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Comparison of High-Performance Distributed File Systems on two Platforms: Linux and Windows

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Introduction

The rising quantity of data collected necessitates transitioning to the next generation of reliable, high-performance data storage solutions. Despite the clear need for high-performance storage across many industries, there has yet to be a consensus on the optimal high-performance storage technology that would suit all user needs.

The project's goal was speed-testing to provide a possibility to combine them with the currently available state-of-the-art technology results, technological capabilities and existing expertise.

Methodological approach

We choose representative high-performance storage solutions compared on two different platforms for storage clients.

- Linux: Ceph EOS IBM Spectrum Scale Hadoop
- Windows: Ceph EOS-drive EOS through Samba EOS-wnc Hadoop

An example of specifications of the testing environment is the following.

- Management node: 32 threads 2x Intel® Xeon® Silver 4208 Processor 384 GB of RAM 2x SSDs of
- Storage nodes: 32 threads 2x Intel® Xeon® Silver 4208 Processor 64 GB of RAM 1x SSD of 2 TB for the operation system 6x HDDs of 2 TB for data.
- Client nodes: 12 threads 1x Intel® Core™ i5-12400 Processor 16 GB of RAM 1x SSD with 1 TB.

Results

The results are from the testing performed separately in an isolated environment for each high-performance solution but on the same hardware. For each platform, there were three categories of tests related to file sizes: (1) small, (2) medium, and (3) large files.

According to the results, some high-performance file systems have evident advantages, as shown in our presentation. These results should be the starting point for an even more exact comparison between these file systems. They are good starting points in choosing the right high-performance file system.

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