanox ConnectX-6 Adapter. The graph displays a peak throughput of 31.9 Gbps. The adapter name is SLOT 4 Port 1, and the IPv4 address is 192.168.0.153.

IORING_OP_SENDMSG prototyped (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

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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	0:09.38	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	10.9	0.1	0:05.61	smbd
307562	root	20	0	663100	144024	18804	S	10.5	0.1	0:00.93	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	0:03.50	kworker/0:2-event
307183	root	20	0	0	0	0	I	0.3	0.0	0:00.61	kworker/u160:2-ml
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	0:02.04	system
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/0:0H-kblol
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	kssoftirq/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	kssoftirq/1
19	root	0	-20	0	0	0	I	0.0	0.0	0:00.00	kworker/1:0H-kblol
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	kssoftirq/2
25	root	0	-20	0	0	0	I	0.0	0.0	0:00.00	kworker/2:0H-kblol
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

Administrator: Windows PowerShell

```
complete : 0=0.0%, 4=100.0%, 8=0.1%, 16=0.1%, 32=0.0%, 64=0.0%, >=64=0.0%
issued rwts: total=64728,0,0 short=0,0,0 dropped=0,0,0
latency : target=0, window=0, percentile=100.0%, depth=16
```

Run status group 0 (all jobs):
READ: bw=5396MiB/s (5658MB/s), 4096KiB/s-5396MiB/s (4295MB/s-5658MB/s), io=253GiB (271GiB)
PS C:\Users\Administrator> & 'C:\Program Files\Fio\Fio.exe' --group_reporting=1 --name=fio-01 --thread --rwread --size=100M --bs=4M --numJobs=2 --time_based=1 --runtime=5m --direct fio_test: (g=0): rw=read, bs=(R) 4096KiB-4096KiB, (W) 4096KiB-4096KiB, (T) 4096KiB-4096KiB, ...
fio-3.22
starting 2 threads
Jobs: 2 (f=2): (R:2)[15.3K][r=6816MiB/s][r=1704 IOPS][eta 04m:14s]

Task Manager

File Options View

Processes Performance Users Details Services

- CPU: 16% 2.78 GHz
- Memory: 12/512 GB (2%)
- Ethernet: S: 17.4 Mbps R: 57.5 Gbps
- Ethernet: S: 32.0 Kbps R: 96.0 Kbps

Ethernet

Throughput

60 seconds

Send: 17.4 Mbps
Receive: 57.5 Gbps

Adapter name: SLOT 4 Port 1
Connection type: Ethernet
IPv4 address: 192.168.0.153
IPv6 address: fe80:d5a5:8155:cccc:a4b%19

Fewer details Open Resource Monitor

5 items

IORING_OP_SENDMSG prototyped (Part2)

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

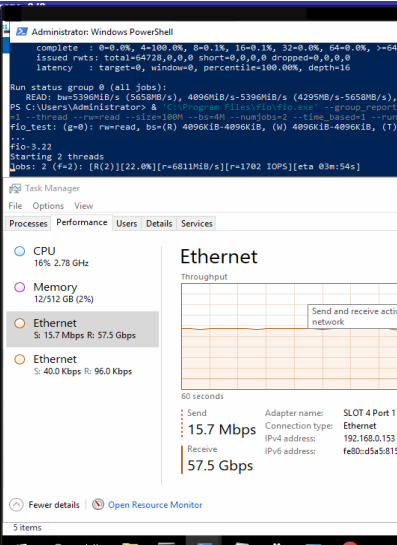
The image displays a Windows desktop environment. On the left, a terminal window titled "Monitoring 783 processes and 825 threads (interval: 5.0s)" shows a table of system metrics. The table has columns for PID, PROC, RMA(s), LMA(K), RMA/LMA, CPI, and %CPU. The first few rows show high CPU usage for processes like io_wq_work and kworker. At the bottom of the terminal, there are instructions for using the 'l' key to sort by RMA, '2' for LMA, '3' for RMA/LMA, '4' for CPI, '5' for %CPU, and 'q' to quit.

On the right, a Task Manager window is open, showing system performance. The CPU usage is 16% at 7.0 GHz. The Memory usage is 12/512 GB (2%). The Ethernet network adapter is highlighted, showing a throughput of 56.7 Gbps. The Task Manager interface includes tabs for Processes, Performance, Users, Details, and Services.

Below the Task Manager window, a Windows taskbar is visible with icons for Start, Search, File Explorer, Microsoft Edge, and other background applications.

IORING_OP_SENDMSG prototyped (Part3)

The major problem still exists, memory copy done by `copy_user_enhanced_fast_string()`



The screenshot shows the Windows Task Manager Performance tab. The CPU usage is 16% at 2.78 GHz. Memory usage is 12/512 GB (2%). The Ethernet adapter (SLOT 4 Port 1) shows a throughput of 15.7 Mbps Send and 57.5 Gbps Receive. The IP v4 address is 192.168.0.153 and the IP v6 address is fe80::d5a5:8115.

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amples: 178K of event 'cycles', 4000 Hz, Event count (approx.): 87301350677 Lost: 0/0 dropped=0/0
verhead Shared Object Symbol
05.07% [kernel] [k] copy_user_enhanced_fast_string
0.20% [kernel] [k] shmем_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] mlx5e_sq_xmit
0.30% [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] shmем_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_rbtrees_insert
0.19% [kernel] [k] iov_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_erms
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_erms
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
```


smbclient IORING_OP_SENDMSG/SPLICE (network)

4 connections, ~11 GBytes/s, smbdc 8.6% cpu, with 4 io_wqework threads (pipe to socket) at ~20% cpu each.

smbclient is the bottleneck here too

```
getting file %506.dat of size 2007152000 as /dev/null [2771312.2 KiloBytes/sec] (average 2746704.0 KiloBytes/sec)
getting file %506.dat of size 2007152000 as /dev/null [3175909.5 KiloBytes/sec] (average 3223967.9 KiloBytes/sec)
getting file %506.dat of size 2007152000 as /dev/null [3188123.7 KiloBytes/sec] (average 3179006.8 KiloBytes/sec)
getting file %506.dat of size 2007152000 as /dev/null [2824827.2 KiloBytes/sec] (average 2828605.4 KiloBytes/sec)
getting file %506.dat of size 2007152000 as /dev/null [3255961.3 KiloBytes/sec] (average 3224002.5 KiloBytes/sec)
getting file %506.dat of size 2007152000 as /dev/null [2782680.3 KiloBytes/sec] (average 2746030.3 KiloBytes/sec)
getting file %506.dat of size 2007152000 as /dev/null [3230283.4 KiloBytes/sec] (average 3176965.0 KiloBytes/sec)
getting file %506.dat of size 2007152000 as /dev/null [3215070.2 KiloBytes/sec] (average 3223992.8 KiloBytes/sec)
getting file %506.dat of size 2007152000 as /dev/null [2790180.4 KiloBytes/sec] (average 2822636.8 KiloBytes/sec)
getting file %506.dat of size 2007152000 as /dev/null [3185009.5 KiloBytes/sec] (average 3170974.8 KiloBytes/sec)
getting file %506.dat of size 2007152000 as /dev/null [2797813.0 KiloBytes/sec] (average 2746894.5 KiloBytes/sec)
getting file %506.dat of size 2007152000 as /dev/null [3250793.1 KiloBytes/sec] (average 3224021.8 KiloBytes/sec)
```

```
top - 02:41:50 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, 4.0 sy, 0.0 ni, 93.5 id, 0.0 wa, 0.0 hi, 1.7 si, 0.0 st
Mem Mem : 191800.7 total, 127133.7 free, 3813.5 used, 60841.4 buff/cache
Mem Swap: 1824.0 total, 737.0 free, 287.0 used, 131646.0 avail Mem
```

PID	USER	PR	NI	VIRT	RES	SHR	S	%CPU	%MEM	TIME+	COMMAND
740188	root	20	0	375600	35960	16852	R	99.3	0.0	0:35.55	smbclient
740185	root	20	0	375604	36180	17016	R	99.0	0.0	0:30.87	smbclient
740187	root	20	0	375692	35880	16696	R	88.1	0.0	0:44.08	smbclient
740186	root	20	0	375652	35896	16740	R	86.4	0.0	0:49.20	smbclient
100189	root	20	0	31540	7072	3412	S	2.0	0.0	100:03:15	lsop
238	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	1.3	0.0	0:56.18	kssoftirq/45
740176	root	20	0	249536	8076	5130	S	1.3	0.0	0:11.20	lsftp

```
top - 02:41:57 up 3 days, 21:43, 5 users, load average: 1.11, 0.89, 0.62
tasks: 877 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 Mem : 191624.1 total, 17240.5 free, 3855.5 used, 11320.1 buff/cache
Mem Swap: 1824.0 total, 1824.0 free, 0.0 used, 108675.2 avail Mem
```

PID	USER	PR	NI	VIRT	RES	SHR	S	%CPU	%MEM	TIME+	COMMAND
316136	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	21.3	0.0	0:52.01	io_wqeworker-0
316133	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	20.3	0.0	0:53.37	io_wqeworker-0
316139	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	17.9	0.0	0:46.39	io_wqeworker-0
316121	root	20	0	0	0	0	S	17.3	0.0	0:34.40	io_wqeworker-0
316116	root	20	0	450800	21264	17652	S	8.6	0.0	0:46.53	smbd

Samples: 780 of event 'cycles', 4000 Hz, Event count (approx.): 35349326236 last: 0/0 drop: 0/32090

Overhead	Shared object	Symbol	1546038464h	389286928h	4638091264h	6184121056h/7710152440h
7.05%	[kernel]	[k] do_tcp_sendpages	192.168.10.191	=> 192.168.10.190		91.7Gb 91.5Gb 89.7Gb
5.37%	[kernel]	[k] raw_spin_lock_bh		=>		18.3Gb 18.7Gb 18.6Gb
4.00%	[kernel]	[k] copy_page_to_iter	192.168.10.191	=> 192.168.0.153		0b 0b 238b
3.75%	[kernel]	[k] page_cache_pipe_buf_release		=>		0b 0b 210b
3.09%	[kernel]	[k] __mg_retpoline_rx				
3.09%	[kernel]	[k] page_cache_pipe_buf_confirm				
2.07%	[kernel]	[k] native_queued_spin_lock_slowpath				
2.04%	[kernel]	[k] shmem_file_read_iter				
2.03%	[kernel]	[k] inet_sendpage				
2.01%	[kernel]	[k] tcp_sendpage				

For a higher level overview, try: perf top --sort comm,dso

TX:	cus:	3146B	peak:	0b	rates:	91.7Gb	91.5Gb	89.7Gb
RX:		68.7MB		22.1Mb		18.3Gb	18.7Gb	18.6Gb
TOTAL:		3146B		0b		91.0Gb	91.5Gb	89.7Gb

smbclient IORING_OP_SENDMSG/SPLICE (loopback)

8 connections, ~22 GBytes/s, smbdc 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 %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3075978.0 KiBytes/sec] (average 2080001.8 KiBytes/sec) top - 04:00:58 up 4 days, 23:02, 0 users, load average: 9.15, 3.56, 1.44
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2942670.6 KiBytes/sec] (average 2943670.6 KiBytes/sec) Tasks: 917 total, 14 running, 903 sleeping, 0 stopped, 0 zombie
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2177877.2 KiBytes/sec] (average 2841637.3 KiBytes/sec) ^Cpu(s):  0.3 us, 11.2 sy,  0.6 ni,  0.6 id,  0.8 wa,  0.2 hi,  2.1 si,  0.0 st
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2951800.2 KiBytes/sec] (average 2731737.6 KiBytes/sec) MiB Mem : 191624.1 total, 176025.4 free,  3316.7 used, 11392.0 buff/cache
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3187770.5 KiBytes/sec] (average 2958064.5 KiBytes/sec) MiB Swap: 1824.0 total, 1824.0 free,  0.0 used, 108403.7 avail Mem

getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2694716.5 KiBytes/sec] (average 2714142.3 KiBytes/sec)
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2806334.0 KiBytes/sec] (average 2733460.8 KiBytes/sec)
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3117100.0 KiBytes/sec] (average 2690262.3 KiBytes/sec)
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3047610.0 KiBytes/sec] (average 2944350.1 KiBytes/sec)
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3088335.4 KiBytes/sec] (average 2741475.6 KiBytes/sec)
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2741832.0 KiBytes/sec] (average 2848912.8 KiBytes/sec)
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3002352.1 KiBytes/sec] (average 2902625.5 KiBytes/sec)
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3126717.1 KiBytes/sec] (average 2859135.5 KiBytes/sec)
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3080890.0 KiBytes/sec] (average 2915530.4 KiBytes/sec)
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2515970.2 KiBytes/sec] (average 231740.8 KiBytes/sec)
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2171791.0 KiBytes/sec] (average 2789284.0 KiBytes/sec)
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2922540.2 KiBytes/sec] (average 2944203.8 KiBytes/sec)
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3093655.1 KiBytes/sec] (average 2743720.7 KiBytes/sec)
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3093655.1 KiBytes/sec] (average 2842525.3 KiBytes/sec)
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3087241.7 KiBytes/sec] (average 2811800.4 KiBytes/sec)
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3107770.5 KiBytes/sec] (average 2868077.5 KiBytes/sec)
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3136293.6 KiBytes/sec] (average 2931072.3 KiBytes/sec)
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2752687.0 KiBytes/sec] (average 2731090.3 KiBytes/sec)
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3084336.0 KiBytes/sec] (average 2945095.8 KiBytes/sec)
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2745300.0 KiBytes/sec] (average 2789462.2 KiBytes/sec)
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3117310.0 KiBytes/sec] (average 2746070.8 KiBytes/sec)
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3117310.0 KiBytes/sec] (average 2844253.7 KiBytes/sec)
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2502283.0 KiBytes/sec] (average 2070659.0 KiBytes/sec)
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2534864.0 KiBytes/sec] (average 2854651.4 KiBytes/sec)
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3093655.1 KiBytes/sec] (average 2894340.3 KiBytes/sec)
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2822720.0 KiBytes/sec] (average 2732560.5 KiBytes/sec)
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2771312.2 KiBytes/sec] (average 2789897.3 KiBytes/sec)
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3131490.0 KiBytes/sec] (average 2864041.8 KiBytes/sec)
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3131490.0 KiBytes/sec] (average 2748470.8 KiBytes/sec)
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2595900.4 KiBytes/sec] (average 284252.7 KiBytes/sec)
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3083075.2 KiBytes/sec] (average 2957270.6 KiBytes/sec)
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2929743.0 KiBytes/sec] (average 2879360.5 KiBytes/sec)
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [3083075.2 KiBytes/sec] (average 2929743.0 KiBytes/sec)
getting file %SMB_DAT of size 2097152000 as /dev/null [2824827.2 KiBytes/sec] (average 2731919.6 KiBytes/sec)
322763 root  20  0 376220 36620 17364 81.5  0.0  1:26.20 smbclient
322764 root  20  0 368036 28192 17128 82.5  0.0  1:26.18 smbclient
322765 root  20  0 368040 28516 17164 80.1  0.0  1:25.16 smbclient
322768 root  20  0 376249 36740 17468 79.8  0.0  1:25.73 smbclient
322769 root  20  0 376236 36600 17228 79.8  0.0  1:24.47 smbclient
322771 root  20  0 376240 29008 17292 79.5  0.0  1:24.74 smbclient
322766 root  20  0 380840 28540 17464 78.5  0.0  1:25.93 smbclient
322759 root  20  0 376140 36494 17312 78.1  0.0  1:24.31 smbclient
322782 root  20  0  0  0  0  23.0  0.0  0:14.84 io_wqe_worker-0
322827 root  20  0  0  0  0  23.5  0.0  0:12.77 io_wqe_worker-0
322802 root  20  0  0  0  0  22.0  0.0  0:14.36 io_wqe_worker-0
322830 root  20  0  0  0  0  22.0  0.0  0:12.96 io_wqe_worker-0
322772 root  20  0 458260 21480 17596 82.5  0.0  0:22.45 smbdc
322796 root  20  0  0  0  0  22.2  0.0  0:14.00 io_wqe_worker-0
322803 root  20  0  0  0  0  21.5  0.0  0:14.13 io_wqe_worker-0
322822 root  20  0  0  0  0  21.5  0.0  0:12.86 io_wqe_worker-0
322818 root  20  0  0  0  0  19.2  0.0  0:12.71 io_wqe_worker-0
310818 root  20  0 248476 6976 4900 5.0  0.3  1:31.29 iftop
322833 root  20  0  0  0  0  5.3  0.0  0:02.78 io_wqe_worker-0
322854 root  20  0  0  0  0  5.0  0.0  0:02.58 io_wqe_worker-0
322842 root  20  0  0  0  0  4.6  0.0  0:02.49 io_wqe_worker-0
322851 root  20  0  0  0  0  4.6  0.0  0:02.40 io_wqe_worker-0
322800 root  20  0  0  0  0  4.6  0.0  0:02.57 io_wqe_worker-0
322862 root  20  0  0  0  0  4.6  0.0  0:02.78 io_wqe_worker-0
318730 root  20  0 3837184 127256 54344 5.3  0.1  1:49.89 perf
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Overhead Shared object Symbol
 61.1% [kernel] [k] copy_user_enhanced_fast_string
  6.40% [kernel] [k] native_ground_spin_lock_slowpath
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  1.03% [kernel] [k] raw_spin_lock
  0.92% [kernel] [k] copy_page_to_iter
  0.89% [kernel] [k] skb_release_data
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For a higher level overview, try: perf top --sort cum:do

157537920cb 3151875040cb 4726614016cb 6382151680cb/87769344cb
127.0.0.1 => 127.0.0.1 181cb 181cb 186cb
                                <= 0b 0b 0b
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