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Preface

The `zfs-linux` Roll installs and configures the ZFS device drivers for Linux. This roll implements the software available at the ZFS on Linux¹ project.

ZFS² stands for the Zetabyte File System and is a combined file system and logical volume manager designed by Sun Microsystems. The features of ZFS include data integrity verification against data corruption modes, support for high storage capacities, integration of the concepts of filesystem and volume management, snapshots and copy-on-write clones, continuous integrity checking and automatic repair, RAID-Z and native NFSv4 ACLs. ZFS is implemented as open-source software, licensed under the Common Development and Distribution License (CDDL). The ZFS name is a trademark of Oracle. The trademark was abandoned on September 20, 2011.[1]

[1] U.S. Trademark Serial # 85194050³

Notes

1. <http://zfsonlinux.org>
2. <http://http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ZFS>
3. <http://tdrapi.uspto.gov/ts/cd/casestatus/sn85194050/content.html>

Chapter 1. Installing the zfs-linux Roll

1.1. Getting the Roll

The zfs-linux roll is supplies ZFS in source form *ONLY*. This is to comply with the licensing of ZFS that does not allow binary redistribution. This means that ZFS must be built on your frontend and the binaries added to your *local cluster* distribution.

This edition of the zfs-linux roll requires you to manually build and add the binary version of the roll.



The roll follows the process at <http://zfsonlinux.org> to build rpms. This has the effect of installing zfs kernel modules on your frontend. If you do not want this, then you should build on a development server appliance.

If you choose the zfs-linux roll from a Rocks central server, you the source form of the roll will be installed for you. You must then go to the directory `/opt/zfs/zfs-linux-roll-source` and build the binary version of the roll. The files in that directory are contained in the called `zfs-linux-roll-source-0.6.0-rc12.x86_64.rpm`. This source can be installed on a Rocks Development Server. To make the *binary* version of the roll

```
# cd /opt/zfs/zfs-linux-roll-source
# make binary-roll
```

If your roll rebuild completed properly, you should see output similar to the following indicating the binary packages that have been built and are part of your local binary roll

```
roll-zfs-linux-kickstart-0.6.0-0: 9f3dc5cfb37c5025924222c0707b46b2
roll-zfs-linux-usersguide-0.6-0: 05c6edbdbc46cc1395d9e296ab427b3
spl-0.6.0-rc12: fb8230830b0524e0e8fe2328b2894df0
spl-modules-0.6.0-rc12.6.32_220.13.1.el6: 79a11d04f63b899d8b5dd1b1c5996aae
spl-modules-devel-0.6.0-rc12_2.6.32_220.13.1.el6: b42975737edb986f65635480f1ada7fe
zfs-0.6.0-rc12: 9c10037dacc5595fbdcaf527181ac878
zfs-devel-0.6.0-rc12: 073ab7f991089b46a160867c9645ad68
zfs-dracut-0.6.0-rc8: b8e0ad3d479ab1f85ffbadfc9cf24062
zfs-modules-0.6.0-rc12.6.32_220.13.1.el6: 287f75756a6aa92f8688de4b80d6c183
zfs-modules-devel-0.6.0-rc12.6.32_220.13.1.el6: 5e17ca87a58e06f63bbeb6ed46b834d3
zfs-source-roll-0.6.0-1: 5c9de1926da9c9cd53293a7d5b60acd8
zfs-source-modules-0.6.0-1: 13995fa53ffd2f7d12e7cd9f77336a93
zfs-test-0.6.0-rc12: eff799a298b011bf49bf73359a4cc54e
```

If you build on a development server, you must first copy the created iso image to the frontend. Once you have the iso image (in the directory where you made the binary roll on the frontend or copied to the frontend from a development server, you need to add the roll and rebuild the distribution.

```
# rocks add roll zfs-linux*iso
# rocks enable roll zfs-linux
# pushd /export/rocks/install
# rocks create distro
# popd
```

At this point, any *client* nodes can be reinstalled with ZFS support. You can enable ZFS on your frontend by "running" the roll on the frontend

```
# rocks run roll zfs-linux | sh
```

1.1.1. Enabling ZFS Support on nodes/appliances

Any node or appliance can have ZFS support added to it. Whether or not ZFS is installed on a node is controlled by an attribute called `zfs`. The attribute should be set to true, if ZFS support is desired for the node.

Example: to enable ZFS on all NAS appliances, do the following

```
# rocks add appliance attr nas attr=zfs value=true
```

Chapter 2. Updating the zfs-linux Roll

2.1. Updating the Roll

ZFS on Linux is still an in-development software and has reasonably frequent updates. It is often useful to update the zfs software without resorting to a full reinstallation of a system. This section will describe how to do that and at the same time make sure the roll is in the *local cluster* distribution.

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2.1.1. Getting the updated roll source

If the ZFS source roll is not available for the version of ZFS-on-Linux that you require, then you should go to git.rocksclusters.org. In particular,

`http://http://git.rocksclusters.org/cgi-bin/gitweb.cgi?p=core/zfs-linux/.git;a=summary.`

The simplest is to retrieve a snapshot of either the labeled version of the Roll, or the "master/origin". On the page above, there is a "snapshot" link that, when selected, will create a tar.gz file of the roll. Download this file and unpack it the contents in a local directory. The following, uses revision 32495f5 as an example

```
# cd /opt/zfs/zfs-linux-roll-source
# tar xvf zfs-linux-32495f5.tar.gz
# cd zfs-linux-32495f5
# make binary-roll
```



Please see the section on "Installing the Roll" to see a proper build. Remember to add the binary roll (iso image) that was created above and then recreate the distribution on the frontend

Now that your updated binary has been created, you can update the RPMS of a system that has its ZFS RPMS already installed. On the node (this works also for a frontend)

```
# yum clean all
# yum update
# reboot
```

You may see an error that lsscsi package does not exist. This is because the package is not part of the standard OS roll, but is part of the CentOS Distribution. To fix this problem

```
# yum --enablerepo=base install lsscsi
# yum update
# reboot
```

Chapter 3. Using the zfs-linux Roll

3.1. Using the zfs-linux Roll

General Information about ZFS on Linux and be found at the [zfs on linux web site](#)¹. General Tutorials for Using ZFS on Linux and be found at the [zfs on linux documentation](#)².

3.2. Updating The Device Drivers

The Rocks ZFS-linux roll comes with a Makefile `/opt/zfs/Makefile`. If your client node runs a different kernel (via updates or other choice), then using the `rebuild` target of this Makefile will rebuild the `spl` (Solaris Porting Layer) and `zfs` kernel modules. The `rebuild` targets checks first if the modules already exist.

```
# cd /opt/zfs
# make rebuild
```



The startup script `/etc/init.d/zfs-modules` will automatically check and rebuild the ZFS modules.

Notes

1. <http://zfsonlinux.org/>
2. <http://zfsonlinux.org/>

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