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# Preface

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This manual, the StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM File System Administration Guide, describes the file system software included in the StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM 4.1 releases. The software products and the file systems they include are as follows:

StorageTek ASM file system. The StorageTek ASM environment includes a general-purpose file system along with the storage and archive manager, SAM. The StorageTek ASM environment's file system enables data to be archived to automated libraries at device-rated speeds. Data can also be archived to files in another file system through a process known as disk archiving. The file system in the StorageTek ASM environment is a complete file system. The user is presented with a standard file system interface and can read and write files as though they were all on primary disk storage.

StorageTek QFS file system. The StorageTek QFS file system can be used as a standalone file system, or it can be used in conjunction with the storage and archive manager, SAM. When used in conjunction with SAM, it is known as StorageTek ASM QFS Manager. StorageTek QFS shares most of the StorageTek ASM file system's features. The StorageTek QFS file system, however, is designed for high performance and contains more features than are supported within the StorageTek ASM environment.

**Note:** You can purchase licenses for both StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM software with the intent to run the StorageTek QFS file system with the storage and archive manager found in the StorageTek ASM software. Such a system is referred to as StorageTek ASM QFS Manager.

This manual does not call out the StorageTek ASM QFS Manager configuration unless it is necessary for clarity. In this manual, you can assume that references to StorageTek ASM also apply to StorageTek ASM QFS Manager configurations when talking about storage and archive management. Likewise, you can assume that references to StorageTek QFS also apply to StorageTek ASM QFS Manager configurations when talking about file system design and capabilities.

## ■ Organization

This manual has six chapters, an appendix, and an index:

**Chapter 1** “[Overview](#)” provides overview information.

- Chapter 2**    [“File System Design”](#) provides file system design information.
- Chapter 3**    [“Volume Management”](#) provides volume management information.
- Chapter 4**    [“File System Management”](#) explains how to perform various tasks for the StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems. Tasks covered include initializing a file system, adding a server, adding disk cache, and other system administration activities.
- Chapter 5**    [“StorageTek QFS Shared File System”](#) explains how to use the StorageTek QFS shared file system.
- Chapter 6**    [“Using the samu\(1M\) Operator Utility”](#) explains how to use the samu(1M) operator utility.
- Chapter 7**    [“File System Quotas”](#) explains how to use file system quotas.
- Chapter 8**    [“Advanced Topics”](#) explains miscellaneous advanced topics such as using multireader file system and performance features.

## ■ Related Publications

You can find additional information in the following publications:

<b>Publication</b>	<b>Part Number</b>
<i>StorageTek ASM and StorageTek QFS Installation and Configuration Guide</i>	312593901
<i>StorageTek ASM and StorageTek QFS v4.1 Release Notes</i>	312594001
<i>StorageTek ASM Storage and Archive Manager</i>	312596501

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# Overview

The StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems are configurable file systems that present a standard UNIX file system interface to users. [Table 1](#) shows how these file systems can be used or combined with the Application Storage Application (ASM) software.

**Table 1. Product Overview**

Product	Components
StorageTek QFS	StorageTek QFS standalone file system
StorageTek ASM	Standard file system plus the Application Storage Management ASM
StorageTek ASM QFS	The StorageTek QFS file system combined with the storage and archive management utilities found in the StorageTek ASM software.

Technologically, the two file systems are similar, but there are also differences between them. This chapter presents an overview of the features common to these file systems, highlights the features that differentiate the file systems, and explains the commands available with each file system. Specifically, this chapter is divided into the following sections:

- [“Common Features” on page 1](#)
- [“File System Differences” on page 4](#)
- [“Commands” on page 5](#)

## ■ Common Features

The StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems do not require changes to user programs, nor are changes required to the UNIX kernel. These file systems share the features described in the following sections.

### vnode Interface

The StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems are implemented using the standard Solaris operating system (OS) virtual file system (vfs/vnode) interface.

By using the `vfs/vnode` interface, these file systems work with the standard Solaris OS kernel and require no modifications to the kernel for file management support. Thus, the file system is protected from operating system changes and typically does not require extensive regression testing when the operating system is updated.

The kernel intercepts all requests for files, including those that reside in StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems. If the file is identified as a StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM file, the kernel passes the request to the appropriate file system for handling. StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems are identified as type `samfs` in the `/etc/vfstab` file and on the `mount(1M)` command.

## Enhanced Volume Management

StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems support both striped and round-robin disk access. The master configuration file (`mcf`) and the mount parameters specify the volume management features and let the file system know the relationships between the devices it controls. This is in contrast to most UNIX file systems that can address only one device or one portion of a device. StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems do not require any additional volume management applications. If you want to use mirroring for any devices in a StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM environment, obtain an additional package, such as a logical volume manager.

The StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM integrated volume management features use the standard Solaris OS device driver interface to pass I/O requests to and from the underlying devices. The StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM software groups storage devices into family sets upon which each file system resides.

## Support for Paged and Direct I/O

StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems support two different types of I/O: paged (also called *cached* or *buffered* I/O) and direct. These I/O types are as follows:

- When paged I/O is used, user data is cached in virtual memory pages and the kernel writes the data to disk. The standard Solaris OS interfaces manage paged I/O. This is the default type of I/O.
- When direct I/O is used, user data is written directly from user memory to disk. You can specify direct I/O by using the Solaris OS `directio(3C)` function call or the `setfa(1)` command with its `-D` option. Large block, sequential, aligned I/O can realize substantial performance improvements by using direct I/O.

## Preallocation of file space

You can use the `setfa(1)` command to preallocate contiguous disk space for fast sequential reads and writes.

## Application Programming Interface Routines

The application programming interface (API) routines enable a program to perform various specialized functions, such as preallocating contiguous disk space or accessing a specific striped group. For more information about these routines, see the `intro_libsam(3)` man page.

## High Capacity

The StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems support files of up to  $2^{63}$  bytes in length. Such very large files can be striped across many disks or RAID devices, even within a single file system. This is true because StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems use true 64-bit addressing. This is in contrast to a standard UNIX file system (UFS), which is not a true 64-bit file system.

The number of file systems you can configure is virtually unlimited. The volume manager enables each file system to include up to 252 device partitions (typically disk). Each partition can include up to 4 terabytes of data. This configuration offers virtually unlimited storage capacity.

There is no predefined limit on the number of files on a StorageTek ASM file system. Because the inode space (which holds information about the files) is dynamically allocated, the maximum number of files is limited only by the amount of disk storage available. The inodes are cataloged in the `.inodes` file under the mount point. The `.inodes` file requires 512 bytes of storage per file.

For a StorageTek QFS file system, the inodes are located on the metadata device(s) and are separated from the file data devices. In practice, the size of your metadata (mm) devices sets the limit on the number of files in a StorageTek QFS file system. You can increase maximum the number of files by adding more metadata devices. The hard limit on the number of files is  $2^{32}-1$  files, and the recommended limit is  $10^7$  files.

## Fast File System Recovery

A key function of a file system is the ability to recover quickly after an unscheduled outage. Standard UNIX file systems require a lengthy file system check (`fsck(1M)`) to repair inconsistencies after a system failure.

StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems often do not require file system checks after a disruption that prevents the file system from being written to disk (using `sync(1M)`). In addition, they recover from system failures without using journaling. They accomplish this dynamically by using

identification records, serial writes, and error checking for all critical I/O operations. After a system failure, StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems can be remounted immediately, even for multiterabyte-sized file systems.

## Adjustable Disk Allocation Unit

The disk allocation unit (DAU) is the basic unit of online storage. The StorageTek QFS file systems include an adjustable DAU, which is useful for tuning the file system with the physical disk storage device and for eliminating the system overhead caused by read-modify-write operations. You can adjust the DAU size in multiples of 4 kilobytes.

## ■ File System Differences

The StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems share many features, and these are described in [“Common Features” on page 1](#). This section, however, describes the areas in which they differ. One area of difference is performance. The StorageTek QFS file system provides the ability to attain raw, device-rated disk speeds with the administrative convenience of a file system. The following sections note other ways in which the file systems differ.

## Metadata Storage

File systems use metadata to reference file and directory information. Typically, metadata resides on the same device as the file data. This is true for the StorageTek ASM file system.

The StorageTek QFS file system separates the file system metadata from the file data by storing them on separate devices. The StorageTek QFS file system enables you to define one or more separate metadata devices in order to reduce device head movement and rotational latency, improve RAID cache utilization, or mirror metadata without mirroring file data.

Both the StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems store inode metadata information in a separate file. This enables the number of files, and the file system as a whole, to be enlarged dynamically.

## Support for Multiple Striped Groups

To support multiple RAID devices in a single file system, striped groups can be defined in StorageTek QFS file systems. You can optimize disk block allocation for a striped group. This reduces the overhead for updating the on-disk allocation map. Users can assign a file to a striped group either through an API routine or by using the `setfa(1)` command.

## StorageTek Interoperability

The StorageTek ASM file system combines file system features with the storage and archive management utility, SAM. Users can read and write files directly from magnetic disk, or they can access archive copies of files as though they were all on primary disk storage.

The StorageTek QFS file system can be used as a standalone file system, or it can be used in conjunction with the storage and archive manager, SAM. If you are licensed for both StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM, it is called StorageTek ASM-QFS.

When possible, StorageTek ASM software uses the standard Solaris OS disk and tape device drivers. For devices not directly supported under the Solaris OS, such as certain automated library and optical disk devices, StorageTek provides special device drivers in the StorageTek ASM software package.

## StorageTek QFS Shared File System Support

The StorageTek QFS shared file system can be implemented in either a StorageTek QFS environment or in a Sun ASM QFS environment. This file system enables you to implement a distributed file system that can be mounted on multiple Sun Solaris host systems.

StorageTek QFS shared file systems do not support the following file types:

- b — block special files
- c — character special files
- p — FIFO (named pipe) special files

The StorageTek QFS shared file system, when implemented in a StorageTek ASM QFS environment, does not support segmented files.

For more information about this file system, see the [“StorageTek QFS Shared File System” on page 87](#).

## ■ Commands

The StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM environments consist of a file system, daemons, processes, various types of commands (user, administrator, and so on), and tools. This section describes the commands that are included in the StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM software distributions.

The StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM commands operate in conjunction with the standard UNIX file system commands. Some commands are specific to only one product. All the commands are documented in UNIX man(1) pages.

This section introduces the commands and indicates which commands you can use within the StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM file systems. See the man pages that are included in the software distribution for more information.

The following sections show the commands supported within each environment.

## User Commands

By default, file system operations are transparent to the end user. Depending on your site practices, however, you might want to make some commands available to users at your site to fine-tune certain operations. [Table 2](#) summarizes these commands.

**Table 2. User Commands**

<b>Command</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Used By</b>
archive(1)	Archives files and sets archive attributes on files.	StorageTek ASM
release(1)	Releases disk space and sets release attributes on files.	StorageTek ASM
request(1)	Creates a removable media file.	StorageTek ASM
sdu(1)	Summarizes disk usage. The sdu(1) command is based on the GNU version of the du(1) command.	StorageTek QFS StorageTek ASM
segment(1)	Sets segmented file attributes.	StorageTek ASM
setfa(1)	Sets file attributes.	StorageTek QFS StorageTek ASM
sfind(1)	Searches for files in a directory hierarchy. The sfind(1) command is based on the GNU version of the find(1) command and contains options for searching based on StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM file attributes.	StorageTek QFS StorageTek ASM
sls(1)	Lists contents of directories. The sls(1) command is based on the GNU version of the ls(1) command and contains options for displaying file system attributes and information.	StorageTek QFS StorageTek ASM

**Table 2. User Commands (Continued)**

<b>Command</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Used By</b>
squota(1)	Reports quota information.	StorageTek QFS StorageTek ASM
ssum(1)	Sets the checksum attributes on files.	StorageTek ASM
stage(1)	Sets stage attributes on files and copies offline files to disk.	StorageTek ASM

## General System Administrator Commands

[Table 3](#) summarizes the commands that you can use to maintain and manage the system.

**Table 3. General System Administrator Commands**

<b>Command</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Used By</b>
samcmd(1M)	Executes one samu(1M) operator interface utility command.	StorageTek QFS StorageTek ASM
samd(1M)	Starts or stops robotic and removable media daemons.	StorageTek ASM
samexplorer(1M)	Generates a StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM diagnostic report script.	StorageTek QFS StorageTek ASM
samset(1M)	Changes StorageTek ASM settings.	StorageTek ASM
samu(1M)	Invokes the full-screen, text-based operator interface. This interface is based on the curses(3CURSES) software library. The samu(1M) utility displays the status of devices and allows the operator to control automated libraries.	StorageTek QFS StorageTek ASM

## File System Commands

Table 4 summarizes the commands that you can use to maintain the file system.

**Table 4. File System Commands**

Commands	Description	Used By
mount(1M)	Mounts a file system. The man page name for this command is mount_samfs(1M).	StorageTek QFS StorageTek ASM
qfsdump(1M) qfsrestore(1M)	Creates or restores a dump file containing the file data and metadata associated with a StorageTek QFS file system.	StorageTek QFS
sambcheck(1M)	Lists block usage for a file system.	StorageTek QFS StorageTek ASM
samchaid(1M)	Changes file admin set ID attribute. For use with quotas.	StorageTek QFS StorageTek ASM
samfsck(1M)	Checks and repairs metadata inconsistencies in a file system and reclaims allocated, but unused, disk space.	StorageTek QFS StorageTek ASM
samfsconfig(1M)	Displays configuration information.	StorageTek QFS StorageTek ASM
samfsdump(1M) samfsrestore(1M)	Creates or restores a dump file of the metadata associated with a StorageTek ASM file system.	StorageTek ASM StorageTek ASM-QFS
samfsinfo(1M)	Displays information about the layout of a StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM file system.	StorageTek QFS StorageTek ASM
samfstyp(1M)	Determines the StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM file system type.	StorageTek QFS StorageTek ASM
samgrowfs(1M)	Expands a file system by adding disk devices.	StorageTek QFS StorageTek ASM
sammkfs(1M)	Initializes a new file system from disk devices.	StorageTek QFS StorageTek ASM



**Table 4. File System Commands (Continued)**

<b>Commands</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Used By</b>
samncheck(1M)	Returns a full directory path name given the mount point and inode number.	StorageTek QFS StorageTek ASM
samquota(1M)	Reports, sets, or resets quota information.	StorageTek QFS StorageTek ASM
samquotastat(1M)	Reports on active and inactive file system quotas.	StorageTek QFS StorageTek ASM
samsharefs(1M)	Manipulates the StorageTek QFS shared file system configuration information.	StorageTek QFS
samtrace(1M)	Dumps the trace buffer.	StorageTek QFS StorageTek ASM
samunhold(1M)	Releases SANergy file holds.	StorageTek QFS StorageTek ASM
trace_rotate(1M)	Rotates trace files.	StorageTek QFS StorageTek ASM

## Additional Commands and APIs

StorageTek also provides the following additional types of commands for use in StorageTek ASM environments:

- Automated library commands
- Archiver, stager, releaser, and recycler commands
- Specialized maintenance commands
- Operational utility commands

The preceding commands are described on individual man pages and in the *StorageTek ASM Storage and Archive Management Guide*.

In addition to the preceding commands, StorageTek provides an application programming interface (API). The API lets you make file system requests from within a user application. The requests can be made locally or remotely to the machine upon which the file system is running. The API consists of the libsam and libsamrpc libraries. These libraries contain library routines for obtaining file status; for setting archive, release, and stage attributes for a file; and for manipulating the library catalog of an automated library. The sam-rpcd remote procedure call daemon handles remote requests. To automatically start the sam-rpcd daemon, set samrpc=on in the defaults.conf file.

## Overview

For more information about the API, see the `intro_libsam(3)` man pages. This man page provide overview information for using the library routines in `libsam` and `libsamrpc`.

# File System Design

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Well-designed file systems are critical to ensuring quick and uninterrupted access to information. Good design is also essential to file system recovery. This chapter presents the following topics to consider when configuring a StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM file system:

- [“Design Basics” on page 11](#)
- [“Inode Files and File Characteristics” on page 11](#)
- [“Specifying Disk Allocation Units and Stripe Widths” on page 20](#)
- [“File Allocation Methods” on page 27](#)

## ■ Design Basics

StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems are multithreaded, advanced storage management systems. To take maximum advantage of these capabilities, create multiple file systems whenever possible.

The StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems use a linear search method when performing directory lookups. They search from the beginning of the directory to the end. As the number of files in a directory increases, the search time through the directory also increases. Users who have directories with thousands of files can experience excessive search times. These long search times are also evident when you restore a file system. To increase performance and speed up file system dumps and restores, you should keep the number of files in a directory under 10,000.

Both the directory name lookup cache (DNLC) feature and the directory DNLC feature improve file system performance. Directory DNLC is available in all Solaris operating system (OS) 9 releases and in the later Solaris OS release 8 updates.

## ■ Inode Files and File Characteristics

The types of files to be stored in a file system affect file system design. An *inode* is a 512-byte block of information that describes the characteristics of a file or directory. This information is allocated dynamically within the file system.

The inodes are stored in the `.inodes` file located under the file system mount point. A StorageTek ASM `.inodes` file resides on the same physical device as the file data and is interleaved with the file data. In contrast, a StorageTek QFS `.inodes` file resides on a metadata device that is separate from the file data device.

Like a standard Solaris operating system (OS) inode, a StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM file system inode contains the file's POSIX standard inode times: file access, file modification, and inode changed times. The StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems add a creation time, an attribute change time, and a residence time. [Table 5](#) summarizes the times that are recorded in the inode.

**Table 5. Content of `.inode` Files**

Time	Incident
access	Time the file was last accessed. POSIX standard.
modification	Time the file was last modified. POSIX standard.
changed	Time the inode information was last changed. POSIX standard.
attributes	Time the attributes specific to the StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM files systems were last changed. StorageTek extension.
creation	Time the file was created. StorageTek extension.
residence	Time the file changed from offline to online or vice versa. StorageTek extension.

The attributes specific to the StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems include both user settings and general file states. The following two sections describe these characteristics.

## File Attributes and File States

A file's user-specified attributes and its system-specified states are stored in the file's inode. You can use the `sls(1) -D` command to display these inode attributes. For more information about `sls(1)` options, see the `sls(1)` man page.

A user can specify the following commands to set attributes:

- `archive(1)`
- `ssum(1)`
- `release(1)`
- `segment(1)`
- `setfa(1)`
- `stage(1)`

Users can set attributes from within applications by specifying the following application programming interface (API) routines:

- `sam_archive(3)`
- `sam_release(3)`
- `sam_segment(3)`
- `sam_setfa(3)`
- `sam_ssum(3)`
- `sam_stage(3)`

## User-Specified File Attributes

[Table 6](#) shows the user-specified attributes that are listed in the inode.

**Table 6. User-Specified File Attributes**

Command	Definition	Used By
<code>archive -C</code>	The file is marked for concurrent archiving. This means that the file can be archived even if it is open for a write operation. You can use the <code>archive(1)</code> command to set this attribute.	StorageTek ASM
<code>archive -n</code>	The file is marked to never be archived. The superuser can use the <code>archive(1)</code> command to set this attribute.	StorageTek ASM
<code>release -a</code>	This file is marked to be released as soon as one archive copy is made. You can set this attribute from within the <code>archiver.cmd</code> file or by using the <code>release(1)</code> command.	StorageTek ASM
<code>release -n</code>	This file is marked to never be released. You can set this attribute from within the <code>archiver.cmd</code> file, or the superuser can use the <code>release(1)</code> command to set it.	StorageTek ASM
<code>release -p</code>	The file is marked for partial release. You can set this attribute from within the <code>archiver.cmd</code> file or by using the <code>release(1)</code> command.	StorageTek ASM
<code>stage -a</code>	The file is marked for associative staging. You can set this attribute from within the <code>archiver.cmd</code> file or by using the <code>stage(1)</code> command.	StorageTek ASM

**Table 6. User-Specified File Attributes (Continued)**

Command	Definition	Used By
stage -n	The file is marked to never be staged. This signifies direct access to removable media cartridges. You can set this attribute from within the archiver.cmd file, or the superuser can use the stage(1) command to set it. Not supported on StorageTek QFS shared file system clients.	StorageTek ASM
setfa -D	The file is marked for direct I/O.	StorageTek QFS StorageTek ASM
setfa -g <i>n</i>	The file is marked for allocation on striped group <i>n</i> .	StorageTek QFS
setfa -s <i>m</i>	The file is marked for allocation with a stripe width of <i>m</i> .	StorageTek QFS StorageTek ASM
segment <i>n</i> m stage_ahead <i>x</i>	The file is marked for segmentation. The <i>n</i> m notation indicates that the segment is <i>n</i> megabytes in size. The stage_ahead <i>x</i> attribute indicates the number of segments ( <i>x</i> ) to be staged ahead. You can use the segment(1) command to set this attribute.	StorageTek ASM

You can set the attributes shown in [Table 6](#) on both files and directories. After directory attributes are set, files that are created in the directory inherit all the directory attributes at the time of creation. Files created before an attribute is applied to the parent directory do not inherit directory attributes.

Users can gather information about file attributes by using the sls(1) command, which is described in [“Displaying File Information” on page 16](#).

## System-Specified File States

[Table 7](#) shows the various states that the file systems set for a file. These states are stored in the inode.

**Table 7. System-Specified File States**

Attribute	Definition	Used By
archdone	Indicates that the file's archive requirements have been met. There is no more work the archiver must do on the file. The archiver sets this attribute. It cannot be set by a user. Note that archdone does not necessarily indicate that the file has been archived.	StorageTek ASM
damaged	The file is damaged. The stager or the samfsrestore(1M) command sets this attribute. You can use the undamage(1M) command to reset this attribute to undamaged. If this attribute has been set by the samfsrestore(1M) utility, it means that no archive copies existed for the file at the time a samfsdump(1M) was taken. You can reset this attribute to undamaged, but the file might still be unrecoverable.	StorageTek ASM
offline	The file data has been released. The releaser sets this attribute. You can also set this attribute by using the release(1) command.	StorageTek ASM

Users can gather information about file states by using the sls(1) command, which is described in ["Displaying File Information" on page 16](#).

## Displaying File Information

The StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM `sls(1)` command extends the standard UNIX `ls(1)` command and provides more information about a file. [Figure 1](#) shows detailed `sls(1)` command output that displays the inode information for file `hgc2`.

**Figure 1. `sls(1)` Output in a StorageTek ASM Environment**

```
# sls -D hgc2
hgc2:
mode: -rw-r--r--  links:  1  owner: root      group: other
length:      14971  admin id:      0  inode:      30.5
archdone;
segments 3, offline 0, archdone 3, damaged 0;
copy 1: ---- Jun 13 17:14      2239a.48  lt MFJ192
copy 2: ---- Jun 13 17:15      9e37.48  lt AA0006
access:      Jun 13 17:08  modification: Jun 13 17:08
changed:     Jun 13 17:08  attributes:   Jun 13 17:10
creation:    Jun 13 17:08  residence:   Jun 13 17:08
```



Table 8 describes the meaning of each row of `sls(1)` output shown in Figure 1. In Table 8, note that lines that pertain to archiving do not appear in `sls(1)` output in a StorageTek QFS environment.

**Table 8. `sls(1)` Output Explanation**

Line Number	First Few Characters	Content
1	mode:	The file's mode and permissions, the number of hard links to the file, the owner of the file, and the group to which the owner belongs.
2	length:	The file's length in bytes, the file's admin ID number, and the file's inode number. By default, the admin ID number is 0. If this number is greater than 0, it indicates the file's accounting category for counting files and blocks. You can set this number to a value greater than 0 even when file system quotas are not enabled on this file system. For information about file system quotas, see <a href="#">"File System Quotas" on page 207</a> . The inode number is a two-part number that contains the inode number itself, followed by a period (.), followed by the inode generation number.
3	archdone;	The file attributes specific to the file. For more information about this line, see the <code>sls(1)</code> man page.
4	segments	The segment index information. This line does not appear unless the file is a segment index. The general format for this line is as follows: segments <u>n</u> , offline <u>o</u> , archdone <u>a</u> , damaged <u>d</u> ; segments <u>n</u> shows the total number of data segments for this file. In this example, there are 3. offline <u>o</u> shows the number of data segments offline. In this example, there are no offline segments. archdone <u>a</u> shows the number of segments for which the archiving requirements have been met. In this example, there are 3. damaged <u>d</u> shows the number of damaged segments. In this example, there are no damaged segments.

**Table 8. `sls(1)` Output Explanation (Continued)**

Line Number	First Few Characters	Content
5	copy 1:	The first archive copy line. The <code>sls(1)</code> command displays one archive copy line for each active or expired archive copy. For more information, see <a href="#">“Archive Copy Line Explanation” on page 18</a> .
6	copy 2:	The second archive copy line. For more information, see <a href="#">“Archive Copy Line Explanation” on page 18</a> .
7	access:	The time the file was last accessed and modified.
8	changed:	The time the file content was last changed and since the file’s attributes were last changed.
9	creation:	The time the file was created and became resident in the file system.

## Archive Copy Line Explanation

The fields in the archive copy lines are as follows:

- The first field indicates the archive copy number.
- The second field contains four indicators, each of which is either a dash (-) or a letter. Reading them from left to right, [Table 9](#) shows the information that the indicators convey.

**Table 9. Archive Copy Line Indicators**

Position	Meaning
1	<p>Indicates either an expired or active entry.</p> <p>An S indicates that the archive copy is expired. That is, the file was modified and this archive copy is a previous version of the file.</p> <p>A U indicates that the copy has been unarchived. <i>Unarchiving</i> is the process by which archive entries for files or directories are deleted.</p> <p>A dash (-) indicates that the archive copy is active and valid.</p>

**Table 9. Archive Copy Line Indicators (Continued)**

Position	Meaning
2	Indicates whether the archive copy is to be rearchived. An r indicates that the archive copy is scheduled to be rearchived by the archiver. A dash (-) indicates that the archive copy is not to be rearchived by the archiver.
3	Unused.
4	Indicates whether the copy is damaged or undamaged. A D indicates that the archive copy is damaged. A damaged archive copy is not a candidate for staging. A dash (-) indicates that the archive copy is not damaged. It is a candidate for staging.

- The third field shows the date and time the archive copy was written to the archive media.
- The fourth field contains two hexadecimal numbers separated by a decimal point (.). The first hexadecimal number (2239a) indicates the position of the beginning of the archive file on the cartridge. The second hexadecimal number (48) is the file byte offset (divided by 512) of this copy in the archive file.
- The fifth and sixth fields in the archive copy line indicate the media type and the Volume Serial Name (VSN) where the archive copy resides.

## Checksum Line Explanation

If a file has checksum-related attributes, the `sls(1)` command returns a checksum line. You can use the `ssum(1)` command to set these attributes (generate, use, or valid). This line appears in `sls(1)` output in StorageTek ASM environments. The format of the checksum line is as follows:

```
checksum: gen use val algo: 1
```

The system displays the preceding line if checksum attributes are set for a file. You can interpret this line as follows:

- If the generate attribute is not set, `no_gen` appears in place of `gen`.
- If the use attribute is not set, `no_use` appears.
- If the file has been archived and a checksum has been computed, `val` appears.
- If the file has not been archived or if no checksum has been computed, `not_val` appears.

- The keyword `algo` precedes the numeric algorithm indicator that specifies the algorithm that is used to generate the checksum value.

## ■ Specifying Disk Allocation Units and Stripe Widths

Disk space is allocated in blocks. These are also called *disk allocation units* (DAUs), which are the basic units of online disk storage. While sectors, tracks, and cylinders describe the physical disk geometry, the DAU describes the file system geometry. Choosing the appropriate DAU size and stripe size can improve performance and optimize magnetic disk usage. The DAU setting is the minimum amount of contiguous space that is used when a file is allocated.

**Example:** Assume that you have a StorageTek ASM file system. Your DAU is set to 16 kilobytes and you have disabled striping by setting `stripe=0`. You are using round-robin allocation (because of the `stripe=0` setting), and you have two files, as follows:

The first file is a 15-kilobyte file. It occupies one DAU. The file data occupies 15 kilobytes of the DAU, and the other 1 kilobyte is not used.

The second file is a 20-kilobyte file. It occupies two DAUs. The file data occupies all 16 kilobytes of the first DAU, and 4 kilobytes of the second DAU. The second DAU contains 12 kilobytes that are not used.

The `-a allocation_unit` option on the `sammkfs(1M)` command specifies the DAU setting.

If striped allocation is used, the stripe width mount option determines the maximum number of DAUs written in one I/O event. This setting is specified by the `-o stripe=n` option on the `mount(1M)` command. You must run the `sammkfs(1M)` command before you run the `mount(1M)` command.

The following sections describe how to configure DAU settings and stripe widths.

**Note:** Unless otherwise noted, StorageTek QFS *file system* information throughout this manual applies to StorageTek ASM QFS configurations as well.

## DAU Settings and File System Geometry

The StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems use an adjustable DAU. You can use this configurable DAU to tune the file system to the physical disk storage device. This minimizes the system overhead caused by read-modify-write operations. Applications that manipulate very large files can benefit substantially from this feature. For information about how to control the read-modify-write operation, see [“Increasing Large File Transfer Performance” on page 245](#).

Each file system can have its own unique DAU setting. Thus, several mounted file systems can be active on a server, each with a different DAU setting. The DAU setting is determined when the file system is created using the `sammkfs(1M)` command. It cannot be changed dynamically.

The possible DAU settings differ depending on the file system you are using. The following sections describe the DAU settings for each file system. These sections also introduce the concept of the master configuration (`mcf`) file. You create this ASCII file at system configuration time. It defines the devices and file systems used in your StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM environment. The `mcf` file is introduced in the following sections, but it is more thoroughly discussed in [“Volume Management” on page 41](#).

Two file allocation schemes are available to you: a dual allocation scheme and a single allocation scheme. The following sections describe these schemes.

## Dual Allocation Scheme

A StorageTek ASM file system is defined as Equipment Type `ms` in your `mcf` file. The only device type allowed in a StorageTek ASM file system is type `md`. Both metadata and file data are written to the `md` devices in a StorageTek ASM file system. By default, the DAU on an `md` device is 16 kilobytes.

A StorageTek QFS file system is defined as Equipment Type `ma` in your `mcf` file. Metadata is written to `mm` devices. Data can be written to `md`, `mr`, or `gXXX` devices.

The `md` and `mm` devices use a dual allocation scheme and are as follows:

- On `md` data devices, the small allocation is 4 kilobytes, and the large allocation is a DAU. The default DAU is 64 kilobytes in a StorageTek QFS shared file system. The default DAU is 16 kilobytes in a StorageTek QFS (unshared) file system. You can override this default when the file system is initialized by using the `-a allocation_unit` option to the `sammkfs(1M)` command. The DAU size can be either 16, 32, or 64 kilobytes.

When a file is created on an `md` device, the system allocates the first eight addresses of a file in the small allocation. If more space is needed, the file system uses one or more large allocations (DAUs) in expanding the file. As a result, I/O performance improves for large files while minimizing the disk fragmentation that can result from having many small files.

- On `mm` metadata devices, the small allocation is 4 kilobytes, and the large allocation is 16 kilobytes. The dual allocation scheme enables the file system to write metadata to disk more efficiently and helps minimize disk fragmentation.

Depending on the type of file data stored in the file system, selecting a larger DAU size can improve file system performance significantly. For information about tuning file system performance, see [“Advanced Topics” on page 233](#).

## Single Allocation Scheme

Only StorageTek QFS file systems can include devices that use a single allocation scheme. The StorageTek QFS file systems are Equipment Type `ma` in your `mcf` file. These file systems consist of separate metadata devices and data devices, as follows:

- The metadata devices can be defined only as Equipment Type `mm`.
- The data devices can be defined as Equipment Type `md`, `mr`, or `gXXX`. The `md` devices follow the dual allocation scheme of a StorageTek ASM file system and are limited to DAU sizes of 16 kilobytes, 32 kilobytes, or 64 kilobytes.

The `mr` and `gXXX` devices follow a single allocation scheme. You can mix `mr` and `gXXX` devices in a file system, but you cannot mix `md` devices with either `mr` or `gXXX` devices in a file system.

The DAU size for StorageTek QFS file systems that use `mr` and `gXXX` data devices is configurable. The possible DAU sizes that can be used on data devices depend on the Equipment Type assigned to each data device in the `mcf` file. [Table 10](#) shows these DAU sizes.

**Table 10. StorageTek QFS Equipment Types**

Equipment Type	DAU Sizes
<code>mr</code> or <code>gXXX</code>	You can specify different DAU sizes by adjusting the default size in 8-kilobyte increments. The DAU size can be from 16 kilobytes to 65,528 kilobytes (64 megabytes). The default DAU for an <code>mr</code> or <code>gXXX</code> device in a StorageTek QFS environment is 64 kilobytes.
<code>md</code>	This type of device uses a dual allocation in the style of a StorageTek ASM file system. The DAU can be configured to be 16, 32, or 64 kilobytes in length. The default DAU for an <code>md</code> device in a StorageTek QFS environment is 64 kilobytes.  An <code>md</code> device in a StorageTek QFS file system is used to store data only, not metadata. This is the difference between an <code>md</code> device in a StorageTek QFS file system and an <code>md</code> device in a StorageTek ASM file system.

**Note:** If you did not perform a `sammkfs(1M)` on your file system when the StorageTek QFS 4.0 or 4.1 software was installed, you are using a version 1 superblock. In the version 1 superblock, the `mm` devices do not use the dual allocation scheme. In the version 1 superblock, the

allocation for mm devices is 16 kilobytes. Only a version 2 superblock enables you to define md devices in a StorageTek QFS file system.

The DAU setting is specified using the `-a allocation_unit` option to the `sammkfs(1M)` command. The following command specifies a DAU of 128 kilobytes:

```
# sammkfs -a 128 samqfs1
```

For more information about the `sammkfs(1M)` command, see the `sammkfs(1M)` man page.

## Allocation Scheme Summary

Table 11 shows the Equipment Types that can be used in StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems.

**Table 11. Equipment Types for File System Devices**

Equipment Types in mcf File	Type of Data Stored	Allocation Scheme	File Systems That Can Include the Equipment Type
md	File data and metadata	Dual	StorageTek ASM
md	File data	Dual	StorageTek QFS
mm	Metadata	Dual	StorageTek QFS
mr	File data	Single	StorageTek QFS
<u>gXXX</u>	File data	Single	StorageTek QFS

Within a StorageTek ASM file system (an ms file system), you can have only md devices.

Within a StorageTek QFS file system (an ma file system), you can mix devices as follows:

- mm and mr devices
- mm and gXXX devices
- mm, mr, and gXXX devices
- mm and md devices

[Table 12](#) summarizes the allocation schemes used by the various file systems.

**Table 12. File Allocation**

File System and Device Type	Allocation Increments
StorageTek ASM with md devices	Up to eight 4-kilobyte blocks, then DAUs
StorageTek QFS with mr devices	DAUs
StorageTek QFS with gX devices	DAUs
StorageTek QFS with md devices	Up to eight 4-kilobyte blocks, then DAUs

[Table 13](#) summarizes the DAU defaults.

**Table 13. Default DAU Sizes**

File System and Device Types	Default DAU Size
StorageTek ASM md devices	16 kilobytes
StorageTek QFS mr and md devices	64 kilobytes
StorageTek QFS gX devices	256 kilobytes

## Stripe Widths on Data Disks

Stripe width defaults differ between StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems. The stripe width is specified by the `-o stripe=n` option on the `mount(1M)` command. If the stripe width is set to 0, round-robin allocation is used.

The following sections explain the differences that affect stripe widths on the various file systems.

### StorageTek ASM Stripe Widths

On StorageTek ASM file systems, the stripe width is set at mount time.

[Table 14](#) shows default stripe widths.

**Table 14. StorageTek ASM Default Stripe Widths**

DAU	Default Stripe Width	Amount of Data Written to 1 Disk
16 kilobytes (default)	8 DAUs	128 kilobytes
32 kilobytes	4 DAUs	128 kilobytes
64 kilobytes	2 DAUs	128 kilobytes



For example, if `sammkfs(1M)` is run with default settings, the default large DAU is 16 kilobytes. If no stripe width is specified when the `mount(1M)` command is issued, the default is used, and the stripe width set at mount time is 8.

Note that if you multiply the number in the first column of [Table 14](#) by the number in the second column, the resulting number is 128 kilobytes. The StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems operate more efficiently if the amount of data being written to disk is at least 128 kilobytes.

## StorageTek QFS Stripe Widths – Not Using Striped Groups

On StorageTek QFS file systems, the stripe width that is set at mount time depends on whether or not striped groups are configured. A *striped group* is a collection of devices that are striped as a group. For more information about striped groups, see [“File Allocation Methods” on page 27](#). This section describes stripe widths for StorageTek QFS file systems that are configured without stripe groups.

If striped groups are not configured, the DAU and stripe width relationships are similar to those for StorageTek ASM file systems. The differences being that DAUs larger than 64 kilobytes or greater are possible and that the DAU is configurable in 8-kilobyte blocks. The maximum DAU size is 65528 kilobytes.

By default, if no stripe width is specified, the amount of data written to disk is at or near 128 kilobytes. The StorageTek QFS file systems are more efficient if write operations write at least one whole stripe per I/O request. [Table 15](#) shows the default stripe widths. These are the widths used if you do not specify a stripe width.

**Table 15. Default Stripe Widths**

DAU	Default Stripe Width	Amount of Data Written to 1 Disk
16 kilobytes	8 DAUs	128 kilobytes
24 kilobytes	5 DAUs	120 kilobytes
32 kilobytes	4 DAUs	128 kilobytes
40 kilobytes	3 DAUs	120 kilobytes
48 kilobytes	2 DAUs	96 kilobytes
56 kilobytes	2 DAUs	112 kilobytes
64 kilobytes (default)	2 DAUs	128 kilobytes
72 kilobytes	1 DAU	72 kilobytes
128 kilobytes	1 DAU	128 kilobytes
> 128 kilobytes	1 DAU	DAU size

## StorageTek QFS Stripe Widths – Using Striped Groups

If striped groups are configured for your StorageTek QFS file system, the minimum amount of space allocated is the DAU multiplied by the number of devices in the striped group. The amount of the allocation can be very large when using striped groups.

When striped groups are used, data is written to several disk devices at once. This allocation treats a group of disks as if they were one device. Allocations on striped groups are logically equal to the DAU size multiplied by the number of elements in the striped group.

The `-o stripe=n` mount option determines the number of allocations that occur on each stripe group before the allocation moves to a different striped group. If a file system is mounted with `-o stripe=0`, the allocation is always to one striped group.

By default, the setting is `-o stripe=0`, which is round robin. The setting can be as low as `-o stripe=0` (which disables striping) or as high as `-o stripe=255`. The system sets `-o stripe=0` if mismatched striped groups are present. When mismatched striped groups are present, a file can reside on only one stripe group.

## StorageTek QFS Data Alignment

*Data alignment* refers to matching the allocation unit of the RAID controller with the allocation unit of the file system. The optimal StorageTek QFS file system alignment formula is as follows:

$$\text{allocation unit} = \text{RAID stripe width} \times \text{number of data disks in the RAID}$$

For example, if a RAID-5 unit has a total of nine disks, with one of the nine being the parity disk, the number of data disks is eight. If the RAID stripe width is 64 kilobytes, then the optimal allocation unit is 64 multiplied by 8, which is 512 kilobytes.

Data files are striped or round-robin through each striped group (`gXXX`) or data disk (`mr` or `md`) defined within the same file system.

A mismatched alignment hurts performance because it can cause a read-modify-write operation. The rest of this chapter provides more information for you to consider when setting DAUs and determining stripe widths.

## Stripe Widths on Metadata Disks

You can use the `-o mm_stripe=n` option to the `mount_samfs(1M)` command to stripe metadata information about the metadata disk. The default stripe width is `-o mm_stripe=1`, which specifies that one 16-kilobyte DAU be written to a metadata disk before switching to the next metadata disk. The small 4-kilobyte DAU is used for metadata disks.

By default, if you have multiple metadata devices, metadata is allocated using striped or round-robin allocation depending on what is specified on the `-o mm_stripe=n` option to the `mount(1M)` command. The setting can be as low as `-o mm_stripe=0`, which disables striping. It can also be as high as `-o mm_stripe=255`.

## ■ File Allocation Methods

The StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems enable you to specify both round-robin and striped allocation methods. [Table 16](#) shows the default file allocation methods used.

**Table 16. Default Allocation Methods**

File System	Metadata	File Data
StorageTek ASM	Striped	Striped
StorageTek QFS	Striped	Striped
StorageTek QFS (striped groups)	Striped	Round-robin
StorageTek QFS shared file system	Striped	Round-robin

The following sections describe allocation in more detail.

## Metadata Allocation

Metadata allocation differs depending on the type of file system you have.

- For StorageTek ASM file systems, metadata is allocated across the md devices.
- For StorageTek QFS file systems, metadata is allocated across the mm devices.

No file data is allocated on the mm devices in StorageTek QFS file systems.

Inodes are 512 bytes in length. Directories are initially 4 kilobytes in length. [Table 17](#) shows how the system allocates metadata.

**Table 17. Metadata Allocation**

<b>Metadata Type</b>	<b>Allocation Increments for StorageTek QFS File Systems</b>	<b>Allocation Increments for StorageTek ASM File Systems</b>
Inodes (.inodes file)	16-kilobyte DAU	16, 32, or 64-kilobyte (DAU)
Indirect blocks	16-kilobyte DAU	16, 32, or 64-kilobyte (DAU)
Directories	4-kilobyte blocks and 16-kilobyte DAUs	4 kilobytes, up to a 32-kilobyte total, then DAU size

## Round-Robin Allocation

The round-robin allocation method writes one data file at a time to each successive device in the family set. Round-robin allocation is useful for multiple data streams because aggregate performance can exceed striping performance in this type of environment.

Round-robin disk allocation enables a single file to be written to a logical disk. The next file is written to the next logical disk. When the number of files written equals the number of devices defined in the family set, the file system starts over again with the first devices selected. If a file exceeds the size of the physical device, the first portion of the file is written to the first device, and the remainder of the file is written to the next device with available storage.

The size of the file being written determines the I/O size. You can specify round-robin allocation explicitly in the `/etc/vfstab` file by entering `stripe=0`.

The following figures depict round-robin allocations. In these figures, file 1 is written to disk 1, file 2 is written to disk 2, file 3 is written to disk 3, and so on. When file 6 is created, it is written to disk 1, starting the round-robin allocation scheme over again.

[Figure 2](#) depicts a StorageTek ASM file system using round-robin allocation on five devices. [Figure 3](#) depicts a StorageTek QFS file system using round-robin allocation on five devices.

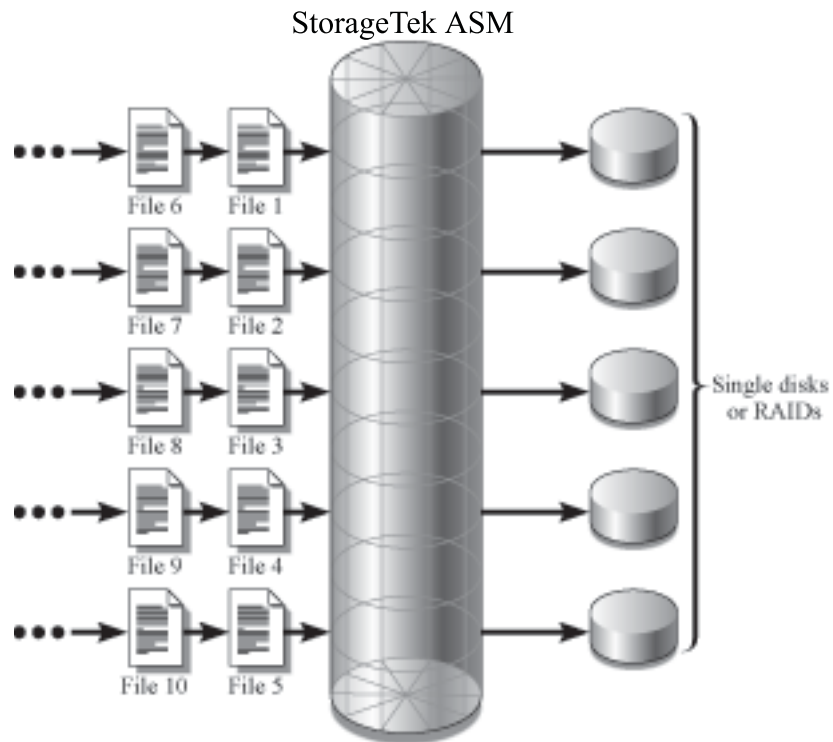


Figure showing files coming into a StorageTek ASM file system using round-robin allocation.

Files 1-5 are written to each of five disks. File 6 is written to disk 1. File 7 is written to disk 2, and so on.

**Figure 2. Round-Robin StorageTek ASM File System Using Five Devices**

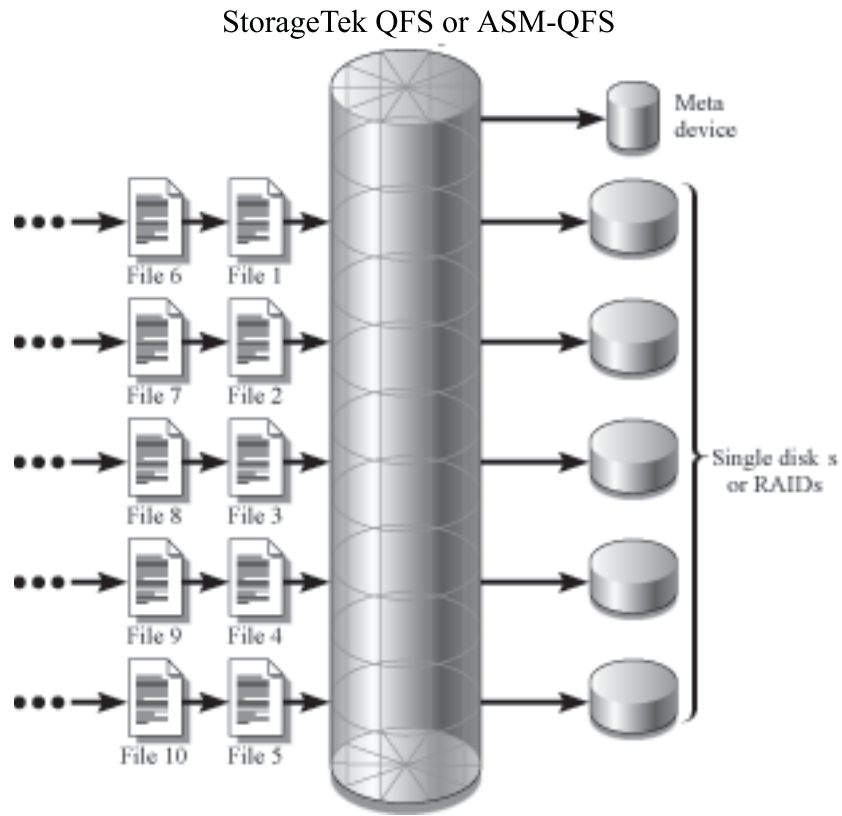


Figure showing files coming into a StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM QFS file system using round-robin allocation.

Files 1-5 are written to disks 1-5. File 6 is written to disk 1. File 7 is written to disk 2, and so on. Metadata is written to a separate meta device.

**Figure 3. Round-robin StorageTek QFS File System Using Five Devices**

## Striped Allocation

By default, StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems use a striped allocation method to spread data over all the devices in the file system family set. Striping is a method of writing files in an interlaced fashion across multiple devices concurrently.

Striping is used when performance for one file requires the additive performance of all the devices. A file system that is using striped devices addresses blocks in an interlaced fashion rather than sequentially. Striping generally increases performance because disk reads and writes are spread concurrently across disk heads. Striped disk access enables multiple I/O streams to simultaneously write a file across multiple disks. The DAU and the stripe width determine the size of the I/O transmission.

In a file system using striping, file 1 is written to disk 1, disk 2, disk 3, disk 4, and disk 5. File 2 is written to disks 1 through 5 as well. The DAU multiplied by the stripe width determines the amount of data written to each disk in a block.

When a StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM file system starts to write a file to an md device, it first assumes that the file will fit into a small DAU, which is 4 kilobytes. If the file does not fit into the first eight small DAUs (32 kilobytes) allocated, the file system writes the remainder of the file into one or more large DAUs.

When a StorageTek QFS file system starts to write a file to an mr device, it writes first to one DAU, then another, and so on. The mr devices have only one DAU size. A StorageTek QFS file system can also write metadata to striped mm devices.

Multiple active files cause significantly more disk head movement if striped allocation is used. If I/O is to occur to multiple files simultaneously, use round-robin allocation.

The following figures depict file systems using striped allocations. In these figures, DAU x *stripe\_width* bytes of the file are written to disk 1. DAU x *stripe\_width* bytes of the file are written to disk 2. DAU x *stripe\_width* bytes of the file are written to disk 3, and so on. The order of the stripe is first-in-first-out for the files. Striping spreads the I/O load over all the disks.

[Figure 4](#) depicts a StorageTek ASM file system using five striped devices.

[Figure 5](#) depicts a StorageTek QFS file system using five striped devices.

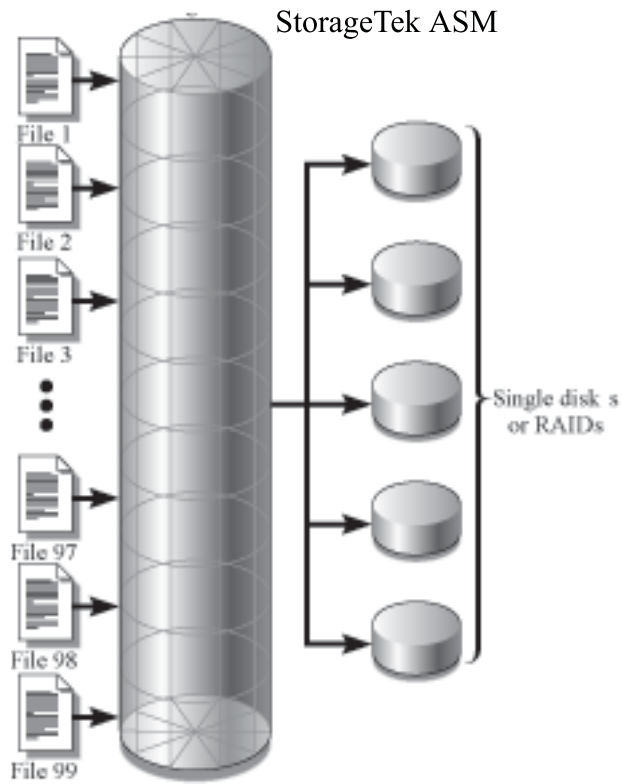


Figure showing files coming into a StorageTek ASM file system using striped allocation. All files are striped across 5 disks.

**Figure 4. StorageTek ASM File System Using Five Striped Devices**



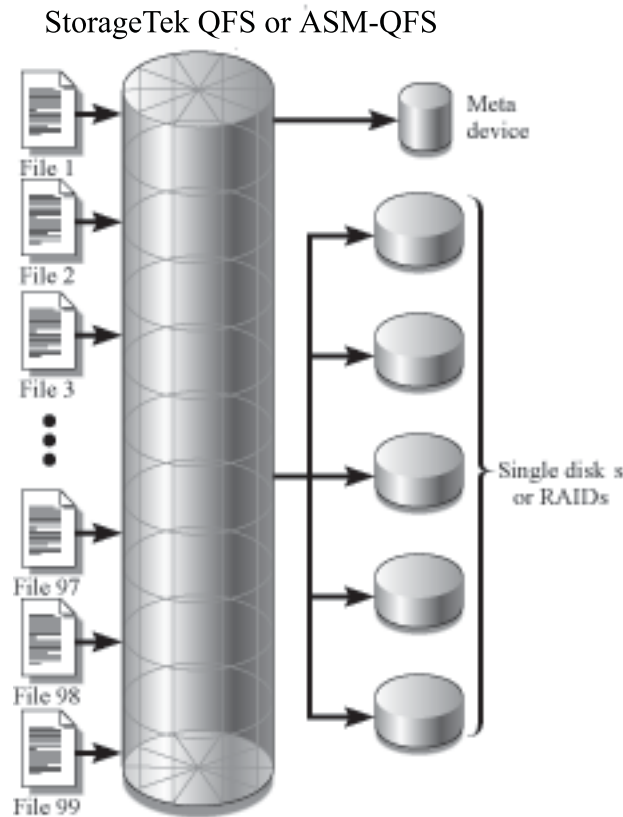


Figure showing files coming into a StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM QFS file system using striped allocation.

All files are striped across 5 disks. Metadata is written to a separate meta device.

**Figure 5. StorageTek QFS File System Using Five Striped Devices**

## Striped Groups (StorageTek QFS File Systems Only)

A *striped group* is a special StorageTek QFS allocation method designed for file systems that have extremely large I/O requirements and terabytes of disk cache. A striped group enables you to designate an Equipment Type that contains multiple physical disks. Multiple striped group Equipment Types can make up a single StorageTek QFS file system. Striped groups save bit map space and system update time for very large RAID configurations.

A striped group is a collection of devices within a StorageTek QFS file system. Striped groups must be defined in the mcf file as `gXXX` devices. Striped groups enable one file to be written to and read from two or more devices. You can specify up to 128 striped groups within a file system.

Figure 6 depicts a StorageTek QFS file system using striped groups and a round-robin allocation. In Figure 6, files written to the qfs1 file system are round-robin between groups g0, g1, and g2. Three striped groups are defined (g0, g1, and g2). Each group consists of two physical RAID devices.

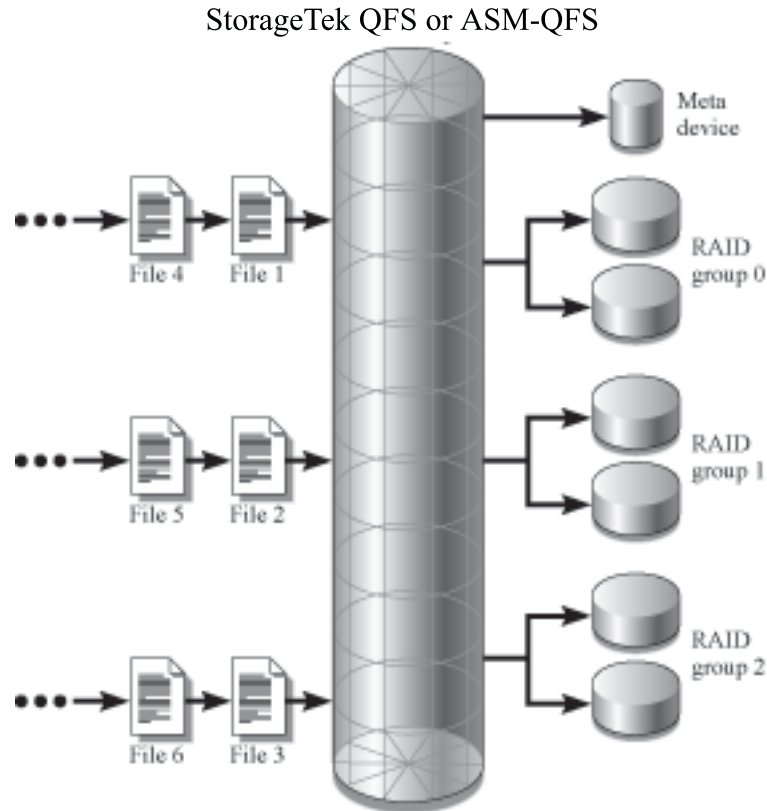


Figure showing files coming into a StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM QFS file system using striped group allocation.

The disks are grouped, so the files coming in are written in a round-robin fashion to groups of disks. Metadata is written to a separate meta device.

**Figure 6. StorageTek QFS Round-Robin Striped Groups**

For the configuration in Figure 6, the mount point option in /etc/vfstab is set to stripe=0. Figure 7 shows the mcf file that declares these striped groups.

**Figure 7. Example mcf File Showing Striped Groups**

# Equipment	Eq	Eq	Fam	Dev	Additional
# Identifier	Ord	Type	Set	State	Parameters
#					
qfs1	10	ma	qfs1		
/dev/dsk/c0t1d0s6	11	mm	qfs1	-	
/dev/dsk/c1t1d0s2	12	g0	qfs1	-	

**Figure 7. Example `mcf` File Showing Striped Groups (Continued)**

<code>/dev/dsk/c2t1d0s2</code>	13	g0	qfs1	-
<code>/dev/dsk/c3t1d0s2</code>	14	g1	qfs1	-
<code>/dev/dsk/c4t1d0s2</code>	15	g1	qfs1	-
<code>/dev/dsk/c5t1d0s2</code>	16	g2	qfs1	-
<code>/dev/dsk/c6t1d0s2</code>	17	g2	qfs1	-

Figure 8 depicts a StorageTek QFS file system using striped groups in which the data is striped across groups. In Figure 8, files written to the qfs1 file system are striped through groups g0, g1, and g2. Each group includes four physical RAID devices. The mount point option in `/etc/vfstab` is set to `stripe=1` or greater.

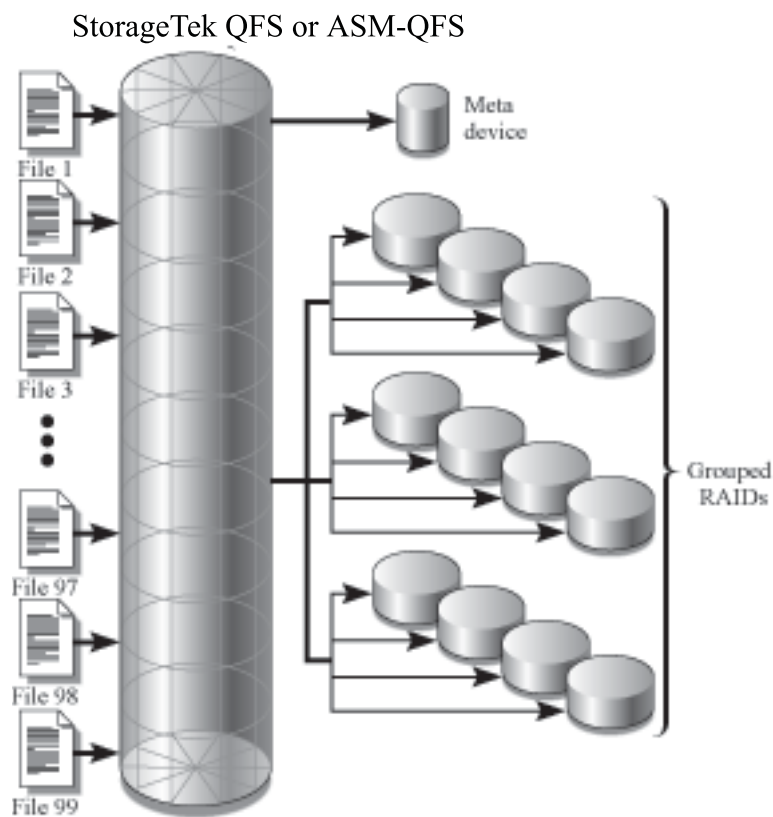


Figure showing files coming into a StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM QFS file system using striped group allocation.

The disks are grouped, so the files coming in are written in a round-robin fashion to groups of disks. Metadata is written to a separate meta device.

**Figure 8. StorageTek QFS Striped Group Allocation**

## Mismatched Striped Groups (StorageTek QFS File Systems Only)

It is possible to build a file system with mismatched striped groups. File systems with mismatched striped groups are those that contain multiple striped groups with different numbers of devices in each group. StorageTek QFS file systems support mismatched striped groups, but they do not support striping on mismatched groups. File systems with mismatched striped groups are mounted as round-robin file systems.

**Note:** If a file system contains mismatched striped groups, a single file can never span more than one stripe group. If the stripe group on which the file resides fills, it cannot be extended. If mismatched stripe groups are present, use the `setfa(1)` command's `-g` option to direct files into the desired group. For more information, see the `setfa(1)` man page.

To determine how full a stripe group is, use the `samu(1M)` operator utility, and access the `m` display to display the status of mass storage.

The following example shows how a file system can be set up to store different types of files.

### Example

Assume that you have a StorageTek QFS license, and you need to create a file system at your site that contains both video and audio data.

Video files are quite large and require greater performance than audio files. You want to store them in a file system with a large striped group because striped groups maximize performance for very large files.

Audio files are smaller and require lower performance than video files. You want to store them in a small striped group. One file system can support both video and audio files.

[Figure 9](#) depicts the file system needed. It is a StorageTek QFS file system using mismatched striped groups in a striped allocation.

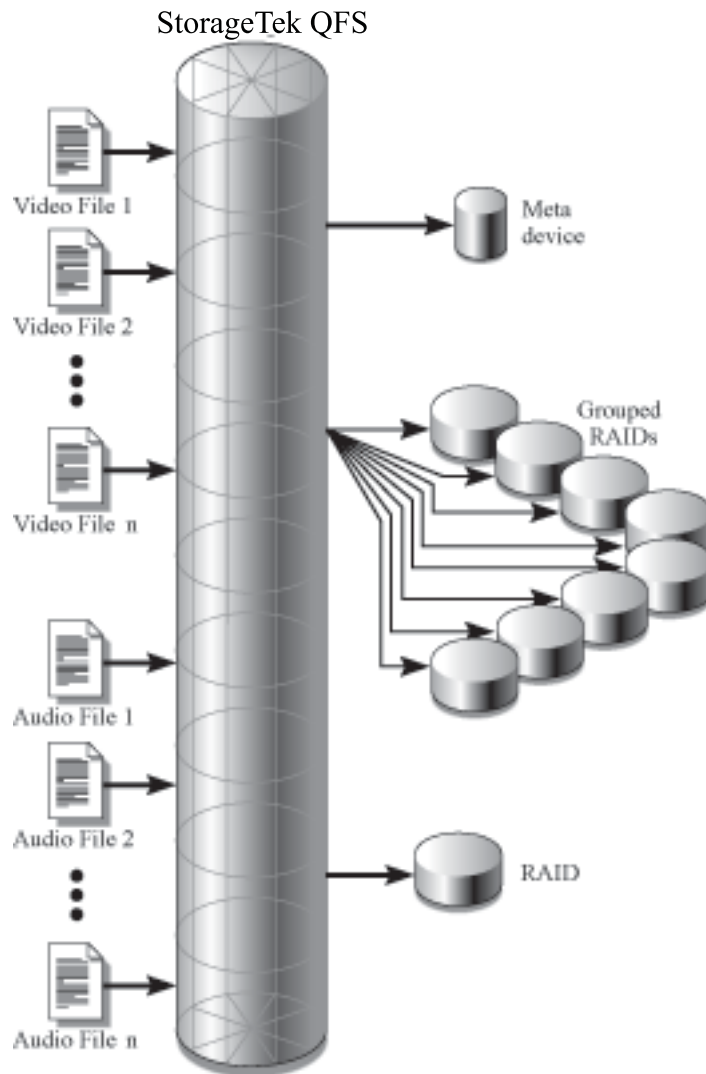


Figure showing files coming into a StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM QFS file system using mismatched striped group allocation.

The disks are grouped, so the files coming in are written in a round-robin fashion to small groups of disks rather than to the entire group of disks. The number of disks in each group varies from group to group. Metadata is written to a separate meta device.

**Figure 9. StorageTek QFS File System Using Mismatched Striped Groups in a Striped Allocation**

Table 18 shows the characteristics of this file system.

**Table 18. File System `avfs` Characteristics**

Characteristics	Notes
File system name	<code>avfs</code> .
Number of stripe groups	Two. The video file group is <code>g0</code> . The audio file group is <code>g1</code> .
Stripe width	0.
DAU	128 kilobytes.
Number of disks for <code>g0</code>	Eight.
Minimum block size for <code>g0</code>	Eight disks x 128-kilobyte DAU = 1024 kilobytes. This is the amount of data written in one block write. Each disk receives 128 kilobytes of data, so the total amount written to all disks at one time is 1024 kilobytes.
Number of disks for <code>g1</code>	One.
Minimum block size for <code>g1</code>	One disk x 128-kilobyte DAU = 128 kilobytes.

Add the following line to the `/etc/vfstab` file so the environment recognizes the `avfs` file system:

```
avfs - /avfs samfs - no stripe=0
```

Note that in the `/etc/vfstab` file, `stripe=0` is used to specify a round-robin file system. This is used because a value greater than 0 (`stripe > 0`) is not supported for mismatched striped groups.

Figure 10 shows the `mcf` file for file system `avfs`.

**Figure 10. The `mcf` File for File System `avfs`**

```
# Equipment      Eq  Eq  Fam  Dev  Additional
# Identifier      Ord Type Set  State Parameters
#
avfs              100 ma  avfs
/dev/dsk/c00t1d0s6 101 mm  avfs -
#
/dev/dsk/c01t0d0s6 102 g0  avfs -
/dev/dsk/c02t0d0s6 103 g0  avfs -
/dev/dsk/c03t0d0s6 104 g0  avfs -
/dev/dsk/c04t0d0s6 105 g0  avfs -
/dev/dsk/c05t0d0s6 106 g0  avfs -
/dev/dsk/c06t0d0s6 107 g0  avfs -
```

**Figure 10. The `mcf` File for File System `avfs` (Continued)**

```

/dev/dsk/c07t0d0s6 108 g0 avfs -
/dev/dsk/c08t0d0s6 109 g0 avfs -
#
/dev/dsk/c09t1d0s6 110 g1 avfs -

```

After the `mcf` file for this file system is ready, you can enter the `sammkfs(1M)` and `mount(1M)` commands shown in [Figure 11](#) to create and mount the `avfs` file system.

**Figure 11. Commands to Create and Mount File System `avfs`**

```

# sammkfs -a 128 avfs
# mount avfs

```

After the file system is mounted, you can use the commands shown in [Figure 12](#) to create two directories for the two types of files.

**Figure 12. Commands to Create Directories in File System `avfs`**

```

# cd /avfs
# mkdir video
# mkdir audio

```

After the directories are created, you can use the `setfa(1)` commands shown in [Figure 13](#) to assign the large striped group to `video` and to assign the small striped group to `audio`. Files created in these directories are allocated on their respective striped groups because attributes are inherited.

**Figure 13. Commands to Set File Attributes**

```

# setfa -g0 video
# setfa -g1 audio

```

For more information about the `sammkfs(1M)` command, see the `sammkfs(1M)` man page. For more information about the `mount(1M)` commands, see the `mount_samfs(1M)` man page. For more information about the `setfa(1)` command, see the `setfa(1)` man page.





# Volume Management

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The master configuration file (mcf) describes all devices that are under the control of, or used by, the StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM software. When you create this file, you declare attributes for each device, and you group the devices comprising each file system into family sets.

The installation and configuration process is described completely in the *StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM Software Installation and Configuration Guide*. This chapter provides additional information about configuring the file systems used in the StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM environments. It includes the following topics:

- [“Creating the mcf File” on page 41](#)
- [“Examples of mcf Files” on page 45](#)
- [“Interactions Between File Settings, Options, and Directives” on page 48](#)
- [“Initializing a File System” on page 49](#)
- [“Configuration Examples” on page 50](#)

**Note:** References to StorageTek ASM also apply to StorageTek ASM QFS configurations when talking about storage and archive management. References to StorageTek QFS also apply to StorageTek ASM QFS configurations when talking about file system design and capabilities. This section refers to *StorageTek ASM QFS* only when needed for clarity.

## ■ Creating the mcf File

The first step toward configuring a StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM file system is to create a master configuration file in `/etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/mcf`. The mcf file contains the information that these file systems need in order to identify and organize RAID and disk devices into file systems. It also contains entries for each automated library or device included in a file system. A sample mcf file is located in `/opt/SUNWsamfs/examples/mcf`.

An mcf file is an ASCII file that consists of lines of specification code divided into six columns, or fields. [Figure 14](#) shows the six fields in an mcf file line.

**Figure 14. Fields in an mcf File**

Equipment Identifier	Equipment Ordinal	Equipment Type	Family Set	Device State	Additional Parameters
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The following rules pertain to how data can be entered in the mcf file:

- Enter either space or tab characters between the fields in the file.
- You can include comment lines in an mcf file. Comment lines start with a pound character (#).
- Some fields do not need to contain useful information. Use a dash character (-) to indicate that an optional field contains no meaningful information.

For more information about writing the mcf file, see the `mcf(4)` man page. You can also use the ASM QFS Manager to create an mcf file. For information about installing ASM QFS Manager, see *StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM Software Installation and Configuration Guide*. For information about using ASM QFS Manager, see its online help.

The following sections describe each field in an mcf file:

- [“The Equipment Identifier Field” on page 42](#)
- [“The Equipment Ordinal Field” on page 43](#)
- [“The Equipment Type Field” on page 43](#)
- [“The Family Set Field” on page 44](#)
- [“The Device State Field” on page 45](#)
- [“The Additional Parameters Field” on page 45](#)

## The Equipment Identifier Field

The Equipment Identifier field is a required field. Use the Equipment Identifier field to specify the following kinds of information:

- The file system name. If this field contains a file system name, it must be identical to the Family Set name, and the subsequent lines in the mcf file must define all the disks or devices included in the file system. More than one file system can be declared in an mcf file. Typically, the first data line in an mcf file declares the first file system, and subsequent lines specify the devices included in the file system. Other file systems declared in the mcf file can be preceded by a blank comment line for readability. File system names must start with an alphabetic character and can contain only alphabetic characters, numeric characters, or underscore (\_) characters.

- The `nodev` keyword. If this field contains the keyword `nodev`, the `mcf` file is being used as a client host in a StorageTek QFS shared file system. This keyword can appear in this field only as the Equipment Identifier for one or more metadata devices that reside on the metadata server. For more information about creating an `mcf` file for the members of a StorageTek QFS shared file system, see the [“StorageTek QFS Shared File System” on page 87](#).
- A disk partition or slice description. A `/dev/dsk` entry in this field identifies a disk partition or slice.
- An automated library or optical drive description. If this field is a `/dev/samst` entry, it identifies an automated library or optical drive. If you are configuring a network-attached automated library, see the *StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM Software Installation and Configuration Guide* and the *StorageTek ASM Storage and Archive Management Guide* for more information.
- A tape drive description. If the field is a tape drive, the entry can be in one of two forms:
  - The field can contain a `/dev/rmt` entry.
  - The field can contain a path to a symbolic link that points to the same special file that the `/dev/rmt` link points to. If you specify a tape drive in this manner, make sure you create the link before mounting the file system.

If the Equipment Identifier field contains the name of a Family Set, it is limited to 31 characters. For all other content, this field is limited to 127 characters.

## The Equipment Ordinal Field

For each row in the `mcf` file, the Equipment Ordinal field must contain a numeric identifier for the file system component or device being defined. Specify a unique integer such that 1 £ *eq\_ord* £ 65534. This is a required field.

## The Equipment Type Field

Enter a 2-, 3-, or 4-character code for the Equipment Type field. This is a required field.

AS Table 19. shows, a StorageTek ASM file system can contain either ms or md in the Equipment Type field.

**Table 19. StorageTek ASM Equipment Type Field**

Equipment Type Field Content	Meaning
ms	Defines a StorageTek ASM file system.
md	Defines a striped or round-robin device for storing file data and metadata information.

AS Table 20. shows, a StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM QFS file system can contain either ma, md, mm, mr, or g~~XXX~~ in the Equipment Type field.

**Table 20. StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM QFS Equipment Type Field**

Equipment Type Field Content	Meaning
ma	Defines a StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM QFS file system.
md	Defines a striped or round-robin device for storing file data.
mm	Defines a metadata device for storing inode and other nondata information.
mr	Defines a round-robin or striped data device.
g <del>XXX</del>	Striped group data device. Striped groups start with the letter g followed by a number. The number must be an integer such that 0 ≤ <del>XXX</del> ≤ 127. For example, g12. All members in a striped group must be the same type and size. Different striped groups within one file system are not required to have the same number of members. md, mr, and g <del>XXX</del> devices cannot be mixed in one file system.

Besides the file system equipment types, other codes are used to identify automated libraries and other devices. For more information about specific equipment types, see the mcf(4) man page.

## The Family Set Field

The Family Set field contains the name for a group of devices. This is a required field.

Family Set names must start with an alphabetic character and can contain only alphabetic characters, numeric characters, or underscore (`_`) characters.

For lines that define a file system, the lines that define the disk devices in a file system must all contain the same Family Set name. The software uses the Family Set to groups devices with the same Family Set name together as a file system. It physically records the Family Set name on all the devices in the file system when the `sammkfs(1M)` command is issued. You can change this name by using the `-F` and `-R` options together on the `samfsck(1M)` command. For more information about the `sammkfs(1M)` command, see the `sammkfs(1M)` man page. For more information about the `samfsck(1M)` command, see the `samfsck(1M)` man page.

For lines that define an automated library and its associated drives, the lines defining the devices must contain the same Family Set name.

For a standalone, manually loaded removable media device, this field can contain a dash (`-`).

## The Device State Field

The Device State field specifies the state of the device when the file system is initialized. Valid device states are `on` and `off`. This is an optional field. If you do not want to enter `on` or `off`, enter a dash (`-`) character to indicate that this field is omitted.

## The Additional Parameters Field

For a StorageTek ASM file system, the Additional Parameters field is optional and can be left completely blank. By default, library catalog files are written to `/var/opt/SUNWsamfs/catalog/family_set_name`. Use this field if you want to specify an alternate path to the library catalog file.

For a StorageTek QFS shared file system, this field must contain the keyword `shared`.

For a StorageTek QFS unshared file system, enter a dash or leave this field blank.

## ■ Examples of `mcf` Files

Each file system configuration is unique. System requirements and actual hardware differ from site to site. The following sections show sample `mcf` files.

### StorageTek ASM Volume Management Example

For the StorageTek ASM file system, you can define family sets in the `/etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/mcf` file in the Equipment Type field using the following equipment types:

- ms for the StorageTek ASM file system type.
- md for the devices. Data is striped or round-robin across these devices. The stripe width is set with the `-o stripe=n` option on the `mount(1M)` command. The default stripe width is set based on the DAU size. For more information about stripe widths and DAU sizes, see [“File System Design” on page 11](#).

Both metadata (including inodes, directories, allocation maps, and so on) and file data on StorageTek ASM file systems are located on the same disk. Data files are striped or round-robin through each disk partition defined within the same file system.

Figure 15. shows an `mcf` file for a StorageTek ASM file system.

**Figure 15. Example `mcf` File for a StorageTek ASM File System**

```
# StorageTek ASM file system configuration example
#
# Equipment      Eq      Eq   Fam.  Dev.   Additional
# Identifier     Ord   Type Set   State  Parameters
#-----
samfs1           10   ms  samfs1
/dev/dsk/c1t1d0s6 11   md  samfs1 -
/dev/dsk/c2t1d0s6 12   md  samfs1 -
/dev/dsk/c3t1d0s6 13   md  samfs1 -
/dev/dsk/c4t1d0s6 14   md  samfs1 -
/dev/dsk/c5t1d0s6 15   md  samfs1 -
```

## StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM-QFS Volume Management Examples

For the StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM QFS file systems, family sets are defined in the `/etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/mcf` file in the Equipment Type field using the following equipment types:

- ma for the StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM QFS file system type.
- mm for a metadata device. File data is not written to this device. You can specify multiple metadata devices. Metadata (including inodes, directories, allocation maps, and so on) on StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM QFS file systems is located on the metadata device(s) and is separated from the file data devices. By default, metadata is allocated using round-robin allocation if you have multiple metadata devices.
- mr or md for devices upon which file data is to be striped or round-robin.
- g~~XXX~~ for devices upon which file data is to be striped as a group. A striped group is a logical group of devices that are striped as a unit. Data is striped across the members of each group.

Groups are specified with g0 through g127 equipment type numbers, with the stripe width on each device being the DAU. All devices in a striped

group must be the same size. Different striped groups within one file system are not required to have the same number of members. mr and gXXX devices can be mixed in a file system, but md devices cannot be mixed with either mr or gXXX devices in a file system.

Data can be striped (if all groups contain the same number of devices) or round-robin between groups. The default is round robin.

Data files are striped or round-robin through each data disk partition (mr or gXXX) defined within the same file system.

## Example 1

Figure 16. shows an mcf file for a StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM QFS file system with two striped groups.

**Figure 16. Example mcf File Showing Striped Groups**

```
# StorageTek QFS file system configuration
#
# Equipment      Eq   Eq   Fam.  Dev.  Additional
# Identifier     Ord  Type Set   State Parameters
#-----
qfs1             10   ma   qfs1  -
/dev/dsk/c2t1d0s7 11   mm   qfs1  -
/dev/dsk/c3t0d0s6 12   g0   qfs1  -
/dev/dsk/c3t0d1s6 13   g0   qfs1  -
/dev/dsk/c4t0d0s6 14   g1   qfs1  -
/dev/dsk/c4t0d1s6 15   g1   qfs1  -
```

## Example 2

Figure 17. shows an mcf file with three StorageTek ASM QFS file systems.

**Figure 17. Example mcf File Showing Three StorageTek ASM QFS File Systems**

```
# StorageTek ASM-QFS file system configuration example
#
# Equipment      Eq   Eq   Fam.  Dev.  Additional
# Identifier     Ord  Type Set   State Parameters
#-----
qfs1             10   ma   qfs1  -
/dev/dsk/c1t13d0s6 11   mm   qfs1  -
/dev/dsk/c1t12d0s6 12   mr   qfs1  -
#
qfs2             20   ma   qfs2  -
/dev/dsk/c1t5d0s6 21   mm   qfs2  -
/dev/dsk/c5t1d0s6 22   mr   qfs2  -
#
qfs3             30   ma   qfs3  -
/dev/dsk/c7t1d0s3 31   mm   qfs3  -
/dev/dsk/c6t1d0s6 32   mr   qfs3  -
/dev/dsk/c6t1d0s3 33   mr   qfs3  -
/dev/dsk/c5t1d0s3 34   mr   qfs3  -
```

### Example 3

Figure 18. shows an mcf file with one StorageTek ASM QFS file system that uses md devices. This mcf file also defines a tape library.

**Figure 18. Example mcf File Showing a StorageTek ASM QFS File System and a Library**

```
# StorageTek ASM-QFS file system configuration example
#
# Equipment      Eq   Eq   Fam.  Dev.  Additional
# Identifier     Ord  Type Set   State Parameters
#-----
samfs1          10   ma   samfs1 -
/dev/dsk/c1t2d0s6 11   mm   samfs1 -
/dev/dsk/c1t3d0s6 12   md   samfs1 -
/dev/dsk/c1t4d0s6 13   md   samfs1 -
/dev/dsk/c1t5d0s6 14   md   samfs1 -
# scalar 1000 and 12 AIT tape drives
/dev/samst/c5t0u0 30   rb   robot1 -
/dev/rmt/4cbn    101  tp   robot1 on
/dev/rmt/5cbn    102  tp   robot1 on
/dev/rmt/6cbn    103  tp   robot1 on
/dev/rmt/7cbn    104  tp   robot1 off
/dev/rmt/10cbn   105  tp   robot1 on
/dev/rmt/11cbn   106  tp   robot1 on
/dev/rmt/3cbn    107  tp   robot1 on
/dev/rmt/2cbn    108  tp   robot1 on
/dev/rmt/1cbn    109  tp   robot1 on
/dev/rmt/0cbn    110  tp   robot1 on
/dev/rmt/9cbn    111  tp   robot1 on
/dev/rmt/8cbn    112  tp   robot1 on
```

For more examples showing file system configuration in the mcf file, see the *StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM Software Installation and Configuration Guide*.

## ■ Interactions Between File Settings, Options, and Directives

The mcf file defines each file system, but file system behavior depends on interactions between default systems settings, settings in the /etc/vfstab file, settings in the samfs.cmd file, and options on the mount(1M) command line.

You can specify some mount options, for example the stripe width, in more than one place. When this happens, settings in one place can override the settings in another.

For information about the various ways to specify mount options, see [“Mounting a File System” on page 64](#).



## ■ Initializing a File System

The `sammkfs(1M)` command constructs new file systems, and its – a *allocation unit* option allows you to specify the DAU setting. The number specified for *allocation unit* determines the DAU setting.

The 4.1 releases of these file systems support two different superblock designs. Both superblock designs are available to you in the 4.1 release. In Figure 19., the `samfsinfo(1M)` command output shows which superblock a file system is using.

**Figure 19.** `samfsinfo(1M)` Command Example

```
# samfsinfo samfs1
name:      samfs1      version:      2
time:      Wed Feb 21 13:32:18 1996
count:     1
capacity:  001240a0    DAU:           16
space:     000d8ea0
ord  eq  capacity      space      device
  0  10  001240a0    000d8ea0  /dev/dsk/c1t1d0s0
```

The first line of the preceding output indicates that this is a version 2 superblock. Be aware of the following operational and feature differences that pertain to these superblocks:

- Releases prior to 4.0 support only the version 1 superblock design.
- The 4.0 and later releases support the version 2 superblock. If you installed the 4.0 software as an upgrade, you must use the 4.0 or 4.1 `sammkfs(1M)` command to reinitialize your existing file systems before you attempt to use any of the features that depend on the version 2 superblock. Certain features, such as access control lists (ACLs) and the StorageTek QFS shared file system, are supported only in the version 2 superblock. Reinitializing a file system is described as a step in the 4.1 software installation upgrade process, but you can do this any time after the software is installed.

**CAUTION:** File systems that use a version 2 superblock cannot revert to a release prior to 4.0. You cannot use 4.1 release software to create a version 1 superblock.

For more information about features that require a version 2 superblock, or on using the `sammkfs(1M)` command to create the version 2 superblock, see the StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM Software Installation and Configuration Guide.

## Example

Figure 20 shows using the `sammkfs(1M)` command to initialize a StorageTek ASM file system using a version 2 superblock.

**Figure 20. Initializing a File System with a Version 2 Superblock**

```
# sammkfs -a 64 samfs1
Building 'samfs1' will destroy the contents of devices:
    /dev/dsk/c1t9d0s2
    /dev/dsk/c8t1d0s2
    /dev/dsk/c8t5d0s2
    /dev/dsk/c8t6d0s2
Do you wish to continue? [y/N] y
total data kilobytes      = 1715453952
total data kilobytes free = 1715453760
total meta kilobytes     = 17684128
total meta kilobytes free = 17680304
```

For more information about the `sammkfs(1M)` command, see the `sammkfs(1M)` man page.

## ■ Configuration Examples

The rest of this chapter presents sample configurations and shows various steps and considerations in setting up the `mcf` file on a server. The following procedures are described:

- [“To Create a StorageTek QFS Round-Robin Disk Configuration” on page 51](#)
- [“To Create a StorageTek ASM Round-Robin Disk Configuration” on page 52](#)
- [“To Create a StorageTek QFS Striped Disk Configuration” on page 53](#)
- [“To Create a StorageTek ASM Striped Disk Configuration” on page 54](#)
- [“To Create a StorageTek QFS Striped Groups Configuration” on page 55](#)

Note that all sample StorageTek QFS configurations could have automated libraries and other removable media devices defined as well, essentially extending the file system beyond the size of the disk cache. Removable media device configurations are shown in only one example. For information about configuring removable media devices see the *StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM Software Installation and Configuration Guide*.

The sample configurations assume that the file system is loaded on the system and all file systems are unmounted.

## To Create a StorageTek QFS Round-Robin Disk Configuration

This sample configuration illustrates a StorageTek QFS file system that separates the metadata onto a low-latency disk. Round-robin allocation is used on four partitions. Each disk is on a separate controller.

This procedure assumes the following:

- The metadata device is a single partition (s6) used on controller 5, logical unit number (LUN) 0 of the device designated as Equipment Ordinal 11.
  - The data devices consist of four disks attached to four controllers.
1. Use an editor to create the mcf file.

Figure 21 shows an example mcf file.

**Figure 21. Example StorageTek QFS Round Robin mcf File**

```
# StorageTek QFS disk cache configuration
# Round-robin mcf example

# Equipment      Eq   Eq   Fam.  Dev   Additional
# Identifier     Ord  Type Set   State Parameters
#-----
qfs1             1   ma   qfs1
/dev/dsk/c5t0d0s6 11  mm   qfs1  on
/dev/dsk/c1t1d0s6 12  mr   qfs1  on
/dev/dsk/c2t1d0s6 13  mr   qfs1  on
/dev/dsk/c3t1d0s6 14  mr   qfs1  on
/dev/dsk/c4t1d0s6 15  mr   qfs1  on
```

2. Use the `mkdir(1)` command to create the `/qfs` mount point for the `/qfs1` file system.

For example:

```
# mkdir /qfs
```

3. Use the `sammkfs(1M)` command to initialize the file system.

The following example uses the default 64-kilobyte DAU:

```
# sammkfs qfs1
```

4. Use an editor to modify the `/etc/vfstab` file.

The StorageTek QFS file system with mr data devices uses striped allocation as a default, so you must set `stripe=0` for round-robin allocation. To explicitly set round-robin on the file system, set the `stripe=0`, as follows:

```
qfs1 - /qfs samfs - yes stripe=0
```

5. Use the `mount(1M)` command to mount the file system.

For example:

```
# mount /qfs
```

## To Create a StorageTek ASM Round-Robin Disk Configuration

This sample configuration illustrates a StorageTek ASM file system. Striped allocation is used by default on four partitions. You must set `stripe=0` to specify round-robin allocation. The file system is created using the `sammkfs(1M)` command. The data devices consist of four disks attached to four controllers. Each disk is on a separate controller.

1. Use an editor to create the `mcf` file.

[Figure 22](#) shows an example `mcf` file.

### Figure 22. Example StorageTek ASM Round Robin `mcf` File

```
# StorageTek ASM disk cache configuration
# Round-robin mcf example

# Equipment      Eq   Eq   Fam.  Dev   Additional
# Identifier     Ord  Type Set   State Parameters
#-----
samfs1          1   ms   samfs1
/dev/dsk/c1t1d0s6 11  md   samfs1 on
/dev/dsk/c2t1d0s6 12  md   samfs1 on
/dev/dsk/c3t1d0s6 13  md   samfs1 on
/dev/dsk/c4t1d0s6 14  md   samfs1 on
```

2. Use the `mkdir(1)` command to create the `/samfs` mount point for the `/samfs1` file system.

For example:

```
# mkdir /samfs
```

3. Use the `sammkfs(1M)` command to initialize the file system.

The default DAU is 16 kilobytes, but the following example sets the DAU size to 64 kilobytes:

```
# sammkfs -a 64 samfs1
```

- Use an editor to modify the /etc/vfstab file.

The StorageTek ASM file system uses striped allocation by default, so you must set stripe=0 for round-robin allocation. To explicitly set round-robin on the file system, set the stripe=0, as follows:

```
samfs1 - /samfs samfs - yes stripe=0
```

- Use the mount(1M) command to mount the file system.

For example:

```
# mount /samfs
```

## To Create a StorageTek QFS Striped Disk Configuration

This sample configuration illustrates a StorageTek QFS file system. By default, file data is striped to four data partitions.

This procedure assumes the following:

- The metadata device is a single partition (s6) used on controller 0, LUN 1. Metadata is written to equipment 11 only.
- The data devices consist of four disks attached to four controllers. Each disk is on a separate controller.

- Use an editor to create the mcf file.

[Figure 23](#) shows an example mcf file.

**Figure 23. Example StorageTek QFS Striped Disk mcf File**

```
# StorageTek QFS disk cache configuration
# Striped Disk mcf example

# Equipment      Eq  Eq   Fam.  Dev.  Additional
# Identifier     Ord Type Set   State Parameters
#-----
qfs1             10  ma   qfs1
/dev/dsk/c0t1d0s6 11  mm   qfs1  on
/dev/dsk/c1t1d0s6 12  mr   qfs1  on
/dev/dsk/c2t1d0s6 13  mr   qfs1  on
/dev/dsk/c3t1d0s6 14  mr   qfs1  on
/dev/dsk/c4t1d0s6 15  mr   qfs1  on
```

2. Use the `mkdir(1)` command to create the `/qfs` mount point for the `/qfs1` file system.

For example:

```
# mkdir /qfs
```

3. Use the `sammkfs(1M)` command to initialize the file system.

The default DAU is 64 kilobytes, but the following example sets the DAU size to 128 kilobytes:

```
# sammkfs -a 128 qfs1
```

With this configuration, any file written to this file system is striped across all of the devices in increments of 128 kilobytes.

4. Use an editor to modify the `/etc/vfstab` file.

The StorageTek ASM file system uses striped allocation by default. This example sets the stripe width as `stripe=1` DAU, which is the default. The following setting stripes data across all four of the `mr` devices with a stripe width of one DAU:

```
qfs1 - /qfs samfs - yes stripe=1
```

5. Use the `mount(1M)` command to mount the file system.

For example:

```
# mount /qfs
```

## To Create a StorageTek ASM Striped Disk Configuration

This sample configuration illustrates a StorageTek ASM file system.

1. Use an editor to create the `mcf` file.

[Figure 24](#) shows an example `mcf` file. The data devices consist of four disks attached to four controllers. Each disk is on a separate LUN.

**Figure 24. Example StorageTek ASM Striped Disk `mcf` File**

```
# StorageTek ASM disk cache config
# Striped Disk mcf example

# Equipment      Eq   Eq   Fam.  Dev.  Additional
# Identifier     Ord  Type Set   State Parameters
#-----
samfs1          10   ms   samfs1
```

**Figure 24. Example StorageTek ASM Striped Disk `mc f` File (Continued)**

```

/dev/dsk/c1t1d0s6 11 md samfs1 on
/dev/dsk/c2t1d0s6 12 md samfs1 on
/dev/dsk/c3t1d0s6 13 md samfs1 on
/dev/dsk/c4t1d0s6 14 md samfs1 on

```

2. Use the `mkdir(1)` command to create the `/samfs` mount point for the `/samfs1` file system.

For example:

```
# mkdir /samfs
```

3. Use the `sammkfs(1M)` command to initialize the file system.

The following example uses the default 16-kilobyte DAU:

```
# sammkfs samfs1
```

With this striped disk configuration, any file written to this file system is striped across all of the devices in increments of 16 kilobytes.

4. Use an editor to modify the `/etc/vfstab` file.  
Specify the mount point for this file system in `/etc/vfstab`.
5. Use the `mount(1M)` command to mount the file system.

For example:

```
# mount /samfs
```

## To Create a StorageTek QFS Striped Groups Configuration

Striped groups allow you to group RAID devices together for very large files. A DAU is represented by one bit in the bit maps. If the striped group has  $n$  devices,  $n$  multiplied by the DAU is the minimum allocation. Only one bit in the bit maps is used to represent  $n \times$  DAU. This method of writing huge DAUs across RAID devices saves bit map space and system update time. Striped groups are useful for writing very large files to a group of RAID devices and for streaming large amounts of data to and from disk.

**Note:** The minimum disk space allocated in a striped group is as follows:

$$\text{minimum disk space allocated} = \text{DAU} \times \text{number of disks in the group}$$

Writing a single byte of data fills the entire minimum disk space allocated in a striped group. Striped groups are used for very specific

applications. Make sure that you understand the effects of using striped groups with your file system.

Files with lengths less than the aggregate stripe width times the number of devices (in this example, files less than 128 kilobytes x 4 disks = 512 kilobytes in length) still use 512 kilobytes of disk space. Files larger than 512 kilobytes have space allocated for them as needed in total space increments of 512 kilobytes.

The devices within a striped group must be the same size. It is not possible to add devices to increase the size of a striped group. You can use the `samgrowfs(1M)` command to add additional striped groups, however. For more information about this command, see the `samgrowfs(1M)` man page.

This sample configuration illustrates a StorageTek QFS file system that separates the metadata onto a low-latency disk. Two striped groups are set up on four drives.

This procedure assumes the following:

- The metadata device is a single partition (s6) used on controller 0, LUN 1.
- The data devices consist of four disks (two groups of two identical disks) attached to four controllers. Each disk is on a separate LUN. The entire disk is used for data storage, assuming that partition 6 occupies the entire disk.

1. Use an editor to create the mcf file.

Figure 25 shows an example mcf file.

**Figure 25. Example StorageTek QFS Striped Group mcf File**

```
# StorageTek QFS disk cache configuration
# Striped Groups mcf example

# Equipment      Eq  Eq   Fam.  Dev.  Additional
# Identifier     Ord Type Set   State Parameters
#-----
qfs1             10  ma   qfs1
/dev/dsk/c0t1d0s6 11  mm   qfs1   on
/dev/dsk/c1t1d0s6 12  g0   qfs1   on
/dev/dsk/c2t1d0s6 13  g0   qfs1   on
/dev/dsk/c3t1d0s6 14  g1   qfs1   on
/dev/dsk/c4t1d0s6 15  g1   qfs1   on
```

2. Use the `mkdir(1)` command to create the `/qfs` mount point for the `/qfs1` file system.

For example:

```
# mkdir /qfs
```

3. Use the `sammkfs(1M)` command to initialize the file system.



The following example sets the DAU size to 128 kilobytes:

```
# sammkfs -a 128 qfs1
```

4. Use an editor to modify the `/etc/vfstab` file.

The following example uses the default setting of `stripe=0`, which essentially specifies a round-robin allocation from striped group `g0` to striped group `g1`:

```
qfs1 - /qfs samfs - yes stripe=0
```

This `/etc/vfstab` file sets the stripe width using the `stripe=` option. In this example, there are two striped groups, `g0` and `g1`. With the `stripe=0` specification, devices 12 and 13 are striped, and files are round-robin around the two striped groups. You are really treating a striped group as a bound entity. That is, you cannot change the configuration of the striped group, after it is created, without issuing another `sammkfs(1M)` command.

5. Use the `mount(1M)` command to mount the file system.

For example:

```
# mount /qfs
```



This chapter presents topics related to file system operations. It presents the following topics:

- “Initializing a File System” on page 59
- “Propagating Configuration File Changes to the System” on page 60
- “Mounting a File System” on page 64
- “Unmounting a File System” on page 67
- “Checking File System Integrity and Repairing File Systems” on page 68
- “Preserving Information for an Upgrade” on page 70
- “Preparing for a Hardware Device Upgrade” on page 74
- “Adding Disk Cache to a File System” on page 75
- “Replacing Disks in a File System” on page 77
- “Upgrading a Host System” on page 79
- “Upgrading the Solaris OS” on page 80

Certain other types of operations and upgrades also need to be performed within StorageTek QFS and Storagetek ASM environments. The following publications describe these other types of operations:

- The *StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM Software Installation and Configuration Guide* describes installing, upgrading, and configuring StorageTek QFS and Storagetek ASM software. It also describes how to create dump files of StorageTek QFS and Storagetek ASM file systems.
- The *StorageTek ASM Storage and Archive Management Guide* describes how to add slots in an automated library, how to upgrade or replace an automated library, and how to upgrade DLT tape drives.
- The *StorageTek QFS, StorageTek ASM, and StorageTek ASM QFS Disaster Recovery Guide* describes how to restore StorageTek QFS and Storagetek ASM file systems.

## ■ Initializing a File System

You can use the `sammkfs(1M)` command to initialize or reinitialize a StorageTek QFS or Storagetek ASM file system. The following example shows

the `sammkfs(1M)` command in its simplest form, with the file system name as its only argument:

```
# sammkfs samqfs1
```

The preceding command builds a version 2 superblock. The StorageTek QFS and Storagetek ASM file systems support two different superblocks. The StorageTek QFS and Storagetek ASM 4.1 releases support existing file systems with version 1 superblocks, but you cannot create a version 1 superblock with the 4.1 release of the software.

For more information about the `sammkfs(1M)` command, its options, and the implications of the version 1 and version 2 superblocks, see “Initializing a File System” on page 49, or see the `sammkfs(1M)` man page.

## ■ Propagating Configuration File Changes to the System

This section contains procedures that describe how to propagate configuration file changes out to the system. The procedures describe propagating changes for the following files:

- `archiver.cmd` file
- `defaults.conf` file
- `mcf` file
- `stager.cmd` file

You must perform these procedures under the following circumstances:

- If you update any of these files in order to add, delete, or correct information.
- If you create or update an `archiver.cmd`, `defaults.conf`, or `stager.cmd` file after your StorageTek QFS or Storagetek ASM system is already operational.

The following sections describe the procedures:

- [“To Change `archiver.cmd`\(4\) or `stager.cmd`\(4\) Information” on page 61](#)
- [“To Change `mcf`\(4\) or `defaults.conf`\(4\) Information in a StorageTek QFS Environment” on page 61](#)
- [“To Change `mcf`\(4\) or `defaults.conf`\(4\) File System Information in a Storagetek ASM or StorageTek ASM-QFS Environment” on page 62](#)
- [“To Change `mcf`\(4\) or `defaults.conf`\(4\) Removable Media Drive Information” on page 63](#)

## To Change archiver.cmd(4) or stager.cmd(4) Information

1. Use vi(1) or another editor to edit the archiver.cmd(4) or stager.cmd(4) file.
2. Use the archiver(1M) -lv command to verify the correctness of the archiver.cmd(4) file. (Optional)

Perform this step only if you are changing an existing archiver.cmd(4) file.

3. Save and close the file.
4. Use the samd(1M) config command to propagate the file changes and restart the system.

For example:

```
# samd config
```

## To Change mcf(4) or defaults.conf(4) Information in a StorageTek QFS Environment

1. Use vi(1) or another editor to edit the file and change the file system information.
2. Use the sam-fsd(1M) command to check the mcf file for errors. (Optional)

Perform this step if you are changing an mcf file. For example:

```
# sam-fsd
```

If the output from this command shows errors, correct them prior to proceeding to the next step.

3. Use the samd(1M) config command to propagate the mcf or defaults.conf file changes.

For example:

```
# samd config
```

For more information about these files, see the defaults.conf(4) or mcf(4) man pages.

## To Change mcf(4) or defaults.conf(4) File System Information in a Storagetek ASM or StorageTek ASM-QFS Environment

1. Use vi(1) or another editor to edit the file and change the file system information.
2. Use the sam-fsd(1M) command to check the mcf file for errors. (Optional)

Perform this step if you are changing an mcf file. The format of this command is as follows:

```
# sam-fsd
```

If the output from this command shows errors, correct them prior to proceeding to the next step.

3. Issue a samcmd(1M) aridle command to idle the archiver for each file system defined in the mcf file. (Optional)

You must perform this step if you are removing or changing information related to one or more file systems. Use this command in the following format:

```
samcmd aridle fs.fsname
```

For *fsname*, specify the name of a file system defined in the mcf file. Issue this command for every file system in the mcf file that is affected by the change.

Issue a samcmd(1M) idle command to idle the archiver for each equipment ordinal assigned to a drive in the mcf file. (Optional)

You must perform this step if you are removing or changing information related to one or more drives. Use this command in the following format:

```
samcmd idle eg
```

For *eg*, specify the Equipment Ordinal of a drive defined in the mcf file. Repeat this command as necessary for all drives in your mcf file affected by the change.

4. Issue the umount(1M) command to unmount the file system(s) affected by the changes.

For more information about unmounting the file system, see [“Unmounting a File System” on page 67](#).

5. Use the samd(1M) config command to propagate the changes.

For example:

```
# samd config
```

6. Use the mount(1M) command to remount the file system(s) you unmounted.

For more information about these files, see the defaults.conf(4) or mcf(4) man pages.

## To Change mcf(4) or defaults.conf(4) Removable Media Drive Information

1. Edit the file and change the removable media drive information.
2. Use the sam-fsd(1M) command to check the mcf file for errors. (Optional)

Perform this step if you are changing an mcf file. Use this command in the following format:

```
# sam-fsd
```

If the output from this command shows errors, correct them prior to proceeding to the next step.

3. Issue a samcmd(1M) aridle command to idle the archiver for each file system defined in the mcf file. (Optional)

Perform this step if you are removing or changing information related to one or more file systems. Use this command in the following format:

```
samcmd aridle fs.fsname
```

For *fsname*, specify the name of a file system defined in the mcf file. Issue this command for every file system in the mcf file that is affected by the change.

4. Issue a samcmd(1M) idle command for each Equipment Ordinal assigned to a drive in the mcf file. (Optional)

Perform this step if you are removing or changing information related to one or more drives. Use this command in the following format:

```
samcmd idle eg
```

For *eg*, specify the Equipment Ordinal of a drive defined in the mcf file. Repeat this command as necessary for all drives in your mcf file affected by the change.

5. Use the `samd(1M)` stop command to stop all removable media activity.

For example:

```
# samd stop
```

6. Use the `samd(1M)` config command to propagate the changes and restart the system.

For example:

```
# samd config
```

For more information about these files, see the `defaults.conf(4)` or `mcf(4)` man pages.

## ■ Mounting a File System

You can mount a StorageTek QFS or Storagetek ASM file system by using the Solaris OS `mount(1M)` command. This section describes the various ways that mount options can be specified.

Mount parameters are used to manipulate file system characteristics. There are several ways to specify mount parameters, and some specification methods override others. You can specify mount options in the following ways:

1. With the `mount(1M)` command using command line options. Highest priority. Options specified on the Solaris OS `mount(1M)` command line override other options specified in the `/etc/vfstab` file, directives specified in the `samfs.cmd` file, and system default settings.
2. As `/etc/vfstab` file settings. Second priority.
3. In the `samfs.cmd` file using directives. Third priority.
4. System defaults. Fourth (lowest) priority. The default system settings are the configurable settings already defined for your Solaris OS. You can override the system settings with specifications in the `samfs.cmd` file, in the `/etc/vfstab` file, and on the `mount(1M)` command.

You can also specify mount options by using the `samu(1M)` operator utility or the `samcmd(1M)` command. Mount options enabled or disabled by using any of these utilities persist until the file system is unmounted.

The following sections describe the ways to specify mount options in more detail, explain when to use these files and commands, and show the order in which they take precedence. In addition to the following sections, the StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM Software Installation and Configuration Guide includes information about mounting a file system.



## The mount(1M) Command

The Solaris OS mount(1M) command mounts the file system and enables you to specify settings that override the settings specified in the /etc/vfstab file and in the /etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/samfs.cmd file. For example, you can specify the stripe width, readahead, writebehind, high and low water marks for disk cache utilization, and so on.

One way to use the mount(1M) command in conjunction with the samfs.cmd file is to use the samfs.cmd file as your main location for mount options and to use options on the mount(1M) command when experimenting with or tuning your system. The mount(1M) command options override both the /etc/vfstab entries and the directives in the samfs.cmd file.

**Example.** The following command mounts file system qfs1 at /work with setuid execution disallowed and qwrite enabled. The qfs1 file system name is the Equipment Identifier. This also appears in the mcf file's Equipment Identifier field for this file system. To specify more than one mount option, separate each with a comma.

```
# mount -o nosuid,qwrite qfs1 /work
```

For more information about the mount(1M) command, see the mount\_samfs(1M) man page.

## The /etc/vfstab File

The /etc/vfstab Solaris OS system file must contain a line for each StorageTek QFS or Storagetek ASM file system that is defined in the mcf file. For each file system, you must provide information for the seven fields shown in [Table 21](#).

**Table 21. Fields in the /etc/vfstab File**

Field Number	Content
1	The file system family set name.
2	The file system to samfsck(1M).
3	The mount point.
4	The file system type. This is always samfs, even for StorageTek QFS file systems.
5	The samfsck(1M) pass.
6	Mount at boot options.
7	Mount parameters.

The fields in the `/etc/vfstab` file must be separated by either space or tab characters. The mount parameters in the seventh field, however, must each be separated by a comma character (,) without any intervening spaces.

**Example.** The following is an example of an `/etc/vfstab` file.

```
qfs1 - /qfs samfs - yes stripe=0
```

The mount parameters field can contain any of the mount parameters listed as arguments to the `-o` option on the `mount_samfs(1M)` man page. These parameters are nearly identical to those that you can specify as directive lines in the `samfs.cmd` file or as arguments to the `-o` option on the `mount(1M)` command. As with the `samfs.cmd` file, you can include specifications for various I/O settings, readahead, writebehind, the stripe width, various storage and archive management (SAM) settings, Qwrite, and other features.

For more information about possible mount parameters, see the `mount_samfs(1M)` man page. For more information about modifying the `/etc/vfstab` file, see the `vfstab(4)` man page.

## The samfs.cmd File

The `/etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/samfs.cmd` file enables you to specify mount parameters for all your StorageTek QFS and Storagetek ASM file systems. This file can be useful when you have multiple file systems configured and you want to specify the same mount parameters for them.

The list of possible mount parameters is very comprehensive. The possible mount parameters you can specify pertain to I/O settings, readahead, writebehind, the stripe width, various storage and archive management (SAM) settings, Qwrite, and other features.

Using this file enables you to define all your mount parameters in one place in an easily readable format. Directives specified toward the beginning of this file are global directives, and they apply to all StorageTek QFS and Storagetek ASM file systems. The second part of this file enables you to indicate the specific parameters that you want to apply to each individual file system. The ability to specify the common parameters once, and only in one place, differentiates this file from the `/etc/vfstab` file, in which you must specify all mount parameters for each file system in the seventh field.

The mount parameters that can be specified in the `samfs.cmd` file are nearly identical to those that you can specify in the `/etc/vfstab` file or as arguments to the `-o` option on the `mount(1M)` command. For more information about the mount parameters that can be specified in this file, see the `samfs.cmd(4)` man page.

In the `samfs.cmd` file, the directives are written one per line. The file can contain comments, which must begin with a pound character (#). Characters that appear to the right of the pound character are treated as comments.

Directives that appear before any fs = line apply globally to all file systems. A line that starts with fs = must precede directives that are specific to a particular file system. Directives specific to a particular file system override global directives.

Figure 26 is a sample samfs.cmd file that sets the low and high water marks for disk cache utilization and specifies individualized parameters for two file systems.

**Figure 26. Example samfs.cmd File**

```
low = 50
high = 75
fs = samfs1
high = 65
writebehind = 512
readahead = 1024
fs = samfs5
partial = 64
```

The directives in the samfs.cmd file serve as defaults and override any default system settings, but arguments to the mount(1M) command override any directives in this file. Entries in the /etc/vfstab file also override directives specified in the samfs.cmd file.

For information about which directives can be entered in the samfs.cmd file, see the samfs.cmd(4) man page. For information about the mount(1M) command, see the mount\_samfs(1M) man page.

## ■ Unmounting a File System

You can use the Solaris OS umount(1M) command to unmount StorageTek QFS and Storagetek ASM file systems.

On Storagetek ASM and StorageTek ASM QFS file systems, you must issue commands to stop the archiver prior to unmounting the file system. The following procedure shows you how to idle the archiver and unmount the file system. You do not need to idle the archiver if you are using a StorageTek QFS file system.

### To Unmount Storagetek ASM and StorageTek ASM-QFS File Systems

1. Issue a samcmd(1M) aridle fs.*fsname* command for the file system. (Optional)

Perform this step if you are unmounting a Storagetek ASM or StorageTek ASM QFS Manager file system. For example:

```
# samcmd aridle fs.samqfs2
```

This step in the procedure cleanly halts the archiving for file system `samqfs2`. Specifically, it allows archiving operations to halt at a logical place before stopping the daemons.

2. Issue a `samd(1M)` stop command. (Optional)

Perform this step if you are unmounting a Storagetek ASM or StorageTek ASM QFS Manager file system. For example:

```
# samd stop
```

3. Unmount the file system.

```
# umount /samqfs
```

Several conditions can be present in a file system at unmounting time, so you might need to issue the `umount(1M)` command a second time. If the file system still does not unmount, use `unshare(1M)`, `fuser(1M)`, or other commands in conjunction with the `umount(1M)` command. Unmounting procedures are also described in the StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM Software Installation and Configuration Guide.

## ■ Checking File System Integrity and Repairing File Systems

StorageTek QFS and Storagetek ASM file systems write validation records in the following records that are critical to file system operations: directories, indirect blocks, and inodes. If the file system detects corruption while searching a directory, it issues an EDOM error, and the directory is not processed. If an indirect block is not valid, it issues an ENOCSI error, and the file is not processed. [Table 22](#) summarizes these error indicators.

**Table 22. Error Indicators**

Error	Solaris OS Meaning	StorageTek QFS and Storagetek ASM Meaning
EDOM	Argument is out of domain.	Values in validation records are out of range.
ENOCSI	No CSI structure is available.	Links between structures are invalid.

In addition, inodes are validated and cross checked with directories.

You should monitor the following files for error conditions:

- The log file specified in `/etc/syslog.conf` for the errors shown in [Table 22](#).

- The `/var/adm/messages` file for device errors.

If a discrepancy is noted, you should unmount the file system and check it using the `samfsck(1M)` command.

## To Check a File System

- Use the `samfsck(1M)` command to perform a file systems check.

Use this command in the following format:

```
samfsck -v family_set_name
```

For *family\_set\_name*, specify the name of the file system as specified in the mcf file.

You can send output from `samfsck(1M)` to both your screen and to a file by using it in conjunction with the `tee(1)` command, as follows.

- C shell:

```
# samfsck -v family_set_name |& tee file
```

- Bourne shell:

```
# samfsck -v family_set_name 2>&1 | tee file
```

Nonfatal errors returned by `samfsck(1M)` are preceded by NOTICE. Nonfatal errors are lost blocks and orphans. The file system is still consistent if NOTICE errors are returned. You can repair these nonfatal errors during a convenient, scheduled maintenance outage.

Fatal errors are preceded by ALERT. These errors include duplicate blocks, invalid directories, and invalid indirect blocks. The file system is not consistent if these errors occur. Notify Sun if the ALERT errors cannot be explained by a hardware malfunction.

If the `samfsck(1M)` command detects file system corruption and returns ALERT messages, you should determine the reason for the corruption. If hardware is faulty, repair it prior to repairing the file system.

For more information about the `samfsck(1M)` and `tee(1)` commands, see the `samfsck(1M)` and `tee(1)` man pages.

## To Repair a File System

1. Use the `umount(1M)` command to unmount the file system.

Run the `samfsck(1M)` command when the file system is not mounted.

2. Use the `samfsck(1M)` command to repair a file system

You can issue the `samfsck(1M)` command in the following format to repair a file system:

```
# samfsck -F -v family set name
```

For *family set name*, specify the name of the file system as specified in the mcf file.

## ■ Preserving Information for an Upgrade

If you are about to add or change disks, controllers, or other equipment in your environment, it can be difficult to correct or regenerate all the file system descriptions in the mcf file. The `samfsconfig(1M)` command can help you by generating information about your file system and file system components after making these changes.

The `samfsconfig(1M)` command examines devices and determines if any of them have StorageTek QFS or Storagetek ASM superblocks on them. It uses information from the discovered superblocks and aggregates the devices into a format similar to an mcf file. You can save this format and edit it to recreate a damaged, missing, or incorrect mcf file.

This command returns information about each device that you specify and writes this information to stdout. The command can retrieve the family set number of the base device (the file system itself), the file system type (ma or ms), and whether the file system is a StorageTek QFS shared file system.

Irregularities are flagged with one of the following:

- A pound sign (#). This indicates incomplete family set information.
- A greater-than sign (>). This indicates that more than one device name refers to a particular file system element.

If necessary, this command's output can be used to help regenerate the file system portions of your mcf file if your system is reconfigured or experiences a disaster. The following examples show output from the `samfsconfig(1M)` command.

### Example 1

In this example, the system administrator has put a list of device names into a file. These device names are not accounted for in the environment. The system administrator wants to examine only these devices for StorageTek

QFS and Storagetek ASM family sets. The results show some old fragments of family sets and several complete instances.

**Figure 27. Example 1 - Output From samfsconfig(1M) Command**

```

mn# samfsconfig -v `cat /tmp/dev_files`
Device '/dev/dsk/c0t0d0s0' doesn't have a SAM-FS superblock (SBLK).
Device '/dev/dsk/c0t0d0s1' doesn't have a SAM-FS superblock (SBLK).
Device '/dev/dsk/c0t0d0s3' doesn't have a SAM-FS superblock (SBLK).
Device '/dev/dsk/c0t0d0s4' doesn't have a SAM-FS superblock (SBLK).
Device '/dev/dsk/c0t0d0s5' doesn't have a SAM-FS superblock (SBLK).
Device '/dev/dsk/c0t0d0s6' doesn't have a SAM-FS superblock (SBLK).
Device '/dev/dsk/c0t0d0s7' doesn't have a SAM-FS superblock (SBLK).
Couldn't open '/dev/dsk/c0t1d0s0';  errno=5.
Couldn't open '/dev/dsk/c0t1d0s1';  errno=5.
Device '/dev/dsk/c0t1d0s3' doesn't have a SAM-FS superblock (SBLK).
Device '/dev/dsk/c0t1d0s4' has a SAM-FS superblock.
Device '/dev/dsk/c0t1d0s5' has a SAM-FS superblock.
Device '/dev/dsk/c0t1d0s6' has a SAM-FS superblock.
Couldn't open '/dev/dsk/c0t1d0s7';  errno=5.
Couldn't open '/dev/dsk/c0t6d0s0';  errno=16.
Couldn't open '/dev/dsk/c0t6d0s1';  errno=16.
Couldn't open '/dev/dsk/c0t6d0s3';  errno=16.
Couldn't open '/dev/dsk/c0t6d0s4';  errno=16.
Couldn't open '/dev/dsk/c0t6d0s5';  errno=16.
Couldn't open '/dev/dsk/c0t6d0s6';  errno=16.
Couldn't open '/dev/dsk/c0t6d0s7';  errno=16.
Couldn't open '/dev/dsk/c1t0d0s3';  errno=5.
Couldn't open '/dev/dsk/c1t0d0s4';  errno=5.
Couldn't open '/dev/dsk/c1t0d0s5';  errno=5.
Device '/dev/dsk/c1t0d0s6' doesn't have a SAM-FS superblock (SBLK).
Couldn't open '/dev/dsk/c1t0d0s7';  errno=5.
Couldn't open '/dev/dsk/c1t1d0s0';  errno=2.
Couldn't open '/dev/dsk/c1t2d0s3';  errno=5.
Couldn't open '/dev/dsk/c1t2d0s4';  errno=5.
Couldn't open '/dev/dsk/c1t2d0s5';  errno=5.
Device '/dev/dsk/c1t2d0s6' doesn't have a SAM-FS superblock (SBLK).
Couldn't open '/dev/dsk/c1t2d0s7';  errno=5.
Could not read from device '/dev/dsk/c1t3d0s0';  errno=5.
Couldn't open '/dev/dsk/c1t4d0s3';  errno=5.
Couldn't open '/dev/dsk/c1t4d0s4';  errno=5.
Couldn't open '/dev/dsk/c1t4d0s5';  errno=5.
Device '/dev/dsk/c1t4d0s6' doesn't have a SAM-FS superblock (SBLK).
Device '/dev/dsk/c1t4d0s7' doesn't have a SAM-FS superblock (SBLK).
Couldn't open '/dev/dsk/c1t5d0s3';  errno=5.
Couldn't open '/dev/dsk/c1t5d0s4';  errno=5.
Couldn't open '/dev/dsk/c1t5d0s5';  errno=5.
Device '/dev/dsk/c1t5d0s6' doesn't have a SAM-FS superblock (SBLK).
Couldn't open '/dev/dsk/c1t5d0s7';  errno=5.
Device '/dev/dsk/c3t0d0s0' doesn't have a SAM-FS superblock (SBLK).
Device '/dev/dsk/c3t0d0s1' doesn't have a SAM-FS superblock (SBLK).
Device '/dev/dsk/c3t0d0s3' has a SAM-FS superblock.
Device '/dev/dsk/c3t0d0s4' has a SAM-FS superblock.
Couldn't open '/dev/dsk/c3t0d0s7';  errno=5.
Device '/dev/dsk/c3t1d0s0' doesn't have a SAM-FS superblock (SBLK).
Device '/dev/dsk/c3t1d0s1' doesn't have a SAM-FS superblock (SBLK).
Device '/dev/dsk/c3t1d0s3' has a SAM-FS superblock.

```

**Figure 27. Example 1 - Output From samfsconfig(1M) Command (Continued)**

```

Device '/dev/dsk/c3t1d0s4' has a SAM-FS superblock.
Couldn't open '/dev/dsk/c3t1d0s7'; errno=5.
Device '/dev/dsk/c4t0d0s0' has a SAM-FS superblock.
Could not read from device '/dev/dsk/c4t0d0s1'; errno=5.
Could not read from device '/dev/dsk/c4t0d0s3'; errno=5.
Could not read from device '/dev/dsk/c4t0d0s4'; errno=5.
Could not read from device '/dev/dsk/c4t0d0s5'; errno=5.
Device '/dev/dsk/c4t0d0s6' has a SAM-FS superblock.
Device '/dev/dsk/c4t0d0s7' has a SAM-FS superblock.
Device '/dev/dsk/c4t1d0s0' has a SAM-FS superblock.
Could not read from device '/dev/dsk/c4t1d0s1'; errno=5.
Could not read from device '/dev/dsk/c4t1d0s3'; errno=5.
Could not read from device '/dev/dsk/c4t1d0s4'; errno=5.
Could not read from device '/dev/dsk/c4t1d0s5'; errno=5.
Device '/dev/dsk/c4t1d0s6' has a SAM-FS superblock.
Device '/dev/dsk/c4t1d0s7' has a SAM-FS superblock.
Device '/dev/dsk/c4t2d0s0' has a SAM-FS superblock.
Could not read from device '/dev/dsk/c4t2d0s1'; errno=5.
Could not read from device '/dev/dsk/c4t2d0s3'; errno=5.
Could not read from device '/dev/dsk/c4t2d0s4'; errno=5.
Could not read from device '/dev/dsk/c4t2d0s5'; errno=5.
Device '/dev/dsk/c4t2d0s6' has a SAM-FS superblock.
Device '/dev/dsk/c4t2d0s7' has a SAM-FS superblock.
Device '/dev/dsk/c4t3d0s0' has a SAM-FS superblock.
Could not read from device '/dev/dsk/c4t3d0s1'; errno=5.
Could not read from device '/dev/dsk/c4t3d0s3'; errno=5.
Could not read from device '/dev/dsk/c4t3d0s4'; errno=5.
Could not read from device '/dev/dsk/c4t3d0s5'; errno=5.
Device '/dev/dsk/c4t3d0s6' has a SAM-FS superblock.
Device '/dev/dsk/c4t3d0s7' has a SAM-FS superblock.
19 SAM-FS devices found.
#
# Family Set 'samfs2' Created Mon Jun 25 10:37:52 2001
#
# Missing slices
# Ordinal 1
# /dev/dsk/c0t1d0s6    12    md    samfs2  -
#
# Family Set 'samfs1' Created Wed Jul 11 08:47:38 2001
#
# Missing slices
# Ordinal 1
# /dev/dsk/c0t1d0s4    12    md    samfs1  -
# Ordinal 2
# /dev/dsk/c0t1d0s5    13    md    samfs1  -
#
# Family Set 'samfs2' Created Sat Nov  3 17:22:44 2001
#
samfs2 ma 30 samfs2 - shared
/dev/dsk/c4t0d0s6    31    mm    samfs2  -
/dev/dsk/c4t1d0s6    32    mr    samfs2  -
/dev/dsk/c4t2d0s6    33    mr    samfs2  -
#
# Family Set 'qfs1' Created Wed Nov  7 15:16:19 2001
#

```



**Figure 27. Example 1 - Output From `samfsconfig(1M)` Command (Continued)**

```

qfs1 ma 10 qfs1 -
/dev/dsk/c3t0d0s3    11    mm    qfs1  -
/dev/dsk/c3t0d0s4    12    g0    qfs1  -
/dev/dsk/c3t1d0s3    13    g0    qfs1  -
/dev/dsk/c3t1d0s4    14    g0    qfs1  -
#
# Family Set 'sharefsx' Created Wed Nov  7 16:55:19 2001
#
sharefsx ma 200 sharefsx - shared
/dev/dsk/c4t0d0s0    210    mm    sharefsx  -
/dev/dsk/c4t1d0s0    220    mr    sharefsx  -
/dev/dsk/c4t2d0s0    230    mr    sharefsx  -
/dev/dsk/c4t3d0s0    240    mr    sharefsx  -
#
# Family Set 'samfs5' Created Tue Nov 27 16:32:28 2001
#
samfs5 ma 80 samfs5 -
/dev/dsk/c4t3d0s6    82    mm    samfs5  -
/dev/dsk/c4t3d0s7    83    g0    samfs5  -
/dev/dsk/c4t0d0s7    84    g0    samfs5  -
/dev/dsk/c4t1d0s7    85    g1    samfs5  -
/dev/dsk/c4t2d0s7    86    g1    samfs5  -

```

## Example 2

In this example, the devices flagged with a greater-than sign (>) are duplicated. The s0 slice starts at the start of disk, as does the whole disk (s2) slice. This is the style of output obtained in a Solaris 9 OS.

[Figure 28](#) shows the `samfsconfig(1M)` command and output.

**Figure 28. Example 2 - Output from `samfsconfig` Command**

```

# samfsconfig /dev/dsk/c3t*
#
# Family Set 'shsam1' Created Wed Oct 17 14:57:29 2001
#
shsam1 160 ma shsam1 shared
> /dev/dsk/c3t50020F23000055A8d0s2    161    mm    shsam1  -
> /dev/dsk/c3t50020F23000055A8d0s0    161    mm    shsam1  -
/dev/dsk/c3t50020F23000055A8d0s1    162    mr    shsam1  -
> /dev/dsk/c3t50020F23000078F1d0s0    163    mr    shsam1  -
> /dev/dsk/c3t50020F23000078F1d0s2    163    mr    shsam1  -
/dev/dsk/c3t50020F23000078F1d0s1    164    mr    shsam1  -

```

## Example 3

In this example, the whole disk slice (slice 2) is left off of the command line. This is the style of output obtained in a Solaris 9 OS.

Figure 29 shows the `samfsconfig(1M)` command and output.

**Figure 29. Example 3 - Output from `samfsconfig(1M)` Command**

```
# samfsconfig /dev/dsk/c3t*s[013-7]
#
# Family Set 'shsam1' Created Wed Oct 17 14:57:29 2001
#
shsam1 160 ma shsam1 shared
/dev/dsk/c3t50020F23000055A8d0s0    161    mm    shsam1    -
/dev/dsk/c3t50020F23000055A8d0s1    162    mr    shsam1    -
/dev/dsk/c3t50020F23000078F1d0s0    163    mr    shsam1    -
/dev/dsk/c3t50020F23000078F1d0s1    164    mr    shsam1    -
```

For more information about this command, see the `samfsconfig(1M)` man page.

## ■ Preparing for a Hardware Device Upgrade

Whether upgrading a server, adding a new tape drive, adding an automated library, or installing a different drive into an existing automated library, it is best to plan in advance. This section prepares you for hardware upgrades to devices within your environment.

StorageTek recommends the following actions prior to the upgrade:

- Determine if the hardware addition or change requires a new license from StorageTek.

Examples of changes that do not require a license upgrade include adding memory and increasing disk cache. Examples of changes that require a license upgrade include adding more slots in an automated library and changing the model of your server.

- Read the hardware manufacturer's installation instructions carefully. Also read the documentation on adding hardware in your Solaris OS system administrator documentation.
- Check the Equipment Ordinals between your old and new mcf files. For information about the mcf file, see the `mcf(4)` man page.
- Decide whether or not the backup copies you have on hand are sufficient. For information about backing up your data and metadata, see the procedures described in the StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM Software Installation and Configuration Guide.
  - In a StorageTek QFS environment, the `qfsdump(1M)` command dumps all data and metadata. For more information about this process, see the `qfsdump(1M)` man page.
  - In Storagetek ASM and StorageTek ASM QFS Manager environments, the `samfsdump(1M)` command dumps all metadata. You must ensure that all files that need to be archived have an archive copy. Use the

archive\_audit(1) command on each Storagetek ASM or StorageTek ASM QFS Manager file system to see which files do not have an archive copy. In the following example, /sam is the mount point.

```
# archive_audit /sam
```

- Ensure that the system is quiet with no users logged in.
- In Storagetek ASM and StorageTek ASM QFS Manager environments, ensure that the archiver is in wait mode. The archiver must be in wait mode, and not running, during an upgrade.

You can idle the archiver in one of the following ways:

- By inserting a wait directive into the /etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/archiver.cmd file. For more information about the wait directive and the archiver.cmd file, see the archiver.cmd(4) man page.
- By using the samu(1M) operator utility.
- By issuing the following command:

```
# samcmd aridle
```

For more information, see the samcmd(1M) man page.

## ■ Adding Disk Cache to a File System

At some point, you might want to add disk partitions or disk drives in order to increase the disk cache for a file system. You accomplish this by updating the mcf file and using the samgrowfs(1M) command. You do not need to reinitialize or restore the file system.

In Storagetek ASM and StorageTek ASM QFS Manager environments, note that when adding disks or partitions, the system might update the Equipment Ordinal of the historian. The system automatically generates the Equipment Ordinal of the historian unless you specifically call it out. For more information, see the historian(7) man page.

### To Add Disk Cache to a File System

1. Unmount the file system you want to expand.

For information about unmounting a file system, see [“Unmounting a File System” on page 67](#).

2. If you want to rename the file system during this procedure, use the samfsck(1M) command with its -R and -F options to rename the file system. (Optional)

For more information about this command, see the `samfsck(1M)` man page.

3. Edit the `/etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/mcf` file.

You can configure up to 252 disk partitions in a file system.

To increase the size of a StorageTek QFS file system, at least one new metadata partition must be added. Metadata partitions require an Equipment Type of `mm`. Zero or more data partitions can be added.

If you want to add new partitions for metadata or for data, add them to the `mcf` file after the existing disk partitions. Save the changes, and quit the editor.

Do not change the Equipment Identifier name in the `/etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/mcf` file. If the name in the `mcf` file does not match the name in the superblock, the file systems can no longer be mounted. Instead, the following message is logged in `/var/adm/messages`:

```
WARNING SAM-FS superblock equipment identifier <id>s on eq <eq>
does not match <id> in mcf
```

4. Type the `sam-fsd(1M)` command to check for errors in the `mcf` file.

For example:

```
# sam-fsd
```

If the `sam-fsd(1M)` command output indicates that there are errors in the `mcf` file, fix them before proceeding to the next step in this procedure.

5. Type the `samd(1M)` `config` command to propagate the `mcf` file changes to the system.

For example:

```
# samd config
```

For more information about the `samd(1M)` command, see the `samd(1M)` man page.

6. Type the `samgrowfs(1M)` command on the file system that is being expanded.

For example, type the following command to expand file system `samfs1`:

```
# samgrowfs samfs1
```

If you renamed your file system, run the `samgrowfs(1M)` command on the new name. For more information about this command, see the `samgrowfs(1M)` man page.

7. Mount the file system.

## ■ Replacing Disks in a File System

At some point, you might want to perform the following tasks:

- Change disks or partitions
- Add disks or partitions
- Remove disks or partitions

To accomplish these tasks, you need to back up and recreate the file system by following the steps in this procedure.

### To Back Up and Recreate a File System

1. Back up all site-customized system files and configuration files.

Depending on your software, these files can include `mcf`, `archiver.cmd`, `defaults.conf`, `samfs.cmd`, `inquiry.conf`, and so on. Back up these files for all file systems in your StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM environments. Also make sure that you have backup copies of files in the `/etc/opt/SUNWsamfs` directory, files in the `/var/opt/SUNWsamfs` directory, library catalogs, the historian, and any parameter files for network-attached automated libraries.

In StorageTek ASM and StorageTek ASM QFS Manager environments, if you do not know the names and locations of your catalog files, examine the `mcf` file with `vi(1)` or another viewing command and find the first `rb` entry in the `mcf` file. That entry contains the name of the library catalog file. If no catalog file location is specified, then the system is using the default location (`/var/opt/SUNWsamfs/catalog`).

2. Ensure that each file system to be modified is backed up.

The file systems should be backed up regularly according to your site's policies. This is described as the last step in the installation procedure. If you are comfortable with the backup files that already exist for your file systems, there is no need to back them up again now. If, however, you need to back up your file systems to preserve information created since the last dump file was created, do so now. For information about how to create a dump file, see the StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM Software Installation and Configuration Guide.

Note that if you are using the StorageTek ASM or StorageTek ASM QFS Manager file system, the `samfsdump(1M)` command issues warnings

when creating the dump file if it encounters unarchived files in the file system. If warnings are issued, these files need to be archived before unmounting the file systems.

3. Unmount the file system.

For information about unmounting a file system, see [“Unmounting a File System” on page 67](#).

4. If you want to rename the file system during this procedure, use the `samfsck(1M)` command with its `-R` and `-F` options to rename the file system. (Optional)

For more information about this command, see the `samfsck(1M)` man page.

5. Edit the `/etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/mcf` file.

You can configure up to 252 disk partitions in a file system. Edit the `mcf` file to add or delete disks or partitions. New partitions must be added after existing disk partitions. Save the changes, and quit the editor.

To increase the size of a StorageTek QFS file system, at least one new metadata partition must be added. Metadata partitions require an Equipment Type of `mm`. Zero or more data partitions can be added.

Do not change the Equipment Identifier name in the `/etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/mcf` file. If the name in the `mcf` file does not match the name in the superblock, the file systems can no longer be mounted. Instead, the following message is logged in `/var/adm/messages`:

```
WARNING SAM-FS superblock equipment identifier <id>s on eq <eq>
does not match <id> in mcf
```

6. Type the `sam-fsd(1M)` command to check for errors in the `mcf` file.

For example:

```
# sam-fsd
```

If the `sam-fsd(1M)` command output indicates that there are errors in the `mcf` file, fix them before proceeding to the next step in this procedure.

For more information, see the `sam-fsd(1M)` man page.

7. Type the `samd(1M)` `config` command to propagate the `mcf` file changes.

For example:

```
# samd config
```

For more information, see the `samd(1M)` man page.

8. Type the `sammkfs(1M)` command to make a new file system.

For example, the following command creates `samfs10`:

```
# sammkfs samfs10
```

9. Type the `mount(1M)` command to mount the file system.

For information about mounting a StorageTek QFS or Storagetek ASM file system, see the `mount_samfs(1M)` man page.

10. Type the `cd(1)` command to change to the mount point of the file system.

Use the `samfsrestore(1M)` or `qfsrestore(1M)` command to restore each file.

Restore from the the dump file you had or from the dump file created in Step 2.

For information about using these commands, see the `samfsdump(1M)` or `qfsdump(1M)` man pages, or see the StorageTek QFS, StorageTek ASM, and StorageTek ASM QFS Disaster Recovery Guide.

11. Use the `restore.sh(1M)` script to stage back all files that had been online.

Use this command in the following format:

```
# restore.sh log_file mount_point
```

For *log\_file*, specify the name of the log file that was created by the `sammkfs(1M)` or the `samfsrestore(1M)` commands.

For *mount\_point*, specify the mount point of the file system being restored.

For information about the `restore.sh(1M)` script, see the `restore.sh(1M)` man page.

## ■ Upgrading a Host System

When it comes time to upgrade the host system being used for the file system, take the following into account:

- It is wise to move to the new host while the existing host is still in operation. This allows time to install, configure, and test the new hardware platform with your applications.
- Moving to a new host system is equivalent to installing the StorageTek QFS or Storagetek ASM software for the first time. In Storagetek ASM and StorageTek ASM QFS Manager environments, you need to reinstall the software and update the configuration files (specifically the `mcf` file, the `/kernel/drv/st.conf` file, and the `/etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/inquiry.conf` file). In

addition, you need to copy your existing archiver.cmd and defaults.conf files to the new system, configure system logging, and so on.

You can use the installation instructions in the StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM Software Installation and Configuration Guide when re-installing the software.

- You might need to update your license key. License keys are tied to the CPU host ID. Replacing the system requires a new license.
- Before powering down the old host system, decide whether or not the backup copies you have on hand are sufficient. You might need to create new dump files at this time. A dump file is used to recreate the file system on the new server. For more information about creating a dump file, see the qfsdump(1M) or samfsdump(1M) man pages or see the StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM Software Installation and Configuration Guide.

## ■ Upgrading the Solaris OS

The following sections describe how to upgrade your Solaris OS:

- [“To Upgrade Your Solaris OS in a Storagetek ASM or StorageTek ASM QFS Manager Environment” on page 80](#)
- [“To Upgrade Your Solaris OS in a StorageTek QFS Environment” on page 83](#)

## To Upgrade Your Solaris OS in a Storagetek ASM or StorageTek ASM QFS Manager Environment

Many of the steps involved in upgrading your Solaris OS level are identical to the steps involved in upgrading your Storagetek ASM or StorageTek ASM QFS Manager environment. Some of the steps in this procedure reference procedures in the *StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM Software Installation and Configuration Guide*.

1. Obtain the software upgrade.

The Storagetek ASM and StorageTek ASM QFS Manager software supports various levels of the Solaris OS. You should not reinstall your old Storagetek ASM or StorageTek ASM QFS Manager software onto your newly upgraded Solaris OS.

In addition, depending on the revision level currently installed and the level to which you are upgrading, you might need a new software license.

Contact your ASP or StorageTek to obtain new copies of the software and to determine whether or not your site needs a new license.

2. Back up all site-customized system files and configuration files.



These files include `mcf`, `archiver.cmd`, `defaults.conf`, `samfs.cmd`, `inquiry.conf`, and so on. Back up these files for all file systems in your Storagetek ASM and StorageTek ASM QFS Manager environments.

Also make sure that you have backup copies of files in the `/etc/opt/SUNWsamfs` directory, files in the `/var/opt/SUNWsamfs` directory, library catalogs, the historian, and any parameter files for network-attached automated libraries.

If you do not know the names and locations of your catalog files, examine the `mcf` file with `vi(1)` or another viewing command and find the first `rb` entry in the `mcf` file. That entry contains the name of the library catalog file. If no catalog file location is specified, then the system is using the default location (`/var/opt/SUNWsamfs/catalog`).

3. Ensure that each file system affected is backed up.

The file systems should be backed up regularly according to your site's policies. This is one of the the last steps in the installation procedure. If you are comfortable with the backup files that already exist for your file systems, there is no need to back them up again now. If, however, you need to back up your file systems to preserve information created since the last dump file was created, do so now.

Note that if you are using the Storagetek ASM or StorageTek ASM QFS Manager file system, the `samfsdump(1M)` command issues warnings when creating the dump file if it encounters unarchived files in the file system. If warnings are issued, these files need to be archived before unmounting the file systems.

4. Unmount the file systems.

For information about unmounting a file system, see [“Unmounting a File System” on page 67](#).

5. Remove existing Storagetek ASM or StorageTek ASM QFS Manager software.

Use the `pkgrm(1M)` command to remove the existing software. You must remove all existing Storagetek ASM and StorageTek ASM QFS Manager packages before installing either the new packages or the new operating system level.

For example, the following command removes the `SUNWsamtp`, `SUNWsamfsu`, and the `SUNWsamfsr` packages in a Storagetek ASM or StorageTek ASM-QFS environment. The `SUNWsamfsr` package must be removed last. Note that the `SUNWsamtp` package is an optional tools package, and it might not be installed on your system. An example `pkgrm(1M)` command is as follows:

```
# pkgrm SUNWsamtp SUNWsamfsu SUNWsamfsr
```

The information in this step assumes that you are removing software packages at the 4.1 release level or later. The software package names changed as of the 4.1 releases. If you have software packages on your system that were released prior to the 4.1 releases, see the *StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM Software Installation and Configuration Guide* for information about removing them.

6. Upgrade the Solaris OS.

Install the new Solaris OS revision using the Sun Solaris upgrade procedures for the OS level you are installing.

7. Add the SUNWsamfsr and SUNWsamfsu packages.

The Storagetek ASM and StorageTek ASM-QFS software packages use the Solaris OS packaging utilities for adding and deleting software. You must be logged in as superuser to make changes to software packages. The `pkgadd(1M)` command prompts you to confirm various actions necessary to upgrade the Storagetek ASM and StorageTek ASM QFS package.

On the installation CD-ROM, the Storagetek ASM and StorageTek ASM QFS package resides in the `/cdrom/cdrom0` directory.

Run the `pkgadd(1M)` command, as follows, to upgrade the packages, answering yes to each question:

```
# pkgadd -d . SUNWsamfsr SUNWsamfsu
```

During the installation, the system detects the presence of conflicting files and prompts you to indicate whether or not you want to continue with the installation. You can go to another window and copy the files you wish to save to an alternate location.

8. Update the license keys. (Optional)

Depending on the Storagetek ASM and StorageTek ASM QFS software revision you had, and the revision to which you are upgrading, you might need to obtain new license keys for your software. Contact your ASP or StorageTek for help on determining if you need a new license.

If you are upgrading from a release prior to 4.1, you need to place a new license key in the following file:

```
/etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/LICENSE.4.1
```

For more information, see the licensing information in the *StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM Software Installation and Configuration Guide*.

9. Mount the file system(s). (Optional)

You must perform this step if you have not modified the `/etc/vfstab` file to have `yes` in the `Mount at Boot` field.

Use the `mount(1M)` command to mount the file systems and continue operation with the upgraded StorageTek ASM or StorageTek ASM QFS software.

In the following example, `samfs1` is the name of the file system to be mounted.

```
# mount samfs1
```

## To Upgrade Your Solaris OS in a StorageTek QFS Environment

Many of the steps involved in upgrading your Solaris OS level are identical to the steps involved in upgrading your StorageTek QFS environment. Some of the steps in this procedure reference procedures in the *StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM Software Installation and Configuration Guide*.

1. Obtain the software upgrade.

StorageTek QFS software supports various levels of the Solaris OS. You should not reinstall your old StorageTek QFS software onto your newly upgraded Solaris OS.

In addition, depending on the revision level currently installed and the level to which you are upgrading, you may need a new StorageTek QFS license.

Contact your ASP or StorageTek to obtain new copies of the software and to determine whether or not your site needs a new license.

2. Back up all site-customized system files and configuration files.

These files include `mcf`, `defaults.conf`, `samfs.cmd`, and so on. Back up these files for all file systems in your StorageTek QFS environment. Also make sure that you have backup copies of files in the `/etc/opt/SUNWsamfs` directory.

3. Ensure that each file system affected is backed up.

The file systems should be backed up regularly according to your site's policies. This is described as the last step in the installation procedure. If you are comfortable with the backup files that already exist for your file systems, there is no need to back them up again now. If, however, you need to back up your file systems to preserve information created since the last dump file was created, do so now. For information about how to create a dump file, see the *StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM Software Installation and Configuration Guide*.

4. Unmount the file systems.

For information about unmounting a file system, see [“Unmounting a File System” on page 67](#).

5. Remove existing StorageTek QFS software.

Use the `pkgrm(1M)` command to remove the existing software. You must remove the existing StorageTek QFS package before installing either the new package or the new operating system level.

For example, the following command removes the StorageTek QFS software:

```
# pkgrm SUNWqfsu SUNWqfsr
```

The information in this step assumes that you are removing a software package at the 4.1 release level or later. The software package names changed as of the 4.1 releases. If you have a software package on your system that was released prior to the 4.1 releases, see the [StorageTek QFS, StorageTek ASM, and StorageTek ASM QFS Installation and Configuration Guide](#), revision 4.0, for information about removing them.

6. Upgrade the Solaris OS.

Install the new Solaris OS revision using the Sun Solaris upgrade procedures for the Solaris OS level you are installing.

7. Add the packages.

The StorageTek QFS software package uses the Solaris OS packaging utilities for adding and deleting software. You must be logged in as superuser to make changes to software packages. The `pkgadd(1M)` command prompts you to confirm various actions necessary to upgrade the StorageTek QFS package.

On the installation CD-ROM, the StorageTek QFS package resides in the `/cdrom/cdrom0` directory.

Run the `pkgadd(1M)` command to upgrade the package, answering yes to each question:

```
# pkgadd -d . SUNWqfsr SUNWqfsu
```

During the installation, the system detects the presence of conflicting files and prompts you to indicate whether or not you want to continue with the installation. You can go to another window and copy any files you want to save to an alternate location.

8. Update the license keys. (Optional)

Depending on the StorageTek QFS software revision you had, and the revision to which you are upgrading, you might need to obtain new license

keys for your StorageTek QFS software. Contact your ASP or StorageTek for help on determining if you need a new license.

If you are upgrading from a StorageTek QFS release prior to 4.1, you need to place a new license key in the following file:

```
/etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/LICENSE.4.1
```

For more information, see the licensing information in the *StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM Software Installation and Configuration Guide*.

9. Update the mcf file. (Optional)

If device names have changed, it might be necessary to update the mcf file to match the new device names. Verify the new device names, and then follow the procedure in [“Propagating Configuration File Changes to the System” on page 60](#).

10. Mount the file system(s). (Optional)

Perform this step if you have not modified the `/etc/vfstab` file to have yes.

Use the procedure described in [“Mounting a File System” on page 64](#). Continue operation with the upgraded StorageTek QFS software.



# StorageTek QFS Shared File System

## 5

A StorageTek QFS shared file system is a distributed file system that can be mounted on multiple Solaris operating system (OS) host systems. In a StorageTek QFS shared file system environment, one Solaris OS host acts as the metadata server for the file system, and additional hosts can be configured as clients. You can configure more than one host as a potential metadata server, but only one host can be the metadata server at any one time. There is no limit to the number of StorageTek QFS shared file system mount points.

The advantage of the StorageTek QFS shared file system is that file data passes directly from the Fibre Channel disks to the hosts. Data travels via local path I/O (also known as *direct access I/O*). This is in contrast to the Network File System (NFS), which transfers data over the network.

This chapter describes how to configure and maintain the StorageTek QFS shared file system. It includes the following sections:

- [“Overview” on page 87](#)
- [“Configuring the StorageTek QFS Shared File System” on page 92](#)
- [“Mounting and Unmounting StorageTek QFS Shared File Systems” on page 113](#)
- [“Adding and Removing a Client Host” on page 114](#)
- [“Changing the Metadata Server \(StorageTek QFS Environment\)” on page 118](#)
- [“Daemons” on page 120](#)
- [“Mount Options in a StorageTek QFS Shared File System” on page 121](#)
- [“Mount Semantics in a StorageTek QFS Shared File System” on page 126](#)
- [“File Locking in a StorageTek QFS Shared File System” on page 127](#)
- [“Troubleshooting a Failed or Hung `sammkfs\(1M\)` or `mount\(1M\)` Command” on page 127](#)

## ■ Overview

The StorageTek QFS shared file system can be configured in either a StorageTek QFS or a StorageTek ASM QFS environment, as follows:

- In a StorageTek QFS environment, no archiving or staging occurs, so no network connection to archive media is necessary. If you are running in a StorageTek QFS standalone environment, you can ignore the information about archive media in this chapter.
- In a StorageTek ASM QFS environment, each host that can become the metadata server needs to be connected to the same archive media repository, which can be one of the following:
  - A library with removable media devices (tape or magneto-optical drives).
  - Disk space in one or more file systems.

You must specify the archive media in the mcf file or in the diskvols.conf file on each host that can become a metadata server.

In a StorageTek ASM-QFS environment, the active metadata server is the only host upon which the staging (sam-stagerd) and archiving (sam-archiverd) daemons are active. The metadata server is designated as the server from which all file requests are staged.

This chapter describes how to configure and maintain a StorageTek QFS shared file system. It assumes that you have installed the StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM QFS software on the host systems according to the instructions in the *StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM Software Installation and Configuration Guide*.

**Note:** The StorageTek QFS shared file system cannot be configured in a StorageTek ASM (an ms file system) environment.

[Figure 30](#) illustrates a StorageTek QFS shared file system configuration in a StorageTek ASM QFS environment.





Figure of a shared StorageTek ASM-QFS environment. Shows hosts titan, tethys, dione, and mimas connected to a LAN.

A Sun L700 library is attached to the LAN, to titan, and to tethys.

### Figure 30. StorageTek QFS Shared File System Configuration in a StorageTek ASM QFS Environment

Figure 30 shows four network-attached hosts: titan, tethys, dione, and mimas. The tethys, dione, and mimas hosts are the clients, and titan is the current metadata server. The titan and tethys hosts are potential metadata servers.

The archive media consists of a network-attached library and tape drives that are fibre-attached to titan and tethys. In addition, the archive media catalog resides in a file system that is mounted on the current metadata server, titan.

Metadata travels to and from the clients to the metadata server over the network. The metadata server makes all modifications to the name space, and this keeps the metadata consistent. The metadata server also provides the locking capability, the block allocation, and the block deallocation.

Several metadata disks are connected to titan and tethys, and these disks can only be accessed by the potential metadata servers. If titan were unavailable, the metadata server could failover to tethys, and the library, tape drives, and catalog could be accessed by tethys as part of the StorageTek QFS shared file

system. The data disks are connected to all four hosts by a Fibre Channel connection.

The examples in this chapter use the preceding configuration several times to explain aspects of the StorageTek QFS shared file system.

## ■ Configuration Requirements

The following sections describe the system requirements that must be met in order for you to install a StorageTek QFS shared file system.

### Metadata Server Requirement

There must be at least one Solaris metadata server. To use this file system effectively in a failover (high availability) environment, there must be at least one other Solaris OS system that can become the metadata server; the other servers are known as *potential* metadata servers.

The following are configuration recommendations with regard to metadata:

- A StorageTek QFS shared file system should have multiple metadata (mm) partitions. This spreads out metadata I/O and improves file system throughput.
- A StorageTek QFS shared file system should use a separate, private metadata network so typical user traffic does not interfere with metadata traffic. A switch-based (not hub-based) network is recommended for this.

### Operating System and Hardware Requirements

Ensure that your configuration meets the following operating system and hardware requirements:

- All Solaris OS systems in the StorageTek QFS shared file system must be based on SPARC<sup>(R)</sup> processors.
- The Solaris OS systems to be configured in the StorageTek QFS shared file system must be connected by a network.
- Online data storage devices must be directly accessible to all hosts. All online metadata storage devices must be directly accessible to all potential metadata server hosts.

### StorageTek QFS Release Levels

Ensure that your configuration meets the following StorageTek QFS requirements:

- The Solaris systems to be configured in the StorageTek QFS shared file system must have a StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM software package installed upon them.
- All StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM software installed on the Solaris systems in the StorageTek QFS shared file system must be at the same release level. This ensures that all Solaris systems in a StorageTek QFS shared file system have identical over-the-wire protocol versions. If these levels do not match, the system generates the following message when mounting is attempted:

```
SAM-FS: client client package version x mismatch, should be y.
```

The preceding message is written to the metadata server's `/var/adm/messages` file.

- When applying patches or upgrading the software for a StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM QFS Manager shared file system, make sure to apply the same patch to all hosts that have access to the shared file system. Unexpected results might occur if all host systems are not running the same patch level.

## Licensing

You must be licensed for the StorageTek QFS shared file system. This license is separate from your StorageTek QFS license. Contact your StorageTek sales representative for information about obtaining a license for the StorageTek QFS shared file system.

## StorageTek ASM QFS Manager Requirements

In a StorageTek ASM QFS Manager environment, the storage and archive management software must be known to be operational prior to the configuration of the StorageTek QFS shared file system.

## Failover Requirements (StorageTek ASM QFS Manager Environment)

If you want to be able to change the metadata server, such as in a StorageTek ASM QFS Manager failover environment, the following requirements must be met:

- Solaris systems to be configured as potential metadata servers must be attached through a storage area network or through a network attachment to the library and/or mount points that contain the archive media repository. This enables the other potential metadata servers in the StorageTek QFS shared file system to be able to access the archive images.

- The media catalog should reside in a file system that can be accessed from the metadata server and from all potential metadata servers.
- For metadata server failover in a StorageTek ASM QFS Manager environment, all potential metadata servers must be connected to both the automated library and to the archive media devices.
- To maintain NFS input/output (I/O) operations during a failover, take one of the following actions:
  - Mount the file system on the NFS clients with the hard option. For example:

```
kingkong:/sqfs1 - /nsqfs1 nfs - yes hard
```

- Set the timeo NFS mount parameter on the NFS client to span the time of the failover. A value of 3000 (5 minutes), should be adequate to handle most failover scenarios. For example:

```
kingkong:/sqfs1 - /nsqfs1 nfs - yes timeo=3000
```

- If the metadata server panics or fails, you must move any NFS mounts exported from the old metadata server to the new metadata server. This can be accomplished by using clustering software or by exporting the NFS mounts from the new metadata server. This must be followed by unmounting and remounting the file systems on each NFS client.

**Note:** If the metadata server panics or fails during a failover, and `samsharefs(1M) -R` is used to switch to a new metadata server, this might take several minutes while the TCP/IP connections time out. For more information about the `samsharefs(1M)` command, see the `samsharefs(1M)` man page.

## ■ Configuring the StorageTek QFS Shared File System

The following sections describe the process for creating a StorageTek QFS shared file system. The procedures in this process assume that you have the StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM-QFS package installed and configured correctly on all Solaris Operating Systems (OSs) that are to be part of the StorageTek QFS shared file system. For information about the installation process, see the *StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM Software Installation and Configuration Guide*.

The configuration process consists of several procedures. The following configuration procedures must be performed in the order in which they appear:

- [“To Review the Configuration Requirements” on page 93](#)
- [“To Configure the Shared Hosts” on page 93](#)
- [“To Configure the Metadata Server” on page 96](#)
- [“To Configure a Client Host” on page 104](#)
- [“To Enable Access to Archive Media and the Media Catalog \(Optional\)” on page 112](#)

## To Review the Configuration Requirements

- Review [“Configuration Requirements” on page 90](#).

## To Configure the Shared Hosts

You can use the following procedure to do the initial configuration work for one metadata server and one or more client hosts in a StorageTek QFS shared file system.

1. As superuser, log in to each Solaris system to be configured as a shared host in the StorageTek QFS shared file system.

You must have root permission to complete the steps in this procedure.

2. Issue the `pkginfo(1M)` command and examine its output to make sure that a StorageTek QFS or a StorageTek ASM package is installed on each host.

Each shared host must have either the `SUNWqfsr/SUNWqfsu` packages or the `SUNWsamfsr/SUNWsamfsu` packages installed upon it.

On a system already running StorageTek ASM QFS Manager, [Figure 31](#) shows the needed `SUNWsamfsr/SUNWsamfsu` packages.

**Figure 31. `pkginfo(1M)` Command Example on a StorageTek ASM QFS File System**

```
# pkginfo | grep SUNWsamfs
system SUNWsamfsr ASM and ASM-QFS Application Storage Manager Solaris 8 (root)
system SUNWsamfsu ASM and ASM-QFS Application Storage Manager Solaris 8 (usr)
```

3. Issue the `samcmd(1M) | (lowercase L, for license)` command and examine its output to determine whether or not the shared file system license is enabled.

Figure 32, which has been edited for inclusion in this manual, shows the shared file system license enabled.

**Figure 32. samcmd(1M) Output Showing a Shared File System License**

```
# samcmd 1

License information samcmd      4.1 16:22:16 May  3 2004
samcmd on host1
License: License never expires.
hostid = xxxxxxxx

License never expires
Shared filesystem support enabled
```

If this license is not enabled, contact your StorageTek sales representative or your authorized service provider for information on enabling the correct license key.

4. Issue the format(1M) command and examine its output.

Make sure that the metadata disk partitions configured for the StorageTek QFS shared file system mount point are connected to the potential metadata servers. Also make sure that the data disk partitions configured for the StorageTek QFS shared file system are connected to the potential metadata servers and to all the client hosts in this file system.

Figure 33. shows the format(1M) command output for titan. There is one metadata disk on controller 2, and there are three data disks on controller 3.

**Figure 33. format (1M) Command Output on titan**

```
titan<28>format
Searching for disks...done

AVAILABLE DISK SELECTIONS:
 0. c1t0d0 <SUN36G cyl 24620 alt 2 hd 27 sec 107>
    /pci@8,600000/SUNW,qlc@4/fp@0,0/ssd@w2100002037e9c296,0
 1. c2t2100002037E2C5DA0 <SUN36G cyl 24620 alt 2 hd 27 sec 107>
    /pci@8,600000/SUNW,qlc@4/fp@0,0/ssd@w2100002037e9c296,0
 2. c2t50020F23000065EE0 <SUN-T300-0116 cyl 34901 alt 2 hd 128 sec 256>
    /pci@8,600000/SUNW,qlc@4/fp@0,0/ssd@w50020f23000065ee,0
 3. c3t50020F2300005D22d0 <SUN-T300-0116 cyl 34901 alt 2 hd 128 sec 256>
    /pci@8,600000/SUNW,qlc@1/fp@0,0/ssd@w50020f2300005d22,0
 4. c3t50020F2300006099d0 <SUN-T300-0116 cyl 34901 alt 2 hd 128 sec 256>
    /pci@8,600000/SUNW,qlc@1/fp@0,0/ssd@w50020f2300006099,0
 5. c3t50020F230000651Cd0 <SUN-T300-0116 cyl 34901 alt 2 hd 128 sec 256>
    /pci@8,600000/SUNW,qlc@1/fp@0,0/ssd@w50020f230000651c,0
```

Figure 34. shows the format(1M) command output for tethys. There is one metadata disk on controller 2, and there are four data disks on controller 7.

**Figure 34. format (1M) Command Output on tethys**

```
tethys<1>format
Searching for disks...done

AVAILABLE DISK SELECTIONS:
  0. c0t1d0 <IBM-DNES-318350Y-SA60 cyl 11112 alt 2 hd 10 sec 320>
    /pci@1f,4000/scsi@3/sd@1,0
  1. c2t2100002037E9C296d0 <SUN36G cyl 24620 alt 2 hd 27 sec 107>
    /pci@8,600000/SUNW,qlc@4/fp@0,0/ssd@w2100002037e9c296,0
  2. c2t50020F23000065EEd0 <SUN-T300-0116 cyl 34901 alt 2 hd 128 sec 256>
    /pci@1f,4000/SUNW,qlc@4/ssd@w50020f23000065ee,0
  3. c7t50020F2300005D22d0 <SUN-T300-0116 cyl 34901 alt 2 hd 128 sec 256>
    /pci@1f,4000/SUNW,qlc@5/ssd@w50020f2300005d22,0
  4. c7t50020F2300006099d0 <SUN-T300-0116 cyl 34901 alt 2 hd 128 sec 256>
    /pci@1f,4000/SUNW,qlc@5/ssd@w50020f2300006099,0
  5. c7t50020F230000651Cd0 <SUN-T300-0116 cyl 34901 alt 2 hd 128 sec 256>
    /pci@1f,4000/SUNW,qlc@5/ssd@w50020f230000651c,0
```

Note the following in Figure 34.:

- The data disks on titan's controller 3 are the same disks as tethys' controller 7. You can verify this by looking at the World Wide Name, which is the last component in the device name. For titan's number 3 disk, the World Wide Name is 50020F2300005D22. This is the same name as number 3 on controller 7 on tethys.
- For titan's metadata disk, the World Wide Name is 50020F23000065EE. This is the same metadata disk as tethys' controller 2, target 0.

Figure 35 shows the format(1M) command's output for mimas. This shows three data disks on controller 1 and no metadata disks.

**Figure 35. format (1M) Command Output on mimas**

```
mimas<9>format
Searching for disks...done

AVAILABLE DISK SELECTIONS:
  0. c0t0d0 <SUN18G cyl 7506 alt 2 hd 19 sec 248>
    /pci@1f,4000/scsi@3/sd@0,0
  1. c1t50020F2300005D22d0 <SUN-T300-0116 cyl 34901 alt 2 hd 128 sec 256>
    /pci@1f,4000/SUNW,qlc@4/fp@0,0/ssd@w50020f2300005d22,0
  2. c1t50020F2300006099d0 <SUN-T300-0116 cyl 34901 alt 2 hd 128 sec 256>
    /pci@1f,4000/SUNW,qlc@4/fp@0,0/ssd@w50020f2300006099,0
  3. c1t50020F230000651Cd0 <SUN-T300-0116 cyl 34901 alt 2 hd 128 sec 256>
    /pci@1f,4000/SUNW,qlc@4/fp@0,0/ssd@w50020f230000651c,0
```

Figure 34 and Figure 35 show that the data disks on titan's controller 3 are the same disks as mimas' controller 1. You can verify this by looking at the World Wide Name, which is the last component in the device name. For titan's number 3 disk, the World Wide Name is 50020F2300005D22. This is the same name as number 3 on controller 1 on mimas.

**Note:** All the data disk partitions must be connected and accessible from all the hosts who are to share this file system. All the disk partitions, for both data and metadata, must be connected and accessible to all potential metadata servers. You can use the `format(1M)` command to verify these connections.

5. Verify that all the hosts have the same user and group IDs.

If you are not running the Network Information Name service (NIS), make sure that all `/etc/passwd` and all `/etc/group` files are identical. If you are running NIS, the `/etc/passwd` and `/etc/group` files should already be identical.

For more information about this, see the `nis+(1)` man page.

6. Set up the network time daemon command, `xntpd(1M)`, to synchronize the times on all the hosts.

The clocks of the metadata server and all client hosts must be synchronized during StorageTek QFS shared file system operations. For more information, see the `xntpd(1M)` man page.

## To Configure the Metadata Server

You configure one metadata server in a single StorageTek QFS shared file system.

1. As superuser, log in to the system to be used as the primary metadata server.

You must have root permission to complete the steps in this procedure.

2. Back up all site-customized system files and configuration files.

Depending on your software, these files can include `mcf`, `archiver.cmd`, `defaults.conf`, `samfs.cmd`, `inquiry.conf`, and so on. Back up these files for all file systems. Also make sure that you have backup copies of files in the `/etc/opt/SUNWsamfs` directory, files in the `/var/opt/SUNWsamfs` directory, library catalogs, the historian, and any parameter files for network-attached automated libraries.

In StorageTek ASM-QFS environments, if you do not know the names and locations of your catalog files, examine the `mcf` file with `vi(1)` or another viewing command and find the entries for the automated libraries. The path to each library's catalog files is in the Additional Parameters field. If



the Additional Parameters field is blank, however, the system uses the default path of `/var/opt/SUNWsamfs/catalog/catalog_name`. For more information about catalog file locations, see the `mcf(4)` man page.

3. Ensure that each file system to be modified is backed up. (Optional)

If you are creating a new file system as a StorageTek QFS shared file system, you do not need to complete this step.

If you want to move files from an existing StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM QFS file system into a new StorageTek QFS shared file system, make sure that your file systems are backed up. The file systems should be backed up regularly according to your site's policies. This is described as the last step in the installation procedure. If you are comfortable with the backup files that already exist for your file systems, there is no need to back them up again now. If, however, you need to back up your file systems to preserve information created since the last dump file was created, do so now. For information about how to create a dump file, see the StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM Software Installation and Configuration Guide.

To back up a StorageTek QFS file system, use the `qfsdump(1M)` command, which dumps both data and metadata. To back up a StorageTek ASM QFS file system, use the `samfsdump(1M)` command. Note that the `samfsdump(1M)` command issues warnings when creating the dump file if it encounters unarchived files in the file system. If warnings are issued, these files need to be archived before unmounting the file systems.

4. Modify the `mcf` file on the metadata server to include the StorageTek QFS shared file system.

The only difference between the `mcf` files of a StorageTek QFS shared file system and an unshared StorageTek QFS file system is the presence of the shared keyword in the Additional Parameters field of the file system name line of a StorageTek QFS shared file system, as follows:

- If you are adding the StorageTek QFS shared file system as an additional file system, use `vi(1)` or another editor to create the necessary entries in the `mcf` file to define a StorageTek QFS shared file system. Make sure to include the shared keyword in the Additional Parameters field of the file system name line.
- If you are creating a StorageTek QFS shared file system from an existing StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM QFS file system, use `vi(1)` or another editor to insert the shared keyword in the Additional Parameters field of the file system name line.

For information about creating an `mcf` file for a StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM QFS file system, see [“Volume Management” on page 41](#).

**Note:** If StorageTek QFS, StorageTek ASM, or StorageTek ASM QFS file systems are already operational on the StorageTek QFS shared file system's metadata server or on any of the client host systems, select a Family Set name that does not conflict with existing Family Set names on any host that will be included in the StorageTek QFS shared file system.

Figure 36 shows an mcf file fragment for titan that defines several disks for use in the StorageTek QFS shared file system. It shows the shared keyword in the Additional Parameters field on the file system name line.

**Figure 36. StorageTek QFS Shared File System mcf File Example for titan**

# Equipment	Eq	Eq	Family	Dev	Addl
# Identifier	Ord	Type	Set	Stat	Params
-----	---	----	-----	----	-----
sharefs1	10	ma	sharefs1	on	shared
/dev/dsk/c2t50020F23000065EE0s6	11	mm	sharefs1	on	
/dev/dsk/c3t50020F2300005D22d0s6	12	mr	sharefs1	on	
/dev/dsk/c3t50020F2300006099d0s6	13	mr	sharefs1	on	
/dev/dsk/c3t50020F230000651Cd0s6	14	mr	sharefs1	on	

**Note:** For any StorageTek ASM QFS shared file system that needs a failover capability, the lines in the mcf file that define that file system must be available on all potential metadata servers.

For each host that is a metadata server or potential metadata server, that host's mcf file must define all libraries and library catalogs used by its own shared file systems and by its potential shared file systems.

5. Create the hosts file on the metadata server.

Using vi(1) or another editor, create an ASCII hosts file that contains configuration information pertaining to all hosts in the StorageTek QFS shared file system. The ASCII hosts file defines the hosts that can share the Family Set name.

Hosts files must reside in `/etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/hosts.fs_name`, where `fs_name` is the Family Set name of the StorageTek QFS shared file system. Comments are permitted in the hosts file. Comment lines must begin with a pound character (#). Characters to the right of the pound character are ignored.

Table 23 shows the fields in the hosts file.

**Table 23. Hosts File Fields**

Field Number	Content
1	<p>The Host Name field. This field must contain an alphanumeric host name. It defines the StorageTek QFS shared file system hosts. This field can be created by using the output from the <code>hostname(1)</code> command.</p>
2	<p>The Host IP Addresses field. This field must contain a comma-separated list of host IP addresses. This field can be created by using the output received from the <code>ifconfig(1M) -a</code> command. The individual addresses can be specified in one of the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dotted-decimal IP address form</li> <li>• IP version 6 hexadecimal address form</li> <li>• As a symbolic name that the local domain name service (DNS) can resolve to a particular host interface</li> </ul> <p>The metadata server uses this field to determine whether a host is allowed to connect to the StorageTek QFS shared file system. If the metadata server receives a connect attempt from any interface not listed in this field, it rejects the connection attempt. Conversely, use care when adding elements here because the metadata server accepts any host with an IP address that matches an address in this field.</p> <p>The client hosts use this field to determine the metadata server interfaces to use when attempting to connect to the metadata server. Each host evaluates the addresses from left to right, and the connection is made using the first responding address in the list.</p>

**Table 23. Hosts File Fields (Continued)**

Field Number	Content
3	<p>The Server field. This field must contain either a dash character (-) or an integer ranging from 0 through <math>\underline{n}</math>. The - and the 0 are equivalent.</p> <p>If the Server field is a nonzero integer number, the host is a potential metadata server. The rest of the row defines the server as a metadata host. The metadata server processes all the metadata modification for the file system. At any one time there is at most one metadata server host, and that metadata server supports archiving, staging, releasing, and recycling for a StorageTek ASM-QFS shared file system.</p> <p>If the Server field is - or 0, the host is not eligible to be a metadata server.</p>
4	<p>Reserved for future use by StorageTek. This field must contain either a dash character (-) or a 0. The - and the 0 are equivalent.</p>
5	<p>The Server Host field. This field can contain either a blank or the server keyword in the row that defines the active metadata server. Only one row in the hosts file can contain the server keyword. This field must be blank in all other rows.</p>

The system reads and manipulates the hosts file. You can use the `samsharefs(1M)` command to examine metadata server and client host information about a running system.

**Example.** [Figure 37](#) is an example hosts file that shows four hosts.

**Figure 37. StorageTek QFS Shared File System Hosts File Example**

```
# File /etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/hosts.sharefs1
# Host      Host IP          Server  Not  Server
# Name     Addresses        Priority Used Host
# ----    -
titan     172.16.0.129,titan.xyzco.com    1      -    server
tethys    172.16.0.130,tethys.xyzco.com    2      -
mimas     mimas.xyzco.com                  -      -
dione     dione.xyzco.com                   -      -
```

[Figure 37](#) shows a hosts file that contains fields of information and comment lines for the `sharefs1` file system. In this example, the Server Priority field contains the number 1 in the Server Priority field to define the primary metadata server as titan. If titan is down, the next metadata server is tethys, and the number 2 in this field indicates this secondary priority. Note that neither dione nor mimas can ever be a metadata server.

6. Issue the `samd(1M)` config command on the metadata server host.

This command informs the `sam-fsd` daemon of the configuration changes. For example:

```
# samd config
```

7. Use the `sammkfs(1M)` command to initialize a new StorageTek QFS shared file system.

This step differs depending on whether you are creating a StorageTek QFS shared file system from an existing file system or whether the StorageTek QFS shared file system is completely new.

- a. If you are creating a StorageTek QFS shared file system from an existing file system, use the `sammkfs(1M)` and `samsharefs(1M)` commands to initialize the new file system and the hosts file.

Use these commands in the formats shown in Figure 38..

**Figure 38. Formats for Initializing a New Shared File System and Hosts File**

```
# samfsck -S -F fsname
# samsharefs -u -R fsname
```

For *fsname*, specify the Family Set Name of the file system from which you are creating the new StorageTek QFS shared file system.

- b. If you are creating a completely new StorageTek QFS shared file system, use the `sammkfs(1M)` command to initialize the file system.

Enter the `sammkfs(1M)` command at the system prompt. The `-S` options specifies that the file system be a StorageTek QFS shared file system. Use this command in the following format:

```
sammkfs -S -a allocation unit fs name
```

**Table 24. sammkfs(1M) Command Arguments**

Argument	Meaning
<i>allocation unit</i>	Specifies the number of bytes, in units of 1024 (1-kilobyte) blocks, to be allocated to a Disk Allocation Unit (DAU). The specified <i>allocation unit</i> must be a multiple of 8 kilobytes. For more information, see the <code>sammkfs(1M)</code> man page.
<i>fs name</i>	Family Set name of the file system as defined in the <code>mcf</code> file.

For more information about the `sammkfs(1M)` command, see the `sammkfs(1M)` man page. For example, you can use the following

sammkfs(1M) command to initialize a StorageTek QFS shared file system file system and identify it as shared:

```
# sammkfs -S -a 512 sharefs1
```

If the shared keyword appears in the mcf file, the file system must have been initialized as a shared file system by using the -S option to the sammkfs(1M) command. You cannot mount a file system as shared if it was not initialized as shared.

8. Issue the samd(1M) config command on the metadata server host.

This command informs the sam-fsd daemon of the configuration changes. For example:

```
# samd config
```

9. Use the ps(1) and grep(1) commands to verify that the sam-sharefsd daemon is running for this file system.

Figure 39 shows these commands.

### Figure 39. Output from the ps(1) and grep(1) Commands

```
# ps -ef | grep sam-sharefsd
root 26167 26158 0 18:35:20 ?        0:00 sam-sharefsd sharefs1
root 27808 27018 0 10:48:46 pts/21  0:00 grep sam-sharefsd
```

Figure 39. shows that the sam-sharefsd daemon is active for the sharefs1 file system. If this is the case for your system, you can proceed to the next step in this procedure. If, however, the output returned on your system does not show that the sam-sharefsd daemon is active for your StorageTek QFS shared file system, you need to perform some diagnostic procedures. For information about these procedures, see “Recovering a Hung mount(1M) Command” on page 133.

10. Create the mount point for the new StorageTek QFS shared file system. (Optional)

If your mount point already exists, you do not need to complete this step.

If you need to create a mount point, however, use the mkdir(1) command to create the directory for the mount point. For example:

```
# mkdir /sharefs1
```

11. Issue the chmod(1M) command to give the mount point the 755 set of permissions.

For example:

```
# chmod 755 /sharefs1
```

The permissions must be the same on all participant hosts. 755 is suggested as the initial permission set because users must have execute permission on the mount point in order to be able to use the file system after it has been mounted. After mounting the file systems, the root directory's permissions override this setting.

## 12. Modify the /etc/vfstab file.

You must have an entry in the /etc/vfstab file for the StorageTek QFS shared file system.

If you want the StorageTek QFS shared file system to automatically mount at boot, modify the /etc/vfstab file and put yes in the mount at boot field. If you put yes, StorageTek recommends also adding the bg mount option in the Mount Parameters field. The bg mount option mounts the file system in the background if the metadata server is not responding.

If you do not want to mount this system automatically at boot time, put no in the mount at boot field. In either case, shared is a required entry in the Mount Parameters field. [Figure 40](#) shows a completed /etc/vfstab file.

**Figure 40.** /etc/vfstab **File Example**

# FS name	FS to fsck	Mnt pt	FS type	fsck pass	Mt@boot	Mt params
sharefs1	-	/sharefs1	samfs	-	yes	shared,bg

## 13. Use the mount(1M) command to mount the StorageTek QFS shared file system on the metadata server.

For failover purposes, the mount options should be the same on the metadata server and all potential metadata servers. For example, you can create a samfs.cmd(4) file containing mount options and copy it to all the hosts.

For more information about mounting StorageTek QFS shared file systems, see [“Mount Options in a StorageTek QFS Shared File System” on page 121](#) or see the mount\_samfs(1M) man page.

## 14. Use the cd(1) command to change to the directory that contains the mount point. (Optional)

If you have dumped file data using qfsdump(1M) or samfsdump(1M), use the cd(1) command to change to the mount point for the new StorageTek QFS shared file system. This is the location to which file data will be restored.

15. Use the `qfsrestore(1M)` or `samfsrestore(1M)` commands to restore file system data. (Optional)

If you are creating a new file system that is a StorageTek QFS shared file system, you do not need to complete this step.

If you dumped existing file system data into a dump file earlier in this procedure, however, use the `qfsrestore(1M)` or `samfsrestore(1M)` commands to restore the data. For more information about restoring file systems, see the *StorageTek QFS, StorageTek ASM, and StorageTek ASM QFS Disaster Recovery Guide*.

**Example 1.** To restore from a StorageTek QFS file system, change to the directory that contains the mount point for the file system and issue the `qfsrestore(1M)` command. [Figure 41](#) shows restoring the files from the backup file named `qfs1.dump`:

**Figure 41.** `qfsrestore(1M)` Example

```
# cd /sharefs1
# qfsrestore -T -f /save/qfs/qfs1.dump
```

**Example 2.** To restore from a StorageTek ASM QFS file system, change to the directory that contains the mount point for the file system and issue the `samfsrestore(1M)` command. [Figure 42](#) shows restoring the metadata from the backup file named `samqfs1.dump` into the `sharefs1` StorageTek QFS shared file system:

**Figure 42.** `samfsrestore(1M)` Example

```
# cd /sharefs1
# samfsrestore -T -f /save/samqfs/samqfs1.dump
```

## To Configure a Client Host

You can configure multiple client hosts in a StorageTek QFS shared file system.

1. As superuser, log in to one of the client hosts.
2. Use the `format(1M)` command to verify the presence of client host disks.

For more information about this step, see how the `format(1M)` command is used in [“To Configure the Shared Hosts” on page 93](#).

3. Update the `mcf` file on the client host.

Any host system that wants to access or mount a shared file system must have that file system defined in its `mcf` file.

Use `vi(1)` or another editor to edit the `mcf` file on one of the client host systems. The `mcf` file must be updated on all client hosts to be included in the StorageTek QFS shared file system. The file system and disk



declaration information must have the same data for the Family Set name, Equipment Ordinal, and Equipment Type as the configuration on the metadata server. The mcf files on the client hosts must also include the shared keyword. The device names, however, can change as controller assignments can change from host to host.

The `samfsconfig(1M)` command generates configuration information that can help you to identify the devices included in the StorageTek QFS shared file system. Enter a separate `samfsconfig(1M)` command on each client host. Note that the controller number might not be the same controller number as on the metadata server because the controller numbers are assigned by each client host.

**Example 1.** Figure 43 shows how the `samfsconfig(1M)` command is used to retrieve device information for family set `sharefs1` on client `tethys`. Note that `tethys` is a potential metadata server, so it is connected to the same metadata disks as `titan`.

**Figure 43.** `samfsconfig(1M)` Command Example on `tethys`

```
tethys# samfsconfig /dev/dsk/*
#
# Family Set 'sharefs1' Created Wed Jun 27 19:33:50 2003
#
sharefs1          10 ma sharefs1 on shared
/dev/dsk/c2t50020F23000065EEd0s6 11 mm sharefs1 on
/dev/dsk/c7t50020F2300005D22d0s6 12 mr sharefs1 on
/dev/dsk/c7t50020F2300006099d0s6 13 mr sharefs1 on
/dev/dsk/c7t50020F230000651Cd0s6 14 mr sharefs1 on
```

Edit the mcf file on client host `tethys` by copying the last five lines of output from the `samfsconfig(1M)` command into the mcf file on client host `tethys`. Verify the following:

- Each Device State field must be set to `on`.
- The shared keyword must appear in the Additional Parameters field for the file system name.

Figure 44 shows the resulting mcf file.

**Figure 44.** mcf File for `sharefs1` Client Host `tethys`

```
# Equipment          Eq  Eq  Family  Dev  Add
# Identifier         Ord Type Set    State Params
# -----
sharefs1            10  ma   sharefs1 on   shared
/dev/dsk/c2t50020F23000065EEd0s6 11  mm   sharefs1 on
/dev/dsk/c7t50020F2300005D22d0s6 12  mr   sharefs1 on
/dev/dsk/c7t50020F2300006099d0s6 13  mr   sharefs1 on
/dev/dsk/c7t50020F230000651Cd0s6 14  mr   sharefs1 on
```

In Figure 44., note that the Equipment Ordinal numbers match those of the example mcf file for metadata server `titan`. These Equipment Ordinal

numbers must not already be in use on client host tethys or any other client host.

**Example 2.** Figure 45 shows how the `samfsconfig(1M)` command is used to retrieve device information for family set `sharefs1` on client host `mimas`. Note that `mimas` can never become a metadata server, and it is not connected to the metadata disks.

**Figure 45.** `samfsconfig(1M)` Command Example on `mimas`

```
mimas# samfsconfig /dev/dsk/*
#
# Family Set 'sharefs1' Created Wed Jun 27 19:33:50 2001
#
# Missing slices
# Ordinal 0
# /dev/dsk/c1t50020F2300005D22d0s6 12 mr sharefs1 on
# /dev/dsk/c1t50020F2300006099d0s6 13 mr sharefs1 on
# /dev/dsk/c1t50020F230000651Cd0s6 14 mr sharefs1 on
```

In the output from the `samfsconfig(1M)` command on `mimas`, note that Ordinal 0, which is the metadata disk, is not present. Because devices are missing, the `samfsconfig(1M)` command comments out the elements of the file system and omits the file system Family Set declaration line. Make the following types of edits to the mcf file:

- Create a file system Family Set declaration line, beginning with `sharefs1`, in the mcf file for client host `mimas`. Enter the shared keyword into the Additional Parameters field of the file system Family Set declaration line.
- Create one or more `nodev` lines for each missing Equipment Ordinal. For these lines, the keyword `nodev` must appear in the Equipment Identifier field for each inaccessible device. In this example, you create a device entry in the mcf file named `nodev` to represent the missing metadata disk.
- Ensure that each Device State field is set to `on`.
- Uncomment the device lines.

Figure 46 shows the resulting mcf file for `mimas`.

**Figure 46.** mcf File for Client Host `mimas`

```
# The mcf File For mimas
# Equipment          Eq  Eq  Family  Device Addl
# Identifier         Ord Type Set      State Params
-----
sharefs1             10  ma   sharefs1 on    shared
nodev                 11  mm   sharefs1 on
/dev/dsk/c1t50020F2300005D22d0s6 12  mr   sharefs1 on
/dev/dsk/c1t50020F2300006099d0s6 13  mr   sharefs1 on
/dev/dsk/c1t50020F230000651Cd0s6 14  mr   sharefs1 on
```

**Note:** If you update a metadata server's mcf file at any time after the StorageTek ASM QFS shared file system is mounted, make sure that you update the mcf files as necessary on all hosts that can access that shared file system.

4. Issue the `samd(1M)` config command on the metadata server host.

This informs the `sam-fsd` daemon of the configuration changes. For example:

```
# samd config
```

5. Create the local hosts configuration file on the client host. (Optional)

You might want to perform this step if your StorageTek QFS shared file system host systems have multiple host interfaces. You can use this file to specify how file system traffic should flow over public and private networks in your environment.

Using `vi(1)` or another editor, create an ASCII local hosts configuration file that defines the host interfaces that the metadata server and the client hosts can use when accessing the file system. The local hosts configuration file must reside in the following location:

```
/etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/hosts.fsname.local
```

For *fsname*, specify the Family Set Name of the StorageTek QFS shared file system.

Comments are permitted in the local host configuration file. Comment lines must begin with a pound character (`#`). Characters to the right of the pound character are ignored.

Table 25 shows the fields in the local hosts configuration file.

**Table 25. Local Hosts Configuration File Fields**

Field Number	Content
1	The Host Name field. This field must contain the alphanumeric name of a metadata server or potential metadata server that is part of the StorageTek QFS shared file system.
2	<p>The Host Interfaces field. This field must contain a comma-separated list of host interface addresses. This field can be created by using the output received from the <code>ifconfig(1M)</code> - a command. The individual interfaces can be specified in one of the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dotted-decimal IP address form</li> <li>• IP version 6 hexadecimal address form</li> <li>• As a symbolic name that the local domain name service (DNS) can resolve to a particular host interface</li> </ul> <p>Each host uses this field to determine whether a host will try to connect to the specified host interface. The system evaluates the addresses from left to right, and the connection is made using the first responding address in the list that is also included in the shared hosts file.</p>

In a StorageTek QFS shared file system, each client host obtains the list of metadata server IP addresses from the metadata server host.

The metadata server and the client hosts use both the `/etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/hosts.fs_name` file on the metadata server and the `hosts.fsname.local` file on each client host (if it exists) to determine the host interface to use when accessing the file system. This process is as follows (note that *client*, as in *network client*, is used to refer to both client hosts and the metadata server host in the following process):

1. The client obtains the list of metadata server host IP interfaces from the file system's on-disk host file. To examine this file, issue the `samsharefs(1M)` command from the metadata server or from a potential metadata server.
2. The client searches its files for a `hosts.fsname.local` file. Depending on the outcome of the search, one of the following courses of action is taken:

- a. If a hosts.*fsname*.local file does not exist, the client attempts to connect, in turn, to each address in the system hosts configuration file until it succeeds in connecting.
- b. If the hosts.*fsname*.local file exists, the client performs the following tasks:
  1. It compares the list of addresses for the metadata server from both the /etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/hosts.*fsname* file on the metadata server and the hosts.*fsname*.local file.
  2. It builds a list of addresses that are present in both places, and then it attempts to connect to each of these addresses, in turn, until it succeeds in connecting to the server. If the order of the addresses differs in these files, the client uses the ordering in the hosts.*fsname*.local file.

**Example.** This example expands on the example that was already begun in this chapter. For an overview of this example, see [Figure 30](#). [Figure 37](#) shows the hosts file for this configuration. [Figure 38](#) shows the interfaces to these systems.

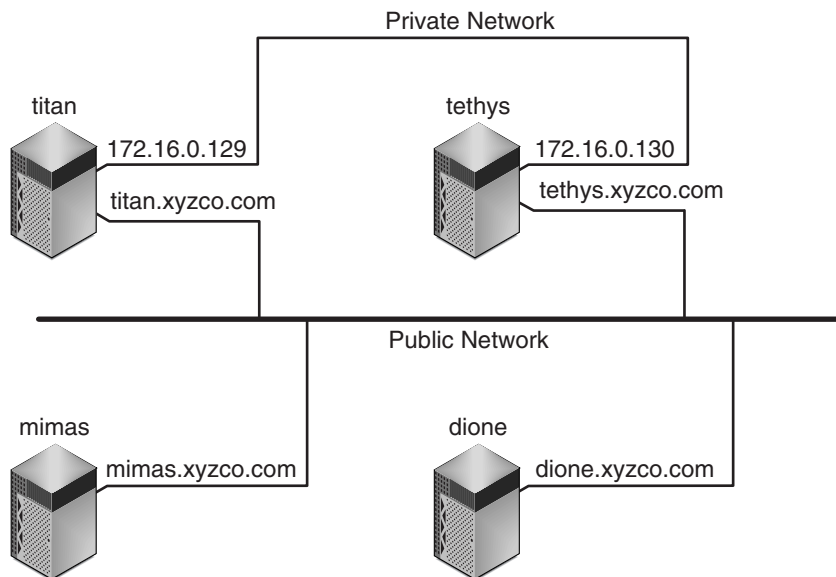


Figure of a shared StorageTek ASM-QFS environment showing public and private networks.

Shows hosts titan, tethys, dione, and mimas connected to a public network. Shows hosts titan and tethys connected by a private network.

#### Network Interfaces

Systems titan and tethys share a private network connection with interfaces 172.16.0.129 and 172.16.0.130. To guarantee that titan

and tethys always communicate over their private network connection, the system administrator has created identical copies of `/etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/hosts.sharefs1.local` on each system. [Figure 47](#) shows the information in these files.

**Figure 47. File `hosts.sharefs1.local` on Both titan and tethys**

```
# This is file /etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/hosts.sharefs1.local
# Host Name      Host Interfaces
# -----      -
titan           172.16.0.129
tethys          172.16.0.130
```

Systems mimas and dione are not on the private network. To guarantee that they connect to titan and tethys through titan's and tethys' public interfaces, and never attempt to connect to titan's or tethys' unreachable private interfaces, the system administrator has created identical copies of `/etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/hosts.sharefs1.local` on mimas and dione. [Figure 48](#) shows the information in these files.

**Figure 48. File `hosts.sharefs1.local` on Both mimas and dione**

```
# This is file /etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/hosts.sharefs1.local
# Host Name      Host Interfaces
# -----      -
titan           titan.xyzco.com
tethys          tethys.xyzco.com
```

6. **Issue the `samd(1M)` config command** on the client host.

This informs the `sam-fsd` daemon of the configuration changes. For example:

```
# samd config
```

7. Verify that the `sam-sharefsd` daemon is running for this file system.

To accomplish this, use the `ps(1)` and `grep(1)` commands as shown in [Figure 49](#).

**Figure 49. Output from the `ps(1)` Command**

```
# ps -ef | grep sam-sharefsd
root 26167 26158  0 18:35:20 ?        0:00 sam-sharefsd sharefs1
root 27808 27018  0 10:48:46 pts/21  0:00 grep sam-sharefsd
```

Figure 49. shows that the `sam-sharefsd` daemon is active for the `sharefs1` file system. If this is the case for your system, you can proceed to the next step in this procedure. If, however, the output returned on your system does not show that the `sam-sharefsd` daemon is active for your

StorageTek QFS shared file system, perform the diagnostic procedures described in [“Recovering a Hung mount\(1M\) Command”](#) on page 133.

8. Make the mount point for the new StorageTek QFS shared file system. (Optional)

If your mount point already exists, you do not need to complete this step.

If you need to create a mount point, however, use the `mkdir(1)` command to make the directory for the mount point. For example:

```
# mkdir /sharefs1
```

9. Issue the `chmod(1M)` command to give the mount point the 755 set of permissions.

For example:

```
# chmod 755 /sharefs1
```

The permissions must be the same on all participant hosts. 755 is suggested as the initial permission set because users must have execute permission on the mount point in order to be able to use the file system after it has been mounted. After mounting the file systems, the root directory’s permissions override this setting.

10. Modify the `/etc/vfstab` file.

You must have an entry in the `/etc/vfstab` file for the StorageTek QFS shared file system. Specify `shared` in the Mount Parameters field.

If you want the StorageTek QFS shared file system to automatically mount at boot, modify the `/etc/vfstab` file and put `yes` in the mount at boot field. If you put `yes`, StorageTek recommends also adding the `bg` mount option in the mount parameters field. The `bg` mount option mounts the file system in the background if the metadata server is not responding.

If you do not want to mount this system automatically at boot time, put `no` in the mount at boot field. In either case, as Figure 50. shows, `shared` is a required entry in the mount parameters field.

**Figure 50.** `/etc/vfstab` File Example

```
# File /etc/vfstab
# FS name  FS to fsck  Mnt pt   FS type  fsck  Mt@boot  Mt params
#                                     pass
sharefs1  -           /sharefs1 samfs    -      yes     shared,bg
```

11. Issue the `df(1M)` command on the metadata server to verify that the file system is mounted on the metadata server.

For example:

```
metadata_server# df -k
```

12. From the client host, issue the mount(1M) command to mount the StorageTek QFS shared file system on the client host.

For failover purposes, the mount options should be the same on the metadata server and all potential metadata servers. For example, you can create a samfs.cmd(4) file containing mount options and copy it to all the hosts.

For more information about mounting StorageTek QFS shared file systems, see [“Mount Options in a StorageTek QFS Shared File System” on page 121](#) or see the mount\_samfs(1M) man page.

For example:

```
client_host# mount /sharefs1
```

13. Repeat the steps in this procedure for each client host.

## To Enable Access to Archive Media and the Media Catalog (Optional)

If your StorageTek QFS shared file system is implemented in a StorageTek ASM QFS environment, the file system can access information stored on cartridges in a library. This procedure explains how to ensure that the data on these cartridges is accessible to the metadata server and the client hosts in a StorageTek QFS shared file system.

If your StorageTek QFS shared file system is implemented in a StorageTek QFS environment, you can omit this procedure.

1. Add library and drive devices to the mcf file on the potential metadata servers. (Optional)

In a StorageTek ASM QFS environment, you can configure a library and drives in the mcf file for all the potential metadata servers. If you are using disk archiving in this environment, you must configure a diskvols.conf file.

For information about configuring a library or enabling disk archiving, see the StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM Software Installation and Configuration Guide.

2. Issue the samd(1M) config command on all the potential metadata servers.



This informs the sam-fsd daemon of the configuration change. For example:

```
# samd config
```

## ■ Mounting and Unmounting StorageTek QFS Shared File Systems

When mounting or unmounting a StorageTek QFS shared file system, the order in which the Solaris OS is mounted or unmounted is important.

For failover purposes, the mount options should be the same on the metadata server and all potential metadata servers. For example, you can create a samfs.cmd(4) file containing mount options and copy it to all the hosts.

For more information about mounting StorageTek QFS shared file systems, see [“Mount Options in a StorageTek QFS Shared File System” on page 121](#) or see the mount\_samfs(1M) man page. For more information about mounting and unmounting file systems, see [“File System Operations” on page 59](#).

### To Mount a StorageTek QFS Shared File System

The mount(1M) command mounts a StorageTek QFS shared file system in a Solaris OS. For more information about the mount(1M) command, see the mount(1M) man page.

1. Become superuser on the metadata server and on all the client hosts.
2. Use the mount(1M) command to mount the metadata server.

Mount the file system on the metadata server prior to mounting it on any client hosts.

3. Use the mount(1M) command to mount the client hosts.

You can mount the file system on the client hosts in any order.

### To Unmount a StorageTek QFS Shared File System

The umount(1M) command unmounts a StorageTek QFS shared file system from a Solaris system. For more information about the umount(1M) command, see the umount(1M) man page.

1. Become superuser on the metadata server and on all the client hosts.
2. Use the umount(1M) command to unmount the client hosts.

The order in which the client hosts are unmounted is not important.

3. Use the umount(1M) command to unmount the metadata server.

Unmount the metadata server only after unmounting all client hosts.

Several conditions can be present in a file system at unmounting time that can interfere with the unmounting process. You might need to issue the `umount(1M)` command a second time. If the file system still does not unmount, use `unshare(1M)`, `fuser(1M)`, or other commands in conjunction with the `umount(1M)` command. Unmounting procedures are also described in the StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM Software Installation and Configuration Guide.

## ■ Adding and Removing a Client Host

The following sections describe adding and removing client host systems:

- [“To Add a Client Host” on page 114](#)
- [“To Remove a Client Host” on page 116](#)

### To Add a Client Host

You can add a client host to a StorageTek QFS shared file system after you have configured and mounted the file system on all participants.

1. Become superuser on the metadata server.
2. Use the `samsharefs(1M)` command to retrieve the current StorageTek QFS shared file system information and write it to an editable file.
  - If the StorageTek QFS shared file system is mounted, issue the `samsharefs(1M)` command on the current metadata server. For example:

```
# samsharefs sharefs1 > /etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/hosts.sharefs1
```

- If the StorageTek QFS shared file system is unmounted, issue the `samsharefs(1M)` command with its `-R` option from the metadata server or from any of the potential metadata servers. For example:

```
# samsharefs -R sharefs1 > /etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/hosts.sharefs1
```

You can issue the `samsharefs(1M)` command only on the active metadata server or on client hosts configured as potential metadata servers. For more information, see the `samsharefs(1M)` man page.

**Note:** You can change the hosts information on any potential metadata server when the file system is unmounted. StorageTek recommends that you always retrieve the hosts information to ensure that the hosts information is current.

- Use vi(1) or another editor to open the StorageTek QFS shared file system information file.

Figure 51 shows this step.

**Figure 51.** hosts.sharefs1 Prior to Editing

```
# vi /etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/hosts.sharefs1
# File /etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/hosts.sharefs1
# Host      Host IP          Server  Not  Server
# Name      Addresses          Priority Used Host
# ----      -
titan      172.16.0.129,titan.xyzco.com    1      -    server
tethys     172.16.0.130,tethys.xyzco.com    2      -
mimas      mimas.xyzco.com                -      -
dione      dione.xyzco.com                 -      -
```

- Use the editor to add a line for the new client host.

Figure 52 shows the file after adding the line for helene as the last line.

**Figure 52.** hosts.sharefs1 After Editing

```
# File /etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/hosts.sharefs1
# Host      Host IP          Server  Not  Server
# Name      Addresses          Priority Used Host
# ----      -
titan      172.16.0.129,titan.xyzco.com    1      -    server
tethys     172.16.0.130,tethys.xyzco.com    2      -
mimas      mimas.xyzco.com                -      -
dione      dione.xyzco.com                 -      -
helene     helene.xyzco.com                 -      -
```

- Use the samsharefs(1M) command to update the current information in the binary file.

The options to use on this command, and the system from which it is issued, differ depending on whether or not the StorageTek QFS shared file system is mounted, as follows:

- If the StorageTek QFS shared file system is mounted, issue the samsharefs(1M) -u command from the current metadata server. For example:

```
# samsharefs -u sharefs1
```

- If the StorageTek QFS shared file system is unmounted, issue the samsharefs(1M) -R -u command from the active metadata server or from any of the potential metadata servers. For example:

```
# samsharefs -R -u sharefs1
```

The client host helene is now recognized.

6. Follow the steps described in [“To Configure a Client Host” on page 104](#).

Completing the task of adding a client host to a configured and mounted StorageTek QFS shared file system consists of following the steps described previously for configuring a client host.

## To Remove a Client Host

1. Become superuser on the metadata server and on all the client hosts.

**Tip-**You can use the `samsharefs(1M)` command to verify that you are, indeed, logged into the metadata server or a client host.

2. Use the `umount(1M)` command to unmount the StorageTek QFS shared file system on the first client host.

Repeat this step for all client hosts that have the StorageTek QFS shared file system mounted.

For example:

```
client# umount sharefs1
```

3. Use the `umount(1M)` command to unmount the StorageTek QFS shared file system on the metadata server.

For example:

```
metaserver# umount sharefs1
```

4. If you have not already done so, log in as superuser to the metadata server for the StorageTek QFS shared file system.
5. Use the `samsharefs(1M)` command to obtain the current configuration information.

The following example command writes current configuration information to file `/etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/hosts.sharefs1`:

```
# samsharefs -R sharefs1 > /etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/hosts.sharefs1
```

6. Use `vi(1)` or another editor to open the StorageTek QFS shared file system information file.

Figure 53 shows the file prior to deleting the client host.

**Figure 53.** `hosts.sharefs1` Prior to Deleting a Client Host

```
# vi /etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/hosts.sharefs1
# File /etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/hosts.sharefs1
# Host      Host IP          Server  Not  Server
# Name      Addresses          Priority Used Host
# -----
titan      172.16.0.129,titan.xyzco.com    1      -    server
tethys     172.16.0.130,tethys.xyzco.com    2      -
mimas      mimas.xyzco.com                  -      -
dione      dione.xyzco.com                   -      -
helene     helene.xyzco.com                   -      -
```

- Use the editor to delete the client host or hosts that are no longer to be supported.

Figure 54 shows the file after the line for helene has been deleted.

**Figure 54.** `hosts.sharefs1` After Deleting a Client Host

```
# File /etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/hosts.sharefs1
# Host      Host IP          Server  Not  Server
# Name      Addresses          Priority Used Host
# -----
titan      172.16.0.129,titan.xyzco.com    1      -    server
tethys     172.16.0.130,tethys.xyzco.com    2      -
mimas      mimas.xyzco.com                  -      -
dione      dione.xyzco.com                   -      -
```

- Use the `samsharefs(1M) -R -u` command to update the current hosts information.

For example:

```
# samsharefs -R -u sharefs1
```

The host helene has been removed.

- Use the `samsharefs(1M) -R` command to display the current configuration.

For example:

```
# samsharefs -R sharefs1
```

- Use the `mount(1M)` command to mount the StorageTek QFS shared file system on the metadata server.

For information about the `mount(1M)` command, see the `mount_samfs(1M)` man page.

11. Use the `mount(1M)` command to mount the StorageTek QFS shared file system on the client hosts.

For information about the `mount(1M)` command, see the `mount_samfs(1M)` man page.

## ■ Changing the Metadata Server (StorageTek QFS Environment)

When you perform a manual failover, you change the metadata server. The procedures in the following sections describe how to change the metadata server in a StorageTek QFS shared file system without using the automatic Membership Services feature of a software package such as Sun Cluster.

You can perform a manual failover if the metadata server goes down or becomes unavailable. Such a failover can also be performed if you want to change the metadata server or the potential metadata servers. For failover purposes, the mount options of the metadata server and all potential metadata servers should be the same.

**Note:** Contact the StorageTek Professional Services Group if you need assistance in changing the metadata server in a StorageTek ASM QFS environment.

Choose from one of the following procedures depending on whether the metadata server is available at the time the failover is being performed:

- [“To Change the Metadata Server When the Metadata Server is Up” on page 118](#)
- [“To Change the Metadata Server When the Metadata Server is Down” on page 119](#)

### To Change the Metadata Server When the Metadata Server is Up

This procedure shows how to change the metadata server of a StorageTek QFS shared file system in a StorageTek QFS environment when the metadata server is up.

- On the metadata server, issue the `samsharefs(1M) -s` command to declare the new metadata server.

For example:

```
titan# samsharefs -s tethys sharefs1
```

## To Change the Metadata Server When the Metadata Server is Down

This procedure shows how to change the metadata server of a StorageTek QFS shared file system in a StorageTek QFS environment when the metadata server is down.

1. Ensure that the metadata server cannot restart without being rebooted.

Specifically, ensure that the server is powered down, rebooted, halted, or disconnected from the metadata disks. Your goal is to bring down the old metadata server and flush or destroy all buffers (or otherwise ensure that they cannot be rewritten).

Figure 55 shows the key sequence to use from the `kadb` prompt.

**Figure 55. Key Sequence for Ensuring that the Metadata Server Cannot Restart from the `kadb` Prompt**

```
kadb[1]: :c      # Forces a dump
kadb[1]: $q      # Exits the debugger for prom
```

Figure 56. shows the key sequence to use from the PROM prompt.

**Figure 56. Key Sequence for Ensuring that the Metadata Server Cannot Restart from the PROM Prompt**

```
{0} > sync      # Forces the buffers out
{0} > boot args # Discards buffers
```

For args, specify arguments for the `boot(1M)` command, such as `-r` or `-v`. For information, see the `boot(1M)` man page.

**CAUTION:** If the metadata server of a shared file system crashes, it is safe to do an involuntary failover only *after* rebooting the metadata server or otherwise ensuring that the server cannot issue any I/O prior to being rebooted. Do not use any of the following methods to stop the server because these are likely to corrupt the file system:

- Issuing an L1-A key sequence
- Performing an involuntary failover to another host
- Issuing a `go` (continue), requesting a dump file, or issuing a `sync` command to the old, down metadata server

Similarly, if the metadata server panics and drops into kernel `adb(1)`, do not perform an involuntary failover and then issue `:c` (continue) on the server. This action causes the old, down metadata server to push stale buffers out to the now active file system.

2. From the new (potential) metadata server, wait for at least the period of the maximum lease time, and then issue the `samsharefs(1M)` command.

The wait is necessary because you must ensure that all client leases expire before the failover is performed. From the new metadata server, issue a command such as the following:

```
tethys# samsharefs -R -s tethys sharefs1
```

If you are uncertain as to whether or not the lease time has expired, bring up the `samu(1M) N` display. For information about `samu(1M)`, see [“Using the `samu\(1M\) Operator Utility`” on page 143](#). For information about leases and their durations, see [“Using Leases in a StorageTek QFS Shared File System: the `rdlease=n`, `wrlease=n`, and `aplease=n` Options” on page 122](#).

**CAUTION:** If you use the `-R` option to the `samsharefs(1M)` command on a mounted file system to change the metadata server host, you must first stop, disable, and disconnect the active metadata server. Failure to do so can cause file system corruption.

3. Unmount the file system. (Optional)

Perform this step only if you want to perform a file system check.

Use the procedure in [“To Unmount a StorageTek QFS Shared File System” on page 113](#).

4. Issue the `samfsck(1M)` command to perform a file system check. (Optional)

Perform this step only if you want to perform a file system check at this time.

If the metadata server of a StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM QFS shared file system crashes, the server should be rebooted and the file system should be unmounted on all clients before a `samfsck(1M)` is run. The server and clients preallocate blocks before changing the length of files. The `samfsck(1M)` command cleans up files that have extra blocks allocated, and these extra blocks might contain data. If such a cleaned-up file is awaiting a size update from the client, the file will be missing those blocks when the client continues. As a result, the file will be missing data, and the missed data will read as zeroes.

## ■ Daemons

In a StorageTek QFS shared file system, a `sam-fsd` daemon is always active. In addition, one `sam-sharefsd` daemon is active for each mount point configured in the StorageTek QFS shared file system.



When a sam-fsd daemon recognizes a StorageTek QFS shared file system, it starts a shared file system daemon (sam-sharefsd). TCP sockets are used to communicate between the server and client hosts. All clients that connect to the metadata server are validated against the hosts file.

One StorageTek QFS shared file system daemon is started for each StorageTek QFS shared file system shared mount point on each client host. This daemon establishes a connection to the metadata server. The sam-sharefsd daemon on the metadata server opens a listener socket on the port named sam-qfs. At StorageTek QFS installation time, the sam-qfs entry is added to /etc/services automatically, and this entry should not be removed. The shared file system port is defined in the /etc/inet/services file. The port number installed in the /etc/inet/services file is 7105. Verify that this port does not conflict with another service.

**Note:** In releases prior to the StorageTek QFS 4.1 release, one port per file system was required. You can remove these entries from your file.

All metadata operations, block allocation and deallocation, and record locking are performed on the metadata server. The sam-sharefsd daemon does not keep any information. Hence, it can be killed and restarted without causing any consistency problems for the file system.

## ■ Mount Options in a StorageTek QFS Shared File System

The StorageTek QFS shared file system can be mounted with several mount options. This chapter describes many options within the context of their roles. Other options, however, are useful only in certain situations. This section describes the mount options that can be used for special purposes.

You can specify most mount options by using the mount(1M) command, by entering them in the /etc/vfstab file, or by entering them in the samfs.cmd(4) file. For example, the following /etc/vfstab file includes mount(1M) options for a StorageTek QFS shared file system:

```
sharefs1 - /sfs samfs - no shared,mh_write
```

You can change some mount options dynamically by using the samu(1M) operator utility. For more information about these options, see [“Using the samu\(1M\) Operator Utility” on page 143](#).

The following sections summarize the mount options available to you in a StorageTek QFS shared file system. For more information about any of these mount options, see the mount\_samfs(1M) man page or see the cross-references mentioned in their descriptions.

## Mounting in the Background: the `bg` Option

The `bg` mount option specifies that if the first mount operation fails, subsequent attempts at mounting should occur in the background. By default, `bg` is not in effect, and mount attempts continue in the foreground.

## Reattempting a File System Mount: the `retry` Option

The `retry` mount option specifies the number of times that the system should attempt to mount a file system. The default is 10000.

## Declaring a StorageTek QFS Shared File System: the `shared` Option

The `shared` mount option declares a file system to be a StorageTek QFS shared file system. This option must be specified in the `/etc/vfstab` file in order for the file system to be mounted as a StorageTek QFS shared file system. The presence of this option in a `samfs.cmd(4)` file or on the `mount(1M)` command does not cause an error condition, but it does not mount the file system as a StorageTek QFS shared file system.

For more information about how to use this option, see [“To Configure the Metadata Server” on page 96](#) or see [“To Configure a Client Host” on page 104](#).

## Tuning Allocation Sizes: the `minallopsz=n` and `maxallopsz=n` Options

The `-o minallopsz=n` and `-o maxallopsz=n` options to the `mount(1M)` command specify an amount of space, in kilobytes. This is the minimum block allocation size. If a file is growing, the metadata server allocates blocks when an append lease is granted. You can use the `-o minallopsz=n` option to specify the initial size of this allocation. The metadata server can increase the size of the block allocation depending on the application’s access patterns up to, but not exceeding, the `-o maxallopsz=n` option’s setting.

You can specify these `mount(1M)` options on the `mount(1M)` command line, in the `/etc/vfstab` file, or in the `samfs.cmd` file.

## Using Leases in a StorageTek QFS Shared File System: the `rdlease=n`, `wrlease=n`, and `aplease=n` Options

A *lease* grants a shared host permission to perform an operation on a file for as long as the lease is valid. The metadata server issues leases to each shared host, including itself. The leases are renewed as necessary to permit continued file operations. The possible file operations are as follows:

- A *read lease* enables existing file data to be read.

- A *write lease* enables existing file data to be overwritten.
- An *append lease* enables a file's size to be extended and enables newly allocated blocks to be written.

A shared host can continue to update leases for as long as necessary. The lease is transparent to the end user. Table 26. shows the mount options that enable you to specify the duration of each lease type.

**Table 26. Lease-Related `mount(1M)` Options**

Option	Action
<code>-o rlease=<i>n</i></code>	This option specifies the maximum amount of time, in seconds, for the read lease.
<code>-o wrlease=<i>n</i></code>	This option specifies the maximum amount of time, in seconds, for the write lease.
<code>-o aplease=<i>n</i></code>	This option specifies the maximum amount of time, in seconds, for the append lease.

All three leases enable you to specify an *n* such that  $15 \leq n \leq 600$ . The default time for each lease is 30 seconds. A file cannot be truncated if a lease is in effect. For more information about setting these leases, see the `mount_samfs(1M)` man page.

If you change the metadata server because the current metadata server is down, you must add the lease time to the failover time because all leases must expire before an alternate metadata server can assume control.

Setting a short lease time causes more traffic between the client hosts and the metadata server because the lease must be renewed after it has expired.

## Enabling Multiple Host Reads and Writes: the `mh_write` Option

By default, in a StorageTek QFS shared file system, multiple hosts can read the same file at the same time, and if no host is writing to that file, I/O can be paged on all hosts. Only one host can append or write to a file at any one time.

The `mh_write` option controls write access to the same file from multiple hosts. If `mh_write` is specified as a mount option on the metadata server host, the StorageTek QFS shared file system enables simultaneous reads and writes to the same file from multiple hosts. If `mh_write` is not specified on the metadata server host, only one host can write to a file at any one time.

By default, `mh_write` is disabled, and only one host has write access to a file at any one time. The length of that time period is determined by the duration of the `wrlease` mount option. If the StorageTek QFS shared file system is mounted on the metadata server with the `mh_write` option enabled, simultaneous reads and writes to the same file can occur from multiple hosts.

Table 27. describes how file access from multiple hosts is affected depending on whether the `mh_write` option is enabled on the metadata server.

**Table 27. File Access Based on the `mh_write` Option**

<b>mh_write Not Enabled on the Metadata Server</b>	<b>mh_write Enabled on the Metadata Server</b>
Multiple reader hosts allowed. Can use paged I/O.	Multiple reader hosts allowed. Can use paged I/O.
Only one writer host is allowed. Can use paged I/O. All other hosts wait.	Multiple reader and/or writer hosts allowed. If any writer hosts exist, all I/O is direct.
Only one append host. All other hosts wait.	Only one append host is allowed. All other hosts can read and/or write. If any writer hosts exist, all I/O is direct.

The `mh_write` option does not change locking behavior. File locks behave the same whether `mh_write` is in effect or not. The `mh_write` option's effect is as follows:

- When `mh_write` is in effect, all hosts can read from and write to the same file simultaneously.
- When `mh_write` is not in effect, only one host can write to a given file during a given time interval, and no hosts can read from the file during that time interval.

StorageTek QFS shared file system maintains consistency between hosts. The first time that a host executes a read or write system call, it gets a lease, which allows it to read or write the file for some period of time. The existence of that lease prevents other hosts without `mh_write` from accessing the file. In particular, the lease can last longer than the duration of the system call that caused its acquisition.

When `mh_write` is not in effect, the StorageTek QFS shared file system should provide near-POSIX behavior for data reads and writes. For metadata, however, access time changes might not be seen immediately on other hosts. Changes to a file are pushed to disk at the end of a write lease, and when a read lease is acquired, the system invalidates any stale cache pages so that the newly written data can be seen.

When `mh_write` is in effect, behavior might be less consistent. When there are simultaneous readers and writers, the StorageTek QFS shared file system switches all hosts accessing the file into direct I/O mode. This means that page-aligned I/O should be visible immediately to other hosts. However, non-

page-aligned I/O can result in stale data being visible, or even written to the file, because the normal lease mechanism that prevents this has been disabled.

You should specify the `mh_write` option only when multiple hosts need to write to the same file simultaneously and when applications perform page-aligned I/O. In other cases, there is some risk of data inconsistency because even using `flock()` (which works with `mh_write`) to coordinate between hosts does not guarantee consistency.

For more information about `mh_write`, see the `mount_samfs(1M)` man page.

## Setting the Number of Concurrent Threads: the `nstreams=n` Option

The `nstreams=n` mount option sets the number of concurrent threads for the StorageTek QFS shared file system. By default, `nstreams=256`. This means, for example, that under default settings, up to 256 operations can be processed simultaneously, and the 257th operation commences only after an operation has finished. You can adjust the `nstreams=n` mount option based on the StorageTek QFS shared file system's activity. For n, specify a value such that 76 ≤ n ≤ 1024.

## Retaining Cached Attributes: the `meta_timeo=n` Option

The `meta_timeo=n` mount option determines how long the system waits between checks on the metadata information. By default, the system refreshes metadata information every 15 seconds. This means, for example, that an `ls(1)` command entered in a StorageTek QFS shared file system with several newly created files might not return information about all the files until 15 seconds had passed. For n, specify a value such that 0 ≤ n ≤ 60.

## Specifying Striped Allocation: the `stripe` Option

By default, data files in the StorageTek QFS shared file system are allocated using the round-robin file allocation method. To specify that file data be striped across disks, you can specify the `stripe` mount option on the metadata host and all potential metadata hosts. Note that by default, unshared file systems allocate file data using the striped method.

In a round-robin allocation, files are created in a round-robin fashion on each slice or striped group. This causes the maximum performance for one file to be the speed of a slice or striped group. For more information about file allocation methods, see [“File System Design” on page 11](#).

## Specifying the Frequency With Which Metadata is Written: the `sync_meta=n` Option

You can set the `sync_meta=n` option to `sync_meta=1` or `sync_meta=0`.

By default, `sync_meta=1` and a StorageTek QFS shared file system writes file metadata to disk every time the metadata changes. This slows data performance, but it ensures data consistency. This is the setting that must be in effect if failover capability is required.

If you set `sync_meta=0`, the StorageTek QFS shared file system writes the metadata to a buffer before writing it to disk. This delayed write delivers higher performance, but it decreases data consistency after an unscheduled machine interruption.

## ■ Mount Semantics in a StorageTek QFS Shared File System

The behavior of the StorageTek QFS shared file system is that of an interruptible hard connection. Each client tries repeatedly to communicate with the metadata server, even if the server is unavailable. If the metadata server is not responding, a user can terminate any pending, blocked I/O transmission by pressing Ctrl-C. If the I/O attempt is interrupted, the client persists until the I/O completes.

The system generates the following messages to describe status conditions:

```
SAM-FS: Shared server is not responding.
```

This message is also generated if the client `sam-sharefsd` daemon is not active or if the server `sam-sharefsd` daemon is not active. When the server responds, it generates the following message:

```
SAM-FS: Shared server is responding.
```

If the file system is not mounted on the metadata server, but it is mounted on the client, the system generates the following message:

```
SAM-FS: Shared server is not mounted.
```

When the StorageTek QFS shared file system mounts on the server, it generates the following message:

```
SAM-FS: Shared server is mounted.
```

## ■ File Locking in a StorageTek QFS Shared File System

Mandatory locks are not supported. An EACCES error is returned if the mandatory lock is set. Advisory locks are supported. For more information about advisory locks, see the `fcntl(2)` system call.

## ■ Performance Considerations

Because the metadata server looks up file names on behalf of all clients, performance can improve if you increase the size of the Solaris directory name lookup cache (DNLC) on the metadata server. This can increase performance when clients are frequently opening a large number of files. Doubling or tripling the size of this cache from its default can be appropriate.

This procedure is documented in the [Solaris Tunable Parameters Reference Manual](#). The parameter that controls the size of the directory name lookup cache is `ncsize`.

## ■ Troubleshooting a Failed or Hung `sammkfs(1M)` or `mount(1M)` Command

The following sections describe what to do when a `sammkfs(1M)` or `mount(1M)` command fails or when a `mount(1M)` command hangs.

The procedures in this section can be performed on client hosts and can also be performed on the server. Commands that can be executed only on the metadata server are preceded with a `server#` prompt.

### Recovering a Failed `sammkfs(1M)` Command

If the `sammkfs(1M)` command returns an error or messages indicating that an unexpected set of devices are to be initialized, you need to perform this procedure. It includes steps for verifying the `mcf(4)` file and for propagating `mcf(4)` file changes to the system.

#### To Verify the `mcf(4)` File and Propagate `mcf(4)` File Changes to the System

1. Use the `sam-fsd(1M)` command to verify the `mcf(4)` file.

For example:

```
# sam-fsd
```

Examine the output from the `sam-fsd(1M)` command and determine if there are errors that you need to fix.

2. Edit the `mcf(4)` file to resolve any diagnostic issues. (Optional)

Perform this step if the output from the `sam-fsd(1M)` command indicates that there are errors in the `/etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/mcf` file.

3. Issue the `sam-fsd(1M)` command again to verify the `mcf(4)` file.

Repeat Step 1, Step 2, and Step 3 of this process until the output from the `sam-fsd(1M)` command indicates that the `mcf(4)` file is correct.

4. Issue the `samd(1M) config` command.

This is needed to propagate `mcf(4)` file changes by informing the `sam-fsd` daemon of the configuration change.

For example:

```
# samd config
```

## Recovering a Failed `mount(1M)` Command

A `mount(1M)` command can fail for several reasons. This section describes some actions you can take to remedy a mount problem. If the `mount(1M)` command hangs, rather than fails, see [“Recovering a Hung `mount\(1M\)` Command” on page 133](#).

Some failed `mount(1M)` behaviors and their remedies are as follows:

- If the `mount(1M)` command fails with a Shared server is not mounted message generated on a client, determine the server host and mount the file system on the metadata server.
- If the `mount` command fails with a message indicating that there is a mismatch between the file system and the `mcf(4)` file, ensure the following:
  - That the `mcf(4)` file is syntactically valid. For more information, see [“To Verify the `mcf\(4\)` File and Propagate `mcf\(4\)` File Changes to the System” on page 127](#).
  - That recent changes to the `mcf(4)` file are valid and have been enacted. For more information, see [“To Verify the `mcf\(4\)` File and Propagate `mcf\(4\)` File Changes to the System” on page 127](#).
  - That the `mcf(4)` file matches the server’s `mcf(4)` file with device names or controller numbers adjusted for any differences on the client. You can use the `samfsconfig(1M)` command to diagnose some of these problems. For more information about using the `samfsconfig(1M)` command, see [“To Use the `samfsconfig\(1M\)` Command” on page 132](#).



- If the `mount(1M)` command fails for other reasons, use the procedures described in the following sections to verify the system characteristics that must be in place in order for the `mount(1M)` command to be successful. These procedures are as follows:
  - [“To Verify that the File System can be Mounted” on page 129](#)
  - [“To Use the `samfsinfo\(1M\)` and `samsharefs\(1M\)` Commands” on page 130](#)
  - [“To Use the `samfsconfig\(1M\)` Command” on page 132](#)

## To Verify that the File System can be Mounted

If this procedure does not expose errors, perform [“To Use the `samfsinfo\(1M\)` and `samsharefs\(1M\)` Commands” on page 130](#), which can help you verify that the file system has been created and that the shared hosts file is correctly initialized.

The following procedure shows you what to verify if the `mount(1M)` command fails.

1. Ensure that the mount point directory is present.

There are multiple ways to accomplish this. For example, you can issue the `ls(1)` command in the following format:

```
ls -ld mountpoint
```

For *mountpoint*, specify the name of the StorageTek QFS shared file system’s mount point.

When you examine the `ls(1)` command’s output, make sure that the output shows a directory with access mode 755. In other words, the codes should read `drwxr-xr-x`. [Figure 57](#) shows example output.

**Figure 57. Access Mode Values**

```
# ls -ld /sharefs1
drwxr-xr-x  2 root      sys           512 Mar 19 10:46 /sharefs1
```

If the access is not at this level, enter the following `chmod(1)` command:

```
# chmod 755 mountpoint
```

For *mountpoint*, specify the name of the StorageTek QFS shared file system’s mount point.

2. Ensure that there is an entry for the file system in the `/etc/vfstab` file.

Figure 58 shows an entry for the shared file system named sharefs1.

### Figure 58. Example /etc/vfstab File

```
# File /etc/vfstab
# FS name  FS to fsck  Mnt pt FS type  fsck pass  Mt@boot  Mt params
sharefs1  -              /sharefs1 samfs  -        yes      shared,bg
```

Ensure that the shared flag is present in the Mount Parameters field of the shared file system's entry in the /etc/vfstab file.

3. Ensure that the mount point directory is not shared out for NFS use.

If the mount point is shared, use the unshare(1M) command to unshare it. For example:

```
# unshare mountpoint
```

For *mountpoint*, specify the name of the StorageTek ASM QFS shared file system's mount point.

## To Use the samfsinfo(1M) and samsharefs(1M) Commands

This procedure shows how to analyze the output from these commands.

1. Enter the samfsinfo(1M) command on the server.

Use this command in the following format:

```
samfsinfo filesystem
```

For *filesystem*, specify the name of the StorageTek QFS shared file system as specified in the mcf(4) file. Figure 59 shows the samfsinfo(1M) command and output.

### Figure 59. samfsinfo(1M) Command Example

```
titan-server# samfsinfo sharefs1
samfsinfo: filesystem sharefs1 is mounted.
name:      sharefs1      version:      2      shared
time:      Mon Apr 29 15:12:18 2002
count:     3
capacity:  10d84000      DAU:         64
space:     10180400
meta capacity: 009fe200      meta DAU:    16
meta space: 009f6c60
ord  eq   capacity      space  device
1   11   086c0000   080c39b0  /dev/dsk/c1t2100002037E9C296d0s6
2   12   086c4000   080bca50  /dev/dsk/c3t50020F2300005D22d0s6
3   13   086c4000   080a9650  /dev/dsk/c3t50020F2300006099d0s6
4   14   086c4000   08600000  /dev/dsk/c3t50020F230000651Cd0s6
```

The output from [Figure 59](#) shows a shared keyword in the following line:

```
name:      sharefs1      version:      2      shared
```

Note the list of file system devices, ordinals, and equipment numbers that appear after the following line:

```
ord eq capacity space device
```

Make sure that these numbers correspond to the devices in the file system's `mcf(4)` entry.

2. Enter the `samsharefs(1M)` command on the server.

Use this command in the following format:

```
samsharefs -R filesystem
```

For *filesystem*, specify the name of the StorageTek QFS shared file system as specified in the `mcf(4)` file. [Figure 60](#) shows the `samsharefs(1M)` command and output.

**Figure 60. samsharefs(1M) Command Example**

```
titan-server# samsharefs -R sharefs1
#
# Host file for family set 'sharefs1'
#
# Version: 3      Generation: 50      Count: 4
# Server = host 0/titan, length = 216
#
titan 173.26.2.129,titan.foo.com 1 - server
tethys 173.26.2.130,tethys.foo.com 2 -
dione dione.foo.com 0 -
mimas mimas.foo.com 0 -
```

The following information pertains to the diagnostic output from the `samfsinfo(1M)` or `samsharefs(1M)` commands.

- If either command issues diagnostics or error messages, resolve them. Ensure that the output from the `samfsinfo(1M)` command includes the shared keyword.
- You can execute these commands on alternate server hosts and on client hosts that have no `nodev` devices in the host's `mcf` entry for the file system.

If the `samfsinfo(1M)` and `samsharefs(1M)` commands do not expose irregularities, perform [“To Use the samfsconfig\(1M\) Command” on page 132](#).

## To Use the samfsconfig(1M) Command

On clients with nodev device entries in the mcf file for the file system, the entire file system might not be accessible, and the shared hosts file might not be directly accessible. You can use the samfsconfig(1M) command to determine whether the shared file system's data partitions are accessible.

- Issue the samfsconfig(1M) command.

Use this command in the following format:

```
samfsconfig list of devices
```

For *list of devices*, specify the list of devices from the file system entry in the mcf(4) file. Use a space to separate multiple devices in the list.

**Example 1.** Figure 61 shows the samfsconfig(1M) command issued on a host that does not have a nodev entry in its mcf file. Figure 61. shows the mcf file for the host tethys.

**Figure 61. samfsconfig(1M) Command Example Without nodev Entries**

```
tethys# cat /etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/mcf
sharefs1                10  ma  sharefs1  on  shared
/dev/dsk/c1t2100002037E9C296d0s6 11  mm  sharefs1  -
/dev/dsk/c3t50020F2300005D22d0s6 12  mr  sharefs1  -
/dev/dsk/c3t50020F2300006099d0s6 13  mr  sharefs1  -
/dev/dsk/c3t50020F230000651Cd0s6 14  mr  sharefs1  -

tethys# samfsconfig /dev/dsk/c1t2100002037E9C296d0s6 /dev/dsk/
c3t50020F2300005D22d0s6 /dev/dsk/c3t50020F2300006099d0s6 /dev/
dsk/c3t50020F230000651Cd0s6
#
# Family Set 'sharefs1' Created Mon Apr 29 15:12:18 2002
#
sharefs1                10  ma  sharefs1  -  shared
/dev/dsk/c1t2100002037E9C296d0s6 11  mm  sharefs1  -
/dev/dsk/c3t50020F2300005D22d0s6 12  mr  sharefs1  -
/dev/dsk/c3t50020F2300006099d0s6 13  mr  sharefs1  -
/dev/dsk/c3t50020F230000651Cd0s6 14  mr  sharefs1  -
```

**Example 2.** Figure 62 shows the samfsconfig(1M) command being used on a host that has a nodev entry in its mcf file.

**Figure 62. samfsconfig(1M) Command Example With nodev Entries**

```
dione# cat /etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/mcf
sharefs1                10  ma  sharefs1  on  shared
nodev                   11  mm  sharefs1  -
/dev/dsk/c4t50020F23000055A8d0s3 12  mr  sharefs1  -
/dev/dsk/c4t50020F23000055A8d0s4 13  mr  sharefs1  -
/dev/dsk/c4t50020F23000055A8d0s5 14  mr  sharefs1  -
```

**Figure 62. `samfsconfig(1M)` Command Example With `nodev` Entries (Continued)**

```
dione# samfsconfig /dev/dsk/c4t50020F23000055A8d0s3 /dev/dsk/
c4t50020F23000055A8d0s4 /dev/dsk/c4t50020F23000055A8d0s5
#
# Family Set 'sharefs1' Created Mon Apr 29 15:12:18 2002
#
# Missing slices
# Ordinal 1
# /dev/dsk/c4t50020F23000055A8d0s3    12    mr    sharefs1  -
# /dev/dsk/c4t50020F23000055A8d0s4    13    mr    sharefs1  -
# /dev/dsk/c4t50020F23000055A8d0s5    14    mr    sharefs1  -
```

For examples 1 and 2, verify that the output lists all slices from the file system, other than the metadata (mm) devices, as belonging to the file system. This is the case for example 2.

## Recovering a Hung `mount(1M)` Command

If the `mount(1M)` command hangs, follow the procedure in this section. You have a hung `mount(1M)` command if, for example, the `mount(1M)` command fails with a connection error or with a Server not responding message that does not resolve itself within 30 seconds.

The most typical remedy for a hung `mount(1M)` command is presented first. If that does not work, perform the subsequent procedures.

### To Verify Network Connections

The `netstat(1M)` command verifies that the `sam-sharefsd` daemon's network connections are correctly configured.

1. Become superuser on the metadata server.
2. Type the `samu(1M)` command to invoke the `samu(1M)` operator utility.

For example:

```
# samu
```

3. Press P to access the Active Services display.

[Figure 63](#) shows a P display.

**Figure 63. P Display on the Metadata Server**

```
Active Services                                samu  4.1.1 09:02:22 Mar 22 2004

Registered services for host 'titan':
  sharedfs.sharefs1
  1 service(s) registered.
```

Examine the output. In Figure 63., look for a line that contains `sharedfs.filesystem-name`. In this example, the line must contain `sharedfs.sharefs1`.

If no such line appears, you need to verify that both the `sam-fsd` and `sam-sharefsd` daemons have started. Perform the following steps:

- a. Enable daemon tracing in the `defaults.conf` file.

For information about how to enable tracing, see `defaults.conf(4)` or see Step 2 in [“To Examine the `sam-sharefsd` Trace Log \(Optional\)” on page 138](#).

- b. Examine your configuration files, especially `/etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/mcf`.
- c. After you have checked your configuration files and verified that the daemons are active, begin this procedure again.

4. Enter the `samsharefs(1M)` command to check the hosts file.

[Figure 67](#) shows the `samsharefs(1M)` command and correct output.

#### Figure 64. `samsharefs(1M) -R` Command

```
titan-server# samsharefs -R sharefs1
#
# Host file for family set 'sharefs1'
#
# Version: 3      Generation: 50      Count: 4
# Server = host 0/titan, length = 216
#
titan 173.26.2.129,titan.foo.com 1 - server
tethys 173.26.2.130,tethys.foo.com 2 -
dione dione.foo.com 0 -
mimas mimas.foo.com 0 -
```

In the output on your system, verify the following:

- That the host name is present in column 1 of the output and that it is designated as the server.
- That the host IP address is present in column 2. If there are multiple IP addresses, make sure that they are all valid.

5. Enter the `netstat(1M)` command on the server.

[Figure 65](#) shows the `netstat(1M)` command entered on server titan.

#### Figure 65. `netstat(1M)` Example on the Server

```
titan-server# netstat -a | grep sam-qfs
*.sam-qfs *.*          0      0 24576  0 LISTEN
*.sam-qfs *.*          0      0 24576  0 LISTEN
titan.32834 titan.sam-qfs 32768  0 32768  0 ESTABLISHED
titan.sam-qfs titan.32891 32768  0 32768  0 ESTABLISHED
```

**Figure 65. `netstat(1M)` Example on the Server (Continued)**

titan.sam-qfs	tethys.32884	24820	0	24820	0	ESTABLISHED
titan.sam-qfs	dione.35299	24820	0	24820	0	ESTABLISHED
*.sam-qfs	*.*		0	0	24576	0 LISTEN

Verify that the output from the `netstat(1M)` command on the server contains the following:

- Three LISTEN entries.
- Two ESTABLISHED entries for the host.
- One ESTABLISHED entry for each client that is configured and running the `sam-fsd` daemon. This example shows ESTABLISHED entries for `tethys` and `dione`. There should be one ESTABLISHED entry for each client that is configured and running whether or not it is mounted.

6. Enter the `netstat(1M)` command on the client.

[Figure 66](#) shows the `netstat(1M)` command entered on client `dione`.

**Figure 66. `netstat(1M)` Command on the Client**

dione-client#	<b>netstat -a   grep sam-qfs</b>					
*.sam-qfs	*.*		0	0	24576	0 LISTEN
*.sam-qfs	*.*		0	0	24576	0 LISTEN
dione.32831	titan.sam-qfs	24820	0	24820	0	ESTABLISHED
*.sam-qfs	*.*		0	0	24576	0 LISTEN

Verify that the output contains the following:

- Three LISTEN entries. All entries are for the `sam-fsd` daemon.
- One ESTABLISHED entry.

If these lines are present, then the network connection is established.

If an ESTABLISHED connection is not reported, go to Step 7.

7. Perform one or more of the following procedures:

- [“To Verify that the Client Can Reach the Server \(Optional\)” on page 135](#)
- [“To Verify that the Server Can Reach the Client \(Optional\)” on page 138](#)
- [“To Examine the `sam-sharefsd` Trace Log \(Optional\)” on page 138](#)

### To Verify that the Client Can Reach the Server (Optional)

Perform these steps if using the procedure described in [“To Verify Network Connections” on page 133](#) did not show an ESTABLISHED connection.

1. Use the `samsharefs(1M)` command to verify the hosts file on the server.

You can issue the `samsharefs(1M)` command on alternate server hosts and client hosts that have no nodev devices listed in the host's `mcf(4)` entry for the file system. For this step, use this command in the following format:

```
samsharefs -R filesystem
```

For *filesystem*, specify the name of the StorageTek QFS shared file system as specified in the `mcf(4)` file. [Figure 67](#) shows the `samsharefs(1M) -R` command.

**Figure 67. samsharefs(1M) -R Command**

```
titan-server# samsharefs -R sharefs1
#
# Host file for family set 'sharefs1'
#
# Version: 3      Generation: 50      Count: 4
# Server = host 0/titan, length = 216
#
titan 173.26.2.129,titan.xyzco.com 1 - server
tethys 173.26.2.130,tethys.xyzco.com 2 -
dione dione.foo.com 0 -
mimas mimas.foo.com 0 -
```

2. Save this output.

If the steps in this procedure fail, you need this output for use in subsequent procedures.

3. Verify that the output matches expectations.

If the command fails, verify that the file system was created. In this case it is likely that one of the following has occurred:

- The `mcf` file was not created properly. You can use the `samfsconfig(1M)` command to verify the correctness of the `mcf` file.
- The file system was never created.
- The initial hosts configuration files have not been created. For information about configuring these files, see the procedures earlier in this chapter. The configuration process involves editing the existing `mcf(4)` file, propagating the `mcf(4)` file changes to the rest of the system, and configuring the hosts files.

4. Find the row containing the server's name in the first column.
5. From the client, use the `ping(1M)` command on each entry from the second column of `samsharefs(1M)` output to verify that the server can be reached.



Use this command in the following format:

```
ping servername
```

For servername, specify the name of the server as shown in the second column of the `samsharefs(1M)` command's output.

[Figure 68](#) shows output from `ping(1M)`.

**Figure 68. Using `ping(1M)` on Systems Named in `samsharefs(1M)` Output**

```
dione-client# ping 173.26.2.129
ICMP Host Unreachable from gateway dione (131.116.7.218)
for icmp from dione (131.116.7.218) to 173.26.2.129
dione-client# ping titan.xyzco.com
titan.foo.com is alive
```

6. From the client, examine the `hosts.filesystem.local` file. (Optional)

Perform this step if the `ping(1M)` command revealed unreachable hosts.

If there is more than one entry in the second column of `samsharefs(1M)` output, and if some of the entries are not reachable, ensure that only the reachable entries for the entries you want the shared file system to use are present. Also ensure that the necessary entries are present in the `/etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/hosts.filesystem.local` file entry on that host. Ensure that the unreachable hosts are not entered in these places.

If the `sam-sharesd` daemon attempts to connect to unreachable server interfaces, there can be substantial delays in its connecting to the server after installation, rebooting, or file system host reconfiguration. This affects metadata server failover operations substantially.

[Figure 69](#) shows the `hosts.sharefs1.local` file.

**Figure 69. Examining the `hosts.filesystem.local` File**

```
dione-client# cat /etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/hosts.sharefs1.local
titan      titan.xyzco.com          # no route to 173.26.2.129
tethys     tethys.xyzco.com        # no route to 173.26.2.130
```

7. Enable the correct server interfaces. (Optional)

If the `ping(1M)` command revealed that there were no reachable server interfaces, then you need to either configure or initialize the server network interfaces for typical operations, or you must use the `samsharefs(1M)` command to update the interface names in the `hosts` file so they match the actual names.

## To Verify that the Server Can Reach the Client (Optional)

Perform these steps if the procedure in [“To Verify Network Connections” on page 133](#) did not show an ESTABLISHED connection.

1. Obtain `samsharefs(1M)` output.

This can be the output generated in [“To Verify that the Client Can Reach the Server \(Optional\)” on page 135](#), or you can generate it again using the initial steps in that procedure.

- a. Find the row containing the client’s name in the first column.

2. On the client, run the `hostname(1M)` command and ensure that the output matches the name in the first column of `samsharefs(1M)` output.

[Figure 70](#) shows the `hostname(1M)` command and its output.

**Figure 70.** `hostname(1M)` Output

```
dione-client# hostname
dione
```

3. Use the `ping(1M)` command on the server on each entry from the second column to verify that the client can be reached. (Optional)

Perform this step if the `hostname(1M)` command output matched the name in the second column of `samsharefs(1M)` output. [Figure 71](#) shows the `ping(1M)` command and its output.

**Figure 71.** `ping(1M)` Output

```
titan-server# ping dione.xyzco.com
dione.xyzco.com is alive
```

It is not necessary that every entry in column two of [Figure 69](#) be reachable, but all interfaces that you wish any potential server to accept connections from must be present in the column. The server rejects connections from interfaces that are not declared in the shared hosts file.

4. Enable the correct client interfaces. (Optional)

If the `ping(1M)` command revealed that there were no reachable client interfaces, then either you need to configure or initialize the client network interfaces for typical operations, or you must use the `samsharefs(1M)` command to update the interface names in the hosts file so they match the actual names.

## To Examine the `sam-sharesd` Trace Log (Optional)

The trace log files keep information generated by the `sam-sharesd(1M)` daemons during their operation. The trace log files include information about

connections attempted, received, denied, refused, and so on, as well as other operations such as host file changes and metadata server changes.

Tracking problems in log files often involves reconciling the order of operations on different hosts by using the log files. If the hosts' clocks are synchronized, log file interpretation is greatly simplified. One of the steps in [“To Configure the Shared Hosts” on page 93](#) directs you to enable the network time daemon, `xntpd(1M)`. This synchronizes the clocks of the metadata server and all client hosts during StorageTek QFS shared file system operations.

The trace logs are particularly useful when setting up an initial configuration. The client logs show outgoing connection attempts. The corresponding messages in the server log files are some of the most useful tools for diagnosing network and configuration problems with the StorageTek QFS shared file system. The log files contain diagnostic information for resolving most common problems.

The following procedures can resolve `mount(1M)` problems:

- [“To Verify Network Connections” on page 133](#)
- [“To Verify that the Client Can Reach the Server \(Optional\)” on page 135](#)
- [“To Verify that the Server Can Reach the Client \(Optional\)” on page 138](#)

If none of the preceding procedures resolved the problem, perform the steps in this section. You can perform these steps on both the server and the client hosts.

1. Verify the presence of file `/var/opt/SUNWsamfs/trace/sam-sharefsd`.

If this file is not present, or if it shows no recent modifications, proceed to the next step.

If the file is present, use `tail(1)` or another command to examine the last few lines in the file. If it shows suspicious conditions, use one or more of the other procedures in this section to investigate the problem.

2. Edit file `/etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/defaults.conf` and add lines to enable `sam-sharefsd` tracing. (Optional)

Perform this step if Step 1 indicates that file `/var/opt/SUNWsamfs/trace/sam-sharefsd` does not exist or if the file shows no recent modifications.

3. Copy the example `defaults.conf` file from `/opt/SUNWsamfs/examples/defaults.conf` to `/etc/opt/SUNWsamfs`. (Optional)

Perform this step if a defaults.conf file does not reside in /etc/opt/SUNWsamfs at this time. Figure 72. shows this.

### Figure 72. Copying the defaults.conf File

```
# cd /etc/opt/SUNWsamfs
# cp /opt/SUNWsamfs/examples/defaults.conf .
```

- a. Use vi(1) or another editor to edit file /opt/SUNWsamfs/examples/defaults.conf and add lines to enable tracing.

Figure 73 shows the lines to add to the defaults.conf file.

### Figure 73. Lines to Enable Tracing in defaults.conf

```
trace
sam-sharefsd = on
sam-sharefsd.options = all
endtrace
```

- b. Issue the samd(1M) config command to reconfigure the sam-fsd(1M) daemon and cause it to recognize the new defaults.conf(4) file.

For example:

```
# samd config
```

- c. Issue the sam-fsd(1M) command to check the configuration files.

Figure 74 shows the output from the sam-fsd(1M) command.

### Figure 74. Output From the sam-fsd(1M) Command

```
# sam-fsd
Trace file controls:
sam-archiverd off
sam-catserverd off
sam-fsd         off
sam-rftd        off
sam-recycler   off
sam-sharefsd   /var/opt/SUNWsamfs/trace/sam-sharefsd
                cust err fatal misc proc date
                size    0    age 0
sam-stagerd    off

Would stop sam-archiverd()
Would stop sam-rftd()
Would stop sam-stagealld()
Would stop sam-stagerd()
Would stop sam-initd()
```

- d. Examine the log file in `/var/opt/SUNWsamfs/trace/sam-sharefsd` to check for errors.

```
# more /var/opt/SUNWsamfs/trace/sam-sharefsd
```

4. Examine the last few dozen lines of the trace file for diagnostic information.

[Figure 75](#) shows a typical `sam-sharefsd` client log file. In this example, the server is `titan`, and the client is `dione`. This file contains normal log entries generated after a package installation, and it finishes with the daemon operating normally on a mounted file system.

**Figure 75. Client Trace File**

```
dione# tail -18 /var/opt/SUNWsamfs/trace/sam-sharefsd
2004-03-23 16:13:11 shf-shsam2[13835:1]: FS shsam2: Shared file system daemon
started - config only
2004-03-23 16:13:11 shf-shsam2[13835:1]: FS shsam2: Host dione
2004-03-23 16:13:11 shf-shsam2[13835:1]: FS shsam2: Filesystem isn't mounted
2004-03-23 16:13:11 shf-shsam2[13837:1]: FS shsam2: Shared file system daemon
started
2004-03-23 16:13:11 shf-shsam2[13837:1]: FS shsam2: Host dione
2004-03-23 16:13:11 shf-shsam2[13837:1]: FS shsam2: Filesystem isn't mounted
2004-03-23 16:13:11 shf-shsam2[13837:1]: FS shsam2: Kill sam-sharefsd pid 13835
2004-03-23 16:13:12 shf-shsam2[13837:1]: FS shsam2: Killed sam-sharefsd pid
13835
2004-03-23 16:13:12 shf-shsam2[13837:1]: FS shsam2: Host dione; server = titan
2004-03-23 16:13:12 shf-shsam2[13837:1]: FS shsam2: Wakened from AWAIT_WAKEUP
2004-03-23 16:13:14 shf-shsam2[13837:5]: FS shsam2: Set Client (Server titan/3).
2004-03-23 16:13:14 shf-shsam2[13837:5]: FS shsam2: SetClientSocket dione
(flags=0)
2004-03-23 16:13:14 shf-shsam2[13837:5]: FS shsam2: rdsock dione/0 (buf=6c000).
2004-03-23 16:13:15 shf-shsam2[13837:1]: FS shsam2: Signal 1 received: Hangup
2004-03-23 16:13:15 shf-shsam2[13837:1]: FS shsam2: Wakened from AWAIT_WAKEUP
2004-03-23 16:13:15 shf-shsam2[13837:1]: FS shsam2: mount; flags=18889
2004-03-23 16:18:55 shf-shsam2[13837:1]: FS shsam2: Signal 1 received: Hangup
2004-03-23 16:18:55 shf-shsam2[13837:1]: FS shsam2: Wakened from AWAIT_WAKEUP
```



# Using the samu(1M) Operator Utility

## 6

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This chapter shows how to use samu(1M) to control the devices configured within your StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM environment. Many samu(1M) displays are useful only for sites using the storage and archive management mechanism. If you are using samu(1M) in a StorageTek QFS environment, some displays do not apply to you.

This chapter includes the following topics:

- [“Overview” on page 143](#)
- [“Operator Displays” on page 146](#)
- [“Operator Display Status Codes” on page 184](#)
- [“Operator Display Device States” on page 186](#)
- [“Operator Commands” on page 188](#)

The operations that you can perform from within samu(1M) can also be performed by using the samcmd(1M) command. For more information about samcmd(1M), see the samcmd(1M) man page.

## ■ Overview

The samu(1M) operator utility requires a display terminal that displays a minimum of 24 lines by 80 characters wide. The utility includes the following features:

- Displays that enable you to monitor StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM devices and file system activity.
- Commands that enable you to select displays, set display options, control access to and the activity of devices, and take snapshots of display windows.
- Commands that enable you to tune a running StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM file system.

The display windows shown in this chapter are representative examples. The exact format and amount of information displayed on your terminal can be different depending on your terminal model and the devices configured in your StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM environment.

The following sections describe how to start and stop samu(1M), interact with the utility, access the help windows, and view operator displays.

## To Invoke samu(1M)

- To start samu(1M), type the samu(1M) command from the command line.

For example:

```
# samu
```

The system starts samu(1M) and shows the help display. This is the default initial display. To view a different samu(1M) display, follow the steps in [“To Display a samu\(1M\) Screen” on page 144](#).

The samu(1M) utility allows you to select its initial display. For more information about the samu(1M) command line options, see the samu(1M) man page.

**Note:** samu(1M), like the vi(1) editor, is based on the curses(3CURSES) routine. If you have trouble invoking samu(1M), make sure that your terminal type is defined correctly.

## To Display a samu(1M) Screen

The samu(1M) command accepts options on its command line for displaying different samu(1M) screens.

1. Type a colon (:) to bring up the samu(1M) prompt.

After you type in the colon, the following appears in the lower left:

```
Command:
```

**Note:** You access the help screen and all the display screens in samu(1M) through this same method. After you type a colon character, the Command prompt appears.

2. Type the letter that corresponds to the display you want to view and press return.

For example, to view the v display, type a v and press Return after the Command: prompt.

For a complete list of letters to type and the displays to which they correspond, see [“\(h\) - Help Display” on page 154](#).

## To Stop samu(1M)

- To exit samu(1M), type one of the following:



- q
- :q

The samu(1M) operator utility exits and returns you to the command shell.

## Interacting With samu(1M)

Interacting with samu(1M) is similar to interacting with the UNIX vi(1) editor with respect to paging forward or backward, entering commands, refreshing the display, and quitting the utility.

Each display has its own section in this chapter, and each display section shows the control key sequences you can use to navigate in that display. The samu(1M) man page summarizes the control key navigation sequences.

The last line of the display window shows the command and display error messages. If a command error occurs, automatic display refreshing halts until the next operator action.

## Entering a Device

Each device included in the StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM environment is assigned an Equipment Ordinal (for example, 10) in the mcf file. Many samu(1M) commands reference a specific device.

**Example.** The syntax for the :off command is as follows:

```
:off eq
```

For *eq*, type the Equipment Ordinal for the device you are trying to address.

## Getting Online Help

When you start samu(1M), the system automatically displays the first help screen. This help screen differs depending on whether you have a StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM file system.

For more information about the help (h) display, see [“\(h\) - Help Display” on page 154](#).

## To Access Online Help From a Display Screen

- Type :h

To move forward or backward from one screen to the next, type the following key sequence:

- Press Ctrl-f to page the display forward.
- Press Ctrl-b to page the display backward to previous pages.

You can return to the help display at any time by pressing the h key.

## ■ Operator Displays

You can view the samu(1M) operator displays by pressing the key corresponding to each display. The lowercase keys a through w display operational information.

**Note:** The uppercase samu(1M) displays (A, C, F, I, J, L, M, N, P, R, S, T, and U) are designed to be used at a customer site only with the assistance of a member of the technical support staff.

This chapter does not describe these uppercase displays as thoroughly as the lowercase displays.

For displays that overflow the screen area, the word more appears on the bottom of the screen display, indicating that the display contains additional information. [Figure 76](#) contains the word more, indicating that more information appears on subsequent screens.

**Figure 76. samu(1M) Screen That Indicates More Text Can Be Obtained**

```

xb54  54  exb8505  pt03  0  yes  2  0  on
lt55  55  dlt2000  pt02  1  yes  4  0  on  ml65
hp56  56  hpc1716  pt01  1  yes  3  0  on  hp70
hp57  57  hpc1716  pt01  1  yes  4  0  on  hp70
more
    
```

If samu(1M) prompts you to enter a device, enter its associated Equipment Ordinal. The configuration display (c) shows Equipment Ordinals for all removable media devices. To control all displays, use the control keys listed for the display.

The following sections describe the operator displays in alphabetical order. Examples are provided, and when necessary, displays are followed by a table describing the fields displayed.

### (a) - Archiver Status Display

The a display shows the archiver status.

You can invoke this display differently, depending on what you need to view, as follows:

- To display an archiver status summary, which shows the status of the archiver on a per-file-system basis, type the command with the following format:

```

Command: a
    
```

- To display archiving details for a specific file system, type the command with the following format:

```
Command: a filesystem
```

For *filesystem*, specify the name of a file system

## Navigation

Table 28 shows the control keys you can use in the a display.

**Table 28. Control Keys for the a Display**

Key	Function
Ctrl-b	Previous file system
Ctrl-f	Next file system
Ctrl-d	Page <i>arcopies</i> forward (bottom portion)
Ctrl-u	Page <i>arcopies</i> backward (bottom portion)

Table 29 shows the control keys you can use in the :a *filesystem* display.

**Table 29. Control Keys for the :a *filesystem* Display**

Key	Function
Ctrl-b	Previous file system
Ctrl-f	Next file system

## Sample Display

Figure 77 shows activity and statistics for a single file system in the summary display.

**Figure 77. samu(1M) a Display**

```
Archiver status          samu 4.1 07:44:02 May  8 2004
License: License never expires.

sam-archiverd:  Waiting for resources

sam-arfind:  samfs1 mounted at /sam1
Waiting until 2004-05-08 07:54:02 to scan .inodes

sam-arfind:  samfs2 mounted at /sam2
Waiting until 2004-05-08 07:52:57 to scan .inodes

sam-arfind:  qfs1 mounted at /qfs1
```

**Figure 77. samu(1M) a Display (Continued)**

```

Waiting until 2004-05-08 07:44:33 to scan .inodes

sam-arfind: qfs2 mounted at /qfs2
Waiting until 2004-05-08 07:53:21 to scan .inodes

sam-arfind: qfs3 mounted at /qfs3
Waiting until 2004-05-08 07:44:11 to scan .inodes

sam-arfind: qfs4 mounted at /qfs4
Waiting until 2004-05-08 07:53:35 to scan .inodes

sam-arfind: shareqfs1 mounted at /shareqfs1
Shared file system client. Cannot archive.

sam-arfind: shareqfs2 mounted at /shareqfs2
Shared file system client. Cannot archive.

sam-arcopy: qfs4.arset5.1.83 dt.DAT001
Waiting for volume dt.DAT001

```

## Field Descriptions

[Table 30](#) shows the fields in the detail display.

**Table 30. samu(1M) a Display Field Descriptions**

Field	Description
samfs1 mounted at	Mount point.
regular files	Number of regular files and their total size.
offline files	Number of offline files and their total size.
archdone files	Number of archdone files and size. Indicates that the archiver has completed processing and can perform no further processing for archdone files. Files marked as archdone have been processed for archiving but have not necessarily been archived.
copy1	Number of files and total size for archive copy 1.
copy2	Number of files and total size for archive copy 2.
copy3	Number of files and total size for archive copy 3.
copy4	Number of files and total size for archive copy 4.
Directories	Number of directories and total size.
sleeping until	Indicates when archiver runs again.

## (c) - Device Configuration Display

The c display shows your configuration's connectivity. It lists all device names and Equipment Ordinals.

To invoke the device configuration display, type the command with the following format:

```
Command: c
```

### Navigation

[Table 31](#) shows the control keys you can use in this display.

**Table 31. Control Keys for the c Display**

Key	Function
Ctrl-b	Page backward
Ctrl-d	Half-page forward
Ctrl-f	Page forward
Ctrl-u	Half-page backward

### Sample Display

[Figure 78](#) shows the device configuration display.

**Figure 78. samu(1M) c Display**

```
Device configuration:          samu    4.1 07:48:11 May  8 2004
License: License never expires.

ty  eq state  device_name                fs family_set
sk  100 on    /etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/dcstkconf 100 dcL700
tp  120 off   /dev/rmt/1cbn                100 dcL700
sg  130 on    /dev/rmt/4cbn                100 dcL700
sg  140 on    /dev/rmt/5cbn                100 dcL700
tp  150 off   /dev/rmt/3cbn                100 dcL700
hy  151 on    historian                      151
```

## Field Descriptions

Table 32 shows the field descriptions for this display.

**Table 32.** samu(1M) c Display Field Descriptions

Field	Description
ty	Device type.
eq	Equipment Ordinal of the device.
state	Current operating state of the device. Valid device states are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• on—The device is available for access.</li> <li>• ro—The device is available for read-only access.</li> <li>• off—The device is not available for access.</li> <li>• down—The device is available only for maintenance access.</li> <li>• idle—The device is not available for new connections. Operations in progress continue until completion.</li> </ul>
device_name	Path to the device.
fs	Family Set Equipment Ordinal.
family_set	Name of the storage Family Set or library to which the device belongs.

## (C) - Memory Display

The C display shows the content of a specified memory address. To show the content at an address, enter the address in hexadecimal.

To invoke this display, type the following command:

```
Command: c hex address
```

For *hex address*, specify the address of a memory location in hexadecimal. For example:

```
Command: c 0x1044a998
```

This display is designed for debugging. It is intended to be used only with the assistance of a StorageTek support staff person.

## Sample Display

Figure 79 shows the memory display. The output has been truncated for inclusion in this manual.

Figure 79. samu(1M) C Display

```

Memory base: 0x1234567 samu 4.1 07:52:25 May 8 2004
License: License never expires.
00000000 80921000 137ff801 edd05e21 40853420 .....x.mP^!@.4
00000010 00a00420 018528b0 01a604e0 02840640 . . . .(0.&.`...@
00000020 02d030a1 a0853420 0080a0a0 100a6fff .P0! .4 .. ..o.
00000030 f6921000 13c65e23 582d0000 0ba01020 v....F^#X-... .
00000040 00c45e20 48c608e0 2fd05e21 40920080 .D^ HF.`/P^!@...
00000050 037ff801 fa941000 16c45e20 48a600a0 ..x.z....D^ H&.
00000060 80921000 137ff801 d5d05e21 40853420 .....x.UP^!@.4
00000070 00a00420 018528b0 01a604e0 02840640 . . . .(0.&.`...@

00000080 02d030a1 c0853420 0080a0a0 100a6fff .P0!@.4 .. ..o.
00000090 f6921000 13c65e23 58a01020 00c45e20 v....F^#X . .D^
000000a0 48c608e0 2fd05e21 40920080 037ff801 HF.`/P^!@....x.
000000b0 e39405a2 00c45e20 48a600a0 80921000 c..".D^ H&. ....
000000c0 137ff801 bed05e21 40853420 00a00420 ..x.>P^!@.4 . .
000000d0 018528b0 01a604e0 02840640 02d030a1 ..(0.&.`...@.P0!
000000e0 e0853420 0080a0a0 100a6fff f6921000 `.4 .. ..o.v...
000000f0 13c65e23 58a01020 00c45e20 48c608e0 .F^#X . .D^ HF.`

00001000 02d05e21 40920080 037ff801 cc941020 .P^!@....x.L..
00001010 10c45e20 48a600a0 80921000 137ff801 .D^ H&. ....x.
00001020 a7d05e21 40853420 00a00420 018528b0 `P^!@.4 . . . .(0
00001030 01a604e0 02840640 02d030a2 00853420 .&.`...@.P0"..4
00001040 0080a0a0 400a6fff f6921000 13c65e23 .. @.o.v....F^#
00001050 58a01020 00c45e20 48c608e0 02d05e21 X . .D^ HF.`.P^!
00001060 40920080 037ff801 b5941020 20c45e20 @....x.5.. D^
00001070 48a600a0 80921000 137ff801 90d05e21 H&. ....x..P^!

00001080 40853420 00a00420 018528b0 01a604e0 @.4 . . . .(0.&.`
00001090 02840640 02d030a2 80853420 0080a0a0 ...@.P0"..4 ..
000010a0 400a6fff f6921000 13c65e23 58a01020 @.o.v....F^#X .
000010b0 00c45e20 48c608e0 02d05e21 40920080 .D^ HF.`.P^!@...
000010c0 037ff801 9e941020 30c45e20 48a600a0 ..x.... 0D^ H&.
000010d0 80921000 137ff801 79d05e21 40853420 .....x.yP^!@.4
000010e0 00a00420 018528b0 01a604e0 02840640 . . . .(0.&.`...@
000010f0 02d030a3 00853420 0080a0a0 400a6fff .P0#..4 .. @.o.

```

## (d) - Daemon Trace Controls Display

The d display shows the events being traced as specified in the defaults.conf file. For more information about enabling trace files, see the defaults.conf(4) man page.

To invoke this display, type the following command:

```
Command: d
```

## Sample Display

Figure 80 shows trace file information. It includes information about the daemons being traced, the paths to the trace files, the events being traced, and information about the size and age of the trace files.

**Figure 80.** samu(1M) d Display

```

Daemon trace controls          samu 4.1 07:56:38 May  8 2004
License: License never expires.

sam-amld      /var/opt/SUNWsamfs/trace/sam-amld
              cust err fatal misc proc debug date
              size    0    age 0

sam-archiverd /var/opt/SUNWsamfs/trace/sam-archiverd
              cust err fatal misc proc debug date
              size    0    age 0

sam-catserverd /var/opt/SUNWsamfs/trace/sam-catserverd
              cust err fatal misc proc debug date
              size    0    age 0

sam-fsd       /var/opt/SUNWsamfs/trace/sam-fsd
              cust err fatal misc proc debug date
              size    0    age 0

sam-rftd      /var/opt/SUNWsamfs/trace/sam-rftd
              cust err fatal misc proc debug date
              size    0    age 0

sam-recycler  /var/opt/SUNWsamfs/trace/sam-recycler
              cust err fatal misc proc debug date
              size    0    age 0

sam-sharefsd  /var/opt/SUNWsamfs/trace/sam-sharefsd
              cust err fatal misc proc debug date
              size    0    age 0

sam-stagerd   /var/opt/SUNWsamfs/trace/sam-stagerd
              cust err fatal misc proc debug date
              size    0    age 0

sam-serverd   /var/opt/SUNWsamfs/trace/sam-serverd
              cust err fatal misc proc debug date
              size    0    age 0

sam-clientd   /var/opt/SUNWsamfs/trace/sam-clientd
              cust err fatal misc proc debug date
              size    0    age 0
    
```



**Figure 80. samu(1M) d Display (Continued)**

```

sam-mgmt      /var/opt/SUNWsamfs/trace/sam-mgmt
              cust err fatal misc proc debug date
              size    0    age 0

```

## (f) - File Systems Display

The f display shows the components of your StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM file systems.

To invoke this display, type the following command:

```
Command: f
```

## Sample Display

Figure 81 shows the file systems display.

**Figure 81. samu(1M) f Display**

```

File systems                                     samu 4.1 08:11:24 May  8 2004
License: License never expires.

ty   eq state      device_name      status high low mountpoint server
ms   10  on          samfs1          m----2----d 90% 70% /sam1
md   11  on          /dev/dsk/c5t8d0s3
md   12  on          /dev/dsk/c5t8d0s4
md   13  on          /dev/dsk/c5t8d0s5
md   14  on          /dev/dsk/c5t8d0s6
md   15  on          /dev/dsk/c5t8d0s7
ms   20  on          samfs2          m----2----d 90% 70% /sam2
md   21  on          /dev/dsk/c5t9d0s3
md   22  on          /dev/dsk/c5t9d0s4
md   23  on          /dev/dsk/c5t9d0s5
md   24  on          /dev/dsk/c5t9d0s6
md   25  on          /dev/dsk/c5t9d0s7
ma   30  on          qfs1           m----2----d 90% 70% /qfs1
mm   31  on          /dev/dsk/c5t10d0s0
md   32  on          /dev/dsk/c5t10d0s1
ma   40  on          qfs2           m----2----d 90% 70% /qfs2
mm   41  on          /dev/dsk/c5t11d0s0
md   42  on          /dev/dsk/c5t11d0s1
ma   50  on          qfs3           m----2---r- 90% 70% /qfs3
mm   51  on          /dev/dsk/c5t12d0s0
mr   52  on          /dev/dsk/c5t12d0s1
ma   60  on          qfs4           m----2---r- 90% 70% /qfs4
mm   61  on          /dev/dsk/c5t13d0s0
mr   62  on          /dev/dsk/c5t13d0s1
ma   100 on          shareqfs1      m----2c--r- 80% 70% /shareqfs1 spade
mm   101 on          /dev/dsk/c6t50020F2300004655d0s0
mr   102 on          /dev/dsk/c6t50020F2300004655d0s1
ma   110 on          shareqfs2      m----2c--r- 80% 70% /shareqfs2 spade
mm   111 on          /dev/dsk/c6t50020F2300004655d0s6
mr   112 on          /dev/dsk/c6t50020F2300004655d0s7

```

## Field Descriptions

Table 33 shows the field descriptions for this display.

**Table 33.** samu(1M) f **Display Field Descriptions**

Field	Description
ty	Device type.
eq	Equipment Ordinal of the device.
state	Current operating state of the device. Valid device states are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• on—The device is available for access.</li> <li>• ro—The device is available for read-only access.</li> <li>• off—The device is not available for access.</li> <li>• down—The device is available only for maintenance access.</li> <li>• idle—The device is not available for new operations. Operations in progress continue until completion.</li> </ul>
device_name	File system name or path to the device.
status	Device status. For a description of status codes, see <a href="#">“Operator Display Status Codes” on page 184</a> .
high	High disk usage threshold percentage.
low	Low disk usage threshold percentage.
mountpoint	Mount point of the file system.
server	Name of the host system upon which the file system is mounted.

## (F) - Optical Disk Label Display

The F display shows the label on an optical disk.

To invoke this display, type the following command:

```
Command: F
```

This display is designed for debugging. It is intended to be used only with the assistance of a StorageTek support staff person.

## (h) - Help Display

The h display shows a summary of the samu(1M) displays available. By default, this is the first display that the system presents when you enter the samu(1M) command at the command line.

To invoke this display, type the following command:

```
Command:h
```

## Navigation

[Table 34](#) shows the control keys you can use in this display.

**Table 34. Control Keys for the h Display**

Key	Function
Ctrl-b	Page backward
Ctrl-d	Page forward (top portion)
Ctrl-f	Page forward
Ctrl-u	Page backward (top portion)
Ctrl-k	Toggle path display

## Sample Display

There are several pages of help screens, but this manual shows only the first. Subsequent help screens show samu(1M) commands.

[Figure 82](#) shows the initial help screen for the StorageTek ASM file system. On a StorageTek QFS file system, not all of the displays appear in the initial help screen. For example, the removable media displays are not available if you are running a StorageTek QFS system. If you are using StorageTek ASM QFS software, the help screen appears as shown in [Figure 82](#).

**Figure 82. samu(1M) Initial Help Screen for a StorageTek ASM System**

```

Help information           page 1/15   samu 4.1           08:18:13 May  8 2004
License: License never expires.

Displays:

  a  Archiver status           w      Pending stage queue
  c  Device configuration      C      Memory
  d  Daemon trace controls    F      Optical disk label
  f  File systems              I      Inode
  h  Help information          J      Preview shared memory
  l  License information       K      Kernel statistics
  m  Mass storage status       L      Shared memory tables
  n  Staging status            M      Shared memory
  o  Optical disk status       N      File system parameters
  p  Removable media load requests P      Active Services
  r  Removable media           R      SAM-Remote
  s  Device status             S      Sector data
  t  Tape drive status         T      SCSI sense data
  u  Staging queue             U      Device table
  v  Robot catalog

```

**Figure 82. samu(1M) Initial Help Screen for a StorageTek ASM System (Continued)**

```
more (ctrl-f)
```

## (I) - Inode Display

The I display shows the content of inodes.

You can invoke this display differently, depending on what you need to view, as follows:

- To display inodes for an entire file system, type the command with the following format:

```
Command: I filesystem
```

For filesystem, specify the name of a file system

- To display a specific inode, type the command with the following format:

```
Command: I inode number
```

For inode number, specify the inode number in either hexadecimal or decimal.

## Navigation

Table 35 shows the control keys you can use in this display.

**Table 35. Control Keys for the I Display**

Key	Function
Ctrl-b	Previous inode
Ctrl-f	Next inode
Ctrl-k	Advance display format

This display is designed for debugging. It is intended to be used only with the assistance of a StorageTek support staff person.

## Sample Display

Figure 83 shows the inode display.

**Figure 83. samu(1M) I Display**

```
Inode      0x1 (1) format: file          samu 4.1          08:27:14 May  8 2004
License: License never expires.          incore: y
```

**Figure 83. samu(1M) I Display (Continued)**

```

00008100 mode      -r----- 409cdf57 access_time
00000001 ino       (1)      1d32ea20
00000001 gen       (1)      4096b499 modify_time
00000002 parent.ino (2)      02588660
00000002 parent.gen (2)      4096b499 change_time
00000000 size_u                    02588660
000c0000 size_l      (786432) 4096b443 creation_time
01000000 rm:media/flags 409a8a7c attribute_time
00000000 rm:file_offset 409c0ce6 residence_time
00000000 rm:mau                    00000000 unit/cs/arch/flg
00000000 rm:position 00000000 ar_flags
00000000 ext_attr  ----- 00000000 stripe/stride/sg
00000000 ext.ino   (0)      00000000 media -- --
00000000 ext.gen   (0)      00000000 media -- --
00000000 uid       root      00000000 psize      (0)
00000000 gid       root      000000c0 blocks   (192)
00000001 nlink     (1)      00000600 free_ino  (1536)
00011840 status -n-----  -----  ---

Extents (4k displayed as 1k):
00_ 000000d0.00 000000e0.00 000000f0.00 00000100.00 00000110.00 00000120.00
06_ 00000130.00 00000140.00 00000150.00 00000160.00 00000170.00 00000180.00
12_ 00000190.00 000001a0.00 000001b0.00 000001c0.00 00000630.00 00000000.00
18_ 00000000.00

```

## (J) - Preview Shared Memory Display

The J display shows the shared memory segment for the preview queue.

To invoke this display, type the following command:

```
Command: J
```

### Navigation

[Table 36](#) shows the control keys you can use in this display.

**Table 36. Control Keys for the J Display**

Key	Function
Ctrl-b	Page backward
Ctrl-d	Half-page forward
Ctrl-f	Page forward
Ctrl-u	Half-page backward

This display is designed for debugging. It is intended to be used only with the assistance of a StorageTek support staff person.

## Sample Display

Figure 84 shows the preview shared memory display. This output has been truncated for inclusion in this manual.

**Figure 84.** samu(1M) J Display

```
Preview shared memory size: 155648 samu 4.1 08:30:05 May 8 2004
License: License never expires.
00000000 00040000 00014d58 00000000 00000000 .....MX.....
00000010 00000000 00000000 73616d66 73202d20 .....samfs -
00000020 70726576 69657720 6d656d6f 72792073 preview memory s
00000030 65676d65 6e740000 00026000 00000000 egment....`....
00000040 00025fff 00000000 00040000 00014d58 .._.....MX
00000050 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 .....
00000060 0000d9e0 00000064 00000000 000001b8 ..Y`...d.....8
00000070 3f800000 447a0000 0000d820 00000008 ?...Dz....X ....
```

## (K) - Kernel Statistics Display

The K display shows kernel statistics, such as the number of inodes currently in memory.

To invoke this display, type the following command:

```
Command:K
```

## Navigation

Table 37 shows the control keys you can use in this display.

**Table 37. Control Keys for the K Display**

Key	Function
Ctrl-b	Page backward
Ctrl-f	Page forward

This display is designed for debugging. It is intended to be used only with the assistance of a StorageTek support staff person.

## Sample Display

Figure 85 shows the kernel statistics display.

**Figure 85.** samu(1M) K Display

```
Kernel statistics samu 4.1 08:33:19 May 8 2004
License: License never expires.

module: sam-qfs name: general instance: 0 class: fs
version 4.1.sam-qfs, gumball 2004-05-07 12:12:04
```

**Figure 85. samu(1M) K Display (Continued)**

configured file systems	8
mounted file systems	8
nhino	16384
ninodes	129526
inocount	129527
inofree	128577

## (I) - License Display

The I display shows the licenses and expiration dates for StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM software.

To invoke this display, type the following command:

```
Command:1
```

## Sample Display

Figure 86 shows an example of a license display.

**Figure 86. samu(1M) l Display**

License information	samu	4.1	08:36:27 May 8 2004
License: License never expires.			
hostid = 80e69e6e			
License never expires			
Remote sam server feature enabled			
Remote sam client feature enabled			
Migration toolkit feature enabled			
Fast file system feature enabled			
Data base feature enabled			
Foreign tape support enabled			
Segment feature enabled			
Shared filesystem support enabled			
SAN API support enabled			
Robot type STK ACSLS Library is present and licensed			
350 sg slots present and licensed			

The sample display shows license information for a StorageTek ASM file system. The license information is derived from the license keys in the following file:

```
/etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/LICENSE.4.1
```

This display shows the following information for the system:

- Expiration information
- Host ID

- StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM products and features enabled
- Equipment/media combinations

## (L) - Shared Memory Tables

The L display shows the location of the shared memory tables. It also shows some system defaults that are kept in shared memory.

To invoke this display, type the following command:

```
Command: L
```

This display is designed for debugging. It is intended to be used only with the assistance of a StorageTek support staff person.

### Sample Display

Figure 87 shows the shared memory tables.

**Figure 87.** samu(1M) L Display

```

Shared memory tables                samu 4.1 08:38:31 May  8 2004
License: License never expires.

shm ptr tbl:                        defaults:
size          12000 (73728)          optical          mo
left          44c8 (17608)          tape             lt
scanner pid   1861                  timeout          600
fifo path     01b0 /var/opt/SUNWsamfs/preview 100
dev_table     01cc                  stages           1000
first_dev     0450                  log_facility     184
scan_mess     cf50                  dio minfilesize  100
preview_shmid 1                    label barcode    FALSE
flags         0x20000000            barcodes low     FALSE
preview stages 55776                export unavail   FALSE
preview avail 100                  attended         TRUE
preview count 0                    start rpc        FALSE
preview sequence 445
age factor    1                    vsn factor       1000
fs tbl ptr 0xd820                    fs count         8
fseq 10 samfs1 state 0      0      0      0      0
fseq 20 samfs2 state 0      0      0      0      0
fseq 30 qfs1 state 0      0      0      0      0
fseq 40 qfs2 state 0      0      0      0      0
fseq 50 qfs3 state 0      0      0      0      0
fseq 60 qfs4 state 0      0      0      0      0
fseq 100 shareqfs1 state 0      0      0      0      0
fseq 110 shareqfs2 state 0      0      0      0      0
    
```

## (m) - Mass Storage Status Display

The m display shows the status of mass storage file systems and their member drives. This display shows only mounted file systems.



To invoke this display, type the following command:

```
Command:m
```

## Sample Display

Figure 88 shows the m display. Member drives are indented one space and appear directly below the file system to which they belong.

**Figure 88.** samu(1M) m Display

```

Mass storage status                samu 4.1                08:41:11 May  8 2004
License: License never expires.

ty   eq  status      use state ord  capacity    free    ra  part high low
ms   10  m----2----d  1% on                68.354G   68.343G   1M   16  90% 70%
  md   11                1% on    0   13.669G   13.666G
  md   12                1% on    1   13.669G   13.667G
  md   13                1% on    2   13.669G   13.667G
  md   14                1% on    3   13.674G   13.672G
  md   15                1% on    4   13.674G   13.672G
ms   20  m----2----d  1% on                68.354G   68.344G   1M   16  90% 70%
  md   21                1% on    0   13.669G   13.667G
  md   22                1% on    1   13.669G   13.667G
  md   23                1% on    2   13.669G   13.667G
  md   24                1% on    3   13.674G   13.672G
  md   25                1% on    4   13.674G   13.672G
ma   30  m----2----d  4% on                64.351G   61.917G   1M   16  90% 70%
  mm   31                1% on    0    4.003G    3.988G [8363840 inodes]
  md   32                4% on    1   64.351G   61.917G
ma   40  m----2----d  1% on                64.351G   64.333G   1M   16  90% 70%
  mm   41                1% on    0    4.003G    3.997G [8382784 inodes]
  md   42                1% on    1   64.351G   64.333G
ma   50  m----2---r-  1% on                64.351G   64.333G   1M   16  90% 70%
  mm   51                1% on    0    4.003G    3.997G [8382784 inodes]
  mr   52                1% on    1   64.351G   64.333G
ma   60  m----2---r-  1% on                64.351G   64.331G   1M   16  90% 70%
  mm   61                1% on    0    4.003G    3.997G [8382784 inodes]
  mr   62                1% on    1   64.351G   64.331G
ma  100  m----2c--r-  2% on                270.672G  265.105G   1M   16  80% 70%
  mm  101                1% on    0    2.000G    1.988G [4168992 inodes]
  mr  102                2% on    1  270.672G  265.469G
ma  110  m----2c--r-  3% on                270.656G  263.382G   1M   16  80% 70%
  mm  111                1% on    0    2.000G    1.987G [4167616 inodes]
  mr  112                2% on    1  270.656G  264.736G

```

## Field Descriptions

[Table 38](#) shows the field descriptions for this display.

**Table 38.** samu(1M) m Display Field Descriptions

Field	Description
ty	Device type.
eq	Equipment Ordinal of the mass storage device.
status	Device status. For a description of status codes, see <a href="#">“Operator Display Status Codes” on page 184</a> .
use	Percentage of disk space in use.
state	Current operating state of the mass storage device.
ord	Ordinal number of the disk device within the storage Family S et.
capacity	Number of 1024-byte blocks of usable space on the disk.
free	Number of 1024-byte blocks of disk space available.
ra	Readahead size in kilobytes.
part	Partial stage size in kilobytes.
high	High disk usage threshold percentage.
low	Low disk usage threshold percentage.

## (M) - Shared Memory Display

The M display shows the raw shared memory segment in hexadecimal. This is a device table.

To invoke this display, type the following command:

```
Command: M
```

## Navigation

Table 39 shows the control keys you can use in this display.

**Table 39. Control Keys for the M Display**

Key	Function
Ctrl-b	Page backward
Ctrl-d	Half-page forward
Ctrl-f	Page forward
Ctrl-u	Half-page backward

This display is designed for debugging. It is intended to be used only with the assistance of a StorageTek support staff person.

## Sample Display

Figure 89 shows the shared memory display. The output has been truncated for inclusion in this manual.

**Figure 89. samu(1M) M Display**

```

Shared memory      size: 73728          samu 4.1          08:43:20 May  8 2004
License: License never expires.
00000000  00040000  00014d58  00000000  00000000  .....MX.....
00000010  00000000  00000000  73616d66  73202d20  .....samfs -
00000020  73686172  6564206d  656d6f72  79207365  shared memory se
00000030  676d656e  74000000  00012000  000044c8  gment..... ..DH
00000040  0000dd20  00000000  00000742  00000745  ..] .....B...E
00000050  00000001  00000000  00000000  c0000000  .....@...
00000060  00000001  0001534d  00000000  00000000  .....SM.....
00000070  00000000  00000000  00000000  00000000  .....

00000080  00000000  00000000  00000000  00000000  .....
00000090  20000000  000001b0  000001cc  00000450  .....0...L...P
000000a0  0000cf50  00000001  00000001  4c696365  ..OP.....Lice
000000b0  6e73653a  204c6963  656e7365  206e6576  nse: License nev
000000c0  65722065  78706972  65732e00  00000000  er expires.....
000000d0  00000000  00000000  00000000  00000000  .....
000000e0  00000000  00000000  00000000  00000000  .....
000000f0  00000000  00000000  00000000  00000000  .....

00000100  00000000  00000000  00000000  00000000  .....
00000110  00000000  00000000  00000000  00000000  .....
00000120  00000000  00000000  00000000  00000000  .....
00000130  00000000  00000000  00000000  00000000  .....
00000140  00000000  00000000  00000000  00000000  .....
00000150  00000000  00000000  00000000  00000000  .....
00000160  00000000  00000000  00000000  00000000  .....
00000170  00000000  00000000  00000000  00000000  .....

00000180  00000000  00000000  00000000  00000000  .....

```

**Figure 89. samu(1M) M Display (Continued)**

```

00000190 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 .....
000001a0 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 .....
000001b0 2f766172 2f6f7074 2f53554e 5773616d /var/opt/SUNWsam
000001c0 66732f61 6d6c6400 00000000 00040000 fs/amld.....
000001d0 00014d58 00000000 00000000 00000000 ..MX.....
000001e0 00000000 00000097 00000000 00000000 .....
000001f0 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 .....
    
```

## (n) - Staging Status Display

The n display shows the status of the stager for all media. It displays a list of outstanding stage requests.

You can invoke this display differently, depending on what you need to view, as follows:

- To display the staging status for all staging activity, type the command with the following format:

```
Command:n
```

- To display the staging status for a specific media type, type the command with the following format:

```
Command:n mt
```

For mt, specify one of the media types shown in the mcf(4) man page.

## Sample Display

Figure 90 shows the staging status display.

**Figure 90. samu(1M) n Display**

```

Staging status                               samu 4.1           08:47:16 May  8 2004
License: License never expires.

Log output to: /var/opt/SUNWsamfs/stager/log

Stage request: dt.DAT001
Loading VSN DAT001

Staging queues
ty pid  user      status  wait files vsn
dt 16097 root      active  0:00   12 DAT001
    
```

## (N) - File System Parameters Display

The N display shows all mount point parameters, the superblock version, and other file system information.

To invoke this display, type the following command:

```
Command: N
```

### Navigation

Table 40 shows the control keys you can use in this display.

**Table 40. Control Keys for the N Display**

Key	Function
Ctrl-b	Previous file system
Ctrl-d	Page partitions forward
Ctrl-f	Next file system
Ctrl-i	Detailed status interpretations
Ctrl-u	Page partitions backward

This display is designed for debugging. It is intended to be used only with the assistance of a StorageTek support staff person.

### Sample Display

Figure 91 shows the file system parameters display.

**Figure 91. samu(1M) N Display**

```

File system parameters          samu 4.1          08:55:19 May  8 2004
License: License never expires.
mount_point      : /sam1          partial          : 16k
fs_type          : 6              maxpartial      : 16k
server           :                partial_stage   : 16384
filesystem name: samfs1          flush_behind    : 0
eq_type          : 10 ms          stage_flush_beh: 0
state version    : 0 2            stage_n_window  : 262144
(fs,mm)_count    : 5 0            stage_retries   : 3
sync_meta        : 0              stage timeout   : 0
stripe           : 0              dio_consec r,w : 0 0
mm_stripe        : 1              dio_frm_min r,w: 256 256
high low         : 90% 70%        dio_ill_min r,w: 0 0
readahead        : 1048576        ext_bsize       : 4096
writebehind      : 524288
wr_throttle      : 16777216
rd_ino_buf_size : 16384
wr_ino_buf_size  : 512
config           : 0x08520530      mflag           : 0x00000044

```

**Figure 91. samu(1M) N Display (Continued)**

```

status          : 0x00000001

Device configuration:
ty  eq state  device_name          fs family_set
md  11 on    /dev/dsk/c5t8d0s3          10 samfs1
md  12 on    /dev/dsk/c5t8d0s4          10 samfs1
md  13 on    /dev/dsk/c5t8d0s5          10 samfs1
md  14 on    /dev/dsk/c5t8d0s6          10 samfs1
md  15 on    /dev/dsk/c5t8d0s7          10 samfs1
    
```

## (o) - Optical Disk Status Display

The o display shows the status of all optical disk drives configured within the StorageTek ASM environment.

To invoke this display, type the following command:

```

Command: o
    
```

### Navigation

[Table 41](#) shows the control keys you can use in this display.

**Table 41. Control Keys for the o Display**

Key	Function
Ctrl-b	Page backward
Ctrl-f	Page forward
Ctrl-b	Page backward
Ctrl-d	Half-page forward
Ctrl-f	Page forward
Ctrl-k	Select (manual, automated library, both, priority)
Ctrl-u	Half-page backward

### Sample Display

[Figure 92](#) shows the optical disk status display.

**Figure 92. samu(1M) o Display**

```

Optical disk status          samu  4.1  Thu Oct 11 13:15:40

ty  eq  status      act  use  state  vsn
mo  35  --l---wo-r    1  29%  ready  oper2
    
```

## Field Descriptions

Table 42 shows the field descriptions for this display.

**Table 42.** *samu(1M)* o **Display Field Descriptions**

Field	Description
ty	Device type.
eq	Equipment Ordinal of the optical disk.
status	Device status. For a description of status codes, see <a href="#">“Operator Display Status Codes” on page 184</a> .
act	Activity count.
use	Percentage of cartridge space used.
state	Current operating state of the optical disk. Valid device states are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ready—The device is on, and the disk is loaded in the transport; available for access.</li> <li>• notrdy—The device is on, but no disk is present in the transport.</li> <li>• idle—The device is not available for new connections. Operations in progress continue until completion.</li> <li>• off—The device is not available for access.</li> <li>• down—The device is available only for maintenance access.</li> </ul>
vsn	Volume serial name assigned to the optical disk, or the keyword nolabel if the volume is not labeled.

## (p) - Removable Media Load Requests Display

The p display lists information about pending load requests for removable media. You can use the *mt* argument to select either a specific type of media, such as DLT tape, or a family of media, such as tape. The priority display lists the priority in the preview queue, rather than the user queue, and sorts the entries by priority.

It displays mount requests in the following formats:

- Both manual and automated library requests by user
- Both manual and automated library requests by priority
- Manual requests only
- Automated library requests only

You can invoke this display differently, depending on what you need to view, as follows:

- To display mount requests for all removable devices currently selected, type the command with the following format:

```
Command:p
```

- To display mount requests for devices of a given removable media type, type the command with the following format:

```
Command:p mt
```

For mt, specify one of the media types shown in the mcf(4) man page.

## Navigation

Table 43 shows the control keys you can use in this display.

**Table 43. Control Keys for the p Display**

Key	Function
Ctrl-b	Page backward
Ctrl-d	Half-page forward
Ctrl-f	Page forward
Ctrl-k	Toggle between the different display formats
Ctrl-u	Half-page backward

## Sample Display

Figure 93 shows the removable media load requests display.

**Figure 93. samu(1M) p Display**

```
Removable media load requests all both samu 4.1 09:14:19 May 8 2004
License: License never expires. count: 1

index type pid user rb flags wait count vsn
0 dt 15533 root 150 W--f--- 0:00 DAT001
```



## Field Descriptions

Table 44 shows the field descriptions for this display.

**Table 44.** `samu(1M) p` Display Field Descriptions

Field	Description
index	Index number in the preview table.
type	Device type code assigned to the removable media.
pid	UNIX process identifier. A process identifier of 1 indicates NFS access.
user	Name assigned to the user requesting the load.
priority	Priority of the request.
rb	Equipment Ordinal of the automated library in which the requested VSN resides.
flags	Flags for the device. See Table 45.
wait	The elapsed time since the mount request was received.
count	The number of requests for this VSN, if it is a stage.
vsn	Volume serial name of the volume.

## Flags

Table 45 shows the flags for the `p` display.

**Table 45.** Flags Field for the `samu(1M) p` Display

Field	Description
W-----	Write access requested
-b-----	Entry is busy
--C----	Clear VSN requested
---f---	File system requested
----N--	Media is foreign to the StorageTek ASM file system
-----S-	Flip side already mounted
-----s	Stage request flag

## (P) - Active Services Display

The P display lists the services registered with the StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM single port multiplexer.

To invoke this display, type the following command:

```
Command: P
```

## Navigation

Table 46 shows the control keys you can use in this display.

**Table 46. Control Keys for the P Display**

Key	Function
Ctrl-b	Page backward
Ctrl-f	Page forward

This display is designed for debugging. It is intended to be used only with the assistance of a StorageTek support staff person.

## Sample Display

Table 94 shows the active services display.

**Figure 94. samu(1M) P Display**

```
Active Services                               samu      4.1      09:08:33 May  8 2004
License: License never expires.

Registered services for host 'pup':
  sharedfs.qfs2
  sharedfs.qfs1
  2 service(s) registered.
```

## (r) - Removable Media Status Display

The r display enables you to monitor the activity on removable media devices such as tape drives. You can monitor either a specific type of device, such as video tape, or a family of devices such as all tape devices.

You can invoke this display differently, depending on what you need to view, as follows:

- To display the status for all removable media devices, type the command with the following format:

```
Command: r
```

- To display the status for a specific device, type the command with the following format:

```
Command: r eq
```

For eq, specify the Equipment Ordinal for the device.

## Sample Display

Figure 95 shows the removable media status display.

**Figure 95.** samu(1M) r Display

```
Removable media status: all          samu 4.1          09:11:27 May  8 2004
License: License never expires.

ty  eq  status      act  use  state  vsn
dt 150 --l-----r    0 63% ready  DAT001
```

## Field Descriptions

Table 47 shows the field descriptions for this display.

**Table 47.** samu(1M) r Display Field Descriptions

Field	Description
ty	Device type.
eq	Equipment Ordinal of the drive.
status	Device status. For a description of status codes, see <a href="#">“Operator Display Status Codes”</a> on page 184.
act	Activity count.
use	Percentage of cartridge space used.
state	Current operating state of the removable media. Valid device states are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ready—The device is on, and the disk or tape is loaded in the transport; available for access.</li> <li>notrdy—The device is on, but no disk or tape is present in the transport.</li> <li>idle—The device is not available for new connections. Operations in progress continue until completion.</li> <li>off—The device is not available for access.</li> <li>down—The device is available only for maintenance access.</li> </ul>
vsn	Volume serial name assigned to the volume, or the keyword nolabel if the volume is not labeled. Blank if no volume is present in the transport, or device is off.

## (R) - StorageTek ASM-Remote Information Display

The R display shows information and status on StorageTek ASM-Remote configurations.

To invoke this display, type the following command:

```
Command: R
```

This display is designed for debugging. It is intended to be used only with the assistance of a StorageTek support staff person.

## (s) - Device Status Display

The s display shows the status for all devices configured within the StorageTek ASM environment.

To invoke this display, type the following command:

```
Command: s
```

### Navigation

Table 48 shows the control keys you can use in this display.

**Table 48. Control Keys for the s Display**

Key	Function
Ctrl-b	Page backward
Ctrl-d	Half-page forward
Ctrl-f	Page forward
Ctrl-u	Half-page backward

### Sample Display

Figure 96 shows the device status display.

**Figure 96. samu(1M) s Display**

```
Device status                               samu      4.1      09:14:05 May  8 2004
License: License never expires.

ty      eq state  device_name                fs status  pos
sk      100 on    /etc/opt/SUNWsamfs/dcstkconf 100 m-----r
        stk_dismount(2275) 0, volser 700073
sg      120 on    /dev/rmt/2cbn                100 -----p
        empty
sg      130 on    /dev/rmt/5cbn                100 --l----o-r
```

**Figure 96. samu(1M) s Display (Continued)**

		Ready for data transfer		
sg	140	on	/dev/rmt/6cbn	100 -----p
		empty		
sg	150	on	/dev/rmt/4cbn	100 -----p
		empty		
hy	151	on	historian	151 -----

## Field Descriptions

[Table 49](#) shows the field descriptions for this display.

**Table 49. samu(1M) s Display Field Descriptions**

Field	Description
ty	Device type.
eq	Equipment ordinal of the device.
state	Current operating state of the device.
device_name	Path to the device. For file system devices, this is the file system name.
fs	Equipment Ordinal of the family, set to which the device belongs.
status	Device status. For a description of status codes, see <a href="#">“Operator Display Status Codes” on page 184</a> .

## (S) - Sector Data Display

The S display shows raw device data.

To invoke this display, type the following command:

```
Command: S
```

## Navigation

[Table 50](#) shows the control keys you can use in this display.

**Table 50. Control Keys for the S Display**

Key	Function
Ctrl-b	Previous sector
Ctrl-d	Page forward (top portion)

**Table 50. Control Keys for the S Display (Continued)**

Key	Function
Ctrl-f	Next sector
Ctrl-k	Advance display format
Ctrl-u	Page backward (top portion)

This display is designed for debugging. It is intended to be used only with the assistance of a StorageTek support staff person.

## (t) - Tape Drive Status Display

The t display shows the status of all tape drives configured within the StorageTek ASM environment.

To invoke this display, type the following command:

```
Command:t
```

### Navigation

Table 51 shows the control keys you can use in this display.

**Table 51. Control Keys for the t Display**

Key	Function
Ctrl-b	Page backward
Ctrl-f	Page forward

### Sample Display

Figure 97 shows the tape drive status display.

**Figure 97. samu(1M) t Display**

```
Tape drive status                samu      4.1      09:21:07 May  8 2004
License: License never expires.

ty  eq  status      act  use  state  vsn
sg 120 -----p    0   0% notrdy
      empty
sg 130 -----p    0   0% notrdy
      empty
sg 140 -----p    0   0% notrdy
      empty
sg 150 --l-----r    0  41% ready   700088
      idle
```

## Field Descriptions

Table 52 shows the field descriptions for this display.

**Table 52.** `samu(1M) t` Display Field Descriptions

Field	Description
ty	Device type.
eq	Equipment Ordinal of the drive.
status	Device status. For a description of status codes, see <a href="#">“Operator Display Status Codes” on page 184</a> .
act	Activity count.
use	Percentage of cartridge space used.
state	Current operating state of the removable media. Valid device states are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ready—The device is on and the disk or tape is loaded in the transport; available for access.</li> <li>• notrdy—The device is on but no disk or tape is present in the transport.</li> <li>• idle—The device is not available for new connections. Operations in progress continue until completion.</li> <li>• off—The device is not available for access.</li> <li>• down—The device is available only for maintenance access.</li> </ul>
vsn	Volume serial name assigned to the volume, or the keyword nolabel if volume is not labeled. Blank if no volume is present in the transport, or device is off.

## (T) - SCSI Sense Data Display

The T display shows the SCSI status of a SCSI device.

To invoke this display, type the following command:

```
Command: T
```

## Navigation

Table 53 shows the control keys you can use in this display.

**Table 53. Control Keys for the T Display**

Key	Function
Ctrl-b	Previous equipment
Ctrl-f	Next equipment

This display is designed for debugging. It is intended to be used only with the assistance of a StorageTek support staff person.

## (u) - Staging Queue Display

The u display lists all files in the staging queue.

To invoke this display, type the following command:

```
Command:u
```

## Navigation

Table 54 shows the control keys you can use in this display.

**Table 54. Control Keys for the u Display**

Key	Function
Ctrl-b	Page backward
Ctrl-d	Half-page forward
Ctrl-f	Page forward
Ctrl-k	Display the path on the second line of each entry
Ctrl-u	Half-page backward

## Sample Display

Figure 98 shows the staging queue display.

**Figure 98. samu(1M) u Display**

```
Staging queue by media type: all          samu 4.1          09:24:23 May  8 2004
License: License never expires.          volumes 1 files 22

ty      length  fseq      ino   position  offset vsn
dt      451.611k  20        1030   207cc     473 DAT001
dt      341.676k  20        1031   207cc     7fc DAT001
```



**Figure 98. samu(1M) u Display (Continued)**

dt	419.861k	20	1032	207cc	aa9 DAT001
dt	384.760k	20	1033	207cc	df2 DAT001
dt	263.475k	20	1034	207cc	10f5 DAT001
dt	452.901k	20	1035	207cc	1305 DAT001
dt	404.598k	20	1036	207cc	1690 DAT001
dt	292.454k	20	1037	207cc	19bb DAT001
dt	257.835k	20	1038	207cc	1c05 DAT001
dt	399.882k	20	1040	207cc	1e0b DAT001
dt	399.882k	40	1029	208d7	2 DAT001
dt	257.835k	40	1030	208d7	323 DAT001
dt	292.454k	40	1031	208d7	528 DAT001
dt	404.598k	40	1032	208d7	772 DAT001
dt	452.901k	40	1033	208d7	a9d DAT001
dt	263.475k	40	1034	208d7	e28 DAT001
dt	384.760k	40	1035	208d7	1038 DAT001
dt	419.861k	40	1036	208d7	133b DAT001
dt	341.676k	40	1037	208d7	1684 DAT001
dt	451.611k	40	1038	208d7	1931 DAT001
dt	161.326k	40	1039	208d7	1cba DAT001
dt	406.400k	40	1040	208d7	1dfe DAT001

## Field Descriptions

[Table 55](#) shows the field descriptions for this display.

**Table 55. samu(1M) u Display Field Descriptions**

Field	Description
ty	Device type.
length	File length.
fseq	File system equipment number.
ino	The inode number.
position	The position of the archive file on the specific medium.
offset	Offset of the archive file on the specific medium.
vsn	Volume serial name of the volume.

## (U) - Device Table Display

The U display shows the device table in a human-readable form.

You can invoke this display differently, depending on what you need to view, as follows:

- To display the device table for all devices, type the command with the following format:

```
Command: U
```

- To display the device table for a specific device, type the command with the following format:

```
Command: U eq
```

For eq, specify the Equipment Ordinal of the device.

## Navigation

Table 56 shows the control keys you can use in this display.

**Table 56. Control Keys for the U Display**

Key	Function
Ctrl-b	Previous equipment
Ctrl-f	Next equipment

This display is designed for debugging. It is intended to be used only with the assistance of a StorageTek support staff person.

## Sample Display

Figure 99 shows the device table display.

**Figure 99. samu(1M) U Display**

```
Device table: eq: 10      addr: 00000450  samu 4.1          09:28:40 May  8 2004
License: License never expires.

message:

0004000000014d58 0000000000000000      00000000 delay
0000000000000000 mutex                  00000000 unload_delay
00000aa8 next
73616d66 set:  samfs1
73310000
00000000
00000000
000a000a eq/fseq
08010801 type/equ_type
0000      state
00000000 st_rdev
00000000 ord/model
00000000 mode_sense
00000000 sense
00000000 space
00000000 capacity
00000000 active
00000000 open
00000000 sector_size
00000000 label_address
00000000 vsn:
```

**Figure 99. samu(1M) U Display (Continued)**

```

00000000
00000000
00000000
00000000 status: -----
00000000 dt
73616d66 name: samfs1

```

## (v) - Automated Library Catalog Display

The v display shows the location and VSN of all disks or tapes currently cataloged in the automated library.

You can invoke this display differently, depending on what you need to view, as follows:

- To display the catalog for all devices, type the command with the following format:

```
Command:v
```

- To display catalog information for a specific device, type the command with the following format:

```
Command:v eg
```

For eg, specify the Equipment Ordinal of the device. Type the keyword historian to view the historian catalog.

At certain times, samu(1M) prompts for a device to be entered, as follows:

```
Enter robot:eg
```

For eg, specify the Equipment Ordinal of the device or press return. Pressing return displays information for the previous device specified.

For a list of all device names and Equipment Ordinals, see [“\(c\) - Device Configuration Display” on page 149](#).

## Navigation

Table 57 shows the control keys you can use in this display.

**Table 57. Control Keys for the v Display**

Key	Function
Ctrl-b	Page backward.
Ctrl-d	Next library catalog.
Ctrl-f	Page forward.
Ctrl-i	Detailed, 2-line display format. When you enter Ctrl-i once, it shows times and barcodes. When you enter Ctrl-i a second time, it shows volume reservations on the second line.
Ctrl-k	Advance sort key. After you enter Ctrl-k, you can enter one of the following to select a sort key: 1 - sort by slot. 2 - sort by count. 3 - sort by usage. 4 - sort by VSN. 5 - sort by access time. 6 - sort by barcode. 7 - sort by label time.
Ctrl-u	Previous automated library catalog.
/	Search for VSN
%	Search for barcode
\$	Search for slot

## Sample Display

Figure 100 shows the automated library catalog display.

**Figure 100. samu(1M) v Display**

```

Robot VSN catalog by slot      : eq 100samu      4.1      09:30:25 May  8 2004
License: License never expires.                                count 32
slot      access time count use flags      ty vsn
-----
  0      2004/05/08 08:35   64   0% -il-o-b----- sg 700071
  1      2004/05/08 09:08   27  12% -il-o-b----- sg 700073
  2      2004/05/08 09:12   26  12% -il-o-b----- sg 700077
  3      2004/05/08 08:39   37  40% -il-o-b----- sg 700079
  4      2004/05/08 09:16   24   6% -il-o-b----- sg 700084
    
```

**Figure 100. samu(1M) v Display (Continued)**

5	2004/05/08 09:18	24	41%	-il-o-b-----	sg 700088
6	none	0	0%	-il-o-b-----	sg 700090
7	none	0	0%	-il-o-b-----	sg 700092
8	none	0	0%	-il-o-b-----	sg 000155
9	none	0	0%	-il-o-b-----	sg 000156
10	none	0	0%	-il-o-b-----	sg 000157
11	none	0	0%	-il-o-b-----	sg 000158
12	none	0	0%	-il-o-b-----	sg 000154
13	none	0	0%	-il-o-b-----	sg 000153
14	none	0	0%	-il-o-b-----	sg 000152

## Field Descriptions

[Table 58](#) shows the field descriptions for this display.

**Table 58. samu(1M) v Display Field Descriptions**

Field	Description
Robot VSN catalog	Name of the specified automated library and time the display refreshed.
count	Number of slots allocated in this library's catalog.
slot	Slot number within the specified library.
access time	Time the volume was last accessed.
count	Number of accesses to this volume since the last audit operation.
use	Percentage of space used for the volume.
flags	Flags for the device. See <a href="#">Table 59</a> for information about the flags.
ty	Device type.
vsn	Volume serial name of the volume.

## Flags

In some cases, more than one flag can occur in a field, and one flag overrides the other. [Table 59](#) shows the flags from the flags field in [Table 58](#).

**Table 59. Flags Field for samu(1M) v Display**

Flags	Description
A-----	Volume needs audit.
-i-----	Slot in use.
-- -----	Labeled. Overrides N.

**Table 59. Flags Field for samu(1M) v Display (Continued)**

Flags	Description
--N-----	Unlabeled. This volume is foreign to the StorageTek ASM environment.
---E-----	Media error. Set when the StorageTek ASM software detects a write error on a cartridge.
----o-----	Slot occupied.
----C-----	Volume is a cleaning tape. Overrides p.
----p-----	Priority VSN.
----b-----	Barcode detected.
-----W---	Write protect. Set when the physical write protection mechanism is enabled on a cartridge.
-----R---	Read only.
-----c--	Recycle.
-----d-	Duplicate VSN. Overrides U.
-----U-	Volume unavailable.
-----f	Archiver found volume full.
-----X	Export slot.

## (w) - Pending Stage Queue

The w display shows queued stage requests for which the volumes have not yet been loaded.

You can invoke this display differently, depending on what you need to view, as follows:

- To display the pending stage queue for all media, type the command with the following format:

```
Command:w
```

- To display the pending stage queue for a specific media type, type the command with the following format:

```
Command:w mt
```

For *mt*, specify one of the media types shown in the mcf(4) man page.

## Navigation

Table 60 shows the control keys you can use in this display.

**Table 60. Control Keys for the w Display**

Key	Function
Ctrl-b	Page backward
Ctrl-d	Half-page forward
Ctrl-f	Page forward
Ctrl-k	Display the path on the second line of each entry
Ctrl-u	Half-page backward

## Sample Display

Figure 101 shows the pending stage queue.

**Figure 101. samu(1M) w Display**

```

Pending stage queue by media type: all      samu      4.1  Thu Oct 11 13:20:27
License: License never expires.           volumes 1 files 13

ty      length  fseq  ino  position  offset  vsn
at      1.383M   1    42   3a786    271b   000002
at      1.479M   1    56   3a786    5139   000002
at    1018.406k  1    60   3a786    6550   000002
at      1.000M   1    65   3a786    7475   000002
at      1.528M   1    80   3a786    99be   000002
at      1.763M   1    92   3a786    ce57   000002
at      1.749M   1   123   3a786   11ece   000002
at      556.559k  1   157   3a786   1532f   000002
at      658.970k  1   186   3a786   17705   000002
at      863.380k  1   251   3a786   1dd58   000002
at      1.268M   1   281   3a786   1f2b7   000002
at      1.797M   1   324   3a786   23dfa   000002
at      1.144M   1   401   3a786   2bb6d   000002

```

## Field Descriptions

Table 61 shows the field descriptions for this display.

**Table 61. samu(1M) w Display Field Descriptions**

Field	Description
ty	Device type.
length	File length.
fseq	File system Equipment Ordinal.

**Table 61. samu(1M) w Display Field Descriptions (Continued)**

Field	Description
ino	The inode number.
position	The position (in decimal format) of the archive file on the specific medium.
offset	Offset of the archive file on the specific medium.
vsn	Volume serial name of the volume.

## Operator Display Status Codes

The operator displays have different status codes for the removable media device displays and the file system displays. The following sections describe these displays.

### Removable Media Device Display Status Codes

The o, r, s, and t operator displays show status codes for removable media devices. Status codes are displayed in a 10-position format, reading from left (position 1) to right (position 10).

The status codes in this section do not apply to the samu(1M) f, m, and v displays. For information about the status codes for the f and m displays, see [“File System Display Status Codes” on page 185](#). For information about the status codes for the v display, see [“\(v\) - Automated Library Catalog Display” on page 179](#).

[Table 62](#) defines the valid status codes for each position.

**Table 62. Removable Media Device Display Status Codes**

Status Bit	Meaning for a Device
s-----	Media is being scanned.
m-----	The automated library is operational.
M-----	Maintenance mode.
-E-----	Device received an unrecoverable error in scanning.
-a-----	Device is in audit mode.
--l-----	Media has a label.
--N-----	Foreign media.
--L-----	Media is being labeled.
---l-----	Waiting for device to idle.
---A-----	Needs operator attention.



**Table 62. Removable Media Device Display Status Codes (Continued)**

Status Bit	Meaning for a Device
----C-----	Needs cleaning.
----U-----	Unload has been requested.
----R----	Device is reserved.
-----w---	A process is writing on the media.
-----o--	Device is open.
-----P-	Device is positioning (tape only).
-----F-	For automated libraries, all storage slots occupied. For tape and magneto-optical drives, media is full.
-----R	Device is ready and the media is read-only.
-----r	Device is spun up and ready.
-----p	Device is present.
-----W	Device is write protected.

## File System Display Status Codes

The f and m operator displays show status codes for file systems. Status codes are displayed in an 11-position format, reading from left (position 1) to right (position 11).

The status codes in this section do not apply to the samu(1M) c, o, r, s, t, or v displays. For information about the status codes for the c, o, r, s, and t displays, see [“Removable Media Device Display Status Codes” on page 184](#). For information about the status codes for the v display, see [“\(v\) - Automated Library Catalog Display” on page 179](#).

[Table 63](#) defines the valid status codes for each position.

**Table 63. File System Display Status Codes**

Status Bit	Meaning for a File System
m-----	File system is currently mounted.
M-----	File system is being mounted.
-u-----	File system is being unmounted.
--A-----	File system data is being archived.
---R-----	File system data is being released.
----S-----	File system data is being staged.
-----1-----	StorageTek ASM file system version 1.

**Table 63. File System Display Status Codes**

Status Bit	Meaning for a File System
-----2-----	StorageTek ASM file system version 2.
-----c----	StorageTek QFS shared file system.
-----W---	Single writer.
-----R--	Multireader.
-----r-	mr devices.
-----d	md devices.

## Operator Display Device States

The c, m, o, r, s, and t operator displays show device state codes. These codes represent the current access state for the device. [Table 64](#) defines the valid state codes.

**Table 64. Operator Display Device States**

Device State	Description
on	The device is available for access. For certain displays, this state might be superseded by the states ready or notrdy.
ro	The device is available for read-only access. For certain displays, this state might be superseded by the states ready or notrdy.
off	The device is not available for access. For tape and optical disk drives, possible reasons for the device to be in the off state include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cleaning was requested, but no cleaning cartridge was found in the automated library.</li> <li>• The cleaning cartridge cannot be loaded or unloaded from the drive.</li> <li>• Initialization found the drive status to be full, and attempts to clear the drive failed.</li> <li>• The system was unable to clear a cartridge from a drive.</li> <li>• Opening the drive for I/O failed during spin-up.</li> <li>• An error other than NOT READY was received when spinning down the drive for unloading.</li> <li>• Opening the standard tape driver on the drive failed during spin-up.</li> </ul>
down	The device is available for maintenance access only.

**Table 64. Operator Display Device States (Continued)**

Device State	Description
idle	The device is not available for new connections. Operations in progress continue until completion.
ready	The device is on and the disk or tape loaded in the transport is available for access.
notrdy	The device is on, but no disk or tape is present in the transport.
unavail	The device is unavailable for access and cannot be used for automatic StorageTek ASM operations. You can continue to use the load(1M) and unload(1M) commands for moving media while the device is in the unavail state.

You can use the samu(1M) down, off, and on device state commands to change device states to down, off, or on. You can enter these commands from any samu(1M) display, but if you enter them from the c, m, o, r, s, or t display, you can see the device state change in the display. For example, you could set a device state to off from within the P display, but you would not be able to see the new device state reflected in the display.

The following procedures show what to type to change a device's state from down to on and from on to down.

### To Change a Drive State from down to on

1. Bring up a samu(1M) display that shows drive and automated library device states.

The following samu(1M) displays all show device states: c, m, o, r, s, and t.

2. Visually inspect the display to verify that the device is in the down state.
3. Type :off.

Turning the device off halts all activity so the device can be started cleanly in the next step. For example:

```
Command:off eg
```

For eg, specify the Equipment Ordinal of the device.

4. Type :on.

For example:

```
Command:on eg
```

For eg, specify the Equipment Ordinal of the device.

## To Change a Drive State from on to down

1. Bring up a samu(1M) display that shows drive and automated library device states.

The following samu(1M) displays all show device states: c, m, o, r, s, and t.

2. Visually inspect the display to verify that the device is in the on state.
3. Type :off.

Turning the device off halts all activity so the device can be stopped cleanly in the next step. For example:

```
Command: off eg
```

For eg, specify the Equipment Ordinal of the device.

4. Type :down.

For example:

```
Command: down eg
```

For eg, specify the Equipment Ordinal of the device.

## ■ Operator Commands

The following sections describe the operator commands that you can enter from the samu(1M) operator utility's command interface. You can enter the commands from any display.

The following types of operator commands are available:

- [“Device Commands” on page 189](#)
- [“SAM Commands — Archiver Control” on page 190](#)
- [“SAM Commands — Stager Control” on page 193](#)
- [“SAM Commands — Releaser Control” on page 192](#)
- [“File System Commands — I/O Management” on page 194](#)
- [“File System Commands — Direct I/O Management” on page 196](#)
- [“File System Commands — StorageTek QFS Shared File Systems” on page 198](#)
- [“File System Commands - Miscellaneous” on page 199](#)

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If you want to enter any operator commands from the Solaris operating system (OS) command line, you must use them as arguments to the `samcmd(1M)` command. For more information about the `samcmd(1M)` command, see the `samcmd(1M)` man page.

In the following subsections, each `samu(1M)` command is prefaced with a colon (:) when it is entered to designate that a command is being entered and not a series of hot keys.

## Device Commands

[Table 65](#) shows the device commands and their actions.

**Table 65. Device Command Actions**

Command	Action
<code>down</code>	Terminates operation on device <i>eq</i> .
<code>idle</code>	Restricts access to device <i>eq</i> by preventing new connections to the device. Existing operations continue until completion.
<code>off</code>	Logically turns off device <i>eq</i> .
<code>on</code>	Logically turns on device <i>eq</i> .
<code>unavail</code>	Selects device <i>eq</i> and makes it unavailable for use with the StorageTek ASM file system. You might set a drive state to <code>unavail</code> , for example, in a disaster recovery situation in which you are trying to load media to restore a file system and you do not want the StorageTek ASM software to attempt to use this drive.
<code>unload</code>	Unloads the mounted media for the specified removable media device <i>eq</i> . For magazine devices, the <code>unload</code> command unloads the mounted cartridge and ejects the magazine.

[Figure 102](#) shows the formats for the device control commands.

**Figure 102. Formats for the Device Control Commands**

```
:down eq
:idle eq
:off eq
:on eq
:unavail eq
:unload eq
```

For *eg.*, specify the Equipment Ordinal of the device.

## SAM Commands — Archiver Control

Table 66 shows the archiver commands and their actions.

**Table 66. Archiver Command Actions**

Command	Action
aridle	Stops all archiving at the next convenient point. For example, at the end of the current tar(1) file for sam-arcopy operations. You can also use this command to stop all archiving activity for all file systems prior to unmounting the file systems.
arrerun	Performs a soft restart on the archiver. The archiver daemons are restarted, and all work in progress is recovered.
arrestart	Interrupts the archiver and restarts the archiver. This action occurs regardless of the state of the archiver. Therefore, use arrestart with caution. Some copy operations to archive media might not complete and must be repeated. This wastes space on the media.
armarchreq	Removes an archive request.
arrun	Causes the archiver to begin archiving. This command overrides any existing global wait command in the archiver.cmd file.
arscan	Scans the file system.
arstop	Stops all archiving immediately.
artrace	Performs archiver tracing.

Figure 103 shows the formats for the archiver commands.

**Figure 103. Formats for the Archiver Commands**

```
:aridle [ dk | rm | fs.fsname ]
:arrerun
:arrestart
:armarchreq fsname.[* | archreq]
:arrun [ dk | rm | fs.fsname ]
:arscan fsname[.dir | ..inodes][int]
:arstop [ dk | rm | fs.fsname ]
:artrace [fs.fsname]
```

The arguments to these commands are optional. If no arguments are specified, all file systems are affected. If arguments are specified, the

command takes action based on the type of archive file specified (dk or rm) or the file system specified. [Table 67](#) shows the archiver command arguments.

**Table 67. Archiver Command Arguments**

Argument	Description
dk	Specifies that this command pertains to disk archive files.
rm	Specifies that this command pertains to removable media files.
<i>fsname</i>	Specifies that this command pertains to a specific file system. Enter a file system name for <i>fsname</i> .
<i>archreq</i>	Specifies the name of a specific archive request file in the following format: <i>arset.copy.seq_num</i> This file name has three components. Use a period to separate each component. The first component is the name of the archive set. The second component is the copy number (1, 2, 3, or 4). The third component is a sequence number that the archiver assigns. More than one archive request can exist at one time. You can use the showqueue(1M) command to obtain the names of the archive request files in the system. <a href="#">Figure 104</a> shows how to use this command. Alternatively, you can go to the following directory and list the files present: <code>/var/opt/SUNWsamfs/archiver/<i>fsname</i>/ArchReq</code>
*	Signifies all files.
<i>dir</i>	Specifies a specific directory name. This is the directory to scan.
.inodes	Specifies that the inodes should be scanned.
<i>int</i>	An integer number of seconds to delay the scan.

[Figure 104](#) shows using the showqueue(1M) command to obtain an *archreq* file name that can be used as input to the arrmarchreq samu(1M) command.

**Figure 104. Using showqueue(1M)**

```
# showqueue samfs9
Filesystem samfs9:
Scan list: empty
Archive requests
arset1.2.0 schedule 2004-01-22 16:23:07
  files:697 space: 4.934G flags: offline
(min: 1.000k) priority: 0 0
  No volumes available
  Drive 1
```

**Figure 104. Using showqueue(1M) (Continued)**

```

Files: 695, bytes: 1.932G (min: 1.000k)
Stage volumes:
  lt.CFX600
  lt.CFX601

arset1.1.1 schedule 2004-01-22 16:23:07
  files:3 space: 6.236M flags:
(min: 826.000k) priority: 0 0
  No volumes available
  Drive 1
  Files: 3, bytes: 6.236M (min: 826.000k)

```

Figure 104 shows that files arset1.2.0 and arset1.1.1 are archive request files.

### The :hwm\_archive eq and :nohwm\_archive eq Commands

The hwm\_archive command invokes the archiver when the amount of data in the file system increases to a level above the releaser's high-water mark. You can set the releaser's high-water mark by using the thresh command. For information about the thresh command, see [“The :thresh eq high low Command” on page 192](#). The nohwm\_archive command disables this capability and is the default.

For eq, specify the Equipment Ordinal for the file system.

### The :thresh eq high low Command

The thresh command sets the high and low thresholds for a file system to control file archiving.

For eq, specify the Equipment Ordinal of the storage family set.

For high, specify the high threshold.

For low, specify the low threshold.

For example, the following command sets the high threshold to 50 percent and the low threshold to 40 percent for the storage Family Set whose file system Equipment Ordinal is 10:

```
:thresh 10 50 40
```

## SAM Commands — Releaser Control

The following commands allow you to control aspects of the partial release feature. For more information about the partial release feature, see the Releasing chapter in the *StorageTek ASM Storage and Archive Management Guide*.



## The :maxpartial eq value Command

The maxpartial command sets the maximum partial release size for the file system to value kilobytes. The partial release size cannot be set larger than this maxpartial setting.

For eq, specify the Equipment Ordinal for the file system.

For value, specify an integer such that  $0 \leq \text{value} \leq 2097152$ .

## The :partial eq value Command

The partial command sets the number of kilobytes to leave online after release of the file. For more information, see the Releasing chapter in the *StorageTek ASM Storage and Archive Management Guide*.

For eq, specify the Equipment Ordinal for the file system.

For value, specify the number of kilobytes to leave online. The default size is 16.

## SAM Commands — Stager Control

The following commands allow you to control staging activities.

### The :partial\_stage eq value Command

The partial\_stage command sets the partial stage size for the file system to value kilobytes. For a file with the partial release attribute, value specifies the file offset past which access results in the entire file being staged to disk.

For eq, specify the Equipment Ordinal for the file system.

For value, specify an integer that is greater than 0 but is less than the value specified for the maxpartial setting. For more information about the maxpartial setting, see [“The :maxpartial eq value Command” on page 193](#). For more information about the partial release feature, see the Releasing chapter in the *StorageTek ASM Storage and Archive Management Guide*.

### The :stage\_flush\_behind eq value Command

The stage\_flush\_behind command sets the maximum stage flush-behind value. Pages being staged are written to disk asynchronously to help the Solaris VM layer keep the pages clean.

For eq, specify the Equipment Ordinal for the file system.

For value, specify an integer number of kilobytes such that  $0 \leq \text{value} \leq 8192$ . By default, value=0, which disables stage\_flush\_behind.

### The `:stage_n_window eq value` Command

The `stage_n_window` command works with the `stage(1)` command's `-n` option. This `samu(1M)` command sets the `stage(1)` command's `-n` option for the file system to value. This command is effective for files read directly from the archive media and for which `stage -n` has been specified. For a file with the `stage -n` attribute set, value is the amount of data that is staged to the application's buffer at any one time.

For eq, specify the Equipment Ordinal for the file system.

For value, specify an integer such that  $64 \leq \text{value} \leq 2097152$  kilobytes. The default is 256 for all file systems except for the StorageTek QFS shared file system, which is set to the value of the `minallocsz` mount option.

### The `:stage_retries eq value` Command

The `stage_retries` command sets the number of stage retries attempted per archive copy when certain errors are encountered.

For eq, specify the Equipment Ordinal for the file system.

For value, specify a number such that  $0 \leq \text{value} \leq 20$ . When value=0, retries are not attempted. The default is 3.

### The `:stclear mt.vsn` Command

The `stclear` command clears a stage request.

For mt, specify the media type; for information about valid media types, see the `mcf(4)` man page.

For vsn, specify the volume to mount.

### The `:stidle` Command

The `stidle` command idles the stager. Use this command if you want the stager to finish its current tasks and not commence any additional staging.

### The `:strun` Command

The `strun` command restarts staging activity. You can use this command to restart the stager after you have issued the `stidle` command.

## File System Commands — I/O Management

The following commands allow you to manage I/O characteristics dynamically.

### The `:flush_behind eq value` Command

The `flush_behind` command sets the maximum `flush_behind` value. When set to a value greater than 0, modified pages that are being written sequentially

are written to disk asynchronously to help the Solaris kernel layer keep the pages clean. This option sets the maximum flush\_behind value.

For *value*, specify an integer number of kilobytes such that  $0 \leq \text{value} \leq 8192$ . By default, *value*=0, which disables flush\_behind.

For *eg*, specify the Equipment Ordinal for the file system.

## The :force\_nfs\_async *eg* and :noforce\_nfs\_async *eg* Commands

These commands allow you to control whether the file system caches NFS data written to the server even if NFS has requested that the data be written synchronously through to disk. The force\_nfs\_async command caches NFS data. The noforce\_nfs\_async command, which is the default, synchronously writes data through to disk.

The force\_nfs\_async command is effective only if the file system is mounted as an NFS server and only if the clients are mounted with the noac NFS mount option. For more information about mounting an NFS file system, see the mount\_nfs(1M) man page.

For *eg*, specify the Equipment Ordinal for the file system.

**CAUTION:** The force\_nfs\_async option violates NFS protocols. Use this command with caution. In the event of a server interruption, data can be lost. Data is cached on the NFS server and cannot be seen immediately by all the clients if there are multiple NFS servers. Multiple NFS servers can be enabled within the StorageTek QFS shared file system. For more information about the StorageTek QFS shared file system, see [“StorageTek QFS Shared File System” on page 87](#).

## The :readahead *eg contig* Command

The readahead command specifies the maximum number of bytes that can be read ahead by the file system.

For *eg*, specify the Equipment Ordinal for the file system.

For *contig*, specify units of 1-kilobyte blocks. This must be an integer such that  $1 < \text{contig} < 8192$ . The *contig* specified is truncated to a multiple of 8 kilobytes. The default *contig* is 8 (131072 bytes).

For example, the following command sets the maximum contiguous block size to 262,144 bytes for the file system defined as Equipment Ordinal 3:

```
:readahead 3 256
```

This value can also be configured in the samfs.cmd file by specifying the readahead directive. For more information, see the samfs.cmd(4) man page.

## The `:sw_raid eg` and `:nosw_raid eg` Commands

These options specify whether or not the file system aligns the writebehind buffer. Specify `sw_raid` if the software RAID feature of a package such as Solstice DiskSuite is also used on this file system. The default setting is `nosw_raid`.

For eg, specify the Equipment Ordinal for a file system.

## The `:writebehind eg contig` Command

The `writebehind` command specifies the maximum number of bytes that can be written behind by a file system.

For eg, specify the Equipment Ordinal for a file system.

For contig, specify units of 1-kilobyte blocks. This must be an integer such that  $1 < \text{contig} < 8192$ . The default contig is 8 (131072 bytes).

For example, the following command sets the maximum contiguous block size to 262,144 bytes for the file system defined as Equipment Ordinal 50:

```
:writebehind 50 256
```

This value can also be configured in the `samfs.cmd` file by specifying the `writebehind` directive. For more information, see the `samfs.cmd(4)` man page.

## The `:wr_throttle eg value` Command

The `wr_throttle` command sets the number of outstanding write bytes for one file to value kilobytes.

For eg, specify the Equipment Ordinal for a file system.

For value, specify an integer number of kilobytes. If value=0, there is no limit. The default is 16384.

## File System Commands — Direct I/O Management

The commands in this section control I/O on StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems. They allow you to change the type of I/O for an individual file based on I/O size and history. If direct I/O is specified for a file, for example, through the `setfa(1)` command, these options are ignored and all I/O to regular files is direct, if possible.

These commands refer to both well-aligned and misaligned I/O. Well-aligned I/O occurs when the file offset falls on a 512-byte boundary and when the length of the I/O transfer is at least 512 bytes. Misaligned I/O occurs when the file offset does not fall on a 512-byte boundary and the length of the transfer is less than 512 bytes.

For more information about I/O and I/O management, see [“Advanced Topics” on page 233](#).

**The :dio\_rd\_form\_min eq value  
and :dio\_wr\_form\_min eq value Commands**

These commands set the lower limits for well-aligned I/O to value 1024-byte blocks. Use the `dio_rd_form_min` command to set the value for reads, and use the `dio_wr_form_min` command to set the value for writes.

For eq, specify the Equipment Ordinal for the file system.

For value, specify an integer number of 1024-byte blocks to use for the lower limit. By default, value=256. If value=0, automatic I/O switching is disabled.

**The :dio\_rd\_ill\_min eq value  
and :dio\_wr\_ill\_min eq value Commands**

These commands set the lower limit for misaligned I/O to value 1024-byte blocks. Use the `dio_rd_ill_min` command to set the value for reads, and use the `dio_wr_ill_min` command to set the value for writes.

For eq, specify the Equipment Ordinal for the file system.

For value, specify an integer number of 1024-byte blocks to use for the lower limit. By default, value=256. If value=0, automatic I/O switching is disabled.

**The :dio\_rd\_consec eq value  
and :dio\_wr\_consec eq value Commands**

These commands set the number of consecutive I/O transfers that can occur, with a buffer size greater than the specified lower limits, to value operations.

For eq, specify the Equipment Ordinal for the file system.

For value, specify the the number of consecutive I/O transfers with a buffer size greater than the specified lower limit. The specified lower limit is the value of `dio_rd_form_min` for aligned reads or `dio_rd_ill_min` for misaligned reads. By default, value=0, which means that no default direct reads occur based on I/O sizes.

For more information, see one or more of the following commands or mount parameters:

- [“The :dio\\_rd\\_form\\_min eq value and :dio\\_wr\\_form\\_min eq value Commands” on page 197](#)
- [“The :dio\\_rd\\_ill\\_min eq value and :dio\\_wr\\_ill\\_min eq value Commands” on page 197](#)

## The `:forcedirectio eq` and `:noforcedirectio eq` Commands

These commands allow you to control whether direct I/O be used as the default I/O mode. By default, the I/O mode is buffered and uses the page cache. The `forcedirectio` command enables direct I/O for all transfers. The `noforcedirectio` command enables the default, which is buffered I/O.

For eq, specify the Equipment Ordinal for the file system.

When direct I/O is specified, the system transfers data directly between the user's buffer and disk. Use direct I/O only if the file system is used for large, block-aligned, sequential I/O.

For more information about I/O, see [“Advanced Topics” on page 233](#).

## File System Commands — StorageTek QFS Shared File Systems

The following file system commands are supported on StorageTek QFS shared file systems only.

### The `:meta_timeo eq interval` Command

The `metatimeo` command sets the StorageTek QFS shared file system metadata cache time out value. For more information about using this feature, see [“Retaining Cached Attributes: the `meta\_timeo=n` Option” on page 125](#).

For eq, specify the Equipment Ordinal of the file system.

For interval, specify an interval in seconds. The default interval is 15. After this interval expires, the client host systems obtain a new copy of the metadata information from the metadata server host.

### The `:mhwrite eq` and `:nomh_write eq` Commands

These commands enable or disable multihost reads and writes. For information about this feature, see [“Enabling Multiple Host Reads and Writes: the `mh\_write` Option” on page 123](#).

For eq, specify the Equipment Ordinal of the file system.

### The `:minallocsz eq value` and `:maxallocsz eq value` Commands

These commands set the minimum and maximum block allocation size.

For eq, specify the Equipment Ordinal of the file system.

For value, and for more information about this feature, see [“Tuning Allocation Sizes: the `minallocsz=n` and `maxallocsz=n` Options” on page 122](#).

## The `:rdlease eq interval`, `:wrlease eq interval`, and `:aplease eq interval` Commands

These commands tune the amount of time granted for read, write, and append leases. For information about this feature, see [“Using Leases in a StorageTek QFS Shared File System: the `rdlease=n`, `wrlease=n`, and `aplease=n` Options” on page 122](#).

For eq, specify the Equipment Ordinal of the file system.

For interval, specify an integer number of seconds. All three leases enable you to specify an interval such that 15 ≤ interval ≤ 600. The default interval is 30.

## File System Commands - Miscellaneous

The following commands allow you to control leases, allocation sizes, and various other file system characteristics.

### The `:invalid eq interval` Command

The `invalid` command specifies that the file system hold cached attributes for at least interval seconds after a file is modified. You can specify this command only if the file system was mounted originally with the reader mount option. For information about mount options, see the `mount_samfs(1M)` man page.

For eq, specify the Equipment Ordinal for the file system.

For interval, specify the number of seconds to hold the attributes after file modification. For example, assume that interval=30. In such a file system, if you issue an `ls(1)` command, you might not see a newly created file appear in its output for 30 seconds after it has been created on its writer host.

### The `:mm_stripe eq value` Command (StorageTek QFS File Systems Only)

The `mm_stripe` command sets the metadata stripe width for the file system to value 16-kilobyte disk allocation units (DAUs).

For eq, specify the Equipment Ordinal of the file system.

For value, specify either 0 or 1. If value=1, which is the default, the file system writes one DAU of metadata to one LUN before switching to another LUN. If value=0, the metadata is round-robin across all available metadata LUNs.

### **The `:qwrite eg` and `:noqwrite eg` Commands (StorageTek QFS File Systems Only)**

The `qwrite` and `noqwrite` commands control the ability to perform simultaneous reads and writes to the same file from different threads. Specify `qwrite` only if file system users handle multiple simultaneous transactions to the same file. For example, this is useful in database applications. The `qwrite` feature improves I/O performance by queuing multiple requests at the drive level. The `qwrite` specification is disabled for NFS reads or writes of the file system.

The default setting is `noqwrite`, so the file system disables simultaneous reads and writes to the same file. This is the mode defined by the UNIX vnode interface standard that gives exclusive access to only one writer and forces other writers and readers to wait.

For eg, specify the Equipment Ordinal of the file system.

### **The `:refresh_at_eof eg` and `:norefresh_at_eof eg` Commands (StorageTek QFS File Systems Only)**

The `refresh_at_eof` and `norefresh_at_eof` commands can be used for fast updates to a StorageTek QFS multireader file system on hosts that are mounted with the `reader mount` option in a multireader file system. This option ensures that the system refreshes the current file size when the read buffer exceeds the end of file. You can use this, for example, if the writer host system is appending to a file and the reader is issuing `tail(1)` commands with the `-f` option. The default is `norefresh_at_eof`.

For eg, specify the Equipment Ordinal of the file system.

### **The `:setuid eg` and `:nosetuid eg` Commands**

The `setuid` and `nosetuid` commands control whether `setuid` execution is allowed for this file system. These mount options control whether running programs are allowed to automatically change their owner IDs. For more information about the implications of using these mount options, see the `suid` and `nosuid` mount option descriptions on the `mount_ufs(1M)` man page and see the `setuid(2)` man page.

For eg, specify the Equipment Ordinal of the file system.

### **The `:stripe eg value` Command**

The `stripe` command sets the stripe width for the file system to value disk allocation units (DAUs). The stripe width specifies that value multiplied by the DAU bytes are written to one LUN before switching to the next LUN. You can use the `sammkfs(1M) -a` command to set the DAU size on the file system when it is initialized.



For eg, specify the Equipment Ordinal of the file system.

For value, specify an integer such that  $0 < \text{value} < 255$ . If value=0, files are round-robin on each slice. The default value on file systems with an ms Equipment Type and on file systems with an ma Equipment Type with no striped group (gXXX) components is as follows:

- 128 kilobytes/DAU for DAUs < 128 kilobytes
- 1 for DAUs > 128 kilobytes

By default, value=0 on a StorageTek QFS shared file system.

By default, value=0 on file systems with an ma Equipment Type with any striped group (gXXX) components.

The system sets value=0 if mismatched striped groups exist.

For more information about file system types, see [“File System Design” on page 11](#) and see [“Volume Management” on page 41](#).

## The `:sync_meta eg value` Command

The `sync_meta` command determine whether metadata is written to disk every time it changes. If you are using this command on StorageTek QFS shared file system, also see [“Specifying the Frequency With Which Metadata is Written: the `sync\_meta=n` Option” on page 126](#).

For eg, specify the Equipment Ordinal of the file system.

For value, specify either 0 or 1, as follows:

- If value is 0, metadata is held in a buffer after it changes. For an unshared StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM file system in which higher performance is desired, you can set value to 0. In this case, the system performs a delayed write in which metadata is held in a buffer before it is written to disk. This is the default for unshared file systems and for file systems that are not mounted as multireader file systems.
- If value is 1, metadata is written to disk every time it changes. This slows performance, but it increases data consistency. This is the default for StorageTek QFS file systems mounted as multireader file systems or as shared file systems. For a StorageTek QFS shared file system, value must be set to 1 if failover capability is required.

## The `:trace eg` and `:notrace eg` Commands

The `trace` command enables tracing for a file system. The `notrace` command disables tracing. These are global directives that affect all operations. For more information about file system tracing, see the `defaults.conf(4)` man page.

For eg, specify the Equipment Ordinal of a file system.

## Automated Library Commands

The following commands control media activities in an automated library.

### The `:audit [-e] eq [ :slot [ :side ]]` Commands

The audit command causes the specified automated library device to mount each volume, read the VSN, and rebuild the library catalog.

If `-e` is specified, and the volume is on a tape cartridge, the tape skips to the end of data (EOD) and updates the space available. Note that the skip to EOD is not interruptible. Under certain conditions, it can take hours to complete.

For eq, specify the Equipment Ordinal of an automated library device.

For slot, specify the slot number containing the volume you want to load.

For side, specify the side of a magneto-optical disk. Must be 1 or 2. This argument is not applicable to tape cartridges.

This command is not supported for network-attached libraries.

### The `:export eq:slot and :export mt.vsn` Commands

The export command causes the specified automated library to export a volume to the mail slot. The volume is identified by its slot position within the automated library.

- If exporting by Equipment Ordinal and slot number, the specified automated library moves the volume to the mail slot. For eq, specify the Equipment Ordinal or device name. For slot, specify the slot number containing the volume you want to export.
- If exporting by logical identifier, the specified automated library moves the volume to the mail slot. For mt, specify the media type; for information about valid media types, see the mcf(4) man page. For vsn, specify the volume to export.

### The `:import eq` Command

The import command causes the specified automated library to allow you to add a cartridge. For eq, specify the Equipment Ordinal of the automated library.

### The `:load eq:slot [ :side ] and :load mt.vsn` Commands

The load command enables you to load by either a physical or a logical identifier, as follows:

- If loading by Equipment Ordinal and slot number, the specified automated library loads the volume into a drive.

For eq, specify the Equipment Ordinal or device name.

For slot, specify the slot number containing the volume you want to load.

For side, specify the side of a magneto-optical disk. Must be 1 or 2. This argument is not applicable to tape cartridges.

- If loading by logical identifier, the specified automated library to load mounts a labeled volume into a drive.

For mt, specify the media type; for information about valid media types, see the mcf(4) man page.

For vsn, specify the volume to mount.

### The `:priority pid newpri` Command

The priority command sets the load priority for a process. You can specify this command from the removable media mount requests display. For more information, see [“\(p\) - Removable Media Load Requests Display” on page 167](#).

For pid, specify the priority shown in the p display.

For newpri, specify the priority you want to give the request. This should be an integer number.

## Miscellaneous Commands

The following commands allow you to control tracing, open access to a disk device, and perform several other miscellaneous tasks.

### The `:clear vsn [ index ]` Command

The clear command clears the specified VSN from the removable media mount requests display. For more information, see [“\(p\) - Removable Media Load Requests Display” on page 167](#).

For vsn, specify the volume to mount. Any process waiting for the VSN mount is aborted.

For index, specify the decimal ordinal of the VSN in the removable media display.

### The `:devlog eq [ option ]` Command

The devlog command sets one or more events to be logged.

For eq, specify the Equipment Ordinal of a device.

For option, specify one or more event types. Possible event types are as follows: all, date, default, detail, err, event, label, mig, module, msg, none, retry, stage, syserr, and time. For information about these options, see the defaults.conf(4) man page. If no option is specified, the system does not change the current events being logged for the eq specified.

## The :dtrace Commands

The dtrace commands are as follows:

- :dtrace *daemon\_name* on
- :dtrace *daemon\_name* off
- :dtrace *daemon\_name.variable value*

The dtrace commands specify various tracing options. [Table 68](#) shows the tracing control command arguments.

**Table 68. Tracing Command Arguments**

Argument	Description
<i>daemon_name</i>	Specify the keyword all or a process name. If the keyword all is specified, the tracing command affects all daemons. If one of the following process names is specified, the tracing command affects that process only: sam-archiverd, sam-catserverd, sam-fsd, sam-rftd, sam-recycler, sam-sharefsd, and sam-stagerd. One of the keywords on or off can be specified after a process name. If on or off is specified, tracing is turned off or on for all processes specified.
<i>variable value</i>	Many different <i>variable</i> and <i>value</i> arguments can be specified. The defaults.conf(4) man page contains comprehensive information about these arguments. Specify one of the following <i>variable</i> and <i>value</i> combinations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• file <i>value</i>. For <i>value</i>, specify the name of a file to which trace files can be written. This can be a full path name.</li> <li>• options <i>value</i>. For <i>value</i>, specify a space-separated list of trace options.</li> <li>• age <i>value</i>. For <i>age</i>, specify the trace file rotation age.</li> <li>• size <i>value</i>. For <i>value</i>, specify the size of the trace file at which rotation will begin.</li> </ul>

## The :fs *fsname* Command

The fs command sets the file system to be displayed through the N display.

For fsname, specify the name of the file system to be examined.

## The :mount *mntpt* Command

The mount command selects a StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM file system. For *mntpt*, specify the mount point of a file system.

**The :open eq Command**

The open command enables access to the specified disk device. You must issue this command before you can use the read command, disk sector display (S), or file label display (F).

For eq, specify the Equipment Ordinal of a device.

**The :read addr Command**

The read command reads the specified sector from the currently opened disk device. You must open the device before it can be read.

For addr, specify the hexadecimal sector address.

**The :refresh i Command**

The refresh command determines the amount of time between samu(1M) screen refreshes.

For i, specify a time in seconds.

**The :snap [ filename ] Command**

The snap command sends a snapshot of a display window to filename, which is the name of a file to receive the display information.

To aid in problem reporting, you can take a snapshot of all the samu(1M) utility's displays. Each new snapshot is appended to the snapshots file. The default file is snapshots in the current working directory. The file can be printed, examined using vi(1), or faxed to StorageTek customer support staff.

**The :! shell command Command**

The ! command enables you to run a shell command without leaving the samu(1M) operator utility.



# File System Quotas

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File system quotas control the amounts of online and total disk space that can be consumed by a specific user, a group of users, or an admin set in a file system. An *admin set* is a site-determined group of users.

Quotas help control the size of a file system by limiting the amount of space and the number of inodes each user can consume. Quotas can be especially useful on file systems that contain user home directories. After quotas are enabled, you can monitor usage and adjust the quotas as needs change.

This chapter describes the following topics:

- [“Overview” on page 207](#)
- [“Enabling Quotas” on page 210](#)
- [“Checking Quotas” on page 220](#)
- [“Changing and Removing Quotas” on page 223](#)

## ■ Overview

You can set file system quotas on a user, group, or a site-defined admin set basis. You, the system administrator, can set limits on the number of files, the number of blocks online, and the total number of blocks.

A file system provides a user with blocks for data and inodes for files. Each file uses one inode, and file data is stored in a disk allocation unit (DAU). DAU sizes are determined at the time the file system is created. Quotas account for disk usage in multiples of 512 bytes.

The following sections provide background information about using quotas:

- [“Types of Quotas, Quota Files, and Quota Records” on page 208](#)
- [“Soft Limits and Hard Limits” on page 209](#)
- [“Quotas and Archive Media” on page 209](#)
- [“Disk Blocks and File Limits” on page 210](#)

[Table 69](#) shows the terms that are used extensively in this chapter's quota documentation.

**Table 69. Quota Terminology**

Term	Definition
<i>grace period</i>	The amount of time that can elapse during which a user is allowed to create files and/or allocate storage after users reach their soft limit.
<i>soft limit</i>	For disk quotas, a threshold limit on file system resources (blocks and inodes) that a user can temporarily exceed. Exceeding the soft limit starts a timer. When a user exceeds the soft limit for the specified time (the grace period), no further system resources can be allocated until the user reduces file system use below the soft limit.
<i>hard limit</i>	For disk quotas, a maximum limit on file system resources (blocks and inodes) that users cannot exceed.
<i>quota</i>	The amount of system resources that a user is allowed to consume.
<i>timer</i>	A facility for tracking the time elapsed after a user reaches a soft limit. When it reaches the grace period, a hard limit is imposed on the user.

## Types of Quotas, Quota Files, and Quota Records

You can set quotas according to user ID, group ID, or an administrator's site-specific grouping. This site-specific grouping is called an *admin set ID*. You can use an admin set ID, for example, to identify a collection of users working on a project for which file system quotas are imposed.

Quotas are enabled when the system detects the presence of one or more quota files in the file system's root directory and the quota mount option is in effect. Note that the quota mount option is enabled by default, so you must not have disabled quotas by specifying the noquota mount option. If you mount the file system with noquota in effect, quotas are disabled. For more information about mount options, see the mount\_samfs(1M) man page.

Each quota file contains a sequence of records. Record zero is the record for the system administrator's quotas. The system administrator's resource usage is accumulated in record zero. System administrator quotas are never enforced, but you can use any record, including the system administrator's record, as a template for subsequent records in the quota file. For more information about this practice, see ["To Enable or Change Limits for Users, Groups, or Admin Sets Using an Existing Quota File"](#) on page 219.



Record one is the record in the quota file for user one, group one, or admin set ID one, depending on the type of quota file. You can edit record one and all subsequent records in order to set different quotas for different users. [Table 70](#) shows the quota file names and the quotas they enable in /root.

**Table 70. Quota File Names**

Quota File Name in /root Directory	Quota Type
.quota_u	UID (system user ID)
.quota_g	GID (system group ID)
.quota_a	AID (system admin set ID)

You can set default quota limits for users by editing record zero in the quota file and allowing the values in record zero to be used as the initial quota settings for all other users. By default, if user quota limits have not been set specifically, the system uses the values in record zero.

## Soft Limits and Hard Limits

You can set both soft and hard limits. A *hard limit* specifies a fixed amount of system resources available for use, and the system never allows a user to exceed this limit. A *soft limit* specifies a level of system resource use that can be exceeded temporarily. The soft limits are never larger than the hard limits. If a new user attempts to allocate resources beyond his or her hard limit, the operation is aborted. In this case, the operation (typically a write(2) or creat(2)) fails and generates an EDQUOT error.

After a user exceeds a soft limit, a timer starts, and the user enters a grace period. While the timer is ticking, the user is allowed to operate above the soft limit but cannot exceed the hard limit. After the user goes below the soft limit, the timer is reset. If the grace period ends and the timer stops without the user having gone below the soft limit, the soft limit is then enforced as a hard limit.

For example, assume that a user has a soft limit of 10,000 blocks and a hard limit of 12,000 blocks. If the user's block usage exceeds 10,000 blocks and the timer exceeds the grace period, this user is no longer able to allocate more disk blocks on that file system until their usage drops below the 10,000-block soft limit.

You, the administrator, can use the samquota(1M) command to see the timer value. The squota(1) command is a user version of the samquota(1M) command. The squota(1) user command contains options that a user can specify to obtain information about quotas that pertain to them.

## Quotas and Archive Media

You can use quotas to limit the amount of data that a user is allowed to have on archive media in StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems.

**Example.** The `stage(1)` command brings data online from archive media. It is possible for a user quota to be exceeded when the `stage(1)` command is invoked at the system level in the following way:

```
# stage -r *
```

A user quota is observed when a user issues the `stage(1) -w` command, as follows:

```
# stage -w *
```

The system stages files until the user's quota is met. After that time, no more files are staged.

## Disk Blocks and File Limits

It is possible for a user to exceed an inode quota, without using any blocks, by creating all empty files. It is also possible for a user to use only one inode and still exceed the block quota by creating a file that is large enough to consume all data blocks in the user's quota.

File system quotas are expressed in terms of the number of 512-byte blocks that a user can allocate. However, disk space is allocated to user files in terms of DAUs. The DAU setting is specified by the `-a allocation unit` option to the `sammkfs(1M)` command. It is preferable to set a block quota to a multiple of the file system DAU. If this is not done, users can allocate only up to the block count, rounded down to the nearest DAU.

## ■ Enabling Quotas

You can enable quotas through a process that includes editing system files, creating quota files, and entering various quota commands.

[Table 71](#) shows the commands used when manipulating quotas.

**Table 71. Quota Commands**

Command	Description
<code>squota(1)</code>	Displays quota statistics for a user. This is a subset of the <code>samquota(1M)</code> command.

**Table 71. Quota Commands**

Command	Description
samchaid(1M)	Changes file admin set ID attributes.
samquota(1M)	Displays quota statistics for a user, group, or admin set. This command also enables an administrator to edit quota records.
samquotastat(1M)	Reports which, if any, quotas are active on a file system.

When it is run, the samfsck(1M) command checks the file system to make sure that usage values recorded in the quota files match the actual file system usage totals. If they do not match, the samfsck(1M) command issues notices, and it updates all existing, incorrect quota records if a file system repair is performed.

The following sections provide more details on how to configure a file system to use quotas and how to enable quotas.

## Guidelines for Setting Up Quotas

Before you enable quotas, you should determine how much disk space and how many inodes to allocate to each user. If you want to be sure that the total file system space is never exceeded, you can divide the total size of the file system between the number of users. For example, if three users share a 100-megabyte slice and have equal disk space needs, you could allocate 33 megabytes to each. In environments in which not all users are likely to push their limits, you might want to set individual quotas so that they add up to more than the total size of the file system. For example, if three users share a 100-megabyte slice, you could allocate 40 megabytes to each.

You can use the following quota commands, in the formats shown, for displaying quota information:

- The `squota(1)` command is for end users. It enables them to retrieve quota information for themselves on a user, group, or admin set basis.
- The `samquota(1M)` command is for system administrators. It enables you to retrieve quota information or to set quotas. The `-U`, `-G`, and `-A` options on the `samquota(1M)` command determine whether the command is being used for a user, a group, or an admin set. [Figure 105](#) shows this.

**Figure 105. Using `samquota(1M)` to Retrieve Information**

```
# samquota -U janet /mount_point #Prints a user quota
# samquota -G pubs /mount_point #Prints a group quota
# samquota -A 99 /mount_point #Prints an admin set quota
```

## To Configure a New File System to Use Quotas

The following procedure shows how to configure a new file system to use quotas. This procedure applies if you are creating a new file system at this time and no files currently reside in the file system.

To configure an existing file system to use quotas, see [“To Configure an Existing File System to Use Quotas” on page 214](#).

1. Become superuser.
2. Create the file system.

To create the file system, either follow the steps outlined in the StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM Software Installation and Configuration Guide or use the examples in [“Configuration Examples” on page 50](#) to guide you through creating the mcf file, creating the mount point, initializing the file system, and so on.

3. Use the mount(1M) command to mount the file system.

Mount the file system using the mount(1M) command, as follows:

```
# mount /qfs1
```

4. Use the dd(1M) command to create the quota file(s).

The arguments to this command differ depending on the type of quota you are creating, as follows:

- To create admin set quotas, use the following command:

```
# dd if=/dev/zero of=/qfs1/.quota_a bs=4096 count=1
```

- To create group quotas, use the following command:

```
# dd if=/dev/zero of=/qfs1/.quota_g bs=4096 count=1
```

- To create user quotas, use the following command:

```
# dd if=/dev/zero of=/qfs1/.quota_u bs=4096 count=1
```

For more information about the dd(1M) command, see the dd(1M) man page.

5. Use the umount(1M) command to unmount the file system.

Unmount the file system in which the quota files have been created using the `umount(1M)` command. For example:

```
# umount /qfs1
```

The file system needs to be unmounted so it can be remounted and have its quota files read at mount time. For more information about the `umount(1M)` command, see the `umount(1M)` man page.

6. Use the `samfsck(1M)` command to perform a file system check.

Run the `samfsck(1M)` command on the file system. For example, the following command performs a file system check. The `-F` option resets the in-use values in the quota files.

```
# samfsck -F qfs1
```

7. Use the `mount(1M)` command to remount the file system.

Quotas are enabled when the system detects the presence of one or more quota files in the root directory of a file system.

**CAUTION:** You do not need to include the quota mount option in the `/etc/vfstab` or `samfs.cmd` file. The quota mount option is enabled by default on the `mount(1M)` command, and quotas are enabled automatically when the system detects the presence of quota files. Make sure that you do not have the `noquota` mount option specified in your `samfs.cmd` or `/etc/vfstab` files.

If quota files are present and if the file system is mounted without quotas enabled, when blocks or files are allocated or freed, the quota records become inconsistent with actual usages. If a file system with quotas is mounted and run without the quota mount option, run `samfsck(1M)` with its `-F` option to update the quota file usage counts before again remounting the file system with quotas enabled.

For more information about the `mount(1M)` command, see the `mount_samfs(1M)` man page.

8. Use the `samquota(1M)` command to set quotas for users, groups, or admin sets.

Subsequent sections in this chapter provide procedures and show examples of this process. For more information about the `samquota(1M)` command, see the `samquota(1M)` man page.

## To Configure an Existing File System to Use Quotas

This procedure applies if you are creating quotas for a file system that is already populated with files.

If you are configuring a new file system to use quotas, see [“To Configure a New File System to Use Quotas” on page 212.](#)

1. Use the `su(1)` command to become superuser.
2. Use the `mount(1M)` command to ensure that the file system is mounted.

Examine the `/etc/mnttab` file using the `mount(1M)` command with no arguments, as follows:

```
# mount
```

3. Use the `cd(1)` command to change to the root directory.

Change to the root directory of the file system for which quotas are to be enabled. For example:

```
# cd /oldfs1
```

4. Verify that quotas do not already exist on the file system.

From the root directory, use the `ls(1) -a` command to retrieve the list of files in this directory. If at least one quota type (`u`, `g`, or `a`) is established for a file system, you can establish any other quota type later. Be careful not to modify existing quota files when adding new ones later.

If any of the following files are present, quotas are, or previously have been, enabled for this file system: `.quota_u`, `.quota_g`, `.quota_a`.

5. Use the `dd(1M)` command to create the quota file(s).

Create the quota files for the type(s) of quota(s) you wish to enforce. Determine the highest existing ID numbers of the types of quotas you wish to enforce. Make the initial, zero quota files large enough to hold the record for those IDs; each quota file record requires 128 bytes.

**Example 1.** If you want to enable admin set quotas, and the highest admin set ID in use on the file system is 1024, the calculation is as follows:

- $(1024+1)*128 = 131200$
- $131200/4096 = 32.031...$

Use the following command:

```
# dd if=/dev/zero of=/oldfs1/.quota_a bs=4096 count=33
```

**Example 2.** If you want to enable group quotas, and group IDs up to 2000 are in use, the calculation is as follows:

- $(2000+1)*128 = 256128$
- $256128/4096 = 62.531\dots$

Use the following command:

```
# dd if=/dev/zero of=/oldfs1/.quota_g bs=4096 count=63
```

**Example 3.** If you want to enable user ID quotas, and user IDs up to 4799 are in use, the calculation is as follows:

- $(4799+1)*128 = 1228800$
- $1228800/4096 = 300.0$

Use the following command:

```
# dd if=/dev/zero of=/oldfs1/.quota_u bs=4096 count=300
```

For more information about the dd(1M) command, see the dd(1M) man page.

6. Use the umount(1M) command to unmount the file system in which the quota files have been created.

For example:

```
# umount /oldfs1
```

The file system needs to be unmounted so it can be remounted and have its quota files read at mount time. For more information about unmounting a file system, see [“Unmounting a File System” on page 67](#).

7. Use the samfsck(1M) command to perform a file system check.

Use the samfsck(1M) -F command to perform a file system check. The samfsck(1M) command updates the quota files with correct, current usage information.

For example:

```
# samfsck -F /oldfs1
```

**Note:** The command in this step updates only the records already allocated in the quota files.

8. Use the mount(1M) command to remount the file system in which the quota files have been created.

The system enables quotas when it detects the presence of one or more quota files in the /root directory.

**CAUTION:** You do not need to include the quota mount option in the /etc/vfstab or samfs.cmd file. The quota mount option is enabled by default on the mount(1M) command, and quotas are enabled automatically when the system detects the presence of quota files. Make sure that you do not have the noquota mount option specified in your samfs.cmd or /etc/vfstab files.

If quota files are present and if the file system is mounted without quotas enabled, when blocks or files are allocated or freed, the quota records become inconsistent with actual usages. If a file system with quotas is mounted and run without the quota mount option, run the samfsck(1M) -F command to update the quota file usage counts before again remounting the file system with quotas enabled.

For more information about the mount(1M) command, see the mount\_samfs(1M) man page.

9. Use the samquota(1M) command to set quotas for users, groups, or admin sets.

Subsequent sections in this chapter provide procedures and show examples of this process. For more information about the samquota(1M) command, see the samquota(1M) man page.

## To Assign Admin Set IDs to Directories and Files

1. Use the su(1) command to become superuser.
2. Set the admin IDs.

Use the samchaid(1M) command to change the admin set IDs for the directory or file, as follows:

- To set IDs for a file or directory, specify the directory name or path. For example:

```
# samchaid 100 admin.dir
```

- To set IDs for a directory tree, use the -R and (if necessary) the -h options. The -R option specifies a recursive operation, and the -h option changes links, not targets. For example:

```
# samchaid -R -h 22 /qfs1/joe /qfs1/nancee
```



For more information about the `samchaid(1M)` command, see the `samchaid(1M)` man page.

## Setting Infinite Quotas

An *infinite quota* is a kind of special quota. Users with infinite quotas are never denied access to any available file system resource. You can set infinite quotas on a user, group, or admin set basis by setting both the hard block and hard file limits to zero. The file system treats an infinite quota as a special quota. You can set infinite quota values into record zero of the user, group, or admin set ID quota files, and from there they can become the default values for new users, groups, or admin set IDs.

### To Set an Infinite Quota

- Use the `samquota(1M)` command to set an infinite quota.

For example, the following command sets an infinite quota:

```
# samquota -U fred -b 0:h -f 0:h /qfs1
```

You can use the `samquota(1M)` command to set infinite quotas for particular users, groups, or admin set IDs by setting zero values for all hard and soft limits. [Figure 106](#) shows how to set infinite quotas.

**Figure 106. Setting Infinite Quotas**

```
# samquota -G sam -b 0:s,h -f 0:s,h /sam6
# samquota -G sam /sam6
```

			Online Limits			Total Limits		
Type	ID	In Use	Soft	Hard	In Use	Soft	Hard	
/sam6								
Files	group 101	339	0	0	339	0	0	
Blocks	group 101	248	0	0	2614	0	0	
Grace period			0s		0s			
---> Infinite quotas in effect.								

## Enabling Default Quota Values

You can use the `samquota(1M)` command to enable a default quota for a user, group, or admin set. This is accomplished by setting default limits into user, group, or admin set zero (0).

### To Enable Default Quota Values for Users, Groups, or Admin Sets

- Use the `samquota(1M)` command to set an infinite quota.

For example, the following `samquota(1M)` command sets default quotas for all admin set IDs:

```
# samquota -A 0 -b 12000:s -b 15000:h -b 12G:s:t -b 15G:h:t \  
-f 1000:s -f 1200:h -t 1w /qfs1
```

On first reference, the preceding command sets any user's uninitialized admin set quota limits as follows:

- The soft online block limit is set to 12,000 blocks.
- The hard online block limit is set to 15,000 blocks.
- The total soft block limit is set to 12 gigablocks.
- The total hard block limit is set to 15 gigablocks.
- The soft file limit is set to 1000 files.
- The hard file limit is set to 1200 files.
- The grace period is set to one week.

Note that if a quota record already exists, the existing values remain in effect. This occurs, for example, if the admin group already has blocks assigned to it.

You can set similar default quotas for users or groups by specifying `-U 0` or `-G 0`, respectively, in place of `-A 0`.

For more information about the `samquota(1M)` command, see the `samquota(1M)` man page.

## Enabling Limits

You can use the `samquota(1M)` command to enable a set of limits for a particular user, group, or admin set.

### To Enable Limits for Users, Groups, or Admin Sets

- Use the `samquota(1M)` command to set limits for users, groups, or admin sets.

[Figure 107](#) shows commands that enable various limits.

**Figure 107. Quota Commands**

```
# samquota -U joe -b 15000:s -b 20000:h -b 12G:s:t -b 15G:h:t \  
-f 500:s -f 750:h -t 3d /qfs1  
# samquota -G proj -b 15000:s -b 20000:h -b 12G:s:t -b 15G:h:t \  
-f 500:s -f 750:h -t 3d /qfs1  
# samquota -A 7 -b 15000:s -b 20000:h -b 12G:s:t -b 15G:h:t \  
-f 500:s -f 750:h -t 3d /qfs1
```

For more information about the `samquota(1M)` command, see the `samquota(1M)` man page.

## To Enable or Change Limits for Users, Groups, or Admin Sets Using an Existing Quota File

After quotas are established, you can use an existing quota file as a template when creating limits for another user, group, or admin set. The following procedure shows this. You can also use this procedure to change any of the quota settings.

1. Use the `samquota(1M)` command to retrieve a quota file.

Use the `-e` option with one or more of the following additional options: `-U adminsetID`, `-G groupID`, or `-A adminsetID`. Direct the output to a temporary file.

```
# samquota -G sam -f 200:s:o -f 300:h:o -f 200:s:t -f 300:h:t \
-b 40000:s:o -b 60000:h:o -b 40M:s:t -b 60M:h:t -t 0s:o -t 0s:t /sam6
```

You can use any temporary file. In Step 2, you use an editor to change one or more fields, so you can use a group quota entry as a template to create a user quota entry. [Figure 108](#) shows how to create and retrieve file `quota.group` to use as a template.

**Figure 108.** File `quota.group`

```
# samquota -G sam -e /sam6 > /tmp/quota.group
# cat /tmp/quota.group

# Type ID
#
# Online Limits
# soft hard Total Limits
# soft hard
# Files
# Blocks
# Grace Periods
#
samquota -G 101 \
-f 200:s:o -f 300:h:o -f 200:s:t -f 300:h:t \
-b 40000:s:o -b 60000:h:o -b 40000000:s:t -b 60000000:h:t \
-t 0s:o -t 0s:t /sam6
```

2. Use an editor to edit the file from Step 1.

For example, [Figure 109](#) shows the file that was generated in Step 1 opened in the `vi(1)` editor. This file also shows that group ID 101 is

changed to 102. This has the effect of generating a command to copy the quotas set for group 101 to group 102.

**Figure 109. File `quota.group` After Editing**

```
# Type ID
#
#           Online Limits
#           soft          hard
# Total    Limits
#           soft          hard
# Files
# Blocks
# Grace Periods
#
samquota -G 102 \
-f 200:s:o -f 300:h:o -f 200:s:t -f 300:h:t \
-b 40000:s:o -b 60000:h:o -b 40000000:s:t -b 60000000:h:t \
-t 1d:o -t 1d:t /sam6
```

3. Save the file and exit the editor.
4. Execute the file using the shell.

This step applies the changes made in the editor. For example:

```
# sh -x /tmp/quota.group
```

In this example, the `-x` option directs the shell to echo the commands it executes. You can omit the `-x` option if desired.

In similar fashion, you can use this procedure to generate quota commands that copy quota limits between users, groups, admin IDs, file systems, and other entities.

## ■ Checking Quotas

After you have enabled disk and inode quotas, you can check these quotas. The `samquota(1M)` command is an administrator command that generates a quota report on an individual user, group, or admin set. The `squota(1)`

command is a user command that enables users to check their own individual quotas. [Table 72](#) shows commands you can use to check quotas.

**Table 72. Commands for Checking Quotas**

Command	Task
squota(1)	This is a user command. It displays user quotas and other information specific to a single user. For more information, see the <code>squota(1)</code> man page.
samquota(1M)	This is an administrator command. It displays user, group, and admin set quotas, and it displays current disk use. This command also displays information about users who are exceeding their quotas. For more information, see the <code>samquota(1M)</code> man page.

## To Check for Exceeded Quotas

The following procedure shows how to check quotas for excess usage.

1. Become superuser.
2. Use the `samquota(1M)` command to display the quotas in effect.

Use the `samquota(1M)` command in one of the following ways to display quotas for mounted file systems in which quotas are enabled:

- To display user quotas, specify the following command:

```
# samquota -U userID [ file ]
```

For *userID*, specify the numeric user ID or user name of the user whose quotas are being examined.

For *file*, specify a specific file system for the selected user, group, or admin set. The *file* argument can also be the name of any file in the file system. Typically, *file* is the name of the root directory of the file system.

**Example 1.** [Figure 110](#) retrieves user `hm1259`'s quota statistics in the `sam6` file system on the server and displays output indicating that this user is not exceeding his quota.

**Figure 110. Checking for Exceeded Quotas for User `hm1259`**

```
# samquota -U hm1259 /sam6
```

	Type	ID	In Use	Online Limits		In Use	Total Limits	
				Soft	Hard		Soft	Hard
/sam6								

**Figure 110. Checking for Exceeded Quotas for User hm1259 (Continued)**

Files	user	130959	13	100	200	13	100	200
Blocks	user	130959	152	200	3000	272	1000	3000
Grace period				0s			0s	

**Example 2.** Figure 111 retrieves user memil's quota statistics in all mounted StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems and displays output indicating that this user is exceeding the quota. Note the plus sign (+) in the Blocks row of the output. The plus sign would appear in the Files row, too, if the soft quota limit were being exceeded for files.

**Figure 111. Checking for Exceeded Quotas for User memil**

```
# samquota -U memil
```

			Online Limits			Total Limits		
Type	ID	In Use	Soft	Hard	In Use	Soft	Hard	
/sam6								
Files	user 130967	4	500	750	4	500	750	
Blocks	user 130967	41016+	40000	50000	41016	50000	50000	
Grace period			1w			0s		
---> Warning: online soft limits to be enforced in 6d23h36m45s								
/sam7								
Files	user 130967	4	500	750	4	500	750	
Blocks	user 130967	4106	40000	50000	4106	50000	50000	
Grace period			1w			0s		

If a hard limit has been exceeded, or if the soft limit has been exceeded and the grace period has expired, the offending In Use field is marked with an asterisk character (\*). If a quota record's limits are determined to be inconsistent, (for example if a soft limit is larger than a hard limit), an exclamation point is used to mark the field, and all allocation operations are prevented.

Table 73 shows the fields in the samquota(1M) output.

**Table 73. samquota(1M) Output Fields**

Field Name	Content
In Use	Current block usage.
Soft	Soft block limit
Hard	Hard block limit
Grace Period	Amount of time the user is allowed to exceed the soft limit

- To display group quotas, specify the following command:

```
# samquota -G groupID [ file ]
```

For *groupID*, specify the numeric group ID or the group name for the group of users whose quotas are being examined. For example, the following command retrieves user quota statistics for the group turtles in the qfs3 file system:

```
# samquota -G turtles /qfs3
```

- To display admin set quotas, specify the following command:

```
# samquota -A adminsetID [ file ]
```

For *adminsetID*, specify the numeric admin set ID of the site-specific administrator set whose quotas are being examined. For example, the following command retrieves user quota statistics for the admin set 457 in all mounted StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems:

```
# samquota -A 457 /qfs3
```

## ■ Changing and Removing Quotas

You can change quotas to adjust the amount of disk space or number of inodes allocated to users. You can also remove quotas from users or from an entire file system. The following sections describe how to change and remove quotas. The topics are as follows:

- [“To Change the Grace Period” on page 223](#)
- [“Changing the Grace Period Expiration” on page 226](#)
- [“To Inhibit Additional File System Resource Allocations” on page 227](#)
- [“To Remove a File System’s Quotas” on page 229](#)
- [“To Correct Quotas” on page 231](#)

### To Change the Grace Period

You can use the `samquota(1M)` command to change the soft time limit grace period.

1. Use the `samquota(1M)` command to retrieve quota statistics.

You can use the `samquota(1M)` command on a user, group, or admin set basis. [Figure 112](#) shows how to retrieve quota statistics.

**Figure 112. Using `samquota(1M)` to Retrieve Quota Statistics**

```
# samquota -u userID [ file ]
# samquota -G groupID [ file ]
# samquota -A adminsetID [ file ]
```

Table 74 shows the arguments to these commands.

**Table 74. `samquota(1M)` Command Arguments**

Argument	Description
<u><i>userID</i></u>	Specify the numeric user ID or user name of the user whose quotas are being changed.
<u><i>groupID</i></u>	Specify the numeric group ID or the group name for the group of users whose quotas are being changed.
<u><i>adminsetID</i></u>	Specify the numeric admin set ID of the site-specific administrator set whose quotas are being changed.
<u><i>file</i></u>	Specify a specific file system for the selected user, group, or admin set. The <u><i>file</i></u> argument can also be the name of any file in the file system. Typically, <u><i>file</i></u> is the name of the root directory of the file system.

- Examine the output from the `samquota(1M)` command.  
Examine the output and determine what the new limits should be.
- Use the `samquota(1M)` command to change the soft time limit grace period.

Figure 113 shows using the `samquota(1M)` command options to use to change the soft time limit grace period.

**Figure 113. Using `samquota(1M)` to Change Soft Time Limit Grace Periods**

```
# samquota -u userID -t interval file
# samquota -G groupID -t interval file
# samquota -A adminID -t interval file
```

Table 75 shows the arguments to these commands.

**Table 75. `samquota(1M)` Command Arguments**

Argument	Description
<u><i>userID</i></u>	Specify the numeric user ID or user name of the user whose quotas are being changed.
<u><i>groupID</i></u>	Specify the numeric group ID or the group name for the group of users whose quotas are being changed.



**Table 75. samquota(1M) Command Arguments (Continued)**

Argument	Description
<i>adminsetID</i>	Specify the numeric admin set ID of the site-specific administrator set whose quotas are being changed.
<i>interval</i>	Specifies the interval to use for the grace period. Specify an integer number for <i>interval</i> to indicate the quantity, and then specify a unit multiplier, if desired. By default, the unit multiplier is s to indicate that the <i>interval</i> is being specified in seconds. You can also specify w (for weeks), d (for days), h (for hours), or m (for minutes).
<i>file</i>	Specify a specific file system for the selected user, group, or admin set. The <i>file</i> argument can also be the name of any file in the file system. Typically, <i>file</i> is the name of the root directory of the file system.

**Example.** Assume that you want to change the grace period for user memil. [Figure 114](#) shows the samquota(1M) command used to verify the quotas and its output.

**Figure 114. Changing the Grace Period**

```
# samquota -U memil /sam6
```

	Type	ID	In Use	Online Limits		In Use	Total Limits	
				Soft	Hard		Soft	Hard
/sam6								
Files	user	130967	4	500	750	4	500	750
Blocks	user	130967	41016+	40000	50000	41016	50000	50000
Grace period				3d			0s	

```
---> Warning:  online soft limits to be enforced in 2d23h59m7s
```

You enter the following command to lower the soft time limits:

```
# samquota -U memil -t 1d /sam6
```

[Figure 115](#) shows the samquota(1M) command to use to verify the new quotas.

**Figure 115. Verifying the New Quotas**

```
# samquota -U memil /sam6
```

	Type	ID	In Use	Online Limits		In Use	Total Limits	
				Soft	Hard		Soft	Hard
/sam6								
Files	user	130967	4	500	750	4	500	750
Blocks	user	130967	41016+	40000	50000	41016	50000	50000
Grace period				1d			0s	

```
---> Warning:  online soft limits to be enforced in 23h58m31s
```

## Changing the Grace Period Expiration

If a user has exceeded their soft quota limit, changing the grace period itself does not modify the expiration timer of any grace periods that have already started. If the grace period is already in effect, you can use the `samquota(1M)` command to modify the grace period in one of the following ways:

- **Clear the grace period.** The next time the user allocates a file or block (and is still over a soft limit), the grace period timer is reset to the grace period and starts counting down.
- **Reset the grace period.** When an expiration period is reset, the timer is reset to the present grace period, which starts counting down immediately.
- **Set the grace period to a value.** The timer is set to a value, and it starts counting down immediately from that value. There are no restrictions on this value. The value can be larger than the grace period.
- **Expire the grace period.** The timer is set to expire immediately.

**Example.** [Figure 116](#) retrieves information about group `sam` and shows that this group is over its soft limit.

**Figure 116. Exceeding a Soft Limit**

```
# samquota -G sam /sam6
```

	Type	ID	In Use	Online Limits		In Use	Total Limits	
				Soft	Hard		Soft	Hard
/sam6								
Files	group	101	32	2000	2000	32	2000	2000
Blocks	group	101	41888*	40000	60000000	43208	60000000	60000000
Grace period				1w		1w		
---> Online soft limits under enforcement (since 30s ago)								

[Figure 117](#) clears the timer so it starts counting the next time a user in group `sam` attempts to allocate a block or file in `/sam6`.

**Figure 117. Clearing the Timer**

```
# samquota -G sam -x clear /sam6
Setting Grace Timer: continue? y
# samquota -G sam /sam6
```

	Type	ID	In Use	Online Limits		In Use	Total Limits	
				Soft	Hard		Soft	Hard
/sam6								
Files	group	101	32	2000	2000	32	2000	2000
Blocks	group	101	41888+	40000	60000000	43208	60000000	60000000
Grace period				1w		1w		
---> Warning: online soft limits to be enforced in 6d23h59m56s								

Figure 118 resets the grace period.

**Figure 118. Resetting the Grace Period**

```
# samquota -G sam -x reset /sam6
Setting Grace Timer: continue? y
# samquota -G sam /sam6
```

			Online Limits		Total Limits			
Type	ID	In Use	Soft	Hard	In Use	Soft	Hard	
/sam6								
Files	group	101	32	2000	2000	32	2000	2000
Blocks	group	101	41888	40000	60000000	43208	60000000	60000000
Grace period			1w		1w			

```
---> Warning: online soft limits to be enforced in 6d23h59m52s
```

Figure 119 expires the grace period.

**Figure 119. Expiring the Grace Period**

```
# samquota -G sam -x expire /sam6
Setting Grace Timer: continue? y
# samquota -G sam /sam6
```

			Online Limits		Total Limits			
Type	ID	In Use	Soft	Hard	In Use	Soft	Hard	
/sam6								
Files	group	101	32	2000	2000	32	2000	2000
Blocks	group	101	41888	40000	60000000	43208	60000000	60000000
Grace period			1w		1w			

```
---> Online soft limits under enforcement (since 6s ago)
```

Figure 120 sets a very long expiration period.

**Figure 120. Setting a Very Long Grace Period**

```
# samquota -G sam -x 52w /sam6
Setting Grace Timer: continue? y
# samquota -G sam /sam6
```

			Online Limits		Total Limits			
Type	ID	In Use	Soft	Hard	In Use	Soft	Hard	
/sam6								
Files	group	101	32	2000	2000	32	2000	2000
Blocks	group	101	41888+	40000	60000000	43208	60000000	60000000
Grace period			1w		1w			

```
---> Warning: online soft limits to be enforced in 51w6d23h59m54s
```

## To Inhibit Additional File System Resource Allocations

When the file system detects that quota values are not consistent for a user, group, or admin set, it prevents that user, group, or admin set from using any more system resources. You can inhibit file system resource allocations by creating inconsistent quota values. The `samquota(1M)` command detects these inconsistent values, and reports them in its output. For example, the software inhibits further allocation if the hard block or file limits are lower than

the soft block or file limits, or if a user's soft limit is larger than the user's hard limit.

The file system treats an inconsistent quota setting as a special quota. You can set inconsistent quota values into record zero of the user, group, or admin set ID quota files, and from there they can become the default values for new users, groups, or admin set IDs.

The following procedure shows how to inhibit further system resource allocations for a user, group, or admin set.

1. Become superuser.
2. Obtain, save, and examine current quota information.

Figure 121 shows how to use the `samquota(1M)` command to retrieve current group quota information for group `sam` and write it to a backup file.

**Figure 121. Retrieving Group Quota Information**

```
# samquota -G sam -e /sam6 | & tee restore.quota.sam

# Type  ID
#
#           Online Limits
#           soft          hard
# Total    Limits
# soft     hard
# Files
# Blocks
# Grace Periods
#
samquota -G 101 \
-f 2000:s:o -f 2000:h:o -f 2000:s:t -f 2000:h:t \
-b 40000:s:o -b 60000000:h:o -b 60000000:s:t -b 60000000:h:t \
-t 1w:o -t 1w:t \
-x 51w6d23h59m:o -x clear /sam6
```

To obtain quota information about a user quota, specify the `-U userID` option in place of the `-G` option. To obtain quota information about an admin set quota, specify the `-A adminID` option in place of the `-G` option.

3. Use the `samquota(1M)` command to set soft quotas to nonzero quotas and hard quotas to zero quotas.

Use the `samquota(1M)` command to reset the quotas to invalid values. The following command sets the quotas for group `sam` to be inconsistent:

```
# samquota -G sam -f 1:s -f 0:h -b 1:s -b 0:h /sam6
```

To make the quotas for users or admin sets inconsistent, specify the `-U userID` or `-A adminID` options in place of the `-G` option.

4. Use the `samquota(1M)` command to verify your changes.

Use the `samquota(1M)` command to verify that the quota has been correctly changed. The following example obtains quota information for a group quota of the group `sam`:

```
# samquota -G sam /qfs1
```

Enter the `samquota(1M)` command again to verify the changed quotas. [Figure 122](#) shows this.

**Figure 122. Verifying Changed Quotas**

```
# samquota -G sam /sam6
```

			Online Limits			Total Limits		
	Type	ID	In Use	Soft	Hard	In Use	Soft	Hard
/sam6								
Files	group	101	32!	1	0	32!	1	0
Blocks	group	101	41888!	1	0	43208!	1	0
Grace period			1w			1w		
---> Quota values inconsistent; zero quotas in effect.								

In the preceding output, a zero quota is in effect. Note the exclamation point characters (!) to indicate the over-quota condition in the output.

5. Use the `sh(1)` and `samquota(1M)` commands to restore the group's quota.

[Figure 123](#) shows the commands to restore and verify the changed quotas.

**Figure 123. Restoring the Group Quota**

```
# sh restore.quota.sam
Setting Grace Timer: continue? y
Setting Grace Timer: continue? y
# samquota -G sam /sam6
```

			Online Limits			Total Limits		
	Type	ID	In Use	Soft	Hard	In Use	Soft	Hard
/sam6								
Files	group	101	32	2000	2000	32	2000	2000
Blocks	group	101	41888+	40000	60000000	43208	60000000	60000000
Grace period			1w			1w		
---> Warning: online soft limits to be enforced in 6d23h59m54s								

To perform this operation on a user quota, specify the `-U userID` option in place of the `-G` option. To perform this operation on an admin set quota, specify the `-A adminID` option in place of the `-G` option.

## To Remove a File System's Quotas

To remove or disable quotas for a file system, you need to remove quota specifications from the mount process. The following procedure shows how to disable quotas for a file system.

1. Use the `su(1)` command to become superuser.
2. Add the `noquota` mount option to the `/etc/vfstab` or `samfs.cmd` file. (Optional)

Perform this step only if you have the `quota` mount option in the `/etc/vfstab` or `samfs.cmd` file.

Use a viewer, such as `vi(1)` or `cat(1)` to examine the `/etc/vfstab` or `samfs.cmd` file for the presence of the `quota` mount option.

If this mount option is present, edit the file and remove the `quota` mount option.

**Note:** Beginning with the StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM 4.1 releases, StorageTek no longer recommends using the `/etc/vfstab` and `samfs.cmd` files for enabling or disabling quotas.

3. Use the `umount(1M)` command to unmount the file system.

If the file system is mounted, use the `umount(1M)` command to unmount the file system.

For example:

```
# umount /myfs
```

If you have difficulty unmounting the file system, see [“Unmounting a File System” on page 67](#).

4. Remount the file system using the `mount(1M)` command.

If you did not perform Step 2, include the `noquota` option on the `mount(1M)` command.

For example:

```
# mount -o noquota /myfs
```

5. Dispense with the quota files.

If you expect to reinstate the quota feature at a later date, do not destroy the quota files. To preserve the quota files and reinstate quotas at a later date, unmount the file system, run the `samfsck(1M)` command with its `-F` option on the file system, and remount the file system again with the `quota` mount option. The `quota` mount option can be specified in either the `/etc/vfstab` file or in the `samfs.cmd` file as a mount option, or it can be specified on the `mount(1M)` command with the `-o quota` option.

If you do not expect to reinstate the quota feature at a later date, or if you want to reclaim the space consumed by the quota files, use the `rm(1)`

command to remove the `.quota_u`, `.quota_g`, and `.quota_a` files. For example:

```
# rm /myfs/.quota_[agu]
```

## To Correct Quotas

1. Become superuser.
2. Use the `umount(1M)` command to unmount the file system.

If the file system is mounted, use the `umount(1M)` command to unmount the file system.

For example:

```
# umount /myfs
```

If you have difficulty unmounting the file system, see [“Unmounting a File System” on page 67](#).

3. Use the `samfsck(1M) -F` command to perform a file system check.

The `samfsck(1M)` command updates the quota files with correct, current usage information. Note, however, that it updates only records already allocated in the quota files. For example:

```
# samfsck -F myfs
```

4. Use the `mount(1M)` command to remount the file system.

For example:

```
# mount /myfs
```





# Advanced Topics

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This chapter discusses advanced topics that are beyond the scope of basic system administration and usage. These topics are as follows:

- “Daemons, Processes, and Tracing” on page 233
- “Using the `setfa(1)` Command to Set File Attributes” on page 237
- “Accommodating Large Files” on page 239
- “Multireader File System” on page 240
- “Using the ASM QFS File System” on page 241
- “I/O Performance” on page 244
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- “Qwrite” on page 249
- “Setting the Write Throttle” on page 249
- “Setting the Flush-Behind Rate” on page 250

## ■ Daemons, Processes, and Tracing

It is useful to have an understanding of system daemons and processes when you are debugging. This section describes the Storagetek QFS and StorageTek ASM daemons and processes. It also provides information on daemon tracing.

### Daemons and Processes

All Storagetek QFS and StorageTek ASM daemons are named in the form `sam-daemon named`, which is `sam-`, followed by the daemon name, and followed by the lowercase letter `d`. This convention allows the daemons to be identified easily. Processes are named in a similar manner; the difference is that they do not end in the lowercase letter `d`. [Table 76](#) shows some of the daemons and processes that can be running on your system (others, such as

sam-genericd and sam-catserverd, might also be running depending on system activities).

**Table 76. Daemons and Processes**

Process	Description
sam-archiverd	Automatically archives StorageTek ASM files. This process runs as long as the StorageTek ASM file system is mounted.
sam-fsd	Master daemon.
sam-rftd	Transfers data between multiple StorageTek ASM host systems.
sam-robotsd	Starts and monitors automated library media changer control daemons.
sam-scannerd	Monitors all manually mounted removable media devices. The scanner periodically checks each device for inserted archive media cartridges.
sam-sharefsd	Invokes the Storagetek QFS shared file system daemon.
sam-releaser	Attempts to release disk space occupied by previously archived files on StorageTek ASM file systems until a low water mark is reached. The releaser is started automatically when a high water mark is reached on disk cache and stops when it has finished releasing files. This is a process, not a daemon.
sam-stagealld	Controls the associative staging of StorageTek ASM files.
sam-stagerd	Controls the staging of StorageTek ASM files.
sam-rpcd	Controls the remote procedure call (RPC) application programming interface (API) server process.

When running Storagetek QFS or StorageTek ASM software, init starts the sam-fsd daemon as part of /etc/inittab processing. It is started at init levels 0, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. It should restart automatically in case of kill or failure.

When running StorageTek ASM software, the sam-fsd daemon creates the following processes:

- sam-archiverd. The sam-archiverd daemon starts the sam-arcopy and the sam-arfind processes.
- sam-catserverd. Issuing a samd(1M) stop command stops this daemon.
- sam-rftd.

- sam-initd.
- sam-robotd. Issuing a `samd(1M) stop` command stops this daemon.
- sam-scannerd. Issuing a `samd(1M) stop` command stops this daemon.
- sam-sharefsd. One process is created for each Storagetek QFS shared file system.
- sam-stagealld.
- sam-stagerd.

## Trace Files

Several Storagetek QFS and StorageTek ASM processes can write messages to trace files. These messages contain information about the state and progress of the work performed by the daemons. The messages are primarily used by StorageTek staff members to improve performance and diagnose problems. The message content and format are subject to change from release to release.

Trace files can be used in debugging. Typically, trace files are not written. You can enable trace files for StorageTek ASM software by editing the `defaults.conf` file. You can enable tracing for all processes, or you can enable tracing for individual processes. For information about the processes that you can trace, see the `defaults.conf(4)` man page.

By default, the trace files are written to the `/var/opt/SUNWsamfs/trace` directory. In that directory, the trace files are named for the processes (archiver, catserver, fsd, ftpd, recycler, sharefsd, and stager). You can change the names of the trace files by specifying directives in the `defaults.conf` configuration file. You can also set a limit on the size of a trace file and rotate your tracing logs. For information about controlling tracing, see the `defaults.conf(4)` man page.

## Trace File Content

Trace file messages contain the time and source of the message. The messages are produced by events in the processes. You can select the events by using directives in the `defaults.conf` file.

The default events are as follows:

- Customer notification syslog or notify file messages
- Nonfatal program errors
- Fatal syslog messages
- Process initiation and completion
- Other miscellaneous events

You can also trace the following events:

- Memory allocations

- Interprocess communication
- File actions
- Operator messages
- Queue contents when changed
- Other miscellaneous events

The default message elements (program name, process id (PID), and time) are always included and cannot be excluded. Optionally, the messages can also contain the following elements:

- The date. (The time is always included.)
- The source file name and line number.
- The event type.

## Trace File Rotation

To prevent the trace files from growing indefinitely, the `sam-fsd` daemon monitors the size of the trace files and periodically executes the following command:

```
/opt/SUNWsamfs/sbin/trace_rotate
```

This script moves the trace files to sequentially numbered copies. You can modify this script to suit your operation. Alternatively, you can provide this function using `cron(1)` or some other facility.

## Determining Which Processes Are Being Traced

To determine which processes are being traced currently, enter the `sam-fsd(1M)` command at the command line. [Figure 124](#) shows the output from this command.

**Figure 124.** `sam-fsd(1M)` Command Output

```
# sam-fsd
Trace file controls:
sam-amld      /var/opt/SUNWsamfs/trace/sam-amld
              cust err fatal misc proc date
              size  0   age 0
sam-archiverd /var/opt/SUNWsamfs/trace/sam-archiverd
              cust err fatal misc proc date
              size  0   age 0
sam-catserverd /var/opt/SUNWsamfs/trace/sam-catserverd
              cust err fatal misc proc date
              size  0   age 0
sam-fsd       /var/opt/SUNWsamfs/trace/sam-fsd
              cust err fatal misc proc date
              size  0   age 0
sam-rftd      /var/opt/SUNWsamfs/trace/sam-rftd
              cust err fatal misc proc date
              size  0   age 0
sam-recycler  /var/opt/SUNWsamfs/trace/sam-recycler
              cust err fatal misc proc date
```

**Figure 124. `sam-fsd(1M)` Command Output (Continued)**

```

size    0    age 0
sam-sharefsd /var/opt/SUNWsamfs/trace/sam-sharefsd
cust err fatal misc proc date
size    0    age 0
sam-stagerd /var/opt/SUNWsamfs/trace/sam-stagerd
cust err fatal misc proc date
size    0    age 0
sam-serverd /var/opt/SUNWsamfs/trace/sam-serverd
cust err fatal misc proc date
size    0    age 0
sam-clientd /var/opt/SUNWsamfs/trace/sam-clientd
cust err fatal misc proc date
size    0    age 0
sam-mgmt /var/opt/SUNWsamfs/trace/sam-mgmt
cust err fatal misc proc date
size    0    age 0
License: License never expires.
```

For more information about enabling trace files, see the `defaults.conf(4)` man page and the `sam-fsd(1M)` man page.

## ■ Using the `setfa(1)` Command to Set File Attributes

The Storagetek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems allow end users to set performance attributes for files and directories. Applications can enable these performance features on a per-file or per-directory basis. The following sections describe how the application programmer can use these features to select file attributes for files and directories, to preallocate file space, to specify the allocation method for the file, and to specify the disk stripe width.

For more information about implementing the features described in the following subsections, see the `setfa(1)` man page.

### Selecting File Attributes for Files and Directories

File attributes are set using the `setfa(1)` command. The `setfa(1)` command sets attributes on a new or existing file. The file is created if it does not already exist.

You can set attributes on a directory as well as a file. When using `setfa(1)` with a directory, files and directories created within that directory inherit the attributes set in the original directory. To reset attributes on a file or directory to the default, use the `-d` (default) option. When the `-d` option is used, attributes are first reset to the default and then other attributes are processed.

### Preallocating File Space

An end user can preallocate space for a file. This space is associated with a file so that no other files in the file system can use the disk addresses

allocated to this file. Preallocation ensures that space is available for a given file, which avoids a file system full condition. Preallocation is assigned at the time of the request rather than when the data is actually written to disk.

Note that space can be wasted when preallocating files. If the file size is less than the allocation amount, the kernel allocates space to the file from the current file size up to the allocation amount. When the file is closed, space below the allocation amount is not freed.

You can preallocate space for a file by using the `setfa(1)` command with either the `-L` or the `-l` (lowercase letter L) options. Both options accept a file length as their argument. You can use the `-L` option for an existing file, and that file either can be empty or it can contain data. Use the `-l` option for a file that has no data yet. If you use the `-l` option, the file cannot grow beyond its preallocated limit.

For example, to preallocate a 1-gigabyte file named `/qfs/file_alloc`, type the following:

```
# setfa -l 1g /qfs/file_alloc
```

After space for a file has been preallocated, truncating a file to 0 length or removing the file returns all space allocated for a file. There is no way to return only part of a file's preallocated space to the file system. In addition, if a file is preallocated in this manner, there is no way to extend the file beyond its preallocated size in future operations.

## Selecting a File Allocation Method and Stripe Width

By default, a file created uses the allocation method and stripe width specified at mount time (see the `mount_samfs(1M)` man page). However, an end user might want to use a different allocation scheme for a file or directory of files, and this can be accomplished by using the `setfa(1)` command with the `-s` (stripe) option.

The allocation method can be either round-robin or striped. The `-s` option determines the allocation method and the stripe width, and [Table 77](#) shows the effect of this option.

**Table 77. File Allocations and Stripe Widths**

<code>-s <i>stripe</i></code>	Allocation Method	Stripe Width	Explanation
0	Round-robin	n/a	The file is allocated on one device until that device has no space.
1-255	Striped	1-255 DAUs	The file stripes across all disk devices with this number of DAUs per disk.

The following example shows how to create a file explicitly by specifying a round-robin allocation method:

```
# setfa -s 0 /qfs/100MB.rrobin
```

The following example shows how to create a file explicitly by specifying a striped allocation method with a stripe width of 64 DAUs (preallocation is not used):

```
# setfa -s 64 /qfs/file.stripe
```

## Selecting a Striped Group Device

Striped group devices are supported for Storagetek QFS file systems only.

A user can specify that a file begin allocation on a particular striped group. If the file allocation method is round-robin, the file is allocated on the designated stripe group.

Figure 125 shows `setfa(1)` commands that specify that `file1` and `file2` be independently spread across two different striped groups.

**Figure 125. `setfa(1)` Commands to Spread Files Across Striped Groups**

```
# setfa -g0 -s0 file1
# setfa -g1 -s0 file2
```

This capability is particularly important for applications that must achieve levels of performance that approach raw device speeds. For more information, see the `setfa(1)` man page.

## ■ Accommodating Large Files

When manipulating very large files, pay careful attention to the size of disk cache available on the system. If you try to write a file that is larger than your disk cache, behavior differs depending on the type of file system you are using, as follows:

- If you are using the Storagetek QFS file system, the system returns an ENOSPC error.
- If you are using the StorageTek ASM file system, the program blocks, waiting for space that might never exist, because there is not enough disk space available to handle such requests.

If you are operating within a StorageTek ASM environment and if your application requires writing a file that is larger than the disk cache, you can segment the file using the `segment(1)` command. For more information about

the `segment(1)` command, see the `segment(1)` man page or see the *StorageTek ASM Storage and Archive Management Guide*.

## ■ Multireader File System

The multireader file system consists of a single writer host and multiple reader hosts. The writer and reader mount options that enable the multireader file system are compatible with Storagetek QFS file systems only. The mount options are described in this section and on the `mount_samfs(1M)` man page.

You can mount the multireader file system on the single writer host by specifying the `-o writer` option on the `mount(1M)` command. The host system with the writer mount option is the only host system that is allowed to write to the file system. The writer host system updates the file system. You must ensure that only one host in a multireader file system has the file system mounted with the writer mount option enabled. If `-o writer` is specified, directories are written through to disk at each change and files are written through to disk at close.

**CAUTION:** The multireader file system can become corrupted if more than one writer host has the file system mounted at one time. It is the site's responsibility to insure that this situation does not occur.

You can mount a multireader file system on one or more reader hosts by specifying the `-o reader` option on the `mount(1M)` command. There is no limit to the number of host systems that can have the multireader file system mounted as a reader.

A major difference between the multireader file system and Storagetek QFS shared file system is that the multireader host read metadata from the disk, and the client hosts of a Storagetek QFS shared file system read metadata over the network. The Storagetek QFS shared file system supports multireader hosts. In this configuration, multiple shared hosts can be adding content while multiple reader hosts can be distributing content.

**Note:** You cannot specify the writer option on any host if you are mounting the file system as a Storagetek QFS shared file system. You can, however, specify the reader option.

If you want a Storagetek QFS shared file system client host to be a read-only host, mount the Storagetek QFS shared file system on that host with both the shared and reader mount options. In addition, set the `sync_meta` mount option to 1 if you use the reader option in a Storagetek QFS shared file system. For more information on the Storagetek QFS shared file system, see [“StorageTek QFS Shared File System” on page 87](#). For more information on mount options, see the `mount_samfs(1M)` man page.



You must ensure that all readers in a multireader file system have access to the device definitions that describe the ma device. Copy the lines from the mcf file that resides on the primary metadata server host to the mcf files on the alternate metadata servers. After copying the lines, you might need to update the information on the disk controllers because depending on your configuration, disk partitions might not show up the same way across all hosts.

In a multireader file system environment, the Storagetek QFS software ensures that all servers that access the same file system can always access the current environment. When the writer closes a file, the Storagetek QFS file system writes all information for that file to disk immediately. A reader host can access a file after the file is closed by the writer. You can specify the `refresh_at_eof` mount option to help ensure that no host system in a multireader file system risks getting out of sync with the file system.

By default, the metadata information for a file on a reader host is invalidated and refreshed every time a file is accessed. If the data changed, it is invalidated. This includes any type of access, whether through `cat(1)`, `ls(1)`, `touch(1)`, `open(2)`, or other methods. This immediate refresh rate ensures that the data is correct at the time the refresh is done, but it can affect performance. Depending on your site preferences, you can use the `mount(1M)` command's `-o invalid=n` option to specify a refresh rate between 0 seconds and 60 seconds. If the refresh rate is set to a small value, the Storagetek QFS file system reads the directory and other metadata information n seconds after the last refresh. More frequent refreshes result in more overhead for the system, but stale information can exist if n is nonzero.

**CAUTION:** If a file is open for a read on a reader host, there is no protection for that file being removed or truncated by the writer. You must use another mechanism, such as application locking, to protect the reader from inadvertant writer actions.

## ■ Using the ASM QFS File System

The ASM QFS file system enables multiple users to access the same data at full disk speeds. This product can be especially useful for database, data streaming, web page service, or any application that demands high-performance, shared-disk access in a heterogeneous environment.

You can use the ASM QFS file system in conjunction with fiber-attached devices in a storage area network (SAN). The SAN-QFS file system enables high-speed access to data using Storagetek QFS software and software such as Tivoli SANergy File Sharing software. To use the ASM QFS file system, you must have both Storagetek QFS 4.1 release and the Tivoli SANergy File Sharing 3.2 or later software installed. For information about other levels of Storagetek QFS and Tivoli SANergy File Sharing software that are supported, contact your StorageTek sales representative.

**Note:** In environments that include only Solaris operating system (OS) platforms, StorageTek recommends that you use the Storagetek QFS

shared file system described in [“StorageTek QFS Shared File System” on page 87](#).

The following sections describe other aspects of the ASM QFS file system:

- [“To Enable the ASM QFS File System” on page 242](#)
- [“Releasing SANergy File Holds” on page 243](#)
- [“Expanding ASM QFS File Systems” on page 243](#)
- [“ASM QFS Shared File System and Storagetek QFS Shared File System Comparison” on page 244](#)

## To Enable the ASM QFS File System

1. Verify your environment.

Verify that the following conditions are present:

- The Storagetek QFS file system must be tested and fully operational.
- You must have Tivoli SANergy File Sharing 3.2 or later software.

2. Use the `mount(1M)` command to mount the file system on your server.
3. Enable NFS access.

Use the `share(1M)` command in the following format to enable NFS access to client hosts:

```
# share qfs file system name
```

For *qfs file system name*, specify the name of your Storagetek QFS file system. For example, `qfs1`. For more information about the `share(1M)` command, see the `share(1M)` or `share_nfs(1M)` man pages.

4. Edit the file system table (`/etc/dfs/dfstab`) on the server to enable access at boot time. (Optional)

Perform this step if you want to automatically enable this access at boot time.

5. Edit the `/etc/vfstab` file on each client and add the file system.

Add the *qfs file system name* from Step 3 to the table.

For example, you can edit the `/etc/vfstab` file and add a line similar to the following:

```
server:/qfs1 - /qfs1 samfs - yes stripe=1
```

For more information about editing the `/etc/vfstab` file, see *StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM Software Installation and Configuration Guide*.

6. Use the `mount(1M)` command to mount the Storagetek QFS file system on each client.

For example:

```
client# mount qfs1
```

Enter one `mount(1M)` command per client. For more information about the `mount(1M)` command, see the `mount(1M)` or the `mount_samfs(1M)` man pages.

7. Configure the Tivoli SANergy File Sharing software.

Use the `config(1M)` command (in `/opt/SANergy/config`) to invoke the SANergy configuration tool. The SANergy configuration tool has a graphical user interface. Provide the information requested at each step in its process. For more information about this tool, see your Tivoli SANergy documentation.

## Releasing SANergy File Holds

The `samunhold(1M)` command can be used to release SANergy file holds. If holds are present in a file system, the holds are described in messages written to console messages and to `/var/adm/messages` when you attempt to unmount the file system.

Whenever possible, allow SANergy File Sharing to clean up its holds, but in an emergency, or in case of a SANergy File Sharing system failure, you can use the `samunhold(1M)` command to avoid a reboot.

For more information about this command, see the `samunhold(1M)` man page.

## Expanding ASM QFS File Systems

You can use the `samgrowfs(1M)` command to increase the size of a ASM QFS file system. To perform this task, follow the procedures described in [“Adding Disk Cache to a File System” on page 75](#). When using this procedure, be aware that the line-by-line device order in the `mcf` file must match the order of the devices listed in the file system’s superblock. The devices listed in the file system’s superblock are numbered in the order encountered in the `mcf` file (when created).

When the `samgrowfs(1M)` command is issued, the devices that had been in the `mcf` file prior to issuing the `samgrowfs(1M)` command keep their position in the superblock. New devices are written to subsequent entries in the order encountered.

If this new order does not match the order in the superblock, the ASM QFS file system cannot be fused.

## ASM QFS Shared File System and Storagetek QFS Shared File System Comparison

The ASM QFS file system and the Storagetek QFS shared file system are both shared file systems with the following similarities:

- Both can stage files.
- Both are useful in data capture environments in which it is desirable that the primary file system host not be responsible for writing the data.
- Both are advantageous in environments where there is contention for writing files.

Table 78 shows the file systems differences.

**Table 78. ASM-QFS Shared File System Versus Storagetek QFS Shared File System**

ASM QFS File System	Storagetek QFS Shared File System
Does not use the natural metadata and incurs additional latency in opening files.	Uses natural metadata.
Preferred in heterogeneous computing environments (that is, when not all hosts are StorageTek systems).	Preferred in homogeneous Solaris OS environments.
Useful in environments where multiple hosts must be able to write data.	Multiple hosts can write. Preferred when multiple hosts must write to the same file at the same time.
User mode implementation.	Kernel mode implementation with strong security.

## ■ I/O Performance

The Storagetek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems support paged I/O, direct I/O, and switching between the I/O types. The following sections describe these I/O types.

### Paged I/O

Paged I/O (also called buffered or cached I/O) is selected by default.

## Direct I/O

Direct I/O is a process by which data is transferred directly between the user's buffer and the disk. This means that much less time is spent in the system. For performance purposes, specify direct I/O only for large, block-aligned, sequential I/O.

The `setfa(1)` command and the `sam_setfa(3)` library routine both have a `-D` option that sets the direct I/O attribute for a file and/or directory. If applied to a directory, files and directories created in that directory inherit the direct I/O attribute. After the `-D` option is set, the file uses direct I/O.

You can also select direct I/O for a file by using the Solaris OS `directio(3C)` function call. If you use the function call to enable direct I/O, it is a temporary setting. The setting lasts only while the file is active.

To enable direct I/O on a file-system basis, do one of the following:

- Specify the `-o forcedirectio` option on the `mount(1M)` command.
- Put the `forcedirectio` keyword in the mount option column of the `/etc/vfstab` file; or use it as a directive in the `samfs.cmd` file.

For more information, see the `setfa(1)`, `sam_setfa(3)`, `directio(3C)`, `samfs.cmd(4)`, and `mount_samfs(1M)` man pages.

## I/O Switching

The Storagetek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems support automatic I/O switching. I/O switching is a process by which you can specify that a certain amount of paged I/O should occur before the system switches to direct I/O. This automatic, direct I/O switching allows the system to perform a site-defined amount of consecutive I/O operations and then automatically switch from paged I/O to direct I/O. By default, paged I/O is performed, and I/O switching is disabled.

I/O switching should reduce page cache usage on large I/O operations. To enable this, use the `dio_wr_consec` and `dio_rd_consec` parameters as directives in the `samfs.cmd` file or as options to the `mount(1M)` command. You can also enable this by using `samu(1M)`.

For more information about these options, see the `mount_samfs(1M)` or `samfs.cmd(4)` man pages.

## ■ Increasing Large File Transfer Performance

Storagetek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems are tuned to work with a mix of file sizes. You can increase the performance of disk file transfers for large files by enabling file system settings.

**Note:** StorageTek recommends that you experiment with performance tuning outside of a production environment. Tuning these variables incorrectly can have unexpected effects on the overall system.

If your site has a Sun Enterprise Services (SES) support contract, please inform SES if you change performance tuning parameters.

## To Increase File Transfer Performance

1. Set the maximum device read/write directive.

The `maxphys` parameter in the Solaris `/etc/system` file controls the maximum number of bytes that a device driver reads or writes at any one time. The default value for the `maxphys` parameter can differ depending on the level of your Sun Solaris OS, but it is typically around 128 kilobytes.

Add the following line to `/etc/system` to set `maxphys` to 8 megabytes:

```
set maxphys = 0x800000
```

2. Set the SCSI disk maximum transfer parameter.

The `sd` driver enables large transfers for a specific file by looking for the `sd_max_xfer_size` definition in the `/kernel/drv/sd.conf` file. If it is not defined, it uses the value defined in the `sd` device driver definition, `sd_max_xfer_size`, which is 1024\*1024 bytes.

To enable and encourage large transfers, add the following line at the end of the `/kernel/drv/sd.conf` file:

```
sd_max_xfer_size=0x800000;
```

3. Set the fibre disk maximum transfer parameter.

The `ssd` driver enables large transfers for a specific file by looking for the `ssd_max_xfer_size` definition in the `/kernel/drv/ssd.conf` file. If it is not defined, it uses the value defined in the `ssd` device driver definition, `ssd_max_xfer_size`, which is 1024\*1024 bytes.

Add the following line at the end of the `/kernel/drv/ssd.conf` file:

```
ssd_max_xfer_size=0x800000;
```

4. Reboot the system.
5. Set the writebehind parameter.

This step affects paged I/O only.

The writebehind parameter specifies the number of bytes that are written behind by the file system when performing paged I/O on a Storagetek QFS or StorageTek ASM file system. Matching the writebehind value to a multiple of the RAID's read-modify-write value can increase performance.

This parameter is specified in units of kilobytes and is truncated to an 8-kilobyte multiple. If set, this parameter is ignored when direct I/O is performed. The default writebehind value is 512 kilobytes. This value favors large-block, sequential I/O.

Set the writebehind size to a multiple of the RAID 5 stripe size for both hardware and software RAID 5. The RAID 5 stripe size is the number of data disks multiplied by the configured stripe width.

For example, assume that you configure a RAID 5 device with three data disks plus one parity disk (3+1) with a stripe width of 16 kilobytes. The writebehind value should be 48 kilobytes, 96 kilobytes, or some other multiple, to avoid the overhead of the read-modify-write RAID 5 parity generation.

For Storagetek QFS file systems, the DAU (`sammkfs(1M) -a` command) should also be a multiple of the RAID 5 stripe size. This allocation ensures that the blocks are contiguous.

You should test the system performance after resetting the writebehind size. The following example shows testing timings of disk writes:

```
# timex dd if=/dev/zero of=/sam/myfile bs=256k count=2048
```

You can set writebehind parameter from a mount option, from within the `samfs.cmd` file, from within the `/etc/vfstab` file, or from a command within the `samu(1M)` utility. For information about enabling this from a mount option, see the `-o writebehind=n` option on the `mount_samfs(1M)` man page. For information about enabling this from the `samfs.cmd` file, see the `samfs.cmd(4)` man page. For information about enabling this from within `samu(1M)`, see the `samu(1M)` man page.

#### 6. Set the readahead parameter.

This step affects paged I/O only.

The readahead parameter specifies the number of bytes that are read ahead by the file system when performing paged I/O on a Storagetek QFS or StorageTek ASM file system. This parameter is specified in units of kilobytes and is truncated to an 8-kilobyte multiple. If set, this parameter is ignored when direct I/O is performed.

Increasing the size of the readahead parameter increases the performance of large file transfers, but only to a point. You should test the performance of the system after resetting the readahead size until you see

no more improvement in transfer rates. The following is an example method of testing timings on disk reads:

```
# timex dd if=/sam/myfile of=/dev/null bs=256k
```

The readahead parameter should be set to a size that increases the I/O performance for paged I/O. Also note that too large a readahead size can hurt performance. You should test various readahead sizes for your environment. It is important to consider the amount of memory and number of concurrent streams when you set the readahead value. Setting the readahead value multiplied by the number of streams to a value that is greater than memory can cause page thrashing.

The default readahead is 1024 kilobytes. This value favors large-block, sequential I/O. For short-block, random I/O applications, set readahead to the typical request size. Database applications do their own readahead, so for these applications, set readahead to 0.

The readahead setting can be enabled from a mount option, from within the samfs.cmd file, from within the /etc/vfstab file, or from a command within the samu(1M) utility. For information about enabling this from a mount option, see the `-o readahead=n` option on the `mount_samfs(1M)` man page. For information about enabling this from the samfs.cmd file, see the `samfs.cmd(4)` man page. For information about enabling this from within samu(1M), see the `samu(1M)` man page.

#### 7. Set the stripe width.

The `-o stripe=n` option on the `mount(1M)` command specifies the stripe width for the file system. The stripe width is based on the disk allocation unit (DAU) size. The n argument specifies that n \* DAU bytes are written to one device before switching to the next device. The DAU size is set when the file system is initialized by the `sammkfs(1M) -a` command.

If `-o stripe=0` is set, files are allocated to file system devices using the round-robin allocation method. Each file is created on the next device. Each file is completely allocated on this device until that device is full. Round robin is the preferred setting for a multistream environment. If `-o stripe=n` is set to an integer greater than 0, files are allocated to file system devices using the stripe method. To determine the appropriate `-o stripe=n` setting, try varying the setting and taking performance readings. Striping is the preferred setting for turnkey applications with a required bandwidth.

You can also set the stripe width from the /etc/vfstab file or from the samfs.cmd file.

For more information about the `mount(1M)` command, see the `mount_samfs(1M)` man page. For more information about the `samfs.cmd` file, see the `samfs.cmd(4)` man page.



## ■ Qwrite

The Qwrite capability can be enabled in Storagetek QFS environments.

By default, the Storagetek QFS file systems disable simultaneous reads and writes to the same file. This is the mode defined by the UNIX vnode interface standard, which gives exclusive access to only one write while other writers and readers must wait. Qwrite enables simultaneous reads and writes to the same file from different threads.

The Qwrite feature can be used in database applications to enable multiple simultaneous transactions to the same file. Database applications typically manage large files and issue simultaneous reads and writes to the same file. Unfortunately, each system call to a file acquires and releases a read/write lock inside the kernel. This lock prevents overlapped (or simultaneous) operations to the same file. If the application itself implements file locking mechanisms, the kernel locking mechanism impedes performance by unnecessarily serializing I/O.

Qwrite can be enabled in the `/etc/vfstab` file, in the `samfs.cmd` file, and as a mount option. The `-o qwrite` option on the `mount(1M)` command bypasses the file system locking mechanisms (except for applications accessing the file system through NFS) and lets the application control data access. If `qwrite` is specified, the file system enables simultaneous reads and writes to the same file from different threads. This option improves I/O performance by queuing multiple requests at the drive level.

The following example uses the `mount(1M)` command to enable Qwrite on a database file system:

```
# mount -F samfs -o qwrite /db
```

For more information about this feature, see the `qwrite` directive on the `samfs.cmd(4)` man page or the `-o qwrite` option on the `mount_samfs(1M)` man page.

## ■ Setting the Write Throttle

By default, the Storagetek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems set the `-o wr_throttle=n` option to the `mount(1M)` command to 16 megabytes. The `-o wr_throttle=n` option limits the number of outstanding write kilobytes for one file to n.

If a file has n write kilobytes outstanding, the system suspends an application that attempts to write to that file until enough bytes have completed the I/O to allow the application to be resumed.

If your site has thousands of streams, such as thousands of NFS-shared workstations accessing the file system, you can tune the `-o wr_throttle=n`

option in order to avoid memory stales. Generally, the number of streams multiplied by 1024 x the  $n$  argument to the `-o wr_throttle= $n$`  option should be less than the total size of the host system's memory minus the memory needs of the Solaris OS. In other words:

$$\text{number of streams} * n * 1024 < \text{total memory} - \text{Solaris OS memory needs}$$

For turnkey applications, you might want to use a size larger than the default 16,384 kilobytes because this keeps more pages in memory.

## ■ Setting the Flush-Behind Rate

Two mount parameters control the flush-behind rate for pages written sequentially and stage pages. The `flush_behind` and `stage_flush_behind` mount parameters are read from the `samfs.cmd` file, the `/etc/vfstab` file, or from the `mount(1M)` command.

The `flush_behind= $n$`  mount parameter sets the maximum flush-behind value. Modified pages that are being written sequentially are written to disk asynchronously to help the Sun Solaris VM layer keep pages clean. To enable this feature, set  $n$  to be an integer,  $16 \leq n \leq 8192$ . By default,  $n$  is set to 0, which disables this feature. The  $n$  argument is specified in kilobyte units.

The `stage_flush_behind= $n$`  mount parameter sets the maximum stage flush-behind value. Stage pages that are being staged are written to disk asynchronously to help the Sun Solaris VM layer keep pages clean. To enable this feature, set  $n$  to be an integer such that,  $16 \leq n \leq 8192$ . By default,  $n$  is set to 0, which disables this feature. The  $n$  argument is specified in kilobyte units.

For more information about these mount parameters, see the `mount_samfs(1M)` man page or the `samfs.cmd(4)` man page.

## ■ Tuning the Number of Inodes and the Inode Hash Table

The Storagetek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems allow you to set the following two tunable parameters in the `/etc/system` file:

- `ninodes`
- `nhino`

To enable nondefault settings for these parameters, edit the `/etc/system` file, and then reboot your system.

The following sections describe these parameters in more detail.

## The ninodes Parameter

The ninodes parameter specifies the maximum number of default inodes. The value for ninodes determines the number of in-core inodes that Storagetek QFS and StorageTek ASM keep allocated to themselves, even when applications are not using many inodes.

The format for this parameter in the /etc/system file is as follows:

```
set samfs:ninodes = value
```

The range for *value* is  $16 \leq \text{value} \leq 2000000$ . The default *value* for ninodes is one of the following:

- A *value* that is equal to the ncsiz setting. The ncsiz parameter is a Solaris tuning parameter that specifies the number of entries in the directory name look-up cache (DNLC). For more information about ncsiz, see the *Solaris Tunable Parameters Reference Manual*.
- 2000. The file systems set ninodes to 2000 if the ncsiz setting is zero or out of range.

For example:

```
set samfs:ninodes = 4000
```

## The nhino Parameter

The nhino parameter specifies the size of the in-core inode hash table.

The format for this parameter in the /etc/system file is as follows:

```
set samfs:nhino = value
```

The range for *value* is  $1 \leq \text{value} \leq 1048756$ . *value* must be a nonzero power of two. The default *value* for nhino is one of the following:

- A value that is equal to the ninodes value divided by eight and then, if necessary, rounded up to the nearest power of two. For example, assume that the following line exists in /etc/system:

```
set samfs:ninodes 8000
```

For this example, if nhino is not set, the system assumes 1024, which is 8000 divided by 8 and then rounded up to the nearest power of two.

- 512. The file systems set nhino to 512 if the ninodes setting is out of range.

For example:

```
set samfs:nhino = 1024
```

## When to Set the `ninodes` and `nhino` Parameters

When searching for an inode by number (after obtaining an inode number from a directory or after extracting an inode number from an NFS file handle), the StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems search their cache of in-core inodes. To speed this process, they maintain a hash table to decrease the number of inodes they must check.

A larger hash table reduces the number of comparisons and searches, at a modest cost in memory usage. If the `nhino` value is too large, the system is slower when undertaking operations that sweep through the entire inode list (inode syncs and unmounts). For sites that manipulate large numbers of files and sites that do extensive amounts of NFS I/O, it can be advantageous to set these parameter values to larger than the defaults.

If your site has file systems that contain only a small number of files, it might be advantageous to make these numbers smaller than the defaults. This could be the case, for example, if you have a file system into which you write large single-file tar(1) files to back up other file systems.

# Glossary

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## A

**addressable storage** The storage space encompassing online, nearline, offsite, and offline storage that is user-referenced through a StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM file system.

**archive media** The media to which an archive file is written. Archive media can be removable tape or magneto-optical cartridges in a library. In addition, archive media can be a mount point on another system.

**archive storage** Copies of file data that have been created on archive media.

**archiver** The archive program that automatically controls the copying of files to removable cartridges.

**audit (full)** The process of loading cartridges to verify their VSNs. For magneto-optical cartridges, the capacity and space information is determined and entered into the automated library's catalog.

**automated library** A robotically controlled device designed to automatically load and unload removable media cartridges without operator intervention. An automated library contains one or more drives and a transport mechanism that moves cartridges to and from the storage slots and the drives.

## B

**backup storage** A snapshot of a collection of files for the purpose of preventing

inadvertent loss. A backup includes both the file's attributes and associated data.

**block allocation map** A bitmap representing each available block of storage on a disk and indicating whether the block is in use or free.

**block size** See DAU.

## C

**cartridge** A physical entity that contains media for recording data. A tape or optical disk. Sometimes referred to as *a piece of media*, *a volume*, or *the medium*.

**catalog** A record of the VSNs in an automated library. There is one catalog for each automated library, and at a site, there is one historian for all automated libraries.

**client-server** The model of interaction in a distributed system in which a program at one site sends a request to a program at another site and awaits a response. The requesting program is called the client. The program satisfying the response is called the server.

**connection** The path between two protocol modules that provides reliable stream delivery service. A TCP connection extends from a TCP module on one machine to a TCP module on the other.

## D

**data device** For a StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM file system, a device or group of devices upon which file data is stored.

**DAU** (Disk allocation unit) The basic unit of online storage. Also called block size.

In addition, the StorageTek QFS file systems support a fully adjustable DAU, sized from 16 kilobytes through 65,528 kilobytes. The DAU you specify must be a multiple of 8 kilobytes.

The StorageTek ASM file systems support both a small and a large DAU. The small DAU is 4 kilobytes ( $2^{14}$  or 4096 bytes). The large DAU is 16, 32, or 64 kilobytes. The available DAU size pairs are 4 and 16; 4 and 32; and 4 and 64.

**device logging** A configurable feature that provides device-specific error information used to analyze device problems.

**device scanner** Software within the StorageTek ASM file system that periodically monitors the presence of all manually mounted removable devices and that detects the presence of mounted cartridges that can be requested by a user or other process.

**direct access** A file attribute (stage never) designating that a nearline file can be accessed directly from the archive media and need not be retrieved to disk cache.

**direct-attached library** An automated library connected directly to a server using a SCSI interface. A SCSI attached library is controlled directly by the StorageTek ASM software by using the SCSI standard for automated libraries.

**direct I/O** An attribute used for large block-aligned sequential I/O. The `setfa(1)` command's `-D` option is the direct I/O option. It sets the direct I/O attribute for a file or directory. If applied to a directory, the direct I/O attribute is inherited.

**directory** A file data structure that points to other files and directories within the file system.

**disk allocation unit** See DAU.

**disk buffer** When using StorageTek ASM-Remote software, the disk buffer is a buffer on the server system that is used when archiving data from the client to the server.

**disk cache** The disk-resident portion of the StorageTek ASM file system software. It is used to create and manage data files between online disk cache and archive media. Individual disk partitions or an entire disk can be used as disk cache.

**disk space thresholds** An administrator-defined amount of disk space that is available to a user. This defines the range of desirable disk cache utilization. The high threshold indicates the maximum level of disk cache utilization. The low threshold indicates the minimum level of disk cache utilization. The releaser controls disk cache utilization based on these predefined disk space thresholds.

**disk striping** The process of recording a file across several disks, thereby improving access performance and increasing overall storage capacity. See also entries for striping.

**drive** A mechanism for transferring data to and from a removable media volume.

## E

**Ethernet** A local-area, packet-switched network technology. Originally designed for coaxial cable, it is now found running over shielded, twisted-pair cable. Ethernet is a 10- or 100-Mbytes/sec LAN.

**extent array** The array within a file's inode that defines where each data block assigned to the file is located on the disk.

## F

**family device set** See Family Set.

**Family Set** A storage device that is represented by a group of independent physical devices, such as a collection of disks or the drives within an automated library. Also see storage Family Set.

**FDDI** (Fiber distributed data interface) A 100-Mbytes/sec fiber-optic LAN.

**ibre channel** The ANSI standard that specifies high-speed serial communication between devices. Fibre channel is used as one of the bus architectures in SCSI-3.

**iber-distributed data interface** See FDDI.

**file system** A hierarchical collection of files and directories.

**file system specific directives** Archiver and releaser directives that follow global directives, are specific to a particular file system, and begin with fs =. File system specific directives apply until the next fs = directive line or until the end of file is encountered. If multiple directives affect a file system, the file system-specific directives override the global directives.

**FTP** (File transfer protocol) An internet protocol for transferring files between two hosts over a TCP/IP network.

## G

**global directives** Archiver and releaser directives that apply to all file systems and that appear before the first fs = line.

**grace period** For disk quotas, this is the amount of time that can elapse during which a user is allowed to create files and allocate storage after the user reaches their soft limit.

## H

**hard limit** For disk quotas, a maximum limit on file system resources, blocks and inodes, that users cannot exceed.

## I

**indirect block** A disk block that contains a list of storage blocks. The StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems have up to three levels of indirect blocks. A first-level indirect block contains a list of blocks used for data storage. A second-level indirect block contains a list of first-level indirect blocks. A third-level indirect block contains a list of second-level indirect blocks.

**inode** Index node. A data structure used by the file system to describe a file. An inode describes all the attributes associated with a file other than the name. The attributes include ownership, access, permission, size, and the file location on the disk system.

**inode file** A special file (.inodes) on the file system that contains the inode structures for all files resident in the file system. All StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM inodes are 512 bytes long. The inode file is a metadata file, which is separated from file data in the StorageTek QFS file systems.

## K

**kernel** The central controlling program that provides basic system facilities. The UNIX kernel creates and manages processes, provides functions to access the file system, provides general security, and supplies communication facilities.

## L

**LAN** Local area network.

**lease** In a StorageTek QFS shared file system, a lease grants a client host permission to perform an operation on a file for as long as the lease is valid. The metadata server issues leases to each client host. The leases are renewed as necessary to permit continued file operations.

**library** See automated library.

**library catalog** See catalog.

**local file system** A file system that is installed on one node of a Sun Cluster and is not made highly available to another node. Also a file system that is installed on a standalone server.

**LUN** Logical unit number.

## M

**mcf** Master configuration file. The file that is read at initialization time that defines the relationships between the devices (the topology) within a StorageTek QFS or StorageTek ASM environment.

**media** Tape or optical disk cartridges.

**media recycling** The process of recycling or reusing archive media with low use. Archive media with low use is archive media with few active files.

**metadata** Data about data. Metadata is the index information needed to locate the exact data position of a file on a disk. It consists of information about files, directories, access control lists, symbolic links, removable media, segmented files, and the indexes of segmented files. Metadata must be protected because if data is lost, the metadata that locates the data must be restored before the lost data can be retrieved.

**metadata device** A separate device (for example, a solid-state disk or mirrored device) upon which StorageTek QFS file system metadata is stored. Separating the file data from the metadata can increase performance. In the mcf file, a metadata device is declared as an mm device within an ma file system.

**mirror writing** The process of maintaining two copies of a file on disjointed sets of disks to prevent loss from a single disk failure.

**mount point** The directory on which a file system is mounted.

**multireader file system** The StorageTek QFS multireader file system is a single-writer, multireader capability that enables you to specify a file system that can be mounted on multiple hosts. Multiple hosts can read the file system, but only one host can write to the file system. Multiple readers are specified with the `-o reader` option on the `mount(1M)` command. The single-writer host is specified with the `-o writer` option on the `mount(1M)` command. For more information on the `mount(1M)` command, see the `mount_samfs(1M)` man page.

## N

**name space** The metadata portion of a collection of files that identifies the file, its attributes, and its storage locations.

**nearline storage** Removable media storage that requires robotic mounting before it can be accessed. Nearline storage is usually less expensive than online storage, but it incurs a somewhat longer access time.

**network-attached automated library** A library, such as those from StorageTek, ADIC/Grau, IBM, or Sony, that is controlled using a software package supplied by the vendor. The StorageTek ASM file system interfaces with the vendor software using a StorageTek ASM media changer daemon designed specifically for the automated library.

**NFS** Network file system. A StorageTek distributed file system that provides transparent access to remote file systems on heterogeneous networks.

**NIS** The SunOS 4.0 (minimum) Network Information Service. A distributed network database containing key information about the systems and the users on the network.



The NIS database is stored on the master server and all the slave servers.

## O

**offline storage** Storage that requires operator intervention for loading.

**offsite storage** Storage that is remote from the server and is used for disaster recovery.

**online storage** Storage that is immediately available (for example, disk cache storage).

## P

**partition** A portion of a device or a side of a magneto-optical cartridge.

**preallocation** The process of reserving a contiguous amount of space on the disk cache for writing a file. This ensures that the space is contiguous. Preallocation can be performed only on zero-sized files. That is, the `setfa -l` command can be specified only for a file that is size zero. For more information, see the `setfa(1)` man page.

**prioritizing preview requests** Assigning priority to archive and stage requests that cannot be immediately satisfied.

**pseudo device** A software subsystem or driver with no associated hardware.

## Q

**quota** The amount of system resources that a user is allowed to consume.

## R

**RAID** Redundant array of independent disks. A disk technology that uses several independent disks to reliably store files. It can protect against data loss from a single disk failure, can provide a fault-tolerant disk environment, and can provide higher throughput than individual disks.

**recycler** A StorageTek ASM utility that reclaims space on cartridges that is occupied by expired archive copies.

**release priority** A method of calculating the release priority of a file within a file system by multiplying various weights by the corresponding file properties and then summing the results.

**releaser** A StorageTek ASM component that identifies archived files and releases their disk cache copies, thus making more disk cache space available. The releaser automatically regulates the amount of online disk storage to high and low thresholds.

**remote procedure calls** See RPC.

**removable media file** A special type of user file that can be accessed directly from where it resides on a removable media cartridge, such as magnetic tape or optical disk cartridge. Also used for writing archive and stage file data.

**robot** The portion of an automated library that moves cartridges between storage slots and drives. Also called a transport.

**round robin** A data access method in which entire files are written to logical disks in a sequential fashion. When a single file is written to disk, the entire file is written to the first logical disk. The second file is written to the next logical disk, and so on. The size of each file determines the size of the I/O.

By default, StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems implement striped data access unless striped groups are present. Files are round-robin if round robin access is specified. If the file system contains mismatched striped groups, striping is not supported and round robin is forced.

Also see glossary entries for disk striping and striping.

**RPC** Remote procedure calls. The underlying data exchange mechanism used

by NFS to implement custom network data servers.

## S

**samfsdump** A program that creates a control structure dump and copies all the control structure information for a given group of files. It is analogous to the UNIX tar(1) utility, but it does not generally copy file data.

**samfsrestore** A program that restores inode and directory information from a control structure dump.

**SCSI** Small Computer System Interface. An electrical communication specification commonly used for peripheral devices such as disk and tape drives and automated libraries.

**small computer system interface** See SCSI.

**soft limit** For disk quotas, a threshold limit on file system resources (blocks and inodes) that you can temporarily exceed. Exceeding the soft limit starts a timer. When you exceed the soft limit for the specified time (default is one week), no further system resources can be allocated until you reduce file system use to a level below the soft limit.

**staging** The process of copying a nearline or offline file from archive storage back to online storage.

**storage Family Set** A set of disks that are collectively represented by a single disk family device.

**storage slots** Locations inside an automated library in which cartridges are stored when not being used in a drive. If the library is direct-attached, the contents of the storage slots are kept in the automated library's catalog.

**stripe size** The number of disk allocation units (DAUs) to allocate before moving to

the next device of a stripe. If stripe=0, the file system uses round-robin access, not striped access.

**striped group** A collection of devices within a StorageTek QFS file system and defined in the mcf file as one (usually two) or more gXXX devices. Striped groups are treated as one logical device and are always striped with a size equal to the disk allocation unit (DAU). You can specify up to 128 striped groups within a file system, but you can specify no more than 252 total devices.

**striping** A data access method in which files are simultaneously written to logical disks in an interlaced fashion. All StorageTek QFS and StorageTek ASM file systems enable you to declare either striped or round robin access for each individual file system. The StorageTek QFS file systems enable you to declare striped groups within each file system. Also see the glossary entry for round robin.

**StorageTek QFS** A high-speed UNIX file system that separates the file system metadata from the file data by storing them on separate devices. The StorageTek QFS software controls the access to all files stored and all devices configured in the master configuration file (mcf).

**StorageTek ASM** The StorageTek Application System Manager File System. The StorageTek ASM software controls the access to all files stored and all devices configured in the master configuration file (mcf).

**StorageTek ASM QFS** The StorageTek ASM QFS software combines the StorageTek ASM software with the StorageTek QFS file system. StorageTek ASM QFS offers a high-speed, standard UNIX file system interface to users and administrators in conjunction with the storage and archive management utilities. It uses many of the commands available in the

StorageTek ASM command set as well as standard UNIX file system commands.

**StorageTek ASM Remote client** A StorageTek ASM StorageTek ASM-Remote client is a StorageTek ASM system that establishes a StorageTek ASM-Remote client daemon that contains a number of pseudodevices. It might or might not have its own library devices. The client depends on a StorageTek ASM-Remote server for archive media for one or more archive copies.

**StorageTek ASM Remote server** The StorageTek ASM-Remote server is both a full-capacity StorageTek ASM storage management server and a StorageTek ASM-Remote server daemon that defines libraries to be shared among StorageTek ASM-Remote clients.

**superblock** A data structure in the file system that defines the basic parameters of the file system. It is written to all partitions in the storage Family Set and identifies the partition's membership in the set.

## T

**tar** Tape archive. A standard file and data recording format used by the StorageTek ASM software for archive images.

**TCP/IP** Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol. The internet protocols responsible for host-to-host addressing and routing, packet delivery (IP), and reliable delivery of data between application points (TCP).

**thresholds** A mechanism for defining the desirable available storage window for online storage. Thresholds set the storage goals for the releaser. Also see disk space thresholds.

**timer** Quota software that keeps track of the time elapsed between a user reaching a soft limit and a hard limit being imposed on the user.

## V

**volume** A named area on a cartridge for sharing data. A cartridge has one or more volumes. Double-sided cartridges have two volumes, one on each side.

**volume overflow** A capability that enables the system to span a single file over multiple volumes. Volume overflow is useful for sites using very large files that exceed the capacity of their individual cartridges.

**VSN** Volume serial name. If you are archiving to removable media cartridges, the VSN is a logical identifier for magnetic tape and optical disk that is written in the volume label. If you are archiving to disk cache, this is the unique name for the disk archive set.

## W

**WORM** Write once read many. A storage classification for media that can be written only once but read many times.



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