



Becoming an OpenSolaris Power User

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- Introduction to OpenSolaris
- Installation and Basic Features
- Security Features
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- Zones
- DTrace
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Community

- OpenSolaris launched June 2005
- Sun/community relationship defined via Charter
- Community structure governed by Constitution
 - Governing Board (OGB), communities, projects, user groups
- Primarily licensed via CDDL
- Sun owns OpenSolaris trademark, others have rights specified by trademark policy

Code

- Aggregated & built by consolidations, e.g.
 - OS/Net (kernel, core user land)
 - Desktop (GNOME)
 - X11
 - SFW (Supported open-source)
- Projects usually integrate code to consolidations
 - Some distros use project code pre-integration, e.g. IPS, Caiman installer

Code, 2

- Two source management systems
 - Subversion - Centralized
 - Mercurial - Distributed
- Architecture (ARC) review helps maintain compatibility and coherence
- Integration to consolidations via sponsor program
- OpenGrok source browser for all hosted code at src.opensolaris.org

Distributions

- Solaris Express Community Edition (SXCE)
 - The way we were...
- Schillix – First non-Sun distro
- BeleniX – KDE & XFCE Desktops
- Nexenta – OpenSolaris kernel meets Debian/GNU userland
- MilaX – Small footprint distro
- EON – NAS appliance
- Jaris – Japanese community distro

OpenSolaris Distribution

- Re-package Solaris technology into a modern distro
 - Easy to get and install
 - Fully redistributable binaries
 - Easy to update
 - Network package repositories
- Almost all open-source
- First release in May 2008, semi-annual release cadence
- Basis for next Solaris

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Downloading OpenSolaris

- Supported releases available on opensolaris.com, latest 2009.06
- Development releases ~every 2 weeks, via genunix.org or Sun DLC's BitTorrent
- Currently four downloads
 - Live CD
 - Live USB
 - Automated Installation boot images
 - x86
 - SPARC

Install Requirements and Preparation

- Pentium III or later, UltraSPARC III or later
- One primary partition, recommended 10 GB
 - Free up space with Vista's Disk Manager or GParted from Linux
- 512 MB memory
- Burn CD or USB
 - USB “burn” using `usbcopy` on Solaris or Windows Live USB creator

Co-existing with Windows or Linux

- Best option: virtualize with VirtualBox or VMware
- Otherwise, multi-boot
 - OpenSolaris installer finds Windows partitions, adds chainload to GRUB menu
 - Requires special GRUB version to boot ZFS
 - Two options with Linux
 - Add Linux menu details to OpenSolaris GRUB menu
 - Chainload from OpenSolaris to Linux GRUB

Booting the Live CD

```
GNU GRUB version 0.97 (639K lower / 1047488K upper memory)
```

```
OpenSolaris 2009.06
OpenSolaris 2009.06 VESA driver
OpenSolaris 2009.06 text console
Boot from Hard Disk
OpenSolaris 2009.06 Enable SSH
OpenSolaris 2009.06 with magnifier
OpenSolaris 2009.06 with screen reader
```

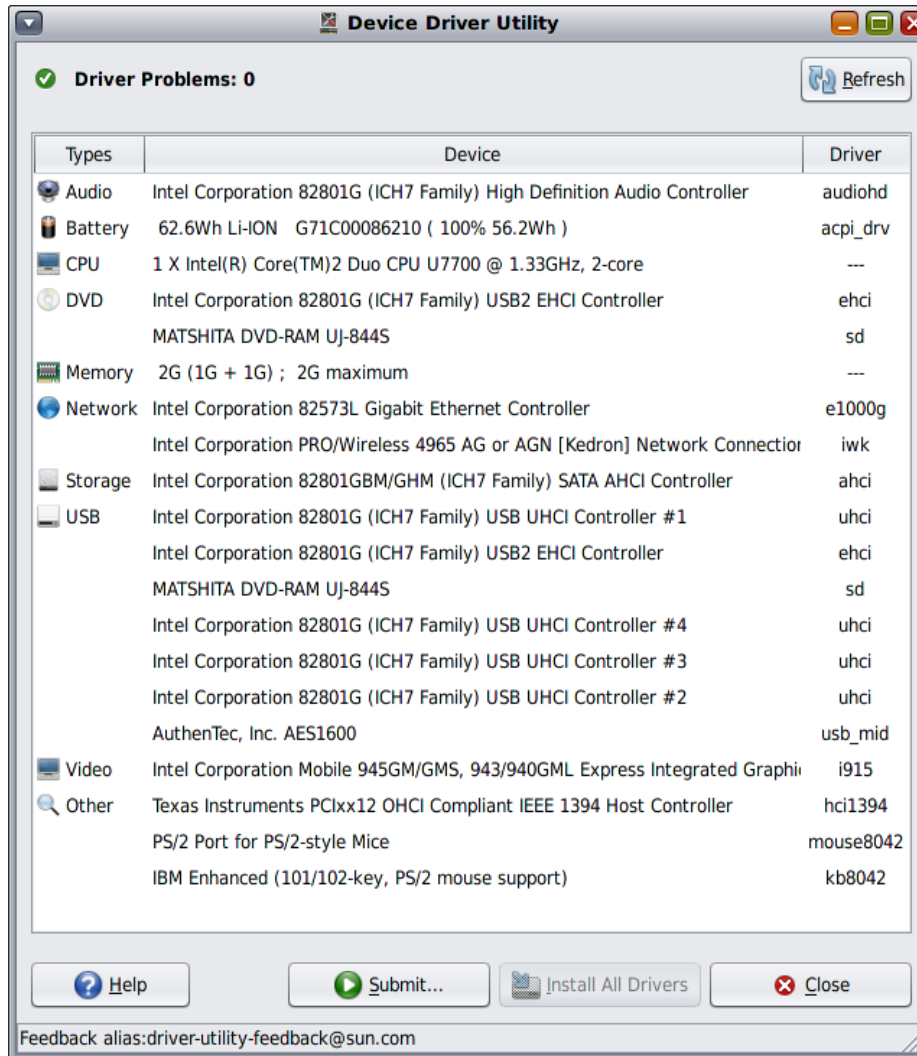
Use the ↑ and ↓ keys to select which entry is highlighted.
Press enter to boot the selected OS, 'e' to edit the
commands before booting, or 'c' for a command-line.



Initial Desktop



Device Support Check with DDU



The screenshot shows the Device Driver Utility (DDU) window. At the top, it displays "Driver Problems: 0" and a "Refresh" button. Below this is a table listing various hardware components and their corresponding drivers. The table has three columns: "Types", "Device", and "Driver".

Types	Device	Driver
Audio	Intel Corporation 82801G (ICH7 Family) High Definition Audio Controller	audiohd
Battery	62.6Wh Li-ION G71C00086210 (100% 56.2Wh)	acpi_drv
CPU	1 X Intel(R) Core(TM)2 Duo CPU U7700 @ 1.33GHz, 2-core	---
DVD	Intel Corporation 82801G (ICH7 Family) USB2 EHCI Controller	ehci
	MATSHITA DVD-RAM UJ-844S	sd
Memory	2G (1G + 1G) ; 2G maximum	---
Network	Intel Corporation 82573L Gigabit Ethernet Controller	e1000g
	Intel Corporation PRO/Wireless 4965 AG or AGN [Kedron] Network Connector	iwk
Storage	Intel Corporation 82801GBM/GHM (ICH7 Family) SATA AHCI Controller	ahci
USB	Intel Corporation 82801G (ICH7 Family) USB UHCI Controller #1	uhci
	Intel Corporation 82801G (ICH7 Family) USB2 EHCI Controller	ehci
	MATSHITA DVD-RAM UJ-844S	sd
	Intel Corporation 82801G (ICH7 Family) USB UHCI Controller #4	uhci
	Intel Corporation 82801G (ICH7 Family) USB UHCI Controller #3	uhci
	Intel Corporation 82801G (ICH7 Family) USB UHCI Controller #2	uhci
	AuthenTec, Inc. AES1600	usb_mid
Video	Intel Corporation Mobile 945GM/GMS, 943/940GML Express Integrated Graphi	i915
Other	Texas Instruments PC1xx12 OHCI Compliant IEEE 1394 Host Controller	hci1394
	PS/2 Port for PS/2-style Mice	mouse8042
	IBM Enhanced (101/102-key, PS/2 mouse support)	kb8042

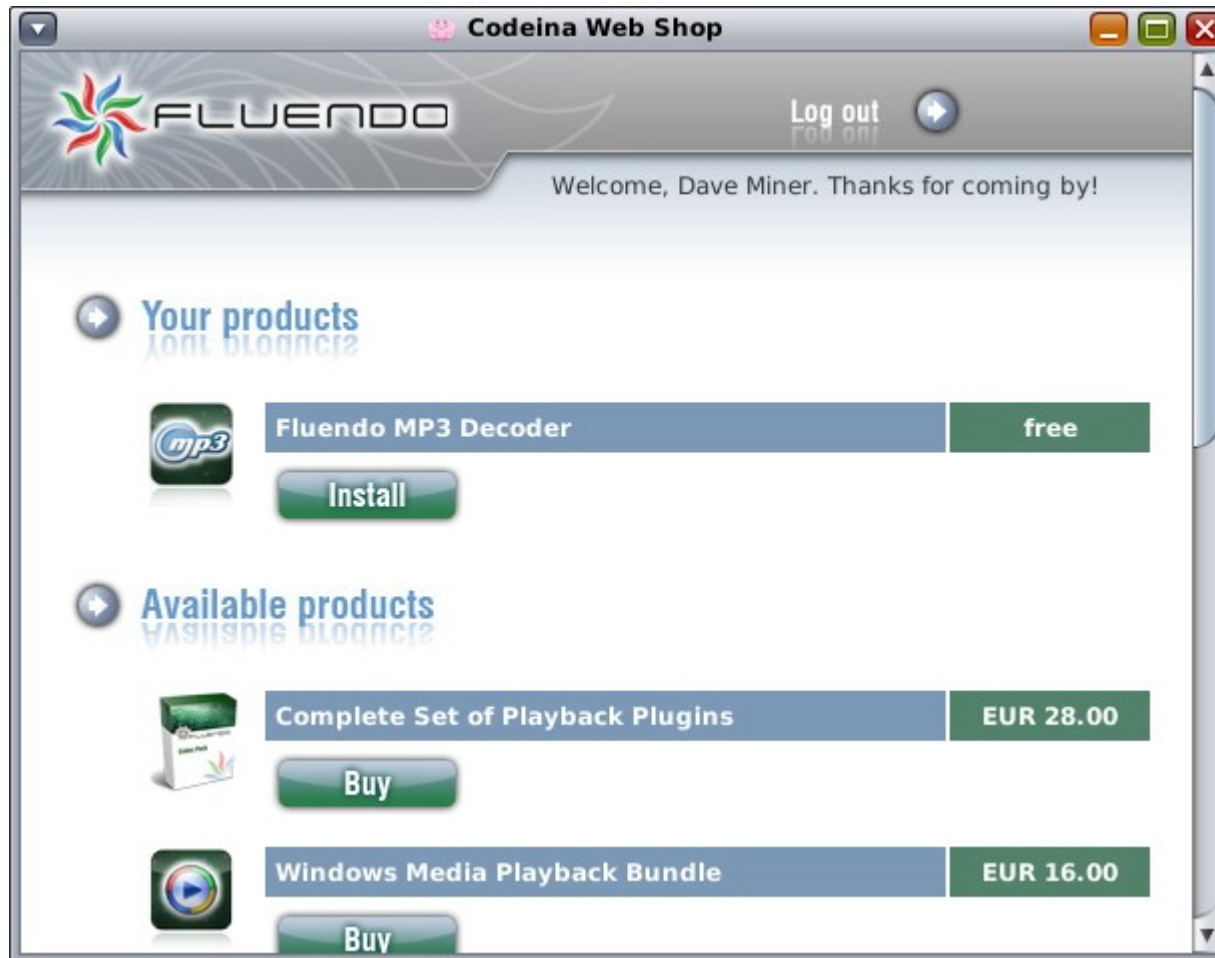
At the bottom of the window, there are buttons for "Help", "Submit...", "Install All Drivers", and "Close". A feedback email address is also provided: "Feedback alias:driver-utility-feedback@sun.com".

Interactive Installation Demonstration

Basic Features

- Choice of shells
 - bash, ksh93, csh, tcsh, zsh, sh
- Default path prefers GNU utilities via `/usr/gnu/bin`
- Replaced `vi` with `vim`
- Desktop
 - GNOME
 - X11
 - Metacity or Compiz window managers

Multimedia with Codeina

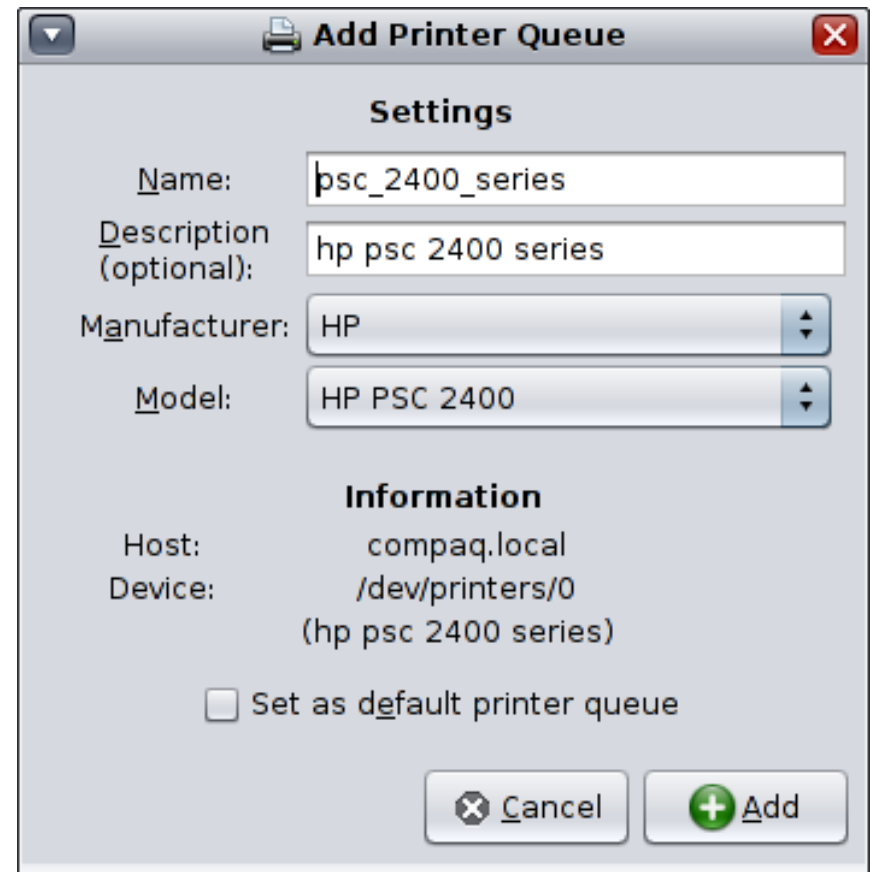


Network Access

- Default to automatic configuration via Network Auto-Magic (NWAM)
 - Just plug in to activate wired network, otherwise wireless is used
 - Select wireless network via system tray applet
 - DHCP automatically starts
- Convert to static IP using Network Manager
 - Manual process detailed in Chapter 9

Printing

- Two subsystems:
LP & CUPS
- Choose with **print-service**
- “Presto” auto-discovery with LP
- CUPS familiarity to Linux users
- **ppdmgr** to install un-packaged PPD's



Power Management

- Suspend-to-ram & resume available
 - Especially pre-installed Toshiba laptops - R600 and M10 are current models
- Power management configured by `/etc/power.conf` and `pmconfig`
- Power monitoring with `powertop`
- Power-aware dispatcher reduces power consumption on Nehalem platforms

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OpenSolaris Security Features

- Secure by Default
 - Most network services off
- **Role-based access control (RBAC)**
 - Similar to sudo (also available)
- IPsec
- Logs and auditing
- Kerberos
- Trusted Extensions

Role-Based Access Control

...Or, what happened to root?

Traditional UNIX Model

- root or superuser
 - All-powerful
- Regular users
 - Everyone else
 - No administrative privileges

Problems with Traditional Model

- Root too powerful
 - Anyone with root access can do unlimited damage
 - Clueless admin can screw up entire system
- No way to delegate administration
 - Multiple people access root
 - Increased opportunities for attackers

Solution: Least Privilege

- Assign users exact authorizations needed
- Role-Based Access Control
 - Native Solaris/OpenSolaris approach
- Sudo
 - Popular on Linux and MacOS
 - Available on OpenSolaris

RBAC Components

- Authorization
 - Fine-grained capability for a specific task
- Rights profile
 - Grouping of authorizations
- Role
 - Like a user
 - Can't log into role directly
 - Assigned authorizations and rights profiles
 - Assigned to users

RBAC in OpenSolaris

- If you create a user in the installer
 - Root is a role
 - Cannot log in directly as root
 - Only users assigned root role can assume it
 - User has “Primary Administrator” and other Profiles and is assigned root role
- To execute privileged commands
 - Prefix with “pfexec”
 - Run from profile shell pfcsh or pfsh
 - su to root

RBAC Demonstration

sudo in OpenSolaris

- Installed by default
 - /usr/bin/sudo
 - /etc/sudoers
- Not configured by default

Sudo Demonstration

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Service Management: Traditional Approach

- Processes started by init scripts
- No concept of services
- No monitoring or restarts of applications
- No grouping of related processes
- No explicit dependencies between services

Service Management Facility (SMF)

- Introduced in Solaris 10
- Concept of *service* groups related processes
- Unified mechanism to start/stop services, Specify dependencies, Specify configuration properties
- Orderly startup/shutdown of system

What is a “Service”?

- Manifest (XML file describing service)
 - Defines dependencies
 - Specifies “method scripts”
 - Defines service properties
- Start method script
- Stop method script
- (Optional) Refresh method script

SMF Administrative Commands

○ svcs

- See state of services
- “svcs -x” for information about faulted services

○ svcadm

- enable/disable services

○ svccfg and svcprop

- Configure and retrieve service properties

SMF Demonstration

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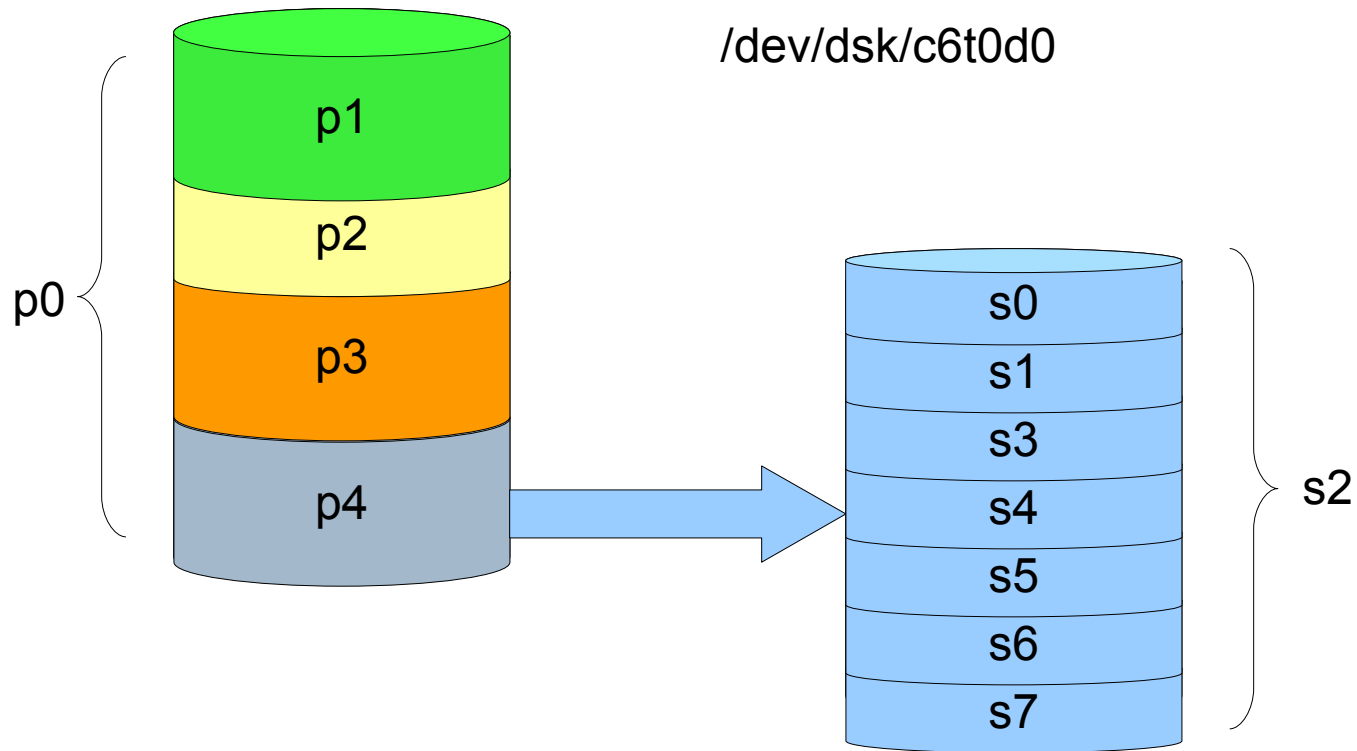
Device Naming, 1

- Controller, Target, Disk, Partition (c#t#d#p#)
 - Used on x86 only, refers to disks
 - Partitions 1-4, 0 = whole disk
 - Device nodes under `/dev/dsk/`
 - `/dev/dsk/c6t0d0p0` is whole disk

Device Naming, 2

- Controller, Target, Disk, Slice (c#t#d#s#)
 - SPARC disks , and x86 within Solaris partition
 - File systems use these devices
 - Slices numbered 0-7
 - Slice 2 is by convention the entire disk/partition
 - ZFS root pool usually on Slice 0, e.g.
`c6t0d0s0`

Device Naming, 3



Partitioning Tools

- `fdisk` for x86 disk partitioning
 - GParted and `parted` in next release
- `format`, `prtvtoc` for slice management and viewing
- Additional tools for removable media
 - `rmvolmgr` – Automatically mounts media on insertion, unmounts on removal
 - `eject` – Unmount before removal
 - `rmformat` – Viewing and formatting removable media

ZFS

High-end storage for everyone

- Efficiency via pooled model
- High reliability
- Superb scalability – both up *and* down
- Superior ease-of-use
- Flexible architecture evolving with storage technology
 - “Hybrid storage pools” utilize SSD's for acceleration

ZFS Pools

- Managed using `zpool` command
- Pool Types
 - Simple – Single-device (disk or partition)
 - Concatenation – Multiple devices without redundancy
 - Mirror – Full duplication across devices aka RAID1
 - RAIDZ – ZFS version of RAID5/RAID6

ZFS Pools, 2

- Performance and Availability Capabilities
 - Spare Devices
 - Log Devices
 - Cache Devices
- Operational history - `zpool history`
- Simple performance monitoring – `zpool iostat`
- Tip: Use fewer pools for better utilization
- Tip: Be conservative upgrading pool version

ZFS Datasets

- Managed using `zfs` command
- Three types
 - File system
 - Volume
 - Snapshot – point-in-time copy of file system or volume
- Easy delegated management – `zfs` allow
- Tip: Use file systems liberally
 - They're the primary management boundary!

ZFS Dataset Properties

- Sharing – `sharenfs`, `sharesmb`, `shareiscsi`
- Reliability and space – `copies`, `compression`
- Security – `aclinherit`, `aclmode`, `devices`, `exec`, `setuid`
- And many more... plus user properties!
- Tip: Use compression, especially with slower disks
- Tip: Copies with mirrored/raidz pools can buy extra reliability for critical data

Demo - RAIDZ Pools

Time Slider

Integrating ZFS with the GNOME desktop

- Automatic snapshots scheduled via cron
- Configurable using Time Slider Manager
- Nautilus file browser extended to browse snapshot history and access snapshot contents

Demo – Time Slider

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Software Management

- We're not in SVR4 anymore!
- Image Packaging System and Package Manager
- Boot Environments and Update Manager
- Running an IPS Repository
- Distribution Constructor
- Automated Installer

IPS Package Basics

- Package is modeled as a set of actions
 - Simple actions: file, directory, link
 - Complex actions: driver, user, group
 - Special actions: depend, set (attributes), license, legacy
- Manifest collects actions to define a package

IPS Images

- Packages install into images - 3 types
 - Full – OpenSolaris instance
 - Partial – OpenSolaris zone
 - User – User-managed software installation
 - Primarily application software
 - Use packages instead of tarballs

IPS Package Distribution

- Packages have a publisher (née authority)
 - Images install packages from one or more publishers
- Publishers provide repositories
 - Switch between repositories from same publisher for different rates of change
 - Tip: switch from /release to /dev for the bleeding edge
- Each repository has a browseable catalog

Software Repositories

pkg.sun.com

.../opensolaris/support/

Specific fixes for
2008.05, 2008.11, ...

.../opensolaris/extra/

Encumbered software
requiring EULA

Registration and
SSL certificate required

pkg.opensolaris.org/

.../dev/

Development builds;
separate products:
redistributable only

.../release/

2008.05, 2008.11, ...

.../contrib/

Community packages

.../webstack/

Project repositories

IPS Package Naming

- General form is `pkg://publisher/name@version`
 - Uses Solaris FMRI scheme from FMA/SMF
- Names can be hierarchical using / as separator
- Version decomposed as *component_version,build_version-branch:timestamp*

IPS Package Naming, 2

- Usually use abbreviated names; these are all the same (today):
 - `pkg install flash`
 - `pkg install flash@10.0.0.22.87`
 - `pkg install pkg:
//extra.opensolaris.org/web/firefox/plugin/flash@10.0.22.87
,5.11-0.111:20090403T194538Z`
- Tip: `.p5i` extension and `application/package-manager` mime type allow seamless installation links

Demo - Browsing, Searching and Installing Packages

Boot Environments

- Integrate ZFS with software management to take the fear out of installing or updating packages!
- Use ZFS clones to improve performance, reduce resource requirements
- Not the same as Solaris 10 Live Upgrade
- Three states
 - Active
 - Active on Reboot
 - Mounted

Boot Environment Tools

- CLI interface is `beadm`
- Delete, rename, activate in Package Manager
- Use `pkg -R` / `packagemanager -R` to act on mounted boot environments
- Update Manager provides notification of available updates and one-click updates
- No automatic BE pruning
 - Looking at integration with Time Slider

Boot Environment Tips

- BE's are free; use liberally to save you from software or configuration disasters
- Use `pkg image-update -n` to dry run an update
- Use `pkg image-update -be-name <name>` to name your BE's
- No automatic BE pruning yet
 - Anticipating integration with Time Slider

Demo – BE's & Update Manager

Running an IPS Repository

- Full repository - publish your own packages
 - Use `pkgsend` to populate
- Content mirror
 - Providing improved access to others' packages
 - Clients contact master repository for catalog, download files from your repository
 - See `pkg.opensolaris.org` mirroring instructions at <http://www.opensolaris.org/os/project/pkg/Mirroring/>

Running an IPS Repository, 2

- SMF service is `svc:/application/pkg/server`
- `pkg.depotd(1M)` has configuration details
 - All controllable as SMF service properties
- Repository provides BUI for browsing, searching

Distribution Constructor (DC)

- Build tools for OpenSolaris distribution available to all
 - `pkg install SUNWdistro-const`
- XML manifest defines full construction process
 - Sample manifests used for OpenSolaris in `/usr/share/distro_const/slim_cd` and `.../auto_install`
- Fully integrated with IPS

Distribution Constructor, 2

- Fully extensible – plug your own customization scripts into the build process
- ZFS snapshots for checkpoint/restart
- Pre-building of virtual machines (coming soon)
- `distro-const(1M)` for more information
- Use DC to build AI images customized with additional drivers/services

Demo – Distribution Constructor

Automated Installer (AI)

- Easy deployment for SMB environments
 - Get automation up and running in just minutes
- Scalability for enterprises
 - Standard protocols: DHCP, TFTP, PXE, HTTP
- Criteria to match clients with configurations, package sets
- Deep integration with IPS, SMF
 - Install from multiple publishers, use mirrors
 - Configure system using SMF profiles and custom services

Getting Started with AI

- One-stop shopping: `installadm`
- Three steps to automation:

```
# pkg install SUNWinstalladm-tools
DOWNLOAD                PKGS          FILES        XFER (MB)
Completed                10/10        1128/1128    6.30/6.30

PHASE                    ACTIONS
Install Phase           1509/1509
PHASE                    ITEMS
Reading Existing Index  8/8
Indexing Packages       10/10
# wget http://dlc.sun.com/osol/opensolaris/2009/06/\
osol-0906-ai-x86.iso
# installadm ...
```

Demo – Automated Installer

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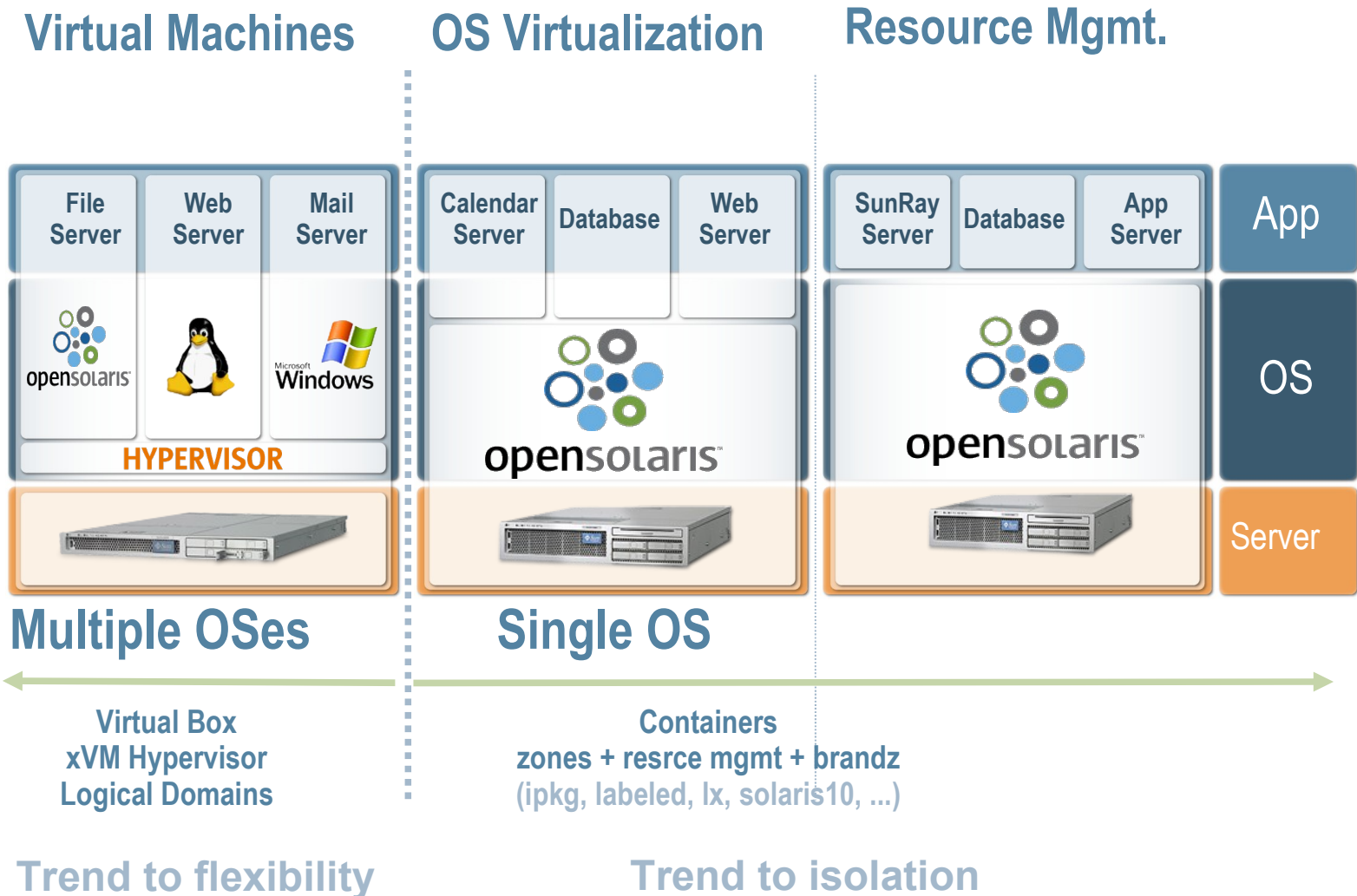
Virtualization

- Provides illusion of exclusive access to shared system resources
- Abstracts the physical resources
- Simplifies consolidation

Virtualization in OpenSolaris

- Resource management
- **Crossbow networking virtualization**
- **ZFS and COMSTAR storage virtualization**
- **Operating system virtualization (Zones)**
- Type 1 Hypervisors
 - XVM (Xen) on x86
 - Logical Domains (LDoms) on SPARC
- VirtualBox

OpenSolaris Virtualization Solutions



Crossbow Network Virtualization

- Scalable, virtualized network stack
- Virtual NICs, Virtual Switches, Virtual Wire
- Resource Controls
- Observability
 - real time usage
 - statistics
 - history
- Leveraged by Zones, xVM and LDOMs

Virtual NICs

- Layered on physical NIC or virtual switch
- Appear like physical NICs to higher-level software
 - IP addresses assigned normally
 - Snooped separately
 - Can be assigned to IPMP groups
- Can be assigned flow constraints like physical NICs
- Managed with dladm

Virtual Switches

- Useful for creating private networks between virtual machines or zones
- Called “etherstubs”
- Not layered on anything physical
- Managed with `dladm`

Flow Control

- Network “flows”
 - Can apply to both physical and virtual NICs
 - Set bandwidth limits and priorities
 - Filter based on services, transport, IP addresses and subnets
- Managed with flowadm
- Statistics Captured
 - Requires extended accounting to be activated

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OpenSolaris Zones

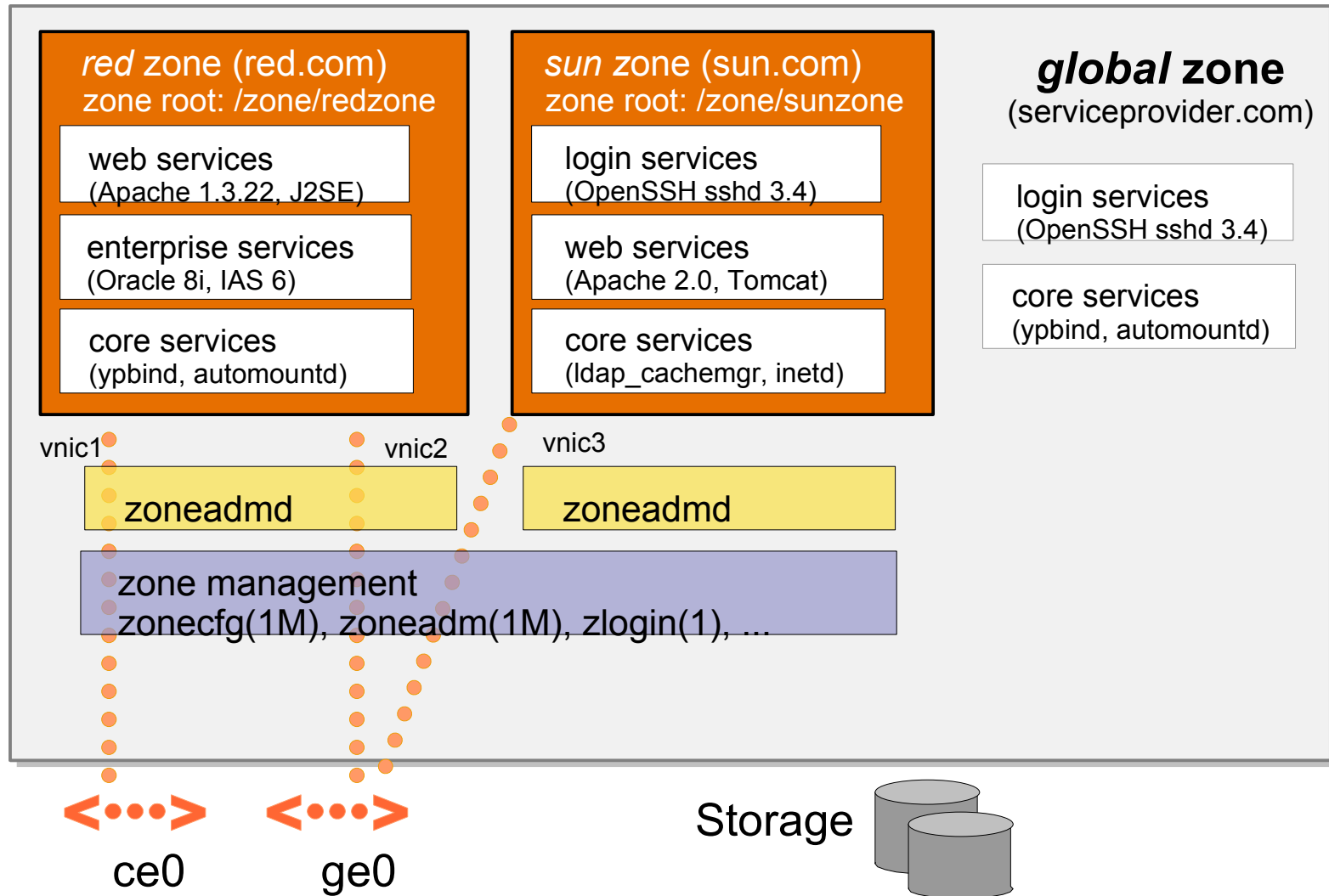
- Operating System level virtualization
 - Secure; Provide isolated environment on top of shared kernel
 - High performance; No virtual machine overhead
 - High scalability



Uses of Zones

- Server consolidation
- Application encapsulation
- Delegated administration

Zones



Zones Configuration and Administration

- zonecfg
 - Zone configuration
- zoneadm
 - Ongoing zones administration
- zlogin
 - Login to a zone

Zone Properties

- Set with zonecfg
- Don't take effect until next boot
- Examples
 - zonepath
 - autoboot
 - bootargs
 - limitpriv
 - ...

Resource Management in Zones

- Resource Control Properties
 - cpu-shares, max-lwps, ...
 - Use fair share scheduler
- pools
- dedicated-cpu
- capped-cpu
- capped-memory

Zones Device Management

- Delegate ZFS dataset to zone
 - Use dataset property
- Add additional file systems to zone
 - Use fs property
- Add device access to zone
 - Use device property

Zones Networking

○ Shared IP stack

- NIC shared by global zone and non-global zones
- Global zone manages networking configuration.
- IP address can't be changed in zone

○ Exclusive IP stack

- Complete IP software stack dedicated to each zone
- Zone assigned dedicated NIC
- Zone manages own IP address and routing

Zones Migration

- detach and attach
- Update on attach

Branded Zones

- Extension of the Zones infrastructure
- Allows creation of non-native zones
 - Makes a zone look like some other system than the global zone
 - Only supports user-land environments
 - Still bound by constraints for running in a zone
- Each distinct zone type is called a Brand
 - lx – Solaris Containers for Linux Applications
 - solaris8, solaris9 (on Solaris 10 only)
 - cluster (for zone clusters across multiple physical machines)

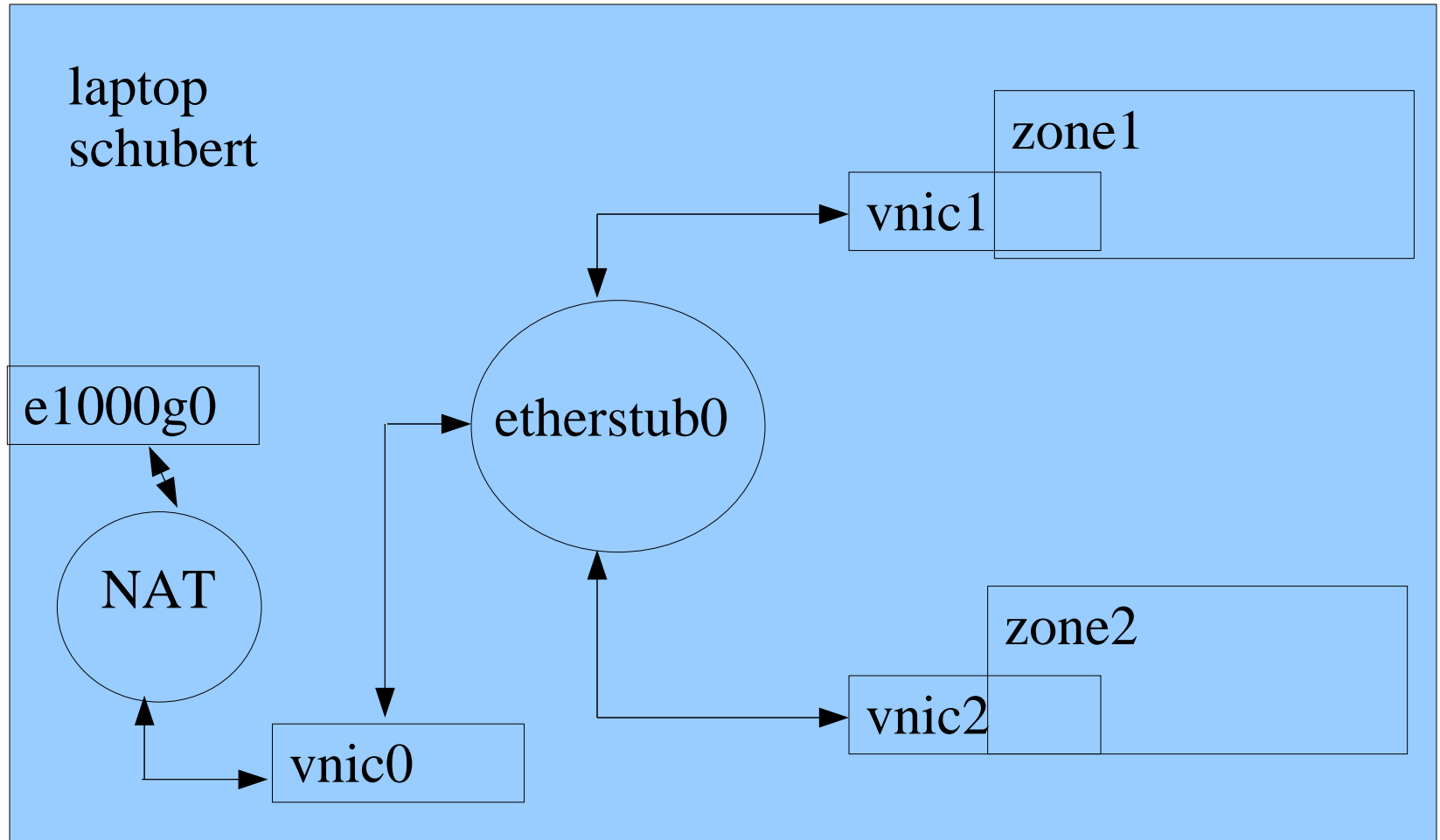
ipkg Brand

- “Native” brand on OpenSolaris
- Software management is different
 - Uses IPS instead of System V
- Whole-root only
- Installs from repository, not global zone
- Newly installed zones are small
 - ~55 packages
 - ~145MB
 - Must add additional packages manually

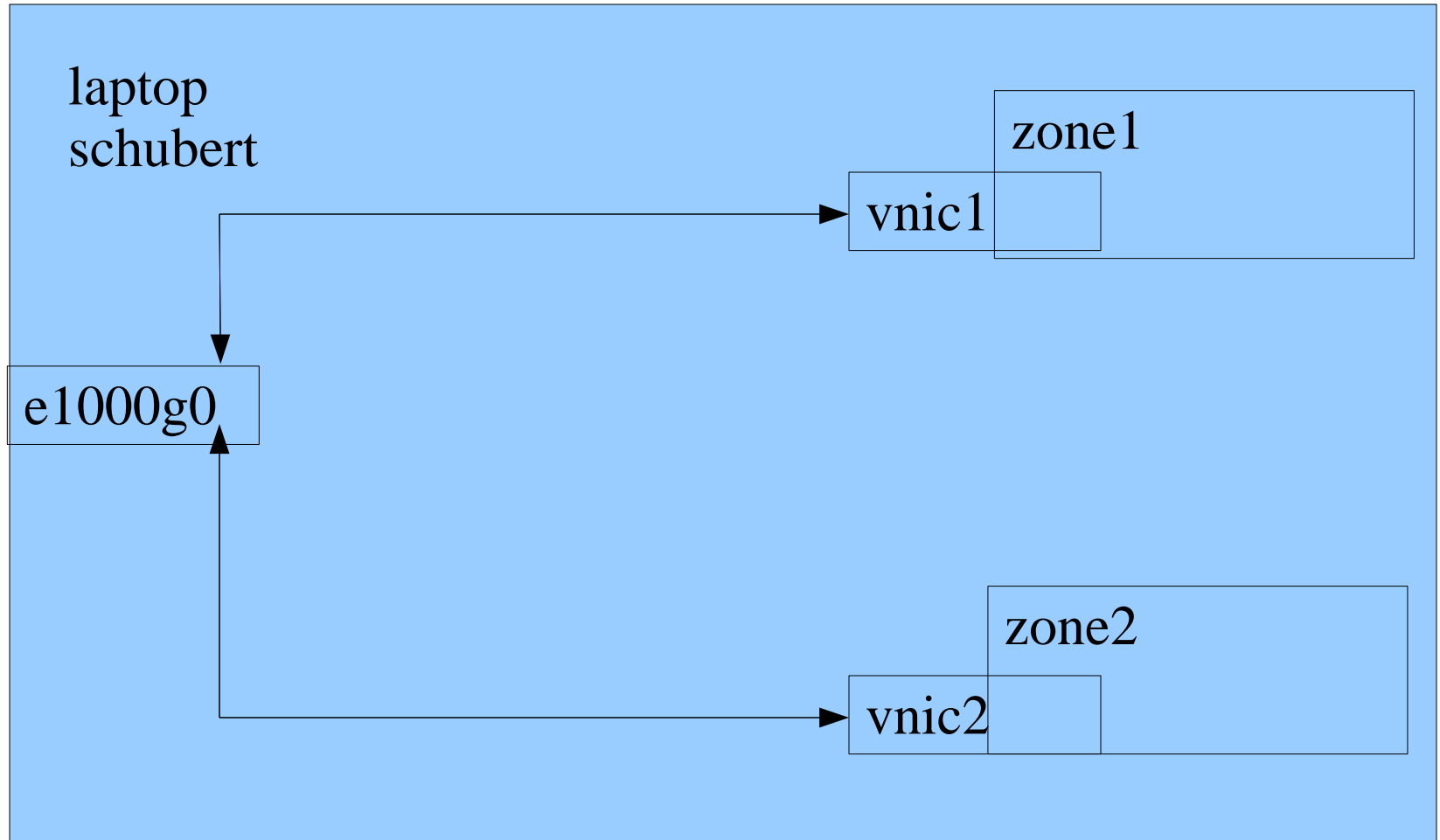
ipkg Brand (continued)

- Zones are integrated with `beadm`
- Zone roots have their own `zfs` datasets
 - Goal: `beadm` and `image-update` to work inside a zone
 - Active zone dataset mounted when zone boots
- Existing zones from 2008.05 can't be used
- Zones decoupled from the global zone
 - `pkg image-update` not fully integrated yet
 - Use `detach` and `attach -u` as workaround

Diagram of Demo Configuration



Alternative Configuration



Zones and Crossbow Demonstration

Solaris 10 Brand

- Adoption and compatibility aid for OpenSolaris
 - Protect investment in S10 (infrastructure, training, support)
 - Leverage new technology while limiting risk to production environment
 - Avoid required application recertification
- Physical to Virtual (“p2v”) process
 - Also v2v for Solaris 10 zones
- Project at <http://opensolaris.org/os/project/s10brand/>
- Shared stack only at this time

Containers Tradeoffs

○ Pros

- The preferred method for consolidating Solaris-only workloads
- Runs on any platform supported by OpenSolaris
- Widely adopted and mature
- Lowest overhead, best scalability, best observability
- Solaris 8 and 9 on Solaris 10; Solaris 10 on OpenSolaris

○ Cons

- Support for different operating systems (Linux (dated), Windows (none),...)
- When different Solaris kernel levels are required
- When specific restrictions on zones are involved (e.g. NFS server)

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Monitoring and Observability Tools

- System Information

- uname, prtconf, prtdiag, isainfo,

- Statistics

- prstat/top, vmstat, mpstat, iostat, etc.

- Proc tools

- pgrep, pstack, pkill, pfiles, etc.

Monitoring and Observability Demo

What is DTrace?

- Tool to observe and understand dynamic behavior of entire software system
- Fundamentally different from previous tools
 - Software does not have to be instrumented or explicitly built for monitoring
 - Safe for use on live production systems
 - No overhead until *probes* are enabled, and then only minimal overhead
- Includes programming language for expressing variety of tracing behavior

Who Can Benefit from DTrace?

○ Administrators

- Understand the system in order to tune and set policies
- Debug live problems

○ Developers

- Optimize applications

○ Everyone else

What Can You Do with DTrace?

- Determine which process is modifying a file
- Measure the amount of time spent in each function by an application
- Determine which application is spending the most time on the cpu
- Keystroke logging (not necessarily recommended...)
- In summary, answer pretty much any question you have about anything on your system

Simple Example

Trace all system calls

Probe specification

syscall:::entry

/pid != \$pid/

Predicate

{

printf("%d %s %s\n", pid, probefunc, execname);

}

Action

Pre-defined
variables

Run syscall Example

```
# dtrace -q -s syscall.d
718 write firefox-bin
718 lwp_park firefox-bin
718 read firefox-bin
718 ioctl firefox-bin
718 pollsys firefox-bin
718 ioctl firefox-bin
718 pollsys firefox-bin
718 ioctl firefox-bin
718 pollsys firefox-bin
589 ioctl gnome-volume-man
589 pollsys gnome-volume-man
624 portfs clock-applet
624 ioctl clock-applet
624 pollsys clock-applet
585 portfs nautilus
585 ioctl nautilus
...
```

More Complex Example

Determine time each process is spending on CPU

```

sched:::on-cpu
/pid != $pid/
{
  self->t = timestamp;
}

sched:::off-cpu
/self->t/
{
  @cputime[execname] = sum(timestamp - self->t);
  self->t = 0;
}

```

Thread-specific variable

Associative array

Aggregation

Run CPU-time Example

```
# dtrace -q -s cputime.d
```

```
^C
```

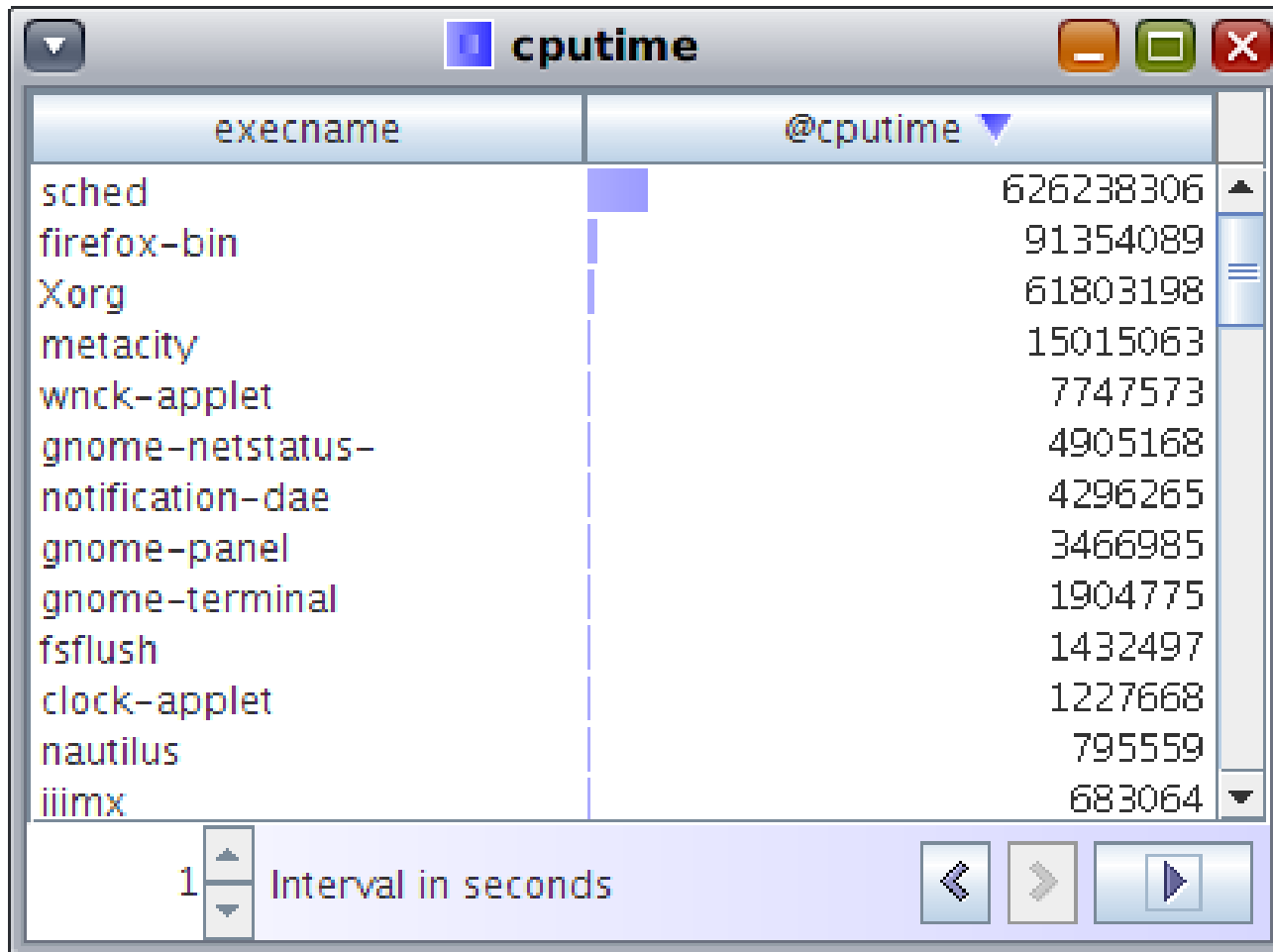
```
metacity          98
devfsadm          168109
mdnsd             433063
dhcpcagent        550435
sendmail          767811
dlmgmtd           1455941
gam_server        2398009
xscreensaver     2578289
gnome-settings-d 3728513
updatemanagernot 4146873
...
nautilus          7418007
fsflush           7938174
Xorg              9267514
gnome-terminal   12227762
gnome-panel       13701543
gnome-netstatus- 19195334
firefox-bin      69696567
sched             2720718306
```



The DTrace Toolkit

- Many useful DTrace scripts provided for you
 - dtruss
 - xvmstat
 - opensnoop
 - And many, many more...
- In /opt/DTT/
 - /opt/DTT/Bin has symlinks to all of them

Chime for visualising DTrace output



Chime Installation

- Download package from
<http://opensolaris.org/os/project/dtrace-chime/install/>
- Install Package

```
# gunzip osol0chime-i386-1.4.pkg.gz  
# pkgadd -d osol0chime-i386-1.4.pkg
```
- Launch

```
# /opt/OSOL0chime/bin/chime
```
- Use with DTrace Toolkit built-ins or add your own displays
 - Intuitive and easy to use

DTrace demo

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If OpenSolaris Won't Boot...

- Symptom

- Graphical boot screen just sits there

- Solution

- Press any key to switch to text mode

If OpenSolaris Won't Boot...

○ Symptoms

- Reset back to GRUB menu
- Hang after displaying initial banner
- Hang at **Configuring devices**

○ Solutions

- Verbose boot: add **-v** to kernel options
- Disable problematic driver: add **-B *disable-driver=true***
- Enable **kmdb**: add **-k** to kernel options

If OpenSolaris Won't Boot...

○ Symptom

- Never get to console login prompt

○ Solution

- Boot single-user (aka System Maintenance Mode): add `-s` to kernel options, login when prompted
- Examine system log `/var/adm/messages`
- Check service state with `svcs -x`

If The Desktop Won't Start...

○ Symptom

- No graphical login screen

○ Solution

- Ensure GNOME Display Manager (gdm) is enabled: `svcadm enable gdm`
- Examine X log, `/var/log/Xorg.0.log`
- Previous X log is `/var/log/Xorg.0.log.old`

If The Desktop Won't Start...

○ Symptom

- Keeps returning to login screen

○ Solution

- Select xterm failsafe session in login screen, then login
- Examine X and gdm session logs
 - `~/ .xsession-errors`
 - `/var/log/gdm/ *`

System Crash Dumps

- Use `dumpadm` to manage dump configuration
- Force a crash dump with `halt -d`
- Use `savecore` to pull dump data from dump device

```
# zfs create -o mountpoint=/crash rpool/crash
# dumpadm -s /crash -y
    Dump content: kernel pages
    Dump device: /dev/zvol/dsk/rpool/dump (dedicated)
Savecore directory: /crash
Savecore enabled: yes
```

Process Core Dumps

- Use `coreadm` to manage core dump configuration
- Generate process core dumps using `gcore`

```
# zfs create -o mountpoint=/cores rpool/cores  
# coreadm -g /cores/%f.%p -e global -d process
```

Network Troubleshooting Tools

- Link status using `dladm show-link`
- WiFi status using `dladm show-wifi`
- Routing, interface, socket stats via `netstat`
- Basic connectivity checks with `ping` and `traceroute`
- Nameservice checks with `dig` and `getent`
- Packet sniffing with `snoop`
 - Development builds now have `wireshark`

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Mailing lists

- For general help,
opensolaris-help@opensolaris.org
- For announcements of releases, new projects, other important community events:
opensolaris-announce@opensolaris.org
- Governance of the community:
ogb-discuss@opensolaris.org
- Spreading the OpenSolaris word:
advocacy-discuss@opensolaris.org

Web sites

- opensolaris.com – Release downloads, documentation, support
- opensolaris.org – Community portal
- genunix.org – Community wiki, other resources
- [BigAdmin](https://BigAdmin.com) – Sun's portal for administrators

Books

- Solaris Internals (McDougall and Mauro; Prentice Hall, 2007)
- Solaris Performance and Tools (McDougall, Mauro, Gregg; Prentice Hall, 2007)
- Pro OpenSolaris (Foxwell and Tran; Apress, 2009)
- Solaris Application Programming (Gove; Prentice Hall, 2008)
- OpenSolaris Bible (Solter, Jelinek, Miner; Wiley, 2009)

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