SFS 2.0 Port to IPv6

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Introduction...

- SFS (System File Server) 1.0 was released in April 1993. It utilizes the LADDIS NFS file server benchmark.
- SFS tries to overcome the limitations of nhfsstone, another NFS server benchmark.
- SFS implements the NFS protocol within its own framework.
- SFS 1.x is meant to test NFS version 2 servers running on top of the UDP transport.
- SFS 2.0 was released in 1997 to keep up with the advances in NFS technology.



Motivation...

- IPv6 is the future Internet protocol and Solaris must inevitably support it.
- SFS 2.0 is an excellent stress test for an NFS server.
- Someone had to do it!



How it works...

- The RPC framework had to be updated to work with IPv6.
- SFS runs as a distributed environment.
- Running this benchmark currently requires a dual stack OS.
- A text based user interface is provided for controlling the benchmark.



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