

Thinking Inside the Box: Embedded Active Directory / Storage Appliances Based on Samba

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About Myself

- ▶ M.Sc. in computational biology
- ▶ Ph.D. student in microbiology
- ▶ Open Source developer
- ▶ Samba Team member



About Samba

- ▶ Almost 20 years of file serving support
- ▶ 2.7 million lines of code
- ▶ 20 committers in the last month

About This Talk

- ▶ Proof-of-concept presentation
- ▶ No product out there (yet)
- ▶ Remaining work: Hooking up features in UI

Hardware Used

- ▶ Dockstar
- ▶ BeagleBoard XM
- ▶ Trim Slice

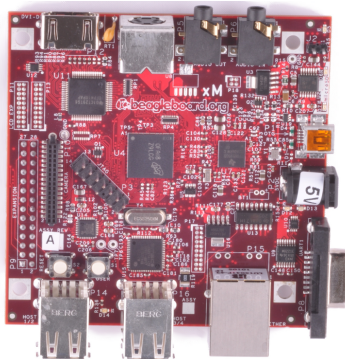
- ▶ 1.2 GHz ARMv5 CPU
- ▶ 128 MB RAM
- ▶ 4 USB ports
- ▶ GbE



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<http://archlinuxarm.org/platforms/armv5/seagate-dockstar>

BeagleBoard XM

- ▶ 1 GHz ARMv7 Cortex A8 CPU
- ▶ 512 MB RAM
- ▶ 5 USB ports
- ▶ 100 MbE



Source:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/jadon/4628635196/>

TrimSlice

- ▶ 1 GHz ARMv7 Cortex A9 dual-core CPU
- ▶ 1024 MB RAM
- ▶ 4 USB ports
- ▶ SATA
- ▶ GbE



Source:
<http://archlinuxarm.org/platforms/armv7/trimslice>

Software Used

- ▶ Arch Linux ARM
- ▶ Samba 4
- ▶ Pylons

Arch Linux ARM



- ▶ ARM port of Arch Linux
- ▶ Supports ARMv5 – ARMv7 hardware
- ▶ Lightweight
- ▶ Active community

Samba 4

- ▶ Current release: Samba 4 alpha 17
- ▶ Some features missing
- ▶ AD core support pretty stable
- ▶ Provides Python bindings for most libraries



Pylons Framework

- ▶ Python WSGI framework
- ▶ Modular architecture
- ▶ paster based deployment
- ▶ Mako template engine

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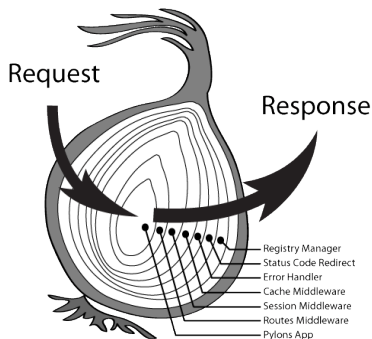
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- ▶ Pylons architecture
- ▶ SWAT4 architecture
- ▶ Features needed

Pylons Architecture

- ▶ Layered WSGI (PEP333) applications
- ▶ Outer layers provide common functionality
- ▶ Core is own code



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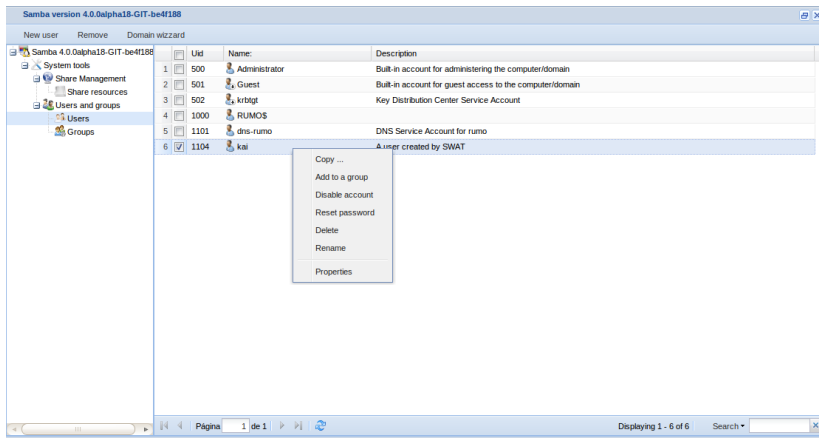
SWAT4 Architecture

- ▶ MVC design
- ▶ Model calls Samba python bindings
- ▶ View is AJAX-based
- ▶ Controller provides RESTful interface

Features

- ▶ User Management
- ▶ Group Management
- ▶ Share Management

User Management



Group Management

Samba version 4.0.0alpha18-GIT-be4f188

New group Remove Domain wizard

Samba 4.0.0alpha18-GIT-be4f188

- System tools
- Share Management
- Share resources
- Users and groups
 - Users
 - Groups

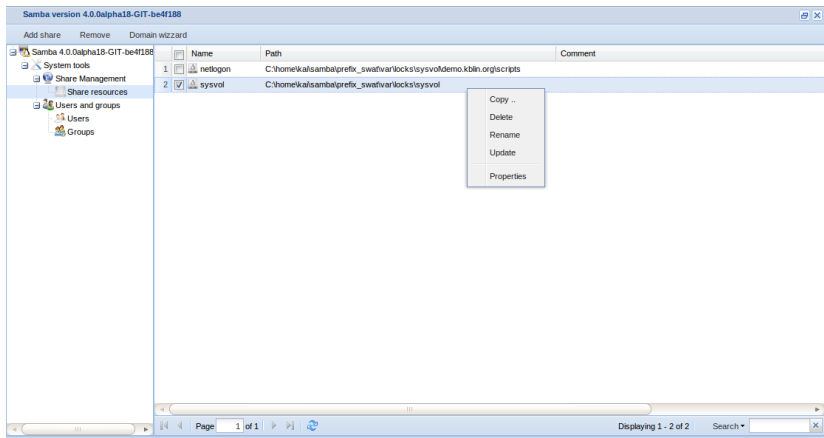
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2	512	Domain Admins	Designated administrators of the domain
3	513	Domain Users	All domain users
4	514	Domain Guests	All domain guests
5	515	Domain Computers	All workstations and servers joined to the domain
6	516	Domain Controllers	All domain controllers in the domain
7	518	Schema Admins	Designated administrators of the schema
8	519	Enterprise Admins	Designated administrators of the enterprise
9	520	Group Policy Creator Owners	Members in this group can modify group policy for the domain
10	521	Read-Only Domain Controllers	Members of this group are Read-Only Domain Controllers in the domain
11	1103	DnsUpdateProxy	DNS clients who are permitted to perform dynamic updates on behalf of some other clients (such as DHCP servers).

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Share Management



- ▶ Samba 4 python bindings
- ▶ Config file generation

Python Bindings

- ▶ Generated from IDL
- ▶ Provides access to all IDL-based RPC
- ▶ Feels very C-like

Config File Generation

- ▶ No registry-based configuration in Samba4 yet
- ▶ Need to create krb5.conf and BIND config
- ▶ S4 does not reload config file for new connections

Alternatives

- ▶ Webmin
- ▶ S3 SWAT
- ▶ Different S4 SWAT implementation

- ▶ More AD-related functionality in UI
- ▶ Fully automated provisioning
- ▶ Share management that works

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