

System Administration Guide: Devices and File Systems

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Preface

System Administration Guide: Devices and File Systems is part of a set that includes a significant part of the Oracle Solaris system administration information. This guide contains information for both SPARC based and x86 based systems.

This book assumes you have completed the following tasks:

- Installed the Oracle Solaris 11 Express Operating System
- Set up all the networking software that you plan to use

For the Oracle Solaris 11 Express releases, new features of interest to system administrators are covered in sections called *What's New in ... ?* in the appropriate chapters.

Note – This Oracle Solaris release supports systems that use the SPARC and x86 families of processor architectures. The supported systems appear in the *Oracle Solaris Hardware Compatibility List* at <http://www.sun.com/bigadmin/hcl>. This document cites any implementation differences between the platform types.

In this document these x86 terms mean the following:

- “x86” refers to the larger family of 64-bit and 32-bit x86 compatible products.
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This book is intended for anyone responsible for administering one or more systems running the Oracle Solaris 11 Express release. To use this book, you should have 1–2 years of UNIX system administration experience. Attending UNIX system administration training courses might be helpful.

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Here is a list of the topics that are covered by the System Administration Guides.

Book Title	Topics
<i>System Administration Guide: Basic Administration</i>	User accounts and groups, server and client support, shutting down and booting a system, and managing services
<i>System Administration Guide: Advanced Administration</i>	Terminals and modems, system resources (disk quotas, accounting, and crontabs), system processes, and troubleshooting Oracle Solaris software problems
<i>System Administration Guide: Devices and File Systems</i>	Removable media, disks and devices, file systems, and backing up and restoring data
<i>System Administration Guide: IP Services</i>	TCP/IP network administration, IPv4 and IPv6 address administration, DHCP, IPsec, IKE, IP filter, Mobile IP, IP network multipathing (IPMP), and IPQoS
<i>System Administration Guide: Naming and Directory Services (DNS, NIS, and LDAP)</i>	DNS, NIS, and LDAP naming and directory services, including transitioning from NIS to LDAP and transitioning from NIS+ to LDAP
<i>System Administration Guide: Naming and Directory Services (NIS+)</i>	NIS+ naming and directory services
<i>System Administration Guide: Network Interfaces and Network Virtualization</i>	Networking stack, NIC driver property configuration, NWAM configuration, manual network interface configuration, administration of VLANs and link aggregations, IP networking multipathing (IPMP), WiFi wireless networking configuration, and virtual NICs (VNICs), and network resource management
<i>System Administration Guide: Network Services</i>	Web cache servers, time-related services, network file systems (NFS and autofs), mail, SLP, and PPP
<i>System Administration Guide: Printing</i>	Printing topics and tasks, using services, tools, protocols, and technologies to set up and administer printing services and printers

Book Title	Topics
<i>System Administration Guide: Security Services</i>	Auditing, device management, file security, BART, Kerberos services, PAM, Oracle Solaris Cryptographic Framework, privileges, RBAC, SASL, and Oracle Solaris Secure Shell
<i>System Administration Guide: Oracle Solaris Zones, Oracle Solaris 10 Containers, and Resource Management</i>	<p>Resource management topics projects and tasks, extended accounting, resource controls, fair share scheduler (FSS), physical memory control using the resource capping daemon (rcapd), and resource pools; virtualization using Solaris Zones software partitioning technology and lx branded zones</p> <p>Resource management features, which enable you to control how applications use available system resources; Oracle Solaris Zones software partitioning technology, which virtualizes operating system services to create an isolated environment for running applications; and Oracle Solaris 10 Containers, which host Oracle Solaris 10 environments running on the Oracle Solaris 11 Express kernel</p>
<i>Oracle Solaris SMB and Windows Interoperability Administration Guide</i>	Oracle Solaris SMB service, which enables you to configure an Oracle Solaris system to make SMB shares available to SMB clients; Oracle Solaris SMB client, which enables you to access SMB shares; and native identity mapping services, which enables you to map user and group identities between Oracle Solaris systems and Windows systems
<i>Oracle Solaris ZFS Administration Guide</i>	ZFS storage pool and file system creation and management, snapshots, clones, backups, using access control lists (ACLs) to protect ZFS files, using ZFS on a Solaris system with zones installed, emulated volumes, and troubleshooting and data recovery
<i>Oracle Solaris Trusted Extensions Configuration and Administration</i>	System installation, configuration, and administration that is specific to the Oracle Solaris' Trusted Extensions feature

Documentation, Support, and Training

See the following web sites for additional resources:

- [Documentation \(http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/indexes/documentation/index.html\)](http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/indexes/documentation/index.html)
- [Support \(http://www.oracle.com/us/support/systems/index.html\)](http://www.oracle.com/us/support/systems/index.html)
- [Training \(http://education.oracle.com\)](http://education.oracle.com) – Click the Sun link in the left navigation bar.

Oracle Software Resources

Oracle Technology Network (<http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/index.html>) offers a range of resources related to Oracle software:

- Discuss technical problems and solutions on the [Discussion Forums](http://forums.oracle.com) (<http://forums.oracle.com>).
- Get hands-on step-by-step tutorials with [Oracle By Example](http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/tutorials/index.html) (<http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/tutorials/index.html>).
- Download [Sample Code](http://www.oracle.com/technology/sample_code/index.html) (http://www.oracle.com/technology/sample_code/index.html).

What Typographic Conventions Mean

The following table describes the typographic conventions used in this book.

TABLE P-1 Typographic Conventions

Typeface or Symbol	Meaning	Example
AaBbCc123	The names of commands, files, and directories; on screen computer output	Edit your <code>.login</code> file. Use <code>ls -a</code> to list all files. <code>machine_name%</code> you have mail.
AaBbCc123	What you type, contrasted with on screen computer output	<code>machine_name%</code> su Password:
<i>AaBbCc123</i>	Command-line placeholder: replace with a real name or value	To delete a file, type rm filename .
<i>AaBbCc123</i>	Book titles, new words or terms, or words to be emphasized	Read Chapter 6 in <i>User's Guide</i> . These are called <i>class</i> options. Do <i>not</i> save changes yet.

Shell Prompts in Command Examples

The following table shows the default system prompt and superuser prompt for the C shell, Bourne shell, and Korn shell.

TABLE P-2 Shell Prompts

Shell	Prompt
C shell prompt	<code>machine_name%</code>

TABLE P-2 Shell Prompts (Continued)

Shell	Prompt
C shell superuser prompt	machine_name#
Bourne shell and Korn shell prompt	\$
Bourne shell and Korn shell superuser prompt	#

Managing Removable Media (Overview)

This chapter provides general guidelines for managing removable media in the Solaris OS.

This is a list of the overview information in this chapter.

- [“What's New in Removable Media?” on page 23](#)
- [“Where to Find Managing Removable Media Tasks” on page 28](#)
- [“Removable Media Features and Benefits” on page 28](#)
- [“Comparison of Manual and Automatic Mounting” on page 28](#)
- [“Overview of Accessing Removable Media” on page 29](#)

What's New in Removable Media?

The following section describes new removable media features in the Solaris release.

- [“Changes and Improvements to Removable Media Management” on page 23](#)
- [“`vol` is Managed by the Service Management Facility \(SMF\)” on page 27](#)

For a complete listing of new Solaris features and a description of Solaris releases, see .

Changes and Improvements to Removable Media Management

Oracle Solaris 11 Express: Previous features for managing removable media have been removed and replaced with services and methods that provide better removable media management.

The following new features are available:

- New removable media services are enabled and disabled by using SMF.

```

online      12:17:54 svc:/system/hal:default
online      12:17:56 svc:/system/filesystem/rmvolmgr:default
online      12:17:26 svc:/system/dbus:default

```

- Removable media is now mounted automatically in the `/media` directory. However, symbolic links to `/media` are provided from previous media mount points, `/cdrom` and `/rmdisk`, for compatibility purposes.

For example, a compact flash memory card (`/dev/dsk/c4d0p0:1`) is mounted as follows:

```
$ ls /media/NIKON
```

For example, a USB memory stick (`/dev/dsk/c3t0d0s0`) is mounted as follows:

```
$ ls /media/U3
```

For example, a diskette (`/dev/diskette0`) is mounted as follows:

```
$ ls /media/floppy
```

- The default removable media volume manager, `rmvolmgr`, is responsible for following activities:
 - Mounting and unmounting volumes.
 - The root instance of `rmvolmgr` starts at system boot. However, you can configure your session's configuration files to start an instance of `rmvolmgr` when you log in. When run within a user session, `rmvolmgr` only mounts devices owned by the current user or session and does not conflict with the root instance.
 - When `rmvolmgr` exits, it unmounts all media that it mounted.
 - For compatibility purposes, `rmvolmgr` creates symbolic links under the `/cdrom`, `/floppy`, `/rmdisk` directories to the actual mount points under `/media`.
 - A special `rmvolmgr` run mode is available for CDE compatibility.
- The hardware abstraction layer (HAL) daemon, `hal`, provides a view of the device attached to a system. This view is updated automatically as hardware configuration changes, by hotplugging or other mechanisms.

HAL represents a piece of hardware as a device object. A device object is identified by a unique device identifier (UDI) and carries a set of key-value pairs referred to as device properties. Some properties are derived from the actual hardware, some are merged from device information files (`.fdi` files) and some are related to the actual device configuration.

The following features are removed:

- The `vol` daemon, the `vol` file system, and the `vol` service have been removed.

```
svc:/system/filesystem/vol
```

- Logical device names for removable media under the `/vol` directory, such as `/vol/dev/rdisk/...` or `/vol/dev/aliases/...`, are no longer provided.

To access removable media by its logical device name, the `/dev` device should be used. For example:


```
/dev/rdisk/c0t6d0s2
```

- Some `vol` device nicknames are no longer available. The following `eject -l` output identified the available device nicknames for each device and in this example, the mounted media pathname (`/media/SOL_11_X86_4`):

```
$ eject -l
/dev/dsk/c2t0d0s2    cdrom, cdrom0, cd, cd0, sr, sr0, SOL_11_X86_4, /media/SOL_11_X86_4
/dev/diskette        floppy, floppy0, fd, fd0, diskette, diskette0, rdiskette, rdiskette0
```

The comma-separated list shows the nicknames that can be used to eject each device.

- Customizations that were made in `vol.d.conf` and `rmmount.conf` are no longer available because these configuration files no longer exist. For information about managing media customizations, see [“Customizing Removable Media Management” on page 26](#).
- Commands that begin with `vol*` commands except for `volcheck` and `volrmmount`.

Backward Compatibility

The following features provide backward compatibility with previous Solaris removable media features:

- Removable media mount points have moved to the `/media` directory, which is used to mount removable media, such as CD-ROMs and USB devices. Symbolic links to `/media` from previous media mounts points, such as `/cdrom` and `/rmdisk`, are provided for compatibility purposes.
- The `rmformat` command is still available. The output of this command is identical to what it looks in previous Solaris releases with `vol` disabled.

For example:

```
# rmformat
Looking for devices...
  1. Logical Node: /dev/rdisk/c0t6d0s2
     Physical Node: /pci@1f,4000/scsi@3/sd@6,0
     Connected Device: TOSHIBA DVD-ROM SD-M1401 1009
     Device Type: DVD Reader
     Bus: SCSI
     Size: 2.9 GB
     Label: <None>
     Access permissions: <Unknown>
```

- The `eject` command is available but has been enhanced. For more information, see [“Ejecting Removable Media” on page 26](#).

Mounting and Unmounting Removable Media

Most commands that begin with `vol*` are removed in this release. A modified version of `rmmount` and a new `rmumount` command are available to mount and unmount removable media.

These commands can be used to mount by device name, label, or mount point. For example, to mount an iPod:

```
% rmmount ipod
```

For example, to unmount the file systems on a DVD:

```
# rmmount cdrom
cdrom /dev/dsk/c0t6d0s5 unmounted
cdrom /dev/dsk/c0t6d0s0 unmounted
```

For more information, see [rmmount\(1M\)](#).

Mounting and Unmounting Diskettes

You can use the existing `volcheck` command to manually poll diskettes and mount them if a new diskette is detected.

If you manually reformat diskette after it is connected to the system, HAL is not automatically notified. Continue to use the `volcheck` command to notify the system and attempt to automount a new file system on a diskette.

Ejecting Removable Media

As in previous Solaris releases, use the `eject` command to unmount and eject removable media. However, the following `eject` options are available:

- f Forces the device to eject even if the device is busy.
- l Displays paths and nicknames of devices that can be ejected.
- t A CD-ROM tray close command is provided to the device. Not all devices support this option.

For example, to eject by its volume label:

```
% eject mypictures
```

As in previous Solaris releases, you might need to issue the `volcheck` command before using the `eject` command to eject a diskette.

For more information, see [eject\(1\)](#).

Customizing Removable Media Management

For most customizations that were available in the `vol.d.conf` and `rmmount.conf` files, you will need to either use Desktop Volume manager preferences or modify the `.fdi` files.

- For `rmmount.conf` actions, you will need to use either Desktop Volume Manager actions, `gconf`, or HAL callouts.
- Previously, `rmmount.conf` actions could be run as root on behalf of ordinary users. Now, this is done by installing callout executables in the `/usr/lib/hal` directory.

Disabling Removable Media Features

You can disable some or all removable media features in this release:

- To prevent volumes from mounting outside of user sessions, disable the `rmvolmgr` service. For example:

```
# svcadm disable rmvolmgr
```

- To prevent any volume management, disable the `dbus`, `hal`, and `rmvolmgr` services.

```
# svcadm disable rmvolmgr
# svcadm disable dbus
# svcadm disable hal
```

vold is Managed by the Service Management Facility (SMF)

Oracle Solaris 11 Express: The volume management daemon, `vold`, is now managed by the Service Management Facility (SMF). This means you can use the `svcadm disable` command to disable the following new `volfs` service, if appropriate:

```
# svcadm disable volfs
```

You can identify the status of the `volfs` service by using this command:

```
$ svcs volfs
STATE          STIME      FMRI
online         Sep_29     svc:/system/filesystem/volfs:default
```

For more information, see [smf\(5\)](#).

You can use the `svccfg` command to display and to set additional `vold` properties. For example, you could temporarily enable `vold` logging to help troubleshooting a problem. For example:

```
# svccfg
svc:> select system/filesystem/volfs
svc:/system/filesystem/volfs> setprop vold/log_debuglevel=3
svc:/system/filesystem/volfs> exit
# svcadm disable volfs
# svcadm enable volfs
```

You can also use the `svccfg` command to display a listing of settable `vold` properties.

```
# svccfg
svc:> select volfs
svc:/system/filesystem/volfs> listprop vold/*
vold/config_file          astring
vold/log_debuglevel      count    3
vold/log_file             astring
vold/log_nfs_trace       boolean  false
```

```
vold/log_verbose          boolean  false
vold/root_dir            astring
vold/never_writeback_label  boolean  false
svc:/system/filesystem/volfs> exit
```

Where to Find Managing Removable Media Tasks

Use these references to find step-by-step instructions for managing removable media.

Removable Media Management Task	For More Information
Access removable media	Chapter 3, “Accessing Removable Media (Tasks)”
Format removable media	Chapter 2, “Managing Removable Media (Tasks)”
Write data CDs and DVDs and music CDs	Chapter 4, “Writing CDs and DVDs (Tasks)”

Removable Media Features and Benefits

The Solaris release gives users and software developers a standard interface for dealing with removable media. Removable media services provide the following benefits:

- Automatically mounts removable media. For a comparison of manual and automatic mounting, see the following section.
- Enables you to access removable media without having to become an administrator.
- Allows you to give other systems on the network automatic access to any removable media on your local system. For more information, see [Chapter 3, “Accessing Removable Media \(Tasks\)”](#).

Comparison of Manual and Automatic Mounting

The following table compares the steps involved in manual mounting (without removable media services) and automatic mounting (with removable media management) of removable media.

TABLE 1-1 Comparison of Manual and Automatic Mounting of Removable Media

Steps	Manual Mounting	Automatic Mounting
1	Insert media.	Insert media.
2	Become an administrator.	For diskettes, use the <code>volcheck</code> command.

TABLE 1-1 Comparison of Manual and Automatic Mounting of Removable Media (Continued)

Steps	Manual Mounting	Automatic Mounting
3	Determine the location of the media device.	Removable media services automatically perform many of the tasks that are required to manually mount and work with removable media.
4	Create a mount point.	
5	Make sure you are not in the mount point directory.	
6	Mount the device and use the proper mount options.	
7	Exit the superuser account.	
8	Work with files on media.	Work with files on media.
9	Become superuser.	
10	Unmount the media device.	
11	Eject media.	Eject media.
12	Exit the administrator account.	

Overview of Accessing Removable Media

Essentially, removable media services enable you to access removable media just as manual mounting does, but more easily and without the need for administrative access.

If the media contains a file system and a label, the media label name is used to name the */media/pathname* mount point. If a label is not present, the disk model name is used to name the media, such as */media/cdrom*. A generic *nickname* is used only for legacy symbolic links. For example, */rmdisk/rmdisk0*.

If your system has more than one type of removable device, see the following table for their access points.

TABLE 1-2 How to Access Data on Removable Media

Access	Insert	Unlabeled Media Pathnames	Labeled Media Pathname Examples
Files on a diskette	The diskette and type <code>volcheck</code> on the command line	<i>/media/floppy</i>	<i>/media/FD-05PUB</i>

TABLE 1-2 How to Access Data on Removable Media (Continued)

Access	Insert	Unlabeled Media Pathnames	Labeled Media Pathname Examples
Files on a removable hard disk	The removable hard disk and type volcheck on the command line	<code>/media/usb-disk</code> or the legacy path <code>/rmdisk/rmdisk0</code>	<code>/media/00JB-00CRA0</code>
Files on a CD	The CD and wait for a few seconds	<code>/media/cdrom</code>	<code>/media/sol_9_sparc</code>
Files on a DVD	The DVD and wait for a few seconds	<code>/media/cdrom</code>	<code>/media/SOL_11_X86</code>

You can use the `rmmount -l` command to identify mounted media on your system. For example:

```
# rmmount -l
/dev/dsk/c5t0d0p0      rmdisk6,/media/FD-05PUB
/dev/dsk/c4t0d3p0      rmdisk5,/media/223UHS-SD-MMC
/dev/dsk/c2t0d0s2      cdrom1,cd1,sr1,SOL_11_X86,/media/SOL_11_X86
/dev/dsk/c3t0d0p0      rmdisk2,/media/00JB-00CRA0
```

In the above output, the mounted devices are as follows:

```
/dev/dsk/c5t0d0p0      USB floppy
/dev/dsk/c4t0d3p0      CF card in a USB card reader
/dev/dsk/c2t0d0s2      DVD-ROM
/dev/dsk/c3t0d0p0      Removable USB disk
```

Managing Removable Media (Tasks)

This chapter describes how to manage removable media from the command line in the Solaris OS.

For information on the procedures associated with managing removable media, see [“Managing Removable Media \(Task Map\)” on page 31](#). For background information on removable media, see [Chapter 1, “Managing Removable Media \(Overview\)”](#).

Managing Removable Media (Task Map)

The following task map describes the tasks for managing removable media.

Task	Description	For Instructions
1. Load media.	Insert the diskette into the drive and type the <code>volcheck</code> command.	“How to Load Removable Media” on page 33
2. (Optional) Format the diskette.	Format diskette.	“How to Format a Diskette (<code>rmformat</code>)” on page 34
3. (Optional) Add a UFS or PCFS file system.	Add a UFS or PCFS file system to use the media for transferring files.	“How to Create a File System on Removable Media” on page 35
	Add a UFS or UDFS file system to a DVD-RAM device.	“How to Create a File System on a DVD-RAM” on page 36
4. (Optional) Check the media.	Verify the integrity of the file system on the media.	“How to Check a File System on Removable Media” on page 37
5. (Optional) Repair bad blocks on the media.	Repair any bad blocks on the media, if necessary.	“How to Repair Bad Blocks on Removable Media” on page 38

Task	Description	For Instructions
6. (Optional) Apply read or write and password protection.	Apply read or write protection or password protection on the media, if necessary.	“How to Enable or Disable Write Protection on Removable Media” on page 38

Formatting Diskettes

You can use the `rmformat` command to format and protect rewritable diskettes. File systems are mounted automatically. So, you might have to unmount media before you can format it, if the media contains an existing file system.

The `rmformat` command has three formatting options:

- `quick` – This option formats diskettes without certification or with limited certification of certain tracks on the media.
- `long` – This option completely formats diskettes. For some devices, the use of this option might include the certification of the whole media by the drive.
- `force` – This option formats completely without user confirmation. For diskettes with a password-protection mechanism, this option clears the password before formatting. This feature is useful when a password is forgotten. On diskettes without password protection, this option forces a long format.

Removable Media Hardware Considerations

Keep the following restrictions in mind when working with diskettes:

- SPARC and x86 UFS formats are different. SPARC uses little-endian bit coding, x86 uses big-endian. Media formatted for UFS is restricted to the hardware platform on which they were formatted. So, a diskette formatted for UFS on a SPARC based platform cannot be used for UFS on an x86 platform. Likewise, a diskette formatted for UFS on an x86 platform cannot be used on a SPARC platform.
- A complete format for SunOS file systems consists of the basic “bit” formatting in addition the structure to support a SunOS file system. A complete format for a DOS file system consists of the basic “bit” formatting in addition the structure to support either an MS-DOS or an NEC-DOS file system. The procedures required to prepare a media for each type of file system are different. Therefore, before you format a diskette, consider which procedure to follow. For more information, see [“Managing Removable Media \(Task Map\)” on page 31](#).

Diskette Hardware Considerations

Keep the following in mind when formatting diskettes:

- For information on diskette names, see [Table 3–1](#).

- Diskettes that are not named (that is, they have no “label”) are assigned the default name of `floppy`.

A Solaris system can format the following diskette types:

- UFS
- MS-DOS or NEC-DOS (PCFS)
- UDFS

On a Solaris system (either SPARC or x86), you can format diskettes with the following densities.

Diskette Size	Diskette Density	Capacity
3.5”	High density (HD)	1.44 MB
3.5”	Double density (DD)	720 KB

By default, the diskette drive formats a diskette to a like density. This default means that a 1.44 MB drive attempts to format a diskette for 1.44 MB, regardless of whether the diskette is, in fact, a 1.44 MB diskette, unless you instruct it otherwise. In other words, a diskette can be formatted to its capacity or lower, and a drive can format to its capacity or lower.

▼ How to Load Removable Media

For information about removable media hardware considerations, see [“Removable Media Hardware Considerations”](#) on page 32.

1 Insert the media.

2 Ensure that the media is formatted.

If you aren't sure, insert the media and check the status messages in the system console window, as described in [Step 3](#). If you need to format the media, go to [“How to Format a Diskette \(`rmformat`\)”](#) on page 34.

3 (Optional) Notify volume management if you are using a legacy, non-USB diskette device.

```
$ volcheck -v
```

Two status messages are possible:

```
media was found
```

Volume management detected the media and will attempt to mount it in the directory described in [Table 3-1](#).

If the media is formatted properly, no error messages appear in the console.

If the media is not formatted, the “media was found” message is still displayed. However, error messages similar to the following appear in the system console window:

```
fd0: unformatted diskette or no diskette in the drive
```

```
fd0: read failed (40 1 0)
```

```
fd0: bad format
```

You must format the media before volume management can mount it. For more information, see [Chapter 2, “Managing Removable Media \(Tasks\).”](#)

no media was found

Volume management did not detect the media. Ensure that the media is inserted properly, and run `volcheck` again. If unsuccessful, check the media, which could be damaged. You can also try to mount the media manually.

4 Verify that the media was mounted by listing its contents.

For example, do the following for a diskette:

```
$ ls /media/floppy
lost+found myfiles
```

▼ How to Format a Diskette (rmformat)

You can use the `rmformat` command to format a diskette. By default, this command creates two partitions on the media: partition 0 and partition 2 (the whole media).

1 Verify that removable media service is running. If so, you can use the shorter nickname for the device name.

```
# svcs hal dbus rmvolmgr
STATE      STIME    FMRI
online     Apr_09  svc:/system/dbus:default
online     Apr_09  svc:/system/hal:default
online     Apr_09  svc:/system/filesystem/rmvolmgr:default
```

For information on restarting removable media services, see [“How to Disable or Enable Removable Media Services” on page 44](#). For information on identifying media device names, see [“Using Removable Media Names” on page 42](#).

2 Format the diskette.

```
$ rmformat -F [ quick | long | force ] device-name
```

See [“Formatting Diskettes” on page 32](#) for more information on `rmformat` formatting options.

If the `rmformat` output indicates bad blocks, see [“How to Repair Bad Blocks on Removable Media” on page 38](#).

3 (Optional) Label the diskette with an 8-character label.

```
$ rmformat -b label device-name
```

For information on creating a DOS label, see `mkfs_pcfs(1M)`.

Example 2-1 Formatting a Diskette

This example shows how to format a diskette.

```
$ rmformat -F quick /dev/rdiskette
Formatting will erase all the data on disk.
Do you want to continue? (y/n) y
.....
```

▼ How to Create a File System on Removable Media

1 (Optional) Format the diskette.

```
$ rmformat -F quick device-name
```

2 (Optional) Create an alternate Solaris partition table.

```
$ rmformat -s slice-file device-name
```

A sample slice file appears similar to the following:

```
slices: 0 = 0, 30MB, "wm", "home" :
         1 = 30MB, 51MB :
         2 = 0, 94MB, "wm", "backup" :
         6 = 81MB, 13MB
```

3 Become an administrator.

For more information, see [“How to Obtain Administrative Rights” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*](#).

4 Determine the appropriate file system type and select one of the following:

- Create a UFS file system. For example:


```
# newfs /dev/rdiskette0
```
- Create a PCFS file system. For example:


```
# mkfs -F pcfs /dev/rdsk/c0t4d0s2:c
```
- Create a UDFS file system. For example:

```
# mkfs -F udfs /dev/rdisk/c0t1d0s1
```

Example 2-2 Formatting a Diskette for a UFS File System

The following example shows how to format a diskette and create a UFS file system on the diskette.

```
$ rmformat -F quick /dev/rdiskette
Formatting will erase all the data on disk.
Do you want to continue? (y/n)y
$ su
# /usr/sbin/newfs /dev/rdiskette
newfs: construct a new file system /dev/rdiskette: (y/n)? y
/dev/rdiskette: 2880 sectors in 80 cylinders of 2 tracks, 18 sectors
      1.4MB in 5 cyl groups (16 c/g, 0.28MB/g, 128 i/g)
super-block backups (for fsck -F ufs -o b=#) at:
   32, 640, 1184, 1792, 2336,
```

Example 2-3 Formatting a Diskette for a PCFS File System

This example shows how to create a PCFS file system with an alternate fdisk partition. In these examples, vold is not running.

```
$ rmformat -F quick /dev/rdsk/c0t4d0s2:c
Formatting will erase all the data on disk.
Do you want to continue? (y/n) y
$ su
# fdisk /dev/rdsk/c0t4d0s2:c
# mkfs -F pcfs /dev/rdsk/c0t4d0s2:c
Construct a new FAT file system on /dev/rdsk/c0t4d0s2:c: (y/n)? y
#
```

This example shows how to create a PCFS file system without an fdisk partition.

```
$ rmformat -F quick /dev/rdiskette
Formatting will erase all the data on disk.
Do you want to continue? (y/n) y
$ su
# mkfs -F pcfs -o nofdisk,size=2 /dev/rdiskette
Construct a new FAT file system on /dev/rdiskette: (y/n)? y
#
```

▼ How to Create a File System on a DVD-RAM

Use this procedure to create a file system on a DVD-RAM.

1 Become an administrator.

For more information, see “How to Obtain Administrative Rights” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

- 2 **Create a file system on the DVD-RAM device.**
 - Create a UFS file system. For example:


```
# newfs /dev/rdisk/c0t0d0s2
```
 - Create a UDFS file system. For example:


```
# mkfs -F udfs /dev/rdisk/c0t0d0s2
```
- 3 **Mount the file system.**
 - Mount a UFS file system. For example:


```
# mount -F ufs /dev/dsk/c0t0d0s2 /mnt
```
 - Mount a UDFS file system. For example:


```
# mount -F udfs /dev/dsk/c0t0d0s2 /mnt
```
- 4 **Verify that you can read or write to the file system.**
- 5 **When finished, eject the DVD-RAM.**

▼ How to Check a File System on Removable Media

- 1 **Become an administrator.**
For more information, see “[How to Obtain Administrative Rights](#)” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.
- 2 **Identify the file system type and select one of the following:**
 - Check a UFS file system.


```
# fsck -F ufs device-name
```
 - Check a UDFS file system.


```
# fsck -F udfs device-name
```
 - Check a PCFS file system.


```
# fsck -F pcfs device-name
```

Example 2–4 Checking a PCFS File System on Removable Media

The following example shows how check the consistency of a PCFS file system on media. In this example, `vol0` is not running.

```
# fsck -F pcfs /dev/rdisk/c0t4d0s2
** /dev/rdisk/c0t4d0s2
```

```
** Scanning file system meta-data
** Correcting any meta-data discrepancies
1457664 bytes.
0 bytes in bad sectors.
0 bytes in 0 directories.
0 bytes in 0 files.
1457664 bytes free.
512 bytes per allocation unit.
2847 total allocation units.
2847 available allocation units.
#
```

▼ How to Repair Bad Blocks on Removable Media

You can only use the `rmformat` command to verify, analyze, and repair bad sectors that are found during verification if the drive supports bad block management. Most diskettes and USB memory sticks do not support bad block management.

If the drive supports bad block management, a best effort is made to rectify the bad block. If the bad block cannot be rectified despite the best effort mechanism, a message indicates the failure to repair the media.

1 Repair bad blocks on removable media.

```
$ rmformat -c block-numbers device-name
```

Supply the block number in decimal, octal, or hexadecimal format from a previous `rmformat` session.

2 Verify the media.

```
$ rmformat -V read device-name
```

Applying Read or Write Protection and Password Protection to Removable Media

You can apply read protection or write protection, and set a password, on removable media that support this feature.

▼ How to Enable or Disable Write Protection on Removable Media

1 Determine whether you want to enable or disable write protection and select one of the following:

- Enable write protection.
\$ **rmformat -w enable** *device-name*
- Disable write protection.
\$ **rmformat -w disable** *device-name*

2 Verify whether the media's write protection is enabled or disabled.

```
$ rmformat -p device-name
```

▼ How to Enable or Disable Read or Write Protection and Set a Password on Removable Media

You can apply a password with a maximum of 32 characters for removable media that support this feature.

You will receive a warning message if you attempt to apply a password on media that does not support this feature.

1 Determine whether you want to enable or disable read protection or write protection and set a password. Select one of the following:

- Enable read protection or write protection.
\$ **rmformat -W enable** *device-name*
Please enter password (32 chars maximum): *xxx*
Please reenter password:
\$ **rmformat -R enable** *device-name*
Please enter password (32 chars maximum): *xxx*
Please reenter password:
- Disable read protection or write protection and remove the password.
\$ **rmformat -W disable** *device-name*
Please enter password (32 chars maximum): *xxx*
\$ **rmformat -R disable** *device-name*
Please enter password (32 chars maximum): *xxx*

2 Verify whether the media's read protection or write protection is enabled or disabled.

```
$ rmformat -p device-name
```

Example 2-5 Enabling or Disabling Read or Write Protection and Password Protection

This example shows how to enable write protection and set a password on a diskette.

```
$ rmformat -W enable /dev/rdiskette  
Please enter password (32 chars maximum): xxx  
Please reenter password: xxx
```

This example shows to disable read protection and remove the password on a diskette.

```
$ rmformat -R disable /dev/rdiskette  
Please enter password (32 chars maximum): xxx  
Please reenter password: xxx
```


Accessing Removable Media (Tasks)

This chapter describes how to access removable media from the command line in the Solaris OS.

For information on the procedures associated with accessing removable media, see the following:

- “Accessing Removable Media (Task Map)” on page 41
- “Accessing Removable Media on a Remote System (Task Map)” on page 47

For background information on removable media, see Chapter 1, “Managing Removable Media (Overview).”

Accessing Removable Media (Task Map)

The following task map describes the tasks for accessing removable media.

Task	Description	For Instructions
1. (Optional) Add the removable media drive.	Add the removable media drive to your system, if necessary.	“How to Add a New Removable Media Drive” on page 43
2. (Optional) Decide whether you want to use removable media with or without volume management (volmgr).	Volume management (volmgr) runs by default. Decide whether you want to use removable media with or without volume management.	“How to Disable or Enable Removable Media Services” on page 44
3. Access removable media.	Access different kinds of removable media with or without volume management running.	“How to Access Information on Removable Media” on page 44
4. (Optional) Copy files or directories.	Copy files or directories from the media as you would from any other location in the file system.	“How to Copy Information From Removable Media” on page 45

Task	Description	For Instructions
5. Find out if the media is still in use.	Before ejecting the media, find out if it is still in use.	“How to Determine If Removable Media Is Still in Use” on page 45
6. Eject the media.	When you finish, eject the media from the drive.	“How to Eject Removable Media” on page 46

Accessing Removable Media

You can access information on removable media with or without using volume management. For information on accessing information on removable media with GNOME's File Manager, see the GNOME desktop documentation.

Volume management (`vol`) actively manages all removable media devices. So, any attempt to access removable media with device names such as `/dev/rdisk/cntndnsn` or `/dev/dsk/cntndnsn` will be unsuccessful.

Using Removable Media Names

You can access all removable media with different names. The following table describes the different media names that can be accessed with or without volume management.

TABLE 3-1 Removable Media Names

Media	Volume Management Device Name	Volume Management Device Alias Name	Device Name
First diskette drive	<code>/floppy</code>	<code>/vol/dev/aliases/floppy0</code>	<code>/dev/rdiskette</code> <code>/vol/dev/rdiskette0/</code> <i>volume-name</i>
First, second, third CD-ROM or DVD-ROM drives	<code>/cdrom0</code> <code>/cdrom1</code> <code>/cdrom2</code>	<code>/vol/dev/aliases/cdrom0</code> <code>/vol/dev/aliases/cdrom1</code> <code>/vol/dev/aliases/cdrom2</code>	<code>/vol/dev/rdisk/cntn[dn]/</code> <i>volume-name</i>
USB memory stick	<code>/rmdisk/noname</code>	<code>/vol/dev/aliases/rmdisk0</code>	<code>/vol/dev/dsk/cntndn/volume-name:c</code>

Guidelines for Accessing Removable Media Data

Most CDs and DVDs are formatted to the ISO 9660 standard, which is portable. So, most CDs and DVDs can be mounted by volume management. However, CDs or DVDs with UFS file systems are not portable between architectures. So, they must be used on the architecture for which they were designed.

For example, a CD or DVD with a UFS file system for a SPARC platform cannot be recognized by an x86 platform. Likewise, an x86 UFS CD cannot be mounted by volume management on a SPARC platform. The same limitation generally applies to diskettes. However, some architectures share the same bit structure, so occasionally a UFS format specific to one architecture will be recognized by another architecture. Still, the UFS file system structure was not designed to guarantee this compatibility.

To accommodate the different formats, the CD or DVD is split into slices. Slices are similar in effect to partitions on hard disks. The 9660 portion is portable, but the UFS portion is architecture-specific. If you are having trouble mounting a CD or DVD, particularly if it is an installation CD or DVD, make sure that its UFS file system is appropriate for your system's architecture. For example, you can check the label on the CD or DVD.

▼ How to Add a New Removable Media Drive

Generally, most modern bus types support hot-plugging. If your system's bus type supports hot-plugging, you might only need to do step 5 below. If your system's bus type does not support hot-plugging, you might have to do the following tasks, which are described in steps 1-6 below.

- Create the `/reconfigure` file.
- Reboot the system so that volume management recognizes the new media drive.

For more information about hot-plugging devices, see [Chapter 6, “Dynamically Configuring Devices \(Tasks\)”](#).

1 Become an administrator.

2 Create the `/reconfigure` file.

```
# touch /reconfigure
```

3 Bring the system to run level 0.

```
# init 0
```

4 Turn off power to the system.

5 Connect the new media drive.

See your hardware handbook for specific instructions.

6 Turn on power to the system.

The system automatically comes up to multiuser mode.

▼ How to Disable or Enable Removable Media Services

Occasionally, you might want to manage media without using removable media services. This section describes how to disable and enable removable media services.

Disabling these services means that you would have to mount all media manually by using the mount command.

1 Ensure that the media is not being used.

If you are not sure whether you have found all users of the media, use the fuser command, see [“How to Determine If Removable Media Is Still in Use”](#) on page 45.

2 Become an administrator.**3 Select one of the following:**

- You can disable some or all removable media features in this release:
 - To prevent volumes from mounting outside of user sessions, disable the `rmvolmgr` service. For example:

```
# svcadm disable rmvolmgr
```
 - To prevent any volume management, disable the `dbus`, `hal`, and `rmvolmgr` services.

```
# svcadm disable rmvolmgr
# svcadm disable dbus
# svcadm disable hal
```

Disabling these services means that you would have to mount all media manually by using the mount command.

- Enable removable media services.

```
# svcadm enable rmvolmgr
# svcadm enable dbus
# svcadm enable hal
```

▼ How to Access Information on Removable Media**1 Insert the media.**

The media is mounted after a few seconds.

2 List the contents of the media.

```
% ls /media
```

Use the appropriate device name to access information by using the command-line interface. See [Table 3–1](#) for an explanation of device names.

Example 3–1 Accessing Information on Removable Media

This example shows how to access information on a diskette.

```
$ ls /media/floppy
```

This example shows how to access information on a USB memory stick.

```
$ ls /media/usb-name
```

This example shows how to access information on a DVD.

```
$ ls /media
sol_10_1008_sparc cdrom
```

▼ How to Copy Information From Removable Media

You can access files and directories on removable media as with any other file system. The only significant restrictions are related to ownership and permissions.

For instance, if you copy a file from a DVD into your file system, you are the owner. However, you won't have write permissions because the file on the DVD never had them. You must change the permissions yourself.

1 Ensure that the media is mounted.

```
$ ls /media
```

The `ls` command displays the contents of a mounted media. If no contents are displayed, see [“How to Access Information on Removable Media” on page 44](#).

2 (Optional) Copy the files or directories.

For example, for a DVD, you would do the following:

```
$ cp /media/sol_sparc/Solaris_11/file .
$ ls -l
-rwxr-xr-x  1 pmorph  gelfs  64065 Aug 2  2010 file
```

▼ How to Determine If Removable Media Is Still in Use

1 Become an administrator.

2 Identify the processes that are accessing the media.

```
# fuser -u /media
```

The `-u` displays the user of the media.

For more information, see [fuser\(1M\)](#).

3 (Optional) Kill the process accessing the media.

```
# fuser -u -k /media
```

The `-k` kills the processes accessing the media.



Caution – Killing the processes that are accessing the media should only be used in emergency situations.

4 Verify that the process is gone.

```
# pgrep process-ID
```

Example 3–2 Determining If the Media Is Still in Use

The following example shows that the user `pmorph`, is accessing the `/media/sol_10_1008_sparc/Solaris_10/Tools` directory.

```
# fuser -u /media/sol_10_1008_sparc/Solaris_10/Tools
/media/sol_10_1008_sparc/Solaris_10/Tools:      723c(pmorph)      316c(pmorph)
```

▼ How to Eject Removable Media

1 Ensure that the media is not being used.

Remember, media is “being used” if a shell or an application is accessing any of its files or directories. If you are not sure whether you have found all users of a DVD (for example, a shell hidden behind a desktop tool might be accessing it), use the `fuser` command. See [“How to Determine If Removable Media Is Still in Use” on page 45](#).

2 Eject the media.

```
# eject media
```

For example, for a DVD, you would do the following:

```
# eject cdrom
```

For example, for a USB memory stick, you would do the following:

```
# eject rmdisk0
```

Tip – You can view the removable device name with the `eject -l` command.

Accessing Removable Media on a Remote System (Task Map)

The following task map describes the tasks need to access removable media on a remote system.

Task	Description	For Instructions
1. Make local media available to remote systems.	configure your system to share its media drives to make any media in those drives available to other systems.	“How to Make Local Media Available to Other Systems” on page 47
2. Access removable media on remote systems.	Access the remote media on the local system.	“How to Access Information on Removable Media” on page 44

▼ How to Make Local Media Available to Other Systems

You can configure your system to share its media drives to make any media in those drives available to other systems. One exception is musical CDs. Once your media drives are shared, other systems can access the media they contain simply by mounting them. For instructions, see [“How to Access Removable Media on Remote Systems” on page 49](#).

- 1 **Become an administrator.**
- 2 **Confirm that the media is loaded.**
- 3 **Add the following entry to the `/etc/dfs/dfstab` file.**

For example:

```
share -F nfs -o ro /media/sol_10_1008_SPARC
```

- 4 **Determine whether the NFS server service is running.**

```
# svcs *nfs*
```

The following output is returned from the `svcs` command if NFS server service is running:

```
online          14:28:43 svc:/network/nfs/server:default
```

- 5 **Identify the NFS server status, and select one of the following:**

- If the NFS server service is running, go to [Step 7](#).
- If the NFS server service is *not* running, go to the next step.

6 Start the NFS server service.

```
# svcadm enable network/nfs/server
```

Verify that the NFS daemons are running.

For example:

```
# svcs -p svc:/network/nfs/server:default
STATE      STIME    FMRI
online     Aug_30   svc:/network/nfs/server:default
           Aug_30   319 mountd
           Aug_30   323 nfsd
```

7 Verify that the media is indeed available to other systems.

If the media is available, its share configuration is displayed.

```
# share
-           /media/sol_10_1008_sparc  sec=sys,ro  ""
```

Example 3-3 Making Local DVDs or CDs Available to Other Systems

The following example shows how to make any local DVD available to other systems on the network.

```
# vi /etc/dfs/dfstab
(Add the following line:)
# share -F nfs -o ro /media
# svcs *nfs*
# svcadm enable network/nfs/server
# svcs -p svc:/network/nfs/server:default
# share
-           /media/sol_10_1008_sparc  ro  ""
```

Example 3-4 Making Local Diskettes Available to Other Systems

The following example shows how to make any local diskette available to other systems on the network.

```
# vi /etc/dfs/dfstab
(Add the following line, for example)
share -F nfs -o ro /media/myfiles
# svcs *nfs*
# svcadm enable network/nfs/server
# svcs -p svc:/network/nfs/server:default
# share
-           /media/myfiles  rw  ""
```


▼ How to Access Removable Media on Remote Systems

You can access media on a remote system by manually mounting the media into your file system. Also, the remote system must have shared its media according to the instructions in “How to Make Local Media Available to Other Systems” on page 47.

- 1 **Select an existing directory to serve as the mount point. Or create a mount point.**

```
$ mkdir /directory
```

where */directory* is the name of the directory that you create to serve as a mount point for the remote system's DVD.

- 2 **Find the name of the media you want to mount.**

```
$ showmount -e system-name
```

- 3 **As an administrator, mount the media.**

```
# mount -F nfs -o ro system-name:/media/media-name local-mount-point
```

system-name: Is the name of the system whose media you will mount.

media-name Is the name of the media you want to mount.

local-mount-point Is the local directory onto which you will mount the remote media.

- 4 **Log out as an administrator.**

- 5 **Verify that the media has been mounted.**

```
$ ls /media
```

Example 3–5 Accessing DVDs or CDs on Remote Systems

The following example shows how to automatically access the remote DVD named `sol_10_910_sparc` from the remote system `starbug` using `autofs`.

```
$ showmount -e starbug
export list for starbug:
/media/sol_10_1008_sparc (everyone)
$ ls /net/starbug/media/
sol_10_1008_sparc
```

Example 3–6 Accessing Diskettes on Other Systems

The following example shows how to automatically access `myfiles` from the remote system `mars` using `autofs`.

```
# showmount -e mars
export list for mars:
```

```
/media/floppy (everyone)
$ cd /net/mars
$ ls media
myfiles
```

Writing CDs and DVDs (Tasks)

This chapter provides step-by-step instructions for writing and copying data CDs and DVDs and audio CDs with the `cdwr` command.

- “How to Restrict User Access to Removable Media With RBAC” on page 54
- “How to Identify a CD or DVD Writer” on page 55
- “How to Check the CD or DVD Media” on page 55
- “How to Create an ISO 9660 File System for a Data CD or DVD” on page 56
- “How to Create a Multi-Session Data CD” on page 57
- “How to Create an Audio CD” on page 59
- “How to Extract an Audio Track on a CD” on page 60
- “How to Copy a CD” on page 61
- “How to Erase CD-RW Media” on page 62

Working With Audio CDs and Data CDs and DVDs

You can use the `cdwr` command to write file systems for CDs and DVDs in ISO 9660 format with Rock Ridge or Joliet extensions on CD-R, CD-RW, DVD-RW, or DVD+RW media devices.

You can use the `cdwr` command to perform the following tasks:

- Create data CDs and DVDs.
- Create audio CDs.
- Extract audio data from an audio CD.
- Copy CDs and DVDs.
- Erase CD-RW media.

The `cdwr` command is available starting in the following releases:

- Software Supplement for the Solaris 8 Operating Environment 1/01 CD
- Part of the Solaris release starting in the Solaris 9 release

For information on recommended CD-R or CD-RW devices, go to:

http://www.sun.com/io_technologies/ihvindex.html

CD/DVD Media Commonly Used Terms

This section defines commonly used terms related to CD/DVD media.

Term	Description
CD-R	CD read media that can be written once and after that, can only be read from.
CD-RW	CD rewritable media that can be written to and erased. CD-RW media can only be read by CD-RW devices.
DVD-R	Digital video disk (recordable) that can be written once and after that, can only be read from. These devices have much larger capacity than CD-R media.
DVD+R	Digital video disk (recordable) that can be written once and after that, can only be read from. DVD+R devices have more complete error management system than DVD-R, which allows for more accurate burning to media, independent of the quality of the media.
DVD-RW	Digital video disk (rewritable) with storage capacity equal to a DVD-R. This media can be re-recorded by first erasing the entire disk.
DVD+RW	Digital video disk (random-access rewritable) with storage capacity equal to a DVD+R. This medium allows overwriting of individual blocks without erasing the entire disk.
DVD-RAM	Digital video disk (random access memory, rewritable) with circular rather than spiral tracks and hard sectoring.
ISO 9660	ISO, an acronym for Industry Standards Organization, is an organization that sets standards for computer storage formats. An ISO 9660 file system is a standard CD or DVD file system that enables you to read the same CD or DVD on any major computer platform. The standard, issued in 1988, was written by an industry group named High Sierra, named after the High Sierra Hotel in Nevada. Almost all computers with CD or DVD drives can read files from an ISO 9660 file system.

Term	Description
Joliet extensions	Adds Windows file system information.
Rock Ridge extensions	Adds UNIX file system information. (Rock Ridge is named after the town in the movie Blazing Saddles.) Note – These extensions are not exclusive. You can specify both <code>mkisofs -R</code> and <code>-j</code> options for compatibility with both systems. (See <code>mkisofs(1M)</code> for details.)
MMC-compliant recorder	Acronym for Multi Media Command, which means these recorders comply with a common command set. Programs that can write to one MMC-compliant recorder should be able to write to all other recorders.
Red Book CDDA	Acronym for Compact Disc Digital Audio, which is an industry standard method for storing digital audio on compact discs. Also known by the term “Red Book” format. The official industry specification calls for one or more audio files sampled in 16-bit stereo sound at a sampling rate of 44.1 kilohertz (kHz).

Commonly used terms when writing to CD media are:

Term	Description
blanking	The process of erasing data from the CD-RW media.
<code>mkisofs</code>	The command to create ISO file system on a CD.
session	A complete track with lead-in and lead-out information.
track	A complete data or audio unit.

Writing CD and DVD Data and Audio CDs

The process of writing to a CD or DVD cannot be interrupted and needs a constant stream of data. Consider using the `cdwr -S` option to simulate writing to the media to verify that the system can provide data at a sufficient rate for writing to the CD or DVD.

Write errors can be caused by one of the following problems:

- The media cannot handle the drive speed. For example, some media are only certified for 2x or 4x speeds.
- The system is running too many heavy processes that are starving the writing process.
- Network congestion is causing delays in reading the image, and the image is on a remote system.
- The source drive is slower than the destination drive.

If any of these problems occur, you can lower the writing speed of the device by using the `cdwr -p` option.

For example, the following command shows how to simulate writing at 4x speed:

```
$ cdwr -iS -p 4 image.iso
```

Note – CD-R, CD-RW (not MRW formatted), DVD-R, and DVD-RW media support simulation mode (`-S`), but DVD-RAM, DVD+R, DVD+RW, and any MRW-formatted media and some others do not support simulation mode. The following message is displayed if simulation mode is not supported:

```
Media does not support simulated writing
```

For more information about media types, see “[CD/DVD Media Commonly Used Terms](#)” on [page 52](#).

For more information, see [cdwr\(1\)](#).

Restricting User Access to Removable Media With RBAC

By default, all users can access removable media starting in the Solaris 9 release. However, you can restrict user access to removable media by setting up a role through role-based access control (RBAC). Access to removable media is restricted by assigning the role to a limited set of users.

For a discussion of using roles, see “[Role-Based Access Control \(Overview\)](#)” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

▼ How to Restrict User Access to Removable Media With RBAC

1 Become an administrator.

For more information, see “[How to Obtain Administrative Rights](#)” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

2 Set up a role that includes the Device Management rights.

For more information, see [Chapter 9, “Using Role-Based Access Control \(Tasks\)”](#), in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

```
# roleadd -m -d /export/home/muser -c "mediauser role" -A solaris.device.cdrw -P All muser
```

3 Add users who need to use the `cdwr` command to the newly created role.

```
# usermod -R muser joe
```

4 Comment the following line in the `/etc/security/policy.conf` file:

```
AUTHS_GRANTED=solaris.device.cdwr
```

If you do not do this step, all users still have access to the `cdwr` command, not just the members of the device management role.

After this file is modified, the device management role members are the only users who can use the `cdwr` command. Everyone else is denied access with the following message:

```
Authorization failed, Cannot access disks.
```

▼ How to Identify a CD or DVD Writer**1 Identify the CD or DVD writers on the system.**

For example:

```
$ cdwr -l
Looking for CD devices...
  Node | Connected Device | Device type
-----+-----+-----
 cdrom0 | YAMAHA CRW8824S | 1.0d | CD Reader/Writer
```

2 Identify a specific CD or DVD writer.

For example:

```
$ cdwr -a filename.wav -d cdrom2
```

3 Identify whether the media is blank or whether a table of contents exists on the media.

For example:

```
$ cdwr -M

Device : YAMAHA CRW8824S
Firmware : Rev. 1.00 (26/04/00)
Media is blank
%
```

▼ How to Check the CD or DVD Media

The `cdwr` command works with or without removable media services running. For more information about disabling or enabling removable media services, see [“How to Disable or Enable Removable Media Services”](#) on page 44.

1 Insert a CD or DVD into the drive.

The CD or DVD can be any CD or DVD that the drive can read.

2 Check that the drive is connected properly by listing the drive.

```
$ cdwr -l
Looking for CD devices...
  Node                     Connected Device                     Device type
-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----
cdrom1                    | YAMAHA    CRW8824S                    1.0d | CD Reader/Writer
```

3 (Optional) If you do not see the drive in the list, select one of the following so that the system recognizes the drive.

- Add the drive without rebooting the system

```
# drvconfig
# disks
```

Then restart removable media services.

Creating a Data CD or DVD

Prepare the data first by using the `mkisofs` command to convert the file and file information into the High Sierra format used on CDs or DVDs.

▼ How to Create an ISO 9660 File System for a Data CD or DVD

1 Insert a blank CD or DVD into the drive.**2 Create the ISO 9660 file system on the new CD or DVD.**

```
$ mkisofs -r /pathname > cd-file-system
```

`-r` Creates Rock Ridge information and resets file ownerships to zero.

`/pathname` Identifies the path name used to create the ISO 9660 file system.

`> cd-file-system` Identifies the name of the file system to be put on the CD or DVD.

3 Copy the file system onto the CD or DVD.

```
$ cdwr -i cd-file-system
```

The `-i cd-file-system` specifies the image file for creating a data CD or DVD.

Example 4-1 Creating an ISO 9660 File System for a Data CD or DVD

The following example shows how to create an ISO 9660 file system for a data CD or DVD.


```
$ mkisofs -r /home/dubs/ufs_dir > ufs_cd
Total extents actually written = 56
Total translation table size: 0
Total rockridge attributes bytes: 329
Total directory bytes: 0
Path table size(bytes): 10
Max brk space used 8000
56 extents written (0 Mb)
```

Then, copy the file system onto the CD or DVD.

```
$ cdrw -i ufs_cd
Initializing device...done.
Writing track 1...done.
Finalizing (Can take several minutes)...done.
```

▼ How to Create a Multi-Session Data CD

This procedure describes how to put more than one session on a CD. This procedure includes an example of copying the `infoA` and `infoB` directories onto the CD.

1 Create the file system for the first CD session.

```
$ mkisofs -o infoA -r -V my_infoA /data/infoA
Total translation table size: 0
Total rockridge attributes bytes: 24507
Total directory bytes: 34816
Path table size(bytes): 98
Max brk space used 2e000
8929 extents written (17 Mb)
```

- o `infoA` Identifies the name of the ISO file system.
- r Creates Rock Ridge information and resets file ownerships to zero.
- V `my_infoA` Identifies a volume label to be used as the mount point by removable media services.
- `/data/infoA` Identifies the ISO image directory to create.

2 Copy the ISO file system for the first session onto the CD.

```
$ cdrw -i0 infoA
Initializing device...done.
Writing track 1...done.
done.
Finalizing (Can take several minutes)...done.
```

- i `infoA` Identifies the name of the image file to write to the CD.
- 0 Keeps the CD open for writing.

3 Re-insert the CD after it is ejected.

4 Identify the path name of the CD media to include in the next write session.

```
$ eject -n
.
.
.
cdrom0 -> /vol/dev/rdisk/c2t4d0/my_infoA
```

Note the /vol/dev/... path name.

5 Identify the next writeable address on the CD to write the next session.

```
% cdrw -M /cdrom
Device : YAMAHA CRW8424S
Firmware : Rev. 1.0d (06/10/99)

Track No. |Type      |Start address
-----+-----+-----
1         |Audio     |0
2         |Audio     |33057
3         |Data      |60887
4         |Data      |68087
5         |Data      |75287
Leadout   |Data      |84218
```

Last session start address: 75287

Next writable address: 91118

Note the address in the Next writable address output so that you can provide this address when you write the next session.

6 Create the next ISO file system for the next CD session, and write it onto the CD.

```
$ mkisofs -o infoB -r -C 0,91118 -M /vol/dev/rdisk/c2t4d0/my_infoA
/data/infoB
Total translation table size: 0
Total rockridge attributes bytes: 16602
Total directory bytes: 22528
Path table size(bytes): 86
Max brk space used 20000
97196 extents written (189 Mb)
```

<code>-o infoB</code>	Identifies the name of the ISO file system.
<code>-r</code>	Creates Rock Ridge information and resets file ownerships to zero.
<code>-C 0,91118</code>	Identifies the starting address of the first session and the next writable address.
<code>-M /vol/dev/rdisk/c2t4d0/my_infoA</code>	Specifies the path of the existing ISO image to be merged.
<code>/data/infoB</code>	Identifies the ISO image directory to create.

Creating an Audio CD

You can use the `cdwr` command to create audio CDs from individual audio tracks or from `.au` and `.wav` files.

The supported audio formats are described in the following table:

Format	Description
<code>sun</code>	Oracle <code>.au</code> file with data in Red Book CDDA format
<code>wav</code>	RIFF (<code>.wav</code>) file with data in Red Book CDDA format
<code>cda</code>	<code>.cda</code> file with raw CD audio data, which is 16-bit PCM stereo at 44.1 kHz sample rate in little-endian byte order
<code>aur</code>	<code>.aur</code> files with raw CD data in big-endian byte order

If no audio format is specified, the `cdwr` command tries to determine the audio file format based on the file extension. The case of the characters in the extension is ignored.

▼ How to Create an Audio CD

This procedure describes how to copy audio files onto a CD.

- 1 **Insert a blank CD into the CD-RW drive.**
- 2 **Change to the directory that contains the audio files.**

```
$ cd /myaudiodir
```

- 3 **Copy the audio files onto the CD.**

```
$ cdwr -a track1.wav track2.wav track3.wav
```

The `-a` option creates an audio CD.

Example 4-2 Creating an Audio CD

The following example shows how to create an audio CD.

```
$ cdwr -a bark.wav chirp.au meow.wav
Initializing device...done.
Writing track 1...done.
done.
Writing track 2...done.
Writing track 3...done.
done.
Finalizing (Can take several minutes)...done.
```

The following example shows how to create a multisession audio CD. The CD is ejected after the first session is written. You would need to re-insert the CD before the next writing session.

```
$ cdrw -a0 groucho.wav chico.au harpo.wav
Initializing device...done.
Writing track 1...done.
done.
Writing track 2...done.
Writing track 3...done.
done.
Finalizing (Can take several minutes)...done.
<Re-insert CD>
$ cdrw -a zeppo.au
Initializing device...done.
Writing track 1...done.
done.
Finalizing (Can take several minutes)...done.
```

▼ How to Extract an Audio Track on a CD

Use the following procedure to extract an audio track from a CD and copy the audio track to a new CD.

If you don't use the `cdrw -T` option to specify the audio file type, the `cdrw` command uses the filename extension to determine the audio file type. For example, the `cdrw` command detects that this file is a `.wav` file.

```
$ cdrw -x 1 testme.wav
```

1 Insert an audio CD into the CD-RW drive.

2 Extract an audio track.

```
$ cdrw -x -T audio-type 1 audio-file
```

`-x` Extracts audio data from an audio CD.

`T audio-type` Identifies the type of audio file to be extracted. Supported audio types are `sun`, `wav`, `cda`, or `aur`.

`audio-file` Identifies the audio track to be extracted.

3 Copy the track to a new CD.

```
$ cdrw -a audio-file
```

Example 4-3 Extracting and Creating Audio CDs

The following example shows how to extract the first track from an audio CD and name the file `song1.wav`.

```
$ cdwr -x -T wav 1 song1.wav
Extracting audio from track 1...done.
```

This example shows how to copy a track to an audio CD.

```
$ cdwr -a song1.wav
Initializing device...done.
Writing track 1...done.
Finalizing (Can take several minutes)...done.
```

▼ How to Copy a CD

This procedure describes how to extract all the tracks from an audio CD into a directory and then copy all of them onto a blank CD.

Note – By default, the `cdwr` command copies the CD into the `/tmp` directory. The copying might require up to 700 MB of free space. If there is insufficient space in the `/tmp` directory for copying the CD, use the `-m` option to specify an alternate directory.

1 Insert an audio CD into a CD-RW drive.

2 Create a directory for the audio files.

```
$ mkdir /music_dir
```

3 Extract the tracks from the audio CD.

```
$ cdwr -c -m music_dir
```

An Extracting audio . . . message is display for each track.

The CD is ejected when all the tracks are extracted.

4 Insert a blank CD and press Return.

After the tracks are extracted, the audio CD is ejected. You are prompted to insert a blank CD.

Example 4–4 Copying a CD

This example shows how to copy one CD to another CD. You must have two CD-RW devices to do this task.

```
$ cdwr -c -s cdrom0 -d cdrom1
```

▼ How to Erase CD-RW Media

You have to erase existing CD-RW data before the CD can be rewritten.

- **Erase the entire media or just the last session on the CD by selecting one of the following:**

- Erase the last session only.

```
$ cdrw -d cdrom0 -b session
```

Erasing just the last session with the `-b session` option is faster than erasing the entire media with the `-b all` option. You can use the `-b session` option even if you used the `cdrw` command to create a data or audio CD in just one session.

- Erase the entire media.

```
$ cdrw -d cdrom0 -b all
```

Managing Devices (Overview/Tasks)

This chapter provides overview information and step-by-step instructions for managing peripheral devices, such as disks, DVD drives, and tape devices, in the Solaris release.

This is a list of the overview information in this chapter.

- “What's New in Device Management?” on page 63
- “Where to Find Device Management Tasks” on page 68
- “About Device Drivers” on page 70
- “Automatic Configuration of Devices” on page 71
- “Displaying Device Configuration Information” on page 72
- “Accessing Devices” on page 78

This is a list of the step-by-step instructions in this chapter.

- “How to Display System Configuration Information” on page 73
- “How to Add a Device Driver” on page 77
- “How to Add a Peripheral Device” on page 76

Device management in the Solaris release usually involves adding and removing peripheral devices from systems, possibly adding a third-party device driver to support a device, and displaying system configuration information.

What's New in Device Management?

This section provides information about new device management features in the Solaris release.

- “New InfiniBand Administration Features” on page 64
- “New Hot Plugging Features” on page 64
- “x86: Device Detection Tool” on page 64
- “Faulty Device Retirement Feature” on page 65
- “Device Naming Enhancements” on page 66
- “Support for PCI Express (PCIe)” on page 66

- “USB and 1394 (FireWire) Support Enhancements” on page 67
- “Improved Device In Use Error Checking” on page 68

New InfiniBand Administration Features

Oracle Solaris 11 Express: In this Solaris release, you can create, delete, and view IP over InfiniBand (IPoIB) data links by using `dladm` sub-commands, such as `create-part`, `delete-part`, `show-part`, and `show-ib`. In previous Solaris releases, you had to use a combination of different commands to troubleshooting IB components. The `dladm` subcommands provide an easier way to manage and troubleshoot IB components.

Types of IP over IB data links are as follows:

- Physical data link — similar to a regular network interface card (NIC) data link
- IB partition data link — similar to a virtual NIC (VNIC)

On a newly installed system, physical links are created automatically by default. Then, you can use the `dladm` command to create an IB partition link over the IB physical link. Unlike a NIC data link, an IB physical link cannot be configured, such as plumbed or assigned a IP address for using the link.

For more information on using the `dladm` subcommands for managing IB components, see “Administering IPoIB Devices (`dladm`)” on page 178.

New Hot Plugging Features

Oracle Solaris 11 Express: In this Solaris release, the `hotplug` command is available to manage hot pluggible connections on PCI Express (PCIe) and PCI SHPC (Standard Hot Plug Controller) devices. This feature is not supported on other bus types, such as USB and SCSI.

You would still use the `cfgadm` to manage hot pluggible USB and SCSI devices as in previous Solaris releases. The benefit of using the `hotplug` features in this release is that in addition to enable and disable operations, the `hotplug` command provides offline and online capabilities for your supported PCI devices.

For more information, see “PCIe Hot-Plugging With the (`hotplug`) Command” on page 89.

x86: Device Detection Tool

Oracle Solaris 11 Express: You can use the device detection tool to identify whether your x86 hardware is supported in this Solaris release. For more information, go to the following site:

http://www.sun.com/bigadmin/hcl/hcts/device_detect.jsp

Faulty Device Retirement Feature

Oracle Solaris 11 Express: This release introduces a new device retirement mechanism to isolate a device as *faulty* by the fault management framework (FMA). This feature allows faulty devices to be safely and automatically inactivated to avoid data loss, data corruption, or panics and system down time. The retirement process is done safely, taking into account the stability of the system after the device has been retired.

Critical devices are never retired. If you need to manually replace a retired device, use the `fmadm repair` command after the device replacement so that system knows that the device is replaced, in addition to the manual replacement steps.

The `fmadm repair` process is as follows:

- Identify the faulted device with the `fmadm faulty` command.

```
# fmadm faulty
STATE RESOURCE / UUID
```

```
-----
faulty <fmri>
```

- Clear the fault by using the `fmadm repair` command.

```
# fmadm repair <fmri>
```

- Run the `fmadm faulty` command again to be sure the fault is cleared.

```
# fmadm faulty
STATE RESOURCE / UUID
```

For more information, see [fmadm\(1M\)](#).

A general message regarding device retirement is displayed on the console and written to the `/var/adm/messages` file so that you are aware of a retired device. For example:

```
Aug 9 18:14 starbug genunix: [ID 751201 kern.notice] NOTICE: One or more I/O devices have been retired
```

You can use the `prtconf` command to identify specific retired devices. For example:

```
# prtconf
.
.
.
pci, instance #2
  scsi, instance #0
    disk (driver not attached)
    tape (driver not attached)
  sd, instance #3
  sd, instance #0 (retired)
  scsi, instance #1 (retired)
    disk (retired)
```

```

        tape (retired)
pci, instance #3
    network, instance #2 (driver not attached)
    network, instance #3 (driver not attached)
os-io (driver not attached)
iscsi, instance #0
pseudo, instance #0
.
.
.

```

Device Naming Enhancements

Oracle Solaris 11 Express: The `/dev` name space supports multiple file system instances as needed. A global instance of the `/dev` file system is created automatically when the system is booted. Subsequent `/dev` instances are created and mounted when needed, such as when devices are added to a non-global zone. When a non-global zone is shutdown, the available `/dev` instance is unmounted and unavailable.

In addition, device configuration is improved in the following ways:

- **Reconfiguration boot is eliminated** – In previous Solaris releases, a reconfiguration boot was needed if you connected a device to a system that is powered off.
In this Solaris release, performing a reconfiguration boot is unnecessary when attaching devices to a system that is powered off. Newly attached devices are automatically recognized and the appropriate device links are created when the system is rebooted.
- **Zone device support is simplified** – As described above, device support for Solaris zones is enhanced by providing specific instances of the `/dev` directory for non-global zones. In addition, zones are no longer dependent upon the `devfsadm` daemon for reconfiguration of devices within a zone.
- **Pseudo device creation is improved** – In this Solaris release, the content of the `/dev/pts` directory is created on demand in the global `/dev` name space as well as a `/dev` instance when needed in a non-global zone. In addition, the `ptys` links are only visible in the global zone or the non-global zone from which they are allocated.

For more information, see [dev\(7FS\)](#).

For more information about device configuration, see “[Managing Devices in the Solaris OS](#)” on [page 69](#).

Support for PCI Express (PCIe)

Oracle Solaris 11 Express: This Solaris release provides support for the PCI Express (PCIe) interconnect, which is designed to connect peripheral devices to desktop, enterprise, mobile, communication, and embedded applications, on both SPARC and x86 systems.

The PCIe interconnect is an industry-standard, high-performance, serial I/O bus. For details on PCIe technology, go to the following site:

<http://www.pcisig.com/home>

The PCIe software provides the following features in this Solaris release:

- Support for extended PCIe configuration space
- Support for PCIe baseline error handling and MSI interrupts
- Modified IEEE-1275 properties for PCIe devices
- PCIe hotplug support (both native and ACPI-based) by enhancing the `cfgadm_pci` component of the `cfgadm` command
- ATTN Button usage based PCIe peripheral autoconfiguration

The administrative model for hotplugging PCIe peripherals is the same as for PCI peripherals, which uses the `cfgadm` command.

Check your hardware platform guide to ensure that PCIe and PCIe hotplug support is provided on your system. In addition, carefully review the instructions for physically inserting or removing adapters on your system and the semantics of device auto-configuration, if applicable.

For information about using the `cfgadm` command with PCIe peripherals, see “[PCI or PCIe Hot-Plugging With the `cfgadm` Command \(Task Map\)](#)” on page 100.

USB and 1394 (FireWire) Support Enhancements

Oracle Solaris 11 Express: In this Solaris release, both non-removable USB storage devices and 1394 mass storage devices are identified as hotpluggable devices at the driver level. This new behavior means that these devices can be connected or disconnected without rebooting the system and configured or unconfigured automatically without intervention. These changes are made at the kernel level and do not impact the use of these devices. For example, the responsibility of mounting and unmounting these devices is controlled by the removable media management services.

In addition, non-removable USB devices and 1394 mass storage devices can be accessed and labeled by using the `format` utility. However, you can override the new hotpluggable behavior of these devices by setting the `remvalue` to `true` in the `/kernel/drv/scsa2usb.conf` file. Setting this parameter to `true` means that the device is treated as a removable media device at the driver level, if that behavior is preferred.

For more information on using these devices, see `scsa1394(7D)` and “[Using USB Mass Storage Devices \(Task Map\)](#)” on page 134.

Improved Device In Use Error Checking

Oracle Solaris 11 Express: This feature was undocumented previously.

The following utilities have been enhanced to detect when a specified device is in use:

- `dumpadm`
- `format`
- `mkfs` and `newfs`
- `swap`

These enhancements mean that the above utilities might detect some of the following usage scenarios:

- Device is part of a ZFS storage pool
- Device is a dump or swap device
- Mounted file system or an entry for the device exists in the `/etc/vfstab` file

For example, if you attempt to use the `format` utility to access an active device, you will see a message similar to the following:

```
# format
.
.
.
Specify disk (enter its number): 1
selecting c0t1d0
[disk formatted]
Warning: Current Disk has mounted partitions.
/dev/dsk/c0t1d0s0 is currently mounted on /. Please see umount(1M).
/dev/dsk/c0t1d0s1 is currently used by swap. Please see swap(1M).
```

Where to Find Device Management Tasks

The following table describes where to find step-by-step instructions for hot-plugging devices and adding serial devices, such as printers and modems, and peripheral devices, such as a disk, DVD drive, or tape device.

TABLE 5-1 Where to Find Instructions for Adding a Device

Device Management Task	For More Information
Add a disk that is not hot-pluggable.	Chapter 12, “SPARC: Adding a Disk (Tasks),” or Chapter 13, “x86: Adding a Disk (Tasks)”
Hot-plug a SCSI or PCI device.	“SCSI Hot-Plugging With the <code>cfgadm</code> Command” on page 91 or “PCI or PCIe Hot-Plugging With the <code>cfgadm</code> Command” on page 101
Hot-plug a USB device.	“Using USB Mass Storage Devices (Task Map)” on page 134

TABLE 5-1 Where to Find Instructions for Adding a Device (Continued)

Device Management Task	For More Information
Add a DVD drive or tape device.	“How to Add a Peripheral Device” on page 76
Add a modem.	Chapter 1, “Managing Terminals, Modems and Serial Port Services (Tasks),” in <i>System Administration Guide: Advanced Administration</i>
Add a printer.	<i>System Administration Guide: Printing</i>
Secure a device.	Chapter 5, “Controlling Access to Devices (Tasks),” in <i>System Administration Guide: Security Services</i>

Managing Devices in the Solaris OS

The following sections provide overview information about features that manage devices in the Solaris OS. For information about accessing devices, see “[Accessing Devices](#)” on page 78.

Power Management of Devices

The United States Environmental Protection Agency created the Energy Star guidelines for computer products to encourage the use of energy-efficient computer systems and to reduce air pollution associated with energy generation. To meet these guidelines, Oracle hardware is designed to use power efficiently. In addition, power management software is provided to configure the power management settings.

For more information about power managing your system, see your specific hardware documentation or [power.conf\(4\)](#).

Power Management of Fibre Channel Devices

Power management of Oracle systems has been provided in many previous Solaris releases. For example, the internal drives on the following systems are power managed by default:

- SunBlade 1000 or 2000
- SunBlade 100 or 150
- SunBlade 2500 or 1500

The default settings in the `/etc/power.conf` file ensure Energy Star compliance and fully support power management of these systems.

The following adapters connect external Fibre Channel storage devices:

- Oracle's Sun StorEdge PCI Dual Fibre Channel Host Adapter
- Oracle's Sun StorEdge PCI Single Fibre Channel Network Adapter

If a combination of the above adapters and Oracle systems are used to attach external Fibre Channel storage devices, the external storage devices will also be power managed by default.

Under the following conditions, power management should be disabled:

- If the system has Fibre Channel attached disks that are connected to a storage area network (SAN)
- If the system has Fibre Channel attached disks that are used in a multi-initiator configuration
- If the system is using IP over a Fibre Channel interface (see [fcip\(7D\)](#))

Power management should not be enabled when more than one Solaris system might share the same devices, as in the above conditions.

You can disable power management for the system by changing the `autopm` keyword in the `/etc/power.conf` file as follows:

```
autopm          disable
```

Then, reconfigure power management by running the `pmconfig` command or by rebooting the system.

For more information, see [power.conf\(4\)](#) and [pmconfig\(1M\)](#).

About Device Drivers

A computer typically uses a wide range of peripheral devices and mass-storage devices. Your system, for example, probably has a disk drive, a keyboard and a mouse, and some kind of magnetic backup medium. Other commonly used devices include the following:

- DVD drives
- Printers and plotters
- Light pens
- Touch-sensitive screens
- Digitizers
- Tablet-and-stylus pairs

The Solaris software does not directly communicate with all these devices. Each type of device requires different data formats, protocols, and transmission rates.

A *device driver* is a low-level program that allows the operating system to communicate with a specific piece of hardware. The driver serves as the operating system's “interpreter” for that piece of hardware.

Automatic Configuration of Devices

The kernel consists of a small generic core with a platform-specific component and a set of modules. The kernel is configured automatically in the Solaris release.

A *kernel module* is a hardware or software component that is used to perform a specific task on the system. An example of a *loadable* kernel module is a device driver that is loaded when the device is accessed.

The platform-independent kernel is `/kernel/genunix`. The platform-specific component is `/platform/'uname -m'/kernel/unix`.

The kernel modules are described in the following table.

TABLE 5-2 Description of Solaris Kernel Modules

Location	Directory Contents
<code>/platform/'uname -m'/kernel</code>	Platform-specific kernel components
<code>/kernel</code>	Kernel components common to all platforms that are needed for booting the system
<code>/usr/kernel</code>	Kernel components common to all platforms within a particular instruction set

The system determines what devices are attached to it at boot time. Then, the kernel configures itself dynamically, loading needed modules into memory. At this time, device drivers are loaded when devices, such as disk devices and tape devices, are accessed. This process is called *autoconfiguration* because all kernel modules are loaded automatically when they are needed.

You can customize the way in which kernel modules are loaded by modifying the `/etc/system` file. For instructions on modifying this file, see [system\(4\)](#).

Features and Benefits of Autoconfiguration

The benefits of autoconfiguration are as follows:

- Main memory is used more efficiently because modules are loaded when needed.
- There is no need to reconfigure the kernel when new devices are added to the system.
- Drivers can be loaded and tested without having to rebuild the kernel and reboot the system.

Autoconfiguration is used when you add a new device (and driver) to the system. In previous Solaris releases, it was necessary to perform a reconfiguration boot if you added a device to a system that is shutdown. Device configuration enhancements make a reconfiguration boot unnecessary when a device is added to a system that is shutdown.

You can add, remove, or replace devices in the Solaris OS while the system is still running, if the system components support hot-plugging. For information about hot-plugging devices, see [Chapter 6, “Dynamically Configuring Devices \(Tasks\)”](#).

What You Need for Unsupported Devices

Device drivers needed to support a wide range of standard devices are included in the Solaris release. These drivers can be found in the `/kernel/drv` and `/platform/uname-m/kernel/drv` directories.

However, if you have purchased an unsupported device, the manufacturer should provide the software that is needed for the device to be properly installed, maintained, and administered.

At a minimum, this software includes a device driver and its associated configuration (`.conf`) file. The `.conf` files reside in the `drv` directories. This software might also include custom maintenance and administrative utilities because the device might be incompatible with Solaris utilities.

For more information about what you need for unsupported devices, contact your device manufacturer.

Displaying Device Configuration Information

Three commands are used to display system and device configuration information.

Command	Description	Man Page
<code>prtconf</code>	Displays system configuration information, including the total amount of memory and the device configuration as described by the system's device hierarchy. The output displayed by this command depends upon the type of system.	prtconf(1M)
<code>sysdef</code>	Displays device configuration information, including system hardware, pseudo devices, loadable modules, and selected kernel parameters.	sysdef(1M)
<code>dmesg</code>	Displays system diagnostic messages as well as a list of devices attached to the system since the last reboot.	dmesg(1M)

For information on the device names that are used to identify devices on the system, see [“Device Naming Conventions” on page 79](#).

driver not attached Message

The following driver-related message might be displayed by the `prtconf` and `sysdef` commands:

```
device, instance #number (driver not attached)
```

This message does not always mean that a driver is unavailable for this device. This message means that no driver is *currently* attached to the device instance because no device exists at this node or the device is not in use. Drivers are loaded automatically when the device is accessed. They are unloaded when the device is not in use.

▼ How to Display System Configuration Information

Use the output of the `prtconf` and `sysdef` commands to identify which disk, tape, and DVD devices are connected to the system. The output of these commands displays the `driver not attached` messages next to the device instances. Because these devices are always being monitored by some system process, the `driver not attached` message is usually a good indication that no device exists at that device instance.

Use the `sysdef` command to display system configuration information that include pseudo devices, loadable modules, and selected kernel parameters.

● Display system and device configuration information.

- Display all the devices connected to a system.

For example, the following `prtconf -v` output on a SunBlade 1000 identifies the disk devices connected to the system. The detailed disk information is described in the Device Minor Nodes section within the `ssd/fp` driver section.

```
$ /usr/sbin/prtconf -v | more
.
.
.
          Device Minor Nodes:
          dev=(118,8)
          dev_path=/pci@8,600000/SUNW,q1c@4/fp@0,0/ssd@w210000
2037bde864,0:a
          spectype=blk type=minor
          dev_link=/dev/dsk/c0t1d0s0
          dev_path=/pci@8,600000/SUNW,q1c@4/fp@0,0/ssd@w210000
2037bde864,0:a,raw
          spectype=chr type=minor
          dev_link=/dev/rdisk/c0t1d0s0
          dev=(118,9)
          dev_path=/pci@8,600000/SUNW,q1c@4/fp@0,0/ssd@w210000
2037bde864,0:b
          spectype=blk type=minor
          dev_link=/dev/dsk/c0t1d0s1
          dev_path=/pci@8,600000/SUNW,q1c@4/fp@0,0/ssd@w210000
2037bde864,0:b,raw
.
```

- Display information about one specific device connected to the system.

For example, the following `prtconf` output on a SunBlade 1000 displays the `ssd` instance number for `/dev/dsk/c0t1d0s0`.

```
# prtconf -v /dev/dsk/c0t1d0s0
ssd, instance #1
```

- Display only the devices that are attached to the system.

```
# prtconf | grep -v not
```

- Display device usage information.

For example, the following `fuser` command displays which processes are accessing the `/dev/console` device.

```
# fuser -d /dev/console
/dev/console:      346o      323o
```

Example 5-1 Displaying System Configuration Information

The following `prtconf` output is displayed on a SPARC based system.

```
# prtconf
System Configuration: Oracle Corporation i86pc
Memory size: 8192 Megabytes
System Peripherals (Software Nodes):

i86pc
  scsi_vhci, instance #0
  pci_instance #0
    pci108e,4843, instance #0
    pci8086,25e2, instance #0
      pci8086,3500, instance #7
        pci8086,3510, instance #9
        pci8086,3518, instance #10
          pci108e,4843, instance #0
          pci108e,4843, instance #1
        pci8086,350c, instance #8
      pci8086,25e3 (driver not attached)
    pci8086,25f8, instance #2
      pci108e,286, instance #0
        disk, instance #0
        disk, instance #2
        disk, instance #3
        disk, instance #1
      pci8086,25e5 (driver not attached)
      pci8086,25f9 (driver not attached)
      pci8086,25e7 (driver not attached)
      pci108e,4843, instance #0 (driver not attached)
      pci108e,4843, instance #1
      pci108e,4843, instance #2 (driver not attached)
      pci108e,4843 (driver not attached)
      pci108e,4843 (driver not attached)
```

```

pci108e,4843 (driver not attached)
pci108e,4843 (driver not attached)
pci8086,2690, instance #6
    pci108e,125e, instance #2
    pci108e,125e, instance #3
pci108e,4843, instance #0
pci108e,4843, instance #1
    device, instance #0
        keyboard, instance #0
        mouse, instance #1
pci108e,4843, instance #2
pci108e,4843, instance #3
pci108e,4843, instance #0
    storage, instance #0
    disk, instance #4
.
.
.

```

The following sysdef output is displayed from an x86 based system.

```

# sysdef
* Hostid
*
    29f10b4d
*
* i86pc Configuration
*
*
* Devices
*
+boot (driver not attached)
memory (driver not attached)
aliases (driver not attached)
chosen (driver not attached)
i86pc-memory (driver not attached)
i86pc-mmu (driver not attached)
openprom (driver not attached)
options, instance #0
packages (driver not attached)
delayed-writes (driver not attached)
itu-props (driver not attached)
isa, instance #0
    motherboard (driver not attached)
    pnpADP,1542, instance #0
    asy, instance #0
    asy, instance #1
    lp, instance #0 (driver not attached)
    fdc, instance #0
        fd, instance #0
        fd, instance #1 (driver not attached)
    kd (driver not attached)
    kdmouse (driver not attached)
.
.
.

```

Adding a Peripheral Device to a System

Adding a new peripheral device that is not-pluggable usually involves the following:

- Shutting down the system
- Connecting the device to the system
- Rebooting the system

Use “[How to Add a Peripheral Device](#)” on page 76 to add the following devices that are not hot-pluggable to a system:

- DVD drive
- Secondary disk drive
- Tape drive
- SBUS card

In some cases, you might have to add a third-party device driver to support the new device.

For information on hot-plugging devices, see [Chapter 6, “Dynamically Configuring Devices \(Tasks\)”](#).

▼ How to Add a Peripheral Device

1 Become an administrator.

For more information, see “[How to Obtain Administrative Rights](#)” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

2 (Optional) If you need to add a device driver to support the device, complete the procedure “[How to Add a Device Driver](#)” on page 77.

3 Shut down the system.

```
# shutdown -i0 -g30 -y
```

-i0 Brings the system to the 0 init state, which is the appropriate state for turning the system power off for adding and removing devices.

-g30 Shuts the system down in 30 seconds. The default is 60 seconds.

-y Continues the system shutdown without user intervention. Otherwise, you are prompted to continue the shutdown process.

4 Select one of the following to turn off power to the system after it is shut down:

- For SPARC platforms, it is safe to turn off power if the ok prompt is displayed.
- For x86 platforms, it is safe to turn off power if the type any key to continue prompt is displayed.

5 Turn off power to all peripheral devices.

For the location of power switches on any peripheral devices, refer to the hardware installation guides that accompany your peripheral devices.

6 Install the peripheral device, making sure that the device you are adding has a different target number than the other devices on the system.

Often, a small switch is located at the back of the disk for selecting the target number.

Refer to the hardware installation guide that accompanies the peripheral device for information on installing and connecting the device.

7 Turn on the power to the system.

The system boots to multiuser mode, and the login prompt is displayed.

8 Verify that the peripheral device has been added by attempting to access the device.

For information on accessing the device, see [“Accessing Devices” on page 78](#).

▼ How to Add a Device Driver

This procedure assumes that the device has already been added to the system. If not, see [“What You Need for Unsupported Devices” on page 72](#).

1 Become an administrator.

For more information, see [“How to Obtain Administrative Rights” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*](#).

2 Place the tape, diskette, or DVD into the drive.**3 Install the driver.**

```
# pkgadd [-d] device package-name
```

`-d device` Identifies the device path name that contains the package.

`package-name` Identifies the package name that contains the device driver.

4 Verify that the package has been added correctly.

```
# pkgchk package-name
```

```
#
```

The system prompt returns with no response if the package is installed correctly.

Example 5-2 Adding a Device Driver

The following example shows how to install and verify a package called XYZdrv.

```
# pkgadd XYZdrv
(licensing messages displayed)
.
.
.
Installing XYZ Company driver as <XYZdrv>
.
.
.
Installation of <XYZdrv> was successful.
# pkgchk XYZdrv
#
```

Accessing Devices

You need to know how to specify device names when using commands to manage disks, file systems, and other devices. In most cases, you can use logical device names to represent devices that are connected to the system. Both logical and physical device names are represented on the system by logical and physical device files.

How Device Information Is Created

When a system is booted for the first time, a device hierarchy is created to represent all the devices connected to the system. The kernel uses the device hierarchy information to associate drivers with their appropriate devices. The kernel also provides a set of pointers to the drivers that perform specific operations.

How Devices Are Managed

The `devfs` file system manages the `/devices` directory, which is the name space of all devices on the system. This directory represents the *physical* devices that consists of actual bus and device addresses.

The `dev` file system manages the `/dev` directory, which is the name space of *logical* device names.

By default, the `devfsadm` command attempts to load every driver in the system and attach to all possible device instances. Then, `devfsadm` creates the device files in the `/devices` directory and the logical links in the `/dev` directory. The `devfsadm` command also maintains the `path_to_inst` instance database.

Updates to the `/dev` and `/devices` directories in response to dynamic reconfiguration events or file system accesses are handled by `devfsadm`, the daemon version of the `devfsadm` command. This daemon is started by the service management facility when a system is booted.

Because the `devfsadm` daemon automatically detects device configuration changes generated by any reconfiguration event, there is no need to run this command interactively.

For more information, see the following references:

- [devfsadm\(1M\)](#)
- [dev\(7FS\)](#)
- [devfs\(7FS\)](#)
- [path_to_inst\(4\)](#)

Device Naming Conventions

Devices are referenced in three ways in the Oracle Solaris OS.

- **Physical device name** – Represents the full device path name in the device information hierarchy. The physical device name is created by when the device is first added to the system. Physical device files are found in the `/devices` directory.
- **Instance name** – Represents the kernel's abbreviation name for every possible device on the system. For example, `sd0` and `sd1` represent the instance names of two disk devices. Instance names are mapped in the `/etc/path_to_inst` file.
- **Logical device name** – The logical device name is created by when the device is first added to the system. Logical device names are used with most file system commands to refer to devices. For a list of file commands that use logical device names, see [Table 5–3](#). Logical device files in the `/dev` directory are symbolically linked to physical device files in the `/devices` directory.

The preceding device name information is displayed with the following commands:

- `dmesg`
- `format`
- `sysdef`
- `prtconf`

Logical Disk Device Names

Logical device names are used to access disk devices when you perform the following tasks:

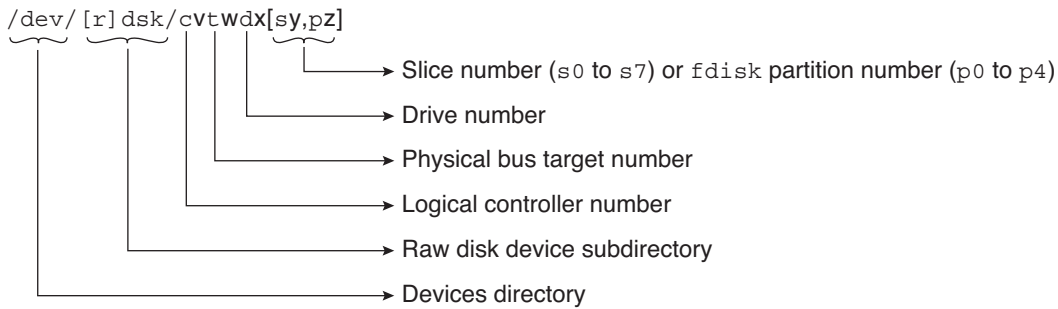
- Add a new disk to the system.
- Move a disk from one system to another system.

- Access or mount a file system residing on a local disk.
- Back up a local file system.

Many administration commands take arguments that refer to a disk slice or file system.

Refer to a disk device by specifying the subdirectory to which it is symbolically linked, either `/dev/dsk` or `/dev/rdisk`, followed by a string identifying the particular controller, disk, and slice.

FIGURE 5-1 Description of Logical Device Names



Specifying the Disk Subdirectory

Disk and file administration commands require the use of either a *raw* (or *character*) device interface, or a *block* device interface. The distinction is made by how data is read from the device.

Raw device interfaces transfer only small amounts of data at a time. Block device interfaces include a buffer from which large blocks of data are read at once.

Different commands require different interfaces:

- When a command requires the raw device interface, specify the `/dev/rdisk` subdirectory. (The “r” in `rdisk` stands for “raw.”)
- When a command requires the block device interface, specify the `/dev/dsk` subdirectory.
- When you are not sure whether a command requires use of `/dev/dsk` or `/dev/rdisk`, check the man page for that command.

The following table shows which interface is required for some commonly used disk and file system commands.

TABLE 5-3 Device Interface Type Required by Some Frequently Used Commands

Command Reference	Interface Type	Example of Use
<code>df(1M)</code>	Block	<code>df /dev/dsk/c0t3d0s6</code>
<code>fsck(1M)</code>	Raw	<code>fsck -p /dev/rdisk/c0t0d0s0</code>
<code>mount(1M)</code>	Block	<code>mount /dev/dsk/c1t0d0s7 /export/home</code>
<code>newfs(1M)</code>	Raw	<code>newfs /dev/rdisk/c0t0d1s1</code>
<code>prtvtoc(1M)</code>	Raw	<code>prtvtoc /dev/rdisk/c0t0d0s2</code>

Direct and Bus-Oriented Controllers

You might access disk partitions or slices differently depending upon whether the disk device is connected to a direct or bus-oriented controller. Generally, direct controllers do not include a *target* identifier in the logical device name.

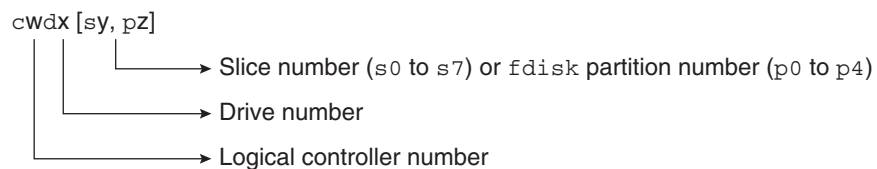
The conventions for both types of controllers are explained in the following subsections.

Note – Controller numbers are assigned automatically during system initialization. The numbers are strictly logical and imply no direct mapping to physical controllers.

x86: Disks With Direct Controllers

To specify a slice on a disk with an IDE controller on an x86 based system, follow the naming convention shown in the following figure.

FIGURE 5-2 x86: Disks With Direct Controllers



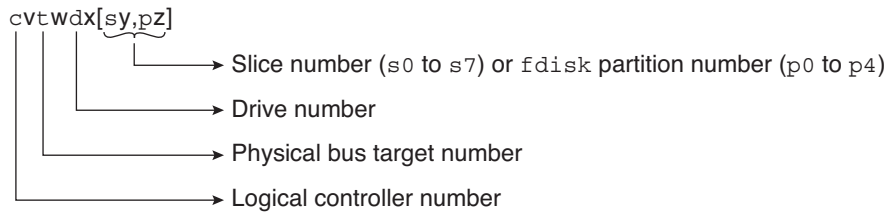
To indicate the entire Solaris `fdisk` partition, specify slice 2 (`s2`).

If you have only one controller on your system, `w` is usually 0.

Disks With Bus-Oriented Controllers

To specify a slice on a disk with a bus-oriented controller, SCSI for instance, follow the naming convention shown in the following figure.

FIGURE 5-3 Disks With Bus-Oriented Controllers



On a SPARC based system with directly connected disks such as the IDE disks on an UltraSPARC system, the naming convention is the same as that for systems with bus-oriented controllers.

If you have only one controller on your system, `w` is usually 0.

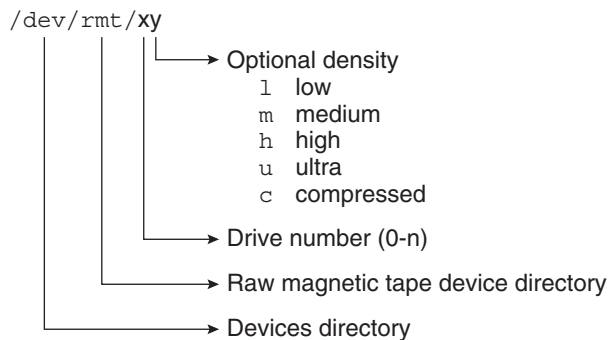
For SCSI controllers, `x` is the target address set by the switch on the back of the unit, and `y` is the logical unit number (LUN) of the drive attached to the target. If the disk has an embedded controller, `y` is usually 0.

To indicate the whole disk, specify slice 2 (`s2`).

Logical Tape Device Names

Logical tape device files are found in the `/dev/rmt/*` directory as symbolic links from the `/devices` directory.

FIGURE 5-4 Logical Tape Device Names



The first tape device connected to the system is 0 (`/dev/rmt/0`). Tape density values (`l`, `m`, `h`, `c`, and `u`) are described in [Chapter 23, “Managing Tape Drives \(Tasks\)”](#).

Logical Removable Media Device Names

Since removable media is managed by removable media management services, the logical device name is usually not used unless you want to mount the media manually.

The logical device name that represents the removable media devices on a system are described in [Chapter 3, “Accessing Removable Media \(Tasks\).”](#)

Dynamically Configuring Devices (Tasks)

This chapter provides instructions for dynamically configuring devices in the Solaris OS. You can add, remove, or replace devices in the Solaris OS while the system is still running, if the system components support hot-plugging. If the system components do not support hot-plugging, you can reboot the system to reconfigure the devices.

For information on the procedures associated with dynamically configuring devices, see the following:

- “SCSI Hot-Plugging With the `cfgadm` Command (Task Map)” on page 90
- “PCI or PCIe Hot-Plugging With the `cfgadm` Command (Task Map)” on page 100
- “Application Developer RCM Script (Task Map)” on page 108
- “System Administrator RCM Script (Task Map)” on page 109

For information on hot-plugging USB devices with the `cfgadm` command, see “Hot-Plugging USB Devices With the `cfgadm` Command” on page 157.

For information on hot-plugging InfiniBand devices with `cfgadm` command, see [Chapter 9](#), “Using InfiniBand Devices (Overview/Tasks).”

For information about accessing devices, see “Accessing Devices” on page 78.

Dynamic Reconfiguration and Hot-Plugging

Hot-plugging is the ability to physically add, remove, or replace system components while the system is running. *Dynamic reconfiguration* refers to the ability to hot-plug system components. This term also refers to the general ability to move system resources (both hardware and software) around in the system or to disable them in some way without physically removing them from the system.

Generally, you can hot-plug the following bus types:

- USB

- Fibre Channel
- 1394
- ATA
- SCSI
- Infiniband

In addition, you can hot-plug the following devices with the `cfgadm` command:

- USB devices on SPARC and x86 platforms
- SCSI devices on SPARC and x86 platforms
- PCI devices on SPARC and x86 platforms
- PCIe devices on SPARC or x86 platforms
- InfiniBand devices on SPARC and x86 devices

Features of the `cfgadm` command include the following:

- Displaying system component status
- Testing system components
- Changing component configurations
- Displaying configuration help messages

The benefit of using the `cfgadm` command to reconfigure systems components is that you can add, remove, or replace components while the system is running. An added benefit is that the `cfgadm` command guides you through the steps needed to add, remove, or replace system components.

For step-by-step instructions on hot-plugging components, see the following:

- [“SCSI Hot-Plugging With the `cfgadm` Command” on page 91](#)
- [“PCI or PCIe Hot-Plugging With the `cfgadm` Command” on page 101](#)
- [`cfgadm\(1M\)`](#)

Note – Not all SCSI and PCI controllers support hot-plugging with the `cfgadm` command.

As part of Oracle's high availability strategy, dynamic reconfiguration is expected to be used in conjunction with additional layered products, such as alternate pathing or fail over software. Both products provide fault tolerance in the event of a device failure.

Without any high availability software, you can replace a failed device by manually stopping the appropriate applications, unmounting noncritical file systems, and then proceeding with the add or remove operations.

Note – Some systems have slots that hot-pluggable and slots that are not hot-pluggable. For information about hot-plugging devices on your specific hardware configuration, such as on enterprise-level systems, refer to your hardware configuration documentation.

Attachment Points

The `cfgadm` command displays information about *attachment points*, which are locations in the system where dynamic reconfiguration operations can occur.

An attachment point consists of the following:

- An *occupant*, which represents a hardware component that can be configured into the system
- A *receptacle*, which is the location that accepts the occupant

Attachment points are represented by logical and physical attachment point IDs (`Ap_Ids`). The physical `Ap_Id` is the physical path name of the attachment point. The logical `Ap_Id` is a user-friendly alternative for the physical `Ap_Id`. For more information on `Ap_Ids`, refer to [`cfgadm\(1M\)`](#).

The logical `Ap_Id` for a SCSI Host Bus Adapter (HBA), or SCSI controller, is usually represented by the controller number, such as `c0`.

In cases where no controller number has been assigned to a SCSI HBA, then an internally generated unique identifier is provided. An example of a unique identifier for a SCSI controller is the following:

```
fas1:scsi
```

The logical `Ap_Id` for a SCSI device usually has this format:

```
HBA-logical-apid::device-identifier
```

In the following example, `c0` is the logical `Ap_Id` for the SCSI HBA:

```
c0::dsk/c0t3d0
```

The device identifier is typically derived from the logical device name for the device in the `/dev` directory. For example, a tape device with logical device name, `/dev/rmt/1`, has the following logical `Ap_Id`:

```
c0::rmt/1
```

If a logical `Ap_Id` of a SCSI device cannot be derived from the logical name in the `/dev` directory, then an internally generated unique identifier is provided. An example of an identifier for the `/dev/rmt/1` tape device is the following:

`c0::st4`

For more information on SCSI Ap_Ids, refer to [cfgadm_scsi\(1M\)](#).

The `cfgadm` command represents all resources and dynamic reconfiguration operations in terms of a common set of states (such as configured and unconfigured) and operations (such as connect, configure, unconfigure, and so on). For more information on these common states and operations, see [cfgadm\(1M\)](#).

The following table shows the receptacle and occupant states for the SCSI HBA attachment points.

Receptacle State	Description	Occupant State	Description
empty	N/A for SCSI HBA	configured	One or more devices is configured on the bus
disconnected	Bus quiesced	unconfigured	No devices are configured
connected	Bus active		

The following table shows the receptacle and occupant states for SCSI device attachment points.

Receptacle State	Description	Occupant State	Description
empty	N/A for SCSI devices	configured	Device is configured
disconnected	Bus quiesced	unconfigured	Device is not configured
connected	Bus active		

The state of SCSI attachment points is unknown unless special hardware indicates otherwise. For instructions on displaying SCSI component information, see [“How to Display Information About SCSI Devices” on page 91](#).

Detaching PCI or PCIe Adapter Cards

A PCI adapter card that is hosting nonvital system resources can be removed if the device driver supports hot-plugging. A PCI adapter card is not detachable if it is a vital system resource. For a PCI adapter card to be detachable, the following conditions must be met:

- The device driver must support hot-plugging.
- Critical resources must be accessible through an alternate pathway.

For example, if a system has only one Ethernet card installed in it, the Ethernet card cannot be detached without losing the network connection. This detachment requires additional layered software support to keep the network connection active.

Attaching PCI or PCIe Adapter Cards

A PCI adapter card can be added to the system as long as the following conditions are met:

- There are slots available.
- The device driver supports hot-plugging for this adapter card.

For step-by-step instructions on adding or removing a PCI adapter card, see [“PCI or PCIe Hot-Plugging With the `cfgadm` Command”](#) on page 101.

PCIe Hot-Plugging With the (`hotplug`) Command

You can use the `hotplug` command to manage hot pluggible connections, where a connection can be a connector or port, on PCI Express (PCIe) and PCI SHPC devices only. A *hotplug connector* is a physical representation in the system where a component is inserted or removed. A *hotplug port* is a logical representation in the system device tree where the connection of a device to the system is managed.

You can use the `hotplug` features to online or offline a device, even an on-board device, without physically adding or removing the device from the system.

You must enable the `hotplug` service to manage devices with the `hotplug` command.

```
# svcadm enable svc:/system/hotplug:default
```

The following examples describe how to use the `hotplug` command.

Display all the PCI/PCIe hot pluggible connectors/ports (virtual and physical) in the system as follows:

```
# hotplug list -lv
```

Configure an Ethernet card in a PCIe slot. For example:

```
# hotplug enable /pci0,0 pcie0
```

Unconfigure an Ethernet card in a PCIe slot. For example:

```
# hotplug disable /pci0,0 pcie0
```

Offline a PCI device node, which means detach the device driver for that node. For example:

```
# hotplug offline /pci0,0/pci1 pci.0,2
```

Online a PCI device node, which means attach the driver for that node. For example:

```
# hotplug online /pci0,0/pci1 pci.0,2
```

Troubleshooting PCI Hot Plug Operations (`hotplug`)

The following service must be running to use the `hotplug` command.

```
svc:/system/hotplug:default
```

Otherwise, you will see the following message:

```
ERROR: hotplug service is not available.
```

The following error message is displayed on systems that do not have any supported I/O buses:

```
ERROR: there are no connections to display.
      (See hotplug(1m) for more information.)
```

The above message could mean that the system might have other hot-pluggible I/O devices, but you need to use the `cfgadm` command rather than the `hotplug` command to manage these devices.

SCSI Hot-Plugging With the `cfgadm` Command (Task Map)

Task	Description	For Instructions
Display information about SCSI devices.	Display information about SCSI controllers and devices.	“How to Display Information About SCSI Devices” on page 91
Unconfigure a SCSI controller.	Unconfigure a SCSI controller.	“How to Unconfigure a SCSI Controller” on page 92
Configure a SCSI controller.	Configure a SCSI controller that was previously unconfigured.	“How to Configure a SCSI Controller” on page 92
Configure a SCSI device.	Configure a specific SCSI device.	“How to Configure a SCSI Device” on page 93
Disconnect a SCSI controller.	Disconnect a specific SCSI controller.	“How to Disconnect a SCSI Controller” on page 94
Connect a SCSI controller.	Connect a specific SCSI controller that was previously disconnected.	“SPARC: How to Connect a SCSI Controller” on page 95
Add a SCSI device to a SCSI bus.	Add a specific SCSI device to a SCSI bus.	“SPARC: How to Add a SCSI Device to a SCSI Bus” on page 95
Replace an identical device on a SCSI controller.	Replace a device on the SCSI bus with another device of the same type.	“SPARC: How to Replace an Identical Device on a SCSI Controller” on page 96
Remove a SCSI device.	Remove a SCSI device from the system.	“SPARC: How to Remove a SCSI Device” on page 97

Task	Description	For Instructions
Troubleshoot SCSI configuration problems.	Resolve a failed SCSI unconfigure operation.	“How to Resolve a Failed SCSI Unconfigure Operation” on page 100

SCSI Hot-Plugging With the `cfgadm` Command

This section describes various SCSI hot-plugging procedures that you can perform with the `cfgadm` command.

Note – The SCSI framework generally supports hot-plugging of SCSI devices. However, you should consult your hardware documentation to confirm whether hot-plugging is supported for your SCSI devices.

These procedures use specific devices as examples to illustrate how to use the `cfgadm` command to hot-plug SCSI components. The device information that you supply, and that the `cfgadm` command displays, depends on your system configuration.

All of the procedures in this section require administrative privileges that are not generally granted to user accounts. For more information, see [“How to Obtain Administrative Rights” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*](#).

▼ How to Display Information About SCSI Devices

The following procedure uses SCSI controllers `c0` and `c1` and the devices that are attached to them in the examples of the type of device configuration information that you can display with the `cfgadm` command.

Note – If the SCSI device is not supported by the `cfgadm` command, the device does not display in the `cfgadm` command output.

- 1 **Become an administrator.**
- 2 **Display information about attachment points on the system.**

```
# cfgadm -l
Ap_Id          Type          Receptacle  Occupant    Condition
c0             scsi-bus     connected   configured  unknown
c1             scsi-bus     connected   configured  unknown
```

In this example, `c0` and `c1` represent two SCSI controllers.

3 Display information about a system's SCSI controllers and their attached devices.

```
# cfgadm -al
Ap_Id                Type           Receptacle  Occupant    Condition
c0                   scsi-bus      connected   configured  unknown
c0::dsk/c0t0d0      disk          connected   configured  unknown
c0::rmt/0            tape          connected   configured  unknown
c1                   scsi-bus      connected   configured  unknown
c1::dsk/c1t3d0      disk          connected   configured  unknown
c1::dsk/c1t4d0      unavailable   connected   unconfigured unknown
```

Note – The `cfgadm -l` commands displays information about SCSI HBAs but not SCSI devices. Use the `cfgadm -al` command to display information about SCSI devices such as disk and tapes.

▼ How to Unconfigure a SCSI Controller

The following procedure uses SCSI controller `c1` in the example of unconfiguring a SCSI controller.

- 1 Become an administrator.
- 2 Unconfigure a SCSI controller.

```
# cfgadm -c unconfigure c1
```

- 3 Verify that the SCSI controller is unconfigured.

```
# cfgadm -al
Ap_Id                Type           Receptacle  Occupant    Condition
c0                   scsi-bus      connected   configured  unknown
c0::dsk/c0t0d0      disk          connected   configured  unknown
c0::rmt/0            tape          connected   configured  unknown
c1                   scsi-bus      connected   unconfigured unknown
```

Notice that the `Occupant` column for `c1` specifies `unconfigured`, indicating that the SCSI bus has no configured occupants.

If the `unconfigure` operation fails, see [“How to Resolve a Failed SCSI Unconfigure Operation”](#) on page 100.

▼ How to Configure a SCSI Controller

The following procedure uses SCSI controller `c1` in the example of configuring a SCSI controller.

- 1 Become an administrator.

2 Configure a SCSI controller.

```
# cfgadm -c configure c1
```

3 Verify that the SCSI controller is configured.

```
# cfgadm -al
Ap_Id                Type          Receptacle  Occupant    Condition
c0                   scsi-bus     connected   configured  unknown
c0::dsk/c0t0d0      disk         connected   configured  unknown
c0::rmt/0            tape         connected   configured  unknown
c1                   scsi-bus     connected   configured  unknown
c1::dsk/c1t3d0      disk         connected   configured  unknown
c1::dsk/c1t4d0      unavailable  connected   unconfigured unknown
```

The previous unconfigure procedure removed all devices on the SCSI bus. Now all the devices are configured back into the system.

▼ How to Configure a SCSI Device

The following procedure uses SCSI disk `c1t4d0` in the example of configuring a SCSI device.

1 Become an administrator.**2 Identify the device to be configured.**

```
# cfgadm -al
Ap_Id                Type          Receptacle  Occupant    Condition
c0                   scsi-bus     connected   configured  unknown
c0::dsk/c0t0d0      disk         connected   configured  unknown
c0::rmt/0            tape         connected   configured  unknown
c1                   scsi-bus     connected   configured  unknown
c1::dsk/c1t3d0      disk         connected   configured  unknown
c1::dsk/c1t4d0      unavailable  connected   unconfigured unknown
```

3 Configure the SCSI device.

```
# cfgadm -c configure c1::dsk/c1t4d0
```

4 Verify that the SCSI device is configured.

```
# cfgadm -al
Ap_Id                Type          Receptacle  Occupant    Condition
c0                   scsi-bus     connected   configured  unknown
c0::dsk/c0t0d0      disk         connected   configured  unknown
c0::rmt/0            tape         connected   configured  unknown
c1                   scsi-bus     connected   configured  unknown
c1::dsk/c1t3d0      disk         connected   configured  unknown
c1::dsk/c1t4d0      disk         connected   configured  unknown
```

▼ How to Disconnect a SCSI Controller



Caution – Disconnecting a SCSI device must be done with caution, particularly when you are dealing with controllers for disks that contain critical file systems such as `root (/)`, `usr`, `var`, and the swap partition. The dynamic reconfiguration software cannot detect all cases where a system hang might result. Use this procedure with caution.

The following procedure uses SCSI controller `c1` in the example of disconnecting a SCSI device.

- 1 **Become an administrator.**
- 2 **Verify that the device is connected before you disconnect it.**

```
# cfgadm -al
Ap_Id                Type           Receptacle  Occupant    Condition
c0                   scsi-bus      connected   configured  unknown
c0::dsk/c0t0d0      disk          connected   configured  unknown
c0::rmt/0            tape          connected   configured  unknown
c1                   scsi-bus      connected   configured  unknown
c1::dsk/c1t3d0      disk          connected   configured  unknown
c1::dsk/c1t4d0      disk          connected   configured  unknown
```

- 3 **Disconnect the SCSI controller.**

```
# cfgadm -c disconnect c1
WARNING: Disconnecting critical partitions may cause system hang.
Continue (yes/no)? y
```



Caution – This command suspends all I/O activity on the SCSI bus until the `cfgadm -c connect` command is used. The `cfgadm` command does some basic checking to prevent critical partitions from being disconnected, but it cannot detect all cases. Inappropriate use of this command can result in a system hang and could require a system reboot.

- 4 **Verify that the SCSI bus is disconnected.**

```
# cfgadm -al
Ap_Id                Type           Receptacle  Occupant    Condition
c0                   scsi-bus      connected   configured  unknown
c0::dsk/c0t0d0      disk          connected   configured  unknown
c0::rmt/0            tape          connected   configured  unknown
c1                   unavailable   disconnected  configured  unknown
c1::dsk/c1t3d0      unavailable   disconnected  configured  unknown
c1::dsk/c1t4d0      unavailable   disconnected  configured  unknown
```

The controller and all the devices that are attached to it are disconnected from the system.

▼ SPARC: How to Connect a SCSI Controller

The following procedure uses SCSI controller c1 in the example of connecting a SCSI controller.

- 1 **Become an administrator.**
- 2 **Verify that the device is disconnected before you connect it.**

```
# c f g a d m - a l
Ap_Id          Type          Receptacle  Occupant    Condition
c0             scsi-bus     connected   configured  unknown
c0::dsk/c0t0d0 disk         connected   configured  unknown
c0::rmt/0      tape         connected   configured  unknown
c1             unavailable  disconnected  configured  unknown
c1::dsk/c1t3d0 unavailable  disconnected  configured  unknown
c1::dsk/c1t4d0 unavailable  disconnected  configured  unknown
```

- 3 **Connect the SCSI controller.**

```
# c f g a d m - c connect c1
```

- 4 **Verify that the SCSI controller is connected.**

```
# c f g a d m - a l
Ap_Id          Type          Receptacle  Occupant    Condition
c0             scsi-bus     connected   configured  unknown
c0::dsk/c0t0d0 disk         connected   configured  unknown
c0::rmt/0      tape         connected   configured  unknown
c1             scsi-bus     connected   configured  unknown
c1::dsk/c1t3d0 disk         connected   configured  unknown
c1::dsk/c1t4d0 disk         connected   configured  unknown
```

▼ SPARC: How to Add a SCSI Device to a SCSI Bus

SCSI controller c1 is used in the example of how to add a SCSI device to a SCSI bus.

Note – When you add devices, you specify the Ap_Id of the SCSI HBA (controller) to which the device is attached, not the Ap_Id of the device itself.

- 1 **Become an administrator.**
- 2 **Identify the current SCSI configuration.**

```
# c f g a d m - a l
Ap_Id          Type          Receptacle  Occupant    Condition
c0             scsi-bus     connected   configured  unknown
c0::dsk/c0t0d0 disk         connected   configured  unknown
c0::rmt/0      tape         connected   configured  unknown
c1             scsi-bus     connected   configured  unknown
c1::dsk/c1t3d0 disk         connected   configured  unknown
```

3 Add the SCSI device to the SCSI bus.**a. Type the following `cfgadm` command.**

For example:

```
# cfgadm -x insert_device c1
Adding device to SCSI HBA: /devices/sbus@1f,0/SUNW,fas@1,8800000
This operation will suspend activity on SCSI bus: c1
```

b. Type `y` at the Continue (yes/no)? prompt to proceed.

```
Continue (yes/no)? y
SCSI bus quiesced successfully.
It is now safe to proceed with hotplug operation.
```

I/O activity on the SCSI bus is suspended while the hot-plug operation is in progress.

c. Connect the device and then power it on.**d. Type `y` at the Enter y if operation is complete or n to abort (yes/no)? prompt.**

```
Enter y if operation is complete or n to abort (yes/no)? y
```

4 Verify that the device has been added.

```
# cfgadm -al
Ap_Id          Type          Receptacle  Occupant    Condition
c0             scsi-bus     connected   configured  unknown
c0::dsk/c0t0d0 disk          connected   configured  unknown
c0::rmt/0      tape         connected   configured  unknown
c1             scsi-bus     connected   configured  unknown
c1::dsk/c1t3d0 disk          connected   configured  unknown
c1::dsk/c1t4d0 disk          connected   configured  unknown
```

A new disk has been added to controller `c1`.

▼ SPARC: How to Replace an Identical Device on a SCSI Controller

The following procedure uses SCSI disk `c1t4d0` in the example of replacing an identical device on a SCSI controller.

1 Become an administrator.**2 Identify the current SCSI configuration.**

```
# cfgadm -al
Ap_Id          Type          Receptacle  Occupant    Condition
c0             scsi-bus     connected   configured  unknown
c0::dsk/c0t0d0 disk          connected   configured  unknown
c0::rmt/0      tape         connected   configured  unknown
c1             scsi-bus     connected   configured  unknown
```



```
c1::dsk/c1t3d0      disk          connected   configured   unknown
c1::dsk/c1t4d0      disk          connected   configured   unknown
```

3 Replace a device on the SCSI bus with another device of the same type.

a. Type the following `cfgadm` command.

For example:

```
# cfgadm -x replace_device c1::dsk/c1t4d0
Replacing SCSI device: /devices/sbus@1f,0/SUNW,fas@1,8800000/sd@4,0
This operation will suspend activity on SCSI bus: c1
```

b. Type `y` at the Continue (yes/no)? prompt to proceed.

I/O activity on the SCSI bus is suspended while the hot-plug operation is in progress.

```
Continue (yes/no)? y
SCSI bus quiesced successfully.
It is now safe to proceed with hotplug operation.
```

c. Power off the device to be removed and remove it.

d. Add the replacement device. Then, power it on.

The replacement device should be of the same type and at the same address (target and lun) as the device to be removed.

e. Type `y` at the Enter `y` if operation is complete or `n` to abort (yes/no)? prompt.

```
Enter y if operation is complete or n to abort (yes/no)? y
```

4 Verify that the device has been replaced.

```
# cfgadm -al
Ap_Id          Type          Receptacle  Occupant    Condition
c0             scsi-bus      connected   configured   unknown
c0::dsk/c0t0d0 disk          connected   configured   unknown
c0::rmt/0      tape          connected   configured   unknown
c1             scsi-bus      connected   configured   unknown
c1::dsk/c1t3d0 disk          connected   configured   unknown
c1::dsk/c1t4d0 disk          connected   configured   unknown
```

▼ SPARC: How to Remove a SCSI Device

The following procedure uses SCSI disk `c1t4d0` in the example of removing a device on a SCSI controller.

1 Become an administrator.

2 Identify the current SCSI configuration.

```
# cfgadm -al
Ap_Id          Type          Receptacle  Occupant    Condition
```

<code>c0</code>	<code>scsi-bus</code>	<code>connected</code>	<code>configured</code>	<code>unknown</code>
<code>c0::dsk/c0t0d0</code>	<code>disk</code>	<code>connected</code>	<code>configured</code>	<code>unknown</code>
<code>c0::rmt/0</code>	<code>tape</code>	<code>connected</code>	<code>configured</code>	<code>unknown</code>
<code>c1</code>	<code>scsi-bus</code>	<code>connected</code>	<code>configured</code>	<code>unknown</code>
<code>c1::dsk/c1t3d0</code>	<code>disk</code>	<code>connected</code>	<code>configured</code>	<code>unknown</code>
<code>c1::dsk/c1t4d0</code>	<code>disk</code>	<code>connected</code>	<code>configured</code>	<code>unknown</code>

3 Remove the SCSI device from the system.

a. Type the following `cfgadm` command.

For example:

```
# cfgadm -x remove_device c1::dsk/c1t4d0
Removing SCSI device: /devices/sbus@1f,0/SUNW,fas@1,8800000/sd@4,0
This operation will suspend activity on SCSI bus: c1
```

b. Type `y` at the `Continue (yes/no)?` prompt to proceed.

```
Continue (yes/no)? y
SCSI bus quiesced successfully.
It is now safe to proceed with hotplug operation.
```

I/O activity on the SCSI bus is suspended while the hot-plug operation is in progress.

c. Power off the device to be removed and remove it.

d. Type `y` at the `Enter y if operation is complete or n to abort (yes/no)?` prompt.

```
Enter y if operation is complete or n to abort (yes/no)? y
```

Note – This step must be performed if you are removing a SCSI RAID device from a SCSI RAID array.

4 Verify that the device has been removed from the system.

```
# cfgadm -al
Ap_Id          Type          Receptacle  Occupant    Condition
c0             scsi-bus     connected   configured  unknown
c0::dsk/c0t0d0 disk          connected   configured  unknown
c0::rmt/0      tape         connected   configured  unknown
c1             scsi-bus     connected   configured  unknown
c1::dsk/c1t3d0 disk          connected   configured  unknown
```

Troubleshooting SCSI Configuration Problems

This section provides error messages and possible solutions for troubleshooting SCSI configuration problems. For more information on troubleshooting SCSI configuration problems, see [`cfgadm\(1M\)`](#).

Error Message

```

cfgadm: Component system is busy, try again: failed to offline:
  device-path
  Resource           Information
  -----
  /dev/dsk/clt0d0s0  mounted filesystem "/file-system"
    
```

Cause

You attempted to remove or replace a device with a mounted file system.

Solution

Unmount the file system that is listed in the error message and retry the `cfgadm` operation.

Error Message

```

cfgadm: Component system is busy, try again: failed to offline:
  device-path
  Resource           Information
  -----
  /dev/dsk/device-name  swap area
    
```

Cause

If you use the `cfgadm` command to remove a system resource, such as a swap device or a dedicated dump device, a similar error message is displayed if the system resource is still active.

Solution

Unconfigure the swap areas on the device that is specified and retry the `cfgadm` operation.

Error Message

```

cfgadm: Component system is busy, try again: failed to offline:
  device-path
  Resource           Information
  -----
  /dev/dsk/device-name  dump device (swap)
    
```

Cause

You attempted to remove or replace a dump device that is configured on a swap area.

Solution

Unconfigure the dump device that is configured on the swap area and retry the `cfgadm` operation.

Error Message

```

cfgadm: Component system is busy, try again: failed to offline:
  device-path
  Resource           Information
  -----
  /dev/dsk/device-name  dump device (dedicated)
    
```

Cause

You attempted to remove or replace a dedicated dump device.

Solution

Unconfigure the dedicate dump device and retry the `cfgadm` operation.

▼ How to Resolve a Failed SCSI Unconfigure Operation

Use this procedure if one or more target devices are busy and the SCSI unconfigure operation fails. Otherwise, future dynamic reconfiguration operations on this controller and target devices will fail with a `dr in progress` message.

1 Become an administrator.

2 Reconfigure the controller.

```
# cfgadm -c configure device-name
```

PCI or PCIe Hot-Plugging With the `cfgadm` Command (Task Map)

The following task map describes the tasks for managing PCI or PCIe devices on your system.

Task	Description	For Instructions
Display PCI slot configuration information.	Display the status of PCI hot-pluggable devices and slots on the system.	“How to Display PCI Slot Configuration Information” on page 101
Remove a PCI adapter card.	Unconfigure the card, disconnect power from the slot, and remove the card from the system.	“How to Remove a PCI Adapter Card” on page 103
Add a PCI adapter card.	Insert the adapter card into a hot-pluggable slot, connect power to the slot, and configure the card.	“How to Add a PCI Adapter Card” on page 104
Troubleshoot PCI configuration problems.	Identify error message and possible solutions to resolve PCI configuration problems.	“Troubleshooting PCI Configuration Problems” on page 106

PCI or PCIe Hot-Plugging With the `cfgadm` Command

This section provides step-by-step instructions for hot-plugging PCI or PCIe adapter cards on SPARC and x86 systems.

In addition to the `cfgadm` command, the `prtconf` command is helpful during hot-plug operations. The `prtconf` command displays additional configuration information that pertains to the hardware.

After adding hardware, you can use the `prtconf` command to verify that the hardware is configured correctly. For example, after a configure operation, use the `prtconf -D` command to verify that the driver is attached to the newly installed hardware device. If the device driver has not been added to the system prior to hardware configuration, it may be manually added by using the `add_drv` command.

For more information, see [prtconf\(1M\)](#) and [add_drv\(1M\)](#).

All of the procedures in this section require administrative privileges that are not generally granted to user accounts. For more information, see “[How to Obtain Administrative Rights](#)” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

In the examples, only PCI attachment points are listed, for brevity. The attachment points that are displayed on your system depend on your system configuration.

PCIe Led Indicator Behavior

You might observe the LED indicators on the system to get a visual indication about the status of the slot's hot-plug operation. The LED behavior, in case of PCI Express, matches that defined in the PCI Express specification or the behavior might otherwise be platform dependent.

Please refer to your platform guide for specific details. In case of PCI Express, when the Attention Button is pressed, the power indicator blinks, which indicates the beginning of a state transition. The blinking ends when the state transition has ended.

▼ How to Display PCI Slot Configuration Information

This procedure has been updated to include PCIe configuration information.

The `cfgadm` command displays the status of PCI hot-pluggable devices and slots on a system. For more information, see [cfgadm\(1M\)](#).

- 1 **Become an administrator.**
- 2 **Display PCI configuration information.**

- Display PCI slot configuration information.

For example:

```
# cfgadm
Ap_Id                Type           Receptacle  Occupant  Condition
pci1:hpc0_slot0     unknown       empty       unconfigured unknown
pci1:hpc0_slot1     unknown       empty       unconfigured unknown
pci1:hpc0_slot2     unknown       empty       unconfigured unknown
pci1:hpc0_slot3     ethernet/hp   connected   configured ok
pci1:hpc0_slot4     unknown       empty       unconfigured unknown
```

- Display specific PCI device information.

For example:

```
# cfgadm -s "cols=ap_id:type:info" pci
Ap_Id                Type           Information
pci1:hpc0_slot0     unknown       Slot 7
pci1:hpc0_slot1     unknown       Slot 8
pci1:hpc0_slot2     unknown       Slot 9
pci1:hpc0_slot3     ethernet/hp   Slot 10
pci1:hpc0_slot4     unknown       Slot 11
```

The logical `Ap_Id`, `pci1:hpc0_slot0`, is the logical `Ap_Id` for hot-pluggable slot, Slot 7. The component `hpc0` indicates the hot-pluggable adapter card for this slot, and `pci1` indicates the PCI bus instance. The `Type` field indicates the type of PCI adapter card that is present in the slot.

- Display PCIe slot configuration information.

For example:

```
# cfgadm pci
Ap_Id                Type           Receptacle  Occupant  Condition
pcie1                unknown       empty       unconfigured unknown
pcie2                unknown       empty       unconfigured unknown
pcie3                unknown       empty       unconfigured unknown
pcie4                etherne/hp   connected   configured ok
pcie5                pci-pci/hp   connected   configured ok
pcie6                unknown       disconnected unconfigured unknown
```

- Display specific PCIe device information.

For example:

```
# cfgadm -s "cols=ap_id:busy:o_state" pci
Ap_Id                Busy  Occupant
pcie1                n     unconfigured
pcie2                n     unconfigured
pcie3                n     unconfigured
pcie4                n     configured
pcie5                n     configured
pcie6                n     configured
```

Note – The logical `Ap_Id` in most cases should match the slot label that is silk-screened on the system chassis. Refer to your platform guide for the `cfgadm` output of the hot-pluggable slots. The `Busy` field can be displayed to ensure that the `Ap_Id` is not transitioning to another state before a hot-plug operation is attempted.

▼ How to Remove a PCI Adapter Card

The following procedure has been updated for removing a PCIe adapter card. However, the procedure to remove an adapter card is the same whether you are using PCI or PCIe.

- 1 **Become an administrator.**
- 2 **Determine which slot the PCI adapter card is in.**

For example:

```
# cfgadm pci
Ap_Id      Type      Receptacle  Occupant  Condition
pcie1     unknown  empty       unconfigured  unknown
pcie2     unknown  empty       unconfigured  unknown
pcie3     unknown  empty       unconfigured  unknown
pcie4     etherne/hp  connected  configured    ok
pcie5     pci-pci/hp  connected  configured    ok
pcie6     unknown  disconnected unconfigured  unknown
```

- 3 **Stop the application that has the device open.**

For example, if the device is an Ethernet card, use the `ifconfig` command to bring down the interface and unplumb the interface.

- 4 **Unconfigure the device manually by using the `cfgadm` command as shown below. Or, if you have a PCIe adapter card, use the auto-configuration method, such as pressing the slot's Attention Button as defined by your platform guide.**

```
# cfgadm -c unconfigure pcie4
```

- 5 **Confirm that the device has been unconfigured.**

For example:

```
# cfgadm pci
Ap_Id      Type      Receptacle  Occupant  Condition
pcie1     unknown  empty       unconfigured  unknown
pcie2     unknown  empty       unconfigured  unknown
pcie3     unknown  empty       unconfigured  unknown
pcie4     unknown  connected   unconfigured  unknown
pcie5     pci-pci/hp  connected  configured    ok
pcie6     unknown  disconnected unconfigured  unknown
```

Note – The Type and Condition also become unknown when the device is unconfigured.

- 6 Disconnect the power to the slot manually. If the auto-configuration method is used, this step is not necessary. Refer to your platform guide for more information.**

```
# cfgadm -c disconnect pcie4
```

- 7 Confirm that the device has been disconnected.**

For example:

```
# cfgadm pci
Ap_Id                Type           Receptacle  Occupant    Condition
pcie1                unknown       empty       unconfigured unknown
pcie2                unknown       empty       unconfigured unknown
pcie3                unknown       empty       unconfigured unknown
pcie4                unknown       disconnected unconfigured unknown
pcie5                pci-pci/hp    connected   configured  ok
pcie6                unknown       disconnected unconfigured unknown
```

- 8 Follow appropriate instructions in your platform guide to remove the PCI adapter card. After the card is removed, the Receptacle state is empty.**

For example:

```
# cfgadm pci
Ap_Id                Type           Receptacle  Occupant    Condition
pcie1                unknown       empty       unconfigured unknown
pcie2                unknown       empty       unconfigured unknown
pcie3                unknown       empty       unconfigured unknown
pcie4                unknown       empty       unconfigured unknown
pcie5                pci-pci/hp    connected   configured  ok
pcie6                unknown       disconnected unconfigured unknown
```

Note – The auto-configuration method can be enabled or disabled at boot, depending on the platform implementation. Set the auto-configuration method as appropriate for your environment.

▼ How to Add a PCI Adapter Card

The following procedure has been updated for adding a PCIe adapter card. However, the procedure to add an adapter card is the same whether you are using PCI or PCIe.

- 1 Become an administrator.**
- 2 Identify the hot-pluggable slot and open latches.**

For example, `pcie3`.

```
# cfgadm pci
Ap_Id                Type           Receptacle  Occupant    Condition
pcie1                unknown       empty       unconfigured unknown
```


pcie2	unknown	empty	unconfigured	unknown
pcie3	unknown	empty	unconfigured	unknown
pcie4	unknown	empty	unconfigured	unknown
pcie5	pci-pci/hp	connected	configured	ok
pcie6	unknown	disconnected	unconfigured	unknown

- Follow the appropriate instructions in your platform guide to insert a PCI adapter card into the slot.

- Determine which slot the PCI adapter card is in after it is inserted.

For example:

```
# cfgadm pci
Ap_Id      Type      Receptacle  Occupant    Condition
pcie1     unknown  empty       unconfigured unknown
pcie2     unknown  empty       unconfigured unknown
pcie3     unknown  disconnected unconfigured unknown
pcie4     unknown  empty       unconfigured unknown
pcie5     pci-pci/hp connected   configured  ok
pcie6     unknown  disconnected unconfigured unknown
```

- Connect the power to the slot manually using the `cfgadm` command. Or, if you have a PCIe adapter card, use the auto-configuration method, such as pressing the slot's Attention Button as defined by your platform guide.

For example:

```
# cfgadm -c connect pcie3
```

- Confirm that the attachment point is connected.

For example:

```
# cfgadm pci
Ap_Id      Type      Receptacle  Occupant    Condition
pcie1     unknown  empty       unconfigured unknown
pcie2     unknown  empty       unconfigured unknown
pcie3     unknown  connected   unconfigured unknown
pcie4     unknown  empty       unconfigured unknown
pcie5     pci-pci/hp connected   configured  ok
pcie6     unknown  disconnected unconfigured unknown
```

- Configure the PCI adapter card manually by using the `cfgadm` command as shown below. If using the auto-configuration method, this step should not be necessary. Refer to your platform guide for more information.

For example:

```
# cfgadm -c configure pcie3
```

- Verify the configuration of the PCI adapter card in the slot.

For example:

```
# cfgadm pci
Ap_Id      Type      Receptacle  Occupant    Condition
pcie1     unknown  empty       unconfigured unknown
```

pcie2	unknown	empty	unconfigured	unknown
pcie3	etherne/hp	connected	configured	unknown
pcie5	pci-pci/hp	connected	configured	ok
pcie6	unknown	disconnected	unconfigured	unknown

9 Configure any supporting software if this device is a new device.

For example, if this device is an Ethernet card, use the `ifconfig` command to set up the interface.

Note – The auto-configuration method can be enabled or disabled at boot, depending on the platform implementation. Set the auto-configuration method as appropriate for your environment.

Troubleshooting PCI Configuration Problems

Error Message

```
cfgadm: Configuration operation invalid: invalid transition
```

Cause

An invalid transition was attempted.

Solution

Check whether the `cfgadm -c` command was issued appropriately. Use the `cfgadm` command to check the current receptacle and occupant state and to make sure that the `Ap_Id` is correct.

Error Message

```
cfgadm: Attachment point not found
```

Cause

The specified attachment point was not found.

Solution

Check whether the attachment point is correct. Use the `cfgadm` command to display a list of available attachment points. Also check the physical path to see if the attachment point is still there.

Reconfiguration Coordination Manager (RCM) Script Overview

The Reconfiguration Coordination Manager (RCM) is the framework that manages the dynamic removal of system components. By using RCM, you can register and release system resources in an orderly manner.

You can use the new RCM script feature to write your own scripts to shut down your applications, or to cleanly release the devices from your applications during dynamic reconfiguration. The RCM framework launches a script automatically in response to a reconfiguration request, if the request impacts the resources that are registered by the script.

You can also release resources from applications manually before you dynamically remove the resource. Or, you can use the `cfgadm` command with the `-f` option to force a reconfiguration operation. However, this option might leave your applications in an unknown state. Also, the manual release of resources from applications commonly causes errors.

The RCM script feature simplifies and better controls the dynamic reconfiguration process. By creating an RCM script, you can do the following:

- Automatically release a device when you dynamically remove a device. This process also closes the device if the device is opened by an application.
- Run site-specific tasks when you dynamically remove a device from the system.

What Is an RCM Script?

- An executable shell script (Perl, sh, csh, or ksh) or binary program that the RCM daemon runs. Perl is the recommended language.
- A script that runs in its own address space by using the user ID of the script file owner.
- A script that is run by the RCM daemon when you use the `cfgadm` command to dynamically reconfigure a system resource.

What Can an RCM Script Do?

You can use an RCM script to release a device from an application when you dynamically remove a device. If the device is currently open, the RCM script also closes the device.

For example, an RCM script for a tape backup application can inform the tape backup application to close the tape drive or shut down the tape backup application.

How Does the RCM Script Process Work?

You can invoke an RCM script as follows:

```
$ script-name command [args ...]
```

An RCM script performs the following basic steps:

1. Takes the RCM command from command-line arguments.

2. Executes the command.
3. Writes the results to `stdout` as name-value pairs.
4. Exits with the appropriate exit status.

The RCM daemon runs one instance of a script at a time. For example, if a script is running, the RCM daemon does not run the same script until the first script exits.

RCM Script Commands

You must include the following RCM commands in an RCM script:

- `scriptinfo` – Gathers script information
- `register` – Registers interest in resources
- `resourceinfo` – Gathers resource information

You might include some or all of the following RCM commands:

- `queryremove` – Queries whether the resource can be released
- `preremove` – Releases the resource
- `postremove` – Provides post-resource removal notification
- `undoremove` – Undoes the actions done in `preremove`

For a complete description of these RCM commands, see [rcmscript\(4\)](#).

RCM Script Processing Environment

When you dynamically remove a device, the RCM daemon runs the following:

- The script's `register` command to gather the list of resources (device names) that are identified in the script.
- The script's `queryremove` and `preremove` commands prior to removing the resource if the script's registered resources are affected by the dynamic remove operation.
- The script's `postremove` command if the remove operation succeeds. However, if the remove operation fails, the RCM daemon runs the script's `undoremove` command.

RCM Script Tasks

The following sections describe the RCM script tasks for application developers and system administrators.

Application Developer RCM Script (Task Map)

The following task map describes the tasks for an application developer who is creating an RCM script.

Task	Description	For Instructions
1. Identify the resources your application uses.	Identify the resources (device names) your application uses that you could potentially dynamically remove.	cfgadm(1M)
2. Identify the commands to release the resource.	Identify the commands for notifying the application to cleanly release the resource from the application.	Application documentation
3. Identify the commands for post-removal of the resource.	Include the commands for notifying the application of the resource removal.	rcmscript(4)
4. Identify the commands if the resource removal fails.	Include the commands for notifying the application of the available resource.	rcmscript(4)
5. Write the RCM script.	Write the RCM script based on the information identified in tasks 1-4.	“Tape Backup RCM Script Example” on page 112
6. Install the RCM script.	Add the script to the appropriate script directory.	“How to Install an RCM Script” on page 110
7. Test the RCM script	Test the script by running the script commands manually and by initiating a dynamic reconfiguration operation.	“How to Test an RCM Script” on page 111

System Administrator RCM Script (Task Map)

The following task map describes the tasks for a system administrator who is creating an RCM script to do site customization.

Task	Description	For Instructions
1. Identify the resources to be dynamically removed.	Identify the resources (device names) to be potentially removed by using the <code>cfgadm -l</code> command.	cfgadm(1M)
2. Identify the applications to be stopped.	Identify the commands for stopping the applications cleanly.	Application documentation
3. Identify the commands for pre-removal and post-removal of the resource.	Identify the actions to be taken before and after the resource is removed.	rcmscript(4)

Task	Description	For Instructions
4. Write the RCM script.	Write the RCM script based on the information identified in tasks 1-3.	“Tape Backup RCM Script Example” on page 112
5. Install the RCM script.	Add the script to the appropriate script directory.	“How to Install an RCM Script” on page 110
6. Test the RCM script.	Test the script by running the script commands manually and by initiating a dynamic reconfiguration operation.	“How to Test an RCM Script” on page 111

Naming an RCM Script

A script must be named as *vendor,service* where the following applies:

vendor Is the stock symbol of the vendor that provides the script, or any distinct name that identifies the vendor.

service Is the name of the service that the script represents.

Installing or Removing an RCM Script

You must be an administrator to install or remove an RCM script. Use this table to determine where you should install your RCM script.

TABLE 6-1 RCM Script Directories

Directory Location	Script Type
/etc/rcm/scripts	Scripts for specific systems
/usr/platform/'uname -i'/lib/rcm/scripts	Scripts for a specific hardware implementation
/usr/platform/'uname -m'/lib/rcm/scripts	Scripts for a specific hardware class
/usr/lib/rcm/scripts	Scripts for any hardware

▼ How to Install an RCM Script

- 1 **Become an administrator.**
- 2 **Copy the script to the appropriate directory.**
See [Table 6-1](#).

For example:

```
# cp SUNW,sample.pl /usr/lib/rcm/scripts
```

- 3 Change the user ID and the group ID of the script to the desired values.

```
# chown user:group /usr/lib/rcm/scripts/SUNW,sample.pl
```

- 4 Send SIGHUP to the RCM daemon.

```
# pkill -HUP -x -u root rcm_daemon
```

▼ How to Remove an RCM Script

- 1 Become an administrator.

- 2 Remove the script from the RCM script directory.

For example:

```
# rm /usr/lib/rcm/scripts/SUNW,sample.pl
```

- 3 Send SIGHUP to the RCM daemon.

```
# pkill -HUP -x -u root rcm_daemon
```

▼ How to Test an RCM Script

- 1 Set environment variables, such as RCM_ENV_FORCE, in the command-line shell before running your script.

For example, in the Korn shell, use the following:

```
$ export RCM_ENV_FORCE=TRUE
```

- 2 Test the script by running the script commands manually from the command line.

For example:

```
$ script-name scriptinfo
$ script-name register
$ script-name preremove resource-name
$ script-name postremove resource-name
```

- 3 Make sure that each RCM script command in your script prints appropriate output to stdout.

- 4 Install the script in the appropriate script directory.

For more information, see [“How to Install an RCM Script”](#) on page 110.

5 Test the script by initiating a dynamic remove operation.

For example, assume your script registers the device, `/dev/dsk/c1t0d0s0`. Try these commands.

```
$ cfgadm -c unconfigure c1::dsk/c1t0d0
$ cfgadm -f -c unconfigure c1::dsk/c1t0d0
$ cfgadm -c configure c1::dsk/c1t0d0
```



Caution – Make sure that you are familiar with these commands because they can alter the state of the system and cause system failures.

Tape Backup RCM Script Example

This example illustrates how to use an RCM script for tape backups.

What the Tape Backup RCM Script Does

The tape backup RCM script performs the following steps:

1. Sets up a dispatch table of RCM commands.
2. Calls the dispatch routine that corresponds to the specified RCM command and exits with status 2 for unimplemented RCM commands.
3. Sets up the `scriptinfo` section.

```
rcm_script_func_info=Tape backup appl script for DR
```

4. Registers all tape drives in the system by printing all tape drive device names to `stdout`.

```
rcm_resource_name=/dev/rmt/$f
```

If an error occurs, the script prints the error information to `stdout`.

```
rcm_failure_reason=$errmsg
```

5. Sets up the resource information for the tape device.

```
rcm_resource_usage_info=Backup Tape Unit Number $unit
```

6. Sets up the `preremove` information by checking if the backup application is using the device. If the backup application is not using the device, the dynamic reconfiguration operation continues. If the backup application is using the device, the script checks `RCM_ENV_FORCE`. If `RCM_ENV_FORCE` is set to `FALSE`, the script denies the dynamic reconfiguration operation and prints the following message:

```
rcm_failure_reason=tape backup in progress pid=...
```

If `RCM_ENV_FORCE` is set to `TRUE`, the backup application is stopped, and the reconfiguration operation proceeds.

Outcomes of the Tape Backup Reconfiguration Scenarios

Here are the various outcomes if you use the `cfgadm` command to remove a tape device without the RCM script.

- If you use the `cfgadm` command and the backup application is not using the tape device, the operation succeeds.
- If you use the `cfgadm` command and the backup application is using the tape device, the operation fails.

Here are the various outcomes if you use the `cfgadm` command to remove a tape device with the RCM script.

- If you use the `cfgadm` command and the backup application is not using the tape device, the operation succeeds.
- If you use the `cfgadm` command without the `-f` option and the backup application is using the tape device, the operation fails with an error message similar to the following:

```
tape backup in progress pid=...
```
- If you use the `cfgadm -f` command and the backup application is using the tape device, the script stops the backup application and the `cfgadm` operation succeeds.

Example—Tape Backup RCM Script

```
#!/usr/bin/perl -w
#
# A sample site customization RCM script.
#
# When RCM_ENV_FORCE is FALSE this script indicates to RCM that it cannot
# release the tape drive when the tape drive is being used for backup.
#
# When RCM_ENV_FORCE is TRUE this script allows DR removing a tape drive
# when the tape drive is being used for backup by killing the tape
# backup application.
#

use strict;

my ($cmd, %dispatch);
$cmd = shift(@ARGV);
# dispatch table for RCM commands
%dispatch = (
    "scriptinfo" => \&do_scriptinfo,
    "register" => \&do_register,
    "resourceinfo" => \&do_resourceinfo,
    "queryremove" => \&do_preremove,
    "preremove" => \&do_preremove
);

if (defined($dispatch{$cmd})) {
    &{$dispatch{$cmd}};
} else {
```

```

        exit (2);
    }

    sub do_scriptinfo
    {
        print "rcm_script_version=1\n";
        print "rcm_script_func_info=Tape backup appl script for DR\n";
        exit (0);
    }

    sub do_register
    {
        my ($dir, $f, $errmsg);

        $dir = opendir(RMT, "/dev/rmt");
        if (!$dir) {
            $errmsg = "Unable to open /dev/rmt directory: $!";
            print "rcm_failure_reason=$errmsg\n";
            exit (1);
        }

        while ($f = readdir(RMT)) {
            # ignore hidden files and multiple names for the same device
            if (($f !~ /^\.\/) && ($f =~ /^[0-9]+$/)) {
                print "rcm_resource_name=/dev/rmt/$f\n";
            }
        }

        closedir(RMT);
        exit (0);
    }

    sub do_resourceinfo
    {
        my ($rsrc, $unit);

        $rsrc = shift(@ARGV);
        if ($rsrc =~ /^\/dev\/rmt\/([0-9]+)$/) {
            $unit = $1;
            print "rcm_resource_usage_info=Backup Tape Unit Number $unit\n";
            exit (0);
        } else {
            print "rcm_failure_reason=Unknown tape device!\n";
            exit (1);
        }
    }

    sub do_preremove
    {
        my ($rsrc);

        $rsrc = shift(@ARGV);

        # check if backup application is using this resource
        #if (the backup application is not running on $rsrc) {
            # allow the DR to continue
            # exit (0);
        #}
        #
    }

```

```
# If RCM_ENV_FORCE is FALSE deny the operation.
# If RCM_ENV_FORCE is TRUE kill the backup application in order
# to allow the DR operation to proceed
#
if ($ENV{RCM_ENV_FORCE} eq 'TRUE') {
    if ($cmd eq 'preremove') {
        # kill the tape backup application
    }
    exit (0);
} else {
    #
    # indicate that the tape drive can not be released
    # since the device is being used for backup by the
    # tape backup application
    #
    print "rcm_failure_reason=tape backup in progress pid=...\n"
;
    exit (3);
}
}
```


Using USB Devices (Overview)

This chapter provides an overview of Universal Serial Bus (USB) devices in the Oracle Solaris OS.

This is a list of the overview information in this chapter.

- “What's New in USB Devices?” on page 117
- “Overview of USB Devices” on page 121
- “About USB in the Oracle Solaris OS” on page 126

For recent information about USB devices, go to the following site:

http://www.sun.com/io_technologies/usb/USB-Faq.html

For general information about USB devices, go to the following site:

<http://developers.sun.com/solaris/developer/support/driver/usb.html>

For step-by-step instructions on using USB devices in the Oracle Solaris OS, see [Chapter 8](#), “Using USB Devices (Tasks).”

For general information about dynamic reconfiguration and hot-plugging, see [Chapter 6](#), “Dynamically Configuring Devices (Tasks).”

For information on configuring USB printers, see *System Administration Guide: Printing*.

What's New in USB Devices?

The following section describes new USB features in the Solaris release.

- “USB Interface Association Descriptor Support” on page 118
- “EHCI Isochronous Transfer Support” on page 118
- “Support for CDC ACM Devices” on page 118
- “Changed USB Device Hotpluggable Behavior” on page 118

- [“USB Power Budgeting” on page 119](#)
- [“Oracle Solaris ZFS Support on USB Devices” on page 119](#)
- [“Support for Prolific and Keyspan Serial Adapters” on page 119](#)
- [“x86: Support for USB CDs and DVDs in GRUB-Based Booting” on page 119](#)
- [“USB Virtual Keyboard and Mouse Support” on page 120](#)

USB Interface Association Descriptor Support

Oracle Solaris 11 Express: A USB device node type, IA node, is created for Interface Association Descriptor (IAD) support. This feature means that a driver might support multiple interfaces for the same device, such as the video and audio interfaces of a webcam. If no driver is found for an IA node, a nexus driver, `usb_ia`, is bound to the IA node to create the interface nodes. For more information, see [usb_ia\(7D\)](#).

EHCI Isochronous Transfer Support

Oracle Solaris 11 Express: USB EHCI host controller driver provides isochronous transfer support for USB 2.0 or high-speed isochronous devices. For more information, see [usb_isoc_request\(9S\)](#).

Support for CDC ACM Devices

Oracle Solaris 11 Express: Support for CDC ACM devices is provided in this release. For more information, see [“USB Driver Enhancements” on page 124](#).

Changed USB Device Hotpluggable Behavior

Oracle Solaris 11 Express: This Solaris release introduces a new device attribute, *hotpluggable*, to identify those devices that can be connected or disconnected without rebooting the system and configured or unconfigured automatically without user intervention. All USB and 1394 devices are identified as hotpluggable devices to gain those benefits described in [“Using USB Mass Storage Devices” on page 135](#). In addition, non-removable media USB and 1394 devices are no longer identified as removable-media devices and no longer have a *removable-media* attribute.

The changes are primarily made at the kernel level to improve support for non-removable media USB and 1394 devices, and improve the performance for those devices. However, these changes do not impact the use of these devices. For example, the responsibility of mounting and unmounting these devices is controlled by `rmvolmgr`. From a user's perspective, the only visible changes are the hotpluggable and removable-media attributes of a device.

For more information, see [“USB and 1394 \(FireWire\) Support Enhancements”](#) on page 67.

Oracle Solaris ZFS Support on USB Devices

Oracle Solaris 11 Express: You can create and mount ZFS file systems on USB mass storage devices. For information about using USB mass storage devices, see [“Using USB Mass Storage Devices”](#) on page 135.

For information about creating and mounting ZFS file systems, see `zfs(1M)` and `zpool(1M)`.

Support for Prolific and Keyspan Serial Adapters

Oracle Solaris 11 Express: Support for Prolific and Keyspan serial adapters is provided in this release. For more information, see [“USB Driver Enhancements”](#) on page 124.

USB Power Budgeting

Oracle Solaris 11 Express: This Solaris release includes power budgeting of USB devices to better manage the power that is distributed to USB devices. Power budget control helps prevent over-current conditions from occurring and generally makes using USB devices safer. For more information about Solaris USB power budgeting limitations, see [“Bus-Powered Devices”](#) on page 128.

x86: Support for USB CDs and DVDs in GRUB-Based Booting

Oracle Solaris 11 Express: You can use the following USB features in the GRUB-based booting environment:

- Installing from USB CD or DVD drives
- Booting from USB storage devices. You must install the Solaris release on the USB drive before you can boot from it.

For more information about GRUB-based booting, see [Chapter 4, “Shutting Down and Booting a System \(Overview\)”](#) in *System Administration Guide: Basic Administration*.

USB Virtual Keyboard and Mouse Support

Oracle Solaris 11 Express: USB virtual keyboard and mouse support enables you to hook up multiple keyboards and multiple mice, where the set of keyboards or mice behave as one virtual keyboard or mouse. This means that the input of each physical device is coalesced into a single input stream. For example, if you type SHIFT on one keyboard and A on another, the character echoed is an uppercase A.

Also supported is the ability to add a USB keyboard or mouse to a laptop and have these devices work as one device with the laptop's PS/2 keyboard and pad.

In addition, support for barcode readers is provided by the virtual keyboard and mouse feature.

For more information, refer to [virtualkm\(7D\)](#).

Solaris Support for USB Devices

Support for the following USB 1.1 and USB 2.0 devices is provided on both SPARC and x86 based systems, except where indicated:

- Audio devices – Only USB 1.x devices are supported on a USB 2.0 hub.
 - No USB 2.0 audio devices are supported.
 - A USB 1.x audio device that is connected to a USB 2.0 hub, which is connected to a USB 2.0 port, can be used in the **Oracle Solaris 11 Express** releases only. For more information, see [usb_ac\(7D\)](#) and [usb_as\(7D\)](#).
 - Devices that are not supported by a USB driver might have `libusb` applications such as `gphoto2`, `gtkam`, and `pilotlink`. For more information, refer to `/usr/sfw/share/doc/libusb/libusb.txt`.
- Generic USB driver ([ugen\(7D\)](#))
- HID devices (keyboard and mouse devices, [hid\(7D\)](#))
- Hubs ([hubd\(7D\)](#))
- Printers
- Serial devices (Edgeport ([usbser_edge\(7D\)](#)), Prolific ([usbsprl\(7D\)](#)), Keyspan ([usbsksp\(7D\)](#))
- Storage devices ([scsa2usb\(7D\)](#))
- User-space USB device management library ([libusb\(3LIB\)](#))

Use the following table to identify Solaris support information for specific USB 1.1 and USB 2.0 devices.

Notes:

- Only USB 1.x audio devices are supported. No USB 2.0 audio devices are supported.
- A USB 1.x audio device that is connected to a USB 2.0 hub, which is connected to a USB 2.0 port, can be used. For more information, see [usb_ac\(7D\)](#) and [usb_as\(7D\)](#).
- Devices that are not supported by a USB driver might have libusb applications such as `gphoto2`, `gtkam`, and `piLotLink`. For more information, refer to `/usr/sfw/share/doc/libusb/libusb.txt`.
- **Solaris 8 and Solaris 9 releases** – For USB dual framework issues, refer to the following site: http://www.sun.com/io_technologies/usb/USB-Faq.html

For task information associated with mass storage devices, see [Chapter 8, “Using USB Devices \(Tasks\)”](#).

For more information about `ugen`, see “[USB Driver Enhancements](#)” on page 124.

Overview of USB Devices

Universal Serial Bus (USB) was developed by the PC industry to provide a low-cost solution for attaching peripheral devices, such as keyboards, mouse devices, and printers, to a system.

USB connectors are designed to fit only one type of cable, in one way. The primary design motivation for USB was to alleviate the need for multiple connector types for different devices. This design reduces the clutter on the back panel of a system.

Devices connect to USB ports on external USB hubs, or on a root hub that is located on the computer itself. Since hubs have several ports, several branches of a device tree can stem from a hub.

For more information, see [usba\(7D\)](#) or go to the following site:

<http://www.usb.org/home>

Commonly Used USB Acronyms

The following table describes the USB acronyms that are used in the Oracle Solaris OS. For a complete description of USB components and acronyms, go to:

<http://www.usb.org/home>

Acronym	Definition	For More Information
UGEN	USB generic driver	ugen(7D)
USB	Universal Serial Bus	usb(7D)

Acronym	Definition	For More Information
USBA	Universal Serial Bus Architecture (Solaris)	usba(7D)
USBAI	USBA Client Driver Interface (Solaris)	N/A
HCD	USB host controller driver	N/A
EHCI	Enhanced Host Controller Interface	ehci(7D)
OHCI	Open Host Controller Interface	ohci(7D)
UHCI	Universal Host Controller Interface	uhci(7D)

USB Bus Description

The USB specification is openly available and free of royalties. The specification defines the electrical and mechanical interfaces of the bus and the connectors.

USB employs a topology in which hubs provide attachment points for USB devices. The host controller contains the root hub, which is the origin of all USB ports in the system. For more information about hubs, see “[USB Host Controller and Hubs](#)” on page 129.

FIGURE 7-1 USB Physical Device Hierarchy

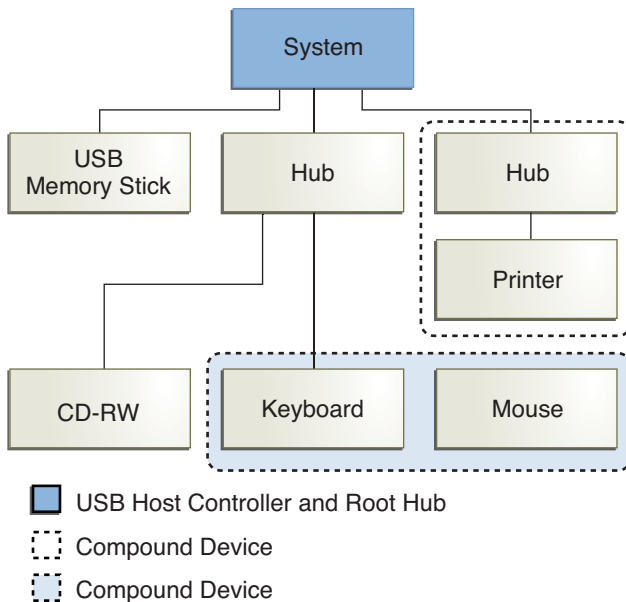


Figure 7–1 shows a system with three active USB ports. The first USB port connects a USB memory stick. The second USB port connects an external hub, which in turn, connects a cdrw device and a composite keyboard/mouse device. As a *composite device*, this keyboard contains a USB controller, which operates both the keyboard and an attached mouse. The keyboard and the mouse share a common USB bus address because they are directed by the same USB controller.

Figure 7–1 also shows an example of a hub and a printer as a *compound device*. The hub is an external hub that is enclosed in the same casing as the printer. The printer is permanently connected to the hub. The hub and printer have separate USB bus addresses.

The device tree path name for some of the devices that are displayed in **Figure 7–1** are listed here.

Memory stick	/pci@1f,4000/usb@5/storage@1
Keyboard	/pci@1f,4000/usb@5/hub@2/device@1/keyboard@0
Mouse	/pci@1f,4000/usb@5/hub@2/device@1/mouse@1
cdrw device	/pci@1f,4000/usb@5/hub@2/storage@3
Printer	/pci@1f,4000/usb@5/hub@3/printer@1

USB Devices and Drivers

USB devices with similar attributes and services are grouped into device classes. Each device class has a corresponding driver. Devices within a class are managed by the same device driver pair. However, the USB specification also allows for vendor-specific devices that are not part of a specific class.

The Human Interface Device (HID) class contains devices that are user-controlled such as the following devices:

- Keyboards
- Mouse devices
- Joysticks

The Communication Device class includes the following devices:

- Modems
- Ethernet adapters

Other device classes include the following classes:

- Audio
- Monitor
- Printer
- Storage Device

Each USB device contains descriptors that reflect the class of the device. A device class specifies how its members should behave in configuration and data transfer. You can obtain additional class information from:

<http://www.usb.org/home>

For more information about USB devices supported in the Solaris release, see [usb\(7D\)](#).

USB Driver Enhancements

The following USB driver enhancements are included.

- **USB CDC ACM device support** – The `acm` driver can work with devices that are compliant with the USB Communication Class Device specification's Abstract Control Model and some PCMCIA cards that have modem capabilities.

The `pppd` daemon can access these devices through the `/dev/term/[0~9]*` entries. For more information, see [pppd\(1M\)](#).

For more information, see [usbsacm\(7D\)](#).

- **Generic USB driver** – USB devices can now be accessed and manipulated by applications using standard UNIX `read(2)` and `write(2)` system calls, and without writing a special kernel driver. Additional features include:
 - Applications have access to raw device data and device status.
 - The driver supports control, bulk, and interrupt (in and out) transfers.

The `ugen` driver no longer needs to bind explicitly to a device. By default, `usb_mid` binds to devices that lack a class driver and exports a `ugen` interface that works with `libusb`. For example, you can plug in a USB camera that is not a mass-storage device and use a `libusb` application to access it. In addition, both `scsa2usb` and `usbprn` drivers export `ugen` interfaces and `libusb` applications can be used on these classes of devices directly.

For more information, refer to [ugen\(7D\)](#).

- **USB serial driver support**
 - **Digi Edgeport USB support** – The Edgeport USB driver only works with Edgeport devices and not with other USB serial devices.
 - New devices are accessed as `/dev/term/[0-9]*` and `/dev/cua/[0-9]*`.
 - USB serial ports are usable as any other serial port would be, except that they cannot serve as a local serial console. The fact that their data is run through a USB port is transparent to the user.

For more information, see [usbser_edge\(7D\)](#), or go to the following sites:

- <http://www.digi.com>
- http://www.sun.com/io_technologies

- Keyspan – The Keyspan USB serial driver only works with Keyspan devices, which currently supports the USA-19HS and USA-49WLC models.
For more information, see [usbkskp\(7D\)](#).
- Prolific – The Prolific USB serial driver only works with devices based on the PL2303 chipset.
For more information, see [usbprl\(7D\)](#).

For more information about the USB to serial devices support, go to the following site:

http://www.sun.com/io_technologies/usb/USB-Faq.html

- **Documentation and binary support for user-written kernel and userland drivers** – For up-to-date information on USB driver development, go to:
 - http://www.sun.com/io_technologies/usb/USB-Faq.html
 - <http://developers.sun.com/solaris/developer/support/driver/usb.html>
 - Chapter 20, “USB Drivers,” in *Writing Device Drivers*
 - Appendix C, “Making a Device Driver 64-Bit Ready,” in *Writing Device Drivers*
 - *Device Driver Tutorial*
 - [Intro\(7\)](#), [Intro\(9F\)](#), and [Intro\(9S\)](#)
 - http://developers.sun.com/solaris/driverdev/reference/codesamples/usb_security/index.html

The EHCI, OHCI, and UHCI Drivers

Features of the EHCI driver include:

- Complies with enhanced host controller interface that supports USB 2.0.
- Supports high-speed control, bulk, interrupt, and isochronous transfers.
- The USB 2.0 chip has one EHCI controller and one or more OHCI or UHCI controllers.
- A USB 1.1 device is dynamically assigned to the OHCI or UHCI controller when it is plugged in. A USB 2.0 device is dynamically assigned to the EHCI controller when it is plugged in.

Use the `prtconf` command output to identify whether your system supports USB 1.1 or USB 2.0 devices. For example:

```
# prtconf -D | egrep "ehci|ohci|uhci"
```

If your `prtconf` output identifies an EHCI controller, your system supports USB 2.0 devices.

If your `prtconf` output identifies an OHCI or UHCI controller, your system supports USB 1.1 devices.

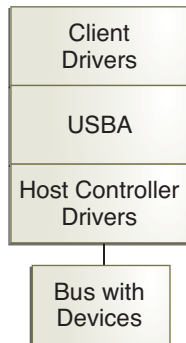
Solaris USB Architecture (USBA)

USB devices can be represented as two levels of device tree nodes. A device node represents the entire USB *device*. One or more child *interface* nodes represent the individual USB interfaces on the device.

Driver binding is achieved by using the compatible name properties. For more information, refer to 3.2.2.1 of the IEEE 1275 USB binding and *Writing Device Drivers*. A driver can either bind to the entire device and control all the interfaces, or can bind to just one interface. If no vendor or class driver claims the entire device, a generic USB multi-interface driver is bound to the device-level node. This driver attempts to bind drivers to each interface by using compatible names properties, as defined in section 3.3.2.1 of the IEEE 1275 binding specification.

The Solaris USB Architecture (USBA) adheres to the USB 1.1 and USB 2.0 specifications and is part of the Solaris Device Driver Interface (DDI). The USBA model is similar to Sun Common SCSI Architecture (SCSA). As the following figure shows, the USBA is a thin layer that provides a generic USB transport-layer abstraction to client drivers, providing them with services that implement core generic USB functionality.

FIGURE 7-2 Solaris USB Architecture (USBA)



About USB in the Oracle Solaris OS

This section describes information you should know about USB in the Oracle Solaris OS.

USB 2.0 Features

The following USB 2.0 features are included:

- **Better performance** – Increased data throughput for devices connected to USB 2.0 controllers, up to 40 times faster than USB 1.1 devices.

You can take advantage of the high-speed USB protocol when accessing high-speed USB devices, such as DVDs and hard disks.

- **Backward Compatibility** – Compatibility with 1.0 and 1.1 devices and drivers so that you can use the same cables, connectors, and software interfaces.

For a description of USB devices and terminology, see “[Overview of USB Devices](#)” on page 121.

USB 2.0 Device Features and Compatibility Issues

USB 2.0 devices are defined as high-speed devices that follow the USB 2.0 specification. You can refer to the USB 2.0 specification at <http://www.usb.org/home>.

To identify the speed of your USB device, check the `/var/adm/messages` file for messages similar to the following:

```
Dec 13 17:05:57 mysystem usba: [ID 912658 kern.info] USB 2.0 device
(usb50d,249) operating at hi speed (USB 2.x) on USB 2.0 external hub:
storage@4, scsa2usb0 at bus address 4
```

Here are some of the USB devices that are supported in this Solaris release:

- Mass storage devices, such as CD-RWs, hard disks, DVDs, digital cameras, diskettes, tape drives, memory sticks, and multi-format card readers
- Keyboards and mouse devices
- Audio devices, such as speakers and microphones

For a full listing of USB devices that have been verified on the Solaris release, go to:

http://www.sun.com/io_technologies/USB.html

Additional storage devices might work by modifying the `scsa2usb.conf` file. For more information, see [scsa2usb\(7D\)](#).

Solaris USB 2.0 device support includes the following features:

- Increased USB bus speed from 12 MB/sec to 480 MB/sec. This increase means devices that support the USB 2.0 specification can run significantly faster than their USB 1.1 counterparts, when they are connected to a USB 2.0 port.

A USB 2.0 port might be one of the following possibilities:

- A port on a USB 2.0 PCI card
- A port on a USB 2.0 hub that is connected to USB 2.0 port
- A port on a SPARC or x86 computer motherboard

A USB 2.0 PCI card might be needed for older SPARC platforms.

- For a list of USB 2.0 PCI cards that have been verified for the Solaris release, go to:

http://www.sun.com/io_technologies/USB.html

- USB 1.1 devices work as they have in the past, even if you have both USB 1.1 and USB 2.0 devices on the same system.
- While USB 2.0 devices operate on a USB 1.x port, their performance is significantly better when they are connected to a USB 2.0 port.
- A USB 2.0 host controller has one high-speed Enhanced Host Controller Interface (EHCI) and one or more OpenHCI Host Controller Interface (OHCI) or Universal Host Controller Interface (UHCI) embedded controllers. Devices connected to a USB 2.0 port are dynamically assigned to either an EHCI or OHCI controller, depending on whether they support USB 2.0.

Note – USB 2.0 storage devices that are connected to a port on a USB 2.0 PCI card, and that were used with a prior Solaris release in the same hardware configuration, can change device names after upgrading to this release. This change occurs because these devices are now seen as USB 2.0 devices and are taken over by the EHCI controller. The controller number, *w* in `/dev/[r]dsk/cwt.xdysz`, is changed for these devices.

Also note that the speed of a USB device is limited to what the parent port can support. For example, if a USB 2.0 external hub is followed by a USB 1.x hub and a USB 2.0 device downstream, devices that are connected to the USB 2.0 external hub run at full speed and not high speed.

For more information on USB 2.0 device support, see [ehci\(7D\)](#) and [usba\(7D\)](#).

Bus-Powered Devices

Bus-powered hubs use power from the USB bus to which they are connected, to power devices connected to them. Special care must be taken to not overload these hubs, because the power these hubs offer to their downstream devices is limited.

Power budgeting is implemented for USB devices. This feature has the following limitations:

- Cascading two bus-powered hubs is prohibited.
- Each bus-powered hub is allowed a maximum of 100 mA only for each port.
- Only self-powered or low bus-powered devices are allowed to connect to a bus-powered hub. High bus-powered devices are denied the connection. Some hubs or devices can report a false power source, such that the connection might be unpredictable.

USB Keyboards and Mouse Devices

Keep the following issues in mind when using USB keyboards and mouse devices:

- Do not move the keyboard and mouse *during* a reboot or at the ok prompt on a SPARC system. You can move the keyboard and mouse to another hub at any time *after* a system reboot. After you plug in a keyboard and mouse, they are fully functional again.
- The keys just to the left of the keypad might not function on some third-party USB keyboards.
- **SPARC** – Keep the following issues in mind when using USB keyboards and mouse devices on SPARC systems:
 - The power key on a USB keyboard behaves differently than the power key on the Sun type 5 keyboard. On a USB keyboard, you can suspend or shut down the system by using the SUSPEND/SHUTDOWN key. However, you cannot use that key to power up the system.
 - Before the boot process finishes, the OpenBoot PROM (OBP) limits keyboard and mouse devices to the motherboard root hub ports only.
 - USB keyboard and mouse devices cannot be used simultaneously with Sun Type 3, 4, or 5 keyboards on legacy SPARC systems, such as the Ultra 80.
- For information about multiple keyboard and mouse device support, see [virtualkm\(7D\)](#).

USB Wheel Mouse Support

Starting in the Solaris 9 9/04 release, the following wheel mouse features are supported:

- Support for more than 3 buttons is available on USB or PS/2 mouse devices.
- Wheel mouse scrolling is available on a USB or PS/2 mouse device. This support means that rolling the wheel on a USB or a PS/2 mouse results in a scroll in the application or window under mouse focus. StarOffice, Firefox, and GNOME applications support wheel mouse scrolling. However, other applications might not support wheel mouse scrolling.

USB Host Controller and Hubs

A USB hub is responsible for the following:

- Monitoring the insertion or removal of a device on its ports
- Power managing individual devices on its ports
- Controlling power to its ports

The USB host controller has an embedded hub called the *root hub*. The ports that are visible at the system's back panel are the ports of the root hub. The USB host controller is responsible for the following:

- Directing the USB bus. Individual devices cannot arbitrate for the bus.
- Polling the devices by using a polling interval that is determined by the device. The device is assumed to have sufficient buffering to account for the time between the polls.

- Sending data between the USB host controller and its attached devices. Peer-to-peer communication is not supported.

USB Hub Devices

- Do not cascade hubs beyond four levels on either SPARC based systems or x86 based systems. On SPARC systems, the OpenBoot PROM cannot reliably probe beyond four levels of devices.
- Do not plug a bus-powered hub into another bus-powered hub in a cascading style. A bus-powered hub does not have its own power supply.
- Do not connect a device that requires a large amount of power to a bus-powered hub. These devices might be denied connection to bus-powered hubs or might drain the hub of power for other devices. An example of such a device is a USB diskette device.

SPARC: USB Power Management

Suspending and resuming USB devices is fully supported on SPARC systems. However, do not suspend a device that is busy and never remove a device when the system is powered off under a suspend shutdown.

The USB framework makes a best effort to power manage all devices on SPARC based systems with power management enabled. Power managing a USB device means that the hub driver suspends the port to which the device is connected. Devices that support *remote wake up* can notify the system to wake up everything in the device's path so that the device can be used. The host system could also wake up the device if an application sends an I/O to the device.

All HID devices (keyboard, mouse, hub, and storage devices), hub devices, and storage devices are power managed by default if they support remote wake-up capability. A USB printer is power managed only between two print jobs. Devices that are managed by the generic USB driver (UGEN) are power managed only when they are closed.

When power management is running to reduce power consumption, USB leaf devices are powered down first. After all devices that are connected to a hub's ports are powered down, the hub is powered down after some delay. To achieve the most efficient power management, do not cascade many hubs.

For information about using the SUSPEND/SHUTDOWN key on SPARC systems, see [“USB Keyboards and Mouse Devices” on page 128](#).

Guidelines for USB Cables

Keep the following guidelines in mind when connecting USB cables:

- Always use USB 2.0 compliant, fully rated (480 Mbit/sec) 20/28 AWG cables for connecting USB 2.0 devices.
- The maximum cable length that is supported is 5 meters.
- Do not use cable extenders. For best results, use a self-powered hub to extend cable length.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.usb.org/about/faq/ans5>

Using USB Devices (Tasks)

This chapter provides step-by-step instructions for using USB devices in the Oracle Solaris OS. This chapter specifically covers how to use USB devices with HAL services in the Oracle Solaris 11 Express release.

For information on the procedures associated with using USB devices, see the following:

- “Managing USB Devices in the Oracle Solaris OS (Roadmap)” on page 133
- “Using USB Mass Storage Devices (Task Map)” on page 134
- “Using USB Audio Devices (Task Map)” on page 152
- “Hot-Plugging USB Devices With the `cfgadm` Command (Task Map)” on page 156

For recent information about USB devices, go to the following site:

http://www.sun.com/io_technologies/usb/USB-Faq.html

For overview information about using USB devices, see [Chapter 7, “Using USB Devices \(Overview\)”](#).

Managing USB Devices in the Oracle Solaris OS (Roadmap)

Use this road map to identify all the tasks for managing USB devices in the Oracle Solaris OS. Each task points to a series of additional tasks such as using USB devices, hot-plugging USB devices, and adding USB audio devices.

For information about using USB components in the Oracle Solaris OS, see [“About USB in the Oracle Solaris OS” on page 126](#).

Task	Description	For Instructions
Use USB mass storage devices.	A USB mass storage device must contain a file system before you can add data to it. In addition, a USB diskette must be formatted before file systems can be created and mounted on them. This section also describes how to physically add or remove USB devices from your system.	“Using USB Mass Storage Devices (Task Map)” on page 134
Add USB audio devices.	Use this task map to identify tasks associated with adding USB audio devices.	“Using USB Audio Devices (Task Map)” on page 152
Add or remove USB devices to and from your system with the <code>cfgadm</code> command.	You can logically add or remove USB devices to and from your system with the <code>cfgadm</code> command.	“Hot-Plugging USB Devices With the <code>cfgadm</code> Command (Task Map)” on page 156

Using USB Mass Storage Devices (Task Map)

Task	Description	For Instructions
Add or remove a USB mass storage device.	Select one of the following to add a USB mass storage device: Add a USB mass storage device. Add a USB camera to access digital images. Remove a USB mass storage device .	“How to Add a USB Mass Storage Device” on page 138 “How to Add a USB Camera” on page 139 “How to Remove a USB Mass Storage Device” on page 140
Add a non-compliant USB mass storage device.	Add a non-compliant USB mass storage device by adding an entry to <code>scsa2usb.conf</code> .	“How to Use a Non-Compliant USB Mass Storage Device” on page 137
Prepare to use a USB mass storage device.	Prepare to use a USB mass storage device.	“Preparing to Use a USB Mass Storage Device” on page 141
Display USB device information.	Display information about USB devices.	“How to Display USB Device Information” on page 141
Create a file system on a USB mass storage device.	You must create a file system on a device before you can put data on it.	“How to Create a File System on a USB Mass Storage Device” on page 142

Task	Description	For Instructions
Modify partitions and create a file system on a USB mass storage device.	You might need to modify existing partitions before creating file systems on a USB mass storage device.	“How to Modify Partitions and Create a PCFS File System on a USB Mass Storage Device” on page 144
Create a Solaris partition and modify the slices on a USB mass storage device.	You will need to create a file with slice information before using the <code>rmformat</code> to modify the slice information.	“How to Create a Solaris Partition and Modify the Slices on a USB Mass Storage Device” on page 147
Mount a USB mass storage device.	Mount a USB mass storage device.	“How to Mount or Unmount a USB Mass Storage Device” on page 149
(Optional) Disable a USB device driver.	Disable a USB device driver if you do not want USB support on your system.	“How to Disable Specific USB Drivers” on page 152
(Optional) Remove unused USB device links.	Remove USB device links with the <code>devfsadm</code> command.	“How to Remove Unused USB Device Links” on page 152

Using USB Mass Storage Devices

The following USB removable mass storage devices are supported:

- CD-RWs
- Hard disks
- DVDs
- Digital cameras
- Diskette devices
- SmartMedia and CompactFlash devices

For information about using USB mass storage devices with the Oracle Solaris ZFS file system, see [“What's New in USB Devices?” on page 117](#)

For a complete list of USB devices that are supported in the Oracle Solaris OS, see:

http://www.sun.com/io_technologies/USB.html

In previous Solaris releases, all USB storage devices were identified as removable media devices, which provides many of the following advantages, including automatic mounting. In the Oracle Solaris 11 Express release, USB mass storage devices are identified as hotpluggable devices but also enjoy the advantages of USB removable devices that are listed below. For more information about the hotpluggable behavior, see [“USB and 1394 \(FireWire\) Support Enhancements” on page 67](#).

- A hot-pluggable device is automatically mounted. .

- USB storage devices with standard MS-DOS or Windows (FAT) file systems are supported.
- You can use the user-friendly `rmformat` command to create slices. You can also use the `fdisk` command to partition a USB device, but never use the `format` utility or the `rmformat -F` command to physically format a USB drive.
- Use the `rmformat` command to display all USB devices with media inserted. For example, see [“How to Display USB Device Information” on page 141](#).
- Non-root users can now access USB storage devices, since the `mount` command is no longer needed. The device is automatically mounted and is available under the `/media` directory. If a new device is connected while the system is down, do a reconfiguration boot with the `boot -r` command so that the device is recognized.
- These devices can be managed with or without removable media services.
- Disks with FAT file systems can be mounted and accessed. For example:

```
mount -F pcfs /dev/dsk/c2t0d0s0:c /mnt
```
- All USB storage devices are now power managed, except for those that support LOG SENSE pages. Devices with LOG SENSE pages are usually SCSI drives connected through a USB-to-SCSI bridge device.
- Applications might work differently with USB mass storage devices. Keep the following issues in mind when using applications with USB storage devices:
 - Applications might make incorrect assumptions about the size of the media since only smaller devices like diskettes were removable previously.
 - Requests by applications to eject media on devices where this would be inapplicable, such as a hard drive, will succeed and do nothing.
 - If you prefer the behavior in previous Solaris releases where all USB mass storage were treated as removable media devices, then you can force the old behavior by updating the `/kernel/drv/scsa2usb.conf` file.

For more information on using USB mass storage devices, see [scsa2usb\(7D\)](#).

Using USB Diskette Devices

USB diskette devices appear as removable media devices. USB diskette devices are not managed by the `fd` (floppy) driver. Applications that issue `ioctl(2)` calls intended for the `fd` (native floppy) driver will fail. Applications that issue only `read(2)` and `write(2)` calls will succeed. Other applications, such as `SunPCI` and `rmformat`, also succeed.

The USB diskette device is identified as a SCSI removable media device. The device is available for access under the `/media` directory.

For more information on how to use USB diskette devices, see [Chapter 1, “Managing Removable Media \(Overview\)”](#).

Using Non-Compliant USB Mass Storage Devices

Some devices might be supported by the USB mass storage driver even though they do not identify themselves as compliant with the USB mass storage class or identify themselves incorrectly. The `scsa2usb.conf` file contains an attribute-override list that lists the vendor ID, product ID, and revision for matching mass storage devices, as well as fields for overriding the default device attributes. The entries in this list are commented out by default. These entries can be copied and uncommented to enable support of particular devices.

If you connect a USB mass storage device to a system running this Solaris release and the system is unable to use it, you can check the `/kernel/drv/scsa2usb.conf` file to see if there is a matching, commented entry for this device. Follow the information given in the `scsa2usb.conf` file to see if a particular device can be supported by using the override information.

For a listing of recommended USB mass storage devices, go to:

http://www.sun.com/io_technologies/USB.html

For more information, see `scsa2usb(7D)`.

▼ How to Use a Non-Compliant USB Mass Storage Device

- 1 **Become an administrator.**
- 2 **Add an entry to the `/kernel/drv/scsa2usb.conf` file.**
The following entry is appropriate for a USB memory stick.
`attribute-override-list = "vid=* reduced-cmd-support=true";`
- 3 **Either reboot the system or do the following:**
 - a. **Remove the device.**
 - b. **Manually update the driver.**
`# update_drv -f scsa2usb`
 - c. **Add the device.**

Hot-Plugging USB Mass Storage Devices

Hot-plugging a device means the device is added or removed without shutting down the operating system or powering off the system. All USB devices are hot-pluggable.

The removable media manager is now aware of hot-plugged devices. You can just plug in the device, which is mounted in a few seconds. If nothing happens, check to see if it is mounted.

Make sure that removable media services are running.

```
# svcs hal dbus rmvolmgr
STATE      STIME    FMRI
online     May_03   svc:/system/dbus:default
online     May_03   svc:/system/hal:default
online     May_03   svc:/system/filesystem/rmvolmgr:default
```

The file system can be mounted from the device if it is valid and it is recognized.

If the file system on the device is not automatically mounted, try a manual mount.

Before hot-removing the device, find the name of the device in the `eject -l` command's alias name. Then eject the device's media. If you don't do this, the device is released and the port is usable again, but the file system on the device might have been damaged.

When you hot-plug a USB device, the device is immediately seen in the system's device hierarchy, as displayed in the `prtconf` command output. When you remove a USB device, the device is removed from the system's device hierarchy, unless you are using the device.

If you are using a device when it is unplugged, the device node remains, but the driver controlling this device stops all activity on the device. Any new I/O activity issued to this device returns an error.

In this situation, the system prompts you to plug in the original device. If the device is no longer available, stop the applications. After a few seconds, the port becomes available again.

Note – Data integrity might be impaired if you remove an active or open device. Always close the device before removing, except the attached keyboard and mouse, which can be moved while active.

▼ How to Add a USB Mass Storage Device

- 1 **Become an administrator.**
- 2 **Connect the USB mass storage device.**
- 3 **Verify that the USB device has been added.**

For example:

```
$ rmformat
Looking for devices...
  1. Logical Node: /dev/rdisk/c3t0d0p0
     Physical Node: /pci@0,0/pci108e,534a@2,1/storage@3/disk@0,0
     Connected Device: SanDisk  Cruzer Micro    0.3
     Device Type: Removable
     Bus: USB
     Size: 245.0 MB
```

```
Label: <None>
Access permissions: Medium is not write protected.
```

4 Verify that the device is automatically mounted under the `/media` directory.

For example:

```
$ ls /media/NONAME
aa bb
```

You can also use the `rmmount -l` command to list the paths and nicknames of mountable devices. If the device has been mounted under the `/media` directory, you will see output similar to the following:

```
$ rmmount -l
/dev/dsk/c3t0d0p0:1 rmdisk0,NONAME,/media/NONAME
```

▼ How to Add a USB Camera

If the camera's media uses a PCFS file system, it will be automatically mounted. If the device does not bind to the `scsa2usb` driver, use `libusb` applications for transferring the pictures. For more information, refer to `/usr/sfw/share/doc/libusb/libusb.txt`.

1 Become superuser.

2 Plug in and turn on the USB camera.

The system creates a logical device for the camera. After the camera is plugged in, output is written to the `/var/adm/messages` file to acknowledge the device's connection. The system treats the camera as a storage device.

3 Examine the output that is written to the `/var/adm/messages` file.

```
# more /var/adm/messages
```

Examining this output enables you to determine which logical device was created so that you can then use that device to access your images. The output looks similar to the following:

```
Jul 15 09:53:35 buffy usba: [ID 349649 kern.info] OLYMPUS, C-3040ZOOM,
000153719068
Jul 15 09:53:35 buffy genunix: [ID 936769 kern.info] scsa2usb1 is
/pci@0,0/pci925,1234@7,2/storage@2
Jul 15 09:53:36 buffy scsi: [ID 193665 kern.info] sd3 at scsa2usb1:
target 0 lun 0
```

Match the device with a mountable `/dev/dsk` link entry, by doing the following:

```
# ls -l /dev/dsk/c*0 | grep /pci@0,0/pci925,1234@7,2/storage@2
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 58 Jun 14 2010 c3t0d0p0 ->
../../devices/pci@0,0/pci925,1234@7,2/storage@2/disk@0,0:a
```

4 Mount the USB camera file system.

The camera's file system is most likely a PCFS file system. If file system is PCFS, then it should be automatically mounted.

To manually mount the file system on an x86 system, you would use syntax similar to the following:

```
# mount -F pcfs /dev/dsk/c3t0d0p0:c /mnt
```

To manually mount the file system on a SPARC system, you would use syntax similar to the following:

```
# mount -F pcfs /dev/dsk/c3t0d0s0:c /mnt
```

For information on mounting file systems, see [Chapter 20, "Mounting and Unmounting File Systems \(Tasks\)."](#)

For information on mounting different PCFS file systems, see [mount_pcfs\(1M\)](#).

5 Verify that the image files are available.

For example:

```
# ls /mnt/DCIM/1000LYMP/  
P7220001.JPG* P7220003.JPG* P7220005.JPG*  
P7220002.JPG* P7220004.JPG* P7220006.JPG*
```

6 View and manipulate the image files created by the USB camera.

For example:

```
# /usr/dt/bin/sdtimage P7220001.JPG &
```

7 Unmount the file system before disconnecting the camera.

For example:

```
# umount /mnt
```

8 (Optional) Turn off and disconnect the camera.

▼ How to Remove a USB Mass Storage Device

1 Become superuser or a console user.

2 Stop any active applications that are using the device.

3 Unmount the device.

```
$ rmount NONAME
```

Or, use the `umount` command as superuser. For example:

```
# umount /media/NONAME
```

For more information about unmounting a USB device, see [“How to Mount or Unmount a USB Mass Storage Device” on page 149](#).

4 Remove the device.

Preparing to Use a USB Mass Storage Device

You can access information on removable media with or without using removable media services. For information on accessing information on removable media with GNOME's File Manager, see the GNOME desktop documentation.

After the USB device is formatted, it is usually mounted under the `/media/label` directory.

The device nodes are created under the `/dev/rdisk` directory for character devices and under the `/dev/dsk` directory for block devices. Device links are created when the devices are hot-plugged. For more information, see [`sca2usb\(7D\)`](#).

If the device cannot be identified by removable media services, then try to manually mount the device. First, use the `rmformat` command to identify the device path and then use the `mount` command to manually mount the device as superuser.

If a device is mounted by removable media services then you can unmount it by using the `rumount` command. If the device is manually mounted, then you would unmount it using the `umount` command as superuser.

For more information about mounting and unmounting USB devices, see [“How to Mount or Unmount a USB Mass Storage Device” on page 149](#).

▼ How to Display USB Device Information

● Display information about USB devices.

For example, use the `prtconf` command to display USB device information. The `prtconf` output in this example has been truncated to only display USB device information.

```
$ prtconf
usb, instance #0
  hub, instance #2
    device, instance #8
      interface (driver not attached)
    printer (driver not attached)
  mouse, instance #14
  device, instance #9
    keyboard, instance #15
    mouse, instance #16
  storage, instance #7
    disk (driver not attached)
```

```
communications, instance #10
  modem (driver not attached)
  data (driver not attached)
storage, instance #0
  disk (driver not attached)
storage, instance #1
  disk (driver not attached)
```

For example, use the `rmformat` command to display USB device information.

```
$ rmformat
Looking for devices...
  1. Logical Node: /dev/rdisk/c3t0d0p0
     Physical Node: /pci@0,0/pci108e,534a@2,1/storage@3/disk@0,0
     Connected Device: SanDisk  Cruzer Micro      0.3
     Device Type: Removable
     Bus: USB
     Size: 245.0 MB
     Label: <None>
     Access permissions: Medium is not write protected.
```

▼ How to Create a File System on a USB Mass Storage Device

A USB diskette must be formatted before you can add a file system to it. All other USB mass storage devices just need a PCFS or UFS file system before they can be used. Keep the following key points in mind when formatting a USB device:

- Do not use the `rmformat -F` except on a USB diskette.
- If the default slices are not acceptable, use the `rmformat -s` command to create slices. Use the `fdisk` utility to partition a USB device, if needed. For step-by-step instructions, see:
 - [“How to Modify Partitions and Create a PCFS File System on a USB Mass Storage Device” on page 144](#)
 - [“How to Create a Solaris Partition and Modify the Slices on a USB Mass Storage Device” on page 147](#)
 - If the USB device is automatically mounted, you will have to unmount it before you can create a file system on the USB device. Use the `rmmount -l` command to identify the device nickname and then the `rmumount` command to unmount the USB device.

Note – Perform steps 4-5 only if you need to format a USB diskette.

- 1 **Become superuser.**
- 2 **Add the USB device to your system. For information on hot-plugging USB devices, see:**
 - [“Hot-Plugging USB Mass Storage Devices” on page 137](#)

- “Hot-Plugging USB Devices With the `cfgadm` Command (Task Map)” on page 156

3 (Optional) Identify the USB device.

For example:

```
# rmformat
Looking for devices...
  1. Logical Node: /dev/rdisk/c2t0d0p0
     Physical Node: /pci@0,0/pci108e,534a@2,1/hub@7/floppy@1/disk@0,0
     Connected Device: MITSUMI USB FDD 1039
     Device Type: Floppy drive
     Bus: USB
     Size: 1.4 MB
     Label: <None>
     Access permissions: Medium is not write protected.
```

In this example, the diskette device is `c2t0d0p0`.

4 Insert a diskette into the diskette drive, if necessary.

5 Format the diskette, if necessary.

```
% rmformat -F long raw-device
```

For example, on a SPARC system:

```
% rmformat -F long /dev/rdisk/c2t0d0s2
```

For example, on an x86 system:

```
% rmformat -F long /dev/rdisk/c3t0d0p0
```

6 Determine the file system type and make sure the device is unmounted. Then, select one of the following:

For more information about unmounting a USB device, see “[How to Mount or Unmount a USB Mass Storage Device](#)” on page 149.

- Create a PCFS file system.

```
# mkfs -F pcfs -o nofdisk,size=size raw-device
```

Specify the `-size` option in 512-byte blocks.

The following example shows how to create a PCFS file system on a 1.4-MB diskette on a SPARC system:

```
# mkfs -F pcfs /dev/rdisk/c2t0d0p0
Construct a new FAT file system on /dev/rdisk/c2t0d0p0: (y/n)? y
```

The following example shows how to create a PCFS file system on a 1.4-MB diskette on an x86 system:

```
# mkfs -F pcfs /dev/rdisk/c2t0d0s2
Construct a new FAT file system on /dev/rdisk/c2t0d0s2: (y/n)? y
```

The following example shows how to create a PCFS file system on a 100-MB USB memory stick on a SPARC system:

```
# mkfs -F pcfs /dev/rdisk/c5t0d0s2:c
```

The following example shows how to create a PCFS file system on a 100-MB USB memory stick on an x86 system:

```
# mkfs -F pcfs /dev/rdisk/c5t0d0p0:c
```

This command can take several minutes to complete.

- Create a UFS file system.

```
# newfs raw-device
```

For example:

```
# newfs /dev/rdisk/c4t0d0s7
```

Consider using the `newfs -f 4096` option or `newfs -T` option for large USB hard disks.

Note – UFS file system overhead consumes a significant portion of space on a diskette, due to a diskette's limited storage capacity.

See the next two procedures for a detailed example of creating a PCFS file system and modifying slices on a USB mass storage device.

▼ How to Modify Partitions and Create a PCFS File System on a USB Mass Storage Device

The following steps describe how to delete an existing partition, create a new partition, and then create a PCFS file system on the USB device. Make sure you backup any data before you perform this task.

- 1 **Become superuser.**

- 2 **Start the `fdisk` utility.**

For example:

```
# fdisk /dev/rdisk/c3t0d0p0
```

- 3 **Delete the partition by selecting option 3.**

For example:

```
Total disk size is 29 cylinders
Cylinder size is 2048 (512 byte) blocks
```

Cylinders

Partition	Status	Type	Start	End	Length	%
=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
1	Active	Solaris2	1	28	28	97

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. Create a partition
2. Specify the active partition
3. Delete a partition
4. Change between Solaris and Solaris2 Partition IDs
5. Exit (update disk configuration and exit)
6. Cancel (exit without updating disk configuration)

Enter Selection: 3

4 Choose the partition number to delete.

For example:

Total disk size is 29 cylinders
 Cylinder size is 2048 (512 byte) blocks

Partition	Status	Type	Start	End	Length	%
=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
1	Active	Solaris2	1	28	28	97

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. Create a partition
2. Specify the active partition
3. Delete a partition
4. Change between Solaris and Solaris2 Partition IDs
5. Exit (update disk configuration and exit)
6. Cancel (exit without updating disk configuration)

Specify the partition number to delete (or enter 0 to exit): 1

Partition deleted.

5 Create a partition.

For example:

Total disk size is 29 cylinders
 Cylinder size is 2048 (512 byte) blocks

Partition	Status	Type	Start	End	Length	%
=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

WARNING: no partitions are defined!

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. Create a partition
2. Specify the active partition
3. Delete a partition
4. Change between Solaris and Solaris2 Partition IDs
5. Exit (update disk configuration and exit)
6. Cancel (exit without updating disk configuration)

Enter Selection: 1

6 Select the FAT32 partition type.

Total disk size is 29 cylinders
 Cylinder size is 2048 (512 byte) blocks

Partition	Status	Type	Cylinders		Length	%
			Start	End		
=====	=====	=====	=====	===	=====	===

WARNING: no partitions are defined!

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. Create a partition
2. Specify the active partition
3. Delete a partition
4. Change between Solaris and Solaris2 Partition IDs
5. Exit (update disk configuration and exit)
6. Cancel (exit without updating disk configuration)

Select the partition type to create:

1=SOLARIS2	2=UNIX	3=PCIXOS	4=Other
5=DOS12	6=DOS16	7=DOEXT	8=DOSBIG
9=DOS16LBA	A=x86 Boot	B=Diagnostic	C=FAT32
D=FAT32LBA	E=DOEXTLBA	F=EFI	0=Exit? c

7 Specify the percentage of disk to use for this partition.

Total disk size is 29 cylinders
 Cylinder size is 2048 (512 byte) blocks

Partition	Status	Type	Cylinders		Length	%
			Start	End		
=====	=====	=====	=====	===	=====	===

WARNING: no partitions are defined!

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. Create a partition
2. Specify the active partition
3. Delete a partition
4. Change between Solaris and Solaris2 Partition IDs
5. Exit (update disk configuration and exit)
6. Cancel (exit without updating disk configuration)

Select the partition type to create:

Specify the percentage of disk to use for this partition (or type "c" to specify the size in cylinders). **100**

8 Select whether the new partition should be the active partition or an inactive partition.

Total disk size is 29 cylinders
 Cylinder size is 2048 (512 byte) blocks

Partition	Status	Type	Cylinders		Length	%
			Start	End		
=====	=====	=====	=====	===	=====	===

WARNING: no partitions are defined!

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. Create a partition

2. Specify the active partition
3. Delete a partition
4. Change between Solaris and Solaris2 Partition IDs
5. Exit (update disk configuration and exit)
6. Cancel (exit without updating disk configuration)

Select the partition type to create:

Should this become the active partition? If yes, it will be activated each time the computer is reset or turned on.

Please type "y" or "n". n

9 Update the disk configuration and exit.

```
Total disk size is 29 cylinders
  Cylinder size is 2048 (512 byte) blocks
```

Partition	Status	Type	Cylinders		Length	%
			Start	End		
1		Win95 FAT32	1	28	28	97

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. Create a partition
2. Specify the active partition
3. Delete a partition
4. Change between Solaris and Solaris2 Partition IDs
5. Exit (update disk configuration and exit)
6. Cancel (exit without updating disk configuration)

Enter Selection: 5

10 Create the PCFS file system on this partition.

Make sure the device is unmounted before creating the new file system. For more information about unmounting a USB device, see [“How to Mount or Unmount a USB Mass Storage Device” on page 149](#).

For example:

```
# mkfs -F pcfs -o fat=32 /dev/rdisk/c3t0d0p0:c
Construct a new FAT file system on /dev/rdisk/c3t0d0p0:c: (y/n)? y
```

▼ How to Create a Solaris Partition and Modify the Slices on a USB Mass Storage Device

The following steps illustrate how to create a Solaris partition and modify the slices.

Make sure you back up any data before you perform this task.

- 1 **Become superuser.**
- 2 **Start the fdisk utility.**

For example:

```
# fdisk /dev/rdisk/c5t0d0s2
No fdisk table exists. The default partition for the disk is:
```

```
a 100% "SOLARIS System" partition
```

Type "y" to accept the default partition, otherwise type "n" to edit the partition table.

```
y
```

3 Display the current slices.

For example:

```
# prtvtoc /dev/rdisk/c5t0d0s2
* /dev/rdisk/c5t0d0s2 partition map
*
* Dimensions:
*   512 bytes/sector
*   63 sectors/track
*   255 tracks/cylinder
* 16065 sectors/cylinder
*   5836 cylinders
*   5836 accessible cylinders
*
* Flags:
*  1: unmountable
* 10: read-only
*
*
* Partition  Tag  Flags      First      Sector      Last
*           0    0    00         0  93755340  93755339  Mount Directory
*           2    0    00         0  93755340  93755339
```

4 Create a text file with the slice information.

For example:

```
slices: 0 = 0, 5GB, "wm", "home" :
        1 = 8225280000, 6GB :
        2 = 0, 44GB, "wm", "backup" :
        6 = 16450560000, 15GB
```

Make sure each slice starts on a cylinder boundary. For example, slice 1 starts at 822280000 bytes, which is the cylinder size in bytes multiplied by 1000.

For more information, see the `-s` option description in `rmformat(1)`.

5 Create the slices by including the slice file created above.

For example:

```
# rmformat -s slice_file /dev/rdisk/c5t0d0s2
```

6 View the new slice information.

For example:

```
# prtvtoc /dev/rdisk/c5t0d0s2
* /dev/rdisk/c5t0d0s2 partition map
*
* Dimensions:
*   512 bytes/sector
```

```

*      63 sectors/track
*     255 tracks/cylinder
*    16065 sectors/cylinder
*     5836 cylinders
*     5836 accessible cylinders
*
* Flags:
*   1: unmountable
*  10: read-only
*
* Unallocated space:
*      First      Sector      Last
*      Sector      Count      Sector
*  10485760    5579240    16064999
*  28647912    3482088    32129999
*  63587280    30168060    93755339
*
*
* Partition Tag  Flags      First      Sector      Last
*           0    8    00         0    10485760    10485759
*           1    3    01    16065000    12582912    28647911
*           2    5    00         0    92274688    92274687
*           6    4    00    32130000    31457280    63587279

```

▼ How to Mount or Unmount a USB Mass Storage Device

The following steps illustrate how to mount and unmount a USB mass storage device.

1 Become superuser or console user.

2 (Optional) Identify the device.

For example:

```

$ rmformat
Looking for devices...
  1. Logical Node: /dev/rdisk/c3t0d0p0
     Physical Node: /pci@0,0/pci108e,534a@2,1/storage@3/disk@0,0
     Connected Device: SanDisk  Cruzer Micro      0.3
     Device Type: Removable
     Bus: USB
     Size: 245.0 MB
     Label: <None>
     Access permissions: Medium is not write protected.

```

In this example, the physical diskette device is `c2t0d0p0`.

Or, identify the nickname for the device. For example:

```

$ rmmount -l
/dev/dsk/c2t0d0p0      floppy, floppy0, fd, fd0, diskette, diskette0, rdiskette, rdiskette0

```

3 Select one of the following to mount or unmount a USB mass storage device:

- Mount a USB mass storage device as a console user.

You can use the `rmmount` command with device nicknames, mount points, or device paths, similar to the following:

```
$ rmmount rmdisk0
$ rmmount NONAME
$ rmmount /dev/dsk/c3t0d0p0:1
```

For example:

```
$ rmmount NONAME
NONAME /dev/dsk/c2t0d0p0 mounted
$ ls /media/NONAME
AA.TXT
```

- Unmount a USB mass storage device as a console user.

For example:

```
$ rmumount NONAME
NONAME /dev/dsk/c2t0d0p0 unmounted
```

- Mount a USB mass storage device as superuser.

This example shows how to mount a device with a UFS file system:

```
# mount /dev/dsk/c1t0d0s2 /mnt
```

This example shows how to mount a device with a PCFS file system on a SPARC system:

```
# mount -F pcfs /dev/dsk/c3t0d0s2:c /mnt
```

This example shows how to mount a device with a PCFS file system on an x86 system:

```
# mount -F pcfs /dev/dsk/c3t0d0p0:c /mnt
```

This example shows how to mount a CD with a read-only HSFS file system:

```
# mount -F hsfs -o ro /dev/dsk/c1t0d0s2 /mnt
```

- Unmount a USB mass storage device as superuser.

First, be sure no one is using the file system on the device.

For example:

```
# fuser -c -u /mnt
# umount /mnt
```

4 Eject the device, which is optional for DVD, CD, or diskette devices.

For example:

```
# eject /dev/rdisk/c1t0d0s2
```

Troubleshooting Tips for USB Mass Storage Devices

Keep the following tips in mind if you have problems adding or removing a USB mass storage device.

Check the `/var/adm/messages` file for failures to enumerate the device. For enumeration failures, possibly, insert the USB hub or remove a hub and connect it directly to a root USB hub.

- If USB devices are added or removed when the system is down, you must perform a reconfiguration boot.

```
ok boot -r
```

If you have problems accessing a device that was connected while the system is running, try the following command:

```
# devfsadm
```

- Do not move devices around if the system has been powered down by a suspend operation. For more information, see [“SPARC: USB Power Management” on page 130](#).
- If a device has been hot removed while in use by applications and is no longer available, then stop the applications. Use the `prtconf` command to see whether the device node has been removed.

Disabling Specific USB Drivers

You can disable specific types of USB devices by disabling their client driver. For example, USB printers can be disabled by disabling the `usbprn` driver that directs them. Disabling `usbprn` does not affect other kinds of devices, such as USB storage devices.

The following table identifies some USB device types and their corresponding drivers.

Device Type	Driver to Disable
Audio	<code>usb_ac</code> and <code>usb_as</code>
HID (usually keyboard and mouse)	<code>hid</code>
Storage	<code>scsa2usb</code>
Printer	<code>usbprn</code>
Serial	<code>usbser_edge</code>

If you disable a driver for a USB device that is still connected to the system, you see a console message similar to the following:

```
usba10: WARNING: usba: no driver found for device name
```

▼ How to Disable Specific USB Drivers

1 Become superuser.

2 Exclude the driver alias entry from the `/etc/system` file.

For example, include the following exclude statement to exclude the `usbprn` driver.

```
exclude: usbprn
```

3 Reboot the system.

```
# init 6
```

▼ How to Remove Unused USB Device Links

Use this procedure if a USB device is removed while the system is powered off. Removing the USB device while the system is powered off can leave device links for devices that do not exist.

1 Become superuser.

2 Close all applications that might be accessing the device.

3 Remove the unused links for a specific USB class.

For example:

```
# devfsadm -C -c audio
```

Or, just remove the dangling links:

```
# devfsadm -C
```

Using USB Audio Devices (Task Map)

Task	Description	For Instructions
Add USB audio devices.	Add a USB microphone and speakers.	“How to Add USB Audio Devices” on page 154
Identify your system's primary audio device.	Identify which audio device is your primary audio device.	“How to Identify Your System's Primary Audio Device” on page 155
Change the primary USB audio device.	You might want to make one audio device the primary audio device if you remove or change your USB audio devices.	“How to Change the Primary USB Audio Device” on page 155

Task	Description	For Instructions
Remove unused USB device links.	If you remove a USB audio device while the system is powered off, the <code>/dev/audio</code> device might be pointing to a <code>/dev/sound/*</code> device that doesn't exist.	“How to Remove Unused USB Device Links” on page 152
Solve USB audio problems.	Use this section if no sound comes from the USB speakers.	“Troubleshooting USB Audio Device Problems” on page 156

Using USB Audio Devices

For information about USB audio support in specific Solaris releases, see [“Solaris Support for USB Devices” on page 120](#).

This Solaris release provides USB audio support that is implemented by a pair of cooperating drivers, `usb_ac` and `usb_as`. The audio control driver, `usb_ac`, is a Solaris USB Architecture compliant client driver that provides the controlling interface to user applications. The audio streaming driver, `usb_as`, processes audio data messages during play and record. It sets sample frequency and precision, and encodes requests from the `usb_ac` driver. Both drivers comply with the USB audio class 1.0 specification.

Some audio devices can set volume under software control. A STREAMS module, `usb_ah`, is pushed on top of the HID driver for managing this function.

Solaris supports USB audio devices that are play-only, record-only, or record and play. Hot-plugging of USB audio devices is supported.

- USB audio devices are supported on SPARC Ultra and x86 platforms that have USB connectors.
- For fully supported audio data format information, see [usb_ac\(7D\)](#).

The primary audio device is `/dev/audio`. You can verify that `/dev/audio` is pointing to USB audio by using the following command:

```
% mixerctl
Device /dev/audioctl:
  Name    = USB Audio
  Version = 1.0
  Config  = external
```

Audio mixer for `/dev/audioctl` is enabled

After you connect your USB audio devices, you access them with the `audioplay` and `audiorecord` command through the `/dev/sound/N` device links.

Note that the `/dev/audio` and `/dev/sound/N` devices can refer to speakers, microphones, or combination devices. If you refer to the incorrect device type, the command fails. For example, the `audioplay` command fails if you try to use it with a microphone.

You can select a specific default audio device for most Oracle audio applications, such as `audioplay` and `audiorecord`, by setting the `AUDIODEV` shell variable or by specifying the `-d` option for these commands. However, setting `AUDIODEV` does not work for third-party applications that have `/dev/audio` hardcoded as the audio file.

When you plug in a USB audio device, it automatically becomes the primary audio device, `/dev/audio`, unless `/dev/audio` is in use. For instructions on changing `/dev/audio` from on-board audio to USB audio and vice versa, refer to [“How to Change the Primary USB Audio Device” on page 155](#), and [usb_ac\(7D\)](#).

Hot-Plugging Multiple USB Audio Devices

If a USB audio device is plugged into a system, it becomes the primary audio device, `/dev/audio`. It remains the primary audio device even after the system is rebooted. If additional USB audio devices are plugged in, the last one becomes the primary audio device.

For additional information on troubleshooting USB audio device problems, see [usb_ac\(7D\)](#).

▼ How to Add USB Audio Devices

1 Plug in the USB speaker.

The primary audio device, `/dev/audio`, points to the USB speaker.

```
% ls -l /dev/audio
lrwxrwxrwx  1 root    root    10 Feb 13 08:46 /dev/audio -> usb/audio0
```

2 (Optional) Remove the speaker. Then, plug it back in.

If you remove the speaker, the `/dev/audio` device reverts back to on-board audio.

```
% ls -l /dev/audio
lrwxrwxrwx  1 root    root    7 Feb 13 08:47 /dev/audio -> sound/0
```

3 Add a USB microphone.

```
% ls -l /dev/audio
lrwxrwxrwx  1 root    root    10 Feb 13 08:54 /dev/audio -> usb/audio1
```

▼ How to Identify Your System's Primary Audio Device

This procedure assumes that you have already connected the USB audio devices.

● Examine your system's new audio links.

- Display your system's new audio links with the `ls` command.

For example:

```
% ls -lt /dev/audio*
lrwxrwxrwx  1 root  root    7 Jul 23 15:46 /dev/audio -> usb/audio0
lrwxrwxrwx  1 root  root   10 Jul 23 15:46 /dev/audiocctl ->
usb/audiocctl0/
% ls -lt /dev/sound/*
lrwxrwxrwx  1 root  root    74 Jul 23 15:46 /dev/sound/1 ->
../..devices/pci@1f,4000/usb@5/hub@1/device@3/sound-control@0:...
lrwxrwxrwx  1 root  root    77 Jul 23 15:46 /dev/sound/1ctl ->
../..devices/pci@1f,4000/usb@5/hub@1/device@3/sound-control@0:...
lrwxrwxrwx  1 root  other  66 Jul 23 14:21 /dev/sound/0 ->
../..devices/pci@1f,4000/ebus@1/SUNW,CS4231@14,200000:sound,audio
lrwxrwxrwx  1 root  other  69 Jul 23 14:21 /dev/sound/0ctl ->
../..devices/pci@1f,4000/ebus@1/SUNW,CS4231@14,200000:sound,audiocctl
%
```

Notice that the primary audio device, `/dev/audio`, is pointing to the newly plugged in USB audio device, `/dev/usb/audio0`.

- You can also examine your system's USB audio devices with the `prtconf` command and look for the USB device information.

```
% prtconf
.
.
.
usb, instance #0
  hub, instance #0
    mouse, instance #0
    keyboard, instance #1
    device, instance #0
      sound-control, instance #0
      sound, instance #0
      input, instance #0
.
.
.
```

▼ How to Change the Primary USB Audio Device

- Select one of the following to change the primary USB audio device.

- If you want the on-board audio device to become the primary audio device, remove the USB audio devices. The `/dev/audio` link then points to the `/dev/sound/0` entry. If the `/dev/sound/0` entry is not the primary audio device, then either shut down the system and use the `boot -r` command, or run the `devfsadm -i` command as root.
- If you want the USB audio device to become primary audio device, just plug it in and check the device links.

Troubleshooting USB Audio Device Problems

Sometimes, USB speakers do not produce any sound, even though the driver is attached and the volume is set to high. Hot-plugging the device might not change this behavior.

The workaround is to power cycle the USB speakers.

Key Points of Audio Device Ownership

Keep the following key points of audio device ownership in mind when working with audio devices:

- When you plug in a USB audio device and you are logged in on the console, the console is the owner of the `/dev/*` entries. This situation means you can use the audio device as long as you are logged in to the console.
- If you are not logged in to the console when you plug in a USB audio device, root becomes the owner of the device. However, if you log in to the console and attempt to access the USB audio device, device ownership changes to the console. For more information, see [logindevperm\(4\)](#).
- When you remotely log in with the `rlogin` command and attempt to access the USB audio device, the ownership does not change. This means that, for example, unauthorized users cannot listen to conversations over a microphone owned by someone else.

Hot-Plugging USB Devices With the `cfgadm` Command (Task Map)

Task	Description	For Instructions
Display USB bus information.	Display information about USB devices and buses.	“How to Display USB Bus Information (cfgadm)” on page 158
Unconfigure a USB device.	Logically unconfigure a USB device that is still physically connected to the system.	“How to Unconfigure a USB Device” on page 159

Task	Description	For Instructions
Configure a USB device.	Configure a USB device that was previously unconfigured.	“How to Configure a USB Device” on page 159
Logically disconnect a USB device.	You can logically disconnect a USB device if you are not physically near the system.	“How to Logically Disconnect a USB Device” on page 160
Logically connect a USB device.	Logically connect a USB device that was previously logically disconnected or unconfigured.	“How to Logically Connect a USB Device” on page 160
Disconnect a USB device subtree.	Disconnect a USB device subtree, which is the hierarchy (or tree) of devices below a hub.	“How to Logically Disconnect a USB Device Subtree” on page 161
Reset a USB device.	Reset a USB device to logically remove and re-create the device.	“How to Reset a USB Device” on page 161
Change the default configuration of a multi-configuration USB device.	Change the default configuration of a multi-configuration USB device.	“How to Change the Default Configuration of a Multi-Configuration USB Device” on page 161

Hot-Plugging USB Devices With the `cfgadm` Command

You can add and remove a USB device from a running system without using the `cfgadm` command. However, a USB device can also be *logically* hot-plugged without physically removing the device. This scenario is convenient when you are working remotely and you need to disable or reset a non functioning USB device. The `cfgadm` command also provides a way to display the USB device tree, including manufacturer and product information.

The `cfgadm` command displays information about *attachment points*, which are locations in the system where dynamic reconfiguration operations can occur. An attachment point consists of the following:

- An occupant, which represents a hardware resource, such as a USB device, that might be configured into the system
- A receptacle, which is the location that accepts the occupant, such as a USB port

Attachment points are represented by logical and physical attachment point IDs (`Ap_Ids`). The physical `Ap_Id` is the physical path name of the attachment point. The logical `Ap_Id` is a user-friendly alternative for the physical `Ap_Id`. For more information on `Ap_Ids`, see [`cfgadm_usb\(1M\)`](#).

The `cfgadm` command provides the following USB device status information.

Receptacle State	Description
empty/unconfigured	The device is not physically connected.
disconnected/unconfigured	The device is logically disconnected and unavailable, even though the device could still be physically connected.
connected/unconfigured	The device is logically connected, but unavailable. The device is visible in <code>prtconf</code> output.
connected/configured	The device is connected and available.

The following sections describe how to hot-plug a USB device through the software with the `cfgadm` command. All of the sample USB device information in these sections has been truncated to focus on relevant information.

▼ How to Display USB Bus Information (`cfgadm`)

For examples of using the `prtconf` command to display USB configuration information, see [“How to Display USB Device Information” on page 141](#).

1 Display USB bus information.

For example:

```
% cfgadm
Ap_Id                Type      Receptacle  Occupant  Condition
usb0/4.5             usb-hub   connected   configured ok
usb0/4.5.1          usb-device connected   configured ok
usb0/4.5.2          usb-printer connected   configured ok
usb0/4.5.3          usb-mouse  connected   configured ok
usb0/4.5.4          usb-device  connected   configured ok
usb0/4.5.5          usb-storage connected   configured ok
usb0/4.5.6          usb-communi connected   configured ok
usb0/4.5.7          unknown   empty       unconfigured ok
```

In the preceding example, `usb0/4.5.1` identifies a device connected to port 1 of the second-level external hub, which is connected to port 5 of first-level external hub, which is connected to the first USB controller's root hub, port 4.

2 Display specific USB device information.

For example:

```
% cfgadm -l -s "cols=ap_id:info"
Ap_Id      Information
usb0/4.5.1 Mfg: Inside Out Networks Product: Edgeport/421 NConfigs: 1
Config: 0 : ...
usb0/4.5.2 Mfg: <undef> Product: <undef> NConfigs: 1 Config: 0 ...
usb0/4.5.3 Mfg: Mitsumi Product: Apple USB Mouse NConfigs: 1
Config: 0 ...
usb0/4.5.4 Mfg: NMB Product: NMB USB KB/PS2 M NConfigs: 1 Config: 0
```

```
usb0/4.5.5 Mfg: Hagiwara Sys-Com Product: SmartMedia R/W NConfigs: 1
Config: 0 : ...
usb0/4.5.6 Mfg: 3Com Inc. Product: U.S.Robotics 56000 Voice USB Modem
NConfigs: 2 ...
usb0/4.5.7
```

▼ How to Unconfigure a USB Device

You can unconfigure a USB device that is still physically connected to the system. However, a driver will never attach to the device. Note that a USB device remains in the `prtconf` output even after that device is unconfigured.

1 Become superuser.

2 Unconfigure the USB device.

For example:

```
# cfgadm -c unconfigure usb0/4.7
Unconfigure the device: /devices/pci@8,700000/usb@5,3/hub@4:4.7
This operation will suspend activity on the USB device
Continue (yes/no)? y
```

3 Verify that the device is unconfigured.

For example:

```
# cfgadm
```

Ap_Id	Type	Receptacle	Occupant	Condition
usb0/4.5	usb-hub	connected	configured	ok
usb0/4.5.1	usb-device	connected	configured	ok
usb0/4.5.2	usb-printer	connected	configured	ok
usb0/4.5.3	usb-mouse	connected	configured	ok
usb0/4.5.4	usb-device	connected	configured	ok
usb0/4.5.5	usb-storage	connected	configured	ok
usb0/4.5.6	usb-communi	connected	configured	ok
usb0/4.5.7	unknown	empty	unconfigured	ok
usb0/4.6	usb-storage	connected	configured	ok
usb0/4.7	usb-storage	connected	unconfigured	ok

▼ How to Configure a USB Device

1 Become superuser.

2 Configure a USB device.

For example:

```
# cfgadm -c configure usb0/4.7
```

3 Verify that the USB device is configured.

For example:

```
# cfgadm usb0/4.7
Ap_Id          Type          Receptacle  Occupant    Condition
usb0/4.7      usb-storage   connected   configured  ok
```

▼ How to Logically Disconnect a USB Device

If you want to remove a USB device from the system and the `prtconf` output, but you are not physically near the system, just logically disconnect the USB device. The device is still physically connected. However, the device is logically disconnected, unusable, and not visible to the system.

1 Become superuser.**2 Disconnect a USB device.**

For example:

```
# cfgadm -c disconnect -y usb0/4.7
```

3 Verify that the device is disconnected.

For example:

```
# cfgadm usb0/4.7
Ap_Id          Type          Receptacle  Occupant    Condition
usb0/4.7      unknown      disconnected  unconfigured ok
```

▼ How to Logically Connect a USB Device

Use this procedure to logically connect a USB device that was previously logically disconnected or unconfigured.

1 Become superuser.**2 Connect a USB device.**

For example:

```
# cfgadm -c configure usb0/4.7
```

3 Verify that the device is connected.

For example:

```
# cfgadm usb0/4.7
Ap_Id          Type          Receptacle  Occupant    Condition
usb0/4.7      usb-storage   connected   configured  ok
```

The device is now available and visible to the system.

▼ How to Logically Disconnect a USB Device Subtree

Use this procedure to disconnect a USB device subtree, which is the hierarchy (or tree) of devices below a hub.

1 **Become superuser.**

2 **Remove a USB device subtree.**

For example:

```
# cfgadm -c disconnect -y usb0/4
```

3 **Verify that the USB device subtree is disconnected.**

For example:

```
# cfgadm usb0/4
Ap_Id          Type      Receptacle  Occupant    Condition
usb0/4         unknown  disconnected unconfigured ok
```

▼ How to Reset a USB Device

If a USB device behaves erratically, use the `cfgadm` command to reset the device, which logically removes and re-creates the device.

1 **Become superuser.**

2 **Make sure that the device is not in use.**

3 **Reset the device.**

For example:

```
# cfgadm -x usb_reset -y usb0/4.7
```

4 **Verify that the device is connected.**

For example:

```
# cfgadm usb0/4.7
Ap_Id          Type      Receptacle  Occupant    Condition
usb0/4.7       usb-storage connected    configured  ok
```

▼ How to Change the Default Configuration of a Multi-Configuration USB Device

Keep the following in mind when working with multi-configuration USB devices:

- A USB device configuration defines how a device presents itself to the operating system. This method is different from system device configurations discussed in other `cfgadm` sections.
- Some USB devices support multiple configurations, but only one configuration can be active at a time.
- Multi-configuration devices can be identified by examining the `cfgadm -lv` output. `Nconfigs` will be greater than 1.
- The default USB configuration is configuration 1. The current configuration is reflected in `cfgadm -lv` output as `Config`.
- Changes to the default configuration persist across reboots, hot-removes, and the reconfiguration of the device, as long as the device is reconnected to the same port.

1 Make sure that the device is not in use.

2 Change the default USB configuration.

For example:

```
# cfgadm -x usb_config -o config=2 usb0/4
Setting the device: /devices/pci@1f,0/usb@c,3:4
to USB configuration 2
This operation will suspend activity on the USB device
Continue (yes/no)? yes
```

3 Verify that the device changed.

For example:

```
# cfgadm -lv usb0/4
Ap_Id Receptacle Occupant Condition Information When Type
  Busy Phys_Id
usb0/4 connected unconfigured ok Mfg: Sun 2000
Product: USB-B0B0 aka Robotech
With 6 EPPS High Clk Mode NConfigs: 7 Config: 2 : EVAL Board Setup
unavailable
usb-device n /devices/pci@1f,0/usb@c,3:4
```

Note that `Config`: now shows 2.

Using InfiniBand Devices (Overview/Tasks)

InfiniBand (IB) is a new I/O technology based on switch fabrics. It provides high bandwidth, low latency interconnect for attaching I/O devices to hosts and for host-to-host communication.

This is a list of the overview information in this chapter.

- “Overview of InfiniBand Devices” on page 163
- “Dynamically Reconfiguring IB Devices (c f g adm)” on page 166

For information on the procedures associated with using IB devices, see the following:

- “Dynamically Reconfiguring IB Devices (Task Map)” on page 165
- “Using the uDAPL Application Interface With InfiniBand Devices” on page 176
- “Administering IPoIB Devices (d \ adm)” on page 178

For general information about dynamic reconfiguration and hot-plugging, see [Chapter 6](#), “Dynamically Configuring Devices (Tasks).”

Overview of InfiniBand Devices

IB devices are managed by the Solaris IB nexus driver. This driver supports 5 types of devices:

- IB Port devices
- IB virtual physical point of attachment (VPPA) devices
- IB HCA service (HCA_SVC) devices
- Pseudo devices
- I/O controller (IOC) devices

The IB nexus driver queries the Solaris IB Device Manager (IBDM) for services, referred in this guide as *communication services*, to enumerate the IB Port, HCA_SVC, and IB VPPA devices.

The IB partition link represents a new *part* class of data link and this object is managed by using the new `da ldm` sub-commands. An IB partition link can be created on top of an IB physical link, one per each `P_Key` on the port. The partition links are used for data transfers.

The Port devices bind a communication service to a given `port#` of a Host Channel Adapter (HCA). The VPPA devices bind a communication service to a `port#`, `P_key#` combination instead. The HCA_SVC devices bind a communication service to a given HCA. Note that the Port devices and the HCA_SVC devices always use a `P_key` (partition key) whose value is zero. The Port, HCA_SVC, and VPPA devices are children of the HCA and are enumerated through the `ib.conf` file. For more information, see [ib\(7D\)](#).

The IOC devices are children of the IB nexus driver and are part of an I/O unit. The pseudo devices are also children of the IB nexus driver and refer to all other devices that provide their own configuration files to enumerate. For more information, see [ib\(4\)](#).

The possible IB device tree path name(s) are listed in the following table.

IOC device	<code>/ib/ioc@1730000007F510C,1730000007F50</code>
IB pseudo device	<code>/ib/<driver>@<unit-address></code>
IB VPPA device	<code>/pci@1f,2000/pci@1/pci15b3,5a44@0/ibport@<port#>,<P_key>,<service></code>
IB HCA_SVC device	<code>/pci@1f,2000/pci@1/pci15bc,5a44@0/ibport@0,0,<service></code>
IB Port device	<code>/pci@1f,2000/pci@1/pci15b3,5a44@0/ibport@<port#>,0,<service></code>
HCA	<code>/pci@1f,2000/pci@1/pci15b3,5a44@0</code>

Note that the IB HCA_SVC devices have zero as the `port#` and the `P_key`.

The IB components in the preceding table are described as follows:

<code><services></code>	Is a communication service. For example, <code>ipib</code> is the communication service used by the <code>ibd</code> kernel client driver.
<code><P_key></code>	Is the partition link key value being used.
<code><port></code>	Is the port number.
<code><unit-address></code>	Refers to IB kernel client driver's property by this name specified in its <code>driver.conf</code> file. For more information, see driver.conf(4) .

Dynamically Reconfiguring IB Devices (Task Map)

Task	Description	For Instructions
Display IB device information.	Display information about the IB devices on your system.	“How to Display IB Device Information” on page 167
Configure or unconfigure an IOC device.	Select one of the following: Unconfigure an IOC device. Configure an IOC device.	“How to Unconfigure an IOC Device” on page 169 “How to Configure an IOC Device” on page 169
Configure or unconfigure a port or VPPA device.	Select one of the following: Unconfigure a port or a VPPA device. Configure a port or a VPPA device.	“How to Unconfigure an IB Port, HCA_SVC, or a VPPA Device” on page 170 “How to Configure a IB Port, HCA_SVC, or a VPPA Device” on page 170
Configure or unconfigure an IB pseudo device.	Select one of the following: Unconfigure an IB pseudo device. Configure an IB pseudo device.	“How to Unconfigure an IB Pseudo Device” on page 171 “How to Configure an IB Pseudo Device” on page 171
Display kernel IB clients of an HCA.	You might need to display information about kernel IP clients of an HCA, particularly if you're going to unconfigure an HCA.	“How to Display Kernel IB Clients of an HCA” on page 172
Configure or unconfigure an IB HCA.	Select one of the following: Unconfigure IB devices that are connected to an HCA. Configure IB devices that are connected to an HCA.	“How to Unconfigure IB Devices Connected to an HCA” on page 172 “Configuring an IB HCA” on page 173

Task	Description	For Instructions
Update the IB P_key tables.	If the P_key table information of a HCA port changes, IBTF and IBDM need to be notified so that their internal P_key databases are updated.	“How to Update the IB P_key Tables” on page 173
Display IB communication services	Display the IB communication services that are currently in use by the IBTE.	“How to Display IB Communication Services” on page 173
Add or remove a VPPA communication service.	Select one of the following: Add a VPPA communication service. Remove a VPPA communication service.	“How to Add a VPPA Communication Service” on page 174 “How to Remove an Existing IB Port, HCA_SVC, or a VPPA Communication Service” on page 174
Update an IOC configuration.	You can update the properties of all the IOC device nodes or update a particular IOC Ap_Id.	“How to Update an IOC Configuration” on page 175

Dynamically Reconfiguring IB Devices (c f gadm)

One can configure or unconfigure an IB device from a running system by using the `c f gadm` CLI only. This command also provides a way to display the IB fabric, manage communication services, and update P_key table databases. For more information, see [c f gadm_ib\(1M\)](#).

The `c f gadm` CLI manages dynamic reconfiguration, referred to in this guide as DR, of the entire IB fabric as seen by a host. The `c f gadm` operations are supported on all the IB devices, such as Port, VPPA, HCA_SVC, IOC, and pseudo devices.

The `c f gadm` command displays information about attachment points (Ap_Ids), which are locations in the system where DR operations can occur. For details on the Ap_Ids that `c f gadm` supports, see `c f gadm_ib.1M`. Note that all IB Ap_Ids are shown as connected.

The `c f gadm` command provides the following IB device status information.

Receptacle State	Description
connected/configured/ok	The device is connected and available. The <code>devinfo</code> node is present.

Receptacle State	Description
connected/unconfigured/unknown	The device is unavailable and no devinfo node or device driver exists for this device. Or, the device was never configured for use by ib nexus driver. The device might be known to the IB Device Manager.

All of the procedures in this section require administrative privileges that are not generally granted to user accounts. For more information, see “[How to Obtain Administrative Rights](#)” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

Note – The `rpcib` driver module that provides NFS over RDMA functionality uses only one HCA in the system. If the system has multiple HCAs, the `rpcib` driver uses only one of the HCAs present on the system. NFS over RDMA is not usable if the HCA that it is using is unconfigured. Use the following steps to enable NFS over RDMA.

1. Become an administrator.
2. Unconfigure the `rpcib` module.

```
c f g a d m - c u n c o n f i g u r e i b : : r p c i b , 0
```

For more information, see `c f g a d m _ i b (1 M)`.

3. Reconfigure the `rpcib` module.

```
c f g a d m - c c o n f i g u r e i b : : r p c i b , 0
```

The following sections describe how to dynamically reconfigure (DR) IB devices with the `c f g a d m` command. All of the sample IB device information in these sections has been truncated to focus on relevant information.

▼ How to Display IB Device Information

You can use the `p r t c o n f` command to display general information about IB devices. For example:

```
$ p r t c o n f
  p c i , i n s t a n c e # 0
    p c i 1 5 b 3 , 5 a 4 4 , i n s t a n c e # 0
      i b p o r t , i n s t a n c e # 2 5 3
      i b p o r t , i n s t a n c e # 2 5 4
      i b p o r t , i n s t a n c e # 2 5 5
    .
    .
  i b , i n s t a n c e # 0
    i o c , i n s t a n c e # 2 4 3
```

```

ioc, instance #244
ioc, instance #245
ioc, instance #246
ioc, instance #247
ioc, instance #248
ibgen, instance #249

```

In the preceding example, pci.15b3,5a44 refers to an IB HCA.

Use the following steps to display specific IB device information.

- 1 **Become an administrator.**
- 2 **Display IB fabric information.**

For example:

```

# cfgadm -a
Ap_Id          Type          Receptacle Occupant  Condition
ib             IB-Fabric    connected  configured ok
hca:1730000008070  IB-HCA      connected  configured ok
ib::1730000007F5198  IB-IOC      connected  configured ok
ib::1730000007F5199  IB-IOC      connected  configured ok
ib::1730000008070,0,hnfs  IB-HCA_SVC  connected  configured ok
ib::1730000008071,0,sdp  IB-PORT     connected  configured ok
ib::1730000008072,0,sdp  IB-PORT     connected  configured ok
ib::1730000008071,8001,ipib  IB-VPPA     connected  configured ok
ib::1730000008072,8001,ipib  IB-VPPA     connected  configured ok
ib::ibgen,0          IB-PSEUDO   connected  configured ok
#

```

In the preceding example output, the components are described as follows:

Ap_Id ib::1730000008072,0,sdp	Identifies an IB Port device that is connected to port 2 and is bound to the sdp service.
Ap_Id ib::1730000008072,8001,ipib	Identifies an IB VPPA device that is connected to port 2, using a P_key value of 0x8001, and is bound to the ibd service.
Ap_Id ib::1730000008070,0,hnfs	Identifies an IB HCA_SVC device bound to the hnfs service.
Ap_Id ib::1730000007F5198	Identifies an IOC device.
Ap_Id ib::ibgen,0	Identifies a pseudo device.

- 3 **Display specific IB device information.**

For example, for an IB VPPA device:

```

# cfgadm -al -s "cols=ap_id:info" ib::1730000008072,8001,ipib
Ap_Id          Information
ib::1730000008072,8001,ipib  ipib
#

```


For example, for an IB HCA device:

```
# cfgadm -al -s "cols=ap_id:info" hca::1730000008070
Ap_Id                               Information
hca::1730000008070                  VID: 0x15b3, PID: 0x5a44, #ports: 0x2,
port1 GUID: 0x1730000008071, port2 GUID: 0x1730000008072
#
```

The preceding output displays the number of ports and their GUIDs.

▼ How to Unconfigure an IOC Device

You can unconfigure an IB device that is still physically connected to the system, but a driver will never attach to it.

- 1 Become an administrator.
- 2 Unconfigure the IB device.

For example:

```
# cfgadm -c unconfigure ib::1730000007F5198
Unconfigure the device: /devices/ib:fabric::1730000007F5198
This operation will suspend activity on the IB device
Continue (yes/no)? y
#
```

- 3 Verify that the device is unconfigured.

For example:

```
# cfgadm -a ib::1730000007F5198
ib::1730000007F5198      IB-IOC      connected  unconfigured  unknown
#
```

▼ How to Configure an IOC Device

- 1 Become an administrator.
- 2 Configure a IB device.
- 3 Verify that the IB device is configured.

For example:

```
# cfgadm -yc configure ib::1730000007F5198
```

For example:

```
# cfgadm -al ib::1730000007F5198
Ap_Id                               Type      Receptacle  Occupant  Condition
```

```
ib::1730000007F5198 IB-IOC connected configured ok
```

▼ How to Unconfigure an IB Port, HCA_SVC, or a VPPA Device

Use the following steps if you want to remove an IB Port, HCA_SVC, or a VPPA device from the system.

The example below illustrates how to unconfigure a VPPA device, but the same procedure applies to Port and HCA_SVC devices as well.

- 1 **Become an administrator.**
- 2 **Unconfigure the IB VPPA device.**

For example:

```
# cfgadm -c unconfigure ib::1730000007F51,8001,ipib
Unconfigure the device: /devices/ib:fabric::1730000007F51,8001,ipib
This operation will suspend activity on the IB device
Continue (yes/no)? Y
#
```

- 3 **Verify that the device is disconnected.**

For example:

```
# cfgadm -a ib::1730000007F51,8001,ipib
Ap_Id                               Type      Receptacle Occupant   Condition
ib::1730000007F51,8001,ipib IB-VPPA  connected  unconfigured unknown
#
```

▼ How to Configure a IB Port, HCA_SVC, or a VPPA Device

Use the following steps if you want to configure an IB Port, HCA_SVC, or a VPPA device on the system.

The example below illustrates how to configure a VPPA device, but similar steps can be used to configure Port and HCA_SVC devices as well.

- 1 **Become an administrator.**
- 2 **Configure the IB VPPA device.**

For example:

```
# cfgadm -c configure ib::1730000007F51,8001,ipib
```

3 Verify that the device is connected.

For example:

```
# cfgadm -a ib::1730000007F51,8001,ipib
Ap_Id                Type      Receptacle Occupant  Condition
ib::1730000007F51,8001,ipib IB-VPPA   connected  configured ok
```

Note – A `cfgadm` based configure or unconfigure operation of IB Port and HCA_SVC devices is similar to the preceding examples for an IB VPPA device.

▼ How to Unconfigure an IB Pseudo Device

Use the following steps if you want to remove an IB pseudo device from the system.

1 Become an administrator.**2 Unconfigure the IB pseudo device.**

For example:

```
# cfgadm -c unconfigure ib::ibgen,0
Unconfigure the device: /devices/ib:fabric::ibgen,0
This operation will suspend activity on the IB device
Continue (yes/no)? Y
#
```

3 Verify that the device is disconnected.

```
# cfgadm -a ib::ibgen,0
Ap_Id                Type      Receptacle Occupant  Condition
ib::ibgen,0         IB-PSEUDO connected  unconfigured unknown
```

▼ How to Configure an IB Pseudo Device

Use the following steps to configure an IB pseudo device.

1 Become an administrator.**2 Configure the IB pseudo device.**

For example:

```
# cfgadm -yc configure ib::ibgen,0
```

3 Verify that the device is connected.

For example:

```
# cfgadm -a ib::ibgen,0
Ap_Id                Type      Receptacle Occupant  Condition
```

```
ib::ibgen,0          IB-PSEUDO  connected  configured ok
```

▼ How to Display Kernel IB Clients of an HCA

The following IB `cfgadm` plugin command can be invoked to list kernel IB clients using this HCA. Note that the last column would show a “yes” if a kernel IB client uses another HCA. IB Managers and kernel clients that do not use the HCA are shown with an `Ap_Id` of “-”.

● Display kernel IB clients of an HCA.

For example:

```
$ cfgadm -x list_clients hca:173000007F50
Ap_Id          IB Client          Alternate HCA
ib::173000007F51D0  ibgen              no
ib::173000007F51D1  ibgen              no
ib::173000007F51,8001,ipib  ibd                no
ib::ibgen,0       ibgen              no
-                ibdm               no
-                ibmf               no
-                nfs/ib             no
$
```

▼ How to Unconfigure IB Devices Connected to an HCA

An actual DR of an HCA is beyond the scope of the IB `cfgadm` plugin. Although DR of an HCA can be achieved by using the plugin of the underlying bus. For example, a PCI based HCA can use the `cfgadm_pci` command. For more information, see [cfgadm_pci\(1M\)](#).

However, the IB `cfgadm` plugin assists in the HCA DR by listing its kernel IB clients as illustrated in steps below.

- 1 Become an administrator.
- 2 List the kernel IB clients of the HCA.

For example:

```
# cfgadm -x list_clients hca:173000007F50
Ap_Id          IB Client          Alternate HCA
ib::173000007F51D0  ibgen              no
ib::173000007F51D1  ibgen              no
ib::173000007F51,8001,ipib  ibd                no
ib::ibgen,0       ibgen              no
-                ibdm               no
-                ibmf               no
-                nfs/ib             no
```

- 3 **Unconfigure kernel IB clients, such as Port, VPPA, HCA_SVC, or IOC devices, that do not have alternate HCAs present.**

For example:

```
# c f g a d m -x u n c o n f i g _ c l i e n t s h c a : 1 7 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 8 0 7 0
Unconfigure Clients of HCA /devices/ib:1730000008070
This operation will unconfigure IB clients of this HCA
Continue (yes/no)? y
```

- 4 **Verify that the kernel IB clients of the HCA are unconfigured.**

```
# c f g a d m -x l i s t _ c l i e n t s h c a : 1 7 3 0 0 0 0 0 7 F 5 0
Ap_Id          IB Client          Alternate HCA
-              ibdm              no
-              ibmf              no
-              nfs/ib          no
#
```

Configuring an IB HCA

Invoke the bus-specific `c f g a d m` plugin to configure the HCA. The exact details are beyond the scope of this chapter.

▼ How to Update the IB P_key Tables

If the P_key table information of an HCA ports changes, for example, additional P_keys are enabled or disabled, InfiniBand Transport Framework (IBTF) and IBDM need to be notified so that their internal P_key databases are updated. The `c f g a d m` command helps update the P_key databases of IBTF and IBDM. For more information, see [ibtl\(7D\)](#) and [ibdm\(7D\)](#).

- 1 **Become an administrator.**
- 2 **Update the P_key tables.**

For example:

```
# c f g a d m -x u p d a t e _ p k e y _ t b l s -y i b
```

▼ How to Display IB Communication Services

Use the following steps to display the communication services that are currently in use by the IBTF.

- 1 **Become an administrator.**

2 Display IB communication services.

For example:

```
# cfgadm -x list_services ib
Port communication services:
    srp
VPPA communication services:
    ibd
HCA_SVC communication services:
    hnfs
```

▼ How to Add a VPPA Communication Service

Use the following steps to add a new VPPA communication service.

Similar steps can be used to add a new HCA_SVC or a port communication service.

1 Become an administrator.**2 Add a new VPPA communication service.**

For example:

```
# cfgadm -o comm=vppa,service=new -x add_service ib
```

3 Verify that the new service has been added.

For example:

```
# cfgadm -x list_services ib
Port communication services:
    srp
VPPA communication services:
    ibd
    new
HCA_SVC communication services:
    nfs_service
#
```

▼ How to Remove an Existing IB Port, HCA_SVC, or a VPPA Communication Service

Use the following steps to delete an existing IB Port, HCA_SVC, or a VPPA communication service.

1 Become an administrator.

2 Remove a VPPA communication service.

For example:

```
# cfgadm -o comm=vppa,service=new -x delete_service ib
```

3 Verify that the communication service has been removed.

For example:

```
# cfgadm -x list_services ib
Port communication services:
    srp
VPPA communication services:
    ibd
HCA_SVC communication services:
    hnfs
#
```

▼ How to Update an IOC Configuration

Use the following steps to update properties of all the IOC device nodes or for a particular IOC Ap_Id. The properties that can get updated are as follows:

- port-list
- port-entries
- service-id
- service-name

For more information on these properties, see [ib\(7D\)](#).

Note that these properties may not get updated if there is no configuration change. The following example describes how to update a particular IOC's configuration. If you need to update the configuration of all the IOCs, then specify the static `ib Ap_Id` instead of the particular IOC Ap_Id.

1 Become an administrator.**2 Update the configuration of an IOC.**

For example:

```
# cfgadm -x update_ioc_conf ib::1730000007F5198
This operation can update properties of IOC devices.
Continue (yes/no)? y
#
```

3 Verify that the properties have been updated by running `prtconf -v`.

Using the uDAPL Application Interface With InfiniBand Devices

User Direct Access Programming Library (uDAPL) is a standard API that promotes data center application data messaging performance, scalability, and reliability over Remote Direct Memory Access (RDMA) capable interconnects such as InfiniBand. The uDAPL interface is defined by the DAT collaborative. For more information about the DAT collaborative, go to the following site:

<http://www.datcollaborative.org>

The Solaris release provides the following uDAPL features:

- A standard DAT registry library, `libdat`. For more information, see `libdat(3LIB)`.
- A standard service provider registration file, `dat.conf`. For more information, see `dat.conf(4)`.
- Support for multiple service providers so that each provider specifies their own uDAPL library path, version number, and so on, in their own `service_provider.conf` file. For more information, see, `service_provider.conf(4)`.
- An administrative tool, the `datadm` command, to configure `dat.conf`. For more information, see `datadm(1M)`.
- A new resource control property, `project.max-device-locked-memory`, to regulate the amount of locked down physical memory.
- A naming scheme that uses either IPv4 or IPv6 addresses that leverage the IP infrastructure, such as ARP in IPv4 and neighbor discovery in IPv6, for address resolution. The Solaris uDAPL Interface Adapter directly maps to an IPoIB device instance.
- Support for the standard Address Translation Scheme that is used by the DAT collaborative community.
- A uDAPL service provider library to support the Mellanox Tavor Host Channel Adapter with automatic registration to the `dat.conf` registration file.
- Supports both SPARC platform and x86 platforms.

▼ How to Enable uDAPL

- 1 **Become an administrator.**
- 2 **Confirm that the following packages are installed. Or, install them, if needed.**
 - `SUNWiB` – Sun InfiniBand Framework
 - `SUNwtavor` – Sun Tavor HCA Driver

- SUNWipoib – Sun IP over InfiniBand
- SUNWudaplr – Direct Access Transport (DAT) registry package (root)
- SUNWudaplu – Direct Access Transport (DAT) registry packages (usr)
- SUNWudapltr – Service Provider for Tavor packages (root)
- SUNWudapltu – Service Provider for Tavor packages (usr)

3 Select one of the following to plumb the IPoB interfaces.

- Manually plumb the interfaces with the `ifconfig` and `datadm` commands.

For example:

```
# ifconfig ibd1 plumb
# ifconfig ibd1 192.168.0.1/24 up
# datadm -a /usr/share/dat/SUNWudaplt.conf
```

- Automatically plumb the interfaces by doing the following:
 - Create the following file with the appropriate IP address.


```
/etc/hostname.ibd1
```
 - Reboot the system.

Updating the DAT Static Registry

You can use the `datadm` command to maintain the DAT static registry, the `dat.conf` file. For more information about this file, see [dat.conf\(4\)](#).

The `datadm` command can also be used to register or unregister a service provider to the `dat.conf` file. For more information, see [datadm\(1M\)](#).

When IPoB interface adapters are added or removed, run the `datadm` command to update the `dat.conf` file to reflect the current state of the system. A new set of interface adapters for all the service providers that are currently installed will be regenerated.

▼ How to Update the DAT Static Registry

- 1 Become an administrator.
- 2 Update the DAT static registry after you add or remove IPoIP interface adapters from the system.

```
# datadm -u
```

- 3 Display the updated DAT static registry.

```
# datadm
```

▼ How to Register a Service Provider in the DAT Static Registry

- 1 Become an administrator.
- 2 Update the DAT static registry after you add Oracle's service provider for the Mellanox Tavor Host Channel Adapter.

```
# datadm -a /usr/share/dat/SUNWudapl1t.conf
```

- 3 Display the updated DAT static registry.

```
# datadm -v
```

▼ How to Unregister a Service Provider from the DAT Static Registry

- 1 Become an administrator.
- 2 Update the DAT static registry after you remove Oracle's service provider for the Mellanox Tavor Host Channel Adapter from the system.

```
# datadm -r /usr/share/dat/SUNWudapl1t.conf
```

- 3 Display the updated DAT static registry.

```
# datadm -v
```

Administering IPoIB Devices (dladm)

One physical data link is created by default per port per HCA. The physical links can be used as administrative and observability data points. You can create IB partition links over the physical data links, similar to creating VNICs over a NIC. Keep in mind that the physical data links are not used for data transfers, so plumbing and assigning an IB address is not supported on these links. Data is transferred on the partition data links.

For information about configuring your network components, see [System Administration Guide: IP Services](#).

▼ How to Display Physical Data Link Information

Use the `dladm show-phys` command to display physical data link information on your system. The physical link state directly corresponds to the IB HCA port state.

- 1 Become an administrator.

2 Display physical data link information.

For example, display information about `ibp0` — `ibp3` data links.

```
# dladm show-phys
LINK      MEDIA      STATE      SPEED      DUPLEX      DEVICE
ibp0     Infiniband  up         8000      unknown    ibp0
ibp1     Infiniband  down       8000      unknown    ibp1
ibp2     Infiniband  down       8000      unknown    ibp2
ibp3     Infiniband  up         8000      unknown    ibp3
```

For example, use the `show-ib` subcommand to display only the physical links, port GUID, port# HCA GUID, and `P_Key` present on the port at the time the command is running.

```
# dladm show-ib
LINK      HCAGUID      PORTGUID      PORT      STATE      P_Key
ibp0     2C9020040041C 2C9020040041D 1         up         FFFF, 8001
ibp1     2C9020040041C 2C9020040041E 2         down       FFFF
ibp2     3BA0001004E14 3BA0001004E15 1         down       FFFF
ibp3     3BA0001004E14 3BA0001004E16 2         up         FFFF, 8001
```

▼ How to Create IB Partition Links

IB partition data links can be created on top of IB physical links, one per each `P_Key` on the port. The partition data links are used for data transfers.

1 Become an administrator.

2 Create new IB partition links.

For example, an IB partition link for `P_Key 0x8001` is created on top of `ibp0` physical data link.

```
# dladm create-part -l ibp0 -P 0x8001 p8001.ibp0
```

The above command succeeds if the port is up, the `P_Key` is present on the port, and IPoIB is successfully initialized.

For example, an IB partition link for the `P_Key 0x9000` is created on top of `ibp2`.

```
# dladm create-part -f -l ibp2 -P 0x9000 p9000.ibp2
```

Note – `P_Key 0x9000` is not configured on the port. The force option (`-f`) allows you to create an IB partition link even when the `P_Key` is not present or the port is down. The link state is marked as down. The link state transitions to up when `P_Key` is added to the port and port is activated.

3 Display the IB partition link information.

For example:

```
# dladm show-part
LINK      P_Key      OVER      STATE      FLAGS
p8000.ibp0 8001      ibp0      unknown    ----
```

```
p9000.ibp2      9000      ibp2      unknown      f---
```

The IB partition link state is up when the link is ready to use, after it is plumbed. The partition link state is down under the following conditions:

- HCA port is down
- P_Key is absent
- Broadcast group is absent

4 Plumb and assign an IP address to an IB partition link.

```
# ifconfig p9000.ibp2 plumb
# ifconfig p9000.ibp2 1.1.1.1 up
# ifconfig -a
p9000.ibp2: flags=1000843<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,IPv4> mtu 2044 index 3
    inet 1.1.1.1 netmask ff000000 broadcast 1.255.255.255
```

▼ How to Display IB Partition Link Information

- 1 Become an administrator.
- 2 Display the IB partition link information.

For example:

```
# dladm show-part
LINK      P_Key      OVER      STATE      FLAGS
p8000.ibp0  8001      ibp0      unknown    ----
p9000.ibp2  9000      ibp2      unknown    f---
```

▼ How to Remove an IB Partition Link

- 1 Become an administrator.
- 2 Remove an IB partition link.

In this example, partition link p8001.ibp0 is removed.

```
# dladm delete-part p8001.ibp0
```

- 3 Review the partition link information.

```
# dladm show-part

LINK      P_Key      OVER      STATE      FLAGS
p9000.ibp2  9000      ibp2      down       f---
```

Managing Disks (Overview)

This chapter provides overview information about Oracle Solaris disk slices and introduces the `format` utility.

This is a list of overview information in this chapter.

- “What's New in Disk Management?” on page 181
- “Where to Find Disk Management Tasks” on page 185
- “Overview of Disk Management” on page 185
- “Disk Terminology” on page 185
- “About Disk Labels” on page 186
- “About Disk Slices” on page 190
- “`format` Utility” on page 193
- “Partitioning a Disk” on page 197

For instructions on how to add a disk to your system, see [Chapter 12, “SPARC: Adding a Disk \(Tasks\)”](#) or [Chapter 13, “x86: Adding a Disk \(Tasks\)”](#).

What's New in Disk Management?

This section describes new disk management features in the Solaris release.

- “Two-Terabyte Disk Support for Installing and Booting the Solaris OS” on page 182
- “iSNS Support in the Solaris iSCSI Target and Initiator” on page 183
- “Solaris COMSTAR iSCSI Support” on page 183
- “x86: Disk Management in the GRUB Boot Environment” on page 183
- “Support for SCSI Disks That are Larger Than 2 Terabytes” on page 184

Multiple Disk Sector Size Support

Oracle Solaris 11 Express: Previous Solaris releases supported a disk sector size of 512 MB. In this Solaris release, disks with sector sizes of 512 bytes, 1024 bytes, 2048 bytes, or 4096 bytes are supported. Large sector disks provide greater disk capacity, higher reliability, and greater efficiency for data transfer and faster drive maintenance.

In this Solaris release, the only product that is able to use a large sector disk is COMSTAR. The only supported file system in this configuration is a non-root ZFS file system. For more information about using a large sector disk as a COMSTAR target, see this site:

<http://hub.opensolaris.org/bin/view/Project+comstar/WebHome>

In the ability to boot and install from a large sector disk is not currently supported.

Information about using large sector disks will be provided in a future Solaris release as large sector disks are made available.

Two-Terabyte Disk Support for Installing and Booting the Solaris OS

Oracle Solaris 11 Express: In previous Solaris releases, you could not install and boot the Solaris OS from a disk that was greater than 1 TB in size. In this Solaris release, you can install and boot the Solaris OS from a disk that is up to 2 TB in size. In previous releases, you also had to use an EFI label for a disk that is larger than 1 TB. In this release, you can use the VTOC label on any size disk, but the addressable space by the VTOC is limited to 2 TB.

The Solaris disk drivers and disk utilities have been updated to provide the following support:

- Installing and booting the Solaris OS on a two-terabyte disk must be connected to a system that runs a 64-bit kernel, with a minimum of 1 GB of memory.
- You can use the `format -e` utility to label a disk of any size with a VTOC label, but the addressable space is limited to 2 TB.
- The default label that is used by the `format` utility and the installation software for a disk that is less than 2 TB in size is a VTOC label.
- You can use the `fdisk` utility on a disk that is greater than 1 TB on x86 systems. Support is added for up to 2-TB partitions in the MBR for non-EFI partition types. This support means that Solaris partitions can go up to 2 TB. Other non-EFI partitions may be subject to a limit depending on partition type.

When the `fdisk` utility is run on a disk that is greater than 2 TB in size, a warning message is displayed to indicate that you cannot create a non-EFI partition that is greater than 2 TB.

Keep in mind that you cannot move a disk over 1 TB with a legacy MBR or a legacy VTOC to a previous Solaris release. EFI labeled disks continue to work as in previous Solaris releases.

For more information about the EFI label changes in this release, see [“EFI Disk Label” on page 186](#).

iSNS Support in the Solaris iSCSI Target and Initiator

Oracle Solaris 11 Express: This Solaris release provides support for the Internet Storage Name Service (iSNS) protocol in the Solaris iSCSI target and initiator software. The iSNS protocol allows for the automated discovery, management, and configuration of iSCSI devices on a TCP/IP network.

See the following resources for step-by-step instructions:

- For information about configuring the Solaris iSCSI target to use a third-party iSNS server, see [Chapter 14, “Configuring iSCSI Storage Devices With COMSTAR.”](#)
- For information about configuring the Solaris iSCSI target with a Solaris iSNS server, see [Chapter 15, “Configuring and Managing the Solaris Internet Storage Name Service \(iSNS\),”](#) and `isnsadm(1M)`.

Solaris COMSTAR iSCSI Support

Oracle Solaris 11 Express: iSCSI is an Internet Protocol (IP)-based storage networking standard for linking data storage subsystems. By carrying SCSI commands over IP networks, the iSCSI protocol enables you to mount disk devices, from across the network, onto your local system. On your local system, you can use the devices like block devices.

Common Multiprotocol SCSI TARget, or COMSTAR, a software framework enables you to convert any Oracle Solaris 11 Express host into a SCSI target device that can be accessed over a storage network by initiator hosts

For more information, see [Chapter 14, “Configuring iSCSI Storage Devices With COMSTAR.”](#)

x86: Disk Management in the GRUB Boot Environment

Oracle Solaris 11 Express: The GRUB boot menu has replaced the previous method for booting an x86 system. In the area of disk management, you use the GRUB interface when booting from an alternative device to replace a system disk or when installing the bootblocks.

The GRUB boot environment provides the following features:

- **Solaris failsafe boot** – A Solaris failsafe boot option that boots into the miniroot so you can recover from a problem that is preventing the system from booting without having to boot from an alternative device. Use the arrow keys to select the following option from the GRUB boot menu and then press return:

Solaris failsafe

You'll need to reboot the system after using the Solaris failsafe boot option.

- **Network boot** – Boot from the network by pressing the F12 key during the BIOS configuration phase.
- **Single-user boot** – Boot to single-user mode by selecting this option from the Solaris failsafe boot menu:

```
kernel /platform/i86pc/multiboot
```

Then, use the e (edit) option to add the -s single-user option. For example:

```
kernel /platform/i86pc/multiboot -s
```

Press return and then press the b key to boot the system. Press control-D to boot the system back to multiuser mode.

In the GRUB environment, you cannot use the `fmthard` command to install the boot blocks automatically when run on an x86 system. You must install the boot blocks separately.

For detailed feature information and instructions on using the new GRUB based booting on x86 systems, see “[Booting an x86 Based System \(Task Map\)](#)” in *System Administration Guide: Basic Administration*.

For instructions for managing disks in the GRUB boot environment, see the following references:

- “[x86: How to Install a Boot Block on a System Disk](#)” on page 248
- “[x86: How to Connect a System Disk](#)” on page 237

This feature is not available on SPARC systems.

Support for SCSI Disks That are Larger Than 2 Terabytes

Oracle Solaris 11 Express: The SCSI driver, `ssd` or `sd`, supports 2 terabytes and greater. The SCSI driver, `ssd` or `sd`, is limited to 2 TB in previous Solaris releases.

The `format` utility can be used to label, configure, and partition these larger disks. For information about using the EFI disk label on large disks and restrictions with the `fdisk` utility, see “[Restrictions of the EFI Disk Label](#)” on page 187.

Where to Find Disk Management Tasks

Use these references to find step-by-step instructions for managing disks.

Disk Management Task	For More Information
Format a disk and examine a disk label.	Chapter 11, “Administering Disks (Tasks)”
Add a new disk to a SPARC system.	Chapter 12, “SPARC: Adding a Disk (Tasks)”
Add a new disk to an x86 system.	Chapter 13, “x86: Adding a Disk (Tasks)”
Hot-plug a SCSI or PCI disk.	Chapter 6, “Dynamically Configuring Devices (Tasks)”

Overview of Disk Management

Managing disks in the Oracle Solaris OS usually involves setting up the system and running the Solaris installation program to create the appropriate disk slices and file systems and to install the Oracle Solaris OS. Occasionally, you might need to use the `format` utility to add a new disk drive or replace a defective disk drive.

Disk Terminology

Before you can effectively use the information in this section, you should be familiar with basic disk architecture. In particular, you should be familiar with the following terms:

Disk Term	Description
Track	A concentric ring on a disk that passes under a single stationary disk head as the disk rotates.
Cylinder	The set of tracks with the same nominal distance from the axis about which the disk rotates.
Sector	Section of each disk platter. A sector holds 512 bytes.
Block	A data storage area on a disk. A disk block is 512 bytes.
Disk controller	A chip and its associated circuitry that controls the disk drive.
Disk label	The first sector of a disk that contains disk geometry and partition information.
Device driver	A kernel module that controls a hardware or virtual device.

For additional information, see the product information from your disk's manufacturer.

About Disk Labels

A special area of every disk is set aside for storing information about the disk's controller, geometry, and slices. This information is called the disk's *label*. Another term that is used to describe the disk label is the *VTOC (Volume Table of Contents)* on a disk with a VTOC label. To *label* a disk means to write slice information onto the disk. You usually label a disk after you change its slices.

The Solaris release supports the following two disk labels:

- SMI – The traditional VTOC label for disks that are less than 2 TB in size.
- EFI – Provides support for disks that are larger than 2 TB on systems that run a 64-bit Solaris kernel. The Extensible Firmware Interface GUID Partition Table (EFI GPT) disk label is also available for disks less than 2 TB that are connected to a system that runs a 32-bit Solaris kernel.

If you fail to label a disk after you create slices, the slices will be unavailable because the OS has no way of “knowing” about the slices.

EFI Disk Label

The EFI label provides support for physical disks and virtual disk volumes that are greater than 2 TB in size. This release also includes updated disk utilities for managing disks greater than 2 TB in size. The UFS file system is compatible with the EFI disk label, and you can create a UFS file system greater than 2 TB. For information on creating a multiterabyte UFS file system, see [“64-bit: Support of Multiterabyte UFS File Systems” on page 337](#).

The Oracle Solaris ZFS file system supports file systems greater than 1 TB in size.

The VTOC label is still available for disks less than 2 terabytes in size. If you are only using disks smaller than 2 TB on your systems, managing disks will be the same as in previous Solaris releases. In addition, you can use the `format -e` command to label a disk 2 TB in size or less with an EFI label. For more information, see [Example 11–6](#).

You can use the `format -e` command to apply an EFI label to a disk if the system is running the appropriate Solaris release. However, you should review the important information in [“Restrictions of the EFI Disk Label” on page 187](#) before attempting to apply an EFI label.

You can also use the `format -e` command to reapply a VTOC label if the EFI label is no longer needed. For example:

```
# format
Specify disk (enter its number): 2
selecting c0t5d0
[disk formatted]
.
```

```

.
.
format> label
[0] SMI Label
[1] EFI Label
Specify Label type[1]: 0
Warning: This disk has an EFI label. Changing to SMI label will erase all
current partitions.
Continue? yes
Auto configuration via format.dat[no]?
Auto configuration via generic SCSI-2[no]?
format> quit

```



Caution – Keep in mind that changing disk labels will destroy any data on the disk.

Comparison of the EFI Label and the VTOC Label

The EFI disk label differs from the VTOC disk label in the following ways:

- Provides support for disks greater than 2 terabytes in size.
- Provides usable slices 0-6, where slice 2 is just another slice.
- Partitions (or slices) cannot overlap with the primary or backup label, nor with any other partitions. The size of the EFI label is usually 34 sectors, so partitions usually start at sector 34. This feature means that no partition can start at sector zero (0).
- No cylinder, head, or sector information is stored in the EFI label. Sizes are reported in blocks.
- Information that was stored in the alternate cylinders area, the last two cylinders of the disk, is now stored in slice 8.
- If you use the `format` utility to change partition sizes, the unassigned partition tag is assigned to partitions with sizes equal to zero. By default, the `format` utility assigns the `usr` partition tag to any partition with a size greater than zero. You can use the partition change menu to reassign partition tags after the partitions are changed. However, you cannot change a partition with a non-zero size to the unassigned partition tag.

Restrictions of the EFI Disk Label

Keep the following restrictions in mind when determining whether using disks greater than 1 terabyte is appropriate for your environment:

- Layered software products intended for systems with VTOC-labeled disks might be incapable of accessing a disk with an EFI disk label.
- A disk with an EFI label is not recognized on systems running previous Solaris releases.
- You cannot boot from a disk with an EFI disk label.
- On x86-based systems, you can use the `fdisk` command on a disk with an EFI label that is greater than 2 TB in size.

- Use the `format` utility to partition disks with EFI labels.
- The EFI specification prohibits overlapping slices. The entire disk is represented by `cxydz`.
- The EFI disk label provides information about disk or partition sizes in sectors and blocks, but not in cylinders and heads.
- The following `format` options are either not supported or are not applicable on disks with EFI labels:
 - The `save` option is not supported because disks with EFI labels do not need an entry in the `format.dat` file.
 - The `backup` option is not applicable because the disk driver finds the primary label and writes it back to the disk.

Support for EFI-Labeled Disks on x86 Systems

Solaris support for the EFI disk label is available on x86 systems. Use the following command to add an EFI label on an x86 system:

```
# format -e
> [0] SMI Label
> [1] EFI Label
> Specify Label type[0]: 1
> WARNING: converting this device to EFI labels will erase all current
> fdisk partition information. Continue? yes
```

Previous label information is not converted to the EFI disk label.

You will have to recreate the label's partition information manually with the `format` command. You cannot use the `fdisk` command on a disk with an EFI label that is 2 terabytes in size. If the `fdisk` command is run on disk that is greater than 2 TB in size to create a Solaris partition, the Solaris partition is limited to 2 TB. For more information about EFI disk labels, see the preceding section.

Installing a System With an EFI-Labeled Disk

The Solaris installation utilities automatically recognize disks with EFI labels. However, you cannot use the Solaris installation program to repartition these disks. You must use the `format` utility to repartition an EFI-labeled disk before or after installation.

After the Solaris release is installed on a system with an EFI-labeled disk, the partition table appears similar to the following:

```
Current partition table (original):
Total disk sectors available: 2576924638 + 16384 (reserved sectors)
```

Part	Tag	Flag	First Sector	Size	Last Sector
0	root	wm	34	1.20TB	2576924636
1	unassigned	wm	0	0	0
2	unassigned	wm	0	0	0

3	unassigned	wm	0	0	0
4	unassigned	wm	0	0	0
5	unassigned	wm	0	0	0
6	unassigned	wm	0	0	0
8	reserved	wm	2576924638	8.00MB	2576941021

Managing Disks With EFI Disks Labels

Use the following table to locate information on managing disks with EFI disk labels.

Task	For More Information
If the system is already installed, connect the disk to the system and perform a reconfiguration boot.	“SPARC: Adding a System Disk or a Secondary Disk (Task Map)” on page 225 or “x86: Adding a System Disk or a Secondary Disk (Task Map)” on page 235
Repartition the disk by using the <code>format</code> utility, if necessary.	“SPARC: How to Create Disk Slices and Label a Disk” on page 228 or “x86: How to Create Disk Slices and Label a Disk” on page 246
Create UFS file systems for the new disk by using the <code>newfs</code> command.	“SPARC: How to Create a UFS File System” on page 233 or “x86: How to Create a UFS File System” on page 247
Or, create a ZFS file system.	“Creating an Oracle Solaris ZFS File System” on page 349
Clone a disk with an EFI label	Example 22-2

Troubleshooting Problems With EFI Disk Labels

Use the following error messages and solutions to troubleshoot problems with EFI-labeled disks.

Error Message

```
Dec 3 09:26:48 holoship scsi: WARNING: /sbus@a,0/SUNW,socal@d,10000/
sf@1,0/ssd@w50020f23000002a4,0 (ssd1):
Dec 3 09:26:48 holoship disk has 2576941056 blocks, which is too large
for a 32-bit kernel
```

Cause

You attempted to boot a system running a 32-bit SPARC or x86 kernel with a disk greater than 1 terabyte.

Solution

Boot a system running a 64-bit SPARC or x86 kernel with a disk greater than 1 terabyte.

Error Message

```
Dec 3 09:12:17 holoship scsi: WARNING: /sbus@a,0/SUNW,socal@d,10000/
sf@1,0/ssd@w50020f23000002a4,0 (ssd1):
Dec 3 09:12:17 holoship corrupt label - wrong magic number
```

Cause

You attempted to add a disk to a system running an older Solaris release.

Solution

Add the disk to a system running the Solaris release that supports the EFI disk label.

About Disk Slices

Files stored on a disk are contained in file systems. Each file system on a disk is assigned to a *slice*, which is a group of sectors set aside for use by that file system. Each disk slice appears to the Oracle Solaris OS (and to the system administrator) as though it were a separate disk drive.

For information about file systems, see [Chapter 18, “Managing File Systems \(Overview\).”](#)

Note – Slices are sometimes referred to as *partitions*. Certain interfaces, such as the `format` utility, refer to slices as partitions.

When setting up slices, remember these rules:

- Each disk slice holds only one file system.
- No file system can span multiple slices.

Slices are set up slightly differently on SPARC and x86 platforms. The following table summarizes the differences.

TABLE 10-1 Slice Differences on SPARC and x86 Platforms

SPARC Platform	x86 Platform
The entire disk is devoted to Oracle Solaris OS.	Disk is divided into <code>fdisk</code> partitions, one <code>fdisk</code> partition per operating system.
VTOC – The disk is divided into 8 slices, numbered 0-7.	VTOC – The Solaris <code>fdisk</code> partition is divided into 10 slices, numbered 0-9.
EFI – The disk is divided into 7 slices, numbered 0-6.	EFI – The disk is divided into 7 slices, numbered 0-6

Solaris Volume Manager, previously the Solstice DiskSuite, has a partitioning feature, *soft partitions*. Soft partitions enable more than eight partitions per disk.

For general information about Solaris Volume Manager, see [Chapter 2, “Storage Management Concepts,”](#) in *Solaris Volume Manager Administration Guide*. For information on soft partitions, see [Chapter 12, “Soft Partitions \(Overview\),”](#) in *Solaris Volume Manager Administration Guide*.

Disk Slices

The following table describes the slices that might be found on a system that runs the Oracle Solaris OS.

On x86 systems:

- Disks are divided into `fdisk` partitions. An `fdisk` partition is a section of the disk that is reserved for a particular operating system, such as the Oracle Solaris OS.
- The Oracle Solaris OS places ten slices, numbered 0-9, on a Solaris `fdisk` partition.

TABLE 10-2 Customary Disk Slices

Slice	File System	Usually Found on Client or Server Systems?	Comments
0	root (/)	Both	<p>Holds files and directories that make up the OS.</p> <p>EFI – You cannot boot from a disk with an EFI label.</p>
1	swap	Both	Provides virtual memory, or <i>swap space</i> .
2	—	Both	<p>VTOC – Refers to the entire disk, by convention. The size of this slice should not be changed.</p> <p>EFI – Optional slice to be defined based on your site's needs.</p>
3	/export, for example	Both	<p>Optional slice that can be defined based on your site's needs.</p> <p>Can be used on a server to hold alternative versions of operating systems that are required by client systems.</p>
4		Both	Optional slice to be defined based on your site's needs.
5	/opt, for example	Both	<p>Optional slice to be defined based on your site's needs.</p> <p>Can be used to hold application software added to a system. If a slice is not allocated for the <code>/opt</code> file system during installation, the <code>/opt</code> directory is put in slice 0.</p>
6	/usr	Both	Holds OS commands (also known as <i>executables</i>). This slice also holds documentation, system programs (<code>init</code> and <code>syslogd</code> , for example), and library routines.

TABLE 10-2 Customary Disk Slices (Continued)

Slice	File System	Usually Found on Client or Server Systems?	Comments
7	/home or /export/home	Both	Holds files that are created by users.
8	N/A	N/A	VTOC – Contains GRUB boot information. EFI – A reserved slice created by default. This area is similar to the VTOC's alternate cylinders. Do not modify or delete this slice.
9 (x86 only)	—	Both	EFI – Not applicable. VTOC – Provides an area that is reserved for alternate disk blocks. Slice 9 is known as the alternate sector slice.

Note – On a disk with a VTOC label, do not modify slice or use slice 2 to store a file system. The `installgrub` command does not work correctly if slice 2 is modified in any way.

Using Raw Data Slices

The disk label is stored in block 0 of each disk. So, third-party database applications that create raw data slices must not start at block 0. Otherwise, the disk label will be overwritten, and the data on the disk will be inaccessible.

Do not use the following areas of the disk for raw data slices, which are sometimes created by third-party database applications:

- Block 0 where the disk label is stored
- Slice 2, which represents the entire disk with a VTOC label

Slice Arrangements on Multiple Disks

Although a single large disk can hold all slices and their corresponding file systems, two or more disks are often used to hold a system's slices and file systems.

Note – A slice cannot be split between two or more disks. However, multiple swap slices on separate disks are allowed.

For instance, a single disk might hold the root (`/`) file system, a swap area, and the `/usr` file system, while another disk holds the `/export/home` file system and other file systems that contain user data.

In a multiple disk arrangement, the disk that contains the OS and swap space (that is, the disk that holds the root (/) and /usr file systems and the slice for swap space) is called the *system disk*. Other disks are called *secondary disks* or *non-system disks*.

When you arrange a system's file systems on multiple disks, you can modify file systems and slices on the secondary disks without having to shut down the system or reload the OS.

When you have more than one disk, you also increase input-output (I/O) volume. By distributing disk load across multiple disks, you can avoid I/O bottlenecks.

Determining Which Slices to Use

When you set up a disk's file systems, you choose not only the size of each slice, but also which slices to use. Your decisions about these matters depend on the configuration of the system to which the disk is attached and the software you want to install on the disk.

System configurations that need disk space are as follows:

- Servers
- Stand-alone systems

Each system configuration can use slices in a different way. The following table lists some examples.

TABLE 10-3 System Configurations and Slices

Slice	Servers	Stand-alone Systems
0	root	root
1	swap	swap
2	—	—
3	/export	—
6	/usr	/usr
7	/export/home	/home

format Utility

Read the following overview of the `format` utility and its uses before proceeding to the “how-to” or reference sections.

The `format` utility is a system administration tool that is used to prepare hard disk drives for use on your Solaris system.

The following table shows the features and associated benefits that the `format` utility provides.

TABLE 10-4 Features and Benefits of the format Utility

Feature	Benefit
Searches your system for all attached disk drives	Reports on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Target location ▪ Disk geometry ▪ Whether the disk is formatted ▪ If the disk has mounted partitions
Retrieves disk labels	Convenient for repair operations
Repairs defective sectors	Allows administrators to repair disk drives with recoverable errors instead of sending the drive back to the manufacturer
Formats and analyzes a disk	Creates sectors on the disk and verifies each sector
Partitions a disk	Divides a disk into slices so that individual file systems can be created on separate slices
Labels a disk	Writes disk name and configuration information to the disk for future retrieval (usually for repair operations)

The format utility options are described in [Chapter 17, “The format Utility \(Reference\).”](#)

When to Use the format Utility

Disk drives are partitioned and labeled by the Solaris installation utility when you install the Solaris release. You can use the `format` utility to do the following:

- Display slice information
- Partition a disk
- Add a disk drive to an existing system
- Format a disk drive
- Label a disk
- Repair a disk drive
- Analyze a disk for errors

The main reason a system administrator uses the `format` utility is to partition a disk. These steps are covered in [Chapter 12, “SPARC: Adding a Disk \(Tasks\),”](#) and [Chapter 13, “x86: Adding a Disk \(Tasks\).”](#)

See the following section for guidelines on using the `format` utility.

Guidelines for Using the format Utility

TABLE 10-5 format Utility Guidelines

Task	Guidelines	For More Information
Format a disk.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Any existing data is destroyed when you reformat a disk. ■ The need for formatting a disk drive has decreased as more and more manufacturers ship their disk drives formatted and partitioned. You might not need to use the format utility when you add a disk drive to an existing system. ■ If a disk has been relocated and is displaying many disk errors, you can attempt to reformat it. Reformating automatically remaps any bad sectors. 	“How to Format a Disk” on page 206
Replace a system disk.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Data from the damaged system disk must be restored from a backup medium. Otherwise, the system will have to be reinstalled by using the installation utility. 	“SPARC: How to Connect a System Disk and Boot” on page 226 , “x86: How to Connect a System Disk” on page 237
Divide a disk into slices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Any existing data is destroyed when you repartition and relabel a disk with existing slices. ■ Existing data must be copied to backup media before the disk is repartitioned and restored. 	“SPARC: How to Create Disk Slices and Label a Disk” on page 228 or “x86: How to Create Disk Slices and Label a Disk” on page 246
Add a secondary disk to an existing system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Any existing data must be restored from backup media if the secondary disk is reformatted or repartitioned. 	“SPARC: How to Connect a Secondary Disk and Boot” on page 227 or “x86: How to Connect a Secondary Disk and Boot” on page 239

TABLE 10-5 format Utility Guidelines (Continued)

Task	Guidelines	For More Information
Repair a disk drive.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Some customer sites prefer to replace rather than repair defective drives. If your site has a repair contract with the disk drive manufacturer, you might not need to use the format utility to repair disk drives. ■ The repair of a disk drive usually means that a bad sector is added to a defect list. New controllers remap bad sectors with no system interruption. ■ If the system has an older controller, you might need to remap a bad sector and restore any lost data. 	“Repairing a Defective Sector” on page 219

Formatting a Disk

In most cases, disks are formatted by the manufacturer or reseller. So, they do not need to be reformatted when you install the drive. To determine if a disk is formatted, use the format utility. For more information, see [“How to Determine if a Disk Is Formatted” on page 205](#).

If you determine that a disk is not formatted, use the format utility to format the disk.

When you format a disk, you accomplish two steps:

- The disk media is prepared for use.
- A list of disk defects based on a surface analysis is compiled.



Caution – Formatting a disk is a destructive process because it overwrites data on the disk. For this reason, disks are usually formatted only by the manufacturer or reseller. If you think disk defects are the cause of recurring problems, you can use the format utility to do a surface analysis. However, be careful to use only the commands that do not destroy data. For details, see [“How to Format a Disk” on page 206](#).

A small percentage of total disk space that is available for data is used to store defect and formatting information. This percentage varies according to disk geometry, and decreases as the disk ages and develops more defects.

Formatting a disk might take anywhere from a few minutes to several hours, depending on the type and size of the disk.

Partitioning a Disk

The `format` utility is most often used by system administrators to partitioning a Disk. The steps are as follows:

- Determining which slices are needed
- Determining the size of each slice or partition
- Using the `format` utility to partition the disk
- Labeling the disk with new partition information
- Creating the file system for each partition

The easiest way to partition a disk is to use the `modify` command from the partition menu of the `format` utility. The `modify` command allows you to create partitions by specifying the size of each partition without having to keep track of the starting cylinder boundaries. The `modify` command also keeps tracks of any disk space that remains in the “free hog” slice.

Partition Table Terminology

An important part of the disk label is the *partition table*. The partition table identifies a disk's slices, the slice boundaries (in cylinders), and the total size of the slices. You can display a disk's partition table by using the `format` utility. The following describes partition table terminology.

TABLE 10-6 Partition Table Terminology

Partition Term	Value	Description
Number	0–7	VTOC – Partitions or slices, numbered 0–7. EFI – Partitions or slices, numbered 0–6.
Tag	0=UNASSIGNED 1=BOOT 2=ROOT 3=SWAP 4=USR 5=BACKUP 7=VAR 8=HOME 11=RESERVED	A numeric value that usually describes the file system mounted on this partition.
Flags	wm wu rm rm	The partition is writable and mountable. The partition is writable and unmountable. This state is the default for partitions that are dedicated for swap areas. (However, the <code>mount</code> command does not check the “not mountable” flag.) The partition is read only and mountable.

Partition flags and tags are assigned by convention and require no maintenance.

For more information on displaying the partition table, see the following references:

- [“Displaying Partition Table Information” on page 198](#)

- “How to Display Disk Slice Information” on page 208
- “How to Examine a Disk Label” on page 212

Displaying Partition Table Information

The following format utility output shows an example of a partition table from a 74-GB disk with a VTOC label displayed:

Total disk cylinders available: 38756 + 2 (reserved cylinders)

Part	Tag	Flag	Cylinders	Size	Blocks
0	root	wm	3 - 2083	4.00GB	(2081/0/0) 8390592
1	swap	wu	2084 - 3124	2.00GB	(1041/0/0) 4197312
2	backup	wm	0 - 38755	74.51GB	(38756/0/0) 156264192
3	unassigned	wm	0	0	(0/0/0) 0
4	unassigned	wm	0	0	(0/0/0) 0
5	unassigned	wm	0	0	(0/0/0) 0
6	unassigned	wm	0	0	(0/0/0) 0
7	home	wm	3125 - 38755	68.50GB	(35631/0/0) 143664192
8	boot	wu	0 - 0	1.97MB	(1/0/0) 4032
9	alternates	wu	1 - 2	3.94MB	(2/0/0) 8064

partition>

The partition table displayed by the format utility contains the following information.

Column Name	Description
Part	Partition or slice number. See Table 10–6 for a description of this column.
Tag	Partition tag. See Table 10–6 for a description of this column.
Flag	Partition flag. See Table 10–6 for a description of this column.
Cylinders	The starting and ending cylinder number for the slice. Not displayed on EFI-labeled disks.
Size	The slice size in MB.
Blocks	The total number of cylinders and the total number of sectors per slice. Not displayed on EFI-labeled disks.
First Sector	EFI – The starting block number. Not displayed on VTOC-labeled disks.
Last Sector	EFI – The ending block number. Not displayed on VTOC-labeled disks.

The following is an example of an EFI disk label displayed by using the `prtvtoc` command.

```
# prtvtoc /dev/rdisk/c4t1d0s0
* /dev/rdisk/c4t1d0s0 partition map
*
```

```

* Dimensions:
*   512 bytes/sector
* 2576941056 sectors
* 2576940989 accessible sectors
*
* Flags:
*  1: unmountable
* 10: read-only
*
*
* Partition  Tag  Flags      First      Sector      Last
* Partition  Tag  Flags      Sector     Count       Sector  Mount Directory
*   0         2    00          34      629145600  629145633
*   1         4    00     629145634  629145600  1258291233
*   6         4    00    1258291234  1318633404  2576924637
*   8        11    00    2576924638      16384  2576941021

```

The output of the `prtvtoc` command provides information in the following three sections:

- Dimensions
- Flags
- Partition Table

prtvtoc Column Name	Description
Partition	Partition or slice number. For a description of this column, see Table 10-6 .
Tag	Partition tag. For a description of this column, see Table 10-6 .
Flags	Partition flag. For a description of this column, see Table 10-6 .
First Sector	The first sector of the slice.
Sector Count	The total number of sectors in the slice.
Last Sector	The last sector of the slice.
Mount Directory	The last mount point directory for the file system.

Using the Free Hog Slice

When you use the `format` utility to change the size of one or more disk slices, you designate a temporary slice that will expand and shrink to accommodate the resizing operations.

This temporary slice donates, or “frees,” space when you expand a slice, and receives, or “hogs,” the discarded space when you shrink a slice. For this reason, the donor slice is sometimes called the *free hog*.

The free hog slice exists only during installation or when you run the `format` utility. There is no permanent free hog slice during day-to-day operations.

For information on using the free hog slice, see “[SPARC: How to Create Disk Slices and Label a Disk](#)” on page 228 or “[x86: How to Create Disk Slices and Label a Disk](#)” on page 246.

Administering Disks (Tasks)

This chapter contains disk administration procedures. Many procedures described in this chapter are optional if you are already familiar with how disks are managed on systems running the Oracle Solaris OS.

For information on the procedures associated with administering disks, see [“Administering Disks \(Task Map\)” on page 201](#).

For overview information about disk management, see [Chapter 10, “Managing Disks \(Overview\)”](#).

Administering Disks (Task Map)

Task	Description	For Instructions
Identify the disks on a system.	If you are not sure of the types of disks on a system, use the <code>format</code> utility to identify the disk types.	“How to Identify the Disks on a System” on page 202
Format the disk.	Determine whether a disk is already formatted by using the <code>format</code> utility. In most cases, disks are already formatted. Use the <code>format</code> utility if you need to format a disk.	“How to Determine if a Disk Is Formatted” on page 205 “How to Format a Disk” on page 206
Display slice information.	Display slice information by using the <code>format</code> utility.	“How to Display Disk Slice Information” on page 208
Label the disk.	Create the disk label by using the <code>format</code> utility.	“How to Label a Disk” on page 210

Task	Description	For Instructions
Examine the disk label.	Examine the disk label by using the <code>prtvtoc</code> command.	“How to Examine a Disk Label” on page 212
Recover a corrupted disk label.	You can attempt to recover a disk label that was damaged due to a system or power failure.	“How to Recover a Corrupted Disk Label” on page 213
Create a <code>format . dat</code> entry.	Create a <code>format . dat</code> entry to support a third-party disk.	“How to Create a <code>format . dat</code> Entry” on page 217
Automatically configure a SCSI disk.	You can automatically configure a SCSI disk with the SCSI-2 specification for disk device mode sense pages even if the specific drive type is not listed in the <code>/etc/format . dat</code> file.	“How to Automatically Configure a SCSI Drive” on page 218
Identify a defective disk sector.	Identify a defective disk sector by using the <code>format</code> utility.	“How to Identify a Defective Sector by Using Surface Analysis” on page 220
If necessary, fix a defective disk sector.	Fix a defective disk sector by using the <code>format</code> utility.	“How to Repair a Defective Sector” on page 221

Identifying Disks on a System

Use the `format` utility to discover the types of disks that are connected to a system. You can also use the `format` utility to verify that a disk is known to the system. For detailed information on using the `format` utility, see [Chapter 17, “The `format` Utility \(Reference\).”](#)

▼ How to Identify the Disks on a System

1 Become an administrator.

For more information, see [“How to Obtain Administrative Rights” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*](#).

2 Identify the disks that are recognized on the system by using the `format` utility.

```
# format
```

The `format` utility displays a list of disks that it recognizes under `AVAILABLE DISK SELECTIONS`.

Example 11-1 Identifying the Disks on a System

The following example shows `format` command output is from a system with one disk.

```
# format
AVAILABLE DISK SELECTIONS:
 0. c0t1d0 <FUJITSU MAN3367M SUN36G 1804 43d671f>
    /pci@1f,0/pci@1,1/scsi@2/sd@1,0
```

The output associates a disk's physical and logical device name to the disk's marketing name, which appears in angle brackets <>. See the example below. This method is an easy way to identify which logical device names represent the disks that are connected to your system. For a description of logical and physical device names, see [“Device Naming Conventions” on page 79](#).

The following example uses a wildcard to display the four disks that are connected to a second controller.

```
# format /dev/rdisk/c2*
AVAILABLE DISK SELECTIONS:
 0. /dev/rdisk/c2t10d0s0 <SUN9.0G cyl 4924 alt 2 hd 27 sec 133>
    /sbus@3,0/SUNW,fas@3,8800000/sd@a,0
 1. /dev/rdisk/c2t11d0s0 <SUN9.0G cyl 4924 alt 2 hd 27 sec 133>
    /sbus@3,0/SUNW,fas@3,8800000/sd@b,0
 2. /dev/rdisk/c2t14d0s0 <SUN18G cyl 7506 alt 2 hd 19 sec 248>
    /sbus@3,0/SUNW,fas@3,8800000/sd@e,0
 3. /dev/rdisk/c2t15d0s0 <SUN18G cyl 7506 alt 2 hd 19 sec 248>
    /sbus@3,0/SUNW,fas@3,8800000/sd@f,0
Specify disk (enter its number):
```

The following example shows how to identify the disks on a SPARC based system.

```
# format
0. c0t1d0 <FUJITSU MAN3367M SUN36G 1804 43d671f>
    /pci@1f,0/pci@1,1/scsi@2/sd@1,0
Specify disk (enter its number):
```

The output identifies that disk 0 (target 1) is connected to the second SCSI host adapter (scsi@2), which is connected to the second PCI interface (/pci@1f0/pci@1,1. . .). The output also associates both the physical and logical device name to the disk's marketing name, SUN36G.

The following example shows how to identify the disks on an x86 based system.

```
# format
AVAILABLE DISK SELECTIONS:
 0. c0d0 <DEFAULT cyl 615 alt 2 hd 64 sec 63>
    /pci@0,0/pci-ide@7,1/ata@0/cmdk@0,0
 1. c0d1 <DEFAULT cyl 522 alt 2 hd 32 sec 63>
    /pci@0,0/pci-ide@7,1/ata@0/cmdk@1,0
 2. c1d0 <DEFAULT cyl 817 alt 2 hd 256 sec 63>
    /pci@0,0/pci-ide@7,1/ata@1/cmdk@0,0
Specify disk (enter its number):
```

The output shows that disk 0 is connected to the first PCI host adapter (pci-ide@7. . .), which is connected to the ATA interface (ata. . .). If the format output on an x86 based system does not identify disks by their marketing names, then you can use the format utility's type and label features as described in the following steps to include the disk's marketing name.

The following steps must be done while the disk or system is inactive, which means booting from an installation DVD or the network. In addition, the final step is to relabel the disk, which can remove any existing partition information or data.

```
# format
Searching for disks...done

AVAILABLE DISK SELECTIONS:
  0. clt0d0 <DEFAULT cyl 49779 alt 2 hd 4 sec 720>
    /pci@0,0/pci1022,7450a/pci17c2,10@4/sd@0,0
  1. clt1d0 <DEFAULT cyl 8921 alt 2 hd 255 sec 63>
    /pci@0,0/pci1022,7450a/pci17c2,10@4/sd@1,0
  2. c2t1d0 <SEAGATE-ST318404LSUN18G-4203-16.87GB>
    /pci@0,0/pci1022,7450b/pci1000,10c0@1/sd@1,0
  3. c2t2d0 <SEAGATE-ST318404LSUN18G-4203-16.87GB>
    /pci@0,0/pci1022,7450b/pci1000,10c0@1/sd@2,0
.
.
.
Specify disk (enter its number): 7
selecting c2t6d0
[disk formatted]
format> type
AVAILABLE DRIVE TYPES:
  0. Auto configure
  1. other
Specify disk type (enter its number)[1]: 0
c2t6d0: configured with capacity of 16.87GB
<IBM-DDYST1835SUN18G-S94N-16.87GB>
selecting c2t6d0
[disk formatted]
format> label
Ready to label disk, continue? yes
format> disk

AVAILABLE DISK SELECTIONS:
  0. clt0d0 <DEFAULT cyl 49779 alt 2 hd 4 sec 720>
    /pci@0,0/pci1022,7450a/pci17c2,10@4/sd@0,0
  1. clt1d0 <DEFAULT cyl 8921 alt 2 hd 255 sec 63>
.
.
.
  7. c2t6d0 <IBM-DDYST1835SUN18G-S94N-16.87GB>
    /pci@0,0/pci1022,7450b/pci1000,10c0@1/sd@6,0
```

More Information If the format Utility Does Not Recognize a Disk ...

- Go to [Chapter 12, “SPARC: Adding a Disk \(Tasks\),”](#) or [Chapter 13, “x86: Adding a Disk \(Tasks\).”](#)
- Go to [“Creating a format .dat Entry”](#) on page 216.
- Go to [“How to Label a Disk”](#) on page 210.
- Connect the disk to the system by using your disk hardware documentation.

Formatting a Disk

Disks are typically formatted by the manufacturer or reseller. They usually do not need to be reformatted when you install the drive.

A disk must be formatted before you can do the following:

- Write data to the disk. However, most disks are already formatted.
- Use the Solaris installation utility to install the system.



Caution – Formatting a disk is a destructive process because it overwrites data on the disk. For this reason, disks are usually formatted only by the manufacturer or reseller. If you think disk defects are the cause of recurring problems, you can use the `format` utility to do a surface analysis. However, be careful to use only the commands that do not destroy data.

▼ How to Determine if a Disk Is Formatted

1 Become an administrator.

For more information, see “[How to Obtain Administrative Rights](#)” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

2 Invoke the `format` utility.

```
# format
```

A numbered list of disks is displayed.

3 Type the number of the disk that you want to check.

```
Specify disk (enter its number): 0
```

4 Verify that the disk you chose is formatted by noting the following message:

```
[disk formatted]
```

Example 11–2 Determining if a Disk Is Formatted

The following example shows that disk `c1t0d0` is formatted.

```
# format /dev/rdisk/c1*
AVAILABLE DISK SELECTIONS:
 0. /dev/rdisk/c1t0d0s0 <SUN18G cyl 7506 alt 2 hd 19 sec 248>
   /sbus@2,0/QLGC,isp@2,10000/sd@0,0
 1. /dev/rdisk/c1t1d0s0 <SUN18G cyl 7506 alt 2 hd 19 sec 248>
   /sbus@2,0/QLGC,isp@2,10000/sd@1,0
 2. /dev/rdisk/c1t8d0s0 <SUN18G cyl 7506 alt 2 hd 19 sec 248>
   /sbus@2,0/QLGC,isp@2,10000/sd@8,0
```

```

3. /dev/rdisk/c1t9d0s0 <SUN18G cyl 7506 alt 2 hd 19 sec 248>
   /sbus@2,0/QLGC,isp@2,10000/sd@9,0
Specify disk (enter its number): 0
selecting /dev/rdisk/c1t0d0s0
[disk formatted]

```

▼ How to Format a Disk

1 Become an administrator.

For more information, see “How to Obtain Administrative Rights” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

2 Invoke the format utility.

```
# format
```

A numbered list of disks is displayed.

3 Type the number of the disk that you want to format.

```
Specify disk (enter its number): 0
```



Caution – Do not select the system disk. If you format your system disk, you delete the OS and any data on this disk.

4 To begin formatting the disk, type format at the format> prompt. Confirm the command by typing y.

```
format> format
Ready to format. Formatting cannot be interrupted
and takes 23 minutes (estimated). Continue? yes
```

5 Verify that the disk format was successful by noting the following messages:

```
Beginning format. The current time Tue ABC xx xx:xx:xx xxxx
```

```
Formatting...
done
```

```
Verifying media...
  pass 0 - pattern = 0xc6dec6de
2035/12/18
```

```
  pass 1 - pattern = 0x6db6db6d
2035/12/18
```

```
Total of 0 defective blocks repaired.
```

6 Exit the format utility.

```
format> quit
```

Example 11-3 Formatting a Disk

The following example shows how to format the disk `c0t6d0`.

```
# format
Searching for disks...done

AVAILABLE DISK SELECTIONS:
  0. c0t0d0 <SUNW18G cyl 7506 alt 2 hd 19 sec 248
    /pci@1f,0/pci@1,1/scsi@2/sd@0,0
  1. c0t1d0 <FUJITSU MAN3367M SUN36G 1804 43d671f>
    /pci@1f,0/pci@1,1/scsi@2/sd@1,0
  2. c0t2d0 <FUJITSU MAN3367M SUN36G 1804 43d671f>
    /pci@1f,0/pci@1,1/scsi@2/sd@2,0
  3. c0t3d0 <FUJITSU MAN3367M SUN36G 1804 43d671f>
    /pci@1f,0/pci@1,1/scsi@2/sd@3,0
  4. c0t4d0 <FUJITSU MAN3367M SUN36G 1804 43d671f>
    /pci@1f,0/pci@1,1/scsi@2/sd@4,0
  5. c0t5d0 <FUJITSU MAN3367M SUN36G 1804 43d671f>
    /pci@1f,0/pci@1,1/scsi@2/sd@5,0
  6. c0t6d0 <FUJITSU MAN3367M SUN36G 1804 43d671f>
    /pci@1f,0/pci@1,1/scsi@2/sd@6,0

Specify disk (enter its number): 6
selecting c0t6d0
[disk formatted]
format> format
Ready to format. Formatting cannot be interrupted
and takes 332 minutes (estimated). Continue? y
Beginning format. The current time is Mon Jul 12 10:52:10 2010
Formatting...
Verifying media...
Total of 0 defective blocks repaired.
format> quit
```

Displaying Disk Slices

You can use the `format` utility to check whether a disk has the appropriate disk slices. If you determine that a disk does not contain the slices you want to use, use the `format` utility to re-create them and label the disk. For information on creating disk slices, see [“SPARC: How to Create Disk Slices and Label a Disk”](#) on page 228 or [“x86: How to Create Disk Slices and Label a Disk”](#) on page 246.

Note – The `format` utility uses the term *partition* instead of *slice*.

▼ How to Display Disk Slice Information

1 Become an administrator.

For more information, see “How to Obtain Administrative Rights” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

2 Invoke the format utility.

```
# format
```

A numbered list of disks is displayed.

3 Type the number of the disk for which you want to display slice information.

```
Specify disk (enter its number):1
```

4 Select the partition menu.

```
format> partition
```

5 Display the slice information for the selected disk.

```
partition> print
```

6 Exit the format utility.

```
partition> q
format> q
#
```

7 Verify the displayed slice information by identifying specific slice tags and slices.

If the screen output shows that no slice sizes are assigned, the disk probably does not have slices.

Example 11-4 Displaying Disk Slice Information

The following example displays slice information for a disk with a VTOC label.

```
# format
Searching for disks..done
Specify disk (enter its number):1
Selecting c0t0d0
format> partition
partition> print
Current partition table (original):
Total disk cylinders available: 8892 + 2 (reserved cylinders)

Part    Tag    Flag    Cylinders    Size    Blocks
  0      root    wm    1110 - 4687    1.61GB    (0/3578/0) 3381210
  1      swap    wu         0 - 1109    512.00MB    (0/1110/0) 1048950
  2    backup    wm         0 - 8891    4.01GB    (0/8892/0) 8402940
  3 unassigned    wm         0                0    (0/0/0)      0
  4 unassigned    wm         0                0    (0/0/0)      0
  5 unassigned    wm         0                0    (0/0/0)      0
```



```

    6 unassigned   wm      0          0          (0/0/0)      0
    7   home      wm    4688 - 8891    1.89GB    (0/4204/0) 3972780
partition> q
format> q
#

```

For a detailed description of the slice information in these examples, see [Chapter 10, “Managing Disks \(Overview\)”](#).

The following example shows the slice information for a disk with an EFI label.

```

# format
Searching for disks...done
Specify disk (enter its number): 9
selecting c4t1d0
[disk formatted]
format> partition
partition> print
Current partition table (original):
partition> q
format> q
Part   Tag      Flag      First Sector      Size      Last Sector
  0     root     wm         34                300.00GB   629145633
  1     usr      wm    629145634        300.00GB   1258291233
  2 unassigned   wm         0                  0          0
  3 unassigned   wm         0                  0          0
  4 unassigned   wm         0                  0          0
  5 unassigned   wm         0                  0          0
  6     usr      wm    1258291234        628.77GB   2576924637
  8 reserved     wm    2576924638         8.00MB     2576941021

```

Creating and Examining a Disk Label

The labeling of a disk is usually done during system installation or when you are creating new disk slices. You might need to relabel a disk if the disk label becomes corrupted. For example, from a power failure.

The `format` utility attempts to automatically configure any unlabeled SCSI disk. If the `format` utility is able to automatically configure an unlabeled disk, it displays a message similar to the following:

```
c0t0d1: configured with capacity of 4.00GB
```

Tip – For information on labeling multiple disks with the same disk label, see [“Labeling Multiple Disks by Using the `prtvtoc` and `fmthard` Commands”](#) on page 222.

▼ How to Label a Disk

You can use the following procedure to do the following:

- Label a disk with a VTOC or an EFI label for a disk 2 terabytes in size.
- Label a disk that is greater than 2 terabytes in size with an EFI label.

If you want to put an EFI label on disk smaller than 2 terabytes, see [Example 11-6](#).

1 Become an administrator.

For more information, see “How to Obtain Administrative Rights” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

2 Invoke the format utility.

```
# format
```

A numbered list of disks is displayed.

3 Type the number of the disk that you want to label.

```
Specify disk (enter its number):1
```

If the format utility recognizes the disk type, the next step is to search for a backup label to label the disk. Labeling the disk with the backup label labels the disk with the correct partitioning information, the disk type, and disk geometry.

4 Select one of the following to label the disk:

- If the disk is unlabeled and was successfully configured, go to Step 5 to label the disk.
The format utility will ask if you want to label the disk.
- If the disk is labeled but you want to change the disk type, or if the format utility was not able to automatically configure the disk, proceed to Step 6 to set the disk type and label the disk.

5 Label the disk by typing y at the Label it now? prompt.

```
Disk not labeled. Label it now? y
```

The disk is now labeled. Go to step 10 to exit the format utility.

6 Enter type at the format> prompt.

```
format> type
```

The Available Drive Types menu is displayed.

7 Select a disk type from the list of possible disk types.

```
Specify disk type (enter its number)[12]: 12
```

Or, select 0 to automatically configure a SCSI-2 disk. For more information, see [“How to Automatically Configure a SCSI Drive” on page 218](#).

8 Label the disk. If the disk is not labeled, the following message is displayed.

```
Disk not labeled. Label it now? y
```

Otherwise, you are prompted with this message:

```
Ready to label disk, continue? y
```

9 Verify the disk label.

```
format> verify
```

10 Exit the format utility.

```
format> q
#
```

Example 11-5 Labeling a Disk

The following example shows how to automatically configure and label a 1.05-GB disk.

```
# format
c1t0d0: configured with capacity of 1002.09MB

AVAILABLE DISK SELECTIONS:
  0. c0t3d0 <SUN1.05 cyl 2036 alt 2 hd 14 sec 72>
    /iommu@f,e0000000/sbus@f,e0001000/espdma@f,400000/esp@f,800000/sd@1,0
  1. c1t0d0 <SUN1.05 cyl 2036 alt 2 hd 14 sec 72>
    /iommu@f,e0000000/sbus@f,e0001000/espdma@f,400000/esp@f,800000/sd@1,0
Specify disk (enter its number): 1
Disk not labeled. Label it now? yes
format> verify
format> q
#
```

Example 11-6 Labeling a Disk 2 Terabytes or Less With an EFI Label

The following example shows how to use the `format -e` command to label a disk that is 2 terabytes or less with an EFI label. Remember to verify that your layered software products will continue to work on systems with EFI-labeled disks. For general information on EFI label restrictions, see [“Restrictions of the EFI Disk Label” on page 187](#).

```
# format -e
Searching for disks...done
AVAILABLE DISK SELECTIONS:
  1. c1t0d0 <SUNW18g cyl 7506 alt 2 hd 19 sec 248>
    /sbus@2,0/QLGC,isp@2,10000/sd@0,0
  2. c1t1d0 <SUNW18g cyl 7506 alt 2 hd 19 sec 248>
    /sbus@2,0/QLGC,isp@2,10000/sd@1,0
  3. c1t8d0 <SUNW18g cyl 7506 alt 2 hd 19 sec 248>
```

```

/sbus@2,0/QLGC,isp@2,10000/sd@8,0
4. c1t9d0 <SUNW18g cyl 7506 alt 2 hd 19 sec 248>
/sbus@2,0/QLGC,isp@2,10000/sd@9,0
Specify disk (enter its number): 4
selecting c1t9d0
[disk formatted]
format> Label
[0] SMI Label
[1] EFI Label
Specify Label type[0]: 1
Ready to label disk, continue? yes
format> quit

```

▼ How to Examine a Disk Label

Examine disk label information by using the `prtvtoc` command. For a detailed description of the disk label and the information that is displayed by the `prtvtoc` command, see [Chapter 10, “Managing Disks \(Overview\)”](#).

1 Become an administrator.

For more information, see “[How to Obtain Administrative Rights](#)” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

2 Display the disk label information.

```
# prtvtoc /dev/rdisk/device-name
```

where *device-name* is the raw disk device you want to examine.

Example 11-7 Examining a Disk Label

The following example shows disk label information for a disk with a VTOC label.

```

# prtvtoc /dev/rdisk/c0t0d0s0
* /dev/rdisk/c0t0d0s0 partition map
*
* Dimensions:
*   512 bytes/sector
*   63 sectors/track
*   15 tracks/cylinder
*   945 sectors/cylinder
*   8894 cylinders
*   8892 accessible cylinders
*
* Flags:
*   1: unmountable
*  10: read-only
*
*
* Partition  Tag  Flags      First   Sector   Last
*           0    2    00    1048950 3381210 4430159 /
*           1    3    01           0  1048950  1048949

```

```

2      5      00          0  8402940  8402939
7      8      00    4430160  3972780  8402939  /export/home

```

The following example shows disk label information for a disk with an EFI label.

```

# prtvtoc /dev/rdisk/c3t1d0s0
* /dev/rdisk/c3t1d0s0 partition map
*
* Dimensions:
*   512 bytes/sector
* 2479267840 sectors
* 2479267773 accessible sectors
*
* Flags:
*   1: unmountable
*  10: read-only
*
*
* Partition  Tag  Flags      First      Sector      Last
* Partition  Tag  Flags      Sector     Count       Sector  Mount Directory
*   0         2    00          34        262144      262177
*   1         3    01     262178        262144      524321
*   6         4    00     524322  2478727100  2479251421
*   8        11    00  2479251422        16384      2479267805

```

Recovering a Corrupted Disk Label

Sometimes, a power or system failure causes a disk's label to become unrecognizable. A corrupted disk label doesn't always mean that the slice information or the disk's data must be re-created or restored.

The first step to recovering a corrupted disk label is to label the disk with the correct geometry and disk type information. You can complete this step through the normal disk labeling method, by using either automatic configuration or manual disk type specification.

If the `format` utility recognizes the disk type, the next step is to search for a backup label to label the disk. Labeling the disk with the backup label labels the disk with the correct partitioning information, the disk type, and disk geometry.

▼ How to Recover a Corrupted Disk Label

1 Boot the system to single-user mode.

If necessary, boot the system from a local Solaris DVD or the network in single-user mode to access the disk.

See Chapter 7, “Booting an Oracle Solaris System (Tasks),” in *System Administration Guide: Basic Administration* or “Booting an x86 Based System (Task Map)” in *System Administration Guide: Basic Administration* for information on booting the system.

2 Relabel the disk.

```
# format
```

The format utility attempts to automatically configure any unlabeled SCSI disk. If the format utility is able to configure the unlabeled and corrupted disk, it will display this message:

```
cwtxyd: configured with capacity of abcMB
```

The format utility then displays a numbered list of disks on the system.

3 Type the number of the disk that you need to recover.

```
Specify disk (enter its number): 1
```

4 Select one of the following to determine how to label the disk.

- If the disk was configured successfully, follow Steps 5 and 6. Then go to step 12.
- If the disk was not configured successfully, follow Steps 7–11. Then go to step 12.

5 Search for the backup label.

```
format> verify
```

```
Warning: Could not read primary label.
```

```
Warning: Check the current partitioning and 'label' the disk or  
use the 'backup' command.
```

```
Backup label contents:
```

```
Volume name = <          >
```

```
ascii name = <SUN1.05 cyl 2036 alt 2 hd 14 sec 72>
```

```
pcyl      = 2038
```

```
ncyl      = 2036
```

```
acyl      = 2
```

```
nhead     = 14
```

```
nsect     = 72
```

Part	Tag	Flag	Cylinders	Size	Blocks
0	root	wm	0 - 300	148.15MB	(301/0/0) 303408
1	swap	wu	301 - 524	110.25MB	(224/0/0) 225792
2	backup	wm	0 - 2035	1002.09MB	(2036/0/0) 2052288
3	unassigned	wm	0	0	(0/0/0) 0
4	unassigned	wm	0	0	(0/0/0) 0
5	unassigned	wm	0	0	(0/0/0) 0
6	usr	wm	525 - 2035	743.70MB	(1511/0/0) 1523088
7	unassigned	wm	0	0	(0/0/0) 0

6 If the format utility was able to find a backup label and the backup label contents appear satisfactory, use the backup command to label the disk with the backup label.

```
format> backup
```

```
Disk has a primary label, still continue? y
```

```
Searching for backup labels...found.
```

```
Restoring primary label
```

The disk label has been recovered. Go to Step 12.

- 7 If the format utility was not able to automatically configure the disk, specify the disk type by using the type command.**

```
format> type
```

The Available Drives Type menu is displayed.

- 8 Select 0 to automatically configure the disk. Or, select a disk type from the list of possible disk types.**

```
Specify disk type (enter its number)[12]: 12
```

- 9 If the disk was successfully configured, reply with no when the format utility asks if you want to label the disk.**

```
Disk not labeled. Label it now? no
```

- 10 Use the verify command to search for backup labels.**

```
format> verify
```

```
Warning: Could not read primary label.
```

```
Warning: Check the current partitioning and 'label' the disk  
or use the 'backup' command.
```

```
.  
. .  
.
```

- 11 If the format utility was able to find a backup label and the backup label contents appear satisfactory, use the backup command to label the disk with the backup label.**

```
format> backup
```

```
Disk has a primary label, still continue? y
```

```
Searching for backup labels...found.
```

```
Restoring primary label
```

The disk label has been recovered.

- 12 Exit the format utility.**

```
format> q
```

- 13 Verify the file systems on the recovered disk by using the fsck command.**

- 14 Verify the file systems on the recovered disk.**

For information on using the `zpool scrub` command for ZFS file systems, see [zpool\(1M\)](#).

For information on using the `fsck` command for UFS file systems, see [fsck\(1M\)](#)

Adding a Third-Party Disk

The Solaris OS supports many third-party disks. However, for the disk to be recognized, you might need to supply either a device driver, a `format .dat` entry, or both. Other options for adding disks are as follows:

- If you are adding a SCSI disk, you might try the `format` utility's automatic configuration feature. For more information, see [“Automatically Configuring SCSI Disk Drives” on page 217](#).
- You might try hot-plugging a PCI, SCSI, or USB disk. For more information, see [Chapter 5, “Managing Devices \(Overview/Tasks\)”](#).

If the third-party disk is designed to work with standard SunOS compatible device drivers, then the creation of an appropriate `format .dat` entry should suffice to allow the disk to be recognized by the `format` utility. In other cases, you need to load a third-party device driver to support the disk.

Note – Oracle cannot guarantee that its `format` utility will work properly with all third-party disk drivers. If the disk driver is not compatible with the Solaris `format` utility, the disk drive vendor should supply you with a custom disk formatting program.

This section discusses what to do if some of this software support is missing. Typically, you discover that software support is missing when you invoke the `format` utility and find that the disk type is not recognized.

Supply the missing software as described in this section. Then, refer to the appropriate configuration procedure for adding system disks or secondary disks in [Chapter 12, “SPARC: Adding a Disk \(Tasks\)”](#), or [Chapter 13, “x86: Adding a Disk \(Tasks\)”](#).

Creating a `format .dat` Entry

Unrecognized disks cannot be formatted without precise information about the disk's geometry and operating parameters. This information is supplied in the `/etc/format .dat` file.

Note – SCSI-2 disks do not require a `format .dat` entry. The `format` utility automatically configures the SCSI-2 drivers if the disks are powered on during a reconfiguration boot. For step-by-step instructions on configuring a SCSI disk drive automatically, see [“How to Automatically Configure a SCSI Drive” on page 218](#).

If your disk is unrecognized, use a text editor to create an entry in `format . dat` for the disk. You need to gather all the pertinent technical specifications about the disk and its controller before you start. This information should have been provided with the disk. If not, contact the disk manufacturer or your supplier.

▼ How to Create a `format . dat` Entry

1 Become an administrator.

For more information, see “How to Obtain Administrative Rights” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

2 Make a copy of the `/etc/format . dat` file.

```
# cp /etc/format.dat /etc/format.dat.gen
```

3 Modify the `/etc/format . dat` file to include an entry for the third-party disk.

Use the `format . dat` information that is described in [Chapter 17, “The `format` Utility \(Reference\)”](#).

Also, use the disk’s hardware product documentation to gather the required information.

Automatically Configuring SCSI Disk Drives

The `format` utility automatically configures SCSI disk drives even if that specific type of drive is not listed in the `/etc/format . dat` file. This feature enables you to format, create slices for, and label any disk driver that is compliant with the SCSI-2 specification for disk device mode sense pages.

Here are other options for adding disks:

- If you are adding a SCSI disk, you might to try the `format` utility’s automatic configuration feature.
- You might try hot-plugging a PCI, SCSI, or USB disk. For more information, see [Chapter 5, “Managing Devices \(Overview/Tasks\)”](#).

The following steps are involved in configuring a SCSI drive by using automatic configuration:

- Shutting down the system
- Attaching the SCSI disk drive to the system
- Turning on the disk drive
- Performing a reconfiguration boot
- Using the `format` utility to automatically configure the SCSI disk drive

After the reconfiguration boot, invoke the `format` utility. The `format` utility will attempt to configure the disk and, if successful, alert the user that the disk was configured. For step-by-step instructions on automatically configuring a SCSI disk drive, see [“How to Automatically Configure a SCSI Drive”](#) on page 218.

Here's an example of a partition table for a 1.3-GB SCSI disk drive that was displayed by the `format` utility.

Part	Tag	Flag	Cylinders	Size	Blocks
0	root	wm	0 - 96	64.41MB	(97/0/0)
1	swap	wu	97 - 289	128.16MB	(193/0/0)
2	backup	wu	0 - 1964	1.27GB	(1965/0/0)
6	usr	wm	290 - 1964	1.09GB	(1675/0/0)

▼ How to Automatically Configure a SCSI Drive

1 Become an administrator.

For more information, see [“How to Obtain Administrative Rights”](#) in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

2 Shut down the system.

```
# shutdown -i0 -gn -y
```

`-i0` Brings the system down to init level 0, the power-down state.

`-gn` Notifies logged-in users that they have *n* seconds before the system begins to shut down.

`-y` Specifies that the command should run without user intervention.

The ok prompt is displayed after the system is shut down.

3 Turn off the power to the system and all external peripheral devices.

4 Ensure that the disk you are adding has a different target number than the other devices on the system.

Typically, a small switch is located at the back of the disk for this purpose.

5 Connect the disk to the system, and check the physical connections.

Refer to the disk's hardware installation guide for details.

6 Turn on the power to all external peripherals.

7 Turn on the power to the system.

The system boots and displays the login prompt.

8 Log back in as an administrator.**9 Invoke the format utility, and select the disk that you want to configure automatically.**

```
# format
Searching for disks...done
c1t0d0: configured with capacity of 1002.09MB
AVAILABLE DISK SELECTIONS:
0. c0t1d0 <SUN1.05 cyl 2036 alt 2 hd 14 sec 72>
   /iommu@f,e0000000/sbus@f,e0001000/espdma@f,400000/esp@f,800000/sd@1,0
1. c0t3d0 <SUN1.05 cyl 2036 alt 2 hd 14 sec 72>
   /iommu@f,e0000000/sbus@f,e0001000/espdma@f,400000/esp@f,800000/sd@3,0
Specify disk (enter its number): 1
```

10 Type yes in response to the prompt to label the disk.

Typing `y` causes the disk label to be generated and written to the disk by using SCSI automatic configuration.

```
Disk not labeled. Label it now? y
```

11 Verify the disk label.

```
format> verify
```

12 Exit the format utility.

```
format> q
```

Repairing a Defective Sector

If a disk on your system has a defective sector, you can repair the disk by following procedures in this section. You might become aware of defective sectors when you do the following:

- Run surface analysis on a disk

For more information on the analysis feature of the format utility, see [“analyze Menu” on page 315](#).

The defective area reported while your system is running might not be accurate. Because the system does disk operations many sectors at a time, it is often hard to pinpoint exactly which sector caused a given error. To find the exact sector or sectors, use [“How to Identify a Defective Sector by Using Surface Analysis” on page 220](#).

- Get multiple error messages from the disk driver concerning a particular portion of the disk while your system is running.

Console messages that are related to disk errors appear similar to the following:

```
WARNING: /io-unit@f,e0200000/sbi@0,0/QLGC,isp@1,10000/sd@3,0 (sd33):
Error for command 'read' Error Level: Retryable
Requested Block 126, Error Block: 179
Sense Key: Media Error
Vendor 'name':
```

ASC = 0x11 (unrecovered read error), ASCQ = 0x0, FRU = 0x0

This message indicates that block 179 might be defective. You would relocate the bad block by using the format utility's repair command. Or, you would use the analyze command with the repair option enabled.

▼ How to Identify a Defective Sector by Using Surface Analysis

1 Become an administrator.

For more information, see “How to Obtain Administrative Rights” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

2 Unmount the file system in the slice that contains the defective sector.

```
# umount /dev/dsk/device-name
```

For more information, see [mount\(1M\)](#).

3 Invoke the format utility.

```
# format
```

4 Select the affected disk.

```
Specify disk (enter its number):1
selecting c0t2d0:
[disk formatted]
Warning: Current Disk has mounted partitions.
```

5 Select the analyze menu.

```
format> analyze
```

6 Set up the analysis parameters by typing setup at the analyze> prompt.

Use the parameters shown here:

```
analyze> setup
Analyze entire disk [yes]? n
Enter starting block number [0, 0/0/0]: 12330
Enter ending block number [2052287, 2035/13/71]: 12360
Loop continuously [no]? y
Repair defective blocks [yes]? n
Stop after first error [no]? n
Use random bit patterns [no]? n
Enter number of blocks per transfer [126, 0/1/54]: 1
Verify media after formatting [yes]? y
Enable extended messages [no]? n
Restore defect list [yes]? y
Create defect label [yes]? y
```

7 Find the defect by using the read command.

```
analyze> read
Ready to analyze (won't harm SunOS). This takes a long time,
but is interruptible with Control-C. Continue? y
    pass 0
    2035/12/1825/7/24
    pass 1
Block 12354 (18/4/18), Corrected media error (hard data ecc)
    25/7/24
^C
Total of 1 defective blocks repaired.
```

▼ How to Repair a Defective Sector**1 Become an administrator.**

For more information, see [“How to Obtain Administrative Rights”](#) in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

2 Invoke the format utility.

```
# format
```

3 Select the disk that contains the defective sector.

```
Specify disk (enter its number): 1
selecting c0t3d0
[disk formatted]
format>
```

4 Select the repair command.

```
format> repair
```

5 Type the defective block number.

```
Enter absolute block number of defect: 12354
Ready to repair defect, continue? y
Repairing block 12354 (18/4/18)...ok.
format>
```

If you are unsure of the format that is used to identify the defective sector, see [“How to Identify a Defective Sector by Using Surface Analysis”](#) on page 220 for more information.

Tips and Tricks for Managing Disks

Use the following tips to help you manage disks more efficiently.

Debugging format Sessions

Invoke the `format -M` command to enable extended and diagnostic messages for ATA and SCSI devices.

EXAMPLE 11-8 Debugging format Sessions

In this example, the series of numbers under `Inquiry` represent the hexadecimal value of the inquiry data that is displayed to the right of the numbers.

```
# format -M
Searching for disks...done
AVAILABLE DISK SELECTIONS:
  0. c0t1d0 <SUN1.05 cyl 2036 alt 2 hd 14 sec 72>
    /iommu@f,e0000000/sbus@f,e0001000/espdma@f,400000/esp@f,800000/sd@1,0
  1. c0t3d0 <SUN1.05 cyl 2036 alt 2 hd 14 sec 72>
    /iommu@f,e0000000/sbus@f,e0001000/espdma@f,400000/esp@f,800000/sd@3,0

Specify disk (enter its number): 0
selecting c0t3d0
[disk formatted]
format> inquiry
Inquiry:
00 00 02 02 8f 00 00 12 53 45 41 47 41 54 45 20      .....NAME....
53 54 31 31 32 30 30 4e 20 53 55 4e 31 2e 30 35      ST11200N SUN1.05
38 33 35 38 30 30 30 33 30 32 30 39 00 00 00 00      835800030209....
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00      .....
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00      .....
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00      .....
00 43 6f 70 79 72 69 67 68 74 20 28 63 29 20 31      .Copyright (c) 1
39 39 32 20 53 65 61 67 61 74 65 20 41 6c 6c 20      992 NAME All
72 69 67 68 74 73 20 72 65 73 65 72 76 65 64 20      rights reserved
30 30 30                                         000
Vendor:   name
Product:  ST11200N SUN1.05
Revision: 8358
format>
```

Labeling Multiple Disks by Using the `prtvtoc` and `fmthard` Commands

Use the `prtvtoc` and `fmthard` commands to label multiple disks with the same disk geometry.

Use the following `for` loop in a script to copy a disk label from one disk and replicate it on multiple disks.

```
# for i in x y z
> do
> prtvtoc /dev/rdisk/cwtxdysz | fmthard -s - /dev/rdisk/cwt${i}d0s2
> done
```

EXAMPLE 11-9 Labeling Multiple Disks

In this example, the disk label from `c2t0d0s0` is copied to four other disks.

```
# for i in 1 2 3 5
> do
> prtvtoc /dev/rdisk/c2t0d0s0 | fmthard -s - /dev/rdisk/c2t${i}d0s2
> done
fmthard: New volume table of contents now in place.
fmthard: New volume table of contents now in place.
fmthard: New volume table of contents now in place.
fmthard: New volume table of contents now in place.
#
```


SPARC: Adding a Disk (Tasks)

This chapter describes how to add a disk to a SPARC system.

For information on the procedures associated with adding a disk to a SPARC system, see [“SPARC: Adding a System Disk or a Secondary Disk \(Task Map\)”](#) on page 225.

For overview information about disk management, see [Chapter 10, “Managing Disks \(Overview\)”](#). For step-by-step instructions on adding a disk to an x86 based system, see [Chapter 13, “x86: Adding a Disk \(Tasks\)”](#).

Although the procedures that describe how to add a disk can be used with a ZFS file system, a ZFS file system is not directly mapped to a disk or a disk slice. You must create a ZFS storage pool before creating a ZFS file system. For more information, see [Oracle Solaris ZFS Administration Guide](#)

SPARC: Adding a System Disk or a Secondary Disk (Task Map)

The following task map identifies the procedures for adding a disk to a SPARC based system.

Task	Description	For Instructions
1. Connect the disk and boot.	<p><i>System Disk</i></p> <p>Connect the new disk and boot from a local or remote Solaris DVD.</p> <p><i>Secondary Disk</i></p> <p>Connect the new disk and perform a reconfiguration boot so that the system will recognize the disk.</p>	<p>“SPARC: How to Connect a System Disk and Boot” on page 226</p> <p>“SPARC: How to Connect a Secondary Disk and Boot” on page 227</p>

Task	Description	For Instructions
2. Create slices and label the disk.	Create disk slices and label the disk if the disk manufacturer has not already done so.	“SPARC: How to Create Disk Slices and Label a Disk” on page 228
3. Create UFS file systems.	Create UFS file systems on the disk slices by using the <code>newfs</code> command. You must create the root (<code>/</code>) or <code>/usr</code> file system, or both, for a system disk.	“SPARC: How to Create a UFS File System” on page 233
4. Restore UFS file systems.	Restore the root (<code>/</code>) or <code>/usr</code> file system, or both, on the system disk. If necessary, restore file systems on the secondary disk.	Chapter 26, “Restoring UFS Files and File Systems (Tasks),” in <i>System Administration Guide: Devices and File Systems</i>
5. Install boot block.	<i>System Disk Only.</i> Install the boot block on the root (<code>/</code>) file system so that the system can boot.	“SPARC: How to Install a Boot Block on a System Disk” on page 234

SPARC: Adding a System Disk or a Secondary Disk

A system disk contains the root (`/`) or `/usr` file systems, or both. If the disk that contains either of these file systems becomes damaged, you have two ways to recover:

- You can reinstall the entire Oracle Solaris OS.
- Or, you can replace the system disk and restore your file systems from a backup medium.

A secondary disk does not contain the root (`/`) and `/usr` file systems. A secondary disk usually contains space for user files. You can add a secondary disk to a system for more disk space. Or, you can replace a damaged secondary disk. If you replace a secondary disk on a system, you can restore the old disk's data on the new disk.

▼ SPARC: How to Connect a System Disk and Boot

This procedure assumes that the system is shut down.

- 1 **Disconnect the damaged system disk from the system.**
- 2 **Ensure that the disk you are adding has a different target number than the other devices on the system.**

Typically, a small switch is located at the back of the disk for this purpose.

- 3 **Connect the replacement system disk to the system and check the physical connections.**

Refer to the disk's hardware installation guide for details.

- 4 Follow the instructions in the following table, depending on whether you are booting from a local Solaris DVD or a remote Solaris DVD from the network.

Boot Type	Action
From a Solaris DVD in a local drive	1. Make sure the Solaris DVD is in the drive. 2. Boot from the media to single-user mode: ok boot cdrom -s
From the network	Boot from the network to single-user mode: ok boot net -s

After a few minutes, the root prompt (#) is displayed.

More Information After You Connect a System Disk and Boot ...

After you boot the system, you can create slices and a disk label on the disk. Go to [“SPARC: How to Create Disk Slices and Label a Disk” on page 228](#).

▼ SPARC: How to Connect a Secondary Disk and Boot

If you are adding a disk with an EFI disk label, see [“EFI Disk Label” on page 186](#) for more information.

For more information about hot-plugging devices, see [Chapter 6, “Dynamically Configuring Devices \(Tasks\)”](#).

- 1 **Become an administrator.**
- 2 **(Optional) If the disk type is unsupported by the Solaris software, add the device driver for the disk by following the instructions included with the hardware.**
For information on creating a `format . dat` entry for the disk, see [“How to Create a format . dat Entry” on page 217](#), if necessary.

- 3 **Shut down the system.**

```
# shutdown -i0 -gn -y
```

-i0 Changes to run level 0, the power-down state.

-gn Notifies logged-in users that they have *n* seconds before the system begins to shut down.

-y Specifies that the command should run without user intervention.

The ok prompt is displayed after the Oracle Solaris OS is shut down.

- 4 **Turn off the power to the system and all external peripheral devices.**
- 5 **Ensure that the disk you are adding has a different target number than the other devices on the system.**
Typically, a small switch is located at the back of the disk for this purpose.
- 6 **Connect the disk to the system and check the physical connections.**
Refer to the disk's hardware installation guide for details.
- 7 **Turn on the power to all external peripheral devices.**
- 8 **Turn on the power to the system.**
The system boots and displays the login prompt.

More Information [After You Connect a Secondary Disk and Boot ...](#)

After you boot the system, you can create slices and a disk label on the disk. Go to [“SPARC: How to Create Disk Slices and Label a Disk”](#) on page 228.

▼ **SPARC: How to Create Disk Slices and Label a Disk**

- 1 **Become an administrator.**
- 2 **Invoke the `format` utility.**

```
# format
```

A numbered list of available disks is displayed. For more information, see [format\(1M\)](#).
- 3 **Type the number of the disk that you want to repartition.**
Specify disk (enter its number): *disk-number*
disk-number is the number of the disk that you want to repartition.
- 4 **Select the `partition` menu.**

```
format> partition
```
- 5 **Display the current partition (slice) table.**

```
partition> print
```
- 6 **Start the modification process.**

```
partition> modify
```

7 Set the disk to all free hog.

Choose base (enter number) [0]?1

For more information about the free hog slice, see [“Using the Free Hog Slice”](#) on page 199.

8 Create a new partition table by answering y when prompted to continue.

Do you wish to continue creating a new partition table based on above table[yes]? y

9 Identify the free hog partition (slice) and the sizes of the slices when prompted.

When adding a system disk, you must set up slices for:

- root (slice 0) and swap (slice 1)
- /usr (slice 6)

After you identify the slices, the new partition table is displayed.

For an example of creating disk slices, see [Example 12-1](#).

10 Make the displayed partition table the current partition table by answering y when prompted.

Okay to make this the current partition table[yes]? y

If you do not want the current partition table and you want to change it, answer no and go to [Step 6](#).

11 Name the partition table.

Enter table name (remember quotes): "*partition-name*"

where *partition-name* is the name for the new partition table.

12 Label the disk with the new partition table after you have finished allocating slices on the new disk.

Ready to label disk, continue? yes

13 Quit the partition menu.

partition> q

14 Verify the disk label.

format> verify

15 Exit the format utility.

format> q

Example 12-1 SPARC: Creating Disk Slices and Labeling a System Disk

The following example shows the `format` utility being used to divide a 18-GB disk into three slices: one slice for the root (`/`) file system, one slice for the swap area, and one slice for the `/usr` file system.

```
# format
AVAILABLE DISK SELECTIONS:
  0. /dev/rdisk/clt0d0s0 <SUN18G cyl 7506 alt 2 hd 19 sec 248>
    /sbus@2,0/QLGC,isp@2,10000/sd@0,0
  1. /dev/rdisk/clt1d0s0 <SUN18G cyl 7506 alt 2 hd 19 sec 248>
    /sbus@2,0/QLGC,isp@2,10000/sd@1,0
  2. /dev/rdisk/clt8d0s0 <SUN18G cyl 7506 alt 2 hd 19 sec 248>
    /sbus@2,0/QLGC,isp@2,10000/sd@8,0
  3. /dev/rdisk/clt9d0s0 <SUN18G cyl 7506 alt 2 hd 19 sec 248>
    /sbus@2,0/QLGC,isp@2,10000/sd@9,0

Specify disk (enter its number): 0
selecting clt0d0
[disk formatted]
format> partition
partition> print
partition> modify
Select partitioning base:
  0. Current partition table (original)
  1. All Free Hog

Part   Tag   Flag   Cylinders   Size           Blocks
  0     root   wm      0             0             (0/0/0)      0
  1     swap   wu      0             0             (0/0/0)      0
  2   backup   wu    0 - 7505     16.86GB      (7506/0/0) 35368272
  3 unassigned   wm      0             0             (0/0/0)      0
  4 unassigned   wm      0             0             (0/0/0)      0
  5 unassigned   wm      0             0             (0/0/0)      0
  6     usr    wm      0             0             (0/0/0)      0
  7 unassigned   wm      0             0             (0/0/0)      0

Choose base (enter number) [0]? 1
table based on above table[yes]? yes
Free Hog partition[6]? 6
Enter size of partition '0' [0b, 0c, 0.00mb, 0.00gb]: 4gb
Enter size of partition '1' [0b, 0c, 0.00mb, 0.00gb]: 4gb
Enter size of partition '3' [0b, 0c, 0.00mb, 0.00gb]:
Enter size of partition '4' [0b, 0c, 0.00mb, 0.00gb]:
Enter size of partition '5' [0b, 0c, 0.00mb, 0.00gb]:
Enter size of partition '7' [0b, 0c, 0.00mb, 0.00gb]:

Part   Tag   Flag   Cylinders   Size           Blocks
  0     root   wm    0 - 1780     4.00GB      (1781/0/0) 8392072
  1     swap   wu   1781 - 3561  4.00GB      (1781/0/0) 8392072
  2   backup   wu    0 - 7505     16.86GB      (7506/0/0) 35368272
  3 unassigned   wm      0             0             (0/0/0)      0
  4 unassigned   wm      0             0             (0/0/0)      0
  5 unassigned   wm      0             0             (0/0/0)      0
  6     usr    wm   3562 - 7505  8.86GB      (3944/0/0) 18584128
  7 unassigned   wm      0             0             (0/0/0)      0

Okay to make this the current partition table[yes]? yes
Enter table name (remember quotes): "disk0"
```

```

Ready to label disk, continue? yes
partition> quit
format> verify
format> quit

```

Example 12-2 SPARC: Creating Disk Slices and Labeling a Secondary Disk

The following example shows the format utility being used to divide a 18-GB disk into one slice for the /export/home file system.

```

# format /dev/rdisk/c1*
AVAILABLE DISK SELECTIONS:
  0. /dev/rdisk/c1t0d0s0 <SUN18G cyl 7506 alt 2 hd 19 sec 248>
     /sbus@2,0/QLGC,isp@2,10000/sd@0,0
  1. /dev/rdisk/c1t1d0s0 <SUN18G cyl 7506 alt 2 hd 19 sec 248>
     /sbus@2,0/QLGC,isp@2,10000/sd@1,0
  2. /dev/rdisk/c1t8d0s0 <SUN18G cyl 7506 alt 2 hd 19 sec 248>
     /sbus@2,0/QLGC,isp@2,10000/sd@8,0
  3. /dev/rdisk/c1t9d0s0 <SUN18G cyl 7506 alt 2 hd 19 sec 248>
     /sbus@2,0/QLGC,isp@2,10000/sd@9,0
Specify disk (enter its number): 1
selecting c1t1d0
[disk formatted]
format> partition
partition> print
partition> modify
Select partitioning base:
  0. Current partition table (original)
  1. All Free Hog
Choose base (enter number) [0]? 1

```

Part	Tag	Flag	Cylinders	Size	Blocks
0	root	wm	0	0	(0/0/0) 0
1	swap	wu	0	0	(0/0/0) 0
2	backup	wu	0 - 7505	16.86GB	(7506/0/0) 35368272
3	unassigned	wm	0	0	(0/0/0) 0
4	unassigned	wm	0	0	(0/0/0) 0
5	unassigned	wm	0	0	(0/0/0) 0
6	usr	wm	0	0	(0/0/0) 0
7	unassigned	wm	0	0	(0/0/0) 0

```

Do you wish to continue creating a new partition
table based on above table[yes]? y
Free Hog partition[6]? 7
Enter size of partition '0' [0b, 0c, 0.00mb, 0.00gb]:
Enter size of partition '1' [0b, 0c, 0.00mb, 0.00gb]:
Enter size of partition '3' [0b, 0c, 0.00mb, 0.00gb]:
Enter size of partition '4' [0b, 0c, 0.00mb, 0.00gb]:
Enter size of partition '5' [0b, 0c, 0.00mb, 0.00gb]:
Enter size of partition '6' [0b, 0c, 0.00mb, 0.00gb]:

```

Part	Tag	Flag	Cylinders	Size	Blocks
0	root	wm	0	0	(0/0/0) 0
1	swap	wu	0	0	(0/0/0) 0
2	backup	wu	0 - 7505	16.86GB	(7506/0/0) 35368272
3	unassigned	wm	0	0	(0/0/0) 0
4	unassigned	wm	0	0	(0/0/0) 0
5	unassigned	wm	0	0	(0/0/0) 0

```

6      usr  wm      0          0          (0/0/0)      0
7 unassigned  wm      0 - 7505      16.86GB      (7506/0/0) 35368272
Okay to make this the current partition table[yes]? yes
Enter table name (remember quotes): "home"
Ready to label disk, continue? y
partition> q
format> verify
format> q
#

```

The following example shows how to use the format utility to divide a 1.15 terabyte disk with an EFI label into three slices.

```

# format
.
.
.
partition> modify
Select partitioning base:
    0. Current partition table (original)
    1. All Free Hog
Choose base (enter number) [0]? 1
Part      Tag      Flag      First Sector      Size      Last Sector
0        root      wm          0                0          0
1         usr      wm          0                0          0
2 unassigned  wm          0                0          0
3 unassigned  wm          0                0          0
4 unassigned  wm          0                0          0
5 unassigned  wm          0                0          0
6         usr      wm          0                0          0
8 reserved   wm      2576924638      8.00MB      2576941021
Do you wish to continue creating a new partition
table based on above table[yes]? y
Free Hog partition[6]? 4
Enter size of partition 0 [0b, 34e, 0mb, 0gb, 0tb]:
Enter size of partition 1 [0b, 34e, 0mb, 0gb, 0tb]:
Enter size of partition 2 [0b, 34e, 0mb, 0gb, 0tb]: 400gb
Enter size of partition 3 [0b, 838860834e, 0mb, 0gb, 0tb]: 400gb
Enter size of partition 5 [0b, 1677721634e, 0mb, 0gb, 0tb]:
Enter size of partition 6 [0b, 1677721634e, 0mb, 0gb, 0tb]:
Part      Tag      Flag      First Sector      Size      Last Sector
0 unassigned  wm          0                0          0
1 unassigned  wm          0                0          0
2         usr      wm          34              400.00GB   838860833
3         usr      wm      838860834        400.00GB   1677721633
4         usr      wm      1677721634      428.77GB   2576924637
5 unassigned  wm          0                0          0
6 unassigned  wm          0                0          0
8 reserved   wm      2576924638      8.00MB      2576941021
Ready to label disk, continue? yes

partition> q

```


More Information After You Create Disk Slices and Label a Disk ...

After you create disk slices and label the disk, you can create file systems on the disk. Go to [“SPARC: How to Create a UFS File System”](#) on page 233.

▼ SPARC: How to Create a UFS File System

1 Become an administrator.

2 Create a file system for each slice.

```
# newfs /dev/rdisk/cwtxdysz
```

where `/dev/rdisk/cwtxdysz` is the raw device for the file system to be created.

For more information about the `newfs` command, see [Chapter 19, “Creating ZFS, UFS, TMPFS, and LOFS File Systems \(Tasks\)”](#), or `newfs(1M)`.

3 Verify the new file system by mounting it.

```
# mount /dev/dsk/cwtxdysz /mnt
# ls
lost+found
```

More Information After Creating a UFS File System ...

- **System Disk** – You need to restore the root (`/`) and `/usr` file systems on the disk.
 - Go to [Chapter 26, “Restoring UFS Files and File Systems \(Tasks\)”](#), in *System Administration Guide: Devices and File Systems*.
 - After the root (`/`) and `/usr` file systems are restored, install the boot block. Go to [“SPARC: How to Install a Boot Block on a System Disk”](#) on page 234.
- **Secondary Disk** – You might need to restore file systems on the new disk. Go to [Chapter 26, “Restoring UFS Files and File Systems \(Tasks\)”](#), in *System Administration Guide: Devices and File Systems*. If you are not restoring file systems on the new disk, you are finished adding a secondary disk.
- For information on making the file systems available to users, see [Chapter 20, “Mounting and Unmounting File Systems \(Tasks\)”](#).

▼ SPARC: How to Install a Boot Block on a System Disk

1 Become an administrator.

2 Install a boot block on the system disk.

For a UFS root file system:

```
# installboot /usr/platform/'uname -i'/lib/fs/ufs/bootblk
/dev/rdisk/cwtxdys0
```

```
/usr/platform/'uname -i'/lib/fs /ufs/bootblk
```

Is the boot block code.

```
/dev/rdisk/cwtxdys0
```

Is the raw device of the root (/) file system.

For a ZFS root file system:

```
# installboot -F zfs /usr/platform/'uname -i'/lib/fs/zfs/bootblk
/dev/rdisk/cwtxdys0
```

```
/usr/platform/'uname -i'/lib/fs/zfs/bootblk
```

Is the boot block code.

```
/dev/rdisk/cwtxdys0
```

Is the raw device of the root (/) file system.

For more information, see [installboot\(1M\)](#).

3 Verify that the boot blocks are installed by rebooting the system to run level 3.

```
# init 6
```

Example 12-3 SPARC: Installing a Boot Block on a System Disk

The following example shows how to install the boot block on a UFS root file system.

```
# installboot /usr/platform/sun4u/lib/fs/ufs/bootblk
/dev/rdisk/c0t0d0s0
```

The following example shows how to install the boot block on a ZFS root file system.

```
# installboot -F zfs /usr/platform/'uname -i'/lib/fs/zfs/bootblk /dev/rdisk/c0t1d0s0
```

x86: Adding a Disk (Tasks)

This chapter describes how to add a disk to an x86 based system.

For information on the procedures associated with adding a disk to an x86 based system, see [“x86: Adding a System Disk or a Secondary Disk \(Task Map\)” on page 235](#).

For overview information about disk management, see [Chapter 10, “Managing Disks \(Overview\)”](#). For step-by-step instructions on adding a disk to a SPARC based system, see [Chapter 12, “SPARC: Adding a Disk \(Tasks\)”](#).

Although the procedures that describe how to add a disk and create an `fdisk` partition can be used with a ZFS file systems, ZFS file system is not directly mapped to a disk or a disk slice. You must create a ZFS storage pool before creating a ZFS file system. For more information, see [Oracle Solaris ZFS Administration Guide](#).

x86: Adding a System Disk or a Secondary Disk (Task Map)

The following task map identifies the procedures for adding a disk to an x86 based system.

Task	Description	For Instructions
1. Connect the disk and boot.	<p><i>System Disk</i></p> <p>Connect the new disk and boot from a local or remote Solaris DVD.</p> <p><i>Secondary Disk</i></p> <p>Connect the new disk and perform a reconfiguration boot so that the system will recognize the disk.</p>	<p>“x86: How to Connect a System Disk” on page 237</p> <p>“x86: How to Connect a Secondary Disk and Boot” on page 239</p>

Task	Description	For Instructions
2. (Optional) Change the <code>fdisk</code> partition identifier.	The Solaris <code>fdisk</code> partition identifier on x86 systems has been changed from 130 (0x82) to 191 (0xbf). You can use a new <code>fdisk</code> menu option to switch back and forth between the new and old identifier.	“How to Change the Solaris <code>fdisk</code> Identifier” on page 238
3. Create slices and label the disk.	Create disk slices and label the disk if the disk manufacturer has not already done so.	“x86: How to Create a Solaris <code>fdisk</code> Partition” on page 240 and “x86: How to Create Disk Slices and Label a Disk” on page 246
4. Create file systems.	Create UFS file systems on the disk slices with the <code>newfs</code> command. You must create the root (<code>/</code>) or <code>/usr</code> file system (or both) for a system disk.	“x86: How to Create a UFS File System” on page 247
5. Restore UFS file systems.	Restore the root (<code>/</code>) or <code>/usr</code> file system (or both) on the system disk. If necessary, restore file systems on the secondary disk.	Chapter 26, “Restoring UFS Files and File Systems (Tasks),” in <i>System Administration Guide: Devices and File Systems</i>
6. Install boot block.	<i>System Disk Only.</i> Install the boot block on the root (<code>/</code>) file system so that the system can boot.	“x86: How to Install a Boot Block on a System Disk” on page 248

x86: Adding a System Disk or a Secondary Disk

A system disk contains the root (`/`) or `/usr` file systems, or both. If the disk that contains either of these file systems becomes damaged, you have two ways to recover:

- You can reinstall the entire Oracle Solaris OS.
- Or, you can replace the system disk and restore your file systems from a backup medium.

A secondary disk doesn't contain the root (`/`) and `/usr` file systems. A secondary disk usually contains space for user files. You can add a secondary disk to a system for more disk space. Or, you can replace a damaged secondary disk. If you replace a secondary disk on a system, you can restore the old disk's data on the new disk.

▼ x86: How to Connect a System Disk

This procedure assumes that the operating system is shutdown.

- 1 **Disconnect the damaged system disk from the system.**
- 2 **Ensure that the disk you are adding has a different target number than the other devices on the system.**

Typically, a small switch is located at the back of the disk for this purpose.

- 3 **Connect the replacement system disk to the system, and check the physical connections.**

Refer to the disk's hardware installation guide for details.

- 4 **Boot the system.**

This procedure assumes that you are booting from GRUB's Solaris failsafe boot option.

- a. **Press any key to reboot the system if the system displays the Press any key to reboot prompt. Or, use the reset button to restart the system if the system is shut down.**

The GRUB menu is displayed after a few minutes.

- b. **Use the arrow keys to select the Solaris failsafe boot option.**

- c. **Press return.**

- d. **At the Do you wish to automatically update boot archives? prompt answer no.**

The root prompt (#) is displayed.

Note – You must reboot the system when you want to exit Solaris failsafe boot mode. You cannot reboot the system to multiuser mode until the system disk is successfully added, the data is restored, and the bootblocks are installed.

More Information After You Connect a System Disk ...

You can create an `fdisk` partition if the disk is less than 1 terabyte size. Go to [“x86: How to Create a Solaris `fdisk` Partition” on page 240](#).

Changing the `fdisk` Partition Identifier

The Solaris `fdisk` partition identifier on x86 systems has been changed from 130 (0x82) to 191 (0xbf). All Solaris commands, utilities, and drivers have been updated to work with either `fdisk` identifier. There is no change in `fdisk` functionality.

▼ How to Change the Solaris fdisk Identifier

A new fdisk menu option enables you to switch back and forth between the new and old identifier. The fdisk identifier can be changed even when the file system that is contained in the partition is mounted.

Two type values in the fdisk menu reflect the old and new identifiers as follows:

- Solaris identifies 0x82
- Solaris2 identifies 0xbf

- 1 **Become an administrator.**
- 2 **Display the current fdisk identifier.**

For example:

```

Total disk size is 39890 cylinders
Cylinder size is 4032 (512 byte) blocks

          Cylinders
Partition  Status  Type          Start  End  Length  %
=====  =====  =====
          1    Active  x86 Boot      1     6     6     0
          2                Solaris2      7 39889 39883  100
  
```

- 3 **Select option 4 from the fdisk menu to change the fdisk partition identifier back to 0x82.**

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. Create a partition
2. Specify the active partition
3. Delete a partition
4. Change between Solaris and Solaris2 Partition IDs
5. Exit (update disk configuration and exit)
6. Cancel (exit without updating disk configuration)

Enter Selection: 4

- 4 **Select option 5 to update your disk configuration and exit.**
- 5 **If necessary, select option 4 from the fdisk menu to change the fdisk partition identifier back to 0xbf.**

For example:

```

Total disk size is 39890 cylinders
Cylinder size is 4032 (512 byte) blocks

          Cylinders
Partition  Status  Type          Start  End  Length  %
=====  =====  =====
          1    Active  x86 Boot      1     6     6     0
          2                Solaris       7 39889 39883  100
  
```

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. Create a partition

2. Specify the active partition
 3. Delete a partition
 4. Change between Solaris and Solaris2 Partition IDs
 5. Exit (update disk configuration and exit)
 6. Cancel (exit without updating disk configuration)
- Enter Selection: 4

- 6 Select option 5 to update your disk configuration and exit.

▼ x86: How to Connect a Secondary Disk and Boot

If you are adding a disk with an EFI disk label on an x64 system, see “[EFI Disk Label](#)” on [page 186](#) for more information.

For more information about hot-plugging devices, see [Chapter 6, “Dynamically Configuring Devices \(Tasks\)”](#).

- 1 **Become an administrator.**

For more information, see “[How to Obtain Administrative Rights](#)” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

- 2 **(Optional) If the disk is unsupported by the Solaris software, add the device driver for the disk by following the instructions included with the hardware.**

- 3 **Shut down the system.**

```
# shutdown -i0 -gn -y
```

-i0 Brings the system down to run level 0, the power-down state.

-gn Notifies logged-in users that they have *n* seconds before the system begins to shut down.

-y Specifies that the command should run without user intervention.

The Press any key to reboot prompt is displayed.

- 4 **Turn off the power to the system and all external peripheral devices.**

- 5 **Ensure that the disk you are adding has a different target number than the other devices on the system.**

Typically, a small switch is located at the back of the disk for this purpose.

- 6 **Connect the disk to the system and check the physical connections.**

Refer to the disk's hardware installation guide for details.

- 7 **Turn on the power to all external peripheral devices.**

8 Turn on the power to the system.

The system boots and displays the login prompt.

More Information After You Connect a Secondary Disk and Boot ...

After the system is booted, you can create an `fdisk` partition if the disk is less than 1 terabyte in size. Go to [“x86: How to Create a Solaris `fdisk` Partition”](#) on page 240.

x86: Guidelines for Creating an `fdisk` Partition

Follow these guidelines when you set up one or more `fdisk` partitions.

- The `fdisk` command cannot be used on disks with an EFI label that are greater than 1 terabyte in size.
- The disk can be divided into a maximum of four `fdisk` partitions. One of partitions must be a Solaris partition.
- The Solaris partition must be made the active partition on the disk. The active partition is partition whose operating system will be booted by default at system startup.
- Solaris `fdisk` partitions must begin on cylinder boundaries.
- Solaris `fdisk` partitions must begin at cylinder 1, not cylinder 0, on the first disk because additional boot information, including the master boot record, is written in sector 0.
- The Solaris `fdisk` partition can be the entire disk. Or, you might want to make it smaller to allow room for a DOS partition. You can also make a new `fdisk` partition on a disk without disturbing existing partitions (if sufficient space is available) to create a new partition.

x86 only – Solaris slices are also called partitions. Certain interfaces might refer to a *slice* as a *partition*.

`fdisk` partitions are supported only on x86 based systems. To avoid confusion, Solaris documentation tries to distinguish between `fdisk` partitions and the entities within the Solaris `fdisk` partition. These entities might be called slices or partitions.

▼ x86: How to Create a Solaris `fdisk` Partition

Before You Begin If you need information about `fdisk` partitions, see [“x86: Guidelines for Creating an `fdisk` Partition”](#) on page 240.

1 Become an administrator.

For more information, see “How to Obtain Administrative Rights” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

2 Invoke the format utility.

```
# format
```

A numbered list of disks is displayed.

For more information, see `format(1M)`.

3 Type the number of the disk on which to create a Solaris fdisk partition.

```
Specify disk (enter its number): disk-number
```

where *disk-number* is the number of the disk on which you want to create a Solaris fdisk partition.

4 Select the fdisk menu.

```
format> fdisk
```

The fdisk menu that is displayed depends upon whether the disk has existing fdisk partitions. Determine the next step by using the following table.

Task	Go To	For More Information
Create a Solaris fdisk partition to span the entire disk.	Step 5	Example 13-1
Create a Solaris fdisk partition and preserve one or more existing non Solaris fdisk partitions.	Step 6	Example 13-2
Create a Solaris fdisk partition and one or more additional non Solaris fdisk partition.	Step 6	Example 13-3

5 Create and activate a Solaris fdisk partition that spans the entire disk by specifying y at the prompt. Then, go to step 13.

No fdisk table exists. The default partition for the disk is:

```
a 100% "SOLARIS System" partition
```

Type "y" to accept the default partition, otherwise type "n" to edit the partition table.

```
y
```

6 Specify n at the prompt if you do not want the Solaris fdisk partition to span the entire disk.

Type "y" to accept the default partition, otherwise type "n" to edit the partition table.

```

n
      Total disk size is 3498 cylinders
      Cylinder size is 1199 (512 byte) blocks
      Cylinders
Partition  Status  Type      Start  End  Length  %
=====  =====  =====  =====  ===  =====  ===
SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

```

1. Create a partition
 2. Specify the active partition
 3. Delete a partition
 4. Change between Solaris and Solaris2 Partition IDs
 5. Exit (update disk configuration and exit)
 6. Cancel (exit without updating disk configuration)
- Enter Selection:

7 Select option 1, Create a partition, to create an fdisk partition.

Enter Selection: 1

8 Create a Solaris fdisk partition by selecting 1(=Solaris2).

Indicate the type of partition you want to create

1=SOLARIS2	2=UNIX	3=PCIXOS	4=Other
5=DOS12	6=DOS16	7=DOSEXT	8=DOSBIG
9=DOS16LBA	A=x86 Boot	B=Diagnostic	C=FAT32
D=FAT32LBA	E=DOSEXTLBA	F=EFI	0=Exit? 1

9 Identify the percentage of the disk to be reserved for the Solaris fdisk partition. Keep in mind the size of any existing fdisk partitions when you calculate this percentage.

Specify the percentage of disk to use for this partition (or type "c" to specify the size in cylinders). *nn*

10 Activate the Solaris fdisk partition by typing y at the prompt.

Should this to become the active partition? If yes, it will be activated each time the computer is reset or turned on. Please type "y" or "n". *y*

The Enter Selection prompt is displayed after the fdisk partition is activated.

11 Select option 1, Create a partition, to create another fdisk partition.

See steps 8–10 for instructions on creating an fdisk partition.

12 Update the disk configuration, and exit the fdisk menu from the selection menu.

Selection: 5

13 Relabel the disk by using the label command.

```

format> label
Ready to label disk, continue? yes
format>

```

14 Quit the format utility.

```

format> quit

```

Example 13-1 x86: Creating a Solaris fdisk Partition That Spans the Entire Drive

The following example uses the format utility's fdisk option to create a Solaris fdisk partition that spans the entire drive.

```
# format
Searching for disks...done
AVAILABLE DISK SELECTIONS:
  0. c0d0 <DEFAULT cyl 2466 alt 2 hd 16 sec 63>
    /pci@0,0/pci-ide@7,1/ide@0/cmdk@0,0
  1. c0d1 <DEFAULT cyl 522 alt 2 hd 32 sec 63>
    /pci@0,0/pci-ide@7,1/ide@0/cmdk@1,0
  2. c1d0 <DEFAULT cyl 13102 alt 2 hd 16 sec 63>
    /pci@0,0/pci-ide@7,1/ide@1/cmdk@0,0
Specify disk (enter its number): 0
selecting c0d0
Controller working list found
[disk formatted]
format> fdisk
No fdisk table exists. The default partitioning for your disk is:

    a 100% "SOLARIS System" partition.

Type "y" to accept the default partition, otherwise type "n" to edit the
partition table. y

format> label
Ready to label disk, continue? yes
format> quit
```

Example 13-2 x86: Creating a Solaris fdisk Partition While Preserving an Existing fdisk Partition

The following example shows how to create a Solaris fdisk partition on a disk that has an existing DOS-BIG fdisk partition.

```
format> fdisk
Total disk size is 3498 cylinders
Cylinder size is 1199 (512 byte) blocks

Partition  Status  Type              Start  End  Length  %
=====  =====  =====
1         Active  DOS-BIG           1     699    699    20
SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
  1. Create a partition
  2. Specify the active partition
  3. Delete a partition
  4. Change between Solaris and Solaris2 Partition IDs
  5. Exit (update disk configuration and exit)
  6. Cancel (exit without updating disk configuration)
Enter Selection: 1
Indicate the type of partition you want to create
1=SOLARIS2  2=UNIX      3=PCIXOS    4=Other
5=DOS12    6=DOS16    7=DOSEXT   8=DOSBIG
9=DOS16LBA A=x86 Boot  B=Diagnostic C=FAT32
```

```

D=FAT32LBA E=DOSEXTLBA F=EFI      0=Exit?1
Indicate the percentage of the disk you want this partition
to use (or enter "c" to specify in cylinders). 80
Should this become the active partition? If yes, it will be
activated each time the computer is or turned on.
Please type "y" or "n". y
      Total disk size is 3498 cylinders
      Cylinder size is 1199 (512 byte) blocks
      Cylinders
Partition  Status  Type           Start  End  Length  %
=====  =====  =====
1         Active  DOS-BIG       1    699   699    20
2         Active  Solaris2     700 3497  2798   80

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
1. Create a partition
2. Specify the active partition
3. Delete a partition
4. Change between Solaris and Solaris2 Partition IDs
5. Exit (update disk configuration and exit)
6. Cancel (exit without updating disk configuration)
Enter Selection:5
Partition 2 is now the active partition
format> label
Ready to label disk, continue? yes
format> q

```

Example 13-3 x86: Creating a Solaris fdisk Partition and an Additional fdisk Partition

This following example shows how to create a Solaris fdisk partition and a DOSBIG fdisk partition.

```

format> fdisk
No fdisk table exists. The default partitioning for your disk is:
  a 100% "SOLARIS System" partition.
Type "y" to accept the default partition, otherwise type "n" to edit the
partition table.
n
      Total disk size is 3498 cylinders
      Cylinder size is 1199 (512 byte) blocks
      Cylinders
Partition  Status  Type           Start  End  Length  %
=====  =====  =====
1         Active  DOS-BIG       1    699   699    20
2         Active  Solaris2     700 3497  2798   80

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
1. Create a partition
2. Specify the active partition
3. Delete a partition
4. Change between Solaris and Solaris2 Partition IDs
5. Exit (update disk configuration and exit)
6. Cancel (exit without updating disk configuration)
Enter Selection: 1
Indicate the type of partition you want to create
1=SOLARIS2  2=UNIX      3=PCIXOS    4=Other
5=DOS12    6=DOS16    7=DOSEXT   8=DOSBIG
9=DOS16LBA A=x86 Boot  B=Diagnostic C=FAT32
D=FAT32LBA E=DOSEXTLBA F=EFI      0=Exit? 8
Specify the percentage of disk to use for this partition

```

```
(or type "c" to specify the size in cylinders)20
Should this become the Active partition? If yes, it will be
activated each time the computer is reset or turned on.
again. Please type "y" or "n". n
      Total disk size is 3498 cylinders
      Cylinder size is 1199 (512 byte) blocks
                                Cylinders
Partition  Status  Type           Start  End  Length  %
=====  =====  =====
          1           DOS-BIG         1   699    699    20

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
1. Create a partition
2. Specify the active partition
3. Delete a partition
4. Change between Solaris and Solaris2 Partition IDs
5. Exit (update disk configuration and exit)
6. Cancel (exit without updating disk configuration)
Enter Selection: 1
Indicate the type of partition you want to create
1=SOLARIS2  2=UNIX      3=PCIXOS    4=Other
5=DOS12     6=DOS16     7=DOSEXT   8=DOSBIG
9=DOS16LBA A=x86 Boot  B=Diagnostic C=FAT32
D=FAT32LBA E=DOSEXTLBA F=EFI      0=Exit? 1
Indicate the percentage of the disk you want this partition
to use (or enter "c" to specify in cylinders). 80
Should this become the active partition? If yes, it will be
activated each time the computer is reset or turned on.
Please type "y" or "n". y
      Total disk size is 3498 cylinders
      Cylinder size is 1199 (512 byte) blocks
                                Cylinders
Partition  Status  Type           Start  End  Length  %
=====  =====  =====
          1           DOS-BIG         1   699    699    20
          2      Active   Solaris2       700 3497   2798    80

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
1. Create a partition
2. Specify the active partition
3. Delete a partition
4. Change between Solaris and Solaris2 Partition IDs
5. Exit (update disk configuration and exit)
6. Cancel (exit without updating disk configuration)
Enter Selection: 5
Partition 2 is now the Active partition
format> q
```

More Information After You Create a Solaris fdisk Partition ...

After you create a Solaris fdisk partition on the disk, you can create slices on the disk. Go to [“x86: How to Create Disk Slices and Label a Disk” on page 246](#).

▼ x86: How to Create Disk Slices and Label a Disk

- 1 **Become an administrator.**

- 2 **Invoke the format utility.**

```
# format
```

A numbered list of disks is displayed.

- 3 **Type the number of the disk that you want to repartition.**

```
Specify disk (enter its number): disk-number
```

where *disk-number* is the number of the disk that you want to repartition.

- 4 **Select the partition menu.**

```
format> partition
```

- 5 **Display the current partition (slice) table.**

```
partition> print
```

- 6 **Start the modification process.**

```
partition> modify
```

- 7 **Set the disk to all free hog.**

```
Choose base (enter number) [0]? 1
```

For more information about the free hog slice, see [“Using the Free Hog Slice”](#) on page 199.

- 8 **Create a new partition table by answering yes when prompted to continue.**

```
Do you wish to continue creating a new partition  
table based on above table[yes]? yes
```

- 9 **Identify the free hog partition (slice) and the sizes of the slices when prompted.**

When adding a system disk, you must set up slices for the following:

- root (slice 0) and swap (slice 1) and/or
- /usr (slice 6)

After you identify the slices, the new partition table is displayed.

- 10 **Make the displayed partition table the current partition table by answering yes when prompted.**

```
Okay to make this the current partition table[yes]? yes
```

If you don't want the current partition table and you want to change it, answer no and go to [Step 6](#).

11 Name the partition table.

Enter table name (remember quotes): "*partition-name*"

where *partition-name* is the name for the new partition table.

12 Label the disk with the new partition table after you have finished allocating slices on the new disk.

Ready to label disk, continue? **yes**

13 Quit the partition menu.

partition> **quit**

14 Verify the new disk label.

format> **verify**

15 Exit the format utility.

format> **quit**

More Information After You Create Disk Slices and Label a Disk ...

After you create disk slices and label the disk, you can create file systems on the disk. Go to [“x86: How to Create a UFS File System” on page 247](#).

▼ x86: How to Create a UFS File System**1 Become an administrator.****2 Create a file system for each slice.**

```
# newfs /dev/rdisk/cwtxdysz
```

where `/dev/rdisk/cwtxdysz` is the raw device for the file system to be created.

For more information about the `newfs` command, see [Chapter 19, “Creating ZFS, UFS, TMPFS, and LOFS File Systems \(Tasks\),”](#) or `newfs(1M)`.

3 Verify the new file system by mounting.

```
# mount /dev/dsk/cwtxdysz /mnt
# ls /mnt
lost+found
```

More Information After You Create a UFS File System ...

- **System Disk** – You need to restore the root (`/`) and `/usr` file systems on the disk.
 - Go to [Chapter 26, “Restoring UFS Files and File Systems \(Tasks\),”](#) in *System Administration Guide: Devices and File Systems*.

- After the root (/) and /usr file systems are restored, install the boot block. Go to “x86: How to Install a Boot Block on a System Disk” on page 248.
- **Secondary Disk** – You might need to restore file systems on the new disk. Go to Chapter 26, “Restoring UFS Files and File Systems (Tasks),” in *System Administration Guide: Devices and File Systems*. If you are not restoring file systems on the new disk, you are finished adding a secondary disk.
- For information on making the file systems available to users, see Chapter 20, “Mounting and Unmounting File Systems (Tasks).”

▼ x86: How to Install a Boot Block on a System Disk

1 Become an administrator.

2 Install the boot blocks on the system disk.

```
# /sbin/installgrub /boot/grub/stage1 /boot/grub/stage2 /dev/rdisk/cwtxdysz
```

/boot/grub/stage1 Is the partition boot file.

/boot/grub/stage2 Is the boot block code.

/dev/rdisk/cwtxdysz Is the raw device name that represents the location of the GRUB menu, /boot/grub/menu.lst on the Solaris root slice.

For more information, see [installgrub\(1M\)](#).

3 Verify that the boot blocks are installed by rebooting the system to run level 3.

```
# init 6
```

Example 13–4 x86: Installing a Boot Block on a System Disk

The following example shows how to install the boot blocks on an x86 system.

```
# /sbin/installgrub /boot/grub/stage1 /boot/grub/stage2 /dev/rdisk/c1d0s0
stage1 written to partition 0 sector 0 (abs 2016)
stage2 written to to partition 0, 227 sectors starting 50 (abs 2066)
```


Configuring iSCSI Storage Devices With COMSTAR

This chapter describes how to configure Common Multiprotocol SCSI TARget, or COMSTAR, a software framework that enables you to convert any Oracle Solaris 11 Express host into a SCSI target device that can be accessed over a storage network by initiator hosts.

This means you can take a system with storage devices and make those devices available to Linux, MacOS, or Windows client systems as if they were local storage devices. Supported storage protocols are iSCSI, FC, iSER, or SRP.

For information about the Solaris iSNS support, see [Chapter 15, “Configuring and Managing the Solaris Internet Storage Name Service \(iSNS\)”](#).

For information about using the iSCSI boot features that are available in this release, go to the following site:

[http://wikis.sun.com/
display/OpenSolarisInfo/iSCSI+Boot+for+OpenSolaris+User%27s+Guide](http://wikis.sun.com/display/OpenSolarisInfo/iSCSI+Boot+for+OpenSolaris+User%27s+Guide)

For troubleshooting Solaris iSCSI configuration problems, see [“Troubleshooting iSCSI Configuration Problems”](#) on page 276.

COMSTAR and iSCSI Technology (Overview)

iSCSI is an acronym for Internet SCSI (Small Computer System Interface), an Internet Protocol (IP)-based storage networking standard for linking data storage subsystems.

By carrying SCSI commands over IP networks, the iSCSI protocol enables you to access block devices from across the network as if they were connected to the local system. COMSTAR provides an easier way to manage these iSCSI *target devices*.

COMSTAR utilizes a SCSI Target Mode Framework (STMF) to manage target storage devices with the following components:

- Port providers (or plug-ins) — Implement protocols, such as Fibre Channel (FC) and iSCSI.
- Logical unit providers — Emulate various SCSI devices, such as disk and tape devices.
- The management library (libstmf) — Provides the COMSTAR management interface. The modules that implement the iSCSI functionality do not need to interact directly with the underlying transport. In a similar way, the modules that implement the transport protocol are unaware of the SCSI-level functionality that is inherent in the packets they are transporting. Some transport examples are Fibre Channel and iSCSI. The framework separates the execution and cleanup of SCSI commands and the associated resources. This separation simplifies the task of writing SCSI or transport modules.

The administration commands include:

```
stmfadm    manages SCSI LUNs
itadm      manages iSCSI targets
```

If you want to use storage devices in your existing TCP/IP network, the following solutions are available:

- iSCSI block devices or tape – Translates SCSI commands and data from the block level into IP packets. Using iSCSI in your network is advantageous when you need to have block-level access between one system and the target device, such as a tape device or a database. Access to a block-level device is not locked so that you could have multiple users or systems accessing a block-level device such as an iSCSI target device.
- NFS – Transfers file data over IP. The advantage of using NFS in your network is that you can share file data across many systems. Access to file data is locked appropriately when many users are accessing data that is available in an NFS environment.

Here are the benefits of using Solaris iSCSI targets and initiators:

- The iSCSI protocol runs across existing Ethernet networks.
 - You can use any supported network interface card (NIC), Ethernet hub, or Ethernet switch.
 - One IP port can handle multiple iSCSI target devices.
 - You can use existing infrastructure and management tools for IP networks.
- You might have existing Fibre-Channel devices that can be connected to clients without the cost of Fibre-Channel HBAs. In addition, systems with dedicated arrays can now export replicated storage with ZFS or UFS file systems.
- There is no upper limit on the maximum number of configured iSCSI target devices.
- The protocol can be used to connect to Fibre Channel or iSCSI Storage Area Network (SAN) environments with the appropriate hardware.

Here are the current limitations or restrictions of using the Solaris iSCSI initiator software:

- Support for iSCSI devices that use SLP is not currently available.

- iSCSI targets cannot be configured as dump devices.
- Transferring large amounts of data over your existing network can have an impact on performance.

COMSTAR Software and Hardware Requirements

- Solaris storage software and devices
- The storage-server software package for the system that provides the storage devices
- Any supported NIC

Configuring COMSTAR (Task Map)

Task	Description	For Instructions
1. Identify the COMSTAR software and hardware requirements.	Identify the software and hardware requirements for setting up an iSCSI storage network with COMSTAR.	“COMSTAR Software and Hardware Requirements” on page 251
2. Create SCSI logical units and make them available.	Enable the STMF service, create SCSI logical units, and make the logical units available. Make a logical unit available to all hosts or specific hosts for iSCSI or iSER configurations.	“How to Create an iSCSI LUN” on page 254
5. Configure the iSCSI target.	Configure the iSCSI target for the iSCSI storage component.	“How to Create the iSCSI Target” on page 256
6. Configure the iSCSI initiator.	Configure the system or systems that initiate SCSI requests to the iSCSI target.	“How to Configure an iSCSI Initiator” on page 256
7. Configure the iSCSI target discovery method.	Select the iSCSI target discovery method best suited for your environment.	“Configuring Dynamic or Static Target Discovery” on page 253
8. Access the iSCSI disks.	You can access your iSCSI disks with the format utility. You can also enable the iSCSI disks to be available automatically after the system is rebooted.	“How to Access iSCSI Disks” on page 258

Task	Description	For Instructions
9. Restrict LUN Access to Selected Systems	You might want to restrict LUN access to specific systems in the network.	“How to Restrict LUN Access to Selected Systems” on page 259
10. (Optional) Set up authentication in your Solaris iSCSI configuration.	Decide whether you want to use authentication in your Solaris iSCSI configuration: Consider using unidirectional CHAP or bidirectional CHAP. Consider using a third-party RADIUS server to simplify CHAP management.	“How to Configure CHAP Authentication for Your iSCSI Initiator” on page 261 “How to Configure CHAP Authentication for Your iSCSI Target” on page 262 “How to Configure RADIUS for Your iSCSI Configuration” on page 263
11. (Optional) Configure iSSCI Booting	You might want to boot and install Solaris from an iSCSI LUN	
12. (Optional) Remove discovered iSCSI targets.	You might need to remove a discovered iSCSI target.	“How to Remove Discovered iSCSI Targets” on page 269
13. Monitor your iSCSI configuration.	Monitor your iSCSI configuration by using the <code>iscsiadm</code> command.	“Monitoring Your iSCSI Configuration” on page 270
14. (Optional) Modify your iSCSI configuration.	You might want to modify your iSCSI target settings such as the header and data digest parameters.	“How to Modify iSCSI Initiator and Target Parameters” on page 273

Configuring COMSTAR

Configuring your Solaris iSCSI targets and initiators with COMSTAR involves the following steps:

- Identifying hardware and software requirements
- Configuring your IP network
- Connecting and setting up the iSCSI target device
- Configuring the initiators
- Configuring the iSCSI target discovery method
- Creating file systems on your iSCSI disks
- (Optional) Configuring iSCSI authentication between the iSCSI initiator and the iSCSI target, if necessary

- Monitoring your iSCSI configuration

The iSCSI configuration information is stored in the `/etc/iscsi` directory, but it requires no manual administration.

COMSTAR Terminology

Review the following terminology before configuring iSCSI targets and initiators.

Term	Description
Discovery	The process that presents the initiator with a list of available targets.
Discovery method	The way in which the iSCSI targets can be found. Three methods are currently available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Internet Storage Name Service (iSNS) – Potential targets are discovered by interacting with one or more iSNS servers. ■ SendTargets – Potential targets are discovered by using a <i>discovery-address</i>. ■ Static – Static target addressing is configured.
Initiator	The driver that initiates SCSI requests to the iSCSI target.
Initiator group	A set of initiators. When an initiator group is associated with a LUN, only initiators from that group may access the LUN.
Logical Unit	A uniquely numbered component in a storage system. Also referred to as a LUN. When a LUN is associated with one or more SCSI targets, the target can be accessed by one or more SCSI initiators.
Target device	The iSCSI storage component.
Target group	A set of targets. A LUN can be made available to all targets in one specific target group.
Target portal group	A list of IP addresses that determines which interfaces a specific iSCSI target will listen to. A TPG contains IP addresses and TCP port numbers

Configuring Dynamic or Static Target Discovery

Determine whether you want to configure one of the dynamic device discovery methods or use static iSCSI initiator targets to perform device discovery.

- **Dynamic device discovery** – If an iSCSI node exposes many targets, such as an iSCSI to Fibre-Channel bridge, you can supply the iSCSI node IP address/port combination and allow the iSCSI initiator to use the SendTargets features to perform device discovery.

Two dynamic device discovery methods are available:

- **SendTargets** - If an iSCSI node exposes a large number of targets, such as an iSCSI to Fibre-Channel bridge, you can supply the iSCSI node IP address/port combination and allow the iSCSI initiator to use the SendTargets features to perform the device discovery.
- **iSNS** - iSNS (Internet Storage Name Service) allows the iSCSI initiator to discover the targets to which it has access using as little configuration information as possible. It also provides state change notification to notify the iSCSI initiator when changes in the operational state of storage nodes occur. To use the iSNS discovery method, you can supply the iSNS server address/port combination and allow the iSCSI initiator to query the iSNS servers that you specified to perform the device discovery. The default port for the iSNS server is 3205. For more information about iSNS, see RFC 4171:

<http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc4171.txt>

The iSNS discovery service provides an administrative model to discover all targets in a network.

For more information about setting up Solaris iSNS support, see [Chapter 15, “Configuring and Managing the Solaris Internet Storage Name Service \(iSNS\).”](#)

- **Static device discovery** – If an iSCSI node has few targets or if you want to restrict the targets that the initiator attempts to access, you can statically configure the *target-name* by using the following static target address naming convention:

target,target-address[:port-number]

You can determine the static target address from the array's management tool.

Note – Do not configure an iSCSI target to be discovered by both static and dynamic device discovery methods. The consequence of using redundant discovery methods might be slow performance when the initiator is communicating with the iSCSI target device.

▼ How to Create an iSCSI LUN

The disk volume provided by the server is referred to as the *target*. When the LUN is associated with an iSCSI target, it can be accessed by an iSCSI initiator.

The following tasks are completed on the system that is providing the storage device.

1 Install the COMSTAR storage server software.

```
target# pkg install storage-server
  Packages to install:    19
        Create boot environment:    No
        Services to restart:    1
DOWNLOAD                PKGS      FILES    XFER (MB)
Completed                19/19    674/674   47.9/47.9

PHASE                    ACTIONS
Install Phase            1386/1386
```

PHASE	ITEMS
Package State Update Phase	19/19
Image State Update Phase	2/2

PHASE	ITEMS
Reading Existing Index	8/8
Indexing Packages	19/19
Indexing Packages	19/19
Optimizing Index...	

2 Enable the stmf service.

```
target# svcadm enable stmf
# svcs stmf
STATE          STIME      FMRI
online         09:42:32  svc:/system/stmf:default
```

3 Create a ZFS storage pool.

```
target# zpool create sanpool mirror c2t3d0 c2t4d0
```

4 Create a ZFS volume to be used as a SCSI logical unit.

```
target# zfs create -V 2g sanpool/vol1
```

5 Create a LUN for the ZFS volume.

```
target# stmfadm create-lu /dev/zvol/rdisk/sanpool/vol1
Logical unit created: 600144F0C49A050000004CC84BE20001
```

You can find the device path for the ZFS volume in `/dev/zvol/rdisk/pool-name/`.

6 Confirm that the LUN is created.

```
target# stmfadm list-lu
LU Name: 600144F0C49A050000004CC84BE20001
```

7 Add the LUN view.

This command makes the LUN accessible to all systems.

```
target# stmfadm add-view 600144F0C49A050000004CC84BE20001
```

If you want to restrict the LUN view to specific systems, see [“How to Restrict LUN Access to Selected Systems” on page 259](#).

8 Verify the LUN configuration.

```
target# stmfadm list-view -l 600144F0C49A050000004CC84BE20001
View Entry: 0
  Host group   : All
  Target group : All
  LUN          : 0
```

▼ How to Create the iSCSI Target

This procedure assumes that you are logged in to the local system that contains the iSCSI targets.

1 Start the iSCSI target service.

```
target# svcadm enable -r svc:/network/iscsi/target:default
```

Confirm that the service is started.

```
target# svcs -l iscsi/target
fmri          svc:/network/iscsi/target:default
name         iscsi target
enabled      true
state        online
next_state   none
state_time   Wed Oct 27 09:59:59 2010
logfile      /var/svc/log/network-iscsi-target:default.log
restarter    svc:/system/svc/restarter:default
dependency   require_any/error svc:/milestone/network (online)
dependency   require_all/none  svc:/system/stmf:default (online)
```

2 Create the iSCSI target.

```
target# itadm create-target
```

```
Target iqn.1986-03.com.sun:02:a4a694bc-6de2-ee50-8979-e25ba29acb86 successfully created
```

3 Display the iSCSI target information.

```
target# itadm list-target -v
```

TARGET NAME	STATE	SESSIONS
iqn.1986-03.com.sun:02:a4a694bc-6de2-ee50-8979-e25ba29acb86	online	0
alias:	-	
auth:	none (defaults)	
targetchapuser:	-	
targetchapsecret:	unset	
tpg-tags:	default	

▼ How to Configure an iSCSI Initiator

Part of initiator configuration process is to identify the iSCSI target discovery process, which presents an initiator with a list of available targets. You can configure iSCSI Targets for static, Send Targets, or iSNS dynamic discovery. Dynamic discovery using the Send Targets option is the optimum configuration for an iSCSI initiator that accesses a large number of targets, such over an iSCSI to Fibre Channel bridge. Send Targets dynamic discovery requires the IP address and port combination of the iSCSI target for the iSCSI initiator to be able to perform the device discovery. The most common discovery method is Send Targets.

When configuring target discovery, you will need to provide the following information:

- Static — Target IP address and target name

- Send Targets — Target IP address
- iSNS — iSNS server address

For more information about configuring target discovery methods, see “[Configuring Dynamic or Static Target Discovery](#)” on page 253.

1 Enable the iSCSI initiator service.

```
initiator# svcadm enable network/iscsi/initiator
```

2 Verify the target's name and IP address while logged into the server that is providing the target.

```
target# ifconfig -a
lo0: flags=2001000849<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING,MULTICAST,IPv4,VIRTUAL> mtu 8232 index 1
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask ff000000
e1000g0: flags=1004843<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST,DHCP,IPv4> mtu 1500 index 6
    inet 10.10.46.83 netmask ffffffff broadcast 10.10.46.255
    ether 0:1e:68:2f:4f:62
lo0: flags=2002000849<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING,MULTICAST,IPv6,VIRTUAL> mtu 8252 index 1
    inet6 ::1/128
e1000g0: flags=20002004841<UP,RUNNING,MULTICAST,DHCP,IPv6> mtu 1500 index 6
    inet6 fe80::21e:68ff:fe2f:4f62/10
    ether 0:1e:68:2f:4f:62
target# itadm list-target
TARGET NAME                               STATE    SESSIONS
iqn.1986-03.com.sun:02:71561778-137f-ca37-dd31-9f833173ce6b  online  0
```

3 Configure the device to be statically discovered.

```
initiator# iscsiadm add static-config qn.1986-03.com.sun:02:71561778-137f-ca37-dd31-9f833173ce6b,
10.10.46.83
```

4 Review the static configuration information.

```
initiator# iscsiadm list static-config
Static Configuration Target: iqn.1986-03.com.sun:02:71561778-137f-ca37-dd31-9f833173ce6b,
10.10.46.86:3260
```

The iSCSI connection is not initiated until the discovery method is enabled. See the next step.

5 Configure a target discovery method using one of the following:

- If you have configured a dynamically discovered (SendTargets) device, configure the SendTargets discovery method.

```
initiator# iscsiadm add discovery-address 10.10.46.83:3260
```

- If you have configured a dynamically discovered (iSNS) device, configure the iSNS discovery method.

```
initiator# iscsiadm add isns-server 10.10.46.82
```

6 Enable the target discovery method using one of the following:

- If you have configured a dynamically discovered (SendTargets) device, enable the SendTargets discovery method.

```
initiator# iscsiadm modify discovery --sendtargets enable
```

- If you have configured a dynamically discovered (iSNS) device, enable the iSNS discovery method.

```
initiator# iscsiadm modify discovery --iSNS enable
```

- If you have configured static targets, enable the static target discovery method.

```
initiator# iscsiadm modify discovery --static enable
```

7 Reconfigure the /dev namespace to recognize the iSCSI disk.

```
initiator# devfsadm -i iscsi
```

▼ How to Access iSCSI Disks

If you want to access the iSCSI disks upon reboot, create the file system on the disk, and add an `/etc/vfstab` entry as you would with any UFS file system on a SCSI device. Then, create a new SMF service for mounting iSCSI disks that depends on the iSCSI initiator service. For more information, see [“How to Access iSCSI Disks Upon Reboot” on page 259](#).

After the devices have been discovered by the Solaris iSCSI initiator, the login negotiation occurs automatically. The Solaris iSCSI driver determines the number of available LUNs and creates the device nodes. Then, the iSCSI devices can be treated as any other SCSI device.

You can view the iSCSI disks on the local system by using the `format` utility.

1 Review the iSCSI LUN information in the format output.

```
initiator# format
AVAILABLE DISK SELECTIONS:
 0. c3t0d0 <SUN36G cyl 24620 alt 2 hd 27 sec 107>
   /pci@1f,700000/scsi@2/sd@0,0
 1. c3t1d0 <HITACHI-DK32EJ36NSUN36G-PQ0B-33.92GB>
   /pci@1f,700000/scsi@2/sd@1,0
 2. c3t2d0 <SUN36G cyl 24620 alt 2 hd 27 sec 107>
   /pci@1f,700000/scsi@2/sd@2,0
 3. c3t3d0 <SUN36G cyl 24620 alt 2 hd 27 sec 107>
   /pci@1f,700000/scsi@2/sd@3,0
 4. c13t600144F0C49A050000004CC84BE20001d0 <SUN-COMSTAR-1.0 cyl 16382 alt 2 hd 8 sec 32>
   /scsi_vhci/ssd@g600144f0c49a050000004cc84be20001
```

In the above `format` output, disks 0–3 are local disks. Disk 4 is an iSCSI LUN under MPxIO control.

2 You can create a ZFS storage pool and ZFS file systems on the iSCSI LUN.

```
initiator# zpool create pool-name c13t600144F0C49A050000004CC84BE20001d0
initiator# zfs create pool-name/fs-name
```

▼ How to Access iSCSI Disks Upon Reboot

Follow the steps below to access iSCSI disks after the system is rebooted. This procedure assumes that you are logged into the initiator.

- 1 **Become an administrator.**
- 2 **Add entries for the iSCSI LUN(s) to the `/etc/vfstab` file. Set the mount at boot option to `iscsi`.**

```
initiator# vi /etc/vfstab
#device      device      mount      FS      fsck      mount      mount
#to mount    to fsck     point      type     pass     at boot    options
#
/dev/dsk/device-name    -      /mnt      ufs      -        iscsi     -
```

▼ How to Restrict LUN Access to Selected Systems

Use this procedure to restrict logical units to selected hosts on a storage network. If you are using Fibre Channel ports, first identify the World Wide Names (WWN). Then, selectively map a logical unit number (LUN) to the ports on host -a, for example. A target group (targets-0) is also defined for a given set of target ports that export the same set of logical units to the same host group.

For information on configuring a target group, see [stmfadm\(1M\)](#).

- 1 **Become an administrator.**
- 2 **Identify the FC port on the initiator. For example:**

```
initiator# fcinfo hba-port
HBA Port WWN: 210000e08b195dae
  Port Mode: Initiator
  Port ID: 0
  OS Device Name: /dev/cfg/c8
  Manufacturer: QLogic Corp.
  Model: 375-3108-xx
  Firmware Version: 03.03.28
  FCode/BIOS Version: fcode: 1.13;
  Serial Number: not available
  Driver Name: qlc
  Driver Version: 20100408-3.01
  Type: unknown
  State: offline
  Supported Speeds: 1Gb 2Gb
  Current Speed: not established
  Node WWN: 200000e08b195dae
  NPIV Not Supported
.
.
.
```

3 Create a host group.

```
target# stmfadm create-hg host-a 210000e08b195dae 210100e08b395dae
```

4 Add the WWNs identified in the above output as members to the host group.

```
target# stmfadm add-hg-member -g host-a
```

5 Create a target group.

```
target# stmfadm create-tg targets-0
```

6 Specify the target group members by adding the target names.

Each SCSI target can be a member of only one target group.

```
target# stmfadm add-tg-member -g targets-0 wwn.guid-number
```

7 Identify the GUID number for the logical unit.

```
target# stmfadm list-lu -v
```

8 Make the logical unit available by adding a view entry, specifying the host group name and the logical unit GUID number.

```
target# stmfadm add-view -h host-a -t targets-0 -n 1 guid-number
```

Configuring Authentication in Your iSCSI-Based Storage Network

Setting up authentication for your iSCSI devices is optional.

In a secure environment, authentication is not required because only trusted initiators can access the targets.

In a less secure environment, the target cannot determine if a connection request is truly from a given host. In that case, the target can authenticate an initiator by using the Challenge-Handshake Authentication Protocol (CHAP).

CHAP authentication uses the notion of a challenge and response, which means that the target challenges the initiator to prove its identity. For the challenge/response method to work, the target must know the initiator's secret key, and the initiator must be set up to respond to a challenge. Refer to the array vendor's documentation for instructions on setting up the secret key on the array.

iSCSI supports unidirectional and bidirectional authentication:

- *Unidirectional authentication* enables the target to authenticate the identity of the initiator.
- *Bidirectional authentication* adds a second level of security by enabling the initiator to authenticate the identity of the target.

▼ How to Configure CHAP Authentication for Your iSCSI Initiator

This procedure assumes that you are logged in to the local system where you want to securely access the configured iSCSI target device.

1 Become an administrator.

For more information, see “[How to Obtain Administrative Rights](#)” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

2 Determine whether you want to configure unidirectional or bidirectional CHAP.

- Unidirectional authentication, the default method, enables the target to validate the initiator. Complete steps 3–5 only.
- Bidirectional authentication adds a second level of security by enabling the initiator to authenticate the target. Complete steps 3–9.

3 Unidirectional CHAP – Set the secret key on the initiator.

For example, the following command initiates a dialogue to define the CHAP secret key.

```
initiator# iscsiadm modify initiator-node --CHAP-secret
```

Note – The CHAP secret length must be a minimum of 12 characters and a maximum of 16 characters.

4 (Optional) Unidirectional CHAP – Set the CHAP name on the initiator.

By default, the initiator's CHAP name is set to the initiator node name.

You can use the following command to change the initiator's CHAP name.

```
initiator# iscsiadm modify initiator-node --CHAP-name new-CHAP-name
```

In the Solaris environment, the CHAP name is always set to the initiator node name by default. The CHAP name can be set to any length text that is less than 512 bytes. The 512-byte length limit is a Solaris limitation. However, if you do not set the CHAP name, it is set to the initiator node name upon initialization.

5 Unidirectional CHAP – Enable CHAP authentication on the initiator after the secret has been set.

```
initiator# iscsiadm modify initiator-node --authentication CHAP
```

CHAP requires that the initiator node have both a user name and a password. The user name is typically used by the target to look up the secret for the given username.

6 Select one of the following to enable or disable Bidirectional CHAP.

- Bidirectional CHAP – Enable bidirectional authentication parameters.

For example:

```
initiator# iscsiadm modify target-param -B enable target-iqn
```

- Disable bidirectional CHAP. For example:

```
initiator# iscsiadm modify target-param -B disable target-iqn
```

7 Bidirectional CHAP – Set the authentication method to CHAP.

For example:

```
initiator# iscsiadm modify target-param --authentication CHAP target-iqn
```

8 Bidirectional CHAP – Set the target device secret key.

For example, the following command initiates a dialogue to define the CHAP secret key:

```
initiator# iscsiadm modify target-param --CHAP-secret target-iqn
```

9 Bidirectional CHAP - Set the CHAP name.

By default, the target's CHAP name is set to the target name.

You can use the following command to change the target's CHAP name:

```
initiator# iscsiadm modify target-param --CHAP-name target-CHAP-name
```

▼ How to Configure CHAP Authentication for Your iSCSI Target

This procedure assumes that you are logged in to the local system that contains the iSCSI targets.

1 Become an administrator.

2 Determine whether you want to configure unidirectional or bidirectional CHAP.

- Unidirectional authentication is the default method, complete steps 3-5 only.
- Bidirectional authentication, complete steps 3-7.

3 Unidirectional/Bidirectional CHAP: Create an initiator-context that describes the initiator.

Create the initiator context with the initiator's full node name and with the initiator CHAP secret.

```
target# itadm modify-target -a chap target-iqn
```

4 Unidirectional/Bidirectional CHAP: Create an initiator-context that describes the initiator.

Create the initiator context with the initiator's full node name and with the initiator CHAP secret.

```
target# itadm create-initiator -s initiator-iqn
Enter CHAP secret: *****
Re-enter secret: *****
```

5 Unidirectional/Bidirectional CHAP: If the initiator uses an alternate CHAP name, then configure the initiator-context with the alternate name.

```
target# itadm modify-initiator -u initiator-CHAP-name initiator-iqn
```

6 Bidirectional CHAP: Set the target device secret key that identifies this target.

```
target# itadm modify-target -s target-iqn
Enter CHAP secret: *****
Re-enter secret: *****
```

7 Bidirectional CHAP: (Optional) If the target uses an alternate target CHAP name other than the target node name (iqn), modify the target.

```
target# itadm modify-target -u target-CHAP-name target-iqn
```

Using a Third-Party RADIUS Server to Simplify CHAP Management in Your iSCSI Configuration

You can use a third-party RADIUS server to simplify CHAP secret management. A RADIUS server is a centralized authentication service. While you must still specify the initiator's CHAP secret, you are no longer required to specify each target's CHAP secret on each initiator when using bidirectional authentication with a RADIUS server.

For more information, see:

- CHAP – <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc1994.txt>
- RADIUS – <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2865.txt>

▼ How to Configure RADIUS for Your iSCSI Configuration

This procedure assumes that you are logged in to the local system where you want to securely access the configured iSCSI target device.

1 Become superuser.**2 Configure the initiator node with the IP address and port (the default port is 1812) of the RADIUS server.**

For example:

```
initiator# iscsiadm modify initiator-node --radius-server 10.0.0.72:1812
```

3 Configure the initiator node with the shared secret of the RADIUS server.

```
initiator# iscsiadm modify initiator-node --radius-shared-secret
```

Note – The Solaris iSCSI implementation requires that the RADIUS server is configured with a shared secret before the Solaris iSCSI software can interact with the RADIUS server.

4 Enable the RADIUS server.

```
initiator# iscsiadm modify initiator-node --radius-access enable
```

Solaris iSCSI and RADIUS Server Error Messages

This section describes the error messages that are related to a Solaris iSCSI and RADIUS server configuration, along with potential solutions for recovery.

empty RADIUS shared secret

Cause: The RADIUS server is enabled on the initiator, but the RADIUS shared secret is not set.

Solution: Configure the initiator with the RADIUS shared secret. For more information, see “[How to Configure RADIUS for Your iSCSI Configuration](#)” on page 263.

WARNING: RADIUS packet authentication failed

Cause: The initiator failed to authenticate the RADIUS data packet. This error can occur if the shared secret configured on the initiator node is different from the shared secret on the RADIUS server.

Reconfigure the initiator with the correct RADIUS shared secret. For more information, see “[How to Configure RADIUS for Your iSCSI Configuration](#)” on page 263.

Booting and Installing Solaris From an iSCSI LUN

Hardware and Software Requirements for iSCSI Booting

The iSCSI boot requirements are as follows:

- **Hardware**
 - SPARC — A sun4v system with Open Boot PROM version 4.32 and a NIC that supports iSCSI booting
 - x86 — A NIC that supports iSCSI booting. Currently, you must install iBFT Boot ROM image to update the NIC to support iSCSI booting. Intel NICs with iBFT support are as follows:
 - All Intel PCI-Express based server adapters support Solaris releases <http://www.intel.com/support/network/adapter/pro100/sb/CS-028681.htm>
Steps for updating NIC would be here.
- **Software**

Oracle Solaris Express build 127 at least. See xxx for upgrading your Open Solaris 2009.06 system to Oracle Solaris Express build 151a.

iSCSI Boot Process Overview

The general process for booting and installing Solaris from an iSCSI LUN is as follows:

- Ensure that your SPARC or x86 system supports iSCSI booting

- Configure DHCP — If you are using the automated installation, you can use the iSCSI/DHCP keywords to identify the iSCSI parameter source from DHCP. For more information, see xxx below.
- Configure the iSCSI LUN — the iSCSI LUN must be available and accessible so that it can be accessed during the installation
- Select a Solaris installation method:
 - Automated installation — Provides the `target_device` keyword that you can use to configure iSCSI target device information. You identify the iSCSI target device that is selected during the automated installation process by configuring iSCSI target information by using the `target_device` keyword.
Review the following issues before using the automated installation method:
 - Security issue — CHAP password for iSCSI device cannot be transmitted securely to an install client during an automated installation. This is CR 7004754.
 - Two NICs can be used with automated installation as follows:
 - Use PXE boot for x86 installation
 - iSCSI boot should use NIC with iBFT support
 - PXE and iBFT may not coexist on one NIC due to ROM size
 - Disable the NWAM services — This is CR 6974162.
 - Solaris LiveCD installation — Open a shell window to configure iSCSI device access during the installation. Complete the installation and disable the NWAM service to complete the boot process.
 - Solaris text installation — Select the Shell option from the installation menu to configure iSCSI device access. Complete the installation and disable the NWAM service to complete the boot process.

▼ How to Install the Oracle Solaris Release on an iSCSI LUN

1 Select the installation method.

- LiveCD
- Text installation
- Automated installation

The steps below include the selected installation method so be sure that you follow the instructions for the selected installation method. For example, in steps 3, 4, or 5, you configure the iSCSI LUN based on the selected installation method.

2 Automated Installation — Follow these steps to automatically install a system with an iSCSI device.

a. Confirm that the iSCSI LUN is available and accessible.

b. Configure iSCSI device information in DHCP, if necessary.

Add the following keywords to the installation manifest to identify that the iSCSI target information is provided by DHCP.

```
<target_device_iscsi_parameter_source>DHCP</target_device_iscsi_parameter_source>
```

c. Add the target-device keywords to the installation manifest to identify the following information:

- `target_device_iscsi_target_name`
- `target_device_iscsi_target_ip`
- `target_device_iscsi_target_port`
- `target_device_iscsi_target_lun`

d. Disable the NWAM service.

Starting in b144 and higher, the `var/ai/<port_number>/AI_data/default.xml` file contains the following section to enable the NWAM service:

```
<service name="network/physical" version="1" type="service">
  <instance name="nwam" enabled="true"/>
  <instance name="default" enabled="false"/></service>
```

You can determine the *port-number* value in the following way:

```
# installadm list -n <install_service>
```

Modify the `default.xml` manifest to disable NWAM as follows:

```
<instance name="nwam" enabled="false"/>
<instance name="default" enabled="true"/>
```

e. Start the installation by booting the installation client from the network.**3 LiveCD — Follow these steps to install a system with an iSCSI device from the LiveCD.****a. Configure the iSCSI device to be dynamically discovered in a terminal window before the installation.**

```
# iscsiadm add discovery-address iscsi-target-ip
```

b. Enable the iSCSI discovery method.

```
# iscsiadm modify discovery -t enable
```

c. Confirm that the iSCSI LUN is available.

```
# iscsiadm list target -S
```

d. Start the LiveCD installation.

- e. **Select the disk with the device name that matches the iSCSI UUID.**

Then, continue the installation.

- f. **Disable the NWAM service after the installation is complete.**

From a terminal or shell window, manually mount the new boot environment, edit the network service configuration, and unmount the BE prior to booting as follows:

```
# beadm mount solaris /a
# svccfg
svc:> repository /a/etc/svc/repository.db
svc:> select nwam
svc:/network/physical/nwam:> setprop general/enabled=false
svc:/network/physical/nwam:> unselect
svc:/network/physical> select network/physical:default
svc:/network/physical:default> setprop general/enabled=true
svc:/network/physical:default> unselect
svc:/network/physical> exit

# beadm umount solaris
# init 6
```

- 4 **Text installation — Follow these steps to install a system with an iSCSI device by using the text installation.**

- a. **Start the text installation and select option 3 – Shell to open a shell window.**

- b. **Configure the iSCSI device to be dynamically discovered from the shell window.**

```
# iscsiadm add discovery-address iscsi-target-ip
```

- c. **Enable the iSCSI discovery method.**

```
# iscsiadm modify discovery -t enable
```

- d. **Confirm that the iSCSI LUN is available.**

```
# iscsiadm list target -S
```

- e. **From the shell window, type `text-install` to restart the text installation.**

- f. **Select the iSCSI disk that is visible in the Type (iSCSI) column.**

Then, continue the installation.

- g. **Disable the NWAM service after the installation is complete.**

From a terminal or shell window, manually mount the new boot environment, edit the network service configuration, and unmount the BE prior to booting as follows:

```
# beadm mount solaris /a
# svccfg
svc:> repository /a/etc/svc/repository.db
svc:> select nwam
svc:/network/physical/nwam:> setprop general/enabled=false
```

```

svc:/network/physical/nwam:> unselect
svc:/network/physical> select network/physical:default
svc:/network/physical:default> setprop general/enabled=true
svc:/network/physical:default> unselect
svc:/network/physical> exit

```

```

# beadm umount solaris
# init 6

```

▼ How to Boot Solaris from an iSCSI LUN (x86)

1 Configure the iSCSI parameters in the NIC firmware.

For example, configure an Intel NIC as follows:

- a. Press Control + D to configure the firmware.
- b. Press Return at the iSCSI Port Selection. How do you select this?
- c. Select the iSCSI Boot Configuration option.
- d. At the iSCSI Boot Configuration screen, input the required iSCSI initiator and target information, such as the Initiator Name, Target Name, Target IP, Target Port and Boot LUN.
- e. Save changes and exit.

2 Configure the NIC as the first boot device in the system's BIOS.

From the system setup menu, select the NIC as the first device for the Boot Drive Order option.

3 Boot the system.

If successful, you will see adapter initialization messages and then the iSCSI target IP address information. Next, you will see the Oracle Solaris 11 GRUB menu.

▼ How to Boot Solaris from an iSCSI LUN (SPARC)

The system stops at the ok prompt after the system installation is complete. You must manually enter the required iSCSI boot information to boot the system. This is CR 6945884.

1 At the PROM prompt, enter the following boot net command.

For example, configure an Intel NIC as follows:

```

boot net:iscsi-target-IP=target-IP,
iscsi-target-name=target-name,
host-ip=host-ip
[,router-ip=router-ip]
[,subnet-mask=mask-ip]
[,iscsi-port=dest-port]
[,iscsi-lun=lun]
[,iscsi-partition=partition]

```

For example:

```
ok boot net:iscsi-target-ip=10.13.21.227,iscsi-target-name=iqn.1986-03.com.sun
:02:zhaobing,host-ip=10.13.49.129,iscsi-lun=0,router-ip=10.13.149.1
```

2 Configure the NIC as the first boot device in the system's BIOS.

From the system setup menu, select the NIC as the first device for the Boot Drive Order option.

3 Boot the system.

If successful, you will see adapter initialization messages and then the iSCSI target IP address information. Next, you will see the Oracle Solaris 11 GRUB menu.

▼ How to Remove Discovered iSCSI Targets

After removing a discovery address, iSNS server, or static configuration, or after disabling a discovery method, the associated targets are logged out. If these associated targets are still in use, for example, they have mounted file systems, the logout of these devices will fail, and they will remain on the active target list.

This optional procedure assumes that you are logged in to the local system where access to an iSCSI target device has already been configured.

1 Become superuser.

2 (Optional) Disable an iSCSI target discovery method using one of the following:

- If you need to disable the SendTargets discovery method, use the following command:

```
initiator# iscsiadm modify discovery --sendtargets disable
```

- If you need to disable the iSNS discovery method, use the following command:

```
initiator# iscsiadm modify discovery --isns disable
```

- If you need to disable the static target discovery method, use the following command:

```
initiator# iscsiadm modify discovery --static disable
```

3 Remove an iSCSI device discovery entry using one of the following:

- Remove an iSCSI SendTargets discovery entry.

For example:

```
initiator# iscsiadm remove discovery-address 10.0.0.1:3260
```

- Remove an iSCSI iSNS discovery entry.

For example:

```
# iscsiadm remove isns-server 10.0.0.1:3205
```

- Remove a static iSCSI discovery entry.

For example:

```
initiator# iscsiadm remove static-config eui.5000ABCD78945E2B,10.0.0.1
```

Note – If you attempt to disable or remove a discovery entry that has an associated logical unit in use, the disable or remove operation fails with the following message:

```
logical unit in use
```

If this errors occurs, stop all associated I/O on the logical unit, unmount the file systems, and so on. Then, repeat the disable or remove operation.

4 Remove the iSCSI target device.

For example:

```
initiator# itadm delete-target target-IQN
```

▼ Monitoring Your iSCSI Configuration

You can display information about the iSCSI initiator and target devices by using the `iscsiadm list` command.

- 1 Become superuser.
- 2 Display information about the iSCSI initiator.

For example:

```
# iscsiadm list initiator-node
Initiator node name: iqn.1986-03.com.sun:01:0003ba4d233b.425c293c
Initiator node alias: zzr1200
  Login Parameters (Default/Configured):
    Header Digest: NONE/-
    Data Digest: NONE/-
  Authentication Type: NONE
  RADIUS Server: NONE
  RADIUS access: unknown
  Configured Sessions: 1
```

- 3 Display information about which discovery methods are in use.

For example:

```
# iscsiadm list discovery
Discovery:
  Static: enabled
  Send Targets: enabled
  iSNS: enabled
```

Example 14-1 Displaying iSCSI Target Information

The following example shows how to display the parameter settings for a specific iSCSI target.

```
# iscsiadm list target-param iqn.1992-08.com.abcstorage:sn.33592219
Target: iqn.1992-08.com.abcstorage:sn.33592219
```

The `iscsiadm list target-param -v` command displays the following information:

- The authentication settings for the target
- The default settings for the target login parameters
- The configured value for each login parameter

The `iscsiadm list target-param -v` command displays the *default* parameter value before the / designator and the *configured* parameter value after the / designator. If you have not configured any parameters, the configured parameter value displays as a hyphen (-). For more information, see the following examples.

```
# iscsiadm list target-param -v eui.50060e8004275511 Target: eui.50060e8004275511
Alias: -
Bi-directional Authentication: disabled
Authentication Type: NONE
Login Parameters (Default/Configured):
    Data Sequence In Order: yes/-
    Data PDU In Order: yes/-
    Default Time To Retain: 20/-
    Default Time To Wait: 2/-
    Error Recovery Level: 0/-
    First Burst Length: 65536/-
    Immediate Data: yes/-
    Initial Ready To Transfer (R2T): yes/-
    Max Burst Length: 262144/-
    Max Outstanding R2T: 1/-
    Max Receive Data Segment Length: 65536/-
    Max Connections: 1/-
    Header Digest: NONE/-
    Data Digest: NONE/-
Configured Sessions: 1
```

The following example output displays the parameters that were negotiated between the target and the initiator.

```
# iscsiadm list target -v eui.50060e8004275511
Target: eui.50060e8004275511
TPGT: 1
ISID: 4000002a0000
Connections: 1
CID: 0
IP address (Local): 172.90.101.71:32813
IP address (Peer): 172.90.101.40:3260
Discovery Method: Static
Login Parameters (Negotiated):
    Data Sequence In Order: yes
    Data PDU In Order: yes
```

```
Default Time To Retain: 0
Default Time To Wait: 3
Error Recovery Level: 0
First Burst Length: 65536
Immediate Data: yes
Initial Ready To Transfer (R2T): yes
Max Burst Length: 262144
Max Outstanding R2T: 1
Max Receive Data Segment Length: 65536
Max Connections: 1
Header Digest: NONE
Data Digest: NONE
```

Modifying iSCSI Initiator and Target Parameters

You can modify parameters on both the iSCSI initiator and the iSCSI target device. However, the only parameters that can be modified on the iSCSI initiator are the following:

- iSCSI initiator node name – You can change the initiator node name to a different name. If you change the initiator node name, the targets that were discovered by iSNS might be removed from the initiator's target list, depending on the discovery domain configuration on the iSNS server at the time when the name was changed. For more information, see [“How to Modify iSCSI Initiator and Target Parameters” on page 273](#).
- Header digest – NONE, the default value or CRC32.
- Data digest – NONE, the default value or CRC32.
- Authentication and CHAP secret – For more information about setting up authentication, see [“How to Configure CHAP Authentication for Your iSCSI Initiator” on page 261](#).

The iSCSI driver provides default values for the iSCSI initiator and iSCSI target device parameters. If you modify the parameters of the iSCSI initiator, the modified parameters are inherited by the iSCSI target device, unless the iSCSI target device already has different values.



Caution – Ensure that the target software supports the parameter to be modified. Otherwise, you might be unable to log in to the iSCSI target device. See your array documentation for a list of supported parameters.

Modifying iSCSI parameters should be done when I/O between the initiator and the target is complete. The iSCSI driver reconnects the session after the changes are made by using the `iscsiadm modify` command.

Tuning iSCSI Parameters

You can tune the timeout length for iSCSI connections with the `iscsiadm modify -T` command. These tunable parameters apply to the active connection, and change the behavior of the iSCSI initiator and the targets that connect to the initiator. The ability to dynamically tune parameters provides flexibility when configuring your iSCSI initiators.

You can tune the following iSCSI parameters.

TABLE 14-1 iSCSI Tunable Parameters

Parameter Name	Description	Valid Values (seconds)	Default Value (seconds)
recv-login-rsp-timeout	Session login response time - Specifies how long an iSCSI initiator waits for the response of an iSCSI session login request from the given iSCSI target.	0 - 3600	60
conn-login-max	Maximum connection retry time - Determines the maximum iSCSI initiator connection retry time, after the iSCSI initiator to target IO times out or the connection fails.	0 - 3600	180
polling-login-delay	Login retry time interval - Determines the time interval between each iSCSI session login retry, after the iSCSI initiator to target IO times out or the connection fails.	0 - 3600	60

▼ How to Tune iSCSI Parameters

1 Display all tunable iSCSI parameters.

```
# iscsiadm list initiator-node

# iscsiadm list target-param [target-name]
```

For example:

```
# iscsiadm list initiator-node
```

2 Tune an iSCSI parameter.

```
# iscsiadm modify target-param -T tunable-prop=value target-name
```

For example, to set the maximum connection retry time to 90 seconds, use syntax similar to the following:

```
# iscsiadm modify initiator-node -T conn-login-max=90
```

▼ How to Modify iSCSI Initiator and Target Parameters

The first part of this procedure illustrates how modified parameters of the iSCSI initiator are inherited by the iSCSI target device. The second part of this procedure shows how to actually modify parameters on the iSCSI target device.

This optional procedure assumes that you are logged in to the local system where access to an iSCSI target device has already been configured.

- 1 **Become superuser.**
- 2 **List the current parameters of the iSCSI initiator and target device.**
 - a. **List the current parameters of the iSCSI initiator. For example:**

```
initiator# iscsiadm list initiator-node
Initiator node name: iqn.1986-03.com.sun:01:0003ba4d233b.425c293c
Initiator node alias: zzf1200
    Login Parameters (Default/Configured):
        Header Digest: NONE/-
        Data Digest: NONE/-
    Authentication Type: NONE
    RADIUS Server: NONE
    RADIUS access: unknown
    Configured Sessions: 1
```

- b. **List the current parameters of the iSCSI target device. For example:**

```
initiator# iscsiadm list target-param -v iqn.1992-08.com.abcstorage:sn.84186266
Target: iqn.1992-08.com.abcstorage:sn.84186266
Alias: -
Bi-directional Authentication: disabled
Authentication Type: NONE
Login Parameters (Default/Configured):
    Data Sequence In Order: yes/-
    Data PDU In Order: yes/-
    Default Time To Retain: 20/-
    Default Time To Wait: 2/-
    Error Recovery Level: 0/-
    First Burst Length: 65536/-
    Immediate Data: yes/-
    Initial Ready To Transfer (R2T): yes/-
    Max Burst Length: 262144/-
    Max Outstanding R2T: 1/-
    Max Receive Data Segment Length: 65536/-
    Max Connections: 1/-
    Header Digest: NONE/-
    Data Digest: NONE/-
    Configured Sessions: 1
```

Note that both header digest and data digest parameters are currently set to NONE for both the iSCSI initiator and the iSCSI target device.

To review the default parameters of the iSCSI target device, see the `iscsiadm list target-param` output in [Example 14-1](#).

- 3 **Modify the parameter of the iSCSI initiator.**

For example, set the header digest to CRC32.

```
initiator# iscsiadm modify initiator-node -h CRC32
```

If you change the initiator node name, the targets that were discovered by iSNS might be logged out and removed from the initiator's target list, if the new name does not belong to the same discovery domain as that of the targets. However, if the targets are in use, they are not removed. For example, if a file is open or a file system is mounted on these targets, the targets will not be removed.

You might also see new targets after the name change if these targets and the new initiator node name belong to the same discovery domain.

4 Verify that the parameter was modified.

a. Display the updated parameter information for the iSCSI initiator. For example:

```
initiator# iscsiadm list initiator-node
Initiator node name: iqn.1986-03.com.sun:01:0003ba4d233b.425c293c
Initiator node alias: z zr1200
  Login Parameters (Default/Configured):
    Header Digest: NONE/CRC32
    Data Digest: NONE/-
  Authentication Type: NONE
  RADIUS Server: NONE
  RADIUS access: unknown
  Configured Sessions: 1
```

Note that the header digest is now set to CRC32.

b. Display the updated parameter information for the iSCSI target device. For example:

```
initiator# iscsiadm list target-param -v iqn.1992-08.com.abcstorage:sn.84186266
Target: iqn.1992-08.com.abcstorage:sn.84186266
Alias: -
Bi-directional Authentication: disabled
Authentication Type: NONE
Login Parameters (Default/Configured):
  Data Sequence In Order: yes/-
  Data PDU In Order: yes/-
  Default Time To Retain: 20/-
  Default Time To Wait: 2/-
  Error Recovery Level: 0/-
  First Burst Length: 65536/-
  Immediate Data: yes/-
  Initial Ready To Transfer (R2T): yes/-
  Max Burst Length: 262144/-
  Max Outstanding R2T: 1/-
  Max Receive Data Segment Length: 65536/-
  Max Connections: 1/-
  Header Digest: CRC32/-
  Data Digest: NONE/-
  Configured Sessions: 1
```

Note that the header digest is now set to CRC32.

5 Verify that the iSCSI initiator has reconnected to the iSCSI target. For example:

```
initiator# iscsiadm list target -v iqn.1992-08.com.abcstorage:sn.84186266
Target: iqn.1992-08.com.abcstorage:sn.84186266
TPGT: 2
```

```

ISID: 4000002a0000
Connections: 1
  CID: 0
    IP address (Local): nnn.nn.nn.nnn:64369
    IP address (Peer): nnn.nn.nn.nnn:3260
    Discovery Method: SendTargets
    Login Parameters (Negotiated):
      .
      .
      .
    Header Digest: CRC32
    Data Digest: NONE

```

6 (Optional) Unset an iSCSI initiator parameter or an iSCSI target device parameter.

You can unset a parameter by setting it back to its default setting by using the `iscsiadm modify` command. Or, you can use the `iscsiadm remove` command to reset all target properties to the default settings.

The `iscsiadm modify target-param` command changes only the parameters that are specified on the command line.

The following example shows how to reset the header digest to NONE:

```
initiator# iscsiadm modify target-param -h none iqn.1992-08.com.abcstorage:sn...
```

For information about the `iscsiadm remove target-param` command, see [iscsiadm\(1M\)](#).

Troubleshooting iSCSI Configuration Problems

The following tools are available to troubleshoot general iSCSI configuration problems:

- `snoop` – This tool has been updated to support iSCSI packets.
- `wireshark` – This product is available from <http://www.wireshark.org/>.

Both tools can filter iSCSI packets on port 3260.

The following sections describe various iSCSI troubleshooting and error message resolution scenarios.

No Connections to the iSCSI Target From the Local System

▼ How to Troubleshoot iSCSI Connection Problems

1 Become superuser.

2 List your iSCSI target information.

For example:

```
initiator# iscsiadm list target
Target: iqn.2001-05.com.abcstorage:6-8a0900-37ad70401-bcfff02df8a421df-zzr1200-01
        TPGT: default
        ISID: 4000002a0000
        Connections: 0
```

3 If no connections are listed in the `iscsiadm list target` output, check the `/var/adm/messages` file for possible reasons why the connection failed.

You can also verify whether the connection is accessible by using the `ping` command or by connecting to the storage device's iSCSI port by using the `telnet` command to ensure that the iSCSI service is available. The default port is 3260.

In addition, check the storage device's log file for errors.

4 If your target is not listed in the `iscsiadm list target` output, check the `/var/adm/messages` file for possible causes.

If you are using SendTargets as the discovery method, try listing the *discovery-address* using the `-v` option to ensure that the expected targets are visible to the host. For example:

```
initiator# iscsiadm list discovery-address -v 10.0.0.1
Discovery Address: 10.0.0.1:3260
  Target name: eui.210000203787dfc0
    Target address: 10.0.0.1:11824
  Target name: eui.210000203787e07b
    Target address: 10.0.0.1:11824
```

If you are using iSNS as the discovery method, try enabling the iSNS discovery method and listing the *isns-server* using the `-v` option to ensure that the expected targets are visible to the host. For example:

```
initiator# iscsiadm list isns-server -v
iSNS Server IP Address: 10.20.56.56:3205
  Target name: iqn.1992-08.com.xyz:sn.1234566
    Target address: 10.20.57.161:3260, 1
  Target name: iqn.2003-10.com.abc:group-0:154:abc-65-01
    Target address: 10.20.56.206:3260, 1
  Target name: iqn.2003-10.com.abc:group-0:154:abc-65-02
    Target address: 10.20.56.206:3260, 1
```

iSCSI Device or Disk Is Not Available on the Local System

▼ How to Troubleshoot iSCSI Device or Disk Unavailability

- 1 Become superuser.
- 2 Identify the LUNs that were discovered on this target during enumeration.

For example:

```
# iscsiadm list target -S
Target: iqn.2001-05.com.abcstorage:6-8a0900-37ad70401-bcfff02df8a421df-zzr1200-01
      TPGT: default
      ISID: 4000002a0000
      Connections: 1
      LUN: 0
          Vendor: ABCSTOR
          Product: 0010
          OS Device Name: /dev/rdisk/c3t34d0s2
```

The `-S` option shows which LUNs were discovered on this target during enumeration. If you think a LUN should be listed but it is not, review the `/var/adm/messages` file to see if an error was reported. Check the storage device's log files for errors. Also, ensure that any storage device LUN masking is properly configured.

Use LUN Masking When Using the iSNS Discovery Method

Avoid using the iSNS discovery domain as the means to control storage authorization to specific initiators. Use *LUN masking* instead if you want to make sure that only authorized initiators can access a LUN.

If you remove a target from a discovery domain while the target is in use, the iSCSI initiator does not log out from this target. If you do not want this initiator to access this target (and the associated LUNs), you must use LUN masking. Removing the target from the discovery domain is not sufficient.

General iSCSI Error Messages

This section describes the iSCSI messages that might be found in the `/var/adm/messages` file and potential solutions for recovery.

The message format is as follows:

```
iscsi TYPE (OID) STRING (STATUS-CLASS#/STATUS-DETAIL#)
```

TYPE Is either connection or session.

OID Is the object ID of the connection or session. This ID is unique for an OS instance.

STRING Is a description of the condition.

STATUS-CLASS#/STATUS-DETAIL# These values are returned in an iSCSI login response as defined by RFC 3720.

```
iscsi connection(OID) login failed - Miscellaneous iSCSI initiator errors.
```

Cause: The device login failed due to some form of initiator error.

```
iscsi connection(OID) login failed - Initiator could not be successfully authenticated.
```

Cause: The device could not successfully authenticate the initiator.

Solution: If applicable, verify that the settings for CHAP names, CHAP passwords, or the RADIUS server are correct.

```
iscsi connection(OID) login failed - Initiator is not allowed access to the given target.
```

Cause: The device cannot allow the initiator access to the iSCSI target device.

Solution: Verify your initiator name and confirm that it is properly masked or provisioned by the storage device.

```
iscsi connection(OID) login failed - Requested ITN does not exist at this address.
```

Cause: The device does not provide access to the iSCSI target name (ITN) that you are requesting.

Solution: Verify that the initiator discovery information is specified properly and that the storage device is configured properly.

iscsi connection(*OID*) login failed - Requested ITN has been removed and no forwarding address is provided.

Cause: The device can no longer provide access to the iSCSI target name (ITN) that you are requesting.

Solution: Verify that the initiator discovery information has been specified properly and that the storage device has been configured properly.

iscsi connection(*OID*) login failed - Requested iSCSI version range is not supported by the target.

Cause: The initiator's iSCSI version is not supported by the storage device.

iscsi connection(*OID*) login failed - No more connections can be accepted on this Session ID (SSID).

Cause: The storage device cannot accept another connection for this initiator node to the iSCSI target device.

iscsi connection(*OID*) login failed - Missing parameters (e.g., iSCSI initiator and/or target name).

Cause: The storage device is reporting that the initiator or target name has not been properly specified.

Solution: Properly specify the iSCSI initiator or target name.

iscsi connection(*OID*) login failed - Target hardware or software error.

Cause: The storage device encountered a hardware or software error.

Solution: Consult the storage documentation, or contact the storage vendor for further assistance.

iscsi connection(*OID*) login failed - iSCSI service or target is not currently operational.

Cause: The storage device is currently not operational.

Solution: Consult the storage documentation, or contact the storage vendor for further assistance.

iscsi connection(*OID*) login failed - Target has insufficient session, connection or other resources.

Cause: The storage device has insufficient resources.

Solution: Consult the storage documentation, or contact the storage vendor for further assistance.

iscsi connection(*OID*) login failed - unable to initialize authentication

iscsi connection(*OID*) login failed - unable to set authentication

iscsi connection(*OID*) login failed - unable to set username

iscsi connection(*OID*) login failed - unable to set password

iscsi connection(*OID*) login failed - unable to set ipsec

iscsi connection(*OID*) login failed - unable to set remote authentication

Cause: The initiator was unable to initialize or set authentication properly.

Solution: Verify that your initiator settings for authentication are properly configured.

iscsi connection(*OID*) login failed - unable to make login pdu

Cause: The initiator was unable to make a login payload data unit (PDU) based on the initiator or storage device settings.

Solution: Try resetting any target login parameters or other nondefault settings.

iscsi connection(*OID*) login failed - failed to transfer login

iscsi connection(*OID*) login failed - failed to receive login response

Cause: The initiator failed to transfer or receive a login payload data unit (PDU) across the network connection.

Solution: Verify that the network connection is reachable.

iscsi connection(*OID*) login failed - received invalid login response (*OP CODE*)

Cause: The storage device has responded to a login with an unexpected response.

iscsi connection(*OID*) login failed - login failed to authenticate with target

Cause: The initiator was unable to authenticate the storage device.

Solution: Verify that your initiator settings for authentication are properly configured.

iscsi connection(*OID*) login failed - initiator name is required

Cause: An initiator name must be configured to perform all actions.

Solution: Verify that the initiator name is configured.

iscsi connection(*OID*) login failed - authentication receive failed

iscsi connection(*OID*) login failed - authentication transmit failed

Cause: The initiator was unable to transmit or receive authentication information.

Solution: Verify network connectivity with the storage device or the RADIUS server, as applicable.

iscsi connection(*OID*) login failed - login redirection invalid

Cause: The storage device attempted to redirect the initiator to an invalid destination.

Solution: Consult the storage documentation, or contact the storage vendor for further assistance.

iscsi connection(*OID*) login failed - target protocol group tag mismatch, expected <TPGT>, received <TPGT>

Cause: The initiator and target had a TPGT (target portal group tag) mismatch.

Solution: Verify your TPGT discovery settings on the initiator or the storage device.

iscsi connection(*OID*) login failed - can't accept *PARAMETER* in security stage

Cause: The device responded with an unsupported login parameter during the security phase of login.

Solution: The parameter name is noted for reference. Consult the storage documentation, or contact the storage vendor for further assistance.

iscsi connection(*OID*) login failed - HeaderDigest=CRC32 is required, can't accept *VALUE*

iscsi connection(*OID*) login failed - DataDigest=CRC32 is required, can't accept *VALUE*

Cause: The initiator is only configured to accept a HeaderDigest or DataDigest that is set to CRC32 for this target. The device returned the value of *VALUE*.

Solution: Verify that the initiator and device digest settings are compatible.

iscsi connection(*OID*) login failed - HeaderDigest=None is required, can't accept *VALUE*

iscsi connection(*OID*) login failed - DataDigest=None is required, can't accept *VALUE*

Cause: The initiator is only configured to accept a HeaderDigest or DataDigest that is set to NONE for this target. The device returned the value of *VALUE*.

Solution: Verify that the initiator and device digest settings are compatible.

iscsi connection(*OID*) login failed - can't accept *PARAMETER*

Cause: The initiator does not support this parameter.

iscsi connection(*OID*) login failed - can't accept MaxOutstandingR2T *VALUE*

Cause: The initiator does not accept MaxOutstandingR2T of the noted *VALUE*.

iscsi connection(*OID*) login failed - can't accept MaxConnections *VALUE*

Cause: The initiator does not accept the maximum connections of the noted *VALUE*.

iscsi connection(*OID*) login failed - can't accept ErrorRecoveryLevel *VALUE*

Cause: The initiator does not accept an error recovery level of the noted *VALUE*.

iscsi session(*OID*) *NAME* offline

Cause: All connections for this target *NAME* have been removed or have failed.

iscsi connection(*OID*) failure - unable to schedule enumeration

Cause: The initiator was unable to enumerate the LUNs on this target.

Solution: You can force LUN enumeration by running the `devfsadm -i iscsi` command. For more information, see [devfsadm\(1M\)](#).

iscsi connection(*OID*) unable to connect to target *NAME* (errno:*ERRNO*)

Cause: The initiator failed to establish a network connection.

Solution: For information about the specific *ERRNO* on the connection failure, see the `/usr/include/sys/errno.h` file.

Configuring and Managing the Solaris Internet Storage Name Service (iSNS)

This chapter provides an overview of the Internet Storage Name Service (iSNS), and describes how to configure the Solaris iSNS server, manage the iSNS server, and manage iSNS clients. This chapter discusses the following topics:

- “The iSNS Technology (Overview)” on page 285
- “Configuring the iSNS Server” on page 287
- “Managing the iSNS Server and Clients” on page 293

The iSNS Technology (Overview)

The Internet Storage Name Service (iSNS) is a protocol that allows dynamic discovery of iSCSI initiators and targets within an IP storage area network SAN. The iSNS protocol enables identification, connection to, and management of iSCSI devices by providing the following services:

- **Name registration and discovery:** The source of data that is to be stored (known as the *initiator*) and the storage object (known as the *target*) register their attributes and address, and then can obtain information about accessible storage devices dynamically.
- **Discovery domains and logon control:** Resources in a typical storage network are divided into groups called *discovery domains*, which can be administered through network management applications. Discovery domains enhance security by providing access control to targets that are not enabled with their own access controls, while limiting the logon process of each initiator to a relevant subset of the available targets in the network.
- **State-change notification:** The iSNS server notifies relevant iSNS clients of network events, for example, a newly created disk Logical Unit Number (LUN), storage resources going offline, discovery domain membership changes and link failures in a network. These notifications let a network quickly adapt to changes in topology, which is key to scalability and availability. This is an optional service.
- **Entity status inquiry:** The iSNS server verifies that a iSNS client is available. As a result, a status change notification might be issued. This is an optional service.

In a simple configuration, the source of data that is to be stored (the initiator) exchanges data with a storage object (the target). The initiator can locate the target and the target always recognizes the initiator. For example, the Oracle StorageTek 5320 Network Attached Storage (NAS) appliance is a iSCSI target because it stores data. The data comes from various iSCSI clients such as a data management applications or network interface cards which act as initiators. However, in large and complex configurations, it is difficult and time-consuming to configure every initiator for every target and for every target to recognize every initiator. The iSNS server resolves this by using discovery and security mechanisms to dynamically and automatically identify initiators and targets, and manage their connections to authorized resources.

After a Solaris system has been configured as an iSNS server, all targets and initiators can register with the server. The targets and initiators become iSCSI *clients* or *nodes* of the iSNS server. These clients are members of the *default discovery domain*, the only domain in the *default discovery domain set*. When you enable the default discovery domain set, the iSNS server can provide the iSCSI Name Service (iSNS) for the clients in a simple manner.

To take advantage of the iSCSI Name Service's abilities, create several discovery domain sets and discovery domains. Then assign the clients to different domains, overlapping their memberships. The iSNS server keeps track of the clients' status as a member of one or more discovery domains. For example, when a new storage device is added to the storage network and is registered with the iSNS server, it is in the default discovery domain in the default discovery domain set. You then assign this target to the discovery domains whose initiators will use it as a resource. The iSNS server then removes this target as a member of the default discovery domain in the default discovery domain set.

All initiators and targets are assigned to at least one discovery domain. Assigning an initiator to one discovery domain restricts its access to those targets in the same discovery domain set. Assigning an initiator to several discovery domains allows it to find and use targets in all of the discovery domain sets that include the initiator's discovery domain. You can manage access to clients by disabling and enabling their discovery domain sets without affecting the clients in other discovery domain sets.

For example, a site has two discovery domain sets in addition to the default one: Production and Research. Within the two discovery domain sets are three domains in addition to the default one: Development, Operations, and Finance. The Development discovery domain is in the Research discovery domain set, Operations is in the Production domain set, and Finance is a member of both discovery domain sets. Each client has been assigned to the discovery domain set that uses it the most. A data application in the Operations discovery domain can locate and get access to storage devices in the Production discovery domain set because it is a member of that discovery domain set but it cannot get access to a storage device in the Research discovery domain set. A data application in the Finance discovery domain can locate storage devices in both the Production and Research discovery domain sets because it is a member of both sets. If the Research discovery domain set were disabled, initiators in the Finance discovery domain would not have access to the Research storage devices but would continue to have access to those in the Production discovery domain set.

Configuring the iSNS Server

You can configure the iSNS server using as described in the following task maps and sections.

Task	For Instructions
1. Accept the default properties of the iSNS server or change them.	
A. Notification of state changes of the server	“How to Set Notifications for Changes in Server State” on page 288
B. Number of attempts to determine a client's availability	“How to Set the Number of Retries for Client Inquiries” on page 288
C. Location of file that stores client data.	“How to Specify the Data Store Location” on page 289
2. Enable the iSNS server and display the settings.	
“How to Enable the iSNS Server Daemon” on page 289 “How to Display the Current Server Configuration” on page 290	
3. Register all clients with the iSNS server.	
Use the client's management interface's iSCSI configuration function to specify the IP address of the iSNS server and to allow discovery.	
4. Enable the default discovery domain set.	
“How to Enable the Default Discovery Domain Set” on page 291	

After these tasks, the iSNS server is operating in a minimal manner. All of the clients are in the default discovery domain and are unassigned. Each one can identify and get access to all of the other ones.

5. Create the discovery domain sets for your site.	“How to Create the Discovery Domain Sets” on page 291
6. Create the discovery domains for your site.	“How to Create the Discovery Domains” on page 291
7. Add each discovery domain to one or more discovery domain set.	“How to Add a Discovery Domain to a Discovery Domain Set” on page 292
8. Assign clients to one or more discovery domains.	“How to Assign Clients to a Discovery Domain” on page 292
9. Verify the membership of clients in discover domains and the membership of discovery domains in discovery domain sets.	
“How to Display the Status of a Discovery Domain Set” on page 294 “How to Display the Status of a Discovery Domain” on page 294 “How to Display the Status of Clients” on page 294	

The next section provides instructions for setting up the iSNS environment. The following topics are discussed:

- “Setting Up the iSNS Administrative Settings” on page 288
- “Using the Command Line Interface to Configure iSNS” on page 290

Setting Up the iSNS Administrative Settings

This section provides the procedures for changing the default administrative settings of the iSNS service and for starting the iSNS daemon. If you change a setting after the iSNS server has been started, you need to refresh the iSNS server. If you change the data store location, you need to restart the iSNS server.

- “How to Set Notifications for Changes in Server State” on page 288
- “How to Set the Number of Retries for Client Inquiries” on page 288
- “How to Specify the Data Store Location” on page 289
- “How to Enable the iSNS Server Daemon” on page 289
- “How to Disable the iSNS Server Daemon” on page 290

See the man page for the `isns(1M)` command details about these operations.

▼ How to Set Notifications for Changes in Server State

By default, all clients are notified when the iSNS server is not available. To disable these notifications, change the `Management_SCNs_Enabled` property.

- 1 Use the “iSNS Server Management” RBAC profile to obtain the authorizations needed for managing the iSNS service.

Roles contain authorizations and privileged commands. For more information about roles, see “Initially Configuring RBAC (Task Map)” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

- 2 Use the `svccfg` command to disable the property:

```
# svccfg -s svc:/network/isns_server setprop\config/Management_SCNs_Enabled=no
```

- 3 Reload the server configuration:

```
# svcadm refresh svc:/network/isns_server
```

▼ How to Set the Number of Retries for Client Inquiries

The default number of retries is 3. If the server does not get a response to three inquiries, it registers that client as unavailable. To change the number of retries, change the value of the `ESI Retry Threshold` property.

- 1 Use the “iSNS Server Management” RBAC profile to obtain the authorizations needed for managing the iSNS service.

Roles contain authorizations and privileged commands. For more information about roles, see “Initially Configuring RBAC (Task Map)” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

- 2 Use the `svccfg` command to change the property to, for example, 6 retries:

```
# svccfg -s svc:/network/isns_server setprop\config/ESI_retry_threshold_count=6
```

- 3 Reload the server configuration:

```
# svcadm refresh svc:/network/isns_server
```

▼ How to Specify the Data Store Location

The default location and name for the file that contains the client data is `/etc/isns/isnsdata.xml`. If you have a complex network environment that includes one or more backup iSNS servers, the data store must reside in a common location so that all servers can use it. Use the `data_store_location` property to specify the new location. You can also change the name of the file.

- 1 Use the “iSNS Server Management” RBAC profile to obtain the authorizations needed for managing the iSNS service.

Roles contain authorizations and privileged commands. For more information about roles, see “Initially Configuring RBAC (Task Map)” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

- 2 Use the `svccfg` command to change the location to, for example, `/etc/isns2/isns_data.xml`:

```
svccfg -s svc:/network/isns_server setprop\config/data_store_location="/etc/isns2/isns_data.xml"
```

- 3 If you change the data store location after the server has been enabled, you must restart the server:

```
# svcadm restart svc:/network/isns_server
```

▼ How to Enable the iSNS Server Daemon

- 1 Use the “iSNS Server Management” RBAC profile to obtain the authorizations needed for managing the iSNS service.

Roles contain authorizations and privileged commands. For more information about roles, see “Initially Configuring RBAC (Task Map)” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

- 2 Set the server to start each time the system boots:

```
#svcadm -v enable svc:/network/isns_server
svc:/network/isns_server:default enabled
```

3 Verify the state of the iSNS service:

```
#svcs svc:/network/isns_server:default
STATE      STIME      FMRI
online     11:50:04   svc:/network/isns_server:default
```

▼ How to Disable the iSNS Server Daemon**1 Use the “iSNS Server Management” RBAC profile to obtain the authorizations needed for managing the iSNS service.**

Roles contain authorizations and privileged commands. For more information about roles, see “Initially Configuring RBAC (Task Map)” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

2 Set the server to start each time the system boots:

```
#svcadm -v disable svc:/network/isns_server
svc:/network/isns_server:default disabled
```

3 Verify the state of the iSNS service:

```
#svcs svc:/network/isns_server:default
STATE      STIME      FMRI
disabled   11:51:05   svc:/network/isns_server:default
```

Using the Command Line Interface to Configure iSNS

This section provides the procedures for configuring the iSNS server using the command line interface. The following topics are discussed:

- “How to Display the Current Server Configuration” on page 290
- “How to Enable the Default Discovery Domain Set” on page 291
- “How to Create the Discovery Domain Sets” on page 291
- “How to Create the Discovery Domains” on page 291
- “How to Add a Discovery Domain to a Discovery Domain Set” on page 292
- “How to Assign Clients to a Discovery Domain” on page 292

These procedures use the `isnsadm(1M)` command. See the man page for a complete description of all of the command options.

▼ How to Display the Current Server Configuration**● The following command shows the properties of the iSNS server:**

```
#isnsadm show-config
Data Store Location: /etc/isns/isnsdata.xml
Entity Status Inquiry Non-Response Threshold: 3
Management SCN Enabled: yes
Authorized Control Node Names: -
```

▼ How to Enable the Default Discovery Domain Set

- 1 Use the “iSNS Server Management” RBAC profile to obtain the authorizations needed for managing the iSNS service.

Roles contain authorizations and privileged commands. For more information about roles, see “Initially Configuring RBAC (Task Map)” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

- 2 Activate the default discovery domain set:

```
#isnsadm enable-dd-set Default
```

▼ How to Create the Discovery Domain Sets

- 1 Use the “iSNS Server Management” RBAC profile to obtain the authorizations needed for managing the iSNS service.

Roles contain authorizations and privileged commands. For more information about roles, see “Initially Configuring RBAC (Task Map)” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

- 2 Create a discovery domain set:

```
#isnsadm create-dd-set set_name
```

- 3 Enable the discovery domain set:

```
#isnsadm enable-dd-set set_name
```

- 4 View all the discovery domain sets, including the new one:

```
#isnsadm list-dd-set -v
  DD Set name: Default
    State: Enabled
  DD Set name: set_name
    State: Enabled
```

The list of discovery domain sets includes the default discovery domain set as well as the new one.

▼ How to Create the Discovery Domains

New discovery domains are members of the default discovery domain set. After you create them, you add them to the new discovery domain set.

- 1 Use the “iSNS Server Management” RBAC profile to obtain the authorizations needed for managing the iSNS service.

Roles contain authorizations and privileged commands. For more information about roles, see “Initially Configuring RBAC (Task Map)” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

- 2 Create the discovery domain:

```
#isnsadm create-dd domain_name
```

3 View the new discovery domain in the Default discovery domain set:

```
#isnsadm list-dd-set Default
      DD name: name
      DD set(s): Default
```

4 Create other discovery domains.**▼ How to Add a Discovery Domain to a Discovery Domain Set**

This task removes the discovery domain from the default discovery domain set and adds it the discovery domain set that you specify. Because the new discovery domain set has been enabled, all the clients in its discovery domains can be discovered by the iSNS server.

You do not need to have privileges to list the members of the discovery domains and discovery domain sets.

1 Use the “iSNS Server Management” RBAC profile to obtain the authorizations needed for managing the iSNS service.

Roles contain authorizations and privileged commands. For more information about roles, see [“Initially Configuring RBAC \(Task Map\)” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*](#).

2 List the discovery domains to identify the one you want to add.

```
#isnsadm list-dd -v Default
```

3 List the discovery domain sets to identify the one you want as the container for the new discovery domain.

```
#isnsadm list-dd-set
```

4 Move the discovery domain to the discovery domain set that you want:

```
#isnsadm add-dd domain_name -s set_name
```

5 View the new addition to the discovery domain set:

```
#isnsadm list-dd-set -v domain_name
```

▼ How to Assign Clients to a Discovery Domain**Before You Begin**

Use the client’s management interface to register the client. Using the iSCSI configuration function, specify the IP address of the iSNS server and allow discovery of the client by the iSNS server.

1 Use the “iSNS Server Management” RBAC profile to obtain the authorizations needed for managing the iSNS service.

Roles contain authorizations and privileged commands. For more information about roles, see [“Initially Configuring RBAC \(Task Map\)” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*](#).

2 Verify that the client has been registered with the iSNS server:

```
#isnsadm list-node
  iSCSI Name: iqn.1986-03.com.sun:01:000e0c9f10da.45173FEA.engr
  Alias: STK5320_NAS
  Type: Target
  .
  iSCSI Name: iqn.1986-03.com.sun:01:000e0c9f10da.454F00A2.acct
  Alias:
  Type: Initiator
```

The output shows the clients' iSCSI names.

3 Verify the name of the discovery domain:

```
#isnsadm list-dd
```

4 Add the client to the discovery domain:

```
#isnsadm add-node -d domain_name iSCSI_Name
```

For example, to add the target called “STK5320_NAS” to the Eng-dd discovery domain:

```
#isnsadm add-node -d Eng-dd iqn.1986-03.com.sun:01:000e0c9f10da.454F00A2.engr
```

5 List all the clients in the discovery domain to verify the client has been added:

```
#isnsadm list-dd -v domain_name
```

For example, to check the Eng-dd discovery domain:

```
#isnsadm list-dd -v Eng-dd
  DD name: Eng-dd
  DD set: Development-dds
  iSCSI Name: iqn.1986-03.com.sun:01:000e0c9f10da.45173FEA.engr
  iSCSI Name: iqn.1986-03.com.sun:01:000e0c9f10da.454F00A2.acct
  iSCSI name: iqn.1986-03.com.sun:01:e00000000000.46fd8e2b
```

Managing the iSNS Server and Clients

This section describes how to maintain the iSNS discovery domain sets and their members, the initiators and targets. As the site grows, continue to add clients, discovery domains, and discovery domain sets as described in the following sections:

- [“How to Create the Discovery Domain Sets” on page 291](#)
- [“How to Create the Discovery Domains” on page 291](#)
- [“How to Add a Discovery Domain to a Discovery Domain Set” on page 292](#)
- [“How to Assign Clients to a Discovery Domain” on page 292](#)

This section provides the other procedures for managing the iSNS server, using the command line interface. The following topics are discussed:

- “How to Display the Status of a Discovery Domain Set” on page 294
- “How to Display the Status of a Discovery Domain” on page 294
- “How to Display the Status of Clients” on page 294
- “How to Remove a Client from a Discovery Domain” on page 294
- “How to Remove a Discovery Domain from a Discovery Domain Set” on page 295
- “How to Disable a Discovery Domain Set” on page 295
- “How to Remove a Discovery Domain Set” on page 296

▼ How to Display the Status of a Discovery Domain Set

- Show the status of the discovery domain set and list the discovery domains that are its members:

```
#isnsadm list-dd-set -v set_name
```

▼ How to Display the Status of a Discovery Domain

- Show the status of the discovery domain and lists the clients that are its members:

```
#isnsadm list-dd -v domain_name
```

▼ How to Display the Status of Clients

- Select one of the following to display client status:

- Show the status of all clients:

```
#isnsadm list-node -v
```

- Show the status of only the clients that are targets, that is, storage objects:

```
#isnsadm list-node -t
```

▼ How to Remove a Client from a Discovery Domain

- 1 Use the “iSNS Server Management” RBAC profile to obtain the authorizations needed for managing the iSNS service.

Roles contain authorizations and privileged commands. For more information about roles, see “Initially Configuring RBAC (Task Map)” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

- 2 List the clients to identify the one you want to remove.

```
#isnsadm list-node -v
iSCSI Name: iqn.1986-03.com.sun:01:000e0c9f10da.45173FEA.engr
Alias: STK5320_NAS
```

```
Type: Target
Network Entity: SE5310
Portal: 172.20.57.95:3260
  Portal Group: 1
Portal: 172.20.56.95:3260
  Portal Group: 1
DD Name: Research,Finance
```

The output shows the client's iSCSI name and the name of the discovery domains of which it is a member.

- 3 Remove the client from the discovery domain.

```
#isnsadm remove-node -d domain_name iSCSI_name
```

▼ How to Remove a Discovery Domain from a Discovery Domain Set

- 1 Use the “iSNS Server Management” RBAC profile to obtain the authorizations needed for managing the iSNS service.

Roles contain authorizations and privileged commands. For more information about roles, see “Initially Configuring RBAC (Task Map)” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

- 2 List the discovery domains to identify the one you want to remove.

```
#isnsadm list-dd -v
```

- 3 Remove the discovery domain from the discovery domain set.

```
#isnsadm remove-dd set_name domain_name
```

▼ How to Disable a Discovery Domain Set

- 1 Use the “iSNS Server Management” RBAC profile to obtain the authorizations needed for managing the iSNS service.

Roles contain authorizations and privileged commands. For more information about roles, see “Initially Configuring RBAC (Task Map)” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

- 2 Deactivate a discovery domain set:

```
#isnsadm disable-dd-set set_name
```

- 3 Verify that the state of the discovery domain set has changed to Disabled:

```
#isnsadm list-dd-set set_name
```

▼ How to Remove a Discovery Domain Set

After you remove a discovery domain set, its discovery domains remain. A discovery domain must be a member of at least one discovery domain set.

- 1 Use the “iSNS Server Management” RBAC profile to obtain the authorizations needed for managing the iSNS service.**

Roles contain authorizations and privileged commands. For more information about roles, see “Initially Configuring RBAC (Task Map)” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

- 2 List the discovery domain sets to identify the one you want to remove.**

```
#isnsadm list-dd-set -v
```

- 3 Remove the discovery domain set.**

```
#isnsadm remove-dd-set set_name
```


Managing Disk Use (Tasks)

This chapter describes how to optimize disk space by locating unused files and large directories.

For information on the procedures associated with managing disk use, see “Managing Disk Use (Task Map)” on page 297.

Managing Disk Use (Task Map)

Task	Description	For Instructions
Display information about files and disk space.	Display information about how disk space is used by using the <code>df</code> command.	“How to Display Information About Files and Disk Space” on page 299
Display the size of files.	Display information about the size of files by using the <code>ls</code> command with the <code>-lh</code> options.	“How to Display the Size of Files” on page 301
Find large files.	The <code>ls -s</code> command allows you to sort files by size, in descending order.	“How to Find Large Files” on page 302
Find files that exceed a specified size limit.	Locate and display the names of files that exceed a specified size by using the <code>find</code> command with the <code>-size</code> option and the value of the specified size limit.	“How to Find Files That Exceed a Specified Size Limit” on page 303
Display the size of directories, subdirectories, and files.	Display the size of one or more directories, subdirectories, and files by using the <code>du</code> command.	“How to Display the Size of Directories, Subdirectories, and Files” on page 304

Task	Description	For Instructions
List the newest files.	Display the most recently created or changed files first, by using the <code>ls -t</code> command.	“How to List the Newest Files” on page 307
Find and remove old or inactive files.	Use the <code>find</code> command with the <code>-atime</code> and <code>-mtime</code> options to locate files that have not been accessed for a specified number of days. You can remove these files by using the <code>rm 'cat filename'</code> command.	“How to Find and Remove Old or Inactive Files” on page 308
Clear out temporary directories.	Locate temp directories, then use the <code>rm -r *</code> command to remove the entire directory.	“How to Clear Out Temporary Directories” on page 309
Find and delete core files.	Find and delete core files by using the <code>find . -name core -exec rm {} \;</code> command.	“How to Find and Delete core Files” on page 309
Delete crash dump files.	Delete crash dump files that are located in the <code>/var/crash/</code> directory by using the <code>rm *</code> command.	“How to Delete Crash Dump Files” on page 310

Displaying Information About Files and Disk Space

This table summarizes the commands available for displaying information about file size and disk space.

Command	Description	Man Page
<code>df</code>	Reports the number of free disk blocks and files	df(1M)
<code>du</code>	Summarizes disk space allocated to each subdirectory	du(1)
<code>find -size</code>	Searches recursively through a directory based on the size specified with the <code>-size</code> option	find(1)
<code>ls -lh</code>	Lists the size of a file in the power of 1024 scaling	ls(1)

▼ How to Display Information About Files and Disk Space

- Display information about how disk space is used by using the `df` command.

```
$ df [directory] [-h] [-t]
```

`df` With no options, lists all mounted file systems and their device names, the number of 512-byte blocks used, and the number of files.

directory Specifies the directory whose file system you want to check.

`-h` Displays disk space in the power of 1024 scaling.

`-t` Displays the total blocks as well as the blocks used for all mounted file systems.

Example 16–1 Displaying Information About File Size and Disk Space

In the following example, all the file systems listed are locally mounted except for `/usr/dist`.

```
$ df
/                (/dev/dsk/c0t0d0s0 ): 101294 blocks  105480 files
/devices        (/devices           ):      0 blocks      0 files
/system/contract (ctfs              ):      0 blocks 2147483578 files
/proc          (proc              ):      0 blocks   1871 files
/etc/mnttab     (mnttab            ):      0 blocks      0 files
/etc/svc/volatile (swap             ): 992704 blocks  16964 files
/system/object  (objfs             ):      0 blocks 2147483530 files
/usr           (/dev/dsk/c0t0d0s6 ): 503774 blocks  299189 files
/dev/fd        (fd                 ):      0 blocks      0 files
/var/run       (swap               ): 992704 blocks  16964 files
/tmp          (swap               ): 992704 blocks  16964 files
/opt          (/dev/dsk/c0t0d0s5 ):  23914 blocks   6947 files
/export/home   (/dev/dsk/c0t0d0s7 ):  16810 blocks   7160 files
```

Example 16–2 Displaying File Size Information in 1024 Bytes on a System With a UFS Root File System

In the following example, file system information for a system with a UFS root file system is displayed in 1024 bytes.

```
$ df -h
Filesystem      size  used  avail capacity  Mounted on
/dev/dsk/c0t0d0s0 249M  200M   25M    90%      /
/devices        0K    0K    0K     0%      /devices
ctfs            0K    0K    0K     0%      /system/contract
proc           0K    0K    0K     0%      /proc
mnttab         0K    0K    0K     0%      /etc/mnttab
swap          485M  376K  485M    1%      /etc/svc/volatile
objfs         0K    0K    0K     0%      /system/object
/dev/dsk/c0t0d0s6 3.2G  2.9G  214M   94%      /usr
```

fd	0K	0K	0K	0%	/dev/fd
swap	485M	40K	485M	1%	/var/run
swap	485M	40K	485M	1%	/tmp
/dev/dsk/c0t0d0s5	13M	1.7M	10M	15%	/opt
/dev/dsk/c0t0d0s7	9.2M	1.0M	7.3M	13%	/export/home

Although /proc and /tmp are local file systems, they are not UFS file systems. /proc is a PROCFS file system, /var/run and /tmp are TMPFS file systems, and /etc/mnttab is an MNTFS file system.

Example 16-3 Displaying File Size Information in 1024 Bytes on a System With a ZFS Root File System

In the following example, file system information for a system with a Oracle Solaris ZFS root file system is displayed in 1024 bytes.

Filesystem	size	used	avail	capacity	Mounted on
rpool/ROOT/s1008be	67G	4.6G	58G	8%	/
/devices	0K	0K	0K	0%	/devices
ctfs	0K	0K	0K	0%	/system/contract
proc	0K	0K	0K	0%	/proc
mnttab	0K	0K	0K	0%	/etc/mnttab
swap	1.9G	1.5M	1.9G	1%	/etc/svc/volatile
objfs	0K	0K	0K	0%	/system/object
sharefs	0K	0K	0K	0%	/etc/dfs/sharetab
/platform/sun4u-us3/lib/libc_psr/libc_psr_hwcap1.so.1					
	63G	4.6G	58G	8%	/platform/sun4u-us3/lib/libc_psr.so.1
/platform/sun4u-us3/lib/sparcv9/libc_psr/libc_psr_hwcap1.so.1					
	63G	4.6G	58G	8%	/platform/sun4u-us3/lib/sparcv9/libc_psr.so.1
fd	0K	0K	0K	0%	/dev/fd
rpool/ROOT/s1008be/var					
	67G	73M	58G	1%	/var
swap	1.9G	32K	1.9G	1%	/tmp
swap	1.9G	40K	1.9G	1%	/var/run
rpool/export	67G	20K	58G	1%	/export
rpool/export/home	67G	18K	58G	1%	/export/home

Example 16-4 Displaying Total Number of Blocks and Files Allocated for a File System

The following example shows a list of all mounted file systems, device names, total 512-byte blocks used, and the number of files. The second line of each two-line entry displays the total number of blocks and files that are allocated for the file system.

```
$ df -t
/                (/dev/dsk/c0t0d0s0) : 101294 blocks 105480 files
                  total: 509932 blocks 129024 files
/devices        (/devices) : 0 blocks 0 files
                  total: 0 blocks 113 files
/system/contract (ctfs) : 0 blocks 2147483578 files
                  total: 0 blocks 69 files
/proc           (proc) : 0 blocks 1871 files
                  total: 0 blocks 1916 files
```

```

/etc/mnttab      (mnttab      ):      0 blocks      0 files
                total:      0 blocks      1 files
/etc/svc/volatile (swap       ): 992608 blocks 16964 files
                total: 993360 blocks 17025 files
/system/object   (objfs       ):      0 blocks 2147483530 files
                total:      0 blocks      117 files
/usr             (/dev/dsk/c0t0d0s6 ): 503774 blocks 299189 files
                total: 6650604 blocks 420480 files
/dev/fd          (fd          ):      0 blocks      0 files
                total:      0 blocks      31 files
/var/run         (swap       ): 992608 blocks 16964 files
                total: 992688 blocks 17025 files
/tmp            (swap       ): 992608 blocks 16964 files
                total: 992688 blocks 17025 files
/opt            (/dev/dsk/c0t0d0s5 ): 23914 blocks 6947 files
                total: 27404 blocks 7168 files
/export/home     (/dev/dsk/c0t0d0s7 ): 16810 blocks 7160 files
                total: 18900 blocks 7168 files

```

Checking the Size of Files

You can check the size of files and sort them by using the `ls` command. You can find files that exceed a size limit by using the `find` command. For more information, see the [ls\(1\)](#) and [find\(1\)](#) man pages.

Note – If you run out of space in the `/var` directory, do not symbolically link the `/var` directory to a directory on a file system with more disk space. Doing so, even as a temporary measure, might cause problems for certain daemon processes and utilities.

▼ How to Display the Size of Files

1 Change to the directory where the files you want to check are located.

2 Display the size of the files.

```
$ ls [-lh] [-s]
```

- l Displays a list of files and directories in long format, showing the sizes in bytes. (See the example that follows.)
- h Scales file sizes and directory sizes into Kbytes, Mbytes, Gbytes, or Tbytes when the file or directory size is larger than 1024 bytes. This option also modifies the output displayed by the `-o`, `-n`, `-@`, and `-g` options to display file or directory sizes in the new format. For more information, see the [ls\(1\)](#) man page.
- s Displays a list of the files and directories, showing the sizes in blocks.

Example 16-5 Displaying the Size of Files

The following example shows that the `lastlog` and `messages` files are larger than the other files in the `/var/adm` directory.

```
$ cd /var/adm
$ ls -lh
total 148
drwxrwxr-x  5 adm      adm           512 Nov 26 09:39 acct/
-rw-----  1 uucp     bin           0 Nov 26 09:25 aculog
drwxr-xr-x  2 adm      adm           512 Nov 26 09:25 exacct/
-r--r--r--  1 root     other        342K Nov 26 13:56 lastlog
drwxr-xr-x  2 adm      adm           512 Nov 26 09:25 log/
-rw-r--r--  1 root     root         20K Nov 26 13:55 messages
drwxr-xr-x  2 adm      adm           512 Nov 26 09:25 passwd/
drwxrwxr-x  2 adm      sys           512 Nov 26 09:39 sa/
drwxr-xr-x  2 root     sys           512 Nov 26 09:49 sm.bin/
-rw-rw-rw-  1 root     bin           0 Nov 26 09:25 spellhist
drwxr-xr-x  2 root     sys           512 Nov 26 09:25 streams/
-rw-r--r--  1 root     bin          3.3K Nov 26 13:56 utmpx
-rw-r--r--  1 root     root           0 Nov 26 10:17 vold.log
-rw-r--r--  1 adm      adm           19K Nov 26 13:56 wtmpx
```

The following example shows that the `lpsched.1` file uses two blocks.

```
$ cd /var/lp/logs
$ ls -s
total 2          0 lpsched          2 lpsched.1
```

▼ How to Find Large Files

- 1 Change to the directory that you want to search.
- 2 Display the size of files in blocks from largest to smallest.
 - If the characters or columns for the files are *different*, use the following command to sort a list of files by block size, from largest to smallest.

```
$ ls -l | sort +4rn | more
```

Note that this command sorts files in a list by the character that is in the fourth field, starting from the left.

- If the characters or columns for the files are the *same*, use the following command to sort a list of files by block size, from largest to smallest.

```
$ ls -s | sort -nr | more
```

Note that this command sorts files in a list, starting with the left most character.

Example 16-6 Finding Large Files (Sorting by the Fifth Field's Character)

```

$ cd /var/adm
$ ls -l | sort +4rn | more
-r--r--r-- 1 root  root  4568368 Oct 17 08:36 lastlog
-rw-r--r-- 1 adm   adm   697040 Oct 17 12:30 pacct.9
-rw-r--r-- 1 adm   adm   280520 Oct 17 13:05 pacct.2
-rw-r--r-- 1 adm   adm   277360 Oct 17 12:55 pacct.4
-rw-r--r-- 1 adm   adm   264080 Oct 17 12:45 pacct.6
-rw-r--r-- 1 adm   adm   255840 Oct 17 12:40 pacct.7
-rw-r--r-- 1 adm   adm   254120 Oct 17 13:10 pacct.1
-rw-r--r-- 1 adm   adm   250360 Oct 17 12:25 pacct.10
-rw-r--r-- 1 adm   adm   248880 Oct 17 13:00 pacct.3
-rw-r--r-- 1 adm   adm   247200 Oct 17 12:35 pacct.8
-rw-r--r-- 1 adm   adm   246720 Oct 17 13:15 pacct.0
-rw-r--r-- 1 adm   adm   245920 Oct 17 12:50 pacct.5
-rw-r--r-- 1 root  root  190229 Oct 5 03:02 messages.1
-rw-r--r-- 1 adm   adm   156800 Oct 17 13:17 pacct
-rw-r--r-- 1 adm   adm   129084 Oct 17 08:36 wtmpx

```

Example 16-7 Finding Large Files (Sorting by the Left Most Character)

In the following example, the `lastlog` and `messages` files are the largest files in the `/var/adm` directory.

```

$ cd /var/adm
$ ls -s | sort -nr | more
48 lastlog
30 messages
24 wtmpx
18 pacct
8 utmpx
2 vold.log
2 sulog
2 sm.bin/
2 sa/
2 passwd/
2 pacct1
2 log/
2 acct/
0 spellhist
0 aculog
total 144

```

▼ How to Find Files That Exceed a Specified Size Limit

- To locate and display the names of files that exceed a specified size, use the `find` command.

```
$ find directory -size +nnn
```

directory Identifies the directory that you want to search.

`-size +nnn` Is a number of 512-byte blocks. Files that exceed this size are listed.

Example 16-8 Finding Files That Exceed a Specified Size Limit

The following example shows how to find files larger than 400 blocks in the current working directory. The `-print` option displays the output of the `find` command.

```
$ find . -size +400 -print
./Howto/howto.doc
./Howto/howto.doc.backup
./Howto/howtotest.doc
./Routine/routineBackupconcepts.doc
./Routine/routineIntro.doc
./Routine/routineTroublefsck.doc
./record
./Mail/pagination
./Config/configPrintadmin.doc
./Config/configPrintsetup.doc
./Config/configMailappx.doc
./Config/configMailconcepts.doc
./snapshot.rs
```

Checking the Size of Directories

You can display the size of directories by using the `du` command and options. Additionally, you can find the amount of disk space used by user accounts on local UFS file systems by using the `quot` command. For more information about these commands, see the [du\(1\)](#) and [quot\(1M\)](#) man pages.

▼ How to Display the Size of Directories, Subdirectories, and Files

- Display the size of one or more directories, subdirectories, and files by using the `du` command. Sizes are displayed in 512-byte blocks.

```
$ du [-as] [directory ...]
```

<code>du</code>	Displays the size of each directory that you specify, including each subdirectory beneath it.
<code>-a</code>	Displays the size of each file and subdirectory, and the total number of blocks that are contained in the specified directory.
<code>-s</code>	Displays the total number of blocks that are contained in the specified directory.
<code>-h</code>	Displays the size of each directory in 1024-byte blocks.
<code>-H</code>	Displays the size of each directory in 1000-byte blocks.

[*directory ...*] Identifies one or more directories that you want to check. Separate multiple directories in the command-line syntax with spaces.

Example 16–9 Displaying the Size of Directories, Subdirectories, and Files

The following example shows the sizes of two directories.

```
$ du -s /var/adm /var/spool/lp
130    /var/adm
40     /var/spool/lp
```

The following example shows the sizes of two directories and includes the sizes of all the subdirectories and files that are contained within each directory. The total number of blocks that are contained in each directory is also displayed.

```
$ du /var/adm /var/spool/lp
2      /var/adm/exacct
2      /var/adm/log
2      /var/adm/streams
2      /var/adm/acct/fiscal
2      /var/adm/acct/nite
2      /var/adm/acct/sum
8      /var/adm/acct
2      /var/adm/sa
2      /var/adm/sm.bin
258    /var/adm
4      /var/spool/lp/admins
2      /var/spool/lp/requests/printing...
4      /var/spool/lp/requests
4      /var/spool/lp/system
2      /var/spool/lp/fifos
24     /var/spool/lp
```

The following example shows directory sizes in 1024-byte blocks.

```
$ du -h /usr/share/audio
796K   /usr/share/audio/samples/au
797K   /usr/share/audio/samples
798K   /usr/share/audio
```

▼ How to Display the User Ownership of Local UFS File Systems

1 Become an administrator.

For more information, see “How to Obtain Administrative Rights” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

2 Display users, directories, or file systems, and the number of 1024-byte blocks used.**# quot [-a] [filesystem ...]****-a** Lists all users of each mounted UFS file system and the number of 1024-byte blocks used.*filesystem* Identifies a UFS file system. Users and the number of blocks used are displayed for that file system.

Note – The quot command works only on local UFS file systems.

Example 16–10 Displaying the User Ownership of Local UFS File Systems

In the following example, users of the root (/) file system are displayed. In the subsequent example, users of all mounted UFS file systems are displayed.

```
# quot /
/dev/rdisk/c0t0d0s0:
43340 root
 3142 rimmer
   47 uucp
   35 lp
   30 adm
    4 bin
    4 daemon

# quot -a
/dev/rdisk/c0t0d0s0 (/):
43340 root
 3150 rimmer
   47 uucp
   35 lp
   30 adm
    4 bin
    4 daemon
/dev/rdisk/c0t0d0s6 (/usr):
460651 root
206632 bin
  791 uucp
   46 lp
    4 daemon
    1 adm
/dev/rdisk/c0t0d0s7 (/export/home):
    9 root
```

Finding and Removing Old or Inactive Files

Part of the job of cleaning up heavily loaded file systems involves locating and removing files that have not been used recently. You can locate unused files by using the `ls` or `find` commands. For more information, see the [ls\(1\)](#) and [find\(1\)](#).

Other ways to conserve disk space include emptying temporary directories such as the directories located in `/var/tmp` or `/var/spool`, and deleting core and crash dump files. For more information about crash dump files, refer to [Chapter 8, “Managing System Crash Information \(Tasks\)”](#), in *System Administration Guide: Advanced Administration*.

▼ How to List the Newest Files

- List files, displaying the most recently created or changed files first, by using the `ls -t` command.

```
$ ls -t [directory]
```

`-t` Sorts files by latest time stamp first.

`directory` Identifies the directory that you want to search.

Example 16–11 Listing the Newest Files

The following example shows how to use the `ls -tl` command to locate the most recently created or changed files within the `/var/adm` directory. The `su` log file was created or edited most recently.

```
$ ls -tl /var/adm
total 134
-rw----- 1 root  root      315 Sep 24 14:00 suelog
-r--r--r-- 1 root  other  350700 Sep 22 11:04 lastlog
-rw-r--r-- 1 root  bin    4464 Sep 22 11:04 utmpx
-rw-r--r-- 1 adm   adm   20088 Sep 22 11:04 wtmpx
-rw-r--r-- 1 root  other    0 Sep 19 03:10 messages
-rw-r--r-- 1 root  other    0 Sep 12 03:10 messages.0
-rw-r--r-- 1 root  root   11510 Sep 10 16:13 messages.1
-rw-r--r-- 1 root  root    0 Sep 10 16:12 vold.log
drwxr-xr-x 2 root  sys    512 Sep 10 15:33 sm.bin
drwxrwxr-x 5 adm   adm    512 Sep 10 15:19 acct
drwxrwxr-x 2 adm   sys    512 Sep 10 15:19 sa
-rw----- 1 uucp  bin    0 Sep 10 15:17 aculog
-rw-rw-rw- 1 root  bin    0 Sep 10 15:17 spellhist
drwxr-xr-x 2 adm   adm    512 Sep 10 15:17 log
drwxr-xr-x 2 adm   adm    512 Sep 10 15:17 passwd
```

▼ How to Find and Remove Old or Inactive Files

1 Become an administrator.

For more information, see “How to Obtain Administrative Rights” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

2 Find files that have not been accessed for a specified number of days and list them in a file.

```
# find directory -type f[-atime +nnn] [-mtime +nnn] -print > filename &
```

directory Identifies the directory you want to search. Directories below this directory are also searched.

`-atime +nnn` Finds files that have not been accessed within the number of days (*nnn*) that you specify.

`-mtime +nnn` Finds files that have not been modified within the number of days (*nnn*) that you specify.

filename Identifies the file that contains the list of inactive files.

3 Remove the inactive files found listed in the previous step.

```
# rm 'cat filename'
```

where *filename* identifies the file that was created in the previous step. This file contains the list of inactive files.

Example 16–12 Finding and Removing Old or Inactive Files

The following example shows files in the `/var/adm` directory and the subdirectories that have not been accessed in the last 60 days. The `/var/tmp/deadfiles` file contains the list of inactive files. The `rm` command removes these inactive files.

```
# find /var/adm -type f -atime +60 -print > /var/tmp/deadfiles &
# more /var/tmp/deadfiles
/var/adm/aculog
/var/adm/spellhist
/var/adm/wtmpx
/var/adm/sa/sa13
/var/adm/sa/sa27
/var/adm/sa/sa11
/var/adm/sa/sa23
/var/adm/sulog
/var/adm/vold.log
/var/adm/messages.1
/var/adm/messages.2
/var/adm/messages.3
# rm 'cat /var/tmp/deadfiles'
#
```

▼ How to Clear Out Temporary Directories

1 Become an administrator.

For more information, see “How to Obtain Administrative Rights” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

2 Change to the directory that you want to clean out.

```
# cd directory
```



Caution – Ensure that you are in the correct directory before completing Step 3. Step 3 deletes all files in the current directory.

3 Delete the files and subdirectories in the current directory.

```
# rm -r *
```

4 Change to other directories that contain unnecessary, temporary or obsolete subdirectories and files.

5 Delete these subdirectories and files by repeating Step 3.

Example 16–13 Clearing Out Temporary Directories

The following example shows how to clear out the mywork directory, and how to verify that all files and subdirectories were removed.

```
# cd mywork
# ls
filea.000
fileb.000
filec.001
# rm -r *
# ls
#
```

▼ How to Find and Delete core Files

1 Become superuser or assume an equivalent role.

Roles contain authorizations and privileged commands. For more information about roles, see “Initially Configuring RBAC (Task Map)” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

2 Change to the directory where you want to search for core files.

- 3 Find and remove any core files in this directory and its subdirectories.

```
# find . -name core -exec rm {} \;
```

Example 16–14 Finding and Deleting core Files

The following example shows how to find and remove core files from the jones user account by using the `find` command.

```
# cd /home/jones
# find . -name core -exec rm {} \;
```

▼ How to Delete Crash Dump Files

Crash dump files can be very large. If you have enabled your system to store these files, do not retain them for longer than necessary.

- 1 Become an administrator.

For more information, see “[How to Obtain Administrative Rights](#)” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

- 2 Change to the directory where crash dump files are stored.

```
# cd /var/crash/system
```

where *system* identifies a system that created the crash dump files.



Caution – Ensure you are in the correct directory before completing Step 3. Step 3 deletes all files in the current directory.

- 3 Remove the crash dump files.

```
# rm *
```

- 4 Verify that the crash dump files were removed.

```
# ls
```

Example 16–15 Deleting Crash Dump Files

The following example shows how to remove crash dump files from the system `venus`, and how to verify that the crash dump files were removed.

```
# cd /var/crash/venus
# rm *
# ls
```

The format Utility (Reference)

This chapter describes the `format` utility's menus and commands.

This is a list of the reference information in this chapter.

- “Recommendations and Requirements for Using the `format` Utility” on page 311
- “`format` Menu and Command Descriptions” on page 312
- “`format.dat` File” on page 318
- “Rules for Input to `format` Commands” on page 322
- “Getting Help on the `format` Utility” on page 324

For an overview of when to use the `format` utility, see “`format` Utility” on page 193.

Recommendations and Requirements for Using the `format` Utility

You must be superuser or have assumed an equivalent role to use the `format` utility. Otherwise, the following error message is displayed when you try to use the `format` utility:

```
$ format  
Searching for disks...done  
No permission (or no disks found)!
```

Keep the following guidelines in mind when you use the `format` utility and want to preserve the existing data:

- Back up all files on the disk drive.
- Save all your defect lists in files by using the `format` utility's `dump` command. The file name should include the drive type, model number, and serial number.
- Save the paper copies of the manufacturer's defect list that was shipped with your drive.

format Menu and Command Descriptions

The format main menu appears similar to the following:

```

FORMAT MENU:
  disk      - select a disk
  type      - select (define) a disk type
  partition - select (define) a partition table
  current   - describe the current disk
  format    - format and analyze the disk
  fdisk     - run the fdisk program (x86 only)
  repair    - repair a defective sector
  label     - write label to the disk
  analyze   - surface analysis
  defect    - defect list management
  backup    - search for backup labels
  verify    - read and display labels
  save      - save new disk/partition definitions
  inquiry   - show vendor, product and revision
  volname   - set 8-character volume name
  !<cmd>    - execute <cmd>, then return
  quit
format>

```

The following table describes the main menu items for the format utility.

TABLE 17-1 The Main Menu Item Descriptions for the format Utility

Menu Item	Command or Menu?	Description
disk	Command	Lists all of the system's drives. Also lets you choose the disk you want to use in subsequent operations. This disk is referred to as the current disk.
type	Command	Identifies the manufacturer and model of the current disk. Also displays a list of known drive types. Choose the Auto configure option for all SCSI-2 disk drives.
partition	Menu	Creates and modifies slices. For more information, see “partition Menu” on page 314 .
current	Command	Displays the following information about the current disk: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Device name and device type ■ Number of cylinders, alternate cylinders, heads and sectors ■ Physical device name

TABLE 17-1 The Main Menu Item Descriptions for the format Utility (Continued)

Menu Item	Command or Menu?	Description
format	Command	<p>Formats the current disk by using one of these sources of information in this order:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information that is found in the <code>format.dat</code> file 2. Information from the automatic configuration process 3. Information that you type at the prompt if no <code>format.dat</code> entry exists <p>This command does not apply to IDE disks. IDE disks are preformatted by the manufacturer.</p>
fdisk	Menu	<p>x86 platform only: Runs the <code>fdisk</code> program to create a Solaris <code>fdisk</code> partition.</p> <p>The <code>fdisk</code> command cannot be used on disks with an EFI label that are greater than 1 terabyte in size.</p>
repair	Command	Repairs a specific block on the current disk.
label	Command	Writes a new label to the current disk.
analyze	Menu	Runs read, write, and compare tests. For more information, see “ analyze Menu ” on page 315.
defect	Menu	Retrieves and displays defect lists. For more information, see “ defect Menu ” on page 317. This feature does not apply to IDE disks. IDE disks manage defects automatically.
backup	Command	<p>VTOC – Searches for backup labels.</p> <p>EFI – Not supported.</p>
verify	Command	<p>Displays the following information about the current disk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Device name and device type ■ Number of cylinders, alternate cylinders, heads and sectors ■ Partition table
save	Command	<p>VTOC – Saves new disk and partition information.</p> <p>EFI – Not applicable.</p>
inquiry	Command	SCSI disks only – Displays the vendor, product name, and revision level of the current drive.
volname	Command	Labels the disk with a new eight-character volume name that you specify.
quit	Command	Exits the format menu.

partition Menu

The partition menu appears similar to the following:

```
format> partition
PARTITION MENU:
  0      - change '0' partition
  1      - change '1' partition
  2      - change '2' partition
  3      - change '3' partition
  4      - change '4' partition
  5      - change '5' partition
  6      - change '6' partition
  7      - change '7' partition
select  - select a predefined table
modify  - modify a predefined partition table
name    - name the current table
print   - display the current table
label   - write partition map and label to the disk
quit
```

partition>

The following table describes the partition menu items.

TABLE 17-2 Descriptions for partition Menu Items

Subcommand	Description
change 'n' partition	Enables you to specify the following information for the new partition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Identification tag ■ Permission flags ■ Starting cylinder ■ Size
select	Enables you to choose a predefined partition table.
modify	Enables you to change all the slices in the partition table. This command is preferred over the individual change 'x' partition commands.
name	Enables you to specify a name for the current partition table.
print	Displays the current partition table.
label	Writes the partition map and the label to the current disk.
quit	Exits the partition menu.

x86: fdisk Menu

The fdisk menu appears on x86 based systems only and appears similar to the following.

```
format> fdisk
          Total disk size is 14169 cylinders
          Cylinder size is 2510 (512 byte) blocks

          Cylinders
          Partition  Status  Type          Start  End  Length  %
          =====  =====  =====
          1         Active  x86 Boot      1      9    9       0
          2         Active  Solaris2     10 14168 14159 100
```

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. Create a partition
 2. Specify the active partition
 3. Delete a partition
 4. Change between Solaris and Solaris2 Partition IDs
 5. Exit (update disk configuration and exit)
 6. Cancel (exit without updating disk configuration)
- Enter Selection:

The following table describes the fdisk menu items.

TABLE 17-3 x86: Descriptions for fdisk Menu Items

Menu Item	Description
Create a partition	Creates an fdisk partition. You must create a separate partition for each OS such as Solaris or DOS. There is a maximum of four partitions per disk. You are prompted for the size of the fdisk partition as a percentage of the disk.
Specify the active partition	Enables you to specify the partition to be used for booting. This menu item identifies where the first stage boot program looks for the second stage boot program.
Delete a partition	Deletes a previously created partition. This command destroys all the data in the partition.
Change between Solaris and Solaris2 Partition IDs	Changes partition IDs from 130 (0x82) to 191 (0xbf) and back again.
Exit (update disk configuration and exit)	Writes a new version of the partition table and exits the fdisk menu.
Cancel (exit without updating disk configuration)	Exits the fdisk menu without modifying the partition table.

analyze Menu

The analyze menu appears similar to the following.

```
format> analyze
ANALYZE MENU:
```

```
read      - read only test   (doesn't harm SunOS)
refresh  - read then write   (doesn't harm data)
test     - pattern testing  (doesn't harm data)
write    - write then read   (corrupts data)
compare  - write, read, compare (corrupts data)
purge    - write, read, write (corrupts data)
verify   - write entire disk, then verify (corrupts data)
print    - display data buffer
setup    - set analysis parameters
config   - show analysis parameters
quit
analyze>
```

The following table describes the analyze menu items.

TABLE 17-4 Descriptions for analyze Menu Items

Subcommand	Description
read	Reads each sector on the current disk. Repairs defective blocks as a default.
refresh	Reads then writes data on the current disk without harming the data. Repairs defective blocks as a default.
test	Writes a set of patterns to the disk without harming the data. Repairs defective blocks as a default.
write	Writes a set of patterns to the disk then reads back the data on the disk. Destroys existing data on the disk. Repairs defective blocks as a default.
compare	Writes a set of patterns to the disk, reads back the data, and then compares it to the data in the write buffer. Destroys existing data on the disk. Repairs defective blocks as a default.
purge	Removes all data from the disk so that the data cannot be retrieved by any means. Data is removed by writing three distinct patterns over the entire disk (or a section of the disk). If the verification passes, a hex-bit pattern is written over the entire disk (or a section of the disk). Repairs defective blocks as a default.
verify	In the first pass, writes unique data to each block on the entire disk. In the next pass, reads and verifies the data. Destroys existing data on the disk. Repairs defective blocks as a default.
print	Displays the data in the read/write buffer.

TABLE 17-4 Descriptions for analyze Menu Items (Continued)

Subcommand	Description
setup	Enables you to specify the following analysis parameters: Analyze entire disk? yes Starting block number: <i>depends on drive</i> Ending block number: <i>depends on drive</i> Loop continuously? no Number of passes: 2 Repair defective blocks? yes Stop after first error? no Use random bit patterns? no Number of blocks per transfer: 126 (0/n/nn) Verify media after formatting? yes Enable extended messages? no Restore defect list? yes Restore disk label? yes
config	Displays the current analysis parameters.
quit	Exits the analyze menu.

defect Menu

The defect menu appears similar to the following:

```
format> defect
DEFFECT MENU:
  primary - extract manufacturer's defect list
  grown   - extract manufacturer's and repaired defects lists
  both    - extract both primary and grown defects lists
  print   - display working list
  dump    - dump working list to file
  quit
defect>
```

The following table describes the defect menu items.

TABLE 17-5 The defect Menu Item Descriptions

Subcommand	Description
primary	Reads the manufacturer's defect list from the disk drive and updates the in-memory defect list.
grown	Reads the grown defect list and then updates the in-memory defect list. Grown defects are defects that have been detected during analysis.
both	Reads both the manufacturer's defect list and the grown defect list. Then, updates the in-memory defect list.

TABLE 17-5 The defect Menu Item Descriptions *(Continued)*

Subcommand	Description
print	Displays the in-memory defect list.
dump	Saves the in-memory defect list to a file.
quit	Exits the defect menu.

format.dat File

The `format.dat` file that is shipped with the Oracle Solaris OS supports many standard disks. If your disk drive is not listed in the `format.dat` file, you can do the following:

- Add an entry to the `format.dat` file for the disk.
- Add entries with the `format` utility by selecting the `type` command and choosing the other option.

Adding an entry to the `format.dat` file can save time if the disk drive will be used throughout your site. To use the `format.dat` file on other systems, copy the file to each system that will use the specific disk drive that you added to the `format.dat` file.

You might need to modify the `/etc/format.dat` file for your system if you have one of the following:

- A disk that is not supported by the Oracle Solaris OS
- A disk with a partition table that is different from the Oracle Solaris OS's default configuration

Note – Do not alter default entries in the `/etc/format.dat` file. If you want to alter the default entries, copy the entry, give the entry a different name, and make the appropriate changes to avoid confusion.

The `/etc/format.dat` is not applicable for disks with EFI labels.

Contents of the format.dat File

The `format.dat` contains disk drive information that is used by the `format` utility. Three items are defined in the `format.dat` file:

- Search paths
- Disk types
- Slice tables

Syntax of the format.dat File

The following syntax rules apply to the `/etc/format.dat` file:

- The pound sign (`#`) is the comment character. Any text on a line after a pound sign is not interpreted by the `format` utility.
- Each definition in the `format.dat` file appears on a single logical line. If the definition is longer than one line long, all lines but the last line of the definition must end with a backslash (`\`).
- A definition consists of a series of assignments that have an identifier on the left side and one or more values on the right side. The assignment operator is the equal sign (`=`). The assignments within a definition must be separated by a colon (`:`).
- White space is ignored by the `format` utility. If you want an assigned value to contain white space, enclose the entire value in double quotation marks (`"`). This syntax causes the white space within the quotes to be preserved as part of the assignment value.
- Some assignments can have multiple values on the right side. Separate values by a comma.

Keywords in the format.dat File

The `format.dat` file contains disk definitions that are read by the `format` utility when it is started. Each definition starts with one of the following keywords: `disk_type` or `partition`. These keywords are described in the following table.

TABLE 17-6 Keyword Descriptions for the `format.dat` File

Keyword	Description
<code>disk_type</code>	<p>Defines the controller and disk model. Each <code>disk_type</code> definition contains information that concerns the physical geometry of the disk. The default data file contains definitions for the controllers and disks that the Oracle Solaris OS supports.</p> <p>You need to add a new <code>disk_type</code> definition only if you have an unsupported disk. You can add as many <code>disk_type</code> definitions to the data file as you want.</p>
<code>partition</code>	<p>Defines a partition table for a specific disk type. The partition table contains the partition information, plus a name that lets you refer to it in the <code>format</code> utility. The default <code>format.dat</code> file contains default partition definitions for several kinds of disk drives. Add a partition definition if you recreated partitions on any of the disks on your system. Add as many partition definitions to the data file as you need.</p>

Disk Type (format.dat)

The `disk_type` keyword in the `format.dat` file defines the controller and disk model. Each `disk_type` definition contains information about the physical geometry of the disk. The default `format.dat` file contains definitions for the controllers and disks that the Oracle Solaris OS supports. You need to add a new `disk_type` only if you have an unsupported disk. You can add as many `disk_type` definitions to the data file as you want.

The keyword itself is assigned the name of the disk type. This name appears in the disk's label, and is used to identify the disk type whenever the `format` utility is run. Enclose the name in double quotation marks to preserve any white space in the name. The following table describes the identifiers that must also be assigned values in all `disk_type` definitions.

TABLE 17-7 Required `disk_type` Identifiers (`format.dat`)

Identifier	Description
<code>ctlr</code>	Identifies the controller type for the disk type. Currently, the supported values are SCSI and ATA.
<code>ncyl</code>	Specifies the number of data cylinders in the disk type. This determines how many logical disk cylinders the system will be allowed to access.
<code>acyl</code>	Specifies the number of alternate cylinders in the disk type. These cylinders are used by the <code>format</code> utility to store information such as the defect list for the drive. You should always reserve at least two cylinders for alternates.
<code>pcyl</code>	Specifies the number of physical cylinders in the disk type. This number is used to calculate the boundaries of the disk media. This number is usually equal to <code>ncyl</code> plus <code>acyl</code> .
<code>nhead</code>	Specifies the number of heads in the disk type. This number is used to calculate the boundaries of the disk media.
<code>nsect</code>	Specifies the number of data sectors per track in the disk type. This number is used to calculate the boundaries of the disk media. Note that this number includes only the data sectors. Any spares are not reflected in the number of data sections per track.
<code>rpm</code>	Specifies the rotations per minute of the disk type. This information is put in the label and later used by the file system to calculate the optimal placement of file data.

Other identifiers might be necessary, depending on the controller. The following table describes the identifiers that are required for SCSI controllers.

TABLE 17-8 Required `disk_type` Identifiers for SCSI Controllers `format.dat`

Identifier	Description
<code>fmt_time</code>	Specifies a number that indicates how long it takes to format a given drive. See the controller manual for more information.

TABLE 17-8 Required disk_type Identifiers for SCSI Controllers format.dat (Continued)

Identifier	Description
cache	Specifies a number that controls the operation of the on-board cache while the format utility is operating. See the controller manual for more information.
trks_zone	Specifies a number that identifies how many tracks that exist per defect zone, to be used in alternate sector mapping. See the controller manual for more information.
asect	Specifies a number that identifies how many sectors are available for alternate mapping within a given defect zone. See the controller manual for more information.

EXAMPLE 17-1 Required disk_type Identifiers for SCSI Controllers (format.dat)

The following are examples of disk_type definitions:

```
disk_type = "SUN1.3G" \
: ctlr = SCSI : fmt_time = 4 \
: trks_zone = 17 : asect = 6 : atrks = 17 \
: ncyl = 1965 : acyl = 2 : pcyl = 3500 : nhead = 17 : nsect = 80 \
: rpm = 5400 : bpt = 44823

disk_type = "SUN2.1G" \
: ctlr = SCSI : fmt_time = 4 \
: ncyl = 2733 : acyl = 2 : pcyl = 3500 : nhead = 19 : nsect = 80 \
: rpm = 5400 : bpt = 44823

disk_type = "SUN2.9G" \
: ctlr = SCSI : fmt_time = 4 \
: ncyl = 2734 : acyl = 2 : pcyl = 3500 : nhead = 21 : nsect = 99 \
: rpm = 5400
```

Partition Tables (format.dat)

A partition table in the format.dat file defines a slice table for a specific disk type.

The partition keyword in the format.dat file is assigned the name of the partition table. Enclose the name in double quotation marks to preserve any white space in the name. The following table describes the identifiers that must be assigned values in all partition tables.

TABLE 17-9 Required Identifiers for Partition Tables (format.dat)

Identifier	Description
disk	The name of the disk_type that this partition table is defined for. This name must appear exactly as it does in the disk_type definition.
ctlr	The disk controller type that this partition table can be attached to. Currently, the supported values are ATA for ATA controllers and SCSI for SCSI controllers. The controller type that is specified here must also be defined for the disk_type that you specified in the disk_type definition.

The other identifiers in a slice definition describe the actual partition information. The identifiers are the numbers 0 through 7. These identifiers are optional. Any partition that is not explicitly assigned is set to 0 length. The value of each of these identifiers is a pair of numbers separated by a comma. The first number is the starting cylinder for the partition. The second is the number of sectors in the slice.

EXAMPLE 17-2 Required Identifiers for Partition Tables (`format.dat`)

The following are some examples of slice definitions:

```
partition = "SUN1.3G" \  
    : disk = "SUN1.3G" : ctlr = SCSI \  
    : 0 = 0, 34000 : 1 = 25, 133280 : 2 = 0, 2672400 : 6 = 123, 2505120  
  
partition = "SUN2.1G" \  
    : disk = "SUN2.1G" : ctlr = SCSI \  
    : 0 = 0, 62320 : 1 = 41, 197600 : 2 = 0, 4154160 : 6 = 171, 3894240  
  
partition = "SUN2.9G" \  
    : disk = "SUN2.9G" : ctlr = SCSI \  
    : 0 = 0, 195426 : 1 = 94, 390852 : 2 = 0, 5683986 : 6 = 282, 5097708
```

Specifying an Alternate Data File for the format Utility

The `format` utility determines the location of an alternate file by the following methods in this order:

1. If a file name is given with the `format -x` option, that file is always used as the data file.
2. If the `-x` option is not specified, then the `format` utility searches the current directory for a file named `format.dat`. If the file exists, it is used as the data file.
3. If neither of these methods yields a data file, the `format` utility uses the `/etc/format.dat` file as the data file. This file is shipped with the Oracle Solaris OS and should always be present.

Rules for Input to format Commands

When you use the `format` utility, you need to provide various kinds of information. This section describes the rules for this information. For information on using `format`'s help facility when you specify data, see [“Getting Help on the format Utility” on page 324](#).

Specifying Numbers to format Commands

Several places in the `format` utility require number as input. You must either specify the appropriate data or select a number from a list of choices. In either case, the help facility causes `format` to display the upper and lower limits of the number expected. Simply enter the

appropriate number. The number is assumed to be in decimal format unless a base is explicitly specified as part of the number (for example, 0x for hexadecimal).

The following are examples of integer input:

```
Enter number of passes [2]: 34
Enter number of passes [34] 0xf
```

Specifying Block Numbers to format Commands

Whenever you are required to specify a disk block number, there are two ways to do so:

- Specify the block number as an integer
- Specify the block number in the cylinder/head/sector format

You can specify the information as an integer that represents the logical block number. You can specify the number in any base, but the default is decimal. The maximum operator (a dollar sign, \$) can also be used here so that `format` utility can select the appropriate value. Logical block format is used by the SunOS disk drivers in error messages.

The other way to specify a block number is by using cylinder/head/sector format. In this method, you must specify explicitly the three logical components of the block number: the cylinder, head, and sector values. These values are still logical. However, they allow you to define regions of the disk that are related to the layout of the media.

If any of the cylinder/head/sector numbers are not specified, the value is assumed to be zero. You can also use the maximum operator in place of any of the numbers. Then, the `format` utility will select the appropriate value. The following are some examples of cylinder, head, and sector values:

```
Enter defective block number: 34/2/3
Enter defective block number: 23/1/
Enter defective block number: 457//
Enter defective block number: 12345
Enter defective block number: 0xabcd
Enter defective block number: 334/$/2
Enter defective block number: 892//
```

The `format` utility always displays block numbers in both formats. Also, the help facility shows you the upper and lower limits of the block number expected, in both formats.

Specifying format Command Names

Command names are needed as input whenever the `format` utility displays a menu prompt. You can abbreviate the command names, as long as what you type is sufficient to uniquely identify the command desired.

For example, use `p` to access the partition menu from the format menu. Then, type `p` to display the current slice table.

```
format> p
PARTITION MENU:
  0 - change '0' partition
  1 - change '1' partition
  2 - change '2' partition
  3 - change '3' partition
  4 - change '4' partition
  5 - change '5' partition
  6 - change '6' partition
  7 - change '7' partition
select - select a predefined table
modify - modify a predefined partition table
name - name the current table
print - display the current table
label - write partition map and label to the disk
quit
partition> p
```

Specifying Disk Names to format Commands

At certain points in the format utility, you must name something. In these cases, you are free to specify any string you want for the name. If the name has white space in it, the entire name must be enclosed in double quotation marks (""). Otherwise, only the first word of the name is used.

For example, if you want to identify a specific partition table for a disk, you can use the name subcommand that is available from the partition menu:

```
partition> name
Enter table name (remember quotes): "new disk3"
```

Getting Help on the format Utility

The format utility provides a help facility that you can use whenever the format utility is expecting input. You can request help about what input is expected by typing a question mark (?). The format utility displays a brief description of what type of input is needed.

If you type a ? at a menu prompt, a list of available commands is displayed.

The man pages associated with the format utility include the following:

- `format(1M)` – Describes the basic format utility capabilities and provides descriptions of all command-line variables.
- `format.dat(4)` – Describes disk drive configuration information for the format utility.

Managing File Systems (Overview)

Managing file systems is one of your most important system administration tasks.

This is a list of the overview information in this chapter.

- “What's New in File Systems?” on page 325
- “Where to Find File System Management Tasks” on page 326
- “Overview of File Systems” on page 327
- “Types of File Systems” on page 327
- “Commands for UFS File System Administration” on page 333
- “Default Solaris File Systems” on page 334
- “Swap Space” on page 332
- “UFS File System” on page 336
- “Mounting and Unmounting File Systems” on page 341
- “Determining a File System's Type” on page 347

What's New in File Systems?

This section describes new file system features in the Solaris release.

- “File System Monitoring Tool (`fsstat`)” on page 325
- “Oracle Solaris ZFS File System” on page 326

File System Monitoring Tool (`fsstat`)

Oracle Solaris 11 Express: A new file system monitoring tool, `fsstat`, is available to report file system operations. You can use several options to report activity, such as by mount point or by file system type.

For example, the following `fsstat` command displays all ZFS file system operations since the ZFS module was loaded:

```
$ fsstat zfs
new name name attr attr lookup rddir read read write write
file remov chng get set ops ops ops bytes ops bytes
268K 145K 93.6K 28.0M 71.1K 186M 2.74M 12.9M 56.2G 1.61M 9.46G zfs
```

For example, the following `fsstat` command displays all file system operations since the `/export/ws` file system mounted.

```
$ fsstat /export/ws
new name name attr attr lookup rddir read read write write
file remov chng get set ops ops ops bytes ops bytes
0 0 0 18.1K 0 12.6M 52 0 0 0 0 /export/ws
```

The default form is to report statistical information in easy to understand values, such as GB, KB, and MB.

For more information, see [fsstat\(1M\)](#).

Oracle Solaris ZFS File System

Oracle Solaris 11 Express: Oracle Solaris ZFS, a revolutionary new file system, provides simple administration, transactional semantics, end-to-end data integrity, and immense scalability. In addition, ZFS provides the following administration features:

- Backup and restore capabilities
- Device management support
- GUI administration tool
- Persistent snapshots and cloning features
- Quotas that can be set for file systems
- RBAC-based access control
- Storage pool space reservations for file systems
- Support for Solaris systems that have zones installed

For more information about using ZFS, see [Oracle Solaris ZFS Administration Guide](#).

Where to Find File System Management Tasks

Use these references to find step-by-step instructions for managing file systems.

File System Management Task	For More Information
Create new file systems.	Chapter 19, “Creating ZFS, UFS, TMPFS, and LOFS File Systems (Tasks)”
Make local and remote files available to users.	Chapter 20, “Mounting and Unmounting File Systems (Tasks)”

File System Management Task	For More Information
Connect and configure new disk devices.	Chapter 10, “Managing Disks (Overview)”

Overview of File Systems

A file system is a structure of directories that is used to organize and store files. The term *file system* is used to describe the following:

- A particular type of file system: disk-based, network-based, or virtual
- The entire file tree, beginning with the root (/) directory
- The data structure of a disk slice or other media storage device
- A portion of a file tree structure that is attached to a mount point on the main file tree so that the files are accessible

Usually, you know from the context which meaning is intended.

The Oracle Solaris OS uses the *virtual file system* (VFS) architecture, which provides a standard interface for different file system types. The VFS architecture enables the kernel to handle basic operations, such as reading, writing, and listing files. The VFS architecture also makes it easier to add new file systems.

Types of File Systems

The Oracle Solaris OS supports three types of file systems:

- Disk-based
- Network-based
- Virtual

To identify the file system type, see [“Determining a File System's Type” on page 347](#).

Disk-Based File Systems

Disk-based file systems are stored on physical media such as hard disks, DVDs, and diskettes. Disk-based file systems can be written in different formats. The available formats are described in the following table.

Disk-Based File System	Format Description
UFS	<p>UNIX file system (based on the BSD Fat Fast File system that was provided in the 4.3 Tahoe release). UFS is the default disk-based file system for the Oracle Solaris OS.</p> <p>Before you can create a UFS file system on a disk, you must format the disk and divide it into slices. For information on formatting disks and dividing disks into slices, see Chapter 10, “Managing Disks (Overview)”.</p>
ZFS	<p>The ZFS file system is available in the Oracle Solaris 11 Express release. For more information, see the <i>Oracle Solaris ZFS Administration Guide</i>.</p>
HSFS	<p>High Sierra, Rock Ridge, and ISO 9660 file system. High Sierra is the first CD-ROM file system. ISO 9660 is the official standard version of the High Sierra file system. The HSFS file system is used on CD-ROMs, and is a read-only file system. Solaris HSFS supports Rock Ridge extensions to ISO 9660. When present on a CD-ROM, these extensions provide all UFS file system features and file types, except for writability and hard links.</p>
PCFS	<p>PC file system, which allows read- and write- access to data and programs on DOS-formatted disks that are written for DOS-based personal computers.</p>
UDFS	<p>The Universal Disk Format (UDFS) file system, the industry-standard format for storing information on the optical media technology called DVD (Digital Versatile Disc or Digital Video Disc).</p>

Each type of disk-based file system is customarily associated with a particular media device, as follows:

- UFS with hard disk
- HSFS with CD-ROM
- PCFS with diskette
- UDF with DVD

However, these associations are not restrictive. For example, CD-ROMs and diskettes can have UFS file systems created on them.

The Universal Disk Format (UDFS) File System

For information about creating a UDFS file system on removable media, see [“How to Create a File System on Removable Media”](#) on page 35.

The UDF file system is the industry-standard format for storing information on *DVD* (Digital Versatile Disc or Digital Video Disc) optical media.

The UDF file system is provided as dynamically loadable 32-bit and 64-bit modules, with system administration utilities for creating, mounting, and checking the file system on both SPARC and x86 platforms. The Solaris UDF file system works with supported ATAPI and SCSI

DVD drives, CD-ROM devices, and disk and diskette drives. In addition, the Solaris UDF file system is fully compliant with the UDF 1.50 specification.

The UDF file system provides the following features:

- Ability to access the industry-standard CD-ROM and DVD-ROM media when they contain a UDF file system
- Flexibility in exchanging information across platforms and operating systems
- A mechanism for implementing new applications rich in broadcast-quality video, high-quality sound, and interactivity using the DVD video specification based on UDF format

The following features are not included in the UDF file system:

- Support for write-once media, (CD-RW), with either the sequential disk-at-once recording and incremental recording
- UFS components such as quotas, ACLs, transaction logging, file system locking, and file system threads, which are not part of the UDF 1.50 specification

The UDF file system requires the following:

- At least the Solaris 7 11/99 release
- Supported SPARC or x86 platform
- Supported CD-ROM or DVD-ROM device

The Solaris UDF file system implementation provides the following:

- Support for industry-standard read/write UDF version 1.50
- Fully internationalized file system utilities

Network-Based File Systems

Network-based file systems can be accessed from the network. Typically, network-based file systems reside on one system, typically a server, and are accessed by other systems across the network.

With NFS, you can administer distributed *resources* (files or directories) by exporting them from a server and mounting them on individual clients. For more information, see [“The NFS Environment” on page 345](#).

Virtual File Systems

Virtual file systems are memory-based file systems that provide access to special kernel information and facilities. Most virtual file systems do not use file system disk space. Also, some virtual file systems, such as the temporary file system (TMPFS), use the swap space on a disk.

Temporary File System

The temporary file system (TMPFS) uses local memory for file system reads and writes. Typically, using memory for file system reads and writes is much faster than using a UFS file system. Using TMPFS can improve system performance by saving the cost of reading and writing temporary files to a local disk or across the network. For example, temporary files are created when you compile a program. The OS generates a much disk activity or network activity while manipulating these files. Using TMPFS to hold these temporary files can significantly speed up their creation, manipulation, and deletion.

Files in TMPFS file systems are not permanent. These files are deleted when the file system is unmounted and when the system is shut down or rebooted.

TMPFS is the default file system type for the `/tmp` directory in the Oracle Solaris OS. You can copy or move files into or out of the `/tmp` directory, just as you would in a UFS file system.

The TMPFS file system uses swap space as a temporary backing store. If a system with a TMPFS file system does not have adequate swap space, two problems can occur:

- The TMPFS file system can run out of space, just as regular file systems do.
- Because TMPFS allocates swap space to save file data (if necessary), some programs might not execute because of insufficient swap space.

For information about creating TMPFS file systems, see [Chapter 19, “Creating ZFS, UFS, TMPFS, and LOFS File Systems \(Tasks\)”](#). For information about increasing swap space, see [Chapter 21, “Configuring Additional Swap Space \(Tasks\)”](#).

The Loopback File System

The loopback file system (LOFS) lets you create a new virtual file system so that you can access files by using an alternative path name. For example, you can create a loopback mount of the root (`/`) directory on `/tmp/newroot`. This loopback mounts make the entire file system hierarchy appear as if it is duplicated under `/tmp/newroot`, including any file systems mounted from NFS servers. All files will be accessible either with a path name starting from root (`/`), or with a path name that starts from `/tmp/newroot`.

For information on how to create LOFS file systems, see [Chapter 19, “Creating ZFS, UFS, TMPFS, and LOFS File Systems \(Tasks\)”](#).

Process File System

The process file system (PROCFS) resides in memory and contains a list of active processes, by process number, in the `/proc` directory. Information in the `/proc` directory is used by commands such as `ps`. Debuggers and other development tools can also access the address space of the processes by using file system calls.



Caution – Do not delete files in the `/proc` directory. The deletion of processes from the `/proc` directory does not kill them. `/proc` files do not use disk space, so there is no reason to delete files from this directory.

The `/proc` directory does not require administration.

Additional Virtual File Systems

These additional types of virtual file systems are listed for your information. They do not require administration.

Virtual File System	Description
CTFS	CTFS (the contract file system) is the interface for creating, controlling, and observing contracts. A contract enhances the relationship between a process and the system resources it depends on by providing richer error reporting and (optionally) a means of delaying the removal of a resource. The service management facility (SMF) uses process contracts (a type of contract) to track the processes which compose a service, so that a failure in a part of a multi-process service can be identified as a failure of that service.
FIFOFS (first-in first-out)	Named pipe files that give processes common access to data
FDFS (file descriptors)	Provides explicit names for opening files by using file descriptors
MNTFS	Provides read-only access to the table of mounted file systems for the local system
NAMEFS	Used mostly by STREAMS for dynamic mounts of file descriptors on top of files
OBJFS	The OBJFS (object) file system describes the state of all modules currently loaded by the kernel. This file system is used by debuggers to access information about kernel symbols without having to access the kernel directly.
SHAREFS	Provides read-only access to the table of shared file systems for the local system
SPECFS (special)	Provides access to character special devices and block devices
SWAPFS	Used by the kernel for swapping

libc_hwcap

The mount output on an x86 system might include a loopback mount of a `libc_hwcap` library, a hardware-optimized implementation of `libc`. This `libc` implementation is intended to optimize the performance of 32-bit applications.

This loopback mount requires no administration and consumes no disk space.

Extended File Attributes

The UFS, NFS, and TMPFS file systems have been enhanced to include extended file attributes. Extended file attributes enable application developers to associate specific attributes to a file. For example, a developer of an application used to manage a windowing system might choose to associate a display icon with a file. Extended file attributes are logically represented as files within a hidden directory that is associated with the target file.

You can use the `runat` command to add attributes and execute shell commands in the extended attribute namespace. This namespace is a hidden attribute directory that is associated with the specified file.

To use the `runat` command to add attributes to a file, you first have to create the attributes file.

```
$ runat filea cp /tmp/attrdata attr.1
```

Then, use the `runat` command to list the attributes of the file.

```
$ runat filea ls -l
```

For more information, see the [runat\(1\)](#) man page.

Many Solaris file system commands have been modified to support file system attributes by providing an attribute-aware option. Use this option to query, copy, or find file attributes. For more information, see the specific man page for each file system command.

Swap Space

The Oracle Solaris OS uses some disk slices for temporary storage rather than for file systems. These slices are called *swap* slices, or *swap space*. Swap space is used for virtual memory storage areas when the system does not have enough physical memory to handle current processes.

Since many applications rely on swap space, you should know how to plan for, monitor, and add more swap space, when needed. For an overview about swap space and instructions for adding swap space, see [Chapter 21, “Configuring Additional Swap Space \(Tasks\)”](#).

Commands for UFS File System Administration

Most commands for file system administration have both a generic component and a file system–specific component. Whenever possible, you should use the generic commands, which call the file system–specific component. The following table lists the generic commands for file system administration. These commands are located in the `/usr/sbin` directory.

TABLE 18–1 Generic Commands for File System Administration

Command	Description	Man Page
<code>clri</code>	Clears inodes	clri(1M)
<code>df</code>	Reports the number of free disk blocks and files	df(1M)
<code>ff</code>	Lists file names and statistics for a file system	ff(1M)
<code>fsck</code>	Checks the integrity of a file system and repairs any damage found	fsck(1M)
<code>fsdb</code>	Debugs the file system	fsdb(1M)
<code>fstyp</code>	Determines the file system type	fstyp(1M)
<code>labelit</code>	Lists or provides labels for file systems when they are copied to tape (for use only by the <code>volcopy</code> command)	labelit(1M)
<code>mkfs</code>	Creates a new file system	mkfs(1M)
<code>mount</code>	Mounts local and remote file systems	mount(1M)
<code>mountall</code>	Mounts all file systems that are specified in the virtual file system table (<code>/etc/vfstab</code>)	mountall(1M)
<code>ncheck</code>	Generates a list of path names with their inode numbers	ncheck(1M)
<code>umount</code>	Unmounts local and remote file systems	mount(1M)
<code>umountall</code>	Unmounts all file systems that are specified in the virtual file system table (<code>/etc/vfstab</code>)	mountall(1M)
<code>volcopy</code>	Creates an image copy of a file system	volcopy(1M)

How File System Commands Determine the File System Type

The generic file system commands determine the file system type by following this sequence:

1. From the `-F` option, if supplied.

2. By matching a special device with an entry in the `/etc/vfstab` file (if the *special* device is supplied). For example, `fsck` first looks for a match against the `fsck` device field. If no match is found, the command then checks the *special* device field.
3. By using the default specified in the `/etc/default/fs` file for local file systems and in the `/etc/dfs/fstypes` file for remote file systems.

Manual Pages for Generic and Specific File System Commands

Both the generic commands and specific commands have manual pages in the *man pages section 1M: System Administration Commands*. The manual pages for the generic file system commands provide information about generic command options only. The manual page for a specific file system command has information about options for that file system. To look at a manual page for a specific file system, append an underscore and the abbreviation for the file system type to the generic command name.

For example, to see the specific manual page for mounting a UFS file system, type the following:

```
$ man mount_ufs
```

For example, to see the specific manual page for mounting a ZFS file system, type the following:

```
$ man zfs
```

Default Solaris File Systems

The ZFS or UFS file system is hierarchical, starting with the root directory (`/`) and continuing downwards through a number of directories. The Solaris installation process enables you to install a default set of directories and uses a set of conventions to group similar types of files together.

For a description of the contents of Solaris file systems and directories, see [filesystem\(5\)](#).

The following table provides a summary of the default Solaris file systems.

TABLE 18-2 The Default Solaris File Systems

File System or Directory	File System Type	Description
root (<code>/</code>)	UFS or ZFS	The top of the hierarchical file tree. The root (<code>/</code>) directory contains the directories and files that are critical for system operation, such as the kernel, the device drivers, and the programs used to boot the system. The root (<code>/</code>) directory also contains the mount point directories where local and remote file systems can be attached to the file tree.

TABLE 18–2 The Default Solaris File Systems (Continued)

File System or Directory	File System Type	Description
/usr	UFS or ZFS	System files and directories that can be shared with other users. Files that run only on certain types of systems are in the /usr file system or directory (for example, SPARC executables). Files that can be used on all types of systems, such as the man pages, might be placed in the /usr/share directory.
/export/home or /home	NFS, UFS, or ZFS	The mount point for user home directories, which store user work files. By default, the /home directory is an automounted file system. On stand-alone systems, the /home directory might be a UFS file system or a ZFS file system.
/var	UFS or ZFS	System files and directories that are likely to change or grow over the life of the local system. These include system logs, such as vi and ex backup files.
/opt	NFS, UFS or ZFS	Optional mount point for third-party software. On some systems, the /opt directory might be a UFS file system or ZFS file system.
/tmp	TMPFS	Temporary files, which are removed each time the system is booted or the /tmp file system is unmounted.
/proc	PROCFS	A list of active processes, by process number.
/etc/mnttab	MNTFS	A virtual file system that provides read-only access to the table of mounted file systems for the local system.
/var/run	TMPFS	A memory-based file system for storing temporary files that are not needed after the system is booted.
/system/contract	CTFS	A virtual file system that maintains contract information.
/system/object	OBJFS	A virtual file system that is used by debuggers to access information about kernel symbols without having to access the kernel directly.

The root (/) and /usr file systems are required to run a system. Some of the most basic commands in the /usr file system (like mount) are also included in the root (/) file system. As such, they are available when the system boots or is in single-user mode, and /usr is not mounted.

UFS File System

See the following sections for details about the UFS file system.

- “UFS File System Features” on page 336
- “Planning UFS File Systems” on page 336
- “64-bit: Support of Multiterabyte UFS File Systems” on page 337
- “UFS Logging” on page 339
- “UFS Snapshots” on page 340
- “UFS Direct Input/Output (I/O)” on page 340

UFS File System Features

UFS is the default disk-based file system in Oracle Solaris OS. Most often, when you administer a disk-based file system, you are administering UFS file systems. UFS provides the following features.

UFS Feature	Description
Extended fundamental types (EFT)	Provides 32-bit user ID (UID), group ID (GID), and device numbers.
Large file systems	Allows files of about 1 terabyte in size in a file system that can be up to 16 terabytes in size. You can create a multiterabyte UFS file system on a disk with an EFI disk label.
Logging	UFS logging bundles the multiple metadata changes that comprise a complete UFS operation into a transaction. Sets of transactions are recorded in an on-disk log and are applied to the actual UFS file system's metadata.
Multiterabyte file systems	A multiterabyte file system enables creation of a UFS file system up to approximately 16 terabytes of usable space, minus approximately one percent overhead.
State flags	Shows the state of the file system: clean, stable, active, logging, or unknown. These flags eliminate unnecessary file system checks. If the file system is “clean,” “stable,” or “logging,” file system checks are not run.

Planning UFS File Systems

When laying out file systems, you need to consider possible conflicting demands. Here are some suggestions:

- Distribute the workload as evenly as possible among different I/O systems and disk drives. Distribute the `/export/home` file system and swap space evenly across disks.

- Keep pieces of projects or members of groups within the same file system.
- Use as few file systems per disk as possible. On the system (or boot) disk, you should have three file systems: root (/), /usr, and swap space. On other disks, create one or at most two file systems, with one file system preferably being additional swap space. Fewer, roomier file systems cause less file fragmentation than many small, over crowded file systems. Higher-capacity tape drives and the ability of the `ufsdump` command to handle multiple volumes make it easier to back up larger file systems.
- If you have some users who consistently create very small files, consider creating a separate file system with more inodes. However, most sites do not need to keep similar types of user files in the same file system.

For information on default file system parameters as well as procedures for creating new UFS file systems, see [Chapter 19, “Creating ZFS, UFS, TMPFS, and LOFS File Systems \(Tasks\)”](#).

64-bit: Support of Multiterabyte UFS File Systems

This Solaris release provides support for multiterabyte UFS file systems on systems that run a 64-bit Solaris kernel.

Previously, UFS file systems were limited to approximately 1 terabyte on both 64-bit and 32-bit systems. All UFS file system commands and utilities have been updated to support multiterabyte UFS file systems.

For example, the `ufsdump` command has been updated with a larger block size for dumping large UFS file systems:

```
# ufsdump 0f /dev/md/rdisk/d97 /dev/md/rdisk/d98
DUMP: Date of this level 0 dump: Mon Jul 12 10:51:10 2010
DUMP: Date of last level 0 dump: the epoch
DUMP: Dumping /dev/md/rdisk/d97 to /dev/md/rdisk/d98
DUMP: Mapping (Pass I) [regular files]
DUMP: Mapping (Pass II) [directories]
DUMP: Writing 32 Kilobyte records
DUMP: Estimated 17439410 blocks (8515.34MB).
DUMP: Dumping (Pass III) [directories]
DUMP: Dumping (Pass IV) [regular files]
```

Administering UFS file systems that are less than 1 terabyte remains the same. No administration differences exist between UFS file systems that are less than one terabyte and file systems that are greater than 1 terabyte.

You can initially create a UFS file system that is less than 1 terabyte and specify that it can eventually be expanded into a multiterabyte file system by using the `newfs -T` option. This option sets the inode and fragment density to scale appropriately for a multiterabyte file system.

Using the `newfs -T` option when you create a UFS file system less than 1 terabyte on a system running a 32-bit kernel enables you to eventually expand this file system by using the `growfs` command when you boot this system under a 64-bit kernel. For more information, see [newfs\(1M\)](#).

You can use the `fstyp -v` command to identify whether a UFS file system has multiterabyte support by checking the following value in the magic column:

```
# /usr/sbin/fstyp -v /dev/md/rdisk/d3 | head -5
ufs
magic  decade  format  dynamic time  Mon Jul 12 11:12:36 2010
```

A UFS file system with no multiterabyte support has the following `fstyp` output:

```
# /usr/sbin/fstyp -v /dev/md/rdisk/d0 | head -5
ufs
magic  11954  format  dynamic time  Mon Jul 12 12:41:29 2010
```

You can use the `growfs` command to expand a UFS file system to the size of the slice or the volume without loss of service or data. For more information, see [growfs\(1M\)](#).

For information about creating multiterabyte UFS file systems, see [Chapter 19, “Creating ZFS, UFS, TMPFS, and LOFS File Systems \(Tasks\)”](#).

Features of Multiterabyte UFS File Systems

Multiterabyte UFS file systems include the following features:

- Provides the ability to create a UFS file system up to 16 terabytes in size.
- Provides the ability to create a file system less than 16 terabytes that can later be increased in size up to 16 terabytes.
- Multiterabyte file systems can be created on physical disks and Veritas' VxVM logical volumes.
- Multiterabyte file systems benefit from the performance improvements of having UFS logging enabled. Multiterabyte file systems also benefit from the availability of logging because the `fsck` command might not have to be run when logging is enabled.
- When you create a partition for your multiterabyte UFS file system, the disk will be labeled automatically with an EFI disk label. For more information on EFI disk labels, see [“EFI Disk Label” on page 186](#).
- Provides the ability to snapshot a multiterabyte file system by creating multiple backing store files when a file system is over 512 GB.

Limitations of Multiterabyte UFS File Systems

Limitations of multiterabyte UFS file systems are as follows:

- This feature is not supported on 32-bit systems.

- You cannot mount a file system greater than 1 terabyte on a system that is running a 32-bit Solaris kernel.
- There is no support for individual files greater than 1 terabyte.
- The maximum number of files is 1 million files per terabyte of a UFS file system. For example, a 4-terabyte file system can contain 4 million files.
This limit is intended to reduce the time it takes to check the file system with the `fsck` command.
- The maximum quota that you can set on a multiterabyte UFS file system is 2 terabytes of 1024-byte blocks.

UFS Logging

UFS logging bundles the multiple metadata changes that comprise a complete UFS operation into a transaction. Sets of transactions are recorded in an on-disk log. Then, they are applied to the actual UFS file system's metadata.

At reboot, the system discards incomplete transactions, but applies the transactions for completed operations. The file system remains consistent because only completed transactions are ever applied. This consistency remains even when a system crashes. A system crash might interrupt system calls and introduces inconsistencies into a UFS file system.

UFS logging provides two advantages:

- If the file system is already consistent due to the transaction log, you might not have to run the `fsck` command after a system crash or an unclean shutdown. .
- The performance of UFS logging improves or exceeds the level of performance of non logging file systems. This improvement can occur because a file system with logging enabled converts multiple updates to the same data into single updates. Thus, reducing the number of overhead disk operations required.

Logging is enabled by default for all UFS file systems, except under the following conditions:

- When logging is explicitly disabled.
- If there is insufficient file system space for the log.

In previous Solaris releases, you had to manually enable UFS logging.

Keep the following issues in mind when using UFS logging:

- Ensure that you have enough disk space for your general system needs, such as for users and applications, and for UFS logging.
- If you don't have enough disk space for logging data, a message similar to the following is displayed:

```
# mount /dev/dsk/c0t4d0s0 /mnt
/mnt: No space left on device
Could not enable logging for /mnt on /dev/dsk/c0t4d0s0.
#
```

However, the file system is still mounted. For example:

```
# df -h /mnt
Filesystem              size  used  avail capacity  Mounted on
/dev/dsk/c0t4d0s0      142M  142M    0K   100%    /mnt
#
```

- A UFS file system with logging enabled that is generally empty will have some disk space consumed for the log.
- If you upgrade to this Solaris release from a previous Solaris release, your UFS file systems will have logging enabled, even if the logging option was not specified in the `/etc/vfstab` file. To disable logging, add the `no logging` option to the UFS file system entries in the `/etc/vfstab` file.

The UFS transaction log has the following characteristics:

- Is allocated from free blocks on the file system
- Sized at approximately 1 MB per 1 GB of file system space, up to 256 MB. The log size might be larger, up to a maximum of 512 MB, if the file system has a large number of cylinder groups.
- Continually flushed as it fills up
- Also flushed when the file system is unmounted or as a result of any `lockfs` command.

If you need to enable UFS logging, specify the `-o logging` option with the `mount` command in the `/etc/vfstab` file or when you manually mount the file system. Logging can be enabled on any UFS file system, including the root (`/`) file system. Also, the `fsdb` command has new debugging commands to support UFS logging.

In some operating systems, a file system with logging enabled is known as a *journaling* file system.

UFS Snapshots

You can use the `fsnap` command to create a read-only snapshot of a file system. A *snapshot* is a file system's temporary image that is intended for backup operations.

UFS Direct Input/Output (I/O)

Direct I/O is intended to boost bulk I/O operations. Bulk I/O operations use large buffer sizes to transfer large files (larger than 256 KB).

Using UFS direct I/O might benefit applications, such as database engines, that do their own internal buffering. UFS direct I/O allows the same kind of I/O concurrency that occurs when raw devices are accessed. Now you can get the benefit of file system naming and flexibility with very little performance penalty. Check with your database vendor to see if it can enable UFS direct I/O in its product configuration options.

Direct I/O can also be enabled on a file system by using the `forcedirectio` option to the `mount` command. Enabling direct I/O is a performance benefit only when a file system is transferring large amounts of sequential data.

When a file system is mounted with this option, data is transferred directly between a user's address space and the disk. When forced direct I/O is not enabled for a file system, data transferred between a user's address space and the disk is first buffered in the kernel address space.

The default behavior is no forced direct I/O on a UFS file system. For more information, see [mount_ufs\(1M\)](#).

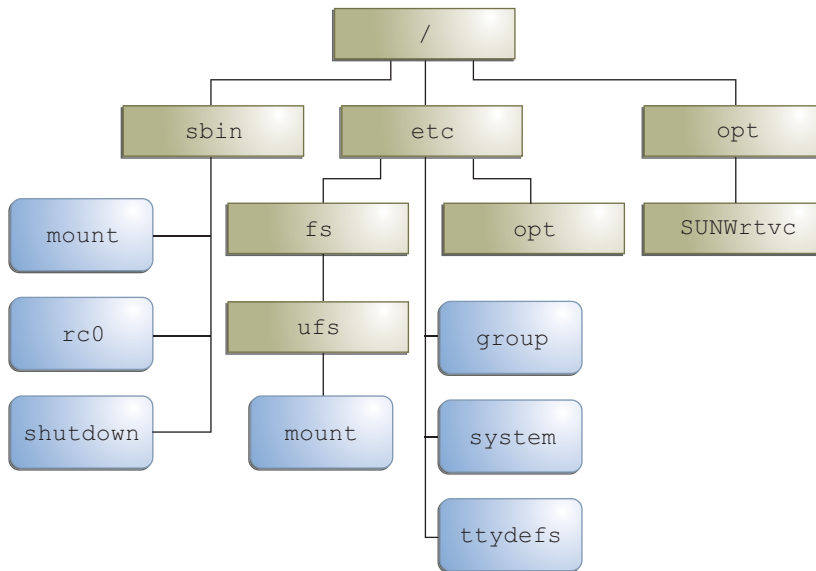
Mounting and Unmounting File Systems

Before you can access the files on a file system, you need to mount the file system. When you mount a file system, you attach that file system to a directory (*mount point*) and make it available to the system. The root (`/`) file system is always mounted. Any other file system can be connected or disconnected from the root (`/`) file system.

When you mount a file system, any files or directories in the underlying mount point directory are unavailable as long as the file system is mounted. These files are not permanently affected by the mounting process. They become available again when the file system is unmounted. However, mount directories are typically empty because you usually do not want to obscure existing files.

For example, the following figure shows a local file system, starting with a root (`/`) file system and the `sbin`, `etc`, and `opt` subdirectories.

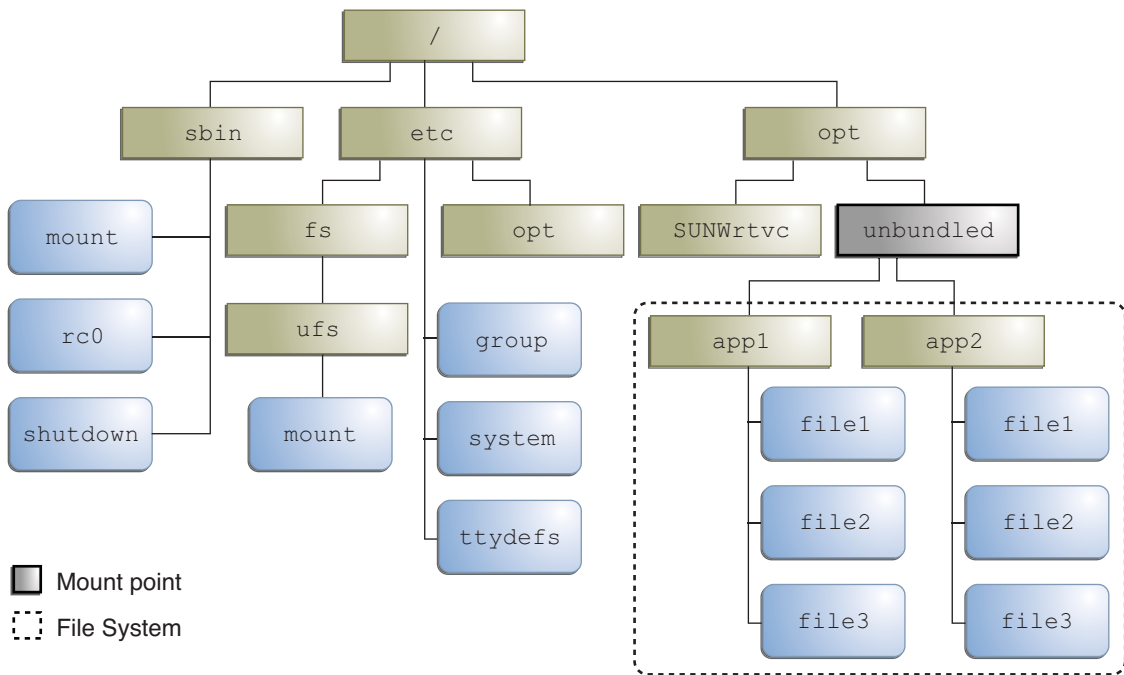
FIGURE 18-1 Sample UFS root (/) File System



To access a local file system from the `/opt` file system that contains a set of unbundled products, you must do the following:

- First, you must create a directory to use as a mount point for the file system you want to mount, for example, `/opt/unbundled`.
- Once the mount point is created, you can mount the file system by using the `mount` command. This command makes all of the files and directories in `/opt/unbundled` available, as shown in the following figure.

FIGURE 18-2 Mounting a UFS File System



For step-by-step instructions on how to mount file systems, see [Chapter 20, “Mounting and Unmounting File Systems \(Tasks\)”](#).

The Mounted File System Table

Whenever you mount or unmount a file system, the `/etc/mnttab` (mount table) file is modified with the list of currently mounted file systems. You can display the contents of this file by using the `cat` or `more` commands. However, you cannot edit this file. Here is an example of an `/etc/mnttab` file:

```

$ more /etc/mnttab
rpool/ROOT/zfs509BE      /          zfs      dev=4010002    0
/devices                /devices   devfs    dev=5000000    1235087509
ctfs                    /system/contract ctfs     dev=5040001    1235087509
proc                   /proc      proc     dev=5080000    1235087509
mnttab                 /etc/mnttab mntfs   dev=50c0001    1235087509
swap                  /etc/svc/volatile tmpfs   xattr,dev=5100001 1235087510
objfs                 /system/object objfs   dev=5140001    1235087510
sharefs               /etc/dfs/sharetab sharefs dev=5180001    1235087510
fd                    /dev/fd    fd      rw,dev=52c0001 1235087527
swap                  /tmp       tmpfs   xattr,dev=5100002 1235087543
swap                  /var/run   tmpfs   xattr,dev=5100003 1235087543
rpool/export          /export    zfs     rw,devices,setuid,nonbmand,exec,xattr,...
  
```

```
rpool/export/home    /export/home    zfs    rw,devices,setuid,nonmand,exec,...
rpool    /rpool    zfs    rw,devices,setuid,nonmand,exec,xattr,atime,dev=4010005 1235087656
```

The Virtual File System Table

Manually mounting file systems every time you wanted to access them would be a very time-consuming and error-prone. To avoid these problems, the virtual file system table (the `/etc/vfstab` file) provides a list of file systems and information on how to mount them.

The `/etc/vfstab` file provides two important features:

- You can specify file systems to automatically mount when the system boots. ZFS file systems are automatically mounted at boot time by an SMF service without entries in the `vfstab` file.
- You can mount file systems by using only the mount point name. The `/etc/vfstab` file contains the mapping between the mount point and the actual device slice name.

A default `/etc/vfstab` file is created when you install a system, depending on the selections during installation. However, you can edit the `/etc/vfstab` file on a system whenever you want. To add an entry, the information you need to specify is as follows:

- The device where the file system resides
- The file system mount point
- File system type
- Whether you want the file system to mount automatically when the system boots (by using the `mountall` command)
- Any mount options

The following is an example of an `/etc/vfstab` file for a system that runs a UFS root file system. Comment lines begin with `#`. This example shows an `/etc/vfstab` file for a system with two disks (`c0t0d0` and `c0t3d0`).

```
$ more /etc/vfstab
#device      device      mount      FS      fsck      mount      mount
#to mount    to fsck     point      type     pass     at boot   options
#
fd           -           /dev/fd    fd       -         no        -
/proc       -           /proc      proc    -         no        -
/dev/dsk/c0t0d0s1 -         -          swap    -         no        -
/dev/dsk/c0t0d0s0 /dev/rdisk/c0t0d0s0 /          ufs     1         no        -
/dev/dsk/c0t0d0s6 /dev/rdisk/c0t0d0s6 /usr       ufs     1         no        -
/dev/dsk/c0t0d0s7 /dev/rdisk/c0t0d0s7 /export/home ufs     2         yes       -
/dev/dsk/c0t0d0s5 /dev/rdisk/c0t0d0s5 /opt       ufs     2         yes       -
/devices    -           /devices   devfs   -         no        -
sharefs     -           /etc/dfs/sharetabsharefs -         no        -
ctfs        -           /system/contract ctfs    -         no        -
objfs       -           /system/object objfs   -         no        -
swap        -           /tmp       tmpfs   -         yes       -
```


In this example, `root (/)` and `/usr`, the mount at boot field value is specified as `no`. These file systems are mounted by the kernel as part of the boot sequence before the `mountall` command is run.

The following `vfstab` example is from a system that runs a ZFS root file system.

```
# cat /etc/vfstab
#device      device      mount      FS      fsck   mount  mount
#to mount    to fsck     point      type    pass  at boot options
#
fd           -           /dev/fd    fd      -      no     -
/proc       -           /proc      proc    -      no     -
/dev/zvol/dsk/rpool/swap -           -          swap    -      no     -
/devices    -           /devices   devfs   -      no     -
sharefs     -           /etc/dfs/sharetabsharefs -      no     -
ctfs        -           /system/contract ctfs    -      no     -
objfs       -           /system/object objfs   -      no     -
swap        -           /tmp       tmpfs   -      yes    -
```

ZFS file systems are mounted automatically by the SMF service at boot time. You can mount ZFS file systems from the `vfstab` by using the legacy mount feature. For more information, see [Oracle Solaris ZFS Administration Guide](#).

For descriptions of each `/etc/vfstab` field and information on how to edit and use the file, see [Chapter 20, “Mounting and Unmounting File Systems \(Tasks\)”](#).

The NFS Environment

NFS is a distributed file system service that can be used to share *resources* (files or directories) from one system, typically a server, with other systems on the network. For example, you might want to share third-party applications or source files with users on other systems.

NFS makes the actual physical location of the resource irrelevant to the user. Instead of placing copies of commonly used files on every system, NFS allows you to place one copy on one system's disk and let all other systems access it from the network. Under NFS, remote files are virtually indistinguishable from local files.

For more information, see [Chapter 4, “Managing Network File Systems \(Overview\)”](#), in *System Administration Guide: Network Services*.

A system becomes an NFS server if it has resources to share on the network. A server keeps a list of currently shared resources and their access restrictions (such as read/write or read-only access).

When you share a resource, you make it available for mounting by remote systems.

You can share a resource in these ways:

- By using the `share` or `shareall` command

- By adding an entry to the `/etc/dfs/dfstab` (distributed file system table) file and rebooting the system

For information on how to share resources, see [Chapter 20, “Mounting and Unmounting File Systems \(Tasks\)”](#). For a complete description of NFS, see [Chapter 4, “Managing Network File Systems \(Overview\)”](#), in *System Administration Guide: Network Services*.

NFS Version 4

Oracle's implementation of the NFS version 4 distributed file access protocol is included in the Solaris release.

NFS version 4 integrates file access, file locking, and mount protocols into a single, unified protocol to ease traversal through a firewall and improve security. The Solaris implementation of NFS version 4 is fully integrated with Kerberos V5, also known as SEAM, thus providing authentication, integrity, and privacy. NFS version 4 also enables the negotiation of security flavors to be used between the client and the server. With NFS version 4, a server can offer different security flavors for different file systems.

For more information about NFS Version 4 features, see [“What's New With the NFS Service”](#) in *System Administration Guide: Network Services*.

Automounting (autofs)

You can mount NFS file system resources by using a client-side service called *automounting* (or *autofs*). The *autofs* service enables a system to automatically mount and unmount NFS resources whenever you access them. The resource remains mounted as long as you remain in the directory and are using a file within that directory. If the resource is not accessed for a certain period of time, it is automatically unmounted.

The *autofs* service provides the following features:

- NFS resources don't need to be mounted when the system boots, which saves booting time.
- Users don't need to know the root password to mount and unmount NFS resources.
- Network traffic might be reduced because NFS resources are mounted only when they are in use.

The *autofs* service is initialized by the `automount` utility, which runs automatically when a system is booted. The `automountd` daemon runs continuously and is responsible for the mounting and unmounting of NFS file systems on an as-needed basis. By default, the `/home` file system is mounted by the `automount` daemon.

With *autofs*, you can specify multiple servers to provide the same file system. This way, if one of these servers is down, *autofs* can try to mount the file system from another machine.

For complete information on how to set up and administer *autofs*, see *System Administration Guide: IP Services*.

Determining a File System's Type

You can determine a file system's type by using one of the following:

- The FS type field in the virtual file system table (the `/etc/vfstab` file)
- The `/etc/default/fs` file for local file systems
- The `/etc/dfs/fstypes` file for NFS file systems

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This procedure works whether or not the file system is mounted.

Determine a file system's type by using the `grep` command.

```
$ grep mount-point fs-table
```

mount-point Specifies the mount point name of the file system for which you want to know the file system type. For example, the `/var` directory.

fs-table Specifies the absolute path to the file system table in which to search for the file system's type. If the file system is mounted, *fs-table* should be `/etc/mnttab`. If the file system isn't mounted, *fs-table* should be `/etc/vfstab`.

Information for the mount point is displayed.

Note – If you have the raw device name of a disk slice, you can use the `fstyp` command to determine a file system's type (if the disk slice contains a file system). For more information, see [fstyp\(1M\)](#).

EXAMPLE 18-1 Determining a File System's Type

The following example uses the `/etc/vfstab` file to determine the file system type for the `/export` file system.

```
$ grep /export /etc/vfstab
/dev/dsk/c0t3d0s6 /dev/rdisk/c0t3d0s6 /export ufs 2 yes -
$
```

The following example uses the `/etc/mnttab` file to determine the file system type of the currently mounted diskette.

```
$ grep floppy /etc/mnttab
/dev/diskette0 /media/floppy ufs rw,nosuid,intr,largefiles,logging,xattr,onerror=panic,dev=900002
1165251037
```

The following example uses the `fstyp` command to determine the file system type.

EXAMPLE 18-1 Determining a File System's Type *(Continued)*

```
# fstyp /dev/rdsk/c0t0d0s0  
zfs
```

Creating ZFS, UFS, TMPFS, and LOFS File Systems (Tasks)

This chapter describes how to create ZFS, UFS, temporary (TMPFS), and loopback (LOFS) file systems. Because TMPFS and LOFS are virtual file systems, you actually “access” them by mounting them.

This is a list of the step-by-step instructions in this chapter.

- “Creating an Oracle Solaris ZFS File System” on page 349
- “How to Create a UFS File System” on page 351
- “How to Create and Mount a TMPFS File System” on page 353
- “How to Create and Mount an LOFS File System” on page 354

Note – For instructions on how to create UFS and DOS file systems on removable media, see [Chapter 1, “Managing Removable Media \(Overview\)”](#).

Creating an Oracle Solaris ZFS File System

A ZFS file system is not directly tied to a specific disk partition. A ZFS file system is contained within a ZFS storage pool that can contain many devices. Either whole disks or disk slices can be added to a ZFS storage pool. Within a pool, you will probably want to create additional file systems. File systems provide points of administration that allow you to manage different sets of data within the same pool.

For more information about creating ZFS storage pools and file systems, see [Oracle Solaris ZFS Administration Guide](#).

▼ How to Create an Oracle Solaris ZFS File System

1 Become an administrator.

For more information, see “How to Obtain Administrative Rights” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

2 Create a ZFS storage pool.

The following example illustrates how to create a simple mirrored storage pool named `tank` and a ZFS file system named `tank` in one command. Assume that the whole disks `/dev/dsk/c1t0d0` and `/dev/dsk/c2t0d0` are available for use.

```
# zpool create tank mirror c1t0d0 c2t0d0
```

3 Create a ZFS file system.

```
# zfs create tank/fs
```

The new ZFS file system, `tank/fs`, can use as much of the disk space as needed, and is automatically mounted at `/tank/fs`.

4 Confirm that the file system is created.

```
# zfs list -r tank
NAME      USED  AVAIL  REFER  MOUNTPOINT
tank      117K  268G   21K    /tank
tank/fs   21K   268G   21K    /tank/fs
```

Creating a UFS File System

Before you can create a UFS file system on a disk, the disk must be formatted and divided into slices. A *disk slice* is a physical subset of a disk that is composed of a single range of contiguous blocks. A slice can be used either as a raw device that provides, for example, swap space, or to hold a disk-based file system. See [Chapter 10, “Managing Disks \(Overview\)”](#) for complete information on formatting disks and dividing disks into slices.

Note – Solaris device names use the term *slice* (and the letter *s* in the device name) to refer to the slice number. Slices are also called *partitions*.

You need to create UFS file systems only occasionally, because the Oracle Solaris OS automatically creates them as part of the installation process. You need to create (or re-create) a UFS file system when you want to do the following:

- Add or replace disks
- Change the existing partitioning structure of a disk
- Fully restore of a file system

The `newfs` command is the standard way to create UFS file systems. The `newfs` command is a convenient front end to the `mkfs` command, which actually creates the new file system. The `newfs` command reads parameter defaults, such as tracks per cylinder and sectors per track, from the label for the disk that will contain the new file system. The options you choose are passed to the `mkfs` command to build the file system.

For information about the default parameters that are used by the `newfs` command, see [`newfs\(1M\)`](#).

▼ How to Create a UFS File System

Before You Begin Ensure that you have met the following prerequisites:

- The disk must be formatted and divided into slices.
- If you are re-creating an existing UFS file system, unmount it.
- You need to know the device name of the slice that will contain the file system.

For information on finding disks and disk slice numbers, see [Chapter 11, “Administering Disks \(Tasks\)”](#).

For information on formatting disks and dividing disks into slices, see [Chapter 10, “Managing Disks \(Overview\)”](#).

1 Become an administrator.

For more information, see “[How to Obtain Administrative Rights](#)” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

2 Create the UFS file system.

```
# newfs [-N] [-b size] [-i bytes] /dev/rdisk/device-name
```

- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| -N | Displays what parameters the <code>newfs</code> command would pass to the <code>mkfs</code> command without actually creating the file system. This option is a good way to test the <code>newfs</code> command. |
| -b <i>size</i> | Specifies the block size for the file system, either 4096 or 8192 bytes per block. The default is 8192. |
| -i <i>bytes</i> | Specifies the number of bytes per inode. The default varies depending on the disk size. For more information, see <code>newfs(1M)</code> . |
| <i>device-name</i> | Specifies the disk device name on which to create the new file system. |

The system asks for confirmation.



Caution – Be sure you have specified the correct device name for the slice before performing this step. If you specify the wrong slice, you will erase its contents when the new file system is created. This error might cause the system to panic.

3 To verify the creation of the UFS file system, check the new file system.

```
# fsck /dev/rdisk/device-name
```

where *device-name* argument specifies the name of the disk device that contains the new file system.

The `fsck` command checks the consistency of the new file system, reports any problems, and prompts you before it repairs the problems. For more information on the `fsck` command, see [fsck\(1M\)](#).

Example 19-1 Creating a UFS File System

The following example shows how to create a UFS file system on `/dev/rdisk/c0t1d0s0`.

```
# newfs /dev/rdisk/c0t1d0s0
newfs: construct a new file system /dev/rdisk/c0t1d0s0: (y/n)? y
/dev/rdisk/c0t1d0s0:      286722656 sectors in 46668 cylinders of 48 tracks, 128 sectors
      140001.3MB in 2917 cyl groups (16 c/g, 48.00MB/g, 5824 i/g)
super-block backups (for fsck -F ufs -o b=#) at:
   32, 98464, 196896, 295328, 393760, 492192, 590624, 689056, 787488, 885920,
Initializing cylinder groups:
.....
super-block backups for last 10 cylinder groups at:
   285773216, 285871648, 285970080, 286068512, 286166944, 286265376, 286363808,
   286462240, 286560672, 286659104
# fsck /dev/rdisk/c0t1d0s0
```

More Information After You Create a UFS File System ...

To mount the UFS file system and make it available, go to [Chapter 20, “Mounting and Unmounting File Systems \(Tasks\)”](#).

Creating a Temporary File System (TMPFS)

A *temporary file system (TMPFS)* uses local memory for file system reads and writes, which is typically much faster than reads and writes in a UFS file system. TMPFS file systems can improve system performance by saving the cost of reading and writing temporary files to a local disk or across the network. Files in TMPFS file systems do not survive across reboots or unmounts.

If you create multiple TMPFS file systems, be aware that they all use the same system resources. Files created under one TMPFS file system use up space available for any other TMPFS file system, unless you limit TMPFS sizes by using the `-o size` option of the `mount` command.

For more information, see the [tmpfs\(7FS\)](#).

▼ How to Create and Mount a TMPFS File System

1 Become an administrator.

For more information, see “[How to Obtain Administrative Rights](#)” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

2 Create the directory that you want to mount as the TMPFS file system, if necessary.

```
# mkdir /mount-point
```

where *mount-point* is the directory on which the TMPFS file system is mounted.

3 Mount the TMPFS file system.

```
# mount -F tmpfs [-o size=number] swap mount-point
```

`-o size=number` Specifies the size limit of the TMPFS file system in MB.

mount-point Specifies the directory on which the TMPFS file system is mounted.

To set up the system to automatically mount a TMPFS file system at boot time, see [Example 19–3](#).

4 Verify that the TMPFS file system has been created.

```
# mount -v
```

Example 19–2 Creating and Mounting a TMPFS File System

The following example shows how to create, mount, and limit the size of the TMPFS file system, `/export/reports`, to 50 MB.

```
# mkdir /export/reports
# chmod 777 /export/reports
# mount -F tmpfs -o size=50m swap /export/reports
# mount -v
```

Example 19–3 Mounting a TMPFS File System at Boot Time

You can set up the system to automatically mount a TMPFS file system at boot time by adding an `/etc/vfstab` entry. The following example shows an entry in the `/etc/vfstab` file that

mounts `/export/test` as a TMPFS file system at boot time. Because the `size=number` option is not specified, the size of the TMPFS file system on `/export/test` is limited only by the available system resources.

```
swap - /export/test tmpfs - yes -
```

Creating and Mounting a Loopback File System (LOFS)

An *LOFS file system* is a virtual file system that provides an alternate path to an existing file system. When other file systems are mounted onto an LOFS file system, the original file system does not change.

For more information, see the [lofs\(7FS\)](#).

Note – Be careful when creating LOFS file systems. Because LOFS file systems are virtual file systems, the potential for confusing both users and applications is enormous.

▼ How to Create and Mount an LOFS File System

1 Become an administrator.

For more information, see “[How to Obtain Administrative Rights](#)” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

2 Create the directory you want to mount as an LOFS file system, if necessary.

```
# mkdir loopback-directory
```

3 Grant the appropriate permissions and ownership on the newly created directory.

4 Create the mount point where you want to mount the LOFS file system, if necessary.

```
# mkdir /mount-point
```

5 Mount the LOFS file system.

```
# mount -F lofs loopback-directory /mount-point
```

`loopback-directory` Specifies the file system to be mounted on the loopback mount point.

`/mount-point` Specifies the directory on which to mount the LOFS file system.

6 Verify that the LOFS file system has been mounted.

```
# mount -v
```

Example 19-4 Creating and Mounting an LOFS File System

The following example shows how to create, mount, and test new software in the `/new/dist` directory as a loopback file system without actually having to install it.

```
# mkdir /tmp/newroot
# mount -F lofs /new/dist /tmp/newroot
# chroot /tmp/newroot newcommand
```

Example 19-5 Mounting an LOFS File System at Boot Time

You can set up the system to automatically mount an LOFS file system at boot time by adding an entry to the end of the `/etc/vfstab` file. The following example shows an entry in the `/etc/vfstab` file that mounts an LOFS file system for the root (`/`) file system on `/tmp/newroot`.

```
/ - /tmp/newroot lofs - yes -
```

Ensure that the loopback entries are the last entries in the `/etc/vfstab` file. Otherwise, if the `/etc/vfstab` entry for a loopback file system precedes the file systems to be included in it, the loopback file system cannot be mounted.

Mounting and Unmounting File Systems (Tasks)

This chapter describes how to mount and unmount file systems in the Oracle Solaris OS.

This is a list of the step-by-step instructions in this chapter.

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- “How to Unmount a File System” on page 369

Overview of Mounting File Systems

After you create a UFS file system, you need to make it available to the system so that you can use it. You make a UFS file system available by mounting it, which attaches the file system to the system directory tree at the specified mount point. The root (`/`) file system is always mounted.

The following table provides guidelines on mounting file systems based on how you use them.

Mount Type Needed	Suggested Mount Method
Local or remote file systems that need to be mounted infrequently	The mount command that you type manually from the command line.

Mount Type Needed	Suggested Mount Method
Local UFS file systems that need to be mounted frequently. Local ZFS file systems are automatically mounted by an SMF service.	The <code>/etc/vfstab</code> file, which mounts the file system automatically when the system is booted in multi user state.
Remote UFS file systems, such as home directories, that need to be mounted frequently	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The <code>/etc/vfstab</code> file, which automatically mounts the file system when the system is booted in multiuser state. ■ <code>autofs</code>, which automatically mounts the file system when you access it or unmounts the file system when you change to another directory.

For more information on mounting removable media, see [Chapter 1, “Managing Removable Media \(Overview\)”](#)

Commands for Mounting and Unmounting UFS File Systems

The following table lists the commands in the `/usr/sbin` directory that you use to mount and unmount UFS file systems.

TABLE 20-1 Commands for Mounting and Unmounting UFS File Systems

Command	Description	Man Page
<code>mount</code>	Mounts file systems and remote resources.	mount(1M)
<code>mountall</code>	Mounts all file systems that are specified in the <code>/etc/vfstab</code> file. The <code>mountall</code> command runs automatically when the system enters multiuser mode.	mountall(1M)
<code>umount</code>	Unmounts file systems and remote resources.	mount(1M)
<code>umountall</code>	Unmounts all file systems that are specified in the <code>/etc/vfstab</code> file.	mountall(1M)

ZFS file systems are mounted automatically when they are created. You do not need to create an `/etc/vfstab` entry for ZFS file systems unless you prefer to mount them by using the above legacy `mount` commands.

For more information about mounting and unmounting ZFS file systems, see the [Oracle Solaris ZFS Administration Guide](#).

For a complete list of mount options for each file system type, refer to the specific mount man page (for example, [mount_ufs\(1M\)](#)). For information about mounting ZFS file systems, see [zfs\(1M\)](#).

Keep the following key points in mind when using the `mount` and `mountall` commands:

- The `mount` and `mountall` commands cannot mount a read/write file system that has known inconsistencies. If you receive an error message from the `mount` or `mountall` command, you might need to check the file system. See [Chapter 21, “Checking UFS File System Consistency \(Tasks\)”](#) in *System Administration Guide: Devices and File Systems* for information on how to check the file system.
- The `umount` and `umountall` commands do not unmount a file system that is busy. A file system is considered busy if one of the following is true:
 - A user is accessing a file or directory in the file system.
 - A program has a file open in that file system.
 - The file system is shared.
- You can use the `remount` option when remounting from read-only access to read-write access only. You cannot remount from read-write access to read-only access.

Mounting File Systems

The following sections describe how to mount a UFS file system by adding an entry in the `/etc/vfstab` file or by using the `mount` command from the command line.

How to Determine Which File Systems Are Mounted

You can determine which file systems are already mounted by using the `mount` command.

```
$ mount [ -v ]
```

The `-v` displays the list of mounted file systems in verbose mode.

EXAMPLE 20-1 Determining Which File Systems Are Mounted

This example shows how to use the `mount` command to display information about the file systems that are currently mounted.

```
$ mount
/ on /dev/dsk/c0t0d0s0 read/write/setuid/intr/largefiles/xattr/onerror=...
/devices on /devices read/write/setuid/dev=46c0000 on Thu Sep ...
/system/contract on ctfs read/write/setuid/devices/dev=43c0001 ...
/usr on /dev/dsk/c0t0d0s6 read/write/setuid/intr/largefiles/xattr/...
/proc on /proc read/write/setuid/dev=4700000 on Thu Sep 2 ...
/etc/mnttab on mnttab read/write/setuid/dev=47c0000 on Thu Sep 2 ...
```

EXAMPLE 20-1 Determining Which File Systems Are Mounted (Continued)

```

/etc/svc/volatile on swap read/write/setuid/devices/xattr/dev=4480001 ...
/system/object on objfs read/write/setuid/devices/dev=44c0001 ...
/dev/fd on fd read/write/setuid/dev=4800000 on Thu Sep 2 ...
/var/run on swap read/write/setuid/xattr/dev=1 on Thu Sep 2 ...
/tmp on swap read/write/setuid/xattr/dev=2 on Thu Sep 2 ...
/stuff on /dev/dsk/c0t0d0s5 read/write/setuid/intr/largefiles/xattr...
/export/home on /dev/dsk/c0t0d0s7 read/write/setuid/intr/largefiles/...
/home/rimmer on pluto:/export/home/rimmer remote/read/write/setuid/xattr/...
$

```

This example shows how to use the `zfs mount` command to display information about ZFS file systems that are currently mounted.

```

$ zfs mount
rpool/ROOT/zfsBE          /
rpool/export              /export
rpool/export/home        /export/home
rpool                    /rpool

```

▼ How to Add an Entry to the `/etc/vfstab` File

Use this procedure to mount non-ZFS file systems at boot time unless legacy mount behavior is needed for some ZFS file systems. For more information about mounting ZFS file systems, see [Oracle Solaris ZFS Administration Guide](#).

1 Become an administrator.

For more information, see “How to Obtain Administrative Rights” in [System Administration Guide: Security Services](#).

2 Create a mount point for the file system to be mounted, if necessary.

```
# mkdir /mount-point
```

There must be a mount point on the local system to mount a file system. A *mount point* is a directory to which the mounted file system is attached.

3 Edit the `/etc/vfstab` file and add an entry. Ensure that you do the following:

- a. Separate each field with white space (a space or a tab).
- b. Specify a dash (-) if a field has no contents.
- c. Save the changes.

Note – Because the root (/) file system is mounted read-only by the kernel during the boot process, only the remount option (and options that can be used in conjunction with remount) affect the root (/) entry in the /etc/vfstab file.

Example 20–2 Adding an Entry to the /etc/vfstab File

The following example shows how to mount the disk slice /dev/dsk/c0t3d0s7 as a UFS file system to the mount point /files1. The raw character device /dev/rdisk/c0t3d0s7 is specified as the device to fsck. The fsck pass value of 2 means that the file system will be checked, but not sequentially.

```
#device      device      mount   FS      fsck  mount  mount
#to mount    to fsck     point   type    pass  at boot options
#
/dev/dsk/c0t3d0s7 /dev/rdisk/c0t3d0s7 /files1 ufs      2      yes    -
```

The following example shows how to mount the /export/man directory from the system pluto as an NFS file system on mount point /usr/man. Neither a device to fsck nor a fsck pass is specified because it's an NFS file system. In this example, mount options are ro (read-only) and soft.

```
#device      device      mount   FS      fsck  mount  mount
#to mount    to fsck     point   type    pass  at boot options
pluto:/export/man -          /usr/man nfs      -      yes    ro,soft
```

The following example shows how to mount the root (/) file system on a loopback mount point, /tmp/newroot. LOFS file systems must always be mounted after the file systems that are in the LOFS file system.

```
#device      device      mount   FS      fsck  mount  mount
#to mount    to fsck     point   type    pass  at boot options
#
/              -          /tmp/newroot lofs -      yes    -
```

▼ How to Mount a File System (/etc/vfstab File)

1 Become an administrator.

For more information, see “How to Obtain Administrative Rights” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

2 Mount a file system listed in the /etc/vfstab file.

```
# mount /mount-point
```

where /mount-point specifies an entry in the mount point or device to mount field in the /etc/vfstab file. It is usually easier to specify the mount point.

Example 20-3 Mounting a File System (/etc/vfstab File)

The following example shows how to mount the `/usr/dist` file system that is listed in the `/etc/vfstab` file.

```
# mount /usr/dist
```

Example 20-4 Mounting All File Systems (/etc/vfstab File)

The following example shows the messages that are displayed when you use the `mountall` command and the file systems are already mounted.

```
# mountall
/dev/rdisk/c0t0d0s7 already mounted
mount: /tmp already mounted
mount: /dev/dsk/c0t0d0s7 is already mounted, /export/home is busy,
      or the allowable number of mount points has been exceeded
```

When using the `mountall` command, all the file systems with a device to `fsck` entry are checked and fixed, if necessary, before they are mounted.

The following example shows how to mount all the local systems that are listed in the `/etc/vfstab` file.

```
# mountall -l
# mount
/ on /dev/dsk/c0t0d0s0 read/write/setuid/intr/largefiles/xattr/onerror=...
/devices on /devices read/write/setuid/dev=46c0000 on Thu Sep ...
/system/contract on ctfs read/write/setuid/devices/dev=43c0001 ...
/usr on /dev/dsk/c0t0d0s6 read/write/setuid/intr/largefiles/xattr/...
/proc on /proc read/write/setuid/dev=4700000 on Thu Sep 2 ...
/etc/mnttab on mnttab read/write/setuid/dev=47c0000 on Thu Sep 2 ...
/etc/svc/volatile on swap read/write/setuid/devices/xattr/dev=4480001 ...
/system/object on objfs read/write/setuid/devices/dev=44c0001 ...
/dev/fd on fd read/write/setuid/dev=4800000 on Thu Sep 2 ...
/var/run on swap read/write/setuid/xattr/dev=1 on Thu Sep 2 ...
/tmp on swap read/write/setuid/xattr/dev=2 on Thu Sep 2 ...
/stuff on /dev/dsk/c0t0d0s5 read/write/setuid/intr/largefiles/xattr...
/export/home on /dev/dsk/c0t0d0s7 read/write/setuid/intr/largefiles/...
```

The following example shows how to mount all available ZFS file systems.

```
# zfs mount -a
```

The following example shows how to mount all the remote file systems that are listed in the `/etc/vfstab` file.

```
# mountall -r
# mount
/ on /dev/dsk/c0t0d0s0 read/write/setuid/intr/largefiles/xattr/onerror=...
/devices on /devices read/write/setuid/dev=46c0000 on Thu Sep ...
/system/contract on ctfs read/write/setuid/devices/dev=43c0001 ...
```

```

/usr on /dev/dsk/c0t0d0s6 read/write/setuid/intr/largefiles/xattr/...
/proc on /proc read/write/setuid/dev=4700000 on Thu Sep 2 ...
/etc/mnttab on mnttab read/write/setuid/dev=47c0000 on Thu Sep 2 ...
/etc/svc/volatile on swap read/write/setuid/devices/xattr/dev=4480001 ...
/system/object on objfs read/write/setuid/devices/dev=44c0001 ...
/dev/fd on fd read/write/setuid/dev=4800000 on Thu Sep 2 ...
/var/run on swap read/write/setuid/xattr/dev=1 on Thu Sep 2 ...
/tmp on swap read/write/setuid/xattr/dev=2 on Thu Sep 2 ...
/stuff on /dev/dsk/c0t0d0s5 read/write/setuid/intr/largefiles/xattr...
/stuff on /dev/dsk/c0t0d0s5 read/write/setuid/intr/largefiles/xattr...
/export/home on /dev/dsk/c0t0d0s7 read/write/setuid/intr/largefiles/...
/home/rimmer on pluto:/export/home/rimmer remote/read/write/setuid/xattr/...

```

▼ How to Mount a UFS File System (mount Command)

1 Become an administrator.

For more information, see “[How to Obtain Administrative Rights](#)” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

2 Create a mount point for the UFS file system to be mounted, if necessary.

```
# mkdir /mount-point
```

There must be a mount point on the local system to mount a file system. A *mount point* is a directory to which the mounted file system is attached.

3 Mount the UFS file system.

```
# mount [-o mount-options] /dev/dsk/device-name /mount-point
```

-o mount-options Specifies mount options that you can use to mount a UFS file system. For a list of options, see [mount_ufs\(1M\)](#).

/dev/dsk/device-name Specifies the disk device name for the slice that contains the file system (for example, */dev/dsk/c0t3d0s7*). To view slice information for a disk, see “[How to Display Disk Slice Information](#)” on page 208.

/mount-point Specifies the directory on which to mount the file system.

Example 20-5 Mounting a UFS File System (mount Command)

The following example shows how to mount */dev/dsk/c0t3d0s7* on the */files1* directory.

```
# mount /dev/dsk/c0t3d0s7 /files1
```

▼ How to Mount a UFS File System Without Large Files (mount Command)

When you mount a file system, the `largefiles` option is selected by default. This option enables you to create files larger than 2 GB. If a file system contains large files, you cannot remount the file system with the `noLargefiles` option or mount it on a system that is running older Solaris versions, until you remove any large files and run the `fsck` command to reset the state to `noLargefiles`.

This procedure assumes that the file system is in the `/etc/vfstab` file.

1 Become an administrator.

For more information, see “[How to Obtain Administrative Rights](#)” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

2 Create a mount point for the UFS file system to be mounted, if necessary.

```
# mkdir /mount-point
```

There must be a mount point on the local system to mount a file system. A *mount point* is a directory to which the mounted file system is attached.

3 Ensure that no large files exist in the UFS file system.

```
# cd /mount-point
# find . -xdev -size +20000000 -exec ls -l {} \;
```

where `/mount-point` identifies the mount point of the file system you want to check for large files.

4 Remove or move any large files in this UFS file system to another file system, if necessary.

5 Unmount the file system.

```
# umount /mount-point
```

6 Reset the file system state.

```
# fsck /mount-point
```

7 Remount the file system with the `noLargefiles` option.

```
# mount -o noLargefiles /mount-point
```

Example 20–6 Mounting a UFS File System Without Large Files (mount Command)

The following example shows how to check the `/datab` file system and remount it with the `noLargefiles` option.

```
# cd /datab
# find . -xdev -size +20000000 -exec ls -l {} \;
# umount /datab
# fsck /datab
# mount -o nolargefiles /datab
```

▼ How to Mount an NFS File System (mount Command)

1 Become an administrator.

For more information, see “[How to Obtain Administrative Rights](#)” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

2 Create a mount point for the file system to be mounted, if necessary.

```
# mkdir /mount-point
```

There must be a mount point on the local system to mount a file system. A mount point is a directory to which the mounted file system is attached.

3 Ensure that the resource (file or directory) is available from a server.

To mount an NFS file system, the resource must be made available on the server by using the share command. For information on how to share resources, see “[About the NFS Service](#)” in *System Administration Guide: Network Services*.

4 Mount the NFS file system.

```
# mount -F nfs [-o mount-options] server:/directory /mount-point
```

`-o mount-options` Specifies mount options that you can use to mount an NFS file system. See [mount_nfs\(1M\)](#) for a complete list of options.

`server:/directory` Specifies the server's host name that contains the shared resource, and the path to the file or directory to mount.

`/mount-point` Specifies the directory on which to mount the file system.

Example 20–7 Mounting an NFS File System (mount Command)

The following example shows how to mount the `/export/packages` directory on `/mnt` from the server `pluto`.

```
# mount -F nfs pluto:/export/packages /mnt
```

▼ x86: How to Mount a PCFS (DOS) File System From a Hard Disk (mount Command)

Use the following procedure to mount a PCFS (DOS) file system from a hard disk.

1 Become an administrator.

For more information, see “How to Obtain Administrative Rights” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

2 Create a mount point for the file system to be mounted, if necessary.

```
# mkdir /mount-point
```

There must be a mount point on the local system to mount a file system. A *mount point* is a directory to which the mounted file system is attached.

3 Mount the PCFS file system.

```
# mount -F pcfs [-o rw | ro] /dev/dsk/device-name:logical-drive /mount-point
```

`-o rw | ro` Specifies that you can mount a PCFS file system read/write (*rw*) or read-only (*ro*). If you do not specify this option, the default is *rw*.

`/dev/dsk/device-name` Specifies the device name of the whole disk (for example, `/dev/dsk/c0t0d0p0`).

`logical-drive` Specifies either the DOS logical drive letter (c through z) or a drive number (1 through 24). Drive c is equivalent to drive 1 and represents the primary DOS slice on the drive. All other letters or numbers represent DOS logical drives within the extended DOS slice.

`/mount-point` Specifies the directory on which to mount the file system.

Note that the *device-name* and *logical-drive* must be separated by a colon.

Example 20–8 x86: Mounting a PCFS (DOS) File System From a Hard Disk (mount Command)

The following example shows how to mount the logical drive in the primary DOS slice on the `/pcfs/c` directory.

```
# mount -F pcfs /dev/dsk/c0t0d0p0:c /pcfs/c
```

The following example shows how to mount read-only the first logical drive in the extended DOS slice on the `/mnt` directory.

```
# mount -F pcfs -o ro /dev/dsk/c0t0d0p0:2 /mnt
```

Unmounting UFS File Systems

The unmounting of a UFS file system removes it from the file system mount point, and deletes the entry from the `/etc/mnttab` file. Some file system administration tasks cannot be performed on mounted file systems. You should unmount a UFS file system when the following occurs:

- The file system is no longer needed or has been replaced by a file system that contains more current software.
- You need to check and repair the file system by using the `fsck` command.

Note – File systems are automatically unmounted as part of the system shutdown procedure.

- File systems should be unmounted before doing a complete backup. For more information about doing backups, see [Chapter 24, “Backing Up UFS Files and File Systems \(Tasks\)”](#), in *System Administration Guide: Devices and File Systems*.

In an emergency situation, you can use the `umount -f` option to forcibly unmount a busy file system. This practice is not recommended under normal circumstances because the unmounting of a file system with open files could cause a loss of data. This option is only available for UFS and NFS file systems.

Prerequisites for Unmounting File Systems

The prerequisites for unmounting file systems include the following:

- You must be.
- You cannot unmount a file system that is busy. A file system is considered busy if a user is accessing a directory in the file system, if a program has a file open in that file system, or if the file system is being shared. You can make a file system available for unmounting by doing the following:
 - Changing to a directory in a different file system.
 - Logging out of the system.
 - Using the `fuser` command to list all processes that are accessing the file system and to stop them, if necessary. For more details, see [“How to Stop All Processes Accessing a File System” on page 368](#).
Notify users if you need to unmount a file system that they are using.
- Unsharing the file system. For information about unsharing a file system, see [unshare\(1M\)](#).

How to Verify a File System is Unmounted

To verify that you unmounted a file system or a number of file systems, examine the output from the mount command.

```
$ mount | grep unmounted-file-system
```

▼ How to Stop All Processes Accessing a File System

1 Become an administrator.

For more information, see [“How to Obtain Administrative Rights”](#) in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

2 List all the processes that are accessing the file system so that you know which processes you are going to stop.

```
# fuser -c [ -u ] /mount-point
```

-c Reports on files that are mount points for file systems and any files within those mounted file systems.

-u Displays the user login name for each process ID.

/mount-point Specifies the name of the file system for which you want to stop processes.

3 Stop all processes that are accessing the file system.

```
# fuser -c -k /mount-point
```

A SIGKILL is sent to each process that is using the file system.

Note – You should not stop a user's processes without first warning the user.

4 Verify that no processes are accessing the file system.

```
# fuser -c /mount-point
```

Example 20–9 Stopping All Processes Accessing a File System

The following example shows how to stop process 4006c that is using the /export/home file system.

```
# fuser -c /export/home
/export/home: 4006c
# fuser -c -k /export/home
/export/home: 4006c
```



```
# fuser -c /export/home
/export/home:
```

▼ How to Unmount a File System

Use the following procedure to unmount a file system, except for the root (`/`), `/usr`, or `/var` file systems.

Note – The root (`/`), `/usr`, and `/var` file systems can be unmounted only during a shutdown. The system needs these file systems to function.

- 1 **Ensure that you have met the prerequisites listed in “Prerequisites for Unmounting File Systems” on page 367.**

- 2 **Unmount the file system.**

```
# umount /mount-point
```

where `/mount-point` is the name of the file system that you want to unmount. This can be one of the following:

- The directory name where the file system is mounted
- The device name path of the file system
- The resource for an NFS file system
- The loopback directory for an LOFS file system

Example 20–10 Unmounting a File System

The following example shows how to unmount a local UFS home file system.

```
# umount /export/home
```

The following example shows how to unmount the UFS file system on slice 7.

```
# umount /dev/dsk/c0t0d0s7
```

The following example shows how to forcibly unmount the UFS `/export` file system.

```
# umount -f /export
#
```

The following example shows how to unmount all UFS file systems in the `/etc/vfstab` file, except for the root (`/`), `/proc`, `/var`, and `/usr` file systems.

```
# umountall
```

The following example shows to unmount all ZFS file systems.

```
# zfs umount -a
```

All file systems are unmounted, except for those file systems that are busy.

Configuring Additional Swap Space (Tasks)

This chapter provides guidelines and step-by-step instructions for configuring additional swap space after the Oracle Solaris OS is installed.

This is a list of the step-by-step instructions in this chapter.

- [“How to Create a Swap File and Make It Available in UFS Root Environment” on page 379](#)
- [“How to Add Swap Space in an Oracle Solaris ZFS Root Environment” on page 381](#)
- [“How to Remove a Swap Volume in a ZFS Root Environment” on page 382](#)

This is a list of the overview information in this chapter.

- [“About Swap Space” on page 371](#)
- [“How Do I Know If I Need More Swap Space?” on page 374](#)
- [“How Swap Space Is Allocated” on page 375](#)
- [“Planning for Swap Space” on page 376](#)
- [“Monitoring Swap Resources” on page 377](#)
- [“Adding More Swap Space” on page 378](#)

About Swap Space

You should understand the features of the SunOS swap mechanism to determine the following:

- Swap space requirements
- The relationship between swap space and the TMPFS file system
- How to recover from error messages related to swap space

Swap Space and Virtual Memory

Solaris OS software and application software can use some disk space for temporary storage rather than for file systems. The reserved area of the disk is called *swap* space. Swap space is used as virtual memory storage areas when the system does not have enough physical memory to

handle current processes. In a UFS root file system, the disk space reserved for swap is a disk slice. In a ZFS root file system, the disk space reserved for swap is a ZFS volume.

The virtual memory system maps physical copies of files on disk to virtual addresses in memory. Physical memory pages that contain the data for these mappings can be backed by regular files in the file system, or by swap space. If the memory is backed by swap space it is referred to as *anonymous memory* because no identity is assigned to the disk space that is backing the memory.

The Oracle Solaris OS uses the concept of *virtual swap space*, a layer between anonymous memory pages and the physical storage (or disk-backed swap space) that actually back these pages. A system's virtual swap space is equal to the sum of all its physical (disk-backed) swap space plus a portion of the currently available physical memory.

Virtual swap space has these advantages:

- The need for large amounts of physical swap space is reduced because virtual swap space does not necessarily correspond to physical (disk) storage.
- A pseudo file system called SWAPFS provides addresses for anonymous memory pages. Because SWAPFS controls the allocation of memory pages, it has greater flexibility in deciding what happens to a page. For example, SWAPFS might change the page's requirements for disk-backed swap storage.

Swap Space and the TMPFS File System

The TMPFS file system is activated automatically in the Solaris environment by an entry in the `/etc/vfstab` file. The TMPFS file system stores files and their associated information in memory (in the `/tmp` directory) rather than on disk, which speeds access to those files. This feature results in a major performance enhancement for applications such as compilers and DBMS products that use `/tmp` heavily.

The TMPFS file system allocates space in the `/tmp` directory from the system's swap resources. This feature means that as you use up space in the `/tmp` directory, you are also using up swap space. So, if your applications use the `/tmp` directory heavily and you do not monitor swap space usage, your system could run out of swap space.

Do use the following if you want to use TMPFS, but your swap resources are limited:

- Mount the TMPFS file system with the `size` option (`-o size`) to control how much swap resources TMPFS can use.
- Use your compiler's `TMPDIR` environment variable to point to another larger directory. Using your compiler's `TMPDIR` variable only controls whether the compiler is using the `/tmp` directory. This variable has no effect on other programs' use of the `/tmp` directory.

Swap Space as a Dump Device

A *dump device* is usually disk space that is reserved to store system crash dump information. By default, a system's dump device is configured to be a swap slice in a UFS root environment. If possible, you should configure an alternate disk partition as a *dedicated dump device* instead to provide increased reliability for crash dumps and faster reboot time after a system failure. You can configure a dedicated dump device by using the `dumpadm` command. For more information, see [Chapter 8, “Managing System Crash Information \(Tasks\)”](#) in *System Administration Guide: Advanced Administration*.

In a ZFS root environment, swap and dump are configured as separate ZFS volumes. The advantages to this model are as follows:

- You don't have to partition a disk to include swap and dump areas.
- Swap and dump devices benefit from the underlying ZFS I/O pipeline architecture.
- You can set characteristics, such as compression, on swap and dump devices.
- You can reset swap and dump device sizes. For example:

```
# zfs set volsize=2G rpool/dump
# zfs get volsize rpool/dump
NAME          PROPERTY  VALUE      SOURCE
rpool/dump    volsize   2G         -
```

Keep in mind that reallocating a large dump device is a time-consuming process.

- On an active system, you might consider adding a second swap volume to increase overall swap size.

For more information about using ZFS swap and dump devices, see [“Managing Your ZFS Swap and Dump Devices”](#) in *Oracle Solaris ZFS Administration Guide*.

Swap Space and Dynamic Reconfiguration

A good practice is to allocate enough swap space to support a failing CPU or system board during dynamic reconfiguration. Otherwise, a CPU or system board failure might result in your host or domain rebooting with less memory.

Without having this additional swap space available, one or more of your applications might fail to start due to insufficient memory. This problem would require manual intervention either to add additional swap space or to reconfigure the memory usage of these applications.

If you have allocated additional swap space to handle a potential loss of memory on reboot, all of your intensive applications might start as usual. This means the system will be available to the users, perhaps possibly slower due to some additional swapping.

For more information, see your hardware dynamic reconfiguration guide.

Configuring Swap Space in a SAN Environment

Review the following points to determine whether you might configure swap space on a network-connected disk, such as in a SAN environment:

- Diagnosing swap space issues on a locally-attached disk is easier than diagnosing swap space issues on a network-connected disk.
- The performance of swap space over a SAN should be comparable to swap space configured on a locally-attached disk.
- Adding more memory to a system with performance issues, after analyzing performance data, might resolve a swap over SAN performance problem better than moving the swap to a locally-attached disk.

How Do I Know If I Need More Swap Space?

Use the `swap -l` command to determine if your system needs more swap space.

For example, the following `swap -l` output shows that this system's swap space is almost entirely consumed or at 100% allocation.

```
% swap -l
swapfile      dev      swaplo blocks   free
/dev/dsk/c0t0d0s1  136,1      16 1638608   88
```

When a system's swap space is at 100% allocation, an application's memory pages become temporarily locked. Application errors might not occur, but system performance will likely suffer.

For information on adding more swap space to your system, see [“How to Create a Swap File and Make It Available in UFS Root Environment”](#) on page 379.

Swap-Related Error Messages

These messages indicate that an application was trying to get more anonymous memory. However, no swap space was left to back it.

```
application is out of memory
malloc error 0

messages.1:Sep 21 20:52:11 mars genunix: [ID 470503 kern.warning]
WARNING: Sorry, no swap space to grow stack for pid 100295 (myprog)
```

TMPFS-Related Error Messages

The following message is displayed if a page could not be allocated when a file was being written. This problem can occur when TMPFS tries to write more than it is allowed or if currently executed programs are using a lot of memory.

directory: File system full, swap space limit exceeded

The following message means that TMPFS ran out of physical memory while attempting to create a new file or directory:

directory: File system full, memory allocation failed

For information on recovering from the TMPFS-related error messages, see [tmpfs\(7FS\)](#).

How Swap Space Is Allocated

Initially, swap space is allocated as part of the Solaris installation process. If you use the installation program's automatic layout of disk space for swap and do not manually change the size of the swap slice, the Solaris installation program allocates a default swap area of 512 MB for a UFS root environment. In a ZFS root environment, the default swap size is generally in the 512 MB to 2 GB range.

For general guidelines on allocating swap space, see “[Planning for Swap Space](#)” on page 376.

You can allocate additional swap space to the system by creating a swap file in a UFS root environment. Swap files are not supported in a ZFS root environment. For information about creating a swap file, see “[Adding More Swap Space](#)” on page 378.

Swap Areas and the `/etc/vfstab` File

After the system is installed, swap areas and swap files are listed in the `/etc/vfstab` file. They are activated by the `/sbin/swapadd` script when the system is booted.

An entry for a swap device in the `/etc/vfstab` file contains the following:

- The full path name of the swap slice or swap file on system with a UFS root file system or a swap volume path name on a system with a ZFS root file system
- File system type of the swap slice or swap file

The file system that contains a swap file must be mounted before the swap file is activated. So, in the `/etc/vfstab` file, ensure that the entry that mounts the file system comes before the entry that activates the swap file.

Planning for Swap Space

The most important factors in determining swap space size are the requirements of the system's software applications. For example, large applications such as computer-aided design simulators, database management products, transaction monitors, and geologic analysis systems can consume as much as 200–1000 MB of swap space.

Consult your application vendors for swap space requirements for their applications.

If you are unable to determine swap space requirements from your application vendors, use the following general guidelines based on your system type to allocate swap space.

System Type	Swap Space Size	Dedicated Dump Device Size
System with about 4 GB of physical memory	1 GB	1 GB
Mid-range server with about 8 GB of physical memory	2 GB	2 GB
High-end server with about 16 to 128 GB of physical memory	4 GB	4 GB
High-end server with more than 128 GB of physical memory	1/4 of physical memory size	1/4 of physical memory size

Note – Crash dump content is compressed so the dump device does not have to be the same size as physical memory. By default, the dump content value is set to kernel pages. However, if the dump content value is set to dump all memory pages, then consider increasing the dump size to half the size of physical memory or more.

Allocating Swap Space for UFS-Based Systems

In addition to preceding general guidelines, consider allocating swap space or disk space for a UFS-based system for the following:

- A dedicated dump device.
- The `/var/crash` directory. The default system crash dump content is kernel memory pages only and the dump is compressed before it is written. Consider sizing this directory to the size of the dump device unless you attend to keep several system crash dumps.
- Determine whether large applications (such as compilers) will be using the `/tmp` directory. Then, allocate additional swap space to be used by TMPFS. For information about TMPFS, see “[Swap Space and the TMPFS File System](#)” on page 372.

Allocating Swap Space for ZFS-Based Systems

During an initial installation of a ZFS root file system, a swap area is automatically created on a ZFS volume in the ZFS root pool, generally in the 512 MB to 2 GB range.

In a ZFS root pool, swap devices are not pre-allocated to fixed-size slices, so it is fairly easy to modify the swap size later.

After you assess the swap requirements of your applications, you can use the default swap size or adjust the swap volume size during an initial installation or after the installation, if necessary.

During an initial installation, the default dump volume size is calculated by the kernel based on `dumppadm` information and the size of physical memory.

In a ZFS environment, file systems consume space from the pool so the `/var/crash` directory consumes what it needs depending on how many crash dumps are saved.

Monitoring Swap Resources

The `/usr/sbin/swap` command is used to manage swap areas. Two options, `-l` and `-s`, display information about swap resources.

Use the `swap -l` command to identify a system's swap areas. Activated swap devices or files are listed under the `swapfile` column. For example:

```
# swap -l
swapfile          dev  swaplo blocks  free
/dev/dsk/c0t0d0s1 136,1    16 1638608 1600528
```

On a system with a ZFS root file system, the `swap -l` command identifies similar output except that it identifies the ZFS volume path name. For example:

```
# swap -l
swapfile          dev  swaplo blocks  free
/dev/zvol/dsk/rpool/swap 256,1    16 1058800 1058800
```

Use the `swap -s` command to monitor swap resources.

```
# swap -s
total: 57416k bytes allocated + 10480k reserved = 67896k used,
833128k available
```

The `used` value plus the `available` value equals the total swap space on the system, which includes a portion of physical memory and swap devices (or files).

You can use the amount of available and used swap space (in the `swap -s` output) as a way to monitor swap space usage over time. If a system's performance is good, use `swap -s` to determine how much swap space is available. When the performance of a system slows down,

check the amount of available swap space to determine if it has decreased. Then you can identify what changes to the system might have caused swap space usage to increase.

When using this command, keep in mind that the amount of physical memory available for swap usage changes dynamically as the kernel and user processes lock down and release physical memory.

Note – The `swap -l` command displays swap space in 512-byte blocks. The `swap -s` command displays swap space in 1024-byte blocks. If you add up the blocks from `swap -l` and convert them to KB, the result is less than `used + available` (in the `swap -s` output). The reason is that `swap -l` does not include physical memory in its calculation of swap space.

The output from the `swap -s` command is summarized in the following table.

TABLE 21-1 Output of the `swap -s` Command

Keyword	Description
bytes allocated	The total amount of swap space in 1024-byte blocks that is currently allocated as backing store (disk-backed swap space).
reserved	The total amount of swap space in 1024-byte blocks that is not currently allocated, but claimed by memory for possible future use.
used	The total amount of swap space in 1024-byte blocks that is either allocated or reserved.
available	The total amount of swap space in 1024-byte blocks that is currently available for future reservation and allocation.

Adding More Swap Space

As system configurations change and new software packages are installed, you might need to add more swap space. The easiest way to add more swap space is to use the `mkfile` and `swap` commands to designate a part of an existing UFS or NFS file system as a supplementary swap area. These commands, described in the following sections, enable you to add more swap space without repartitioning a disk.

Alternative ways to add more swap space are to repartition an existing disk or to add another disk. For information on how to repartition a disk, see [Chapter 10, “Managing Disks \(Overview\)”](#).

Creating a Swap File in a UFS Root Environment

You can create a swap file to be used in a UFS root file system. Swap files are currently not supported in a ZFS root environment. The following general steps are involved in creating a swap file:

- Creating a swap file by using the `mkfile` command.
- Activating the swap file by using the `swap` command.
- Adding an entry for the swap file in the `/etc/vfstab` file so that the swap file is activated automatically when the system is booted.

mkfile Command

The `mkfile` command creates a file that is suitable for use as either an NFS-mounted swap area or a local swap area. The sticky bit is set, and the file is filled with zeros. You can specify the size of the swap file in bytes (the default) or in KB, blocks, or MB by using the `k`, `b`, or `m` suffixes, respectively.

The following table shows the `mkfile` command options.

TABLE 21-2 Options to the `mkfile` Command

Option	Description
<code>-n</code>	Creates an empty file. The size is noted. However, the disk blocks are not allocated until data is written to them.
<code>-v</code>	Reports the names and sizes of created files.

Note – Use the `-n` option only when you create an NFS swap file.

▼ How to Create a Swap File and Make It Available in UFS Root Environment

1 Become an administrator.

For more information, see “How to Obtain Administrative Rights” in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

You can create a swap file without root permissions. However, to avoid accidental overwriting, root should be the owner of the swap file.

2 Create a directory for the swap file, if needed.

3 Create the swap file.

```
# mkfile nnn[k|b|m] filename
```

The swap file of the size *nnn* (in KB, bytes, or MB) with the *filename* you specify is created.

4 Activate the swap file.

```
# /usr/sbin/swap -a /path/filename
```

You must use the absolute path name to specify the swap file. The swap file is added and available until the file system is unmounted, the system is rebooted, or the swap file is removed. Keep in mind that you cannot unmount a file system while some process or program is swapping to the swap file.

5 Add an entry for the swap file to the `/etc/vfstab` file that specifies the full path name of the file, and designates swap as the file system type.

```
/path/filename - - swap - no -
```

6 Verify that the swap file is added.

```
$ /usr/sbin/swap -l
```

Note – If a swap file does not get activated, make sure that the following service is running:

```
# svcs nfs/client
STATE          STIME    FMRI
enabled        14:14:34 svc:/network/nfs/client:default
```

Example 21-1 Creating a Swap File and Making It Available in a UFS Root Environment

The following examples shows how to create a 100-MB swap file called `/files/swapfile`.

```
# mkdir /files
# mkfile 100m /files/swapfile
# swap -a /files/swapfile
# vi /etc/vfstab
(An entry is added for the swap file):
/files/swapfile - - swap - no -
# swap -l
swapfile          dev  swaplo  blocks  free
/dev/dsk/c0t0d0s1 136,1 16 1638608 1600528
/files/swapfile  -    16 204784 204784
```

Adding or Changing Swap Space in an Oracle Solaris ZFS Root Environment

The following section describes how to add or change swap space in a ZFS root environment. See the previous sections to determine if your system or applications need additional swap space.

▼ How to Add Swap Space in an Oracle Solaris ZFS Root Environment

1 Become an administrator.

For more information, see [“How to Obtain Administrative Rights”](#) in *System Administration Guide: Security Services*.

2 Identify the current swap volume.

A swap volume cannot be removed if it is in use. You can tell if the current swap volume is in use by comparing the blocks identified in the blocks column and blocks identified in the free column. If the blocks in the two columns are equal, the swap area is not busy. For example:

```
# swap -l
swapfile                dev swaplo  blocks  free
/dev/zvol/dsk/rpool/swap 256,1      16 1058800 1058800
```

3 Select one of the following to resize the swap volume.

a. If the current swap area is not in use, you can resize the size of the current swap volume.

For example:

```
# zfs get volsize rpool/swap
NAME          PROPERTY  VALUE  SOURCE
rpool/swap    volsize   517M   -
# zfs set volsize=2g rpool/swap
# zfs get volsize rpool/swap
NAME          PROPERTY  VALUE  SOURCE
rpool/swap    volsize   2G     -
```

b. If the current swap area is in use, you can add another swap volume.

For example:

```
# zfs create -V 2G rpool/swap2
```

c. Activate the second swap volume.

For example:

```
# swap -a /dev/zvol/dsk/rpool/swap2
# swap -l
swapfile                dev swaplo  blocks  free
```

```
/dev/zvol/dsk/rpool/swap 256,1      16 1058800 1058800
/dev/zvol/dsk/rpool/swap2 256,3     16 4194288 4194288
```

Removing a Swap File From Use

If you have unneeded swap space, you can remove it.

▼ How to Remove a Swap Volume in a ZFS Root Environment

Most systems require some amount of swap space configured. If your system's swap space requirements change, then you might need to remove a swap volume before you can increase or decrease space allocated for swap. On a busy system, it might be easier to create a second swap volume if you need to increase swap space rather than trying to remove a swap volume that is busy just to increase its size.

1 Become an administrator.

2 If the swap volume is in use, then you might not be able to delete it. Check to see if the swap area is in use.

```
# swap -l
swapfile          dev    swaplo  blocks    free
/dev/zvol/dsk/rpool/swap 102,2      16 16646128 16646128
```

In the above output, blocks == free, so the swap device is not actually being used.

3 If the swap area is not is use, remove the swap area.

```
# swap -d /dev/zvol/dsk/rpool/swap
```

4 Edit the `/etc/vfstab` file and delete the entry for the swap volume.

5 Verify that the swap volume is no longer available.

```
# swap -l
```

Copying Files and File Systems (Tasks)

This chapter describes how to copy files and file systems to disk, tape, and diskettes by using various backup commands.

This is a list of the step-by-step instructions in this chapter.

- “How to Copy a Disk (dd)” on page 386
- “How to Copy Directories Between File Systems (cpio)” on page 390
- “How to Copy Files to a Tape (tar)” on page 391
- “How to List the Files on a Tape (tar)” on page 392
- “How to Retrieve Files From a Tape (tar)” on page 393
- “Copying Files to a Tape With the pax Command” on page 394
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- “How to List the Files on a Tape (cpio)” on page 396
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- “How to Retrieve Specific Files From a Tape (cpio)” on page 397
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- “How to List the Files on a Diskette (tar)” on page 402
- “How to Retrieve Files From a Diskette (tar)” on page 402

Commands for Copying File Systems

When you want to copy or move individual files, portions of file systems, or complete file systems, you can use the procedures described in this chapter instead of the `ufsdump` and `ufsrestore` commands.

The following table describes when to use the various backup commands.

TABLE 22-1 When to Use Various Backup Commands

Task	Command	For More Information
Back up UFS file systems to tape.	<code>ufsdump</code>	“How to Back Up a UFS File System to Tape” in <i>System Administration Guide: Devices and File Systems</i>
Create a file system snapshot.	<code>fssnap</code>	Chapter 25, “Using UFS Snapshots (Tasks),” in <i>System Administration Guide: Devices and File Systems</i>
Restore UFS file systems from tape.	<code>ufsrestore</code>	“How to Restore a Complete UFS File System” in <i>System Administration Guide: Devices and File Systems</i>
Transport files to other systems.	<code>pax</code> , <code>tar</code> , or <code>cpio</code>	“Copying Files and File Systems to Tape” on page 391
Copy files or file systems between disks.	<code>dd</code>	“How to Copy a Disk (<code>dd</code>)” on page 386
Copy files to diskette.	<code>tar</code>	“How to Copy Files to a Single Formatted Diskette (<code>tar</code>)” on page 401

The following table describes various backup and restore commands.

TABLE 22-2 Summary of Various Backup Commands

Command Name	Aware of File System Boundaries?	Supports Multiple Volume Backups?	Physical or Logical Copy?
<code>volcopy</code>	Yes	Yes	Physical
<code>tar</code>	No	No	Logical
<code>cpio</code>	No	Yes	Logical
<code>pax</code>	Yes	Yes	Logical
<code>dd</code>	Yes	No	Physical
<code>ufsdump/ufsrestore</code>	Yes	Yes	Logical
<code>fssnap</code>	N/A	N/A	Logical

The following table describes the advantages and disadvantages of some of these commands.

TABLE 22-3 Advantages and Disadvantages of tar, pax, and cpio Commands

Command	Function	Advantages	Disadvantages
tar	Use to copy files and directory subtrees to a single tape.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Available on most UNIX operating systems ■ Public domain versions are readily available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Is not aware of file system boundaries ■ Length of full path name cannot exceed 255 characters ■ Cannot be used to create multiple tape volumes
pax	Use to copy files, special files, or file systems that require multiple tape volumes. Or, use when you want to copy files to and from POSIX-compliant systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Better portability than the tar or cpio commands for POSIX-compliant systems ■ Multiple vendor support 	Same disadvantages as the tar command, except that the pax command can create multiple tape volumes.
cpio	Use to copy files, special files, or file systems that require multiple tape volumes. Or, use when you want to copy files from systems running current Solaris releases systems to systems running SunOS 4.0/4.1 releases.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Packs data onto tape more efficiently than the tar command ■ Skips over any bad spots in a tape when restoring ■ Provides options for writing files with different header formats, such as (tar, ustar, crc, odc, bar), for portability between different system types ■ Creates multiple tape volumes 	The command syntax is more difficult than the tar or pax commands.

The following sections describes step-by-step instructions and examples of how to use these commands.

Copying File Systems Between Disks

Two commands are used to copy file systems between disks:

- `volcopy`
- `dd`

For more information about `volcopy`, see [volcopy\(1M\)](#).

The next section describes how to use the `dd` command to copy file systems between disks.

Making a Literal File System Copy

The `dd` command makes a literal (block-level) copy of a complete UFS file system to another file system or to a tape. By default, the `dd` command copies standard input to standard output.

Note – Do not use the `dd` command with variable-length tape drives without first specifying an appropriate block size.

You can specify a device name in place of standard input or standard output, or both. In this example, the contents of the diskette are copied to a file in the `/tmp` directory:

```
$ dd < /floppy/floppy0 > /tmp/output.file
2400+0 records in
2400+0 records out
```

The `dd` command reports on the number of blocks it reads and writes. The number after the `+` is a count of the partial blocks that were copied. The default block size is 512 bytes.

The `dd` command syntax is different from most other commands. Options are specified as *keyword=value* pairs, where *keyword* is the option you want to set and *value* is the argument for that option. For example, you can replace standard input and standard output with this syntax:

```
$ dd if=input-file of=output-file
```

To use the *keyword=value* pairs instead of the redirect symbols, you would type the following:

```
$ dd if=/floppy/floppy0 of=/tmp/output.file
```

▼ How to Copy a Disk (dd)

Keep the following key points in mind when you consider copying a disk:

- Do not use this procedure to copy a disk that is under the control of a volume manager.

- The primary methods for copying UFS file system data from one disk or system to another disk or system is by using the `ufsdump` and `ufsrestore` commands. For more information on using these commands, see [Chapter 23, “Backing Up and Restoring UFS File Systems \(Overview\)”](#), in *System Administration Guide: Devices and File Systems*.
- If you are copying a disk with an EFI disk label, see [Example 22–2](#).

If you are still considering copying a disk with the `dd` command keep the following cautions in mind:

- Make sure that the source disk and destination disk have the same disk geometry.
- Check the UFS file systems on the disk to be copied with the `fsck` utility.
- Make sure the system is in single-user mode when copying a disk with the `dd` command.

1 Become superuser or assume an equivalent role.

2 Shut down the system.

```
# init 0
```

3 Attach the destination disk to the system.

4 Boot the system.

```
ok boot -s
```

5 Copy the source disk to the destination disk.

```
# dd if=/dev/rdisk/device-name of=/dev/rdisk/device-name bs=block-size
```

`if=/dev/rdisk/device-name` Represents the overlap slice of the master disk device, usually slice 2.

`of=/dev/rdisk/device-name` Represents the overlap slice of the destination disk device, usually slice 2.

`bs=blocksize` Identifies the block size, such as 128 KB or 256 KB. A large block size decreases the time it takes to copy the disk.

For more information, see [dd\(1M\)](#).

6 Check the new file system.

```
# fsck /dev/rdisk/device-name
```

7 Mount the destination disk's root (/) file system.

```
# mount /dev/dsk/device-name /mnt
```

8 Change to the directory where the `/etc/vfstab` file is located.

```
# cd /mnt/etc
```

- 9 Using a text editor, edit the destination disk's `/etc/vfstab` file to reference the correct device names.**

For example, change all instances of `c0t3d0` to `c0t1d0`.

- 10 Change to the destination disk's root (`/`) directory.**

```
# cd /
```

- 11 Unmount the destination disk's root (`/`) file system.**

```
# umount /mnt
```

- 12 Shut down the system.**

```
# init 0
```

- 13 Boot from the destination disk to single-user mode.**

```
# boot diskn -s
```

Note – The `installboot` command is not needed for the destination disk because the boot blocks are copied as part of the overlap slice.

- 14 Unconfigure the destination disk.**

```
# sys-unconfig
```

The system is shut down after it is unconfigured.

- 15 Boot from the destination disk again and provide its system information, such as host name, time zone, and so forth.**

```
# boot diskn
```

- 16 After the system is booted, log in as superuser to verify the system information.**

```
hostname console login:
```

Example 22-1 Copying a Disk With a VTOC Label (dd)

This example shows how to copy the master disk (with a VTOC label) `/dev/rdisk/c0t0d0s2` to the destination disk `/dev/rdisk/c0t2d0s2`.

```
# init 0
ok boot
# dd if=/dev/rdisk/c0t0d0s2 of=/dev/rdisk/c0t2d0s2 bs=128k
# fsck /dev/rdisk/c0t2d0s2
# mount /dev/dsk/c0t2d0s2 /mnt
# cd /mnt/etc
# vi vfstab
(Modify entries for the new disk)
# cd /
```

```
# umount /mnt
# init 0
# boot disk2 -s
# sys-unconfig
# boot disk2
```

Example 22–2 Copying a Disk with an EFI Label (dd)

In previous Solaris releases, slice 2 (s2) was used to represent the entire disk. On a disk with an EFI label, you must use a slightly different procedure to clone or copy disks larger than 1 terabyte so that the UUID of cloned disks is unique. If you do not create a new label for the cloned disk, other software products might corrupt data on EFI-labeled disks if they encounter duplicate UUIDs.

For example:

1. Clone the disk with an EFI label. For example:

```
# dd if=/dev/rdisk/c0t0d0 of=/dev/rdisk/c0t2d0 bs=128k
```

2. Pipe the prtvtoc output of the disk to be copied to the fmthard command to create a new label for the cloned disk. For example:

```
# prtvtoc /dev/rdisk/c0t0d0 | fmthard -s - /dev/rdisk/c0t2d0
```

For more information about EFI disk labels, see [“EFI Disk Label” on page 186](#).

Copying Directories Between File Systems (cpio Command)

You can use the `cpio` (copy in and out) command to copy individual files, groups of files, or complete file systems. This section describes how to use the `cpio` command to copy complete file systems.

The `cpio` command is an archiving program that copies a list of files into a single, large output file. This command inserts headers between the individual files to facilitate recovery. You can use the `cpio` command to copy complete file systems to another slice, another system, or to a media device, such as a tape or diskette.

Because the `cpio` command recognizes end-of-media and prompts you to insert another volume, it is the most effective command, other than `ufsdump`, to use to create archives that require multiple tapes or diskettes.

With the `cpio` command, you frequently use the `ls` and `find` commands to list and select the files you want to copy, and then to pipe the output to the `cpio` command.

▼ How to Copy Directories Between File Systems (cpio)

1 Become superuser or assume an equivalent role.

2 Change to the appropriate directory.

```
# cd filesystem1
```

3 Copy the directory tree from *filesystem1* to *filesystem2* by using a combination of the `find` and `cpio` commands.

```
# find . -print -depth | cpio -pdm filesystem2
```

`.` Starts in the current working directory.

`-print` Prints the file names.

`-depth` Descends the directory hierarchy and prints file names from the bottom up.

`-p` Creates a list of files.

`-d` Creates directories as needed.

`-m` Sets the correct modification times on directories.

For more information, see [cpio\(1\)](#).

The files from the directory name you specify are copied. The symbolic links are preserved.

You might also specify the `-u` option. This option forces an unconditional copy. Otherwise, older files do not replace newer files. This option might be useful if you want an exact copy of a directory, and some of the files being copied might already exist in the target directory.

4 Verify that the copy was successful by displaying the contents of the destination directory.

```
# cd filesystem2
```

```
# ls
```

5 If appropriate, remove the source directory.

```
# rm -rf filesystem1
```

Example 22-3 Copying Directories Between File Systems (cpio)

```
# cd /data1
# find . -print -depth | cpio -pdm /data2
19013 blocks
# cd /data2
# ls
# rm -rf /data1
```

Copying Files and File Systems to Tape

You can use the `tar`, `pax`, and `cpio` commands to copy files and file systems to tape. The command that you choose depends on how much flexibility and precision you require for the copy. Because all three commands use the raw device, you do not need to format or make a file system on tapes before you use them.

The tape drive and device name that you use depend on the hardware configuration for each system. For more information about tape device names, see [“Choosing Which Media to Use” on page 405](#).

Copying Files to Tape (tar Command)

Here is information that you should know before you copy files to tape with the `tar` command:

- Copying files to a tape with the `-c` option to the `tar` command destroys any files already on the tape at or beyond the current tape position.
- You can use file name substitution wildcards (`?` and `*`) as part of the file names that you specify when copying files. For example, to copy all documents with a `.doc` suffix, type `*.doc` as the file name argument.
- You cannot use file name substitution wildcards when you extract files from a `tar` archive.

▼ How to Copy Files to a Tape (tar)

- 1 Change to the directory that contains the files you want to copy.
- 2 Insert a write-enabled tape into the tape drive.
- 3 Copy the files to tape.

```
$ tar cvf /dev/rmt/n filenames
```

<code>c</code>	Indicates that you want to create an archive.
<code>v</code>	Displays the name of each file as it is archived.
<code>f /dev/rmt/n</code>	Indicates that the archive should be written to the specified device or file.
<code>filenames</code>	Indicates the files and directories that you want to copy. Separate multiple files with spaces.

The file names that you specify are copied to the tape, overwriting any existing files on the tape.

- 4 Remove the tape from the drive. Write the names of the files on the tape label.

5 Verify that the files you copied are on the tape.

```
$ tar tvf /dev/rmt/n
```

For more information on listing files on a tar tape, see [“How to List the Files on a Tape \(tar\)” on page 392](#).

Example 22-4 Copying Files to a Tape (tar)

The following example shows how to copy three files to the tape in tape drive 0.

```
$ cd /export/home/kryten
$ ls reports
reportA reportB reportC
$ tar cvf /dev/rmt/0 reports
a reports/ 0 tape blocks
a reports/reportA 59 tape blocks
a reports/reportB 61 tape blocks
a reports/reportC 63 tape blocks
$ tar tvf /dev/rmt/0
```

▼ How to List the Files on a Tape (tar)**1 Insert a tape into the tape drive.****2 Display the tape contents.**

```
$ tar tvf /dev/rmt/n
```

t Lists the table of contents for the files on the tape.

v Used with the t option, and provides detailed information about the files on the tape.

f /dev/rmt/n Indicates the tape device.

Example 22-5 Listing the Files on a Tape (tar)

The following example shows a listing of files on the tape in drive 0.

```
$ tar tvf /dev/rmt/0
drwxr-xr-x 0/0 0 Jul 14 13:50 2010 reports/
-r--r--r-- 0/0 206663 Jul 14 13:50 2010 reports/reportC
-r--r--r-- 0/0 206663 Jul 14 13:50 2010 reports/reportB
-r--r--r-- 0/0 206663 Jul 14 13:50 2010 reports/reportA
```


▼ How to Retrieve Files From a Tape (tar)

- 1 Change to the directory where you want to put the files.
- 2 Insert the tape into the tape drive.
- 3 Retrieve the files from the tape.

```
$ tar xvf /dev/rmt/n [filenames]
```

x Indicates that the files should be extracted from the specified archive file. All files on the tape in the specified drive are copied to the current directory.

v Displays the name of each file as it is retrieved.

f /dev/rmt/n Indicates the tape device that contains the archive.

filenames Specifies a file to retrieve. Separate multiple files with spaces.

For more information, see the [tar\(1\)](#) man page.

- 4 Verify that the files have been copied.

```
$ ls -l
```

Example 22–6 Retrieving Files on a Tape (tar)

The following example shows how to retrieve all the files from the tape in drive 0.

```
$ cd /var/tmp
$ tar xvf /dev/rmt/0
x reports/, 0 bytes, 0 tape blocks
x reports/reportA, 0 bytes, 0 tape blocks
x reports/reportB, 0 bytes, 0 tape blocks
x reports/reportC, 0 bytes, 0 tape blocks
x reports/reportD, 0 bytes, 0 tape blocks
$ ls -l
```

Troubleshooting The names of the files extracted from the tape must exactly match the names of the files that are stored on the archive. If you have any doubts about the names or paths of the files, first list the files on the tape. For instructions on listing the files on the tape, see [“How to List the Files on a Tape \(tar\)” on page 392](#).

Copying Files to a Tape With the pax Command

▼ How to Copy Files to a Tape (pax)

1 Change to the directory that contains the files you want to copy.

2 Insert a write-enabled tape into the tape drive.

3 Copy the files to tape.

```
$ pax -w -f /dev/rmt/n filenames
```

-w Enables the write mode.

-f /dev/rmt/n Identifies the tape drive.

filenames Indicates the files and directories that you want to copy. Separate multiple files with spaces.

For more information, see the [pax\(1\)](#) man page.

4 Verify that the files have been copied to tape.

```
$ pax -f /dev/rmt/n
```

5 Remove the tape from the drive. Write the names of the files on the tape label.

Example 22-7 Copying Files to a Tape (pax)

The following example shows how to use the pax command to copy all the files in the current directory.

```
$ pax -w -f /dev/rmt/0 .  
$ pax -f /dev/rmt/0  
filea fileb filec
```

Copying Files to Tape With the `cpio` Command

▼ How to Copy All Files in a Directory to a Tape (`cpio`)

- 1 Change to the directory that contains the files you want to copy.
- 2 Insert a write-enabled tape into the tape drive.
- 3 Copy the files to tape.

```
$ ls | cpio -oc > /dev/rmt/n
```

`ls` Provides the `cpio` command with a list of file names.

`cpio -oc` Specifies that the `cpio` command should operate in copy-out mode (`-o`) and write header information in ASCII character format (`-c`). These options ensure portability to other vendors' systems.

`> /dev/rmt/n` Specifies the output file.

All files in the directory are copied to the tape in the drive you specify, overwriting any existing files on the tape. The total number of blocks that are copied is shown.

- 4 Verify that the files have been copied to tape.

```
$ cpio -civt < /dev/rmt/n
```

`-c` Specifies that the `cpio` command should read files in ASCII character format.

`-i` Specifies that the `cpio` command should operate in copy-in mode, even though the command is only listing files at this point.

`-v` Displays the output in a format that is similar to the output from the `ls -l` command.

`-t` Lists the table of contents for the files on the tape in the tape drive that you specify.

`< /dev/rmt/n` Specifies the input file of an existing `cpio` archive.

- 5 Remove the tape from the drive. Write the names of the files on the tape label.

Example 22–8 Copying All Files in a Directory to a Tape (`cpio`)

The following example shows how to copy all of the files in the `/export/home/kryten` directory to the tape in tape drive 0.

```

$ cd /export/home/kryten
$ ls | cpio -oc > /dev/rmt/0
1280 blocks
$ cpio -civt < /dev/rmt/0
-r--r--r-- 1 kryten  staff    206663 Jul 14 13:52 2010, filea
-r--r--r-- 1 kryten  staff    206663 Jul 14 13:52 2010, fileb
-r--r--r-- 1 kryten  staff    206663 Jul 14 13:52 2010, filec
drwxr-xr-x 2 kryten  staff         0 Jul 14 13:52 2010, letters
drwxr-xr-x 2 kryten  staff         0 Jul 14 13:52 2010, reports
1280 blocks

```

▼ How to List the Files on a Tape (`cpio`)

Note – Listing the table of contents on a tape takes a long time because the `cpio` command must process the entire archive.

- 1 Insert an archive tape into the tape drive.
- 2 List the files on the tape.

```
$ cpio -civt < /dev/rmt/n
```

Example 22-9 Listing the Files on a Tape (`cpio`)

The following example shows how to list the files on the tape in drive 0.

```

$ cpio -civt < /dev/rmt/0
-r--r--r-- 1 kryten  staff    206663 Jul 14 13:52 2010, filea
-r--r--r-- 1 kryten  staff    206663 Jul 14 13:52 2010, fileb
-r--r--r-- 1 kryten  staff    206663 Jul 14 13:52 2010, filec
drwxr-xr-x 2 kryten  staff         0 Jul 14 13:52 2010, letters
drwxr-xr-x 2 kryten  staff         0 Jul 14 13:52 2010, reports
1280 blocks

```

▼ How to Retrieve All Files From a Tape (`cpio`)

If the archive was created using relative path names, the input files are built as a directory within the current directory when you retrieve the files. If, however, the archive was created with absolute path names, the same absolute paths are used to re-create the file on your system.



Caution – The use of absolute path names can be dangerous because you might overwrite existing files on your system.

- 1 Change to the directory where you want to put the files.

2 Insert the tape into the tape drive.**3 Extract all files from the tape.**

```
$ cpio -icvd < /dev/rmt/n
```

-i Extracts files from standard input.

-c Specifies that the `cpio` command should read files in ASCII character format.

-v Displays the files as they are retrieved in a format that is similar to the output from the `ls` command.

-d Creates directories as needed.

< /dev/rmt/n Specifies the output file.

4 Verify that the files were copied.

```
$ ls -l
```

Example 22–10 Retrieving All Files From a Tape (`cpio`)

The following example shows how to retrieve all files from the tape in drive 0.

```
$ cd /var/tmp
cpio -icvd < /dev/rmt/0
answers
sc.directives
tests
8 blocks
$ ls -l
```

▼ How to Retrieve Specific Files From a Tape (`cpio`)**1 Change to the directory where you want to put the files.****2 Insert the tape into the tape drive.****3 Retrieve a subset of files from the tape.**

```
$ cpio -icv "*file" < /dev/rmt/n
```

-i Extracts files from standard input.

-c Specifies that the `cpio` command should read headers in ASCII character format.

- v Displays the files as they are retrieved in a format that is similar to the output from the `ls` command.
- "*file" Specifies that all files that match the pattern are copied to the current directory. You can specify multiple patterns, but each pattern must be enclosed in double quotation marks.
- < /dev/rmt/n Specifies the input file.

For more information, see the [cpio\(1\)](#) man page.

4 Verify that the files were copied.

```
$ ls -l
```

Example 22–11 Retrieving Specific Files From a Tape (cpio)

The following example shows how to retrieve all files with the `chapter` suffix from the tape in drive 0.

```
$ cd /home/smith/Book
$ cpio -icv "**chapter" < /dev/rmt/0
Boot.chapter
Directory.chapter
Install.chapter
Intro.chapter
31 blocks
$ ls -l
```

Copying Files to a Remote Tape Device

▼ How to Copy Files to a Remote Tape Device (tar and dd)

1 The following prerequisites must be met to use a remote tape drive:

- a. The local host name and optionally, the user name of the user doing the copy, must appear in the remote system's `/etc/hosts.equiv` file. Or, the user doing the copy must have his or her home directory accessible on the remote machine, and have the local machine name in `$HOME/.rhosts`.

For more information, see the [hosts.equiv\(4\)](#) man page.

- b. An entry for the remote system must be in the local system's `/etc/inet/hosts` file or in the name service `hosts` file.

- 2 **To test whether you have the appropriate permission to execute a remote command, try the following:**

```
$ rsh remotehost echo test
```

If test is echoed back to you, you have permission to execute remote commands. If Permission denied is echoed back to you, check your setup as described in Step 1.
- 3 **Change to the directory where you want to put the files.**
- 4 **Insert the tape into the tape drive.**
- 5 **Copy the files to a remote tape drive.**

```
$ tar cvf - filenames | rsh remote-host dd of=/dev/rmt/n obs=block-size
```

<code>tar cvf</code>	Creates a tape archive, lists the files as they are archived, and specifies the tape device.
<code>v</code>	Provides additional information about the tar file entries.
<code>-</code> (Hyphen)	Represents a placeholder for the tape device.
<code>filenames</code>	Identifies the files to be copied. Separate multiple files with spaces.
<code>rsh remote-host</code>	Pipes the tar command's output to a remote shell.
<code>dd of= /dev/rmt/n</code>	Represents the output device.
<code>obs=block-size</code>	Represents the blocking factor.
- 6 **Remove the tape from the drive. Write the names of the files on the tape label.**

Example 22–12 Copying Files to a Remote Tape Drive (tar and dd)

```
# tar cvf - * | rsh mercury dd of=/dev/rmt/0 obs=126b
a answers/ 0 tape blocks
a answers/test129 1 tape blocks
a sc.directives/ 0 tape blocks
a sc.directives/sc.190089 1 tape blocks
a tests/ 0 tape blocks
a tests/test131 1 tape blocks
6+9 records in
0+1 records out
```

▼ How to Extract Files From a Remote Tape Device

1 Insert the tape into the tape drive.

2 Change to a temporary directory.

```
$ cd /var/tmp
```

3 Extract the files from a remote tape device.

```
$ rsh remote-host dd if=/dev/rmt/n | tar xvBpf -
```

`rsh remote-host` Indicates a remote shell that is started to extract the files from the tape device by using the `dd` command.

`dd if=/dev/rmt/n` Indicates the input device.

`| tar xvBpf -` Pipes the output of the `dd` command to the `tar` command, which is used to restore the files.

4 Verify that the files have been extracted.

```
$ ls -l
```

Example 22-13 Extracting Files From a Remote Tape Drive

```
$ cd /var/tmp
$ rsh mercury dd if=/dev/rmt/0 | tar xvBpf -
x answers/, 0 bytes, 0 tape blocks
x answers/test129, 48 bytes, 1 tape blocks
20+0 records in
20+0 records out
x sc.directives/, 0 bytes, 0 tape blocks
x sc.directives/sc.190089, 77 bytes, 1 tape blocks
x tests/, 0 bytes, 0 tape blocks
x tests/test131, 84 bytes, 1 tape blocks
$ ls -l
```

Copying Files and File Systems to Diskette

Before you can copy files or file systems to diskette, you must format the diskette. For information on how to format a diskette, see [Chapter 2, “Managing Removable Media \(Tasks\)”](#).

Use the `tar` command to copy UFS files to a single formatted diskette.

Use the `cpio` command if you need to copy UFS files to multiple formatted diskettes. The `cpio` command recognizes end-of-media and prompts you to insert the next diskette.

What You Should Know When Copying Files to Diskettes

- Copying files to a formatted diskette by using the `tar -c` command destroys any files that are already on the diskette.
- A diskette that contains a tar image is not mountable.
- If you need a multiple-volume interchange utility, use the `cpio` command. The `tar` command is only a single-volume utility.

For more information, see [tar\(1\)](#).

▼ How to Copy Files to a Single Formatted Diskette (tar)

1 Change to the directory that contains the files you want to copy.

2 Insert a formatted diskette that is not write-protected into the drive.

3 Make the diskette available.

```
$ volcheck
```

4 Reformat the diskette, if necessary.

```
$ rmformat -U /dev/rdiskette
Formatting will erase all the data on disk.
Do you want to continue? (y/n)y
```

5 Copy the files to diskette.

```
$ tar cvf /vol/dev/aliases/floppy0 filenames
```

The file names that you specify are copied to the diskette, overwriting any existing files on the diskette.

6 Verify that the files were copied.

```
$ tar tvf /vol/dev/aliases/floppy0
```

For more information on listing files, see [“How to List the Files on a Diskette \(tar\)”](#) on page 402.

7 Remove the diskette from the drive.

8 Write the names of the files on the diskette label.

Example 22-14 Copying Files to a Single Formatted Diskette (tar)

The following example shows how to copy files named `evaluation*` to a diskette.

```
$ cd /home/smith
$ volcheck
$ ls evaluation*
evaluation.doc  evaluation.doc.backup
$ tar cvf /vol/dev/aliases/floppy0 evaluation*
a evaluation.doc 86 blocks
a evaluation.doc.backup 84 blocks
$ tar tvf /vol/dev/aliases/floppy0
```

▼ How to List the Files on a Diskette (tar)

1 Insert a diskette into the drive.

2 Make the diskette available.

```
$ volcheck
```

3 List the files on a diskette.

```
$ tar tvf /vol/dev/aliases/floppy0
```

Example 22-15 Listing the Files on a Diskette (tar)

The following example shows how to list the files on a diskette.

```
$ volcheck
$ tar tvf /vol/dev/aliases/floppy0
rw-rw-rw-6693/10 44032 Jun 9 15:45 evaluation.doc
rw-rw-rw-6693/10 43008 Jun 9 15:55 evaluation.doc.backup
$
```

▼ How to Retrieve Files From a Diskette (tar)

1 Change to the directory where you want to put the files.

2 Insert the diskette into the drive.

3 Make the diskette available.

```
$ volcheck
```

4 Retrieve files from the diskette.

```
$ tar xvf /vol/dev/aliases/floppy0
```

All files on the diskette are copied to the current directory.

5 Verify that the files have been retrieved.

```
$ ls -l
```

6 Remove the diskette from the drive.

Example 22–16 Retrieving Files From a Diskette (tar)

The following example shows how to retrieve all the files from a diskette.

```
$ cd /home/smith/Evaluations
$ volcheck
$ tar xvf /vol/dev/aliases/floppy0
x evaluation.doc, 44032 bytes, 86 tape blocks
x evaluation.doc.backup, 43008 bytes, 84 tape blocks
$ ls -l
```

The following example shows how to retrieve an individual file from a diskette. The file is extracted from the diskette and placed in the current working directory.

```
$ volcheck
$ tar xvf /vol/dev/aliases/floppy0 evaluation.doc
x evaluation.doc, 44032 bytes, 86 tape blocks
$ ls -l
```

Archiving Files to Multiple Diskettes

If you are copying large files onto diskettes, you want to be prompted to replace a full diskette with another formatted diskette. The `cpio` command provides this capability. The `cpio` commands you use are the same that you would use to copy files to tape, except you would specify `/vol/dev/aliases/floppy0` as the device instead of the tape device name.

For information on how to use the `cpio` command, see [“How to Copy All Files in a Directory to a Tape \(cpio\)”](#) on page 395.

Managing Tape Drives (Tasks)

This chapter describes how to manage tape drives in the Solaris Operating System (Oracle Solaris OS).

This is a list of the step-by-step instructions in this chapter.

- “How to Display Tape Drive Status” on page 408
- “Retensioning a Magnetic Tape Cartridge” on page 409
- “Rewinding a Magnetic Tape Cartridge” on page 410

This is a list of overview information in this chapter.

- “Choosing Which Media to Use” on page 405
- “Backup Device Names” on page 406
- “Displaying Tape Drive Status” on page 408
- “Guidelines for Drive Maintenance and Media Handling” on page 410

Choosing Which Media to Use

You typically back up Solaris systems by using the following tape media:

- 1/2-inch reel tape
- 1/4-inch streaming cartridge tape
- 8-mm cartridge tape
- 4-mm cartridge tape (DAT)

You can perform backups with diskettes, but doing so is time-consuming and cumbersome.

The media that you choose depends on the availability of the equipment that supports it and of the media (usually tape) that you use to store the files. Although you must do the backup from a local system, you can write the files to a remote device.

The following table shows typical tape devices that are used for backing up file systems. The storage capacity for each device depends on the type of drive and the data being written to the tape.

TABLE 23-1 Media Storage Capacities

Backup Media	Storage Capacity
1/2-inch reel tape	140 MB (6250 bpi)
2.5-GB 1/4-inch cartridge (QIC) tape	2.5 GB
DDS3 4-mm cartridge tape (DAT)	12–24 GB
14-GB 8-mm cartridge tape	14 GB
DLT 7000 1/2-inch cartridge tape	35–70 GB

Backup Device Names

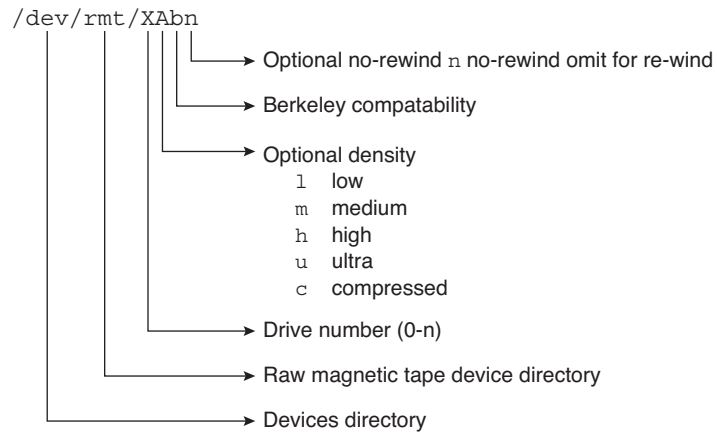
You specify a tape or diskette to use for backup by supplying a logical device name. This name points to the subdirectory that contains the “raw” device file and includes the logical unit number of the drive. Tape drive naming conventions use a logical, not a physical, device name. The following table shows this naming convention.

TABLE 23-2 Basic Device Names for Backup Devices

Device Type	Name
Tape	<code>/dev/rmt/<i>n</i></code>
Diskette	<code>/vol/dev/rdiskette0/unlabeled</code>

In general, you specify a tape device as shown in the following figure.

FIGURE 23-1 Tape Drive Device Names



If you don't specify the density, a tape drive typically writes at its “preferred” density. The preferred density usually means the highest density the tape drive supports. Most SCSI drives can automatically detect the density or format on the tape and read it accordingly. To determine the different densities that are supported for a drive, look at the `/dev/rmt` subdirectory. This subdirectory includes the set of tape device files that support different output densities for each tape.

Also, a SCSI controller can have a maximum of seven SCSI tape drives.

Specifying the Rewind Option for a Tape Drive

Normally, you specify a tape drive by its logical unit number, which can run from 0 to *n*. The following table describes how to specify tape device names with a rewind or a no-rewind option.

TABLE 23-3 Specifying Rewind or No-Rewind for a Tape Drive

Drive and Rewind Value	Use This Option
First drive, rewind	<code>/dev/rmt/0</code>
First drive, no rewind	<code>/dev/rmt/0n</code>
Second drive, rewind	<code>/dev/rmt/1</code>
Second drive, no rewind	<code>/dev/rmt/1n</code>

Specifying Different Densities for a Tape Drive

By default, the drive writes at its “preferred” density, which is usually the highest density the tape drive supports. If you do not specify a tape device, the command writes to drive number 0 at the default density the device supports.

To transport a tape to a system whose tape drive supports only a certain density, specify a device name that writes at the desired density. The following table describes how to specify different densities for a tape drive.

TABLE 23-4 Specifying Different Densities for a Tape Drive

Drive, Density, and Rewind Value	Use This Option
First drive, low density, rewind	<code>/dev/rmt/0l</code>
First drive, low density, no rewind	<code>/dev/rmt/0ln</code>
Second drive, medium density, rewind	<code>/dev/rmt/1m</code>
Second drive, medium density, no rewind	<code>/dev/rmt/1mn</code>

The additional density values are shown in [“Backup Device Names”](#) on page 406.

Displaying Tape Drive Status

You can use the `status` option with the `mt` command to get status information about tape drives. The `mt` command reports information about any tape drives that are described in the `/kernel/drv/st.conf` file.

▼ How to Display Tape Drive Status

- 1 Load a tape into the drive you want information about.
- 2 Display the tape drive status.

```
# mt -f /dev/rmt/n status
```
- 3 Repeat steps 1–2, substituting tape drive numbers 0, 1, 2, 3, and so on to display information about all available tape drives.

Example 23-1 Displaying Tape Drive Status

The following example shows the status for a QIC-150 tape drive (`/dev/rmt/0`):


```
$ mt -f /dev/rmt/0 status
Archive QIC-150 tape drive:
  sense key(0x0)= No Additional Sense   residual= 0   retries= 0
  file no= 0   block no= 0
```

The following example shows the status for an Exabyte tape drive (/dev/rmt/1):

```
$ mt -f /dev/rmt/1 status
Exabyte EXB-8200 8mm tape drive:
sense key(0x0)= NO Additional Sense residual= 0   retries= 0
file no= 0   block no= 0
```

The following example shows a quick way to poll a system and locate all of its tape drives:

```
$ for drive in 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
> do
> mt -f /dev/rmt/$drive status
> done
Archive QIC-150 tape drive:
  sense key(0x0)= No Additional Sense   residual= 0   retries= 0
  file no= 0   block no= 0
/dev/rmt/1: No such file or directory
/dev/rmt/2: No such file or directory
/dev/rmt/3: No such file or directory
/dev/rmt/4: No such file or directory
/dev/rmt/5: No such file or directory
/dev/rmt/6: No such file or directory
/dev/rmt/7: No such file or directory
$
```

Handling Magnetic Tape Cartridges

If errors occur when a tape is being read, you can retension the tape, clean the tape drive, and then try again.

Retensioning a Magnetic Tape Cartridge

Retension a magnetic tape cartridge with the `mt` command.

For example:

```
$ mt -f /dev/rmt/1 retension
$
```

Note – Do not retension non-QIC tape drives.

Rewinding a Magnetic Tape Cartridge

To rewind a magnetic tape cartridge, use the `mt` command.

For example:

```
$ mt -f /dev/rmt/1 rewind
$
```

Guidelines for Drive Maintenance and Media Handling

A backup tape that cannot be read is useless. So, periodically clean and check your tape drives to ensure correct operation. See your hardware manuals for instructions on procedures for cleaning a tape drive. You can check your tape hardware by doing either of the following:

- Copying some files to the tape, reading the files back, and then comparing the original files with the copied files.
- Using the `-v` option of the `ufsdump` command to verify the contents of the media with the source file system. The file system must be unmounted or completely idle for the `-v` option to be effective.

Be aware that hardware can fail in ways that the system does not report.

Always label your tapes after a backup. If you are using a backup strategy similar to the strategies suggested in [Chapter 23, “Backing Up and Restoring UFS File Systems \(Overview\),”](#) in *System Administration Guide: Devices and File Systems*, you should indicate on the label “Tape A,” “Tape B,” and so forth. This label should never change. Every time you do a backup, make another tape label that contains the following information:

- The backup date
- The name of the machine and file system that is backed up
- The backup level
- The tape number (1 of n , if the backup spans multiple volumes)
- Any information specific to your site

Store your tapes in a dust-free safe location, away from magnetic equipment. Some sites store archived tapes in fireproof cabinets at remote locations.

You should create and maintain a log that tracks which media (tape volume) stores each job (backup) and the location of each backed-up file.

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