ngnfs block cache coherence

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Use case: multi-node POSIX FS as staging buffer

Archive:

- Files stored in FS via services (NFS/samba/S3)
- Archiving agent reads from FS and writes to archive
- File data truncated ("offline" flag)

Recall:

- Services block reading from FS
- Agent reads from archive and writes to FS
- Service reads complete

Environment:

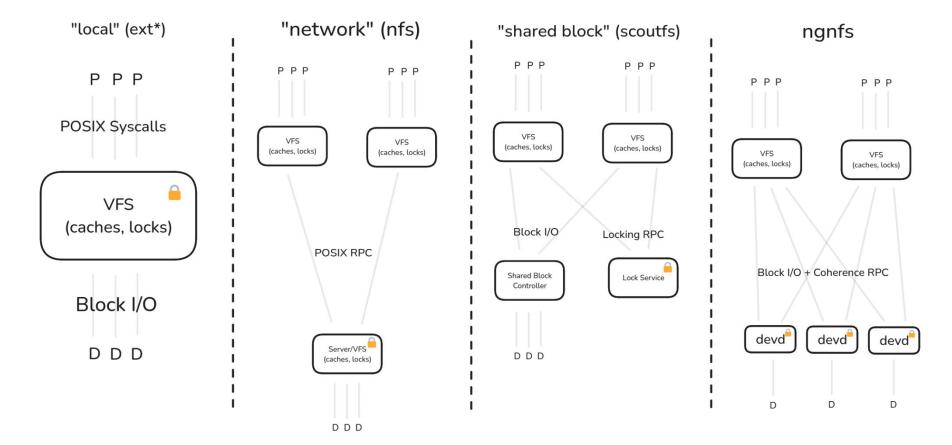
- Billions of files
- Many nodes for aggregate bandwidth
- Non-uniform archive access
- Example Node: 2 100Gb eth, 8 32Gb FC, 2 100Gb EDR IB



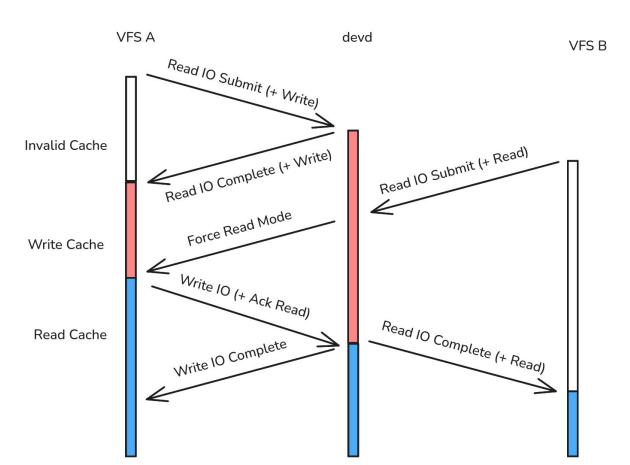


Tape's demise has been greatly exaggerated.

Sampling of consistency models



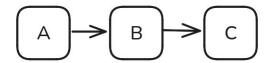
ngnfs block IO + cache coherence



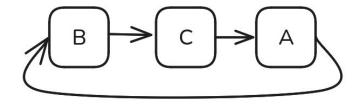
Cross-directory rename can be globally serialized.

/* "Perverted" doesn't begin to describe it. */

\$ mkdir -p a/b/c

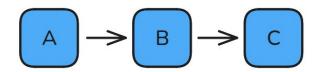


\$ mv a a/b/c/a mv: cannot move 'a' to a subdirectory of itself, 'a/b/c/a'

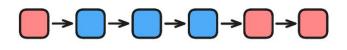


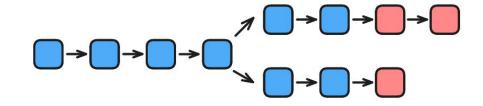
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struct dentry *lock_rename(struct dentry *p1, struct dentry *p2)
{
    /* ... */
    mutex_lock(&p1->d_sb->s_vfs_rename_mutex);
    return lock_two_directories(p1, p2);
}
```

ngnfs block transactions naturally pin parent walk.



Return error with read-only access





Successfully rename to remote ancestor

Successfully rename to distant cousin

Q/A

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