



Bacula® Developer's Guide

The Leading Open Source Backup Solution.

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Chapter 1

Bacula Developer Notes

This document is intended mostly for developers and describes how you can contribute to the Bacula project and the general framework of making Bacula source changes.

1.0.1 Contributions

Contributions to the Bacula project come in many forms: ideas, participation in helping people on the bacula-users email list, packaging Bacula binaries for the community, helping improve the documentation, and submitting code.

Contributions in the form of submissions for inclusion in the project are broken into two groups. The first are contributions that are aids and not essential to Bacula. In general, these will be scripts or will go into the **bacula/examples** directory. For these kinds of non-essential contributions there is no obligation to do a copyright assignment as described below. However, a copyright assignment would still be appreciated.

The second class of contributions are those which will be integrated with Bacula and become an essential part (code, scripts, documentation, ...) Within this class of contributions, there are two hurdles to surmount. One is getting your patch accepted, and two is dealing with copyright issues. The following text describes some of the requirements for such code.

1.0.2 Patches

Subject to the copyright assignment described below, your patches should be sent in **git format-patch** format relative to the current contents of the master branch of the Source Forge Git repository. Please attach the output file or files generated by the **git format-patch** to the email rather than include them directory to avoid wrapping of the lines in the patch. Please be sure to use the Bacula indenting standard (see below) for source code. If you have checked out the source with Git, you can get a diff using.

```
git pull
git format-patch -M
```

If you plan on doing significant development work over a period of time, after having your first patch reviewed and approved, you will be eligible for having developer Git write access so that you can commit your changes directly to the Git repository. To do so, you will need a userid on Source Forge.

1.0.3 Copyrights

To avoid future problems concerning changing licensing or copyrights, all code contributions more than a hand full of lines must be in the Public Domain or have the copyright transferred to the Free Software

Foundation Europe e.V. with a Fiduciary License Agreement (FLA) as the case for all the current code.

Prior to November 2004, all the code was copyrighted by Kern Sibbald and John Walker. After November 2004, the code was copyrighted by Kern Sibbald, then on the 15th of November 2006, Kern transferred the copyright to the Free Software Foundation Europe e.V. In signing the FLA and transferring the copyright, you retain the right to use the code you have submitted as you want, and you ensure that Bacula will always remain Free and Open Source.

Your name should be clearly indicated as the author of the code, and you must be extremely careful not to violate any copyrights or patents or use other people's code without acknowledging it. The purpose of this requirement is to avoid future copyright, patent, or intellectual property problems. Please read the LICENSE agreement in the main Bacula source code directory. When you sign the Fiduciary License Agreement (FLA) and send it in, you are agreeing to the terms of that LICENSE file.

If you don't understand what we mean by future problems, please examine the difficulties Mozilla was having finding previous contributors at <http://www.mozilla.org/MPL/missing.html>. The other important issue is to avoid copyright, patent, or intellectual property violations as was (May 2003) claimed by SCO against IBM.

Although the copyright will be held by the Free Software Foundation Europe e.V., each developer is expected to indicate that he wrote and/or modified a particular module (or file) and any other sources. The copyright assignment may seem a bit unusual, but in reality, it is not. Most large projects require this.

If you have any doubts about this, please don't hesitate to ask. The objective is to assure the long term survival of the Bacula project.

Items not needing a copyright assignment are: most small changes, enhancements, or bug fixes of 5-10 lines of code, which amount to less than 20

1.0.4 Copyright Assignment – Fiduciary License Agreement

Since this is not a commercial enterprise, and we prefer to believe in everyone's good faith, previously developers could assign the copyright by explicitly acknowledging that they do so in their first submission. This was sufficient if the developer is independent, or an employee of a not-for-profit organization or a university. However, in an effort to ensure that the Bacula code is really clean, beginning in August 2006, all previous and future developers with SVN write access will be asked to submit a copyright assignment (or Fiduciary License Agreement – FLA), which means you agree to the LICENSE in the main source directory. It also means that you receive back the right to use the code that you have submitted.

Any developer who wants to contribute and is employed by a company should either list the employer as the owner of the code, or get explicit permission from him to sign the copyright assignment. This is because in many countries, all work that an employee does whether on company time or in the employee's free time is considered to be Intellectual Property of the company. Obtaining official approval or an FLA from the company will avoid misunderstandings between the employee, the company, and the Bacula project. A good number of companies have already followed this procedure.

The Fiduciary License Agreement is posted on the Bacula web site at: <http://www.bacula.org/en/FLA-bacula.en.pdf>

The instructions for filling out this agreement are also at: <http://www.bacula.org/?page=fsfe>

It should be filled out, then sent to:

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Cotes-de-Montmoiret 9
1012 Lausanne
Switzerland

Please note that the above address is different from the officially registered office mentioned in the document.

When you send in such a complete document, please notify me: kern at sibbald dot com, and please add your email address to the FLA so that I can contact you to confirm reception of the signed FLA.

1.1 The Development Cycle

As discussed on the email lists, the number of contributions are increasing significantly. We expect this positive trend will continue. As a consequence, we have modified how we do development, and instead of making a list of all the features that we will implement in the next version, each developer signs up for one (maybe two) projects at a time, and when they are complete, and the code is stable, we will release a new version. The release cycle will probably be roughly six months.

The difference is that with a shorter release cycle and fewer released feature, we will have more time to review the new code that is being contributed, and will be able to devote more time to a smaller number of projects (some prior versions had too many new features for us to handle correctly).

Future release schedules will be much the same, and the number of new features will also be much the same providing that the contributions continue to come – and they show no signs of let up :-)

Feature Requests:

In addition, we have "formalized" the feature requests a bit.

Instead of me maintaining an informal list of everything I run into (kernstodo), we now maintain a "formal" list of projects. This means that all new feature requests, including those recently discussed on the email lists, must be formally submitted and approved.

Formal submission of feature requests will take two forms:

1. non-mandatory, but highly recommended is to discuss proposed new features on the mailing list.
2. Formal submission of a Feature Request in a special format. We'll give an example of this below, but you can also find it on the web site under "Support -> Feature Requests". Since it takes a bit of time to properly fill out a Feature Request form, you probably should check on the email list first.

Once the Feature Request is received by the keeper of the projects list, it will be sent to the Bacula project manager (Kern), and he will either accept it (90% of the time), send it to the email list asking for opinions, or reject it (very few cases).

If it is accepted, it will go in the "projects" file (a simple ASCII file) maintained in the main Bacula source directory.

Implementation of Feature Requests:

Any qualified developer can sign up for a project. The project must have an entry in the projects file, and the developer's name will appear in the Status field.

How Feature Requests are accepted:

Acceptance of Feature Requests depends on several things:

1. feedback from users. If it is negative, the Feature Request will probably not be accepted.
2. the difficulty of the project. A project that is so difficult that we cannot imagine finding someone to implement probably won't be accepted. Obviously if you know how to implement it, don't hesitate to put it in your Feature Request
3. whether or not the Feature Request fits within the current strategy of Bacula (for example a Feature Request that requests changing the tape to tar format probably would not be accepted, ...).

How Feature Requests are prioritized:

Once a Feature Request is accepted, it needs to be implemented. If you can find a developer for it, or one signs up for implementing it, then the Feature Request becomes top priority (at least for that developer).

Between releases of Bacula, we will generally solicit Feature Request input for the next version, and by way of this email, we suggest that you send discuss and send in your Feature Requests for the next release. Please verify that the Feature Request is not in the current list (attached to this email).

Once users have had several weeks to submit Feature Requests, the keeper of the projects list will organize

them, and request users to vote on them. This will allow fixing prioritizing the Feature Requests. Having a priority is one thing, but getting it implement is another thing – we are hoping that the Bacula community will take more responsibility for assuring the implementation of accepted Feature Requests.

Feature Request format:

```

===== Empty Feature Request form =====
Item n:   One line summary ...
        Date:   Date submitted
        Origin: Name and email of originator.
        Status:

        What:   More detailed explanation ...

        Why:    Why it is important ...

        Notes:  Additional notes or features (omit if not used)
===== End Feature Request form =====

===== Example Completed Feature Request form =====
Item 1:   Implement a Migration job type that will move the job
         data from one device to another.
        Origin: Sponsored by Riege Software International GmbH. Contact:
         Daniel Holtkamp <holtkamp at riego dot com>
        Date:   28 October 2005
        Status: Partially coded in 1.37 -- much more to do. Assigned to
         Kern.

        What:   The ability to copy, move, or archive data that is on a
         device to another device is very important.

        Why:    An ISP might want to backup to disk, but after 30 days
         migrate the data to tape backup and delete it from
         disk. Bacula should be able to handle this
         automatically. It needs to know what was put where,
         and when, and what to migrate -- it is a bit like
         retention periods. Doing so would allow space to be
         freed up for current backups while maintaining older
         data on tape drives.

        Notes:  Migration could be triggered by:
         Number of Jobs
         Number of Volumes
         Age of Jobs
         Highwater size (keep total size)
         Lowwater mark
=====

```

1.2 Bacula Code Submissions and Projects

Getting code implemented in Bacula works roughly as follows:

- Kern is the project manager, but prefers not to be a "gate keeper". This means that the developers are expected to be self-motivated, and once they have experience submit directly to the Git repositories. However, it is a good idea to have your patches reviewed prior to submitting, and it is a bad idea to submit monster patches because no one will be able to properly review them. See below for more details on this.

- There are growing numbers of contributions (very good).
- Some contributions come in the form of relatively small patches, which Kern reviews, integrates, documents, tests, and maintains.
- All Bacula developers take full responsibility for writing the code, posting as patches so that we can review it as time permits, integrating it at an appropriate time, responding to our requests for tweaking it (name changes, ...), document it in the code, document it in the manual (even though their mother tongue is not English), test it, develop and commit regression scripts, and answer in a timely fashion all bug reports – even occasionally accepting additional bugs :-)

This is a sustainable way of going forward with Bacula, and the direction that the project will be taking more and more. For example, in the past, we have had some very dedicated programmers who did major projects. However, some of these programmers due to outside obligations (job responsibilities change of job, school duties, ...) could not continue to maintain the code. In those cases, the code suffers from lack of maintenance, sometimes we patch it, sometimes not. In the end, if the code is not maintained, the code gets dropped from the project (there are two such contributions that are heading in that direction). When ever possible, we would like to avoid this, and ensure a continuation of the code and a sharing of the development, debugging, documentation, and maintenance responsibilities.

1.3 Patches for Released Versions

If you fix a bug in a released version, you should, unless it is an absolutely trivial bug, create and release a patch file for the bug. The procedure is as follows:

Fix the bug in the released branch and in the development master branch.

Make a patch file for the branch and add the branch patch to the patches directory in both the branch and the trunk. The name should be 2.2.4-xxx.patch where xxx is unique, in this case it can be "restore", e.g. 2.2.4-restore.patch. Add to the top of the file a brief description and instructions for applying it – see for example 2.2.4-poll-mount.patch. The best way to create the patch file is as follows:

```
(edit) 2.2.4-restore.patch
(input description)
(end edit)

git format-patch -M
mv 0001-xxx 2.2.4-restore.patch
```

check to make sure no extra junk got put into the patch file (i.e. it should have the patch for that bug only).

If there is not a bug report on the problem, create one, then add the patch to the bug report.

Then upload it to the 2.2.x release of bacula-patches.

So, end the end, the patch file is:

- Attached to the bug report
- In Branch-2.2/bacula/patches/...
- In the trunk
- Loaded on Source Forge bacula-patches 2.2.x release. When you add it, click on the check box to send an Email so that all the users that are monitoring SF patches get notified.

1.4 Developing Bacula

Typically the simplest way to develop Bacula is to open one xterm window pointing to the source directory you wish to update; a second xterm window at the top source directory level, and a third xterm window at the bacula directory <top>/src/bacula. After making source changes in one of the directories, in the top source directory xterm, build the source, and start the daemons by entering:

make and

./startit then in the enter:

./console or

./gnome-console to start the Console program. Enter any commands for testing. For example: run kernsverify full.

Note, the instructions here to use **./startit** are different from using a production system where the administrator starts Bacula by entering **./bacula start**. This difference allows a development version of **Bacula** to be run on a computer at the same time that a production system is running. The **./startit** strip starts **Bacula** using a different set of configuration files, and thus permits avoiding conflicts with any production system.

To make additional source changes, exit from the Console program, and in the top source directory, stop the daemons by entering:

./stopit then repeat the process.

1.4.1 Debugging

Probably the first thing to do is to turn on debug output.

A good place to start is with a debug level of 20 as in **./startit -d20**. The startit command starts all the daemons with the same debug level. Alternatively, you can start the appropriate daemon with the debug level you want. If you really need more info, a debug level of 60 is not bad, and for just about everything a level of 200.

1.4.2 Using a Debugger

If you have a serious problem such as a segmentation fault, it can usually be found quickly using a good multiple thread debugger such as **gdb**. For example, suppose you get a segmentation violation in **bacula-dir**. You might use the following to find the problem:

```
<start the Storage and File daemons> cd dird gdb ./bacula-dir run -f -s -c ./dird.conf <it dies with a
segmentation fault> where The -f option is specified on the run command to inhibit dird from going into
the background. You may also want to add the -s option to the run command to disable signals which can
potentially interfere with the debugging.
```

As an alternative to using the debugger, each **Bacula** daemon has a built in back trace feature when a serious error is encountered. It calls the debugger on itself, produces a back trace, and emails the report to the developer. For more details on this, please see the chapter in the main Bacula manual entitled “What To Do When Bacula Crashes (Kaboom)”.

1.4.3 Memory Leaks

Because Bacula runs routinely and unattended on client and server machines, it may run for a long time. As a consequence, from the very beginning, Bacula uses SmartAlloc to ensure that there are no memory leaks.

To make detection of memory leaks effective, all Bacula code that dynamically allocates memory **MUST** have a way to release it. In general when the memory is no longer needed, it should be immediately released, but in some cases, the memory will be held during the entire time that Bacula is executing. In that case, there **MUST** be a routine that can be called at termination time that releases the memory. In this way, we will be able to detect memory leaks. Be sure to immediately correct any and all memory leaks that are printed at the termination of the daemons.

1.4.4 Special Files

Kern uses files named 1, 2, ... 9 with any extension as scratch files. Thus any files with these names are subject to being rudely deleted at any time.

1.4.5 When Implementing Incomplete Code

Please identify all incomplete code with a comment that contains

```
***FIXME***
```

where there are three asterisks (*) before and after the word **FIXME** (in capitals) and no intervening spaces. This is important as it allows new programmers to easily recognize where things are partially implemented.

1.4.6 Bacula Source File Structure

The distribution generally comes as a tar file of the form **bacula.x.y.z.tar.gz** where x, y, and z are the version, release, and update numbers respectively.

Once you detar this file, you will have a directory structure as follows:

```
|
Tar file:
|- depkgs
    |- mtx          (autochanger control program + tape drive info)
    |- sqlite       (SQLite database program)

Tar file:
|- depkgs-win32
    |- pthreads     (Native win32 pthreads library -- dll)
    |- zlib         (Native win32 zlib library)
    |- wx           (wxWidgets source code)

Project bacula:
|- bacula          (main source directory containing configuration
    |              and installation files)
    |- autoconf     (automatic configuration files, not normally used
    |              by users)
    |- intl         (programs used to translate)
    |- platforms    (OS specific installation files)
        |- redhat    (Red Hat installation)
        |- solaris   (Sun installation)
        |- freebsd   (FreeBSD installation)
        |- irix      (Irix installation -- not tested)
        |- unknown   (Default if system not identified)
    |- po           (translations of source strings)
    |- src          (source directory; contains global header files)
        |- cats      (SQL catalog database interface directory)
        |- console    (bacula user agent directory)
        |- dird       (Director daemon)
        |- filed      (Unix File daemon)
            |- win32   (Win32 files to make bacula-fd be a service)
        |- findlib    (Unix file find library for File daemon)
        |- gnome-console (GNOME version of console program)
```

```

|- lib          (General Bacula library)
|- stored       (Storage daemon)
|- tconsole     (Tcl/tk console program -- not yet working)
|- testprogs    (test programs -- normally only in Kern's tree)
|- tools        (Various tool programs)
|- win32        (Native Win32 File daemon)
  |- baculafd   (Visual Studio project file)
  |- compat     (compatibility interface library)
  |- filed      (links to src/filed)
  |- findlib    (links to src/findlib)
  |- lib        (links to src/lib)
  |- console    (beginning of native console program)
  |- wx-console (wxWidget console Win32 specific parts)
|- wx-console   (wxWidgets console main source program)

Project regress:
|- regress      (Regression scripts)
  |- bin        (temporary directory to hold Bacula installed binaries)
  |- build      (temporary directory to hold Bacula source)
  |- scripts    (scripts and .conf files)
  |- tests      (test scripts)
  |- tmp        (temporary directory for temp files)
  |- working    (temporary working directory for Bacula daemons)

Project docs:
|- docs         (documentation directory)
  |- developers (Developer's guide)
  |- home-page  (Bacula's home page source)
  |- manual     (html document directory)
  |- manual-fr  (French translation)
  |- manual-de  (German translation)
  |- techlogs   (Technical development notes);

Project rescue:
|- rescue       (Bacula rescue CDROM)
  |- linux      (Linux rescue CDROM)
  |- cdrom      (Linux rescue CDROM code)
  ...
  |- solaris    (Solaris rescue -- incomplete)
  |- freebsd    (FreeBSD rescue -- incomplete)

Project gui:
|- gui          (Bacula GUI projects)
  |- bacula-web (Bacula web php management code)
  |- bimagemgr  (Web application for burning CDROMs)

```

1.4.7 Header Files

Please carefully follow the scheme defined below as it permits in general only two header file includes per C file, and thus vastly simplifies programming. With a large complex project like Bacula, it isn't always easy to ensure that the right headers are invoked in the right order (there are a few kludges to make this happen – i.e. in a few include files because of the chicken and egg problem, certain references to typedefs had to be replaced with **void**).

Every file should include **bacula.h**. It pulls in just about everything, with very few exceptions. If you have system dependent ifdefing, please do it in **baconfig.h**. The version number and date are kept in **version.h**.

Each of the subdirectories (console, cats, dird, filed, findlib, lib, stored, ...) contains a single directory dependent include file generally the name of the directory, which should be included just after the include of **bacula.h**. This file (for example, for the dird directory, it is **dird.h**) contains either definitions of things generally needed in this directory, or it includes the appropriate header files. It always includes **protos.h**. See below.

Each subdirectory contains a header file named **protos.h**, which contains the prototypes for subroutines exported by files in that directory. **protos.h** is always included by the main directory dependent include file.

1.4.8 Programming Standards

For the most part, all code should be written in C unless there is a burning reason to use C++, and then only the simplest C++ constructs will be used. Note, Bacula is slowly evolving to use more and more C++.

Code should have some documentation – not a lot, but enough so that I can understand it. Look at the current code, and you will see that I document more than most, but am definitely not a fanatic.

We prefer simple linear code where possible. Gotos are strongly discouraged except for handling an error to either bail out or to retry some code, and such use of gotos can vastly simplify the program.

Remember this is a C program that is migrating to a **tiny** subset of C++, so be conservative in your use of C++ features.

1.4.9 Do Not Use

- STL – it is totally incomprehensible.

1.4.10 Avoid if Possible

- Using **void *** because this generally means that one must use casting, and in C++ casting is rather ugly. It is OK to use void * to pass structure address where the structure is not known to the routines accepting the packet (typically callback routines). However, declaring "void *buf" is a bad idea. Please use the correct types whenever possible.
- Using undefined storage specifications such as (short, int, long, long long, size_t ...). The problem with all these is that the number of bytes they allocate depends on the compiler and the system. Instead use Bacula's types (int8_t, uint8_t, int32_t, uint32_t, int64_t, and uint64_t). This guarantees that the variables are given exactly the size you want. Please try at all possible to avoid using size_t ssize_t and the such. They are very system dependent. However, some system routines may need them, so their use is often unavoidable.
- Returning a malloc'ed buffer from a subroutine – someone will forget to release it.
- Heap allocation (malloc) unless needed – it is expensive. Use POOL_MEM instead.
- Templates – they can create portability problems.
- Fancy or tricky C or C++ code, unless you give a good explanation of why you used it.
- Too much inheritance – it can complicate the code, and make reading it difficult (unless you are in love with colons)

1.4.11 Do Use Whenever Possible

- Locking and unlocking within a single subroutine.
- A single point of exit from all subroutines. A goto is perfectly OK to use to get out early, but only to a label named bail_out, and possibly an ok_out. See current code examples.
- Malloc and free within a single subroutine.
- Comments and global explanations on what your code or algorithm does.

1.4.12 Indenting Standards

We find it very hard to read code indented 8 columns at a time. Even 4 at a time uses a lot of space, so we have adopted indenting 3 spaces at every level. Note, indention is the visual appearance of the source on the page, while tabbing is replacing a series of up to 8 spaces from a tab character.

The closest set of parameters for the Linux **indent** program that will produce reasonably indented code are:

```
-nbad -bap -bbo -nbc -br -brs -c36 -cd36 -ncdb -ce -ci3 -cli0
-cp36 -d0 -di1 -ndj -nfc1 -nfca -hnl -i3 -ip0 -l85 -lp -npcs
-nprs -npsl -saf -sai -saw -nsob -nss -nbc -ncs -nbfa
```

You can put the above in your .indent.pro file, and then just invoke indent on your file. However, be warned. This does not produce perfect indenting, and it will mess up C++ class statements pretty badly.

Braces are required in all if statements (missing in some very old code). To avoid generating too many lines, the first brace appears on the first line (e.g. of an if), and the closing brace is on a line by itself. E.g.

```
if (abc) {
    some_code;
}
```

Just follow the convention in the code. For example we I prefer non-indented cases.

```
switch (code) {
case 'A':
    do something
    break;
case 'B':
    again();
    break;
default:
    break;
}
```

Avoid using // style comments except for temporary code or turning off debug code. Standard C comments are preferred (this also keeps the code closer to C).

Attempt to keep all lines less than 85 characters long so that the whole line of code is readable at one time. This is not a rigid requirement.

Always put a brief description at the top of any new file created describing what it does and including your name and the date it was first written. Please don't forget any Copyrights and acknowledgments if it isn't 100% your code. Also, include the Bacula copyright notice that is in **src/c**.

In general you should have two includes at the top of the an include for the particular directory the code is in, for includes are needed, but this should be rare.

In general (except for self-contained packages), prototypes should all be put in **protos.h** in each directory.

Always put space around assignment and comparison operators.

```
a = 1;
if (b >= 2) {
    cleanup();
}
```

but your can compress things in a **for** statement:

```
for (i=0; i < del.num_ids; i++) {
    ...
}
```

Don't overuse the inline if (?). A full **if** is preferred, except in a print statement, e.g.:

```
if (ua->verbose && del.num_del != 0) {
    bsendmsg(ua, _("Pruned %d %s on Volume %s from catalog.\n"), del.num_del,
        del.num_del == 1 ? "Job" : "Jobs", mr->VolumeName);
}
```

Leave a certain amount of debug code (Dmsg) in code you submit, so that future problems can be identified. This is particularly true for complicated code likely to break. However, try to keep the debug code to a minimum to avoid bloating the program and above all to keep the code readable.

Please keep the same style in all new code you develop. If you include code previously written, you have the option of leaving it with the old indenting or re-indenting it. If the old code is indented with 8 spaces, then please re-indent it to Bacula standards.

If you are using **vim**, simply set your tabstop to 8 and your shiftwidth to 3.

1.4.13 Tabbing

Tabbing (inserting the tab character in place of spaces) is as normal on all Unix systems – a tab is converted space up to the next column multiple of 8. My editor converts strings of spaces to tabs automatically – this results in significant compression of the files. Thus, you can remove tabs by replacing them with spaces if you wish. Please don't confuse tabbing (use of tab characters) with indenting (visual alignment of the code).

1.4.14 Don'ts

Please don't use:

```
strcpy()
strcat()
strncpy()
strncat();
sprintf()
snprintf()
```

They are system dependent and un-safe. These should be replaced by the Bacula safe equivalents:

```
char *bstrncpy(char *dest, char *source, int dest_size);
char *bstrncat(char *dest, char *source, int dest_size);
int bsnprintf(char *buf, int32_t buf_len, const char *fmt, ...);
int bvsprintf(char *str, int32_t size, const char *format, va_list ap);
```

See `src/lib/bsys.c` for more details on these routines.

Don't use the **%lld** or the **%q** printf format editing types to edit 64 bit integers – they are not portable. Instead, use **%s** with **edit_uint64()**. For example:

```
char buf[100];
uint64_t num = something;
char ed1[50];
bsnprintf(buf, sizeof(buf), "Num=%s\n", edit_uint64(num, ed1));
```

Note: **%lld** is now permitted in Bacula code – we have our own printf routines which handle it correctly. The `edit_uint64()` subroutine can still be used if you wish, but over time, most of that old style will be removed.

The edit buffer **ed1** must be at least 27 bytes long to avoid overflow. See `src/lib/edit.c` for more details. If you look at the code, don't start screaming that I use **lld**. I actually use subtle trick taught to me by John

Walker. The `lld` that appears in the editing routine is actually `#define` to a what is needed on your OS (usually “`lld`” or “`q`”) and is defined in `autoconf/configure.in` for each OS. C string concatenation causes the appropriate string to be concatenated to the “`%`”.

Also please don’t use the STL or Templates or any complicated C++ code.

1.4.15 Message Classes

Currently, there are five classes of messages: Debug, Error, Job, Memory, and Queued.

1.4.16 Debug Messages

Debug messages are designed to be turned on at a specified debug level and are always sent to `STDOUT`. There are designed to only be used in the development debug process. They are coded as:

`DmsgN(level, message, arg1, ...)` where the `N` is a number indicating how many arguments are to be substituted into the message (i.e. it is a count of the number arguments you have in your message – generally the number of percent signs (%)). **level** is the debug level at which you wish the message to be printed. **message** is the debug message to be printed, and `arg1, ...` are the arguments to be substituted. Since not all compilers support `#defines` with `varargs`, you must explicitly specify how many arguments you have.

When the debug message is printed, it will automatically be prefixed by the name of the daemon which is running, the filename where the `Dmsg` is, and the line number within the file.

Some actual examples are:

```
Dmsg2(20, "MD5len=%d MD5=%s\n", strlen(buf), buf);
```

```
Dmsg1(9, "Created client %s record\n", client->hdr.name);
```

1.4.17 Error Messages

Error messages are messages that are related to the daemon as a whole rather than a particular job. For example, an out of memory condition may generate an error message. They should be very rarely needed. In general, you should be using Job and Job Queued messages (`Jmsg` and `Qmsg`). They are coded as:

`EmsgN(error-code, level, message, arg1, ...)` As with debug messages, you must explicitly code the of arguments to be substituted in the message. **error-code** indicates the severity or class of error, and it may be one of the following:

M_ABORT	Causes the daemon to immediately abort. This should be used only in extreme cases. It attempts to produce a traceback.
M_ERROR_TERM	Causes the daemon to immediately terminate. This should be used only in extreme cases. It does not produce a traceback.
M_FATAL	Causes the daemon to terminate the current job, but the daemon keeps running
M_ERROR	Reports the error. The daemon and the job continue running
M_WARNING	Reports an warning message. The daemon and the job continue running
M_INFO	Reports an informational message.

There are other error message classes, but they are in a state of being redesigned or deprecated, so please do not use them. Some actual examples are:

```
Emsg1(M_ABORT, 0, "Cannot create message thread: %s\n", strerror(status));
```

```
Emsg3(M_WARNING, 0, "Connect to File daemon %s at %s:%d failed. Retrying ...\\n", client->hdr.name,
client->address, client->port);
```

```
Emsg3(M_FATAL, 0, "bdir<filed: bad response from Filed to %s command: %d %s\\n", cmd, n, str-
error(errno));
```

1.4.18 Job Messages

Job messages are messages that pertain to a particular job such as a file that could not be saved, or the number of files and bytes that were saved. They Are coded as:

```
Jmsg(jcr, M_FATAL, 0, "Text of message");
```

A Jmsg with M_FATAL will fail the job. The Jmsg() takes varargs so can have any number of arguments for substituted in a printf like format. Output from the Jmsg() will go to the Job report. ¶ If the Jmsg is followed with a number such as Jmsg1(...), the number indicates the number of arguments to be substituted (varargs is not standard for #defines), and what is more important is that the file and line number will be prefixed to the message. This permits a sort of debug from user's output.

1.4.19 Queued Job Messages

Queued Job messages are similar to Jmsg(s) except that the message is Queued rather than immediately dispatched. This is necessary within the network subroutines and in the message editing routines. This is to prevent recursive loops, and to ensure that messages can be delivered even in the event of a network error.

1.4.20 Memory Messages

Memory messages are messages that are edited into a memory buffer. Generally they are used in low level routines such as the low level device file dev.c in the Storage daemon or in the low level Catalog routines. These routines do not generally have access to the Job Control Record and so they return error messages reformatted in a memory buffer. Mmsg() is the way to do this.

1.4.21 Bugs Database

We have a bugs database which is at: <http://bugs.bacula.org>, and as a developer you will need to respond to bugs, perhaps bugs in general if you have time, otherwise just bugs that correspond to code that you wrote.

If you need to answer bugs, please be sure to ask the Project Manager (currently Kern) to give you Developer access to the bugs database. This allows you to modify statuses and close bugs.

The first thing is if you want to take over a bug, rather than just make a note, you should assign the bug to yourself. This helps other developers know that you are the principal person to deal with the bug. You can do so by going into the bug and clicking on the **Update Issue** button. Then you simply go to the **Assigned To** box and select your name from the drop down box. To actually update it you must click on the **Update Information** button a bit further down on the screen, but if you have other things to do such as add a Note, you might wait before clicking on the **Update Information** button.

Generally, we set the **Status** field to either acknowledged, confirmed, or feedback when we first start working on the bug. Feedback is set when we expect that the user should give us more information.

Normally, once you are reasonably sure that the bug is fixed, and a patch is made and attached to the bug report, and/or in the SVN, you can close the bug. If you want the user to test the patch, then leave the bug open, otherwise close it and set **Resolution** to **Fixed**. We generally close bug reports rather quickly, even without confirmation, especially if we have run tests and can see that for us the problem is fixed. However, in doing so, it avoids misunderstandings if you leave a note while you are closing the bug that says something to the following effect: We are closing this bug because ... If for some reason, it does not fix your problem, please feel free to reopen it, or to open a new bug report describing the problem”.

We do not recommend that you attempt to edit any of the bug notes that have been submitted, nor to delete them or make them private. In fact, if someone accidentally makes a bug note private, you should ask the reason and if at all possible (with his agreement) make the bug note public.

If the user has not properly filled in most of the important fields (platform, OS, Product Version, ...) please do not hesitate to politely ask him. Also, if the bug report is a request for a new feature, please politely send the user to the Feature Request menu item on www.bacula.org. The same applies to a support request (we answer only bugs), you might give the user a tip, but please politely refer him to the manual and the Getting Support page of www.bacula.org.

Chapter 2

Bacula Git Usage

This chapter is intended to help you use the Git source code repositories to obtain, modify, and submit Bacula source code.

2.1 Bacula Git repositories

As of September 2009, the Bacula source code has been split into three Git repositories. One is a repository that holds the main Bacula source code with directories **bacula**, **gui**, and **regress**. The second repository contains the **docs** directory, and the third repository contains the **rescue** directory. All three repositories are hosted on Source Forge.

Previously everything was in a single SVN repository. We have split the SVN repository into three because Git offers significant advantages for ease of managing and integrating developer's changes. However, one of the disadvantages of Git is that you must work with the full repository, while SVN allows you to checkout individual directories. If we put everything into a single Git repository it would be far bigger than most developers would want to checkout, so we have separated the docs and rescue into their own repositories, and moved only the parts that are most actively worked on by the developers (bacula, gui, and regress) to a the Git Bacula repository.

Bacula developers must now have a certain knowledge of Git.

2.2 Git Usage

Please note that if you are familiar with SVN, Git is similar, (and better), but there can be a few surprising differences that can be very confusing (nothing worse than converting from CVS to SVN).

The main Bacula Git repo contains the subdirectories **bacula**, **gui**, and **regress**. With Git it is not possible to pull only a single directory, because of the hash code nature of Git, you must take all or nothing.

For developers, the most important thing to remember about Git and the Source Forge repository is not to "force" a **push** to the repository. Doing so, can possibly rewrite the Git repository history and cause a lot of problems for the project.

You can get a full copy of the Source Forge Bacula Git repository with the following command:

```
git clone git://bacula.git.sourceforge.net/gitroot/bacula/bacula trunk
```

This will put a read-only copy into the directory **trunk** in your current directory, and **trunk** will contain the subdirectories: **bacula**, **gui**, and **regress**. Obviously you can use any name an not just **trunk**. In fact,

once you have the repository in say **trunk**, you can copy the whole directory to another place and have a fully functional git repository.

If you have write permission to the Source Forge repository, you can get a copy of the Git repo with:

```
git clone ssh://<userid>@bacula.git.sourceforge.net/gitroot/bacula/bacula trunk
```

where you replace **<userid>** with your Source Forge login userid, and you must have previously uploaded your public ssh key to Source Forge.

The above command needs to be done only once. Thereafter, you can:

```
cd trunk
git pull      # refresh my repo with the latest code
```

As of August 2009, the size of the repository (**trunk** in the above example) will be approximately 55 Megabytes. However, if you build from source in this directory and do a lot of updates and regression testing, the directory could become several hundred megabytes.

2.2.1 Learning Git

If you want to learn more about Git, we recommend that you visit:
<http://book.git-scm.com/>.

Some of the differences between Git and SVN are:

- Your main Git directory is a full Git repository to which you can and must commit. In fact, we suggest you commit frequently.
- When you commit, the commit goes into your local Git database. You must use another command to write it to the master Source Forge repository (see below).
- The local Git database is kept in the directory **.git** at the top level of the directory.
- All the important Git configuration information is kept in the file **.git/config** in ASCII format that is easy to manually edit.
- When you do a **commit** the changes are put in **.git** rather but not in the main Source Forge repository.
- You can push your changes to the external repository using the command **git push** providing you have write permission on the repository.
- We restrict developers just learning git to have read-only access until they feel comfortable with git before giving them write access.
- You can download all the current changes in the external repository and merge them into your **master** branch using the command **git pull**.
- The command **git add** is used to add a new file to the repository AND to tell Git that you want a file that has changed to be in the next commit. This has lots of advantages, because a **git commit** only commits those files that have been explicitly added. Note with SVN **add** is used only to add new files to the repo.
- You can add and commit all files modified in one command using **git commit -a**.
- This extra use of **add** allows you to make a number of changes then add only a few of the files and commit them, then add more files and commit them until you have committed everything. This has the advantage of allowing you to more easily group small changes and do individual commits on them. By keeping commits smaller, and separated into topics, it makes it much easier to later select certain commits for backporting.

- If you **git pull** from the main repository and make some changes, and before you do a **git push** someone else pushes changes to the Git repository, your changes will apply to an older version of the repository you will probably get an error message such as:

```
git push
To git@github.com:bacula/bacula.git
! [rejected]          master -> master (non-fast forward)
error: failed to push some refs to 'git@github.com:bacula/bacula.git'
```

which is Git's way of telling you that the main repository has changed and that if you push your changes, they will not be integrated properly. This is very similar to what happens when you do an "svn update" and get merge conflicts. As we have noted above, you should never ask Git to force the push. See below for an explanation of why.

- To integrate (merge) your changes properly, you should always do a **git pull** just prior to doing a **git push**.
- If Git is unable to merge your changes or finds a conflict it will tell you and you must do conflict resolution, which is much easier in Git than in SVN.
- Resolving conflicts is described below in the **github** section.

2.3 Step by Step Modifying Bacula Code

Suppose you want to download Bacula source code, build it, make a change, then submit your change to the Bacula developers. What would you do?

- Download the Source code:

```
git clone ssh://<userid>@bacula.git.sourceforge.net/gitroot/bacula/bacula trunk
```

- Configure and Build Bacula:

```
./configure (all-your-normal-options)
make
```

- Create a branch to work on:

```
cd trunk/bacula
git checkout -b bugfix master
```

- Edit, build, Test, ...

```
edit file jcr.h
make
test
```

- commit your work:

```
git commit -am "Short comment on what I did"
```

- Possibly repeat the above two items
- Switch back to the master branch:

```
git checkout master
```

- Pull the latest changes:

```
git pull
```

- Get back on your bugfix branch:

```
git checkout bugfix
```

- Merge your changes and correct any conflicts:

```
git rebase master bugfix
```

- Fix any conflicts:
You will be notified if there are conflicts. The first thing to do is:

```
git diff
```

This will produce a diff of only the files having a conflict. Fix each file in turn. When it is fixed, the diff for that file will go away.

For each file fixed, you must do the same as SVN, inform git with:

```
git add (name-of-file-no-longer-in-conflict)
```

- When all files are fixed do:

```
git rebase --continue
```

- When you are ready to send a patch, do the following:

```
git checkout bugfix
git format-patch -M master
```

Look at the files produced. They should be numbered 0001-xxx.patch where there is one file for each commit you did, number sequentially, and the xxx is what you put in the commit comment.

- If the patch files are good, send them by email to the developers as attachments.

2.3.1 More Details

Normally, you will work by creating a branch of the master branch of your repository, make your modifications, then make sure it is up to date, and finally create format-patch patches or push it to the Source Forge repo. Assuming you call the Bacula repository **trunk**, you might use the following commands:

```
cd trunk
git checkout master
git pull
git checkout -b newbranch master
(edit, ...)
git add <file-edited>
git commit -m "<comment about commit>"
...
```

When you have completed working on your branch, you will do:

```
cd trunk
git checkout newbranch # ensure I am on my branch
git pull               # get latest source code
git rebase master      # merge my code
```

If you have completed your edits before anyone has modified the repository, the **git rebase master** will report that there was nothing to do. Otherwise, it will merge the changes that were made in the repository before your changes. If there are any conflicts, Git will tell you. Typically resolving conflicts with Git is relatively easy. You simply make a diff:

```
git diff
```

Then edit each file that was listed in the **git diff** to remove the conflict, which will be indicated by lines of:

```
<<<<<<< HEAD
text
>>>>>>>
other text
=====
```

where **text** is what is in the Bacula repository, and **other text** is what you have changed.

Once you have eliminated the conflict, the **git diff** will show nothing, and you must do a:

```
git add <file-with-conflicts-fixed>
```

Once you have fixed all the files with conflicts in the above manner, you enter:

```
git rebase --continue
```

and your rebase will be complete.

If for some reason, before doing the `--continue`, you want to abort the rebase and return to what you had, you enter:

```
git rebase --abort
```

Finally to make a set of patch files

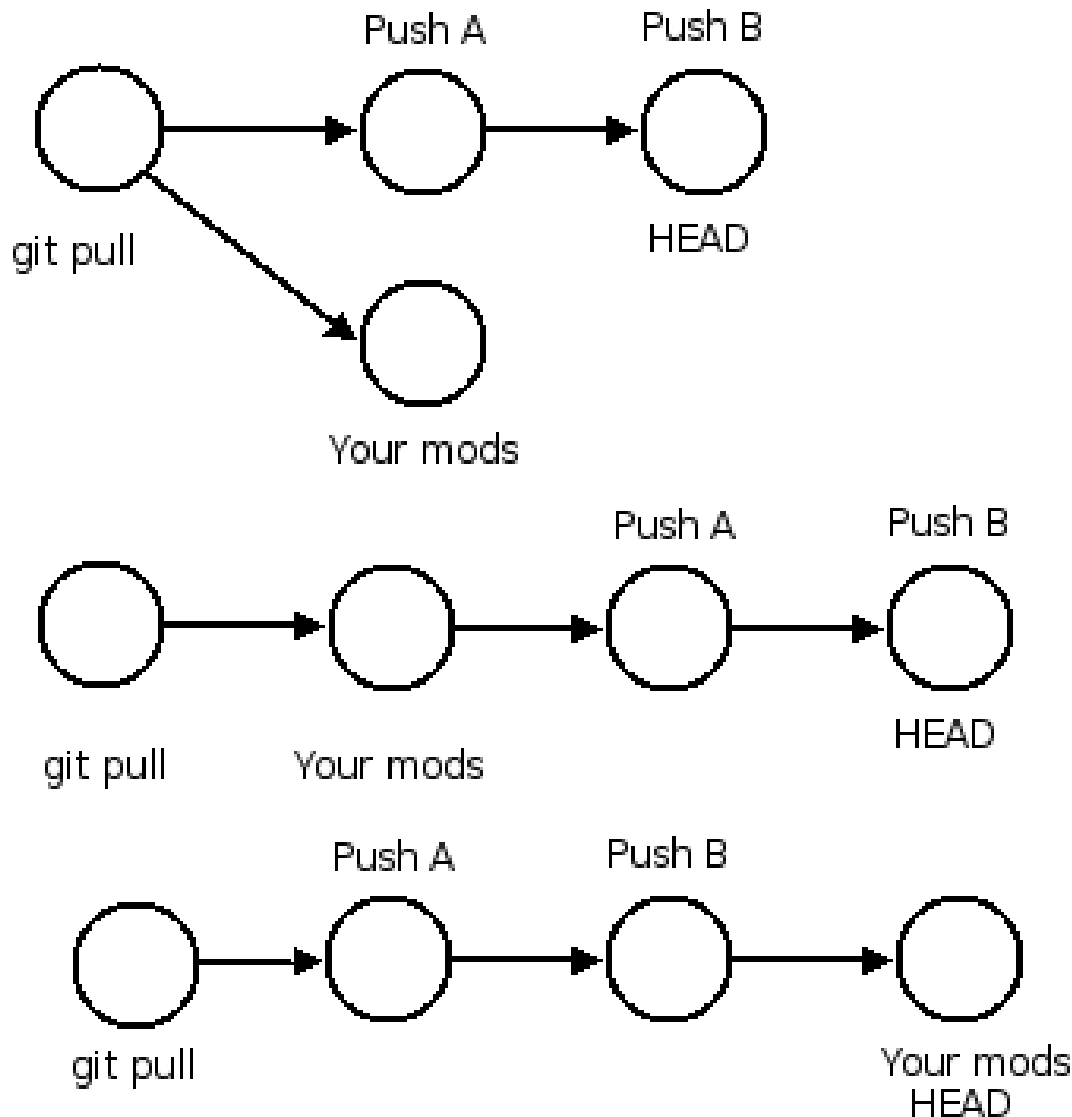
```
git format-patch -M master
```

When you see your changes have been integrated and pushed to the main repo, you can delete your branch with:

```
git checkout master
git branch -D newbranch
```

2.4 Forcing Changes

If you want to understand why it is not a good idea to force a push to the repository, look at the following picture:



The above graphic has three lines of circles. Each circle represents a commit, and time runs from the left to the right. The top line shows the repository just before you are going to do a push. Note the point at which you pulled is the circle on the left, your changes are represented by the circle labeled **Your mods**. It is shown below to indicate that the changes are only in your local repository. Finally, there are pushes A and B that came after the time at which you pulled.

If you were to force your changes into the repository, Git would place them immediately after the point at which you pulled them, so they would go before the pushes A and B. However, doing so would rewrite the history of the repository and make it very difficult for other users to synchronize since they would have to somehow wedge their changes at some point before the current HEAD of the repository. This situation is shown by the second line of pushes.

What you really want to do is to put your changes after Push B (the current HEAD). This is shown in the third line of pushes. The best way to accomplish this is to work in a branch, pull the repository so you have your master equal to HEAD (in first line), then to rebase your branch on the current master and then commit it. The exact commands to accomplish this are shown in the next couple of sections.

Chapter 3

Bacula FD Plugin API

To write a Bacula plugin, you create a dynamic shared object program (or dll on Win32) with a particular name and two exported entry points, place it in the **Plugins Directory**, which is defined in the **bacula-fd.conf** file in the **Client** resource, and when the FD starts, it will load all the plugins that end with **-fd.so** (or **-fd.dll** on Win32) found in that directory.

3.1 Normal vs Command Plugins

In general, there are two ways that plugins are called. The first way, is when a particular event is detected in Bacula, it will transfer control to each plugin that is loaded in turn informing the plugin of the event. This is very similar to how a **RunScript** works, and the events are very similar. Once the plugin gets control, it can interact with Bacula by getting and setting Bacula variables. In this way, it behaves much like a RunScript. Currently very few Bacula variables are defined, but they will be implemented as the need arises, and it is very extensible.

We plan to have plugins register to receive events that they normally would not receive, such as an event for each file examined for backup or restore. This feature is not yet implemented.

The second type of plugin, which is more useful and fully implemented in the current version is what we call a command plugin. As with all plugins, it gets notified of important events as noted above (details described below), but in addition, this kind of plugin can accept a command line, which is a:

```
Plugin = <command-string>
```

directive that is placed in the Include section of a FileSet and is very similar to the "File =" directive. When this Plugin directive is encountered by Bacula during backup, it passes the "command" part of the Plugin directive only to the plugin that is explicitly named in the first field of that command string. This allows that plugin to backup any file or files on the system that it wants. It can even create "virtual files" in the catalog that contain data to be restored but do not necessarily correspond to actual files on the filesystem.

The important features of the command plugin entry points are:

- It is triggered by a "Plugin =" directive in the FileSet
- Only a single plugin is called that is named on the "Plugin =" directive.
- The full command string after the "Plugin =" is passed to the plugin so that it can be told what to backup/restore.

3.2 Loading Plugins

Once the File daemon loads the plugins, it asks the OS for the two entry points (`loadPlugin` and `unloadPlugin`) then calls the **loadPlugin** entry point (see below).

Bacula passes information to the plugin through this call and it gets back information that it needs to use the plugin. Later, Bacula will call particular functions that are defined by the **loadPlugin** interface.

When Bacula is finished with the plugin (when Bacula is going to exit), it will call the **unloadPlugin** entry point.

The two entry points are:

```
bRC loadPlugin(bInfo *lbinfo, bFuncs *lbfuncs, pInfo **pinfo, pFuncs **pfuncs)
```

and

```
bRC unloadPlugin()
```

both these external entry points to the shared object are defined as C entry points to avoid name mangling complications with C++. However, the shared object can actually be written in any language (preferably C or C++) providing that it follows C language calling conventions.

The definitions for **bRC** and the arguments are **src/filed/fd-plugins.h** and so this header file needs to be included in your plugin. It along with **src/lib/plugins.h** define basically the whole plugin interface. Within this header file, it includes the following files:

```
#include <sys/types.h>
#include "config.h"
#include "bc_types.h"
#include "lib/plugins.h"
#include <sys/stat.h>
```

Aside from the **bc_types.h** and **config.h** headers, the plugin definition uses the minimum code from Bacula. The **bc_types.h** file is required to ensure that the data type definitions in arguments correspond to the Bacula core code.

The return codes are defined as:

```
typedef enum {
    bRC_OK      = 0,          /* OK */
    bRC_Stop    = 1,          /* Stop calling other plugins */
    bRC_Error   = 2,          /* Some kind of error */
    bRC_More    = 3,          /* More files to backup */
} bRC;
```

At a future point in time, we hope to make the Bacula `libbac.a` into a shared object so that the plugin can use much more of Bacula's infrastructure, but for this first cut, we have tried to minimize the dependence on Bacula.

3.3 loadPlugin

As previously mentioned, the **loadPlugin** entry point in the plugin is called immediately after Bacula loads the plugin when the File daemon itself is first starting. This entry point is only called once during the execution of the File daemon. In calling the plugin, the first two arguments are information from Bacula

that is passed to the plugin, and the last two arguments are information about the plugin that the plugin must return to Bacula. The call is:

```
bRC loadPlugin(bInfo *lbinfo, bFuncs *lbfuncs, pInfo **pinfo, pFuncs **pfuncs)
```

and the arguments are:

lbinfo This is information about Bacula in general. Currently, the only value defined in the bInfo structure is the version, which is the Bacula plugin interface version, currently defined as 1. The **size** is set to the byte size of the structure. The exact definition of the bInfo structure as of this writing is:

```
typedef struct s_baculaInfo {
    uint32_t size;
    uint32_t version;
} bInfo;
```

lbfuncs The bFuncs structure defines the callback entry points within Bacula that the plugin can use register events, get Bacula values, set Bacula values, and send messages to the Job output or debug output.

The exact definition as of this writing is:

```
typedef struct s_baculaFuncs {
    uint32_t size;
    uint32_t version;
    bRC (*registerBaculaEvents)(bpContext *ctx, ...);
    bRC (*getBaculaValue)(bpContext *ctx, bVariable var, void *value);
    bRC (*setBaculaValue)(bpContext *ctx, bVariable var, void *value);
    bRC (*JobMessage)(bpContext *ctx, const char *file, int line,
        int type, utime_t mtime, const char *fmt, ...);
    bRC (*DebugMessage)(bpContext *ctx, const char *file, int line,
        int level, const char *fmt, ...);
    void *(*baculaMalloc)(bpContext *ctx, const char *file, int line,
        size_t size);
    void (*baculaFree)(bpContext *ctx, const char *file, int line, void *mem);
} bFuncs;
```

We will discuss these entry points and how to use them a bit later when describing the plugin code.

pInfo When the loadPlugin entry point is called, the plugin must initialize an information structure about the plugin and return a pointer to this structure to Bacula.

The exact definition as of this writing is:

```
typedef struct s_pluginInfo {
    uint32_t size;
    uint32_t version;
    const char *plugin_magic;
    const char *plugin_license;
    const char *plugin_author;
    const char *plugin_date;
    const char *plugin_version;
    const char *plugin_description;
} pInfo;
```

Where:

version is the current Bacula defined plugin interface version, currently set to 1. If the interface version differs from the current version of Bacula, the plugin will not be run (not yet implemented).

plugin_magic is a pointer to the text string "FDPluginData*", a sort of sanity check. If this value is not specified, the plugin will not be run (not yet implemented).

plugin_license is a pointer to a text string that describes the plugin license. Bacula will only accept compatible licenses (not yet implemented).

plugin_author is a pointer to the text name of the author of the program. This string can be anything but is generally the author's name.

plugin_date is the pointer text string containing the date of the plugin. This string can be anything but is generally some human readable form of the date.

plugin_version is a pointer to a text string containing the version of the plugin. The contents are determined by the plugin writer.

plugin_description is a pointer to a string describing what the plugin does. The contents are determined by the plugin writer.

The pInfo structure must be defined in static memory because Bacula does not copy it and may refer to the values at any time while the plugin is loaded. All values must be supplied or the plugin will not run (not yet implemented). All text strings must be either ASCII or UTF-8 strings that are terminated with a zero byte.

pFuncs When the loadPlugin entry point is called, the plugin must initialize an entry point structure about the plugin and return a pointer to this structure to Bacula. This structure contains pointer to each of the entry points that the plugin must provide for Bacula. When Bacula is actually running the plugin, it will call the defined entry points at particular times. All entry points must be defined.

The pFuncs structure must be defined in static memory because Bacula does not copy it and may refer to the values at any time while the plugin is loaded.

The exact definition as of this writing is:

```
typedef struct s_pluginFuncs {
    uint32_t size;
    uint32_t version;
    bRC (*newPlugin)(bpContext *ctx);
    bRC (*freePlugin)(bpContext *ctx);
    bRC (*getPluginValue)(bpContext *ctx, pVariable var, void *value);
    bRC (*setPluginValue)(bpContext *ctx, pVariable var, void *value);
    bRC (*handlePluginEvent)(bpContext *ctx, bEvent *event, void *value);
    bRC (*startBackupFile)(bpContext *ctx, struct save_pkt *sp);
    bRC (*endBackupFile)(bpContext *ctx);
    bRC (*startRestoreFile)(bpContext *ctx, const char *cmd);
    bRC (*endRestoreFile)(bpContext *ctx);
    bRC (*pluginIO)(bpContext *ctx, struct io_pkt *io);
    bRC (*createFile)(bpContext *ctx, struct restore_pkt *rp);
    bRC (*setFileAttributes)(bpContext *ctx, struct restore_pkt *rp);
    bRC (*checkFile)(bpContext *ctx, char *fname);
} pFuncs;
```

The details of the entry points will be presented in separate sections below.

Where:

size is the byte size of the structure.

version is the plugin interface version currently set to 3.

Sample code for loadPlugin:

```
bfuns = lbfuns;                /* set Bacula funct pointers */
binfo = lbinfo;
*pinfo = &pluginInfo;          /* return pointer to our info */
*pfuns = &pluginFuncs;          /* return pointer to our functions */

return bRC_OK;
```

where pluginInfo and pluginFuncs are statically defined structures. See bpipe-fd.c for details.

3.4 Plugin Entry Points

This section will describe each of the entry points (subroutines) within the plugin that the plugin must provide for Bacula, when they are called and their arguments. As noted above, pointers to these subroutines are passed back to Bacula in the `pFuncs` structure when Bacula calls the `loadPlugin()` externally defined entry point.

3.4.1 `newPlugin(bpContext *ctx)`

This is the entry point that Bacula will call when a new "instance" of the plugin is created. This typically happens at the beginning of a Job. If 10 Jobs are running simultaneously, there will be at least 10 instances of the plugin.

The `bpContext` structure will be passed to the plugin, and during this call, if the plugin needs to have its private working storage that is associated with the particular instance of the plugin, it should create it from the heap (malloc the memory) and store a pointer to its private working storage in the `pContext` variable. Note: since Bacula is a multi-threaded program, you must not keep any variable data in your plugin unless it is truly meant to apply globally to the whole plugin. In addition, you must be aware that except the first and last call to the plugin (`loadPlugin` and `unloadPlugin`) all the other calls will be made by threads that correspond to a Bacula job. The `bpContext` that will be passed for each thread will remain the same throughout the Job thus you can keep your private Job specific data in it (`bContext`).

```
typedef struct s_bpContext {
    void *pContext;    /* Plugin private context */
    void *bContext;    /* Bacula private context */
} bpContext;
```

This context pointer will be passed as the first argument to all the entry points that Bacula calls within the plugin. Needless to say, the plugin should not change the `bContext` variable, which is Bacula's private context pointer for this instance (Job) of this plugin.

3.4.2 `freePlugin(bpContext *ctx)`

This entry point is called when this instance of the plugin is no longer needed (the Job is ending), and the plugin should release all memory it may have allocated for this particular instance (Job) i.e. the `pContext`. This is not the final termination of the plugin signaled by a call to `unloadPlugin`. Any other instances (Job) will continue to run, and the entry point `newPlugin` may be called again if other jobs start.

3.4.3 `getPluginValue(bpContext *ctx, pVariable var, void *value)`

Bacula will call this entry point to get a value from the plugin. This entry point is currently not called.

3.4.4 `setPluginValue(bpContext *ctx, pVariable var, void *value)`

Bacula will call this entry point to set a value in the plugin. This entry point is currently not called.

3.4.5 `handlePluginEvent(bpContext *ctx, bEvent *event, void *value)`

This entry point is called when Bacula encounters certain events (discussed below). This is, in fact, the main way that most plugins get control when a Job runs and how they know what is happening in the job.

It can be likened to the **RunScript** feature that calls external programs and scripts, and is very similar to the Bacula Python interface. When the plugin is called, Bacula passes it the pointer to an event structure (bEvent), which currently has one item, the eventType:

```
typedef struct s_bEvent {
    uint32_t eventType;
} bEvent;
```

which defines what event has been triggered, and for each event, Bacula will pass a pointer to a value associated with that event. If no value is associated with a particular event, Bacula will pass a NULL pointer, so the plugin must be careful to always check value pointer prior to dereferencing it.

The current list of events are:

```
typedef enum {
    bEventJobStart      = 1,
    bEventJobEnd        = 2,
    bEventStartBackupJob = 3,
    bEventEndBackupJob   = 4,
    bEventStartRestoreJob = 5,
    bEventEndRestoreJob  = 6,
    bEventStartVerifyJob = 7,
    bEventEndVerifyJob   = 8,
    bEventBackupCommand  = 9,
    bEventRestoreCommand = 10,
    bEventLevel          = 11,
    bEventSince          = 12,
} bEventType;
```

Most of the above are self-explanatory.

bEventJobStart is called whenever a Job starts. The value passed is a pointer to a string that contains: "Jobid=nnn Job=job-name". Where nnn will be replaced by the JobId and job-name will be replaced by the Job name. The variable is temporary so if you need the values, you must copy them.

bEventJobEnd is called whenever a Job ends. No value is passed.

bEventStartBackupJob is called when a Backup Job begins. No value is passed.

bEventEndBackupJob is called when a Backup Job ends. No value is passed.

bEventStartRestoreJob is called when a Restore Job starts. No value is passed.

bEventEndRestoreJob is called when a Restore Job ends. No value is passed.

bEventStartVerifyJob is called when a Verify Job starts. No value is passed.

bEventEndVerifyJob is called when a Verify Job ends. No value is passed.

bEventBackupCommand is called prior to the bEventStartBackupJob and the plugin is passed the command string (everything after the equal sign in "Plugin =" as the value.

Note, if you intend to backup a file, this is an important first point to write code that copies the command string passed into your pContext area so that you will know that a backup is being performed and you will know the full contents of the "Plugin =" command (i.e. what to backup and what virtual filename the user wants to call it.

bEventRestoreCommand is called prior to the bEventStartRestoreJob and the plugin is passed the command string (everything after the equal sign in "Plugin =" as the value.

See the notes above concerning backup and the command string. This is the point at which Bacula passes you the original command string that was specified during the backup, so you will want to save it in your pContext area for later use when Bacula calls the plugin again.

bEventLevel is called when the level is set for a new Job. The value is a 32 bit integer stored in the void*, which represents the Job Level code.

bEventSince is called when the since time is set for a new Job. The value is a time_t time at which the last job was run.

During each of the above calls, the plugin receives either no specific value or only one value, which in some cases may not be sufficient. However, knowing the context of the event, the plugin can call back to the Bacula entry points it was passed during the **loadPlugin** call and get to a number of Bacula variables. (at the current time few Bacula variables are implemented, but it easily extended at a future time and as needs require).

3.4.6 startBackupFile(bpContext *ctx, struct save_pkt *sp)

This entry point is called only if your plugin is a command plugin, and it is called when Bacula encounters the "Plugin = " directive in the Include section of the FileSet. Called when beginning the backup of a file. Here Bacula provides you with a pointer to the **save_pkt** structure and you must fill in this packet with the "attribute" data of the file.

```
struct save_pkt {
    int32_t pkt_size;           /* size of this packet */
    char *fname;                /* Full path and filename */
    char *link;                 /* Link name if any */
    struct stat statp;          /* System stat() packet for file */
    int32_t type;               /* FT_xx for this file */
    uint32_t flags;             /* Bacula internal flags */
    bool portable;              /* set if data format is portable */
    char *cmd;                  /* command */
    int32_t pkt_end;            /* end packet sentinel */
};
```

The second argument is a pointer to the **save_pkt** structure for the file to be backed up. The plugin is responsible for filling in all the fields of the **save_pkt**. If you are backing up a real file, then generally, the statp structure can be filled in by doing a **stat** system call on the file.

If you are backing up a database or something that is more complex, you might want to create a virtual file. That is a file that does not actually exist on the filesystem, but represents say an object that you are backing up. In that case, you need to ensure that the **fname** string that you pass back is unique so that it does not conflict with a real file on the system, and you need to artificially create values in the statp packet.

Example programs such as **bpipe-fd.c** show how to set these fields. You must take care not to store pointers the stack in the pointer fields such as fname and link, because when you return from your function, your stack entries will be destroyed. The solution in that case is to malloc() and return the pointer to it. In order to not have memory leaks, you should store a pointer to all memory allocated in your pContext structure so that in subsequent calls or at termination, you can release it back to the system.

Once the backup has begun, Bacula will call your plugin at the **pluginIO** entry point to "read" the data to be backed up. Please see the **bpipe-fd.c** plugin for how to do I/O.

Example of filling in the save_pkt as used in bpipe-fd.c:

```
struct plugin_ctx *p_ctx = (struct plugin_ctx *)ctx->pContext;
time_t now = time(NULL);
sp->fname = p_ctx->fname;
sp->statp.st_mode = 0700 | S_IFREG;
sp->statp.st_ctime = now;
sp->statp.st_mtime = now;
```

```

sp->statp.st_atime = now;
sp->statp.st_size = -1;
sp->statp.st_blksize = 4096;
sp->statp.st_blocks = 1;
p_ctx->backup = true;
return bRC_OK;

```

Note: the filename to be created has already been created from the command string previously sent to the plugin and is in the plugin context (`p_ctx->fname`) and is a `malloc()`ed string. This example creates a regular file (`S_IFREG`), with various fields being created.

In general, the sequence of commands issued from Bacula to the plugin to do a backup while processing the "Plugin = " directive are:

1. generate a `bEventBackupCommand` event to the specified plugin and pass it the command string.
2. make a `startPluginBackup` call to the plugin, which fills in the data needed in `save_pkt` to save as the file attributes and to put on the Volume and in the catalog.
3. call Bacula's internal `save_file()` subroutine to save the specified file. The plugin will then be called at `pluginIO()` to "open" the file, and then to read the file data. Note, if you are dealing with a virtual file, the "open" operation is something the plugin does internally and it doesn't necessarily mean opening a file on the filesystem. For example in the case of the `bpipe-fd.c` program, it initiates a pipe to the requested program. Finally when the plugin signals to Bacula that all the data was read, Bacula will call the plugin with the "close" `pluginIO()` function.

3.4.7 `endBackupFile(bpContext *ctx)`

Called at the end of backing up a file for a command plugin. If the plugin's work is done, it should return `bRC_OK`. If the plugin wishes to create another file and back it up, then it must return `bRC.More` (not yet implemented). This is probably a good time to release any `malloc()`ed memory you used to pass back filenames.

3.4.8 `startRestoreFile(bpContext *ctx, const char *cmd)`

Called when the first record is read from the Volume that was previously written by the command plugin.

3.4.9 `createFile(bpContext *ctx, struct restore_pkt *rp)`

Called for a command plugin to create a file during a Restore job before restoring the data. This entry point is called before any I/O is done on the file. After this call, Bacula will call `pluginIO()` to open the file for write.

The data in the `restore_pkt` is passed to the plugin and is based on the data that was originally given by the plugin during the backup and the current user restore settings (e.g. `where`, `RegexWhere`, `replace`). This allows the plugin to first create a file (if necessary) so that the data can be transmitted to it. The next call to the plugin will be a `pluginIO` command with a request to open the file write-only.

This call must return one of the following values:

```

enum {
    CF_SKIP = 1,          /* skip file (not newer or something) */
    CF_ERROR,             /* error creating file */
    CF_EXTRACT,           /* file created, data to extract */
    CF_CREATED            /* file created, no data to extract */
};

```

in the `restore_pkt` value `create_status`. For a normal file, unless there is an error, you must return `CF_EXTRACT`.

```
struct restore_pkt {
    int32_t pkt_size;           /* size of this packet */
    int32_t stream;            /* attribute stream id */
    int32_t data_stream;       /* id of data stream to follow */
    int32_t type;              /* file type FT */
    int32_t file_index;        /* file index */
    int32_t LinkFI;            /* file index to data if hard link */
    uid_t uid;                 /* userid */
    struct stat statp;          /* decoded stat packet */
    const char *attrEx;         /* extended attributes if any */
    const char *ofname;         /* output filename */
    const char *olname;         /* output link name */
    const char *where;          /* where */
    const char *RegexWhere;     /* regex where */
    int replace;               /* replace flag */
    int create_status;          /* status from createFile() */
    int32_t pkt_end;           /* end packet sentinel */
};
```

Typical code to create a regular file would be the following:

```
struct plugin_ctx *p_ctx = (struct plugin_ctx *)ctx->pContext;
time_t now = time(NULL);
sp->fname = p_ctx->fname; /* set the full path/filename I want to create */
sp->type = FT_REG;
sp->statp.st_mode = 0700 | S_IFREG;
sp->statp.st_ctime = now;
sp->statp.st_mtime = now;
sp->statp.st_atime = now;
sp->statp.st_size = -1;
sp->statp.st_blksize = 4096;
sp->statp.st_blocks = 1;
return bRC_OK;
```

This will create a virtual file. If you are creating a file that actually exists, you will most likely want to fill the `statp` packet using the `stat()` system call.

Creating a directory is similar, but requires a few extra steps:

```
struct plugin_ctx *p_ctx = (struct plugin_ctx *)ctx->pContext;
time_t now = time(NULL);
sp->fname = p_ctx->fname; /* set the full path I want to create */
sp->link = xxx; where xxx is p_ctx->fname with a trailing forward slash
sp->type = FT_DIREND
sp->statp.st_mode = 0700 | S_IFDIR;
sp->statp.st_ctime = now;
sp->statp.st_mtime = now;
sp->statp.st_atime = now;
sp->statp.st_size = -1;
sp->statp.st_blksize = 4096;
sp->statp.st_blocks = 1;
return bRC_OK;
```

The link field must be set with the full cononical path name, which always ends with a forward slash. If you do not terminate it with a forward slash, you will surely have problems later.

As with the example that creates a file, if you are backing up a real directory, you will want to do an `stat()` on the directory.

Note, if you want the directory permissions and times to be correctly restored, you must create the directory **after** all the file directories have been sent to Bacula. That allows the restore process to restore all the files in a directory using default directory options, then at the end, restore the directory permissions. If you do it the other way around, each time you restore a file, the OS will modify the time values for the directory entry.

3.4.10 `setFileAttributes(bpContext *ctx, struct restore_pkt *rp)`

This is call not yet implemented. Called for a command plugin.

See the definition of `restre_pkt` in the above section.

3.4.11 `endRestoreFile(bpContext *ctx)`

Called when a command plugin is done restoring a file.

3.4.12 `pluginIO(bpContext *ctx, struct io_pkt *io)`

Called to do the input (backup) or output (restore) of data from or to a file for a command plugin. These routines simulate the Unix `read()`, `write()`, `open()`, `close()`, and `lseek()` I/O calls, and the arguments are passed in the packet and the return values are also placed in the packet. In addition for Win32 systems the plugin must return two additional values (described below).

```
enum {
    IO_OPEN = 1,
    IO_READ = 2,
    IO_WRITE = 3,
    IO_CLOSE = 4,
    IO_SEEK = 5
};

struct io_pkt {
    int32_t pkt_size;           /* Size of this packet */
    int32_t func;               /* Function code */
    int32_t count;              /* read/write count */
    mode_t mode;                /* permissions for created files */
    int32_t flags;              /* Open flags */
    char *buf;                  /* read/write buffer */
    const char *fname;          /* open filename */
    int32_t status;              /* return status */
    int32_t io_errno;           /* errno code */
    int32_t lerror;             /* Win32 error code */
    int32_t whence;             /* lseek argument */
    boffset_t offset;           /* lseek argument */
    bool win32;                 /* Win32 GetLastError returned */
    int32_t pkt_end;            /* end packet sentinel */
};
```

The particular Unix function being simulated is indicated by the **func**, which will have one of the `IO_OPEN`, `IO_READ`, ... codes listed above. The status code that would be returned from a Unix call is returned in **status** for `IO_OPEN`, `IO_CLOSE`, `IO_READ`, and `IO_WRITE`. The return value for `IO_SEEK` is returned in **offset** which in general is a 64 bit value.

When there is an error on Unix systems, you must always set `io_error`, and on a Win32 system, you must always set `win32`, and the returned value from the OS call `GetLastError()` in `lerror`.

For all except `IO_SEEK`, **status** is the return result. In general it is a positive integer unless there is an error in which case it is -1.

The following describes each call and what you get and what you should return:

IO_OPEN You will be passed `fname`, `mode`, and `flags`. You must set on return: `status`, and if there is a Unix error `io_errno` must be set to the `errno` value, and if there is a Win32 error `win32` and `lerror`.

IO_READ You will be passed: `count`, and `buf` (buffer of size `count`). You must set on return: `status` to the number of bytes read into the buffer (`buf`) or -1 on an error, and if there is a Unix error `io_errno` must be set to the `errno` value, and if there is a Win32 error, `win32` and `lerror` must be set.

IO_WRITE You will be passed: `count`, and `buf` (buffer of size `count`). You must set on return: `status` to the number of bytes written from the buffer (`buf`) or -1 on an error, and if there is a Unix error `io_errno` must be set to the `errno` value, and if there is a Win32 error, `win32` and `lerror` must be set.

IO_CLOSE Nothing will be passed to you. On return you must set `status` to 0 on success and -1 on failure. If there is a Unix error `io_errno` must be set to the `errno` value, and if there is a Win32 error, `win32` and `lerror` must be set.

IO_LSEEK You will be passed: `offset`, and `whence`. `offset` is a 64 bit value and is the position to seek to relative to `whence`. `whence` is one of the following `SEEK_SET`, `SEEK_CUR`, or `SEEK_END` indicating to either to seek to an absolute position, relative to the current position or relative to the end of the file. You must pass back in `offset` the absolute location to which you seeked. If there is an error, `offset` should be set to -1. If there is a Unix error `io_errno` must be set to the `errno` value, and if there is a Win32 error, `win32` and `lerror` must be set.

Note: Bacula will call `IO_SEEK` only when writing a sparse file.

3.4.13 bool checkFile(bpContext *ctx, char *fname)

If this entry point is set, Bacula will call it after backing up all file data during an Accurate backup. It will be passed the full filename for each file that Bacula is proposing to mark as deleted. Only files previously backed up but not backed up in the current session will be marked to be deleted. If you return **false**, the file will be marked deleted. If you return **true** the file will not be marked deleted. This permits a plugin to ensure that previously saved virtual files or files controlled by your plugin that have not change (not backed up in the current job) are not marked to be deleted. This entry point will only be called during Accurate Incremental and Differential backup jobs.

3.5 Bacula Plugin Entrypoints

When Bacula calls one of your plugin entrypoints, you can call back to the entrypoints in Bacula that were supplied during the xxx plugin call to get or set information within Bacula.

3.5.1 bRC registerBaculaEvents(bpContext *ctx, ...)

This Bacula entrypoint will allow you to register to receive events that are not automatically passed to your plugin by default. This entrypoint currently is unimplemented.

3.5.2 bRC getBaculaValue(bpContext *ctx, bVariable var, void *value)

Calling this entrypoint, you can obtain specific values that are available in Bacula. The following Variables can be referenced:

- bVarJobId returns an int
- bVarFDName returns a char *
- bVarLevel returns an int
- bVarClient returns a char *
- bVarJobName returns a char *
- bVarJobStatus returns an int
- bVarSinceTime returns an int (time_t)
- bVarAccurate returns an int

3.5.3 bRC setBaculaValue(bpContext *ctx, bVariable var, void *value)

Calling this entrypoint allows you to set particular values in Bacula. The only variable that can currently be set is **bVarFileSeen** and the value passed is a char * that points to the full filename for a file that you are indicating has been seen and hence is not deleted.

3.5.4 bRC JobMessage(bpContext *ctx, const char *file, int line, int type, utime_t mtime, const char *fmt, ...)

This call permits you to put a message in the Job Report.

3.5.5 bRC DebugMessage(bpContext *ctx, const char *file, int line, int level, const char *fmt, ...)

This call permits you to print a debug message.

3.5.6 void baculaMalloc(bpContext *ctx, const char *file, int line, size_t size)

This call permits you to obtain memory from Bacula's memory allocator.

3.5.7 void baculaFree(bpContext *ctx, const char *file, int line, void *mem)

This call permits you to free memory obtained from Bacula's memory allocator.

3.6 Building Bacula Plugins

There is currently one sample program **example-plugin-fd.c** and one working plugin **bpipe-fd.c** that can be found in the Bacula **src/plugins/fd** directory. Both are built with the following:

```
cd <bacula-source>
./configure <your-options>
make
...
cd src/plugins/fd
make
make test
```

After building Bacula and changing into the `src/plugins/fd` directory, the **make** command will build the **bpipe-fd.so** plugin, which is a very useful and working program.

The **make test** command will build the **example-plugin-fd.so** plugin and a binary named **main**, which is build from the source code located in **src/fd_plugins.c**.

If you execute **./main**, it will load and run the example-plugin-fd plugin simulating a small number of the calling sequences that Bacula uses in calling a real plugin. This allows you to do initial testing of your plugin prior to trying it with Bacula.

You can get a good idea of how to write your own plugin by first studying the example-plugin-fd, and actually running it. Then it can also be instructive to read the `bpipe-fd.c` code as it is a real plugin, which is still rather simple and small.

When actually writing your own plugin, you may use the `example-plugin-fd.c` code as a template for your code.

Chapter 4

Platform Support

4.1 General

This chapter describes the requirements for having a supported platform (Operating System). In general, Bacula is quite portable. It supports 32 and 64 bit architectures as well as bigendian and littleendian machines. For full support, the platform (Operating System) must implement POSIX Unix system calls. However, for File daemon support only, a small compatibility library can be written to support almost any architecture.

Currently Linux, FreeBSD, and Solaris are fully supported platforms, which means that the code has been tested on those machines and passes a full set of regression tests.

In addition, the Windows File daemon is supported on most versions of Windows, and finally, there are a number of other platforms where the File daemon (client) is known to run: NetBSD, OpenBSD, Mac OSX, SGI, ...

4.2 Requirements to become a Supported Platform

As mentioned above, in order to become a fully supported platform, it must support POSIX Unix system calls. In addition, the following requirements must be met:

- The principal developer (currently Kern) must have non-root ssh access to a test machine running the platform.
- The ideal requirements and minimum requirements for this machine are given below.
- There must be a defined platform champion who is normally a system administrator for the machine that is available. This person need not be a developer/programmer but must be familiar with system administration of the platform.
- There must be at least one person designated who will run regression tests prior to each release. Releases occur approximately once every 6 months, but can be more frequent. It takes at most a day's effort to setup the regression scripts in the beginning, and after that, they can either be run daily or on demand before a release. Running the regression scripts involves only one or two command line commands and is fully automated.
- Ideally there are one or more persons who will package each Bacula release.
- Ideally there are one or more developers who can respond to and fix platform specific bugs.

Ideal requirements for a test machine:

- The principal developer will have non-root ssh access to the test machine at all times.
- The principal developer will have a root password.
- The test machine will provide approximately 200 MB of disk space for continual use.
- The test machine will have approximately 500 MB of free disk space for temporary use.
- The test machine will run the most common version of the OS.
- The test machine will have an autochanger of DDS-4 technology or later having two or more tapes.
- The test machine will have MySQL and/or PostgreSQL database access for account "bacula" available.
- The test machine will have sftp access.
- The test machine will provide an smtp server.

Minimum requirements for a test machine:

- The principal developer will have non-root ssh access to the test machine when requested approximately once a month.
- The principal developer not have root access.
- The test machine will provide approximately 80 MB of disk space for continual use.
- The test machine will have approximately 300 MB of free disk space for temporary use.
- The test machine will run the OS.
- The test machine will have a tape drive of DDS-4 technology or later that can be scheduled for access.
- The test machine will not have MySQL and/or PostgreSQL database access.
- The test machine will have no sftp access.
- The test machine will provide no email access.

Bare bones test machine requirements:

- The test machine is available only to a designated test person (your own machine).
- The designated test person runs the regression tests on demand.
- The test machine has a tape drive available.

Chapter 5

Daemon Protocol

5.1 General

This document describes the protocols used between the various daemons. As Bacula has developed, it has become quite out of date. The general idea still holds true, but the details of the fields for each command, and indeed the commands themselves have changed considerably.

It is intended to be a technical discussion of the general daemon protocols and as such is not targeted at end users but rather at developers and system administrators that want or need to know more of the working details of **Bacula**.

5.2 Low Level Network Protocol

At the lowest level, the network protocol is handled by **BSOCK** packets which contain a lot of information about the status of the network connection: who is at the other end, etc. Each basic **Bacula** network read or write actually consists of two low level network read/writes. The first write always sends four bytes of data in machine independent byte order. If data is to follow, the first four bytes are a positive non-zero integer indicating the length of the data that follow in the subsequent write. If the four byte integer is zero or negative, it indicates a special request, a sort of network signaling capability. In this case, no data packet will follow. The low level BSOCK routines expect that only a single thread is accessing the socket at a time. It is advised that multiple threads do not read/write the same socket. If you must do this, you must provide some sort of locking mechanism. It would not be appropriate for efficiency reasons to make every call to the BSOCK routines lock and unlock the packet.

5.3 General Daemon Protocol

In general, all the daemons follow the following global rules. There may be exceptions depending on the specific case. Normally, one daemon will be sending commands to another daemon (specifically, the Director to the Storage daemon and the Director to the File daemon).

- Commands are always ASCII commands that are upper/lower case dependent as well as space sensitive.
- All binary data is converted into ASCII (either with printf statements or using base64 encoding).
- All responses to commands sent are always prefixed with a return numeric code where codes in the 1000's are reserved for the Director, the 2000's are reserved for the File daemon, and the 3000's are reserved for the Storage daemon.

- Any response that is not prefixed with a numeric code is a command (or subcommand if you like) coming from the other end. For example, while the Director is corresponding with the Storage daemon, the Storage daemon can request Catalog services from the Director. This convention permits each side to send commands to the other daemon while simultaneously responding to commands.
- Any response that is of zero length, depending on the context, either terminates the data stream being sent or terminates command mode prior to closing the connection.
- Any response that is of negative length is a special sign that normally requires a response. For example, during data transfer from the File daemon to the Storage daemon, normally the File daemon sends continuously without intervening reads. However, periodically, the File daemon will send a packet of length -1 indicating that the current data stream is complete and that the Storage daemon should respond to the packet with an OK, ABORT JOB, PAUSE, etc. This permits the File daemon to efficiently send data while at the same time occasionally “polling” the Storage daemon for his status or any special requests.

Currently, these negative lengths are specific to the daemon, but shortly, the range 0 to -999 will be standard daemon wide signals, while -1000 to -1999 will be for Director user, -2000 to -2999 for the File daemon, and -3000 to -3999 for the Storage daemon.

5.4 The Protocol Used Between the Director and the Storage Daemon

Before sending commands to the File daemon, the Director opens a Message channel with the Storage daemon, identifies itself and presents its password. If the password check is OK, the Storage daemon accepts the Director. The Director then passes the Storage daemon, the JobId to be run as well as the File daemon authorization (append, read all, or read for a specific session). The Storage daemon will then pass back to the Director a enabling key for this JobId that must be presented by the File daemon when opening the job. Until this process is complete, the Storage daemon is not available for use by File daemons.

```
SD: listens
DR: makes connection
DR: Hello <Director-name> calling <password>
SD: 3000 OK Hello
DR: JobId=nnn Allow=(append, read) Session=(*, SessionId)
      (Session not implemented yet)
SD: 3000 OK Job Authorization=<password>
DR: use device=<device-name> media_type=<media-type>
      pool_name=<pool-name> pool_type=<pool-type>
SD: 3000 OK use device
```

For the Director to be authorized, the <Director-name> and the <password> must match the values in one of the Storage daemon’s Director resources (there may be several Directors that can access a single Storage daemon).

5.5 The Protocol Used Between the Director and the File Daemon

A typical conversation might look like the following:

```
FD: listens
DR: makes connection
DR: Hello <Director-name> calling <password>
FD: 2000 OK Hello
DR: JobId=nnn Authorization=<password>
FD: 2000 OK Job
DR: storage address = <Storage daemon address> port = <port-number>
      name = <DeviceName> mediatype = <MediaType>
FD: 2000 OK storage
DR: include
```

```

DR: <directory1>
DR: <directory2>
...
DR: Null packet
FD: 2000 OK include
DR: exclude
DR: <directory1>
DR: <directory2>
...
DR: Null packet
FD: 2000 OK exclude
DR: full
FD: 2000 OK full
DR: save
FD: 2000 OK save
FD: Attribute record for each file as sent to the
    Storage daemon (described above).
FD: Null packet
FD: <append close responses from Storage daemon>
    e.g.
    3000 OK Volumes = <number of volumes>
    3001 Volume = <volume-id> <start file> <start block>
        <end file> <end block> <volume session-id>
    3002 Volume data = <date/time of last write> <Number bytes written>
        <number errors>
    ... additional Volume / Volume data pairs for volumes 2 .. n
FD: Null packet
FD: close socket

```

5.6 The Save Protocol Between the File Daemon and the Storage Daemon

Once the Director has send a **save** command to the File daemon, the File daemon will contact the Storage daemon to begin the save.

In what follows: FD: refers to information set via the network from the File daemon to the Storage daemon, and SD: refers to information set from the Storage daemon to the File daemon.

5.6.1 Command and Control Information

Command and control information is exchanged in human readable ASCII commands.

```

FD: listens
SD: makes connection
FD: append open session = <JobId> [<password>]
SD: 3000 OK ticket = <number>
FD: append data <ticket-number>
SD: 3000 OK data address = <IPaddress> port = <port>

```

5.6.2 Data Information

The Data information consists of the file attributes and data to the Storage daemon. For the most part, the data information is sent one way: from the File daemon to the Storage daemon. This allows the File daemon to transfer information as fast as possible without a lot of handshaking and network overhead.

However, from time to time, the File daemon needs to do a sort of checkpoint of the situation to ensure that everything is going well with the Storage daemon. To do so, the File daemon sends a packet with a negative length indicating that he wishes the Storage daemon to respond by sending a packet of information to the File daemon. The File daemon then waits to receive a packet from the Storage daemon before continuing.

All data sent are in binary format except for the header packet, which is in ASCII. There are two packet

types used data transfer mode: a header packet, the contents of which are known to the Storage daemon, and a data packet, the contents of which are never examined by the Storage daemon.

The first data packet to the Storage daemon will be an ASCII header packet consisting of the following data.

<File-Index> <Stream-Id> <Info> where <File-Index> is a sequential number beginning from one that increments with each file (or directory) sent.

where <Stream-Id> will be 1 for the Attributes record and 2 for uncompressed File data. 3 is reserved for the MD5 signature for the file.

where <Info> transmit information about the Stream to the Storage Daemon. It is a character string field where each character has a meaning. The only character currently defined is 0 (zero), which is simply a place holder (a no op). In the future, there may be codes indicating compressed data, encrypted data, etc.

Immediately following the header packet, the Storage daemon will expect any number of data packets. The series of data packets is terminated by a zero length packet, which indicates to the Storage daemon that the next packet will be another header packet. As previously mentioned, a negative length packet is a request for the Storage daemon to temporarily enter command mode and send a reply to the File daemon. Thus an actual conversation might contain the following exchanges:

```
FD: <1 1 0> (header packet)
FD: <data packet containing file-attributes>
FD: Null packet
FD: <1 2 0>
FD: <multiple data packets containing the file data>
FD: Packet length = -1
SD: 3000 OK
FD: <2 1 0>
FD: <data packet containing file-attributes>
FD: Null packet
FD: <2 2 0>
FD: <multiple data packets containing the file data>
FD: Null packet
FD: Null packet
FD: append end session <ticket-number>
SD: 3000 OK end
FD: append close session <ticket-number>
SD: 3000 OK Volumes = <number of volumes>
SD: 3001 Volume = <volumeid> <start file> <start block>
      <end file> <end block> <volume session-id>
SD: 3002 Volume data = <date/time of last write> <Number bytes written>
      <number errors>
SD: ... additional Volume / Volume data pairs for
      volumes 2 .. n
FD: close socket
```

The information returned to the File daemon by the Storage daemon in response to the **append close session** is transmit in turn to the Director.

Chapter 6

Director Services Daemon

This chapter is intended to be a technical discussion of the Director services and as such is not targeted at end users but rather at developers and system administrators that want or need to know more of the working details of **Bacula**.

The **Bacula Director** services consist of the program that supervises all the backup and restore operations.

To be written ...

Chapter 7

File Services Daemon

Please note, this section is somewhat out of date as the code has evolved significantly. The basic idea has not changed though.

This chapter is intended to be a technical discussion of the File daemon services and as such is not targeted at end users but rather at developers and system administrators that want or need to know more of the working details of **Bacula**.

The **Bacula File Services** consist of the programs that run on the system to be backed up and provide the interface between the Host File system and Bacula – in particular, the Director and the Storage services.

When time comes for a backup, the Director gets in touch with the File daemon on the client machine and hands it a set of “marching orders” which, if written in English, might be something like the following:

OK, **File daemon**, it’s time for your daily incremental backup. I want you to get in touch with the Storage daemon on host archive.mysite.com and perform the following save operations with the designated options. You’ll note that I’ve attached include and exclude lists and patterns you should apply when backing up the file system. As this is an incremental backup, you should save only files modified since the time you started your last backup which, as you may recall, was 2000-11-19-06:43:38. Please let me know when you’re done and how it went. Thank you.

So, having been handed everything it needs to decide what to dump and where to store it, the File daemon doesn’t need to have any further contact with the Director until the backup is complete providing there are no errors. If there are errors, the error messages will be delivered immediately to the Director. While the backup is proceeding, the File daemon will send the file coordinates and data for each file being backed up to the Storage daemon, which will in turn pass the file coordinates to the Director to put in the catalog.

During a **Verify** of the catalog, the situation is different, since the File daemon will have an exchange with the Director for each file, and will not contact the Storage daemon.

A **Restore** operation will be very similar to the **Backup** except that during the **Restore** the Storage daemon will not send storage coordinates to the Director since the Director presumably already has them. On the other hand, any error messages from either the Storage daemon or File daemon will normally be sent directly to the Directory (this, of course, depends on how the Message resource is defined).

7.1 Commands Received from the Director for a Backup

To be written ...

7.2 Commands Received from the Director for a Restore

To be written ...

Chapter 8

Storage Daemon Design

This chapter is intended to be a technical discussion of the Storage daemon services and as such is not targeted at end users but rather at developers and system administrators that want or need to know more of the working details of **Bacula**.

This document is somewhat out of date.

8.1 SD Design Introduction

The Bacula Storage daemon provides storage resources to a Bacula installation. An individual Storage daemon is associated with a physical permanent storage device (for example, a tape drive, CD writer, tape changer or jukebox, etc.), and may employ auxiliary storage resources (such as space on a hard disk file system) to increase performance and/or optimize use of the permanent storage medium.

Any number of storage daemons may be run on a given machine; each associated with an individual storage device connected to it, and BACULA operations may employ storage daemons on any number of hosts connected by a network, local or remote. The ability to employ remote storage daemons (with appropriate security measures) permits automatic off-site backup, possibly to publicly available backup repositories.

8.2 SD Development Outline

In order to provide a high performance backup and restore solution that scales to very large capacity devices and networks, the storage daemon must be able to extract as much performance from the storage device and network with which it interacts. In order to accomplish this, storage daemons will eventually have to sacrifice simplicity and painless portability in favor of techniques which improve performance. My goal in designing the storage daemon protocol and developing the initial prototype storage daemon is to provide for these additions in the future, while implementing an initial storage daemon which is very simple and portable to almost any POSIX-like environment. This original storage daemon (and its evolved descendants) can serve as a portable solution for non-demanding backup requirements (such as single servers of modest size, individual machines, or small local networks), while serving as the starting point for development of higher performance configurable derivatives which use techniques such as POSIX threads, shared memory, asynchronous I/O, buffering to high-speed intermediate media, and support for tape changers and jukeboxes.

8.3 SD Connections and Sessions

A client connects to a storage server by initiating a conventional TCP connection. The storage server accepts the connection unless its maximum number of connections has been reached or the specified host

is not granted access to the storage server. Once a connection has been opened, the client may make any number of Query requests, and/or initiate (if permitted), one or more Append sessions (which transmit data to be stored by the storage daemon) and/or Read sessions (which retrieve data from the storage daemon).

Most requests and replies sent across the connection are simple ASCII strings, with status replies prefixed by a four digit status code for easier parsing. Binary data appear in blocks stored and retrieved from the storage. Any request may result in a single-line status reply of “**3201 Notification pending**”, which indicates the client must send a “Query notification” request to retrieve one or more notifications posted to it. Once the notifications have been returned, the client may then resubmit the request which resulted in the 3201 status.

The following descriptions omit common error codes, yet to be defined, which can occur from most or many requests due to events like media errors, restarting of the storage daemon, etc. These details will be filled in, along with a comprehensive list of status codes along with which requests can produce them in an update to this document.

8.3.1 SD Append Requests

append open session = <JobId> [<Password>] A data append session is opened with the Job ID given by *JobId* with client password (if required) given by *Password*. If the session is successfully opened, a status of 3000 OK is returned with a “**ticket = number**” reply used to identify subsequent messages in the session. If too many sessions are open, or a conflicting session (for example, a read in progress when simultaneous read and append sessions are not permitted), a status of “**3502 Volume busy**” is returned. If no volume is mounted, or the volume mounted cannot be appended to, a status of “**3503 Volume not mounted**” is returned.

append data = <ticket-number> If the append data is accepted, a status of 3000 OK **data address = <IPaddress> port = <port>** is returned, where the **IPaddress** and **port** specify the IP address and port number of the data channel. Error status codes are **3504 Invalid ticket number** and **3505 Session aborted**, the latter of which indicates the entire append session has failed due to a daemon or media error.

Once the File daemon has established the connection to the data channel opened by the Storage daemon, it will transfer a header packet followed by any number of data packets. The header packet is of the form:

```
<file-index> <stream-id> <info>
```

The details are specified in the Daemon Protocol section of this document.

***append abort session = <ticket-number>** The open append session with ticket *ticket-number* is aborted; any blocks not yet written to permanent media are discarded. Subsequent attempts to append data to the session will receive an error status of **3505 Session aborted**.

append end session = <ticket-number> The open append session with ticket *ticket-number* is marked complete; no further blocks may be appended. The storage daemon will give priority to saving any buffered blocks from this session to permanent media as soon as possible.

append close session = <ticket-number> The append session with ticket *ticket* is closed. This message does not receive an 3000 OK reply until all of the content of the session are stored on permanent media, at which time said reply is given, followed by a list of volumes, from first to last, which contain blocks from the session, along with the first and last file and block on each containing session data and the volume session key identifying data from that session in lines with the following format:

```
Volume = <Volume-id> <start-file> <start-block> <end-file> <end-block>
<volume-session-id> where Volume-id is the volume label, start-file and start-block are the
file and block containing the first data from that session on the volume, end-file and end-block are the
file and block with the last data from the session on the volume and volume-session-id is the volume
session ID for blocks from the session stored on that volume.
```

8.3.2 SD Read Requests

Read open session = **<JobId> <Volume-id> <start-file> <start-block> <end-file> <end-block> <volume-session-id>**

where *Volume-id* is the volume label, *start-file* and *start-block* are the file and block containing the first data from that session on the volume, *end-file* and *end-block* are the file and block with the last data from the session on the volume and *volume-session-id* is the volume session ID for blocks from the session stored on that volume.

If the session is successfully opened, a status of

3100 OK Ticket = *number*

is returned with a reply used to identify subsequent messages in the session. If too many sessions are open, or a conflicting session (for example, an append in progress when simultaneous read and append sessions are not permitted), a status of **"3502 Volume busy"** is returned. If no volume is mounted, or the volume mounted cannot be appended to, a status of **"3503 Volume not mounted"** is returned. If no block with the given volume session ID and the correct client ID number appears in the given first file and block for the volume, a status of **"3505 Session not found"** is returned.

Read data = **<Ticket> > <Block>** The specified Block of data from open read session with the specified Ticket number is returned, with a status of 3000 OK followed by a **"Length = *size*"** line giving the length in bytes of the block data which immediately follows. Blocks must be retrieved in ascending order, but blocks may be skipped. If a block number greater than the largest stored on the volume is requested, a status of **"3201 End of volume"** is returned. If a block number greater than the largest in the file is requested, a status of **"3401 End of file"** is returned.

Read close session = **<Ticket>** The read session with Ticket number is closed. A read session may be closed at any time; you needn't read all its blocks before closing it.

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8.4 SD Data Structures

In the Storage daemon, there is a Device resource (i.e. from conf file) that describes each physical device. When the physical device is used it is controlled by the DEVICE structure (defined in dev.h), and typically referred to as dev in the C++ code. Anyone writing or reading a physical device must ultimately get a lock on the DEVICE structure – this controls the device. However, multiple Jobs (defined by a JCR structure src/jcr.h) can be writing a physical DEVICE at the same time (of course they are sequenced by locking the DEVICE structure). There are a lot of job dependent "device" variables that may be different for each Job such as spooling (one job may spool and another may not, and when a job is spooling, it must have an i/o packet open, each job has its own record and block structures, ...), so there is a device control record or DCR that is the primary way of interfacing to the physical device. The DCR contains all the job specific data as well as a pointer to the Device resource (DEVRES structure) and the physical DEVICE structure.

Now if a job is writing to two devices (it could be writing two separate streams to the same device), it must have two DCRs. Today, the code only permits one. This won't be hard to change, but it is new code.

Today three jobs (threads), two physical devices each job writes to only one device:

```
Job1 -> DCR1 -> DEVICE1
Job2 -> DCR2 -> DEVICE1
Job3 -> DCR3 -> DEVICE2
```

To be implemented three jobs, three physical devices, but job1 is writing simultaneously to three devices:

```
Job1 -> DCR1 -> DEVICE1
      -> DCR4 -> DEVICE2
      -> DCR5 -> DEVICE3
```

Job2 -> DCR2 -> DEVICE1

Job3 -> DCR3 -> DEVICE2

Job = job control record

DCR = Job control data for a specific device

DEVICE = Device only control data

Chapter 9

Catalog Services

9.1 General

This chapter is intended to be a technical discussion of the Catalog services and as such is not targeted at end users but rather at developers and system administrators that want or need to know more of the working details of **Bacula**.

The **Bacula Catalog** services consist of the programs that provide the SQL database engine for storage and retrieval of all information concerning files that were backed up and their locations on the storage media.

We have investigated the possibility of using the following SQL engines for Bacula: Beagle, mSQL, GNU SQL, PostgreSQL, SQLite, Oracle, and MySQL. Each presents certain problems with either licensing or maturity. At present, we have chosen for development purposes to use MySQL, PostgreSQL and SQLite. MySQL was chosen because it is fast, proven to be reliable, widely used, and actively being developed. MySQL is released under the GNU GPL license. PostgreSQL was chosen because it is a full-featured, very mature database, and because Dan Langille did the Bacula driver for it. PostgreSQL is distributed under the BSD license. SQLite was chosen because it is small, efficient, and can be directly embedded in **Bacula** thus requiring much less effort from the system administrator or person building **Bacula**. In our testing SQLite has performed very well, and for the functions that we use, it has never encountered any errors except that it does not appear to handle databases larger than 2GBytes. That said, we would not recommend it for serious production use.

The Bacula SQL code has been written in a manner that will allow it to be easily modified to support any of the current SQL database systems on the market (for example: mSQL, iODBC, unixODBC, Solid, OpenLink ODBC, EasySoft ODBC, InterBase, Oracle8, Oracle7, and DB2).

If you do not specify either **--with-mysql** or **--with-postgresql** or **--with-sqlite** on the `./configure` line, Bacula will use its minimalist internal database. This database is kept for build reasons but is no longer supported. Bacula **requires** one of the three databases (MySQL, PostgreSQL, or SQLite) to run.

9.1.1 Filenames and Maximum Filename Length

In general, either MySQL, PostgreSQL or SQLite permit storing arbitrary long path names and file names in the catalog database. In practice, there still may be one or two places in the Catalog interface code that restrict the maximum path length to 512 characters and the maximum file name length to 512 characters. These restrictions are believed to have been removed. Please note, these restrictions apply only to the Catalog database and thus to your ability to list online the files saved during any job. All information received and stored by the Storage daemon (normally on tape) allows and handles arbitrarily long path and filenames.

9.1.2 Installing and Configuring MySQL

For the details of installing and configuring MySQL, please see the Installing and Configuring MySQL chapter of this manual.

9.1.3 Installing and Configuring PostgreSQL

For the details of installing and configuring PostgreSQL, please see the Installing and Configuring PostgreSQL chapter of this manual.

9.1.4 Installing and Configuring SQLite

For the details of installing and configuring SQLite, please see the Installing and Configuring SQLite chapter of this manual.

9.1.5 Internal Bacula Catalog

Please see the Internal Bacula Database chapter of this manual for more details.

9.1.6 Database Table Design

All discussions that follow pertain to the MySQL database. The details for the PostgreSQL and SQLite databases are essentially identical except for that all fields in the SQLite database are stored as ASCII text and some of the database creation statements are a bit different. The details of the internal Bacula catalog are not discussed here.

Because the Catalog database may contain very large amounts of data for large sites, we have made a modest attempt to normalize the data tables to reduce redundant information. While reducing the size of the database significantly, it does, unfortunately, add some complications to the structures.

In simple terms, the Catalog database must contain a record of all Jobs run by Bacula, and for each Job, it must maintain a list of all files saved, with their File Attributes (permissions, create date, ...), and the location and Media on which the file is stored. This is seemingly a simple task, but it represents a huge amount interlinked data. Note: the list of files and their attributes is not maintained when using the internal Bacula database. The data stored in the File records, which allows the user or administrator to obtain a list of all files backed up during a job, is by far the largest volume of information put into the Catalog database.

Although the Catalog database has been designed to handle backup data for multiple clients, some users may want to maintain multiple databases, one for each machine to be backed up. This reduces the risk of confusion of accidental restoring a file to the wrong machine as well as reducing the amount of data in a single database, thus increasing efficiency and reducing the impact of a lost or damaged database.

9.2 Sequence of Creation of Records for a Save Job

Start with StartDate, ClientName, Filename, Path, Attributes, MediaName, MediaCoordinates. (PartNumber, NumParts). In the steps below, “Create new” means to create a new record whether or not it is unique. “Create unique” means each record in the database should be unique. Thus, one must first search to see if the record exists, and only if not should a new one be created, otherwise the existing RecordId should be used.

1. Create new Job record with StartDate; save JobId

2. Create unique Media record; save MediaId
3. Create unique Client record; save ClientId
4. Create unique Filename record; save FilenameId
5. Create unique Path record; save PathId
6. Create unique Attribute record; save AttributeId store ClientId, FilenameId, PathId, and Attributes
7. Create new File record store JobId, AttributeId, MediaCoordinates, etc
8. Repeat steps 4 through 8 for each file
9. Create a JobMedia record; save MediaId
10. Update Job record filling in EndDate and other Job statistics

9.3 Database Tables

Filename		
Column Name	Data Type	Remark
FilenameId	integer	Primary Key
Name	Blob	Filename

The **Filename** table shown above contains the name of each file backed up with the path removed. If different directories or machines contain the same filename, only one copy will be saved in this table.

Path		
Column Name	Data Type	Remark
PathId	integer	Primary Key
Path	Blob	Full Path

The **Path** table contains shown above the path or directory names of all directories on the system or systems. The filename and any MSDOS disk name are stripped off. As with the filename, only one copy of each directory name is kept regardless of how many machines or drives have the same directory. These path names should be stored in Unix path name format.

Some simple testing on a Linux file system indicates that separating the filename and the path may be more complication than is warranted by the space savings. For example, this system has a total of 89,097 files, 60,467 of which have unique filenames, and there are 4,374 unique paths.

Finding all those files and doing two stats() per file takes an average wall clock time of 1 min 35 seconds on a 400MHz machine running RedHat 6.1 Linux.

Finding all those files and putting them directly into a MySQL database with the path and filename defined as TEXT, which is variable length up to 65,535 characters takes 19 mins 31 seconds and creates a 27.6 MByte database.

Doing the same thing, but inserting them into Blob fields with the filename indexed on the first 30 characters and the path name indexed on the 255 (max) characters takes 5 mins 18 seconds and creates a 5.24 MB database. Rerunning the job (with the database already created) takes about 2 mins 50 seconds.

Running the same as the last one (Path and Filename Blob), but Filename indexed on the first 30 characters and the Path on the first 50 characters (linear search done there after) takes 5 mins on the average and creates a 3.4 MB database. Rerunning with the data already in the DB takes 3 mins 35 seconds.

Finally, saving only the full path name rather than splitting the path and the file, and indexing it on the

first 50 characters takes 6 mins 43 seconds and creates a 7.35 MB database.

File		
Column Name	Data Type	Remark
FileId	integer	Primary Key
FileIndex	integer	The sequential file number in the Job
JobId	integer	Link to Job Record
PathId	integer	Link to Path Record
FilenameId	integer	Link to Filename Record
MarkId	integer	Used to mark files during Verify Jobs
LStat	tinyblob	File attributes in base64 encoding
MD5	tinyblob	MD5/SHA1 signature in base64 encoding

The **File** table shown above contains one entry for each file backed up by Bacula. Thus a file that is backed up multiple times (as is normal) will have multiple entries in the File table. This will probably be the table with the most number of records. Consequently, it is essential to keep the size of this record to an absolute minimum. At the same time, this table must contain all the information (or pointers to the information) about the file and where it is backed up. Since a file may be backed up many times without having changed, the path and filename are stored in separate tables.

This table contains by far the largest amount of information in the Catalog database, both from the stand point of number of records, and the stand point of total database size. As a consequence, the user must take care to periodically reduce the number of File records using the **retention** command in the Console program.

Job		
Column Name	Data Type	Remark
JobId	integer	Primary Key
Job	tinyblob	Unique Job Name
Name	tinyblob	Job Name
PurgedFiles	tinyint	Used by Bacula for purging/retention periods
Type	binary(1)	Job Type: Backup, Copy, Clone, Archive, Migration
Level	binary(1)	Job Level
ClientId	integer	Client index
JobStatus	binary(1)	Job Termination Status
SchedTime	datetime	Time/date when Job scheduled
StartTime	datetime	Time/date when Job started
EndTime	datetime	Time/date when Job ended
RealEndTime	datetime	Time/date when original Job ended
JobTDate	bigint	Start day in Unix format but 64 bits; used for Retention period.
VolSessionId	integer	Unique Volume Session ID
VolSessionTime	integer	Unique Volume Session Time
JobFiles	integer	Number of files saved in Job
JobBytes	bigint	Number of bytes saved in Job
JobErrors	integer	Number of errors during Job
JobMissingFiles	integer	Number of files not saved (not yet used)
PoolId	integer	Link to Pool Record
FileSetId	integer	Link to FileSet Record
PrioJobId	integer	Link to prior Job Record when migrated
PurgedFiles	tiny integer	Set when all File records purged
HasBase	tiny integer	Set when Base Job run

The **Job** table contains one record for each Job run by Bacula. Thus normally, there will be one per day per machine added to the database. Note, the JobId is used to index Job records in the database, and it often is shown to the user in the Console program. However, care must be taken with its use as it is not unique from database to database. For example, the user may have a database for Client data saved on machine Rufus and another database for Client data saved on machine Roxie. In this case, the two database will each have JobIds that match those in another database. For a unique reference to a Job, see Job below.

The Name field of the Job record corresponds to the Name resource record given in the Director's configuration file. Thus it is a generic name, and it will be normal to find many Jobs (or even all Jobs) with the same Name.

The Job field contains a combination of the Name and the schedule time of the Job by the Director. Thus for a given Director, even with multiple Catalog databases, the Job will contain a unique name that represents the Job.

For a given Storage daemon, the VolSessionId and VolSessionTime form a unique identification of the Job. This will be the case even if multiple Directors are using the same Storage daemon.

The Job Type (or simply Type) can have one of the following values:

Value	Meaning
B	Backup Job
M	Migrated Job
V	Verify Job
R	Restore Job
C	Console program (not in database)
I	Internal or system Job
D	Admin Job
A	Archive Job (not implemented)
C	Copy Job
M	Migration Job

Note, the Job Type values noted above are not kept in an SQL table.

The JobStatus field specifies how the job terminated, and can be one of the following:

Value	Meaning
C	Created but not yet running
R	Running
B	Blocked
T	Terminated normally
W	Terminated normally with warnings
E	Terminated in Error
e	Non-fatal error
f	Fatal error
D	Verify Differences
A	Canceled by the user
I	Incomplete Job
F	Waiting on the File daemon
S	Waiting on the Storage daemon
m	Waiting for a new Volume to be mounted
M	Waiting for a Mount
s	Waiting for Storage resource
j	Waiting for Job resource
c	Waiting for Client resource
d	Waiting for Maximum jobs
t	Waiting for Start Time
p	Waiting for higher priority job to finish
i	Doing batch insert file records

a	SD despooling attributes
l	Doing data despooling
L	Committing data (last despool)

FileSet		
Column Name	Data Type	Remark
FileSetId	integer	Primary Key
FileSet	tinyblob	FileSet name
MD5	tinyblob	MD5 checksum of FileSet
CreateTime	datetime	Time and date Fileset created

The **FileSet** table contains one entry for each FileSet that is used. The MD5 signature is kept to ensure that if the user changes anything inside the FileSet, it will be detected and the new FileSet will be used. This is particularly important when doing an incremental update. If the user deletes a file or adds a file, we need to ensure that a Full backup is done prior to the next incremental.

JobMedia		
Column Name	Data Type	Remark
JobMediaId	integer	Primary Key
JobId	integer	Link to Job Record
MediaId	integer	Link to Media Record
FirstIndex	integer	The index (sequence number) of the first file written for this Job to the Media
LastIndex	integer	The index of the last file written for this Job to the Media
StartFile	integer	The physical media (tape) file number of the first block written for this Job
EndFile	integer	The physical media (tape) file number of the last block written for this Job
StartBlock	integer	The number of the first block written for this Job
EndBlock	integer	The number of the last block written for this Job
VolIndex	integer	The Volume use sequence number within the Job

The **JobMedia** table contains one entry at the following: start of the job, start of each new tape file, start of each new tape, end of the job. Since by default, a new tape file is written every 2GB, in general, you will have more than 2 JobMedia records per Job. The number can be varied by changing the "Maximum File Size" specified in the Device resource. This record allows Bacula to efficiently position close to (within 2GB) any given file in a backup. For restoring a full Job, these records are not very important, but if you want to retrieve a single file that was written near the end of a 100GB backup, the JobMedia records can speed it up by orders of magnitude by permitting forward spacing files and blocks rather than reading the whole 100GB backup.

Media		
Column Name	Data Type	Remark
MediaId	integer	Primary Key
VolumeName	tinyblob	Volume name
Slot	integer	Autochanger Slot number or zero
PoolId	integer	Link to Pool Record
MediaType	tinyblob	The MediaType supplied by the user
MediaTypeId	integer	The MediaTypeId
LabelType	tinyint	The type of label on the Volume
FirstWritten	datetime	Time/date when first written
LastWritten	datetime	Time/date when last written

LabelDate	datetime	Time/date when tape labeled
VolJobs	integer	Number of jobs written to this media
VolFiles	integer	Number of files written to this media
VolBlocks	integer	Number of blocks written to this media
VolMounts	integer	Number of time media mounted
VolBytes	bigint	Number of bytes saved in Job
VolParts	integer	The number of parts for a Volume (DVD)
VolErrors	integer	Number of errors during Job
VolWrites	integer	Number of writes to media
MaxVolBytes	bigint	Maximum bytes to put on this media
VolCapacityBytes	bigint	Capacity estimate for this volume
VolStatus	enum	Status of media: Full, Archive, Append, Recycle, Read-Only, Disabled, Error, Busy
Enabled tinyint	Whether or not Volume can be written	
Recycle	tinyint	Whether or not Bacula can recycle the Volumes: Yes, No
ActionOnPurge	tinyint	What happens to a Volume after purging
VolRetention	bigint	64 bit seconds until expiration
VolUseDuration	bigint	64 bit seconds volume can be used
MaxVolJobs	integer	maximum jobs to put on Volume
MaxVolFiles	integer	maximune EOF marks to put on Volume
InChanger	tinyint	Whether or not Volume in autochanger
StorageId	integer	Storage record ID
DeviceId	integer	Device record ID
MediaAddressing	integer	Method of addressing media
VolReadTime	bigint	Time Reading Volume
VolWriteTime	bigint	Time Writing Volume
EndFile	integer	End File number of Volume
EndBlock	integer	End block number of Volume
LocationId	integer	Location record ID
RecycleCount	integer	Number of times recycled
InitialWrite	datetime	When Volume first written
ScratchPoolId	integer	Id of Scratch Pool
RecyclePoolId	integer	Pool ID where to recycle Volume
Comment	blob	User text field

The **Volume** table (internally referred to as the Media table) contains one entry for each volume, that is each tape, cassette (8mm, DLT, DAT, ...), or file on which information is or was backed up. There is one Volume record created for each of the NumVols specified in the Pool resource record.

Pool		
Column Name	Data Type	Remark
PoolId	integer	Primary Key
Name	Tinyblob	Pool Name
NumVols	Integer	Number of Volumes in the Pool
MaxVols	Integer	Maximum Volumes in the Pool
UseOnce	tinyint	Use volume once
UseCatalog	tinyint	Set to use catalog
AcceptAnyVolume	tinyint	Accept any volume from Pool

VolRetention	bigint	64 bit seconds to retain volume
VolUseDuration	bigint	64 bit seconds volume can be used
MaxVolJobs	integer	max jobs on volume
MaxVolFiles	integer	max EOF marks to put on Volume
MaxVolBytes	bigint	max bytes to write on Volume
AutoPrune	tinyint	yes—no for autopruning
Recycle	tinyint	yes—no for allowing auto recycling of Volume
ActionOnPurge	tinyint	Default Volume ActionOnPurge
PoolType	enum	Backup, Copy, Cloned, Archive, Migration
LabelType	tinyint	Type of label ANSI/Bacula
LabelFormat	Tinyblob	Label format
Enabled	tinyint	Whether or not Volume can be written
ScratchPoolId	integer	Id of Scratch Pool
RecyclePoolId	integer	Pool ID where to recycle Volume
NextPoolId	integer	Pool ID of next Pool
MigrationHighBytes	bigint	High water mark for migration
MigrationLowBytes	bigint	Low water mark for migration
MigrationTime	bigint	Time before migration

The **Pool** table contains one entry for each media pool controlled by Bacula in this database. One media record exists for each of the NumVols contained in the Pool. The PoolType is a Bacula defined keyword. The MediaType is defined by the administrator, and corresponds to the MediaType specified in the Director's Storage definition record. The CurrentVol is the sequence number of the Media record for the current volume.

Client		
Column Name	Data Type	Remark
ClientId	integer	Primary Key
Name	TinyBlob	File Services Name
UName	TinyBlob	uname -a from Client (not yet used)
AutoPrune	tinyint	yes—no for autopruning
FileRetention	bigint	64 bit seconds to retain Files
JobRetention	bigint	64 bit seconds to retain Job

The **Client** table contains one entry for each machine backed up by Bacula in this database. Normally the Name is a fully qualified domain name.

Storage		
Column Name	Data Type	Remark
StorageId	integer	Unique Id
Name	tinyblob	Resource name of Storage device
AutoChanger	tinyint	Set if it is an autochanger

The **Storage** table contains one entry for each Storage used.

Counter		
Column Name	Data Type	Remark
Counter	tinyblob	Counter name
MinValue	integer	Start/Min value for counter
MaxValue	integer	Max value for counter
CurrentValue	integer	Current counter value
WrapCounter	tinyblob	Name of another counter

The **Counter** table contains one entry for each permanent counter defined by the user.

JobHisto		
Column Name	Data Type	Remark
JobId	integer	Primary Key
Job	tinyblob	Unique Job Name
Name	tinyblob	Job Name
Type	binary(1)	Job Type: Backup, Copy, Clone, Archive, Migration
Level	binary(1)	Job Level
ClientId	integer	Client index
JobStatus	binary(1)	Job Termination Status
SchedTime	datetime	Time/date when Job scheduled
StartTime	datetime	Time/date when Job started
EndTime	datetime	Time/date when Job ended
RealEndTime	datetime	Time/date when original Job ended
JobTDate	bigint	Start day in Unix format but 64 bits; used for Retention period.
VolSessionId	integer	Unique Volume Session ID
VolSessionTime	integer	Unique Volume Session Time
JobFiles	integer	Number of files saved in Job
JobBytes	bigint	Number of bytes saved in Job
JobErrors	integer	Number of errors during Job
JobMissingFiles	integer	Number of files not saved (not yet used)
PoolId	integer	Link to Pool Record
FileSetId	integer	Link to FileSet Record
PrioJobId	integer	Link to prior Job Record when migrated
PurgedFiles	tiny integer	Set when all File records purged
HasBase	tiny integer	Set when Base Job run

The bf JobHisto table is the same as the Job table, but it keeps long term statistics (i.e. it is not pruned with the Job).

Version		
Column Name	Data Type	Remark
LogIdId	integer	Primary Key
JobId	integer	Points to Job record
Time	datetime	Time/date log record created
LogText	blob	Log text

The **Log** table contains a log of all Job output.

Location		
Column Name	Data Type	Remark
LocationId	integer	Primary Key
Location	tinyblob	Text defining location
Cost	integer	Relative cost of obtaining Volume
Enabled	tinyint	Whether or not Volume is enabled

The **Location** table defines where a Volume is physically.

LocationLog		
Column Name	Data Type	Remark
locLogIdId	integer	Primary Key
Date	datetime	Time/date log record created
MediaId	integer	Points to Media record

LocationId	integer	Points to Location record
NewVolStatus	integer	enum: Full, Archive, Append, Recycle, Purged Read-only, Disabled, Error, Busy, Us
Enabled	tinyint	Whether or not Volume is enabled

The **Log** table contains a log of all Job output.

Version		
Column Name	Data Type	Remark
VersionId	integer	Primary Key

The **Version** table defines the Bacula database version number. Bacula checks this number before reading the database to ensure that it is compatible with the Bacula binary file.

BaseFiles		
Column Name	Data Type	Remark
BaseId	integer	Primary Key
BaseJobId	integer	JobId of Base Job
JobId	integer	Reference to Job
FileId	integer	Reference to File
FileIndex	integer	File Index number

The **BaseFiles** table contains all the File references for a particular JobId that point to a Base file – i.e. they were previously saved and hence were not saved in the current JobId but in BaseJobId under FileId. FileIndex is the index of the file, and is used for optimization of Restore jobs to prevent the need to read the FileId record when creating the in memory tree. This record is not yet implemented.

9.3.1 MySQL Table Definition

The commands used to create the MySQL tables are as follows:

```
USE bacula;
CREATE TABLE Filename (
  FilenameId INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
  Name BLOB NOT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY(FilenameId),
  INDEX (Name(30))
);
CREATE TABLE Path (
  PathId INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
  Path BLOB NOT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY(PathId),
  INDEX (Path(50))
);
CREATE TABLE File (
  FileId INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
  FileIndex INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
  JobId INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL REFERENCES Job,
  PathId INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL REFERENCES Path,
  FilenameId INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL REFERENCES Filename,
  MarkId INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
  LStat TINYBLOB NOT NULL,
  MD5 TINYBLOB NOT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY(FileId),
  INDEX (JobId),
  INDEX (PathId),
  INDEX (FilenameId)
);
CREATE TABLE Job (
```

```

JobId INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
Job TINYBLOB NOT NULL,
Name TINYBLOB NOT NULL,
Type BINARY(1) NOT NULL,
Level BINARY(1) NOT NULL,
ClientId INTEGER NOT NULL REFERENCES Client,
JobStatus BINARY(1) NOT NULL,
SchedTime DATETIME NOT NULL,
StartTime DATETIME NOT NULL,
EndTime DATETIME NOT NULL,
JobTDate BIGINT UNSIGNED NOT NULL,
VolSessionId INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
VolSessionTime INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
JobFiles INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
JobBytes BIGINT UNSIGNED NOT NULL,
JobErrors INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
JobMissingFiles INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
PoolId INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL REFERENCES Pool,
FileSetId INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL REFERENCES FileSet,
PurgedFiles TINYINT NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
HasBase TINYINT NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
PRIMARY KEY(JobId),
INDEX (Name(128))
);
CREATE TABLE FileSet (
FileSetId INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
FileSet TINYBLOB NOT NULL,
MD5 TINYBLOB NOT NULL,
CreateTime DATETIME NOT NULL,
PRIMARY KEY(FileSetId)
);
CREATE TABLE JobMedia (
JobMediaId INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
JobId INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL REFERENCES Job,
MediaId INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL REFERENCES Media,
FirstIndex INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
LastIndex INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
StartFile INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
EndFile INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
StartBlock INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
EndBlock INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
VolIndex INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
PRIMARY KEY(JobMediaId),
INDEX (JobId, MediaId)
);
CREATE TABLE Media (
MediaId INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
VolumeName TINYBLOB NOT NULL,
Slot INTEGER NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
PoolId INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL REFERENCES Pool,
MediaType TINYBLOB NOT NULL,
FirstWritten DATETIME NOT NULL,
LastWritten DATETIME NOT NULL,
LabelDate DATETIME NOT NULL,
VolJobs INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
VolFiles INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
VolBlocks INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
VolMounts INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
VolBytes BIGINT UNSIGNED NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
VolErrors INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
VolWrites INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
VolCapacityBytes BIGINT UNSIGNED NOT NULL,
VolStatus ENUM('Full', 'Archive', 'Append', 'Recycle', 'Purged',
'Read-Only', 'Disabled', 'Error', 'Busy', 'Used', 'Cleaning') NOT NULL,
Recycle TINYINT NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
VolRetention BIGINT UNSIGNED NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
VolUseDuration BIGINT UNSIGNED NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
MaxVolJobs INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
MaxVolFiles INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
MaxVolBytes BIGINT UNSIGNED NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
InChanger TINYINT NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
MediaAddressing TINYINT NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
VolReadTime BIGINT UNSIGNED NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
VolWriteTime BIGINT UNSIGNED NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
PRIMARY KEY(MediaId),
INDEX (PoolId)
);

```

```

);
CREATE TABLE Pool (
  PoolId INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
  Name TINYBLOB NOT NULL,
  NumVols INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
  MaxVols INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
  UseOnce TINYINT NOT NULL,
  UseCatalog TINYINT NOT NULL,
  AcceptAnyVolume TINYINT DEFAULT 0,
  VolRetention BIGINT UNSIGNED NOT NULL,
  VolUseDuration BIGINT UNSIGNED NOT NULL,
  MaxVolJobs INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
  MaxVolFiles INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL DEFAULT 0,
  MaxVolBytes BIGINT UNSIGNED NOT NULL,
  AutoPrune TINYINT DEFAULT 0,
  Recycle TINYINT DEFAULT 0,
  PoolType ENUM('Backup', 'Copy', 'Cloned', 'Archive', 'Migration', 'Scratch') NOT NULL,
  LabelFormat TINYBLOB,
  Enabled TINYINT DEFAULT 1,
  ScratchPoolId INTEGER UNSIGNED DEFAULT 0 REFERENCES Pool,
  RecyclePoolId INTEGER UNSIGNED DEFAULT 0 REFERENCES Pool,
  UNIQUE (Name(128)),
  PRIMARY KEY (PoolId)
);
CREATE TABLE Client (
  ClientId INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
  Name TINYBLOB NOT NULL,
  Uname TINYBLOB NOT NULL,      /* full uname -a of client */
  AutoPrune TINYINT DEFAULT 0,
  FileRetention BIGINT UNSIGNED NOT NULL,
  JobRetention BIGINT UNSIGNED NOT NULL,
  UNIQUE (Name(128)),
  PRIMARY KEY (ClientId)
);
CREATE TABLE BaseFiles (
  BaseId INTEGER UNSIGNED AUTO_INCREMENT,
  BaseJobId INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL REFERENCES Job,
  JobId INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL REFERENCES Job,
  FileId INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL REFERENCES File,
  FileIndex INTEGER UNSIGNED,
  PRIMARY KEY (BaseId)
);
CREATE TABLE UnsavedFiles (
  UnsavedId INTEGER UNSIGNED AUTO_INCREMENT,
  JobId INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL REFERENCES Job,
  PathId INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL REFERENCES Path,
  FilenameId INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL REFERENCES Filename,
  PRIMARY KEY (UnsavedId)
);
CREATE TABLE Version (
  VersionId INTEGER UNSIGNED NOT NULL
);
-- Initialize Version
INSERT INTO Version (VersionId) VALUES (7);
CREATE TABLE Counters (
  Counter TINYBLOB NOT NULL,
  MinValue INTEGER,
  MaxValue INTEGER,
  CurrentValue INTEGER,
  WrapCounter TINYBLOB NOT NULL,
  PRIMARY KEY (Counter(128))
);

```

Chapter 10

Storage Media Output Format

10.1 General

This document describes the media format written by the Storage daemon. The Storage daemon reads and writes in units of blocks. Blocks contain records. Each block has a block header followed by records, and each record has a record header followed by record data.

This chapter is intended to be a technical discussion of the Media Format and as such is not targeted at end users but rather at developers and system administrators that want or need to know more of the working details of **Bacula**.

10.2 Definitions

Block A block represents the primitive unit of information that the Storage daemon reads and writes to a physical device. Normally, for a tape device, it will be the same as a tape block. The Storage daemon always reads and writes blocks. A block consists of block header information followed by records. Clients of the Storage daemon (the File daemon) normally never see blocks. However, some of the Storage tools (bls, bscan, bextract, ...) may use block header information. In older Bacula tape versions, a block could contain records (see record definition below) from multiple jobs. However, all blocks currently written by Bacula are block level BB02, and a given block contains records for only a single job. Different jobs simply have their own private blocks that are intermingled with the other blocks from other jobs on the Volume (previously the records were intermingled within the blocks). Having only records from a single job in any given block permitted moving the VolumeSessionId and VolumeSessionTime (see below) from each record heading to the Block header. This has two advantages: 1. a block can be quickly rejected based on the contents of the header without reading all the records. 2. because there is on the average more than one record per block, less data is written to the Volume for each job.

Record A record consists of a Record Header, which is managed by the Storage daemon and Record Data, which is the data received from the Client. A record is the primitive unit of information sent to and from the Storage daemon by the Client (File daemon) programs. The details are described below.

JobId A number assigned by the Director daemon for a particular job. This number will be unique for that particular Director (Catalog). The daemons use this number to keep track of individual jobs. Within the Storage daemon, the JobId may not be unique if several Directors are accessing the Storage daemon simultaneously.

Session A Session is a concept used in the Storage daemon corresponds one to one to a Job with the exception that each session is uniquely identified within the Storage daemon by a unique SessionId/SessionTime pair (see below).

VolSessionId A unique number assigned by the Storage daemon to a particular session (Job) it is having with a File daemon. This number by itself is not unique to the given Volume, but with the VolSessionTime, it is unique.

VolSessionTime A unique number assigned by the Storage daemon to a particular Storage daemon execution. It is actually the Unix time_t value of when the Storage daemon began execution cast to a 32 bit unsigned integer. The combination of the VolSessionId and the VolSessionTime for a given Storage daemon is guaranteed to be unique for each Job (or session).

FileIndex A sequential number beginning at one assigned by the File daemon to the files within a job that are sent to the Storage daemon for backup. The Storage daemon ensures that this number is greater than zero and sequential. Note, the Storage daemon uses negative FileIndexes to flag Session Start and End Labels as well as End of Volume Labels. Thus, the combination of VolSessionId, VolSessionTime, and FileIndex uniquely identifies the records for a single file written to a Volume.

Stream While writing the information for any particular file to the Volume, there can be any number of distinct pieces of information about that file, e.g. the attributes, the file data, ... The Stream indicates what piece of data it is, and it is an arbitrary number assigned by the File daemon to the parts (Unix attributes, Win32 attributes, data, compressed data, ...) of a file that are sent to the Storage daemon. The Storage daemon has no knowledge of the details of a Stream; it simply represents a numbered stream of bytes. The data for a given stream may be passed to the Storage daemon in single record, or in multiple records.

Block Header A block header consists of a block identification ("BB02"), a block length in bytes (typically 64,512) a checksum, and sequential block number. Each block starts with a Block Header and is followed by Records. Current block headers also contain the VolSessionId and VolSessionTime for the records written to that block.

Record Header A record header contains the Volume Session Id, the Volume Session Time, the FileIndex, the Stream, and the size of the data record which follows. The Record Header is always immediately followed by a Data Record if the size given in the Header is greater than zero. Note, for Block headers of level BB02 (version 1.27 and later), the Record header as written to tape does not contain the Volume Session Id and the Volume Session Time as these two fields are stored in the BB02 Block header. The in-memory record header does have those fields for convenience.

Data Record A data record consists of a binary stream of bytes and is always preceded by a Record Header. The details of the meaning of the binary stream of bytes are unknown to the Storage daemon, but the Client programs (File daemon) defines and thus knows the details of each record type.

Volume Label A label placed by the Storage daemon at the beginning of each storage volume. It contains general information about the volume. It is written in Record format. The Storage daemon manages Volume Labels, and if the client wants, he may also read them.

Begin Session Label The Begin Session Label is a special record placed by the Storage daemon on the storage medium as the first record of an append session job with a File daemon. This record is useful for finding the beginning of a particular session (Job), since no records with the same VolSessionId and VolSessionTime will precede this record. This record is not normally visible outside of the Storage daemon. The Begin Session Label is similar to the Volume Label except that it contains additional information pertaining to the Session.

End Session Label The End Session Label is a special record placed by the Storage daemon on the storage medium as the last record of an append session job with a File daemon. The End Session Record is distinguished by a FileIndex with a value of minus two (-2). This record is useful for detecting the end of a particular session since no records with the same VolSessionId and VolSessionTime will follow this record. This record is not normally visible outside of the Storage daemon. The End Session Label is similar to the Volume Label except that it contains additional information pertaining to the Session.

10.3 Storage Daemon File Output Format

The file storage and tape storage formats are identical except that tape records are by default blocked into blocks of 64,512 bytes, except for the last block, which is the actual number of bytes written rounded up to

a multiple of 1024 whereas the last record of file storage is not rounded up. The default block size of 64,512 bytes may be overridden by the user (some older tape drives only support block sizes of 32K). Each Session written to tape is terminated with an End of File mark (this will be removed later). Sessions written to file are simply appended to the end of the file.

10.4 Overall Format

A Bacula output file consists of Blocks of data. Each block contains a block header followed by records. Each record consists of a record header followed by the record data. The first record on a tape will always be the Volume Label Record.

No Record Header will be split across Bacula blocks. However, Record Data may be split across any number of Bacula blocks. Obviously this will not be the case for the Volume Label which will always be smaller than the Bacula Block size.

To simplify reading tapes, the Start of Session (SOS) and End of Session (EOS) records are never split across blocks. If this is about to happen, Bacula will write a short block before writing the session record (actually, the SOS record should always be the first record in a block, excepting perhaps the Volume label).

Due to hardware limitations, the last block written to the tape may not be fully written. If your drive permits backspace record, Bacula will backup over the last record written on the tape, re-read it and verify that it was correctly written.

When a new tape is mounted Bacula will write the full contents of the partially written block to the new tape ensuring that there is no loss of data. When reading a tape, Bacula will discard any block that is not totally written, thus ensuring that there is no duplication of data. In addition, since Bacula blocks are sequentially numbered within a Job, it is easy to ensure that no block is missing or duplicated.

10.5 Serialization

All Block Headers, Record Headers, and Label Records are written using Bacula's serialization routines. These routines guarantee that the data is written to the output volume in a machine independent format.

10.6 Block Header

The format of the Block Header (version 1.27 and later) is:

```
uint32_t CheckSum;           /* Block check sum */
uint32_t BlockSize;         /* Block byte size including the header */
uint32_t BlockNumber;       /* Block number */
char ID[4] = "BB02";        /* Identification and block level */
uint32_t VolSessionId;      /* Session Id for Job */
uint32_t VolSessionTime;    /* Session Time for Job */
```

The Block header is a fixed length and fixed format and is followed by Record Headers and Record Data. The CheckSum field is a 32 bit checksum of the block data and the block header but not including the CheckSum field. The Block Header is always immediately followed by a Record Header. If the tape is damaged, a Bacula utility will be able to recover as much information as possible from the tape by recovering blocks which are valid. The Block header is written using the Bacula serialization routines and thus is guaranteed to be in machine independent format. See below for version 2 of the block header.

10.7 Record Header

Each binary data record is preceded by a Record Header. The Record Header is fixed length and fixed format, whereas the binary data record is of variable length. The Record Header is written using the Bacula serialization routines and thus is guaranteed to be in machine independent format.

The format of the Record Header (version 1.27 or later) is:

```
int32_t FileIndex; /* File index supplied by File daemon */
int32_t Stream;   /* Stream number supplied by File daemon */
uint32_t DataSize; /* size of following data record in bytes */
```

This record is followed by the binary Stream data of DataSize bytes, followed by another Record Header record and the binary stream data. For the definitive definition of this record, see record.h in the src/stored directory.

Additional notes on the above:

The VolSessionId is a unique sequential number that is assigned by the Storage Daemon to a particular Job. This number is sequential since the start of execution of the daemon.

The VolSessionTime is the time/date that the current execution of the Storage Daemon started. It assures that the combination of VolSessionId and VolSessionTime is unique for every jobs written to the tape, even if there was a machine crash between two writes.

The FileIndex is a sequential file number within a job. The Storage daemon requires this index to be greater than zero and sequential. Note, however, that the File daemon may send multiple Streams for the same FileIndex. In addition, the Storage daemon uses negative FileIndices to hold the Begin Session Label, the End Session Label, and the End of Volume Label.

The Stream is defined by the File daemon and is used to identify separate parts of the data saved for each file (Unix attributes, Win32 attributes, file data, compressed file data, sparse file data, ...). The Storage Daemon has no idea of what a Stream is or what it contains except that the Stream is required to be a positive integer. Negative Stream numbers are used internally by the Storage daemon to indicate that the record is a continuation of the previous record (the previous record would not entirely fit in the block).

For Start Session and End Session Labels (where the FileIndex is negative), the Storage daemon uses the Stream field to contain the JobId. The current stream definitions are:

```
#define STREAM_UNIX_ATTRIBUTES      1 /* Generic Unix attributes */
#define STREAM_FILE_DATA            2 /* Standard uncompressed data */
#define STREAM_MD5_SIGNATURE        3 /* MD5 signature for the file */
#define STREAM_GZIP_DATA            4 /* GZip compressed file data */
/* Extended Unix attributes with Win32 Extended data. Deprecated. */
#define STREAM_UNIX_ATTRIBUTES_EX  5 /* Extended Unix attr for Win32 EX */
#define STREAM_SPARSE_DATA          6 /* Sparse data stream */
#define STREAM_SPARSE_GZIP_DATA     7
#define STREAM_PROGRAM_NAMES        8 /* program names for program data */
#define STREAM_PROGRAM_DATA         9 /* Data needing program */
#define STREAM_SHA1_SIGNATURE       10 /* SHA1 signature for the file */
#define STREAM_WIN32_DATA           11 /* Win32 BackupRead data */
#define STREAM_WIN32_GZIP_DATA      12 /* Gzipped Win32 BackupRead data */
#define STREAM_MACOS_FORK_DATA      13 /* Mac resource fork */
#define STREAM_HFSPLUS_ATTRIBUTES  14 /* Mac OS extra attributes */
#define STREAM_UNIX_ATTRIBUTES_ACCESS_ACL 15 /* Standard ACL attributes on UNIX */
#define STREAM_UNIX_ATTRIBUTES_DEFAULT_ACL 16 /* Default ACL attributes on UNIX */
```

The DataSize is the size in bytes of the binary data record that follows the Session Record header. The Storage Daemon has no idea of the actual contents of the binary data record. For standard Unix files, the data record typically contains the file attributes or the file data. For a sparse file the first 64 bits of the file data contains the storage address for the data block.

The Record Header is never split across two blocks. If there is not enough room in a block for the full Record Header, the block is padded to the end with zeros and the Record Header begins in the next block. The data record, on the other hand, may be split across multiple blocks and even multiple physical volumes. When a data record is split, the second (and possibly subsequent) piece of the data is preceded by a new Record Header. Thus each piece of data is always immediately preceded by a Record Header. When reading a record, if Bacula finds only part of the data in the first record, it will automatically read the next record and concatenate the data record to form a full data record.

10.8 Version BB02 Block Header

Each session or Job has its own private block. As a consequence, the SessionId and SessionTime are written once in each Block Header and not in the Record Header. So, the second and current version of the Block Header BB02 is:

```
uint32_t CheckSum;      /* Block check sum */
uint32_t BlockSize;     /* Block byte size including the header */
uint32_t BlockNumber;   /* Block number */
char ID[4] = "BB02";    /* Identification and block level */
uint32_t VolSessionId;  /* Applies to all records */
uint32_t VolSessionTime; /* contained in this block */
```

As with the previous version, the BB02 Block header is a fixed length and fixed format and is followed by Record Headers and Record Data. The CheckSum field is a 32 bit CRC checksum of the block data and the block header but not including the CheckSum field. The Block Header is always immediately followed by a Record Header. If the tape is damaged, a Bacula utility will be able to recover as much information as possible from the tape by recovering blocks which are valid. The Block header is written using the Bacula serialization routines and thus is guaranteed to be in machine independent format.

10.9 Version 2 Record Header

Version 2 Record Header is written to the medium when using Version BB02 Block Headers. The memory representation of the record is identical to the old BB01 Record Header, but on the storage medium, the first two fields, namely VolSessionId and VolSessionTime are not written. The Block Header is filled with these values when the First user record is written (i.e. non label record) so that when the block is written, it will have the current and unique VolSessionId and VolSessionTime. On reading each record from the Block, the VolSessionId and VolSessionTime is filled in the Record Header from the Block Header.

10.10 Volume Label Format

Tape volume labels are created by the Storage daemon in response to a **label** command given to the Console program, or alternatively by the **btape** program. created. Each volume is labeled with the following information using the Bacula serialization routines, which guarantee machine byte order independence.

For Bacula versions 1.27 and later, the Volume Label Format is:

```
char Id[32];             /* Bacula 1.0 Immortal\n */
uint32_t VerNum;         /* Label version number */
/* VerNum 11 and greater Bacula 1.27 and later */
btime_t label_btime;     /* Time/date tape labeled */
btime_t write_btime;     /* Time/date tape first written */
/* The following are 0 in VerNum 11 and greater */
float64_t write_date;    /* Date this label written */
float64_t write_time;    /* Time this label written */
char VolName[128];       /* Volume name */
char PrevVolName[128];   /* Previous Volume Name */
```

```

char PoolName[128];      /* Pool name */
char PoolType[128];      /* Pool type */
char MediaType[128];     /* Type of this media */
char HostName[128];      /* Host name of writing computer */
char LabelProg[32];      /* Label program name */
char ProgVersion[32];    /* Program version */
char ProgDate[32];       /* Program build date/time */

```

Note, the LabelType (Volume Label, Volume PreLabel, Session Start Label, ...) is stored in the record FileIndex field of the Record Header and does not appear in the data part of the record.

10.11 Session Label

The Session Label is written at the beginning and end of each session as well as the last record on the physical medium. It has the following binary format:

```

char Id[32];              /* Bacula Immortal ... */
uint32_t VerNum;          /* Label version number */
uint32_t JobId;           /* Job id */
uint32_t VolumeIndex;     /* sequence no of vol */
/* Prior to VerNum 11 */
float64_t write_date;     /* Date this label written */
/* VerNum 11 and greater */
btime_t write_btime;     /* time/date record written */
/* The following is zero VerNum 11 and greater */
float64_t write_time;     /* Time this label written */
char PoolName[128];       /* Pool name */
char PoolType[128];       /* Pool type */
char JobName[128];        /* base Job name */
char ClientName[128];
/* Added in VerNum 10 */
char Job[128];            /* Unique Job name */
char FileSetName[128];    /* FileSet name */
uint32_t JobType;
uint32_t JobLevel;

```

In addition, the EOS label contains:

```

/* The remainder are part of EOS label only */
uint32_t JobFiles;
uint64_t JobBytes;
uint32_t start_block;
uint32_t end_block;
uint32_t start_file;
uint32_t end_file;
uint32_t JobErrors;

```

In addition, for VerNum greater than 10, the EOS label contains (in addition to the above):

```

uint32_t JobStatus        /* Job termination code */

```

: Note, the LabelType (Volume Label, Volume PreLabel, Session Start Label, ...) is stored in the record FileIndex field and does not appear in the data part of the record. Also, the Stream field of the Record Header contains the JobId. This permits quick filtering without actually reading all the session data in many cases.

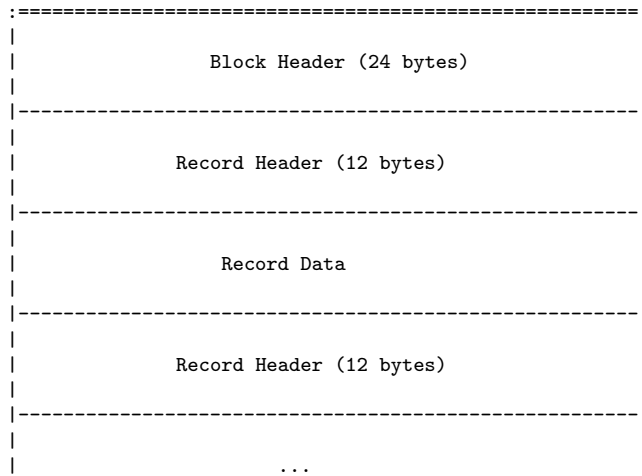
10.12 Overall Storage Format

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Version BB02 added 28 September 2002

Version BB01 is the old deprecated format.

A Bacula tape is composed of tape Blocks. Each block has a Block header followed by the block data. Block Data consists of Records. Records consist of Record Headers followed by Record Data.



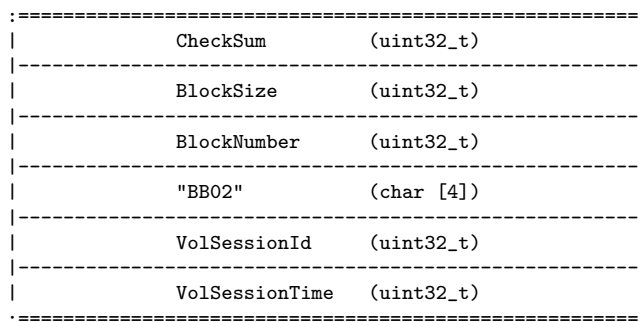
Block Header: the first item in each block. The format is shown below.

Partial Data block: occurs if the data from a previous block spills over to this block (the normal case except for the first block on a tape). However, this partial data block is always preceded by a record header.

Record Header: identifies the Volume Session, the Stream and the following Record Data size. See below for format.

Record data: arbitrary binary data.

Block Header Format BB02



BB02: Serves to identify the block as a Bacula block and also serves as a block format identifier should we ever need to change the format.

BlockSize: is the size in bytes of the block. When reading back a block, if the BlockSize does not agree with the actual size read, Bacula discards the block.

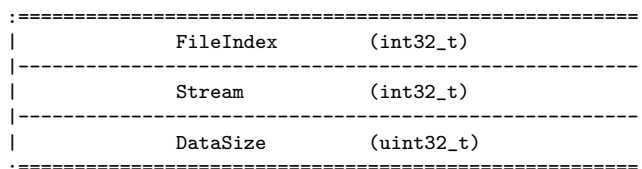
Checksum: a checksum for the Block.

BlockNumber: is the sequential block number on the tape.

VolSessionId: a unique sequential number that is assigned by the Storage Daemon to a particular Job. This number is sequential since the start of execution of the daemon.

VolSessionTime: the time/date that the current execution of the Storage Daemon started. It assures that the combination of VolSessionId and VolSessionTime is unique for all jobs written to the tape, even if there was a machine crash between two writes.

Record Header Format BB02



FileIndex: a sequential file number within a job. The

Storage daemon enforces this index to be greater than zero and sequential. Note, however, that the File daemon may send multiple Streams for the same FileIndex. The Storage Daemon uses negative FileIndices to identify Session Start and End labels as well as the End of Volume labels.

Stream: defined by the File daemon and is intended to be used to identify separate parts of the data saved for each file (attributes, file data, ...). The Storage Daemon has no idea of what a Stream is or what it contains.

DataSize: the size in bytes of the binary data record that follows the Session Record header. The Storage Daemon has no idea of the actual contents of the binary data record. For standard Unix files, the data record typically contains the file attributes or the file data. For a sparse file the first 64 bits of the data contains the storage address for the data block.

Volume Label

	Id	(32 bytes)
	VerNum	(uint32_t)
	label_date	(float64_t)
	label_btime	(btime_t VerNum 11
	label_time	(float64_t)
	write_btime	(btime_t VerNum 11
	write_date	(float64_t)
	0	(float64_t) VerNum 11
	write_time	(float64_t)
	0	(float64_t) VerNum 11
	VolName	(128 bytes)
	PrevVolName	(128 bytes)
	PoolName	(128 bytes)
	PoolType	(128 bytes)
	MediaType	(128 bytes)
	HostName	(128 bytes)
	LabelProg	(32 bytes)
	ProgVersion	(32 bytes)
	ProgDate	(32 bytes)

Id: 32 byte Bacula identifier "Bacula 1.0 immortal\n"
(old version also recognized:)

Id: 32 byte Bacula identifier "Bacula 0.9 mortal\n"

LabelType (Saved in the FileIndex of the Header record).

PRE_LABEL -1 Volume label on unwritten tape
VOL_LABEL -2 Volume label after tape written
EOM_LABEL -3 Label at EOM (not currently implemented)
SOS_LABEL -4 Start of Session label (format given below)
EOS_LABEL -5 End of Session label (format given below)

VerNum: 11

label_date: Julian day tape labeled

label_time: Julian time tape labeled

write_date: Julian date tape first used (data written)

write_time: Julian time tape first used (data written)

VolName: "Physical" Volume name

PrevVolName: The VolName of the previous tape (if this tape is
a continuation of the previous one).

```

PoolName: Pool Name
PoolType: Pool Type
MediaType: Media Type
HostName: Name of host that is first writing the tape
LabelProg: Name of the program that labeled the tape
ProgVersion: Version of the label program
ProgDate: Date Label program built
      Session Label
:=====:
|          Id          (32 bytes)      |
|-----|
|         VerNum       (uint32_t)     |
|-----|
|         JobId        (uint32_t)     |
|-----|
|      write_btime     (btime_t)  VerNum 11
|-----|
|           0          (float64_t) VerNum 11
|-----|
|        PoolName      (128 bytes)    |
|-----|
|        PoolType      (128 bytes)    |
|-----|
|        JobName       (128 bytes)    |
|-----|
|       ClientName     (128 bytes)    |
|-----|
|          Job         (128 bytes)    |
|-----|
|      FileSetName     (128 bytes)    |
|-----|
|         JobType      (uint32_t)     |
|-----|
|        JobLevel      (uint32_t)     |
|-----|
|      FileSetMD5      (50 bytes)  VerNum 11
|-----|
|
|      Additional fields in End Of Session Label
|-----|
|      JobFiles        (uint32_t)     |
|-----|
|      JobBytes        (uint32_t)     |
|-----|
|     start_block      (uint32_t)     |
|-----|
|     end_block        (uint32_t)     |
|-----|
|     start_file       (uint32_t)     |
|-----|
|     end_file         (uint32_t)     |
|-----|
|     JobErrors        (uint32_t)     |
|-----|
|     JobStatus        (uint32_t) VerNum 11
|-----|
:=====:
* => fields deprecated
Id: 32 byte Bacula Identifier "Bacula 1.0 immortal\n"
LabelType (in FileIndex field of Header):
    EOM_LABEL -3      Label at EOM
    SOS_LABEL -4      Start of Session label
    EOS_LABEL -5      End of Session label
VerNum: 11
JobId: JobId
write_btime: Bacula time/date this tape record written
write_date: Julian date tape this record written - deprecated
write_time: Julian time tape this record written - deprecated.
PoolName: Pool Name
PoolType: Pool Type
MediaType: Media Type
ClientName: Name of File daemon or Client writing this session
            Not used for EOM_LABEL.

```

10.13 Unix File Attributes

The Unix File Attributes packet consists of the following:

<File-Index> <Type> <Filename>@<File-Attributes>@<Link> @<Extended-Attributes@> where

@ represents a byte containing a binary zero.

FileIndex is the sequential file index starting from one assigned by the File daemon.

Type is one of the following:

```
#define FT_LNKSAVED  1    /* hard link to file already saved */
#define FT_REGE      2    /* Regular file but empty */
#define FT_REG        3    /* Regular file */
#define FT_LNK        4    /* Soft Link */
#define FT_DIR        5    /* Directory */
#define FT_SPEC       6    /* Special file -- chr, blk, fifo, sock */
#define FT_NOACCESS   7    /* Not able to access */
#define FT_NOFOLLOW   8    /* Could not follow link */
#define FT_NOSTAT     9    /* Could not stat file */
#define FT_NOCHG     10   /* Incremental option, file not changed */
#define FT_DIRNOCHG  11   /* Incremental option, directory not changed */
#define FT_ISARCH    12   /* Trying to save archive file */
#define FT_NORECURSE  13   /* No recursion into directory */
#define FT_NOFSCHG   14   /* Different file system, prohibited */
#define FT_NOOPEN    15   /* Could not open directory */
#define FT_RAW       16   /* Raw block device */
#define FT_FIFO      17   /* Raw fifo device */
```

Filename is the fully qualified filename.

File-Attributes consists of the 13 fields of the stat() buffer in ASCII base64 format separated by spaces. These fields and their meanings are shown below. This stat() packet is in Unix format, and MUST be provided (constructed) for ALL systems.

Link when the FT code is FT_LNK or FT_LNKSAVED, the item in question is a Unix link, and this field contains the fully qualified link name. When the FT code is not FT_LNK or FT_LNKSAVED, this field is null.

Extended-Attributes The exact format of this field is operating system dependent. It contains additional or extended attributes of a system dependent nature. Currently, this field is used only on WIN32 systems where it contains a ASCII base64 representation of the WIN32_FILE_ATTRIBUTE_DATA structure as defined by Windows. The fields in the base64 representation of this structure are like the File-Attributes separated by spaces.

The File-attributes consist of the following:

Field No.	Stat Name	Unix	Win98/NT	MacOS
1	st_dev	Device number of filesystem	Drive number	vRefNum
2	st_ino	Inode number	Always 0	fileID/dirID
3	st_mode	File mode	File mode	777 dirs/apps; 666 docs; 444 locked docs
4	st_nlink	Number of links to the file	Number of link (only on NTFS)	Always 1
5	st_uid	Owner ID	Always 0	Always 0
6	st_gid	Group ID	Always 0	Always 0
7	st_rdev	Device ID for special files	Drive No.	Always 0
8	st_size	File size in bytes	File size in bytes	Data fork file size in bytes

9	st_blksize	Preferred block size	Always 0	Preferred block size
10	st_blocks	Number of blocks allocated	Always 0	Number of blocks allocated
11	st_atime	Last access time since epoch	Last access time since epoch	Last access time -66 years
12	st_mtime	Last modify time since epoch	Last modify time since epoch	Last access time -66 years
13	st_ctime	Inode change time since epoch	File create time since epoch	File create time -66 years

10.14 Old Depreciated Tape Format

The format of the Block Header (version 1.26 and earlier) is:

```
uint32_t CheckSum;      /* Block check sum */
uint32_t BlockSize;     /* Block byte size including the header */
uint32_t BlockNumber;   /* Block number */
char ID[4] = "BB01";    /* Identification and block level */
```

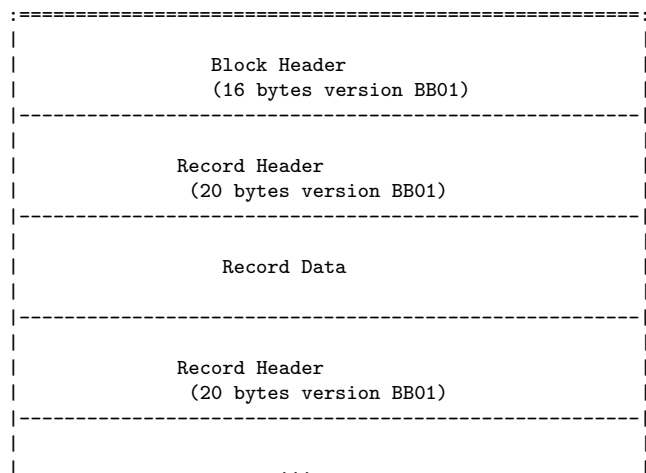
The format of the Record Header (version 1.26 or earlier) is:

```
uint32_t VolSessionId;  /* Unique ID for this session */
uint32_t VolSessionTime; /* Start time/date of session */
int32_t FileIndex;      /* File index supplied by File daemon */
int32_t Stream;         /* Stream number supplied by File daemon */
uint32_t DataSize;      /* size of following data record in bytes */
```

Current Bacula Tape Format
6 June 2001

Version BB01 is the old deprecated format.

A Bacula tape is composed of tape Blocks. Each block has a Block header followed by the block data. Block Data consists of Records. Records consist of Record Headers followed by Record Data.



Block Header: the first item in each block. The format is shown below.

Partial Data block: occurs if the data from a previous block spills over to this block (the normal case except for the first block on a tape). However, this partial data block is always preceded by a record header.

Record Header: identifies the Volume Session, the Stream

and the following Record Data size. See below for format.
Record data: arbitrary binary data.

Block Header Format BB01 (deprecated)

```

:=====
|          CheckSum          (uint32_t)      |
|-----|
|          BlockSize         (uint32_t)      |
|-----|
|          BlockNumber       (uint32_t)      |
|-----|
|          "BB01"            (char [4])      |
|-----|
:=====

```

BB01: Serves to identify the block as a Bacula block and also servers as a block format identifier should we ever need to change the format.

BlockSize: is the size in bytes of the block. When reading back a block, if the BlockSize does not agree with the actual size read, Bacula discards the block.

CheckSum: a checksum for the Block.

BlockNumber: is the sequential block number on the tape.

VolSessionId: a unique sequential number that is assigned by the Storage Daemon to a particular Job. This number is sequential since the start of execution of the daemon.

VolSessionTime: the time/date that the current execution of the Storage Daemon started. It assures that the combination of VolSessionId and VolSessionTime is unique for all jobs written to the tape, even if there was a machine crash between two writes.

Record Header Format BB01 (deprecated)

```

:=====
|          VolSessionId      (uint32_t)      |
|-----|
|          VolSessionTime    (uint32_t)      |
|-----|
|          FileIndex         (int32_t)       |
|-----|
|          Stream            (int32_t)       |
|-----|
|          DataSize          (uint32_t)      |
|-----|
:=====

```

VolSessionId: a unique sequential number that is assigned by the Storage Daemon to a particular Job. This number is sequential since the start of execution of the daemon.

VolSessionTime: the time/date that the current execution of the Storage Daemon started. It assures that the combination of VolSessionId and VolSessionTime is unique for all jobs written to the tape, even if there was a machine crash between two writes.

FileIndex: a sequential file number within a job. The Storage daemon enforces this index to be greater than zero and sequential. Note, however, that the File daemon may send multiple Streams for the same FileIndex. The Storage Daemon uses negative FileIndices to identify Session Start and End labels as well as the End of Volume labels.

Stream: defined by the File daemon and is intended to be used to identify separate parts of the data saved for each file (attributes, file data, ...). The Storage Daemon has no idea of what a Stream is or what it contains.

DataSize: the size in bytes of the binary data record that follows the Session Record header. The Storage Daemon has no idea of the actual contents of the binary data record. For standard Unix files, the data record typically contains the file attributes or the file data. For a sparse file the first 64 bits of the data contains the storage address for the data block.

Volume Label

```

:=====

```

Id	(32 bytes)
VerNum	(uint32_t)
label_date	(float64_t)
label_time	(float64_t)
write_date	(float64_t)
write_time	(float64_t)
VolName	(128 bytes)
PrevVolName	(128 bytes)
PoolName	(128 bytes)
PoolType	(128 bytes)
MediaType	(128 bytes)
HostName	(128 bytes)
LabelProg	(32 bytes)
ProgVersion	(32 bytes)
ProgDate	(32 bytes)

=====:

Id: 32 byte Bacula identifier "Bacula 1.0 immortal\n"

(old version also recognized:)

Id: 32 byte Bacula identifier "Bacula 0.9 mortal\n"

LabelType (Saved in the FileIndex of the Header record).

```

PRE_LABEL -1    Volume label on unwritten tape
VOL_LABEL -2    Volume label after tape written
EOM_LABEL -3    Label at EOM (not currently implemented)
SOS_LABEL -4    Start of Session label (format given below)
EOS_LABEL -5    End of Session label (format given below)

```

label_date: Julian day tape labeled

label_time: Julian time tape labeled

write_date: Julian date tape first used (data written)

write_time: Julian time tape first used (data written)

VolName: "Physical" Volume name

PrevVolName: The VolName of the previous tape (if this tape is
a continuation of the previous one).

PoolName: Pool Name

PoolType: Pool Type

MediaType: Media Type

HostName: Name of host that is first writing the tape

LabelProg: Name of the program that labeled the tape

ProgVersion: Version of the label program

ProgDate: Date Label program built

Session Label

=====:

Id	(32 bytes)
VerNum	(uint32_t)
JobId	(uint32_t)
*write_date	(float64_t) VerNum 10
*write_time	(float64_t) VerNum 10
PoolName	(128 bytes)
PoolType	(128 bytes)
JobName	(128 bytes)
ClientName	(128 bytes)
Job	(128 bytes)

```

|-----|
|      FileSetName      (128 bytes) |
|-----|
|      JobType          (uint32_t)  |
|-----|
|      JobLevel         (uint32_t)  |
|-----|
|      FileSetMD5        (50 bytes)  VerNum 11 |
|-----|
|      Additional fields in End Of Session Label |
|-----|
|      JobFiles          (uint32_t)  |
|-----|
|      JobBytes          (uint32_t)  |
|-----|
|      start_block       (uint32_t)  |
|-----|
|      end_block         (uint32_t)  |
|-----|
|      start_file        (uint32_t)  |
|-----|
|      end_file          (uint32_t)  |
|-----|
|      JobErrors         (uint32_t)  |
|-----|
|      JobStatus         (uint32_t)  VerNum 11 |
|-----|
:=====:
* => fields deprecated
Id: 32 byte Bacula Identifier "Bacula 1.0 immortal\n"
LabelType (in FileIndex field of Header):
    EOM_LABEL -3      Label at EOM
    SOS_LABEL -4      Start of Session label
    EOS_LABEL -5      End of Session label
VerNum: 11
JobId: JobId
write_btime: Bacula time/date this tape record written
write_date: Julian date tape this record written - deprecated
write_time: Julian time tape this record written - deprecated.
PoolName: Pool Name
PoolType: Pool Type
MediaType: Media Type
ClientName: Name of File daemon or Client writing this session
            Not used for EOM_LABEL.

```

Chapter 11

Bacula Porting Notes

This document is intended mostly for developers who wish to port Bacula to a system that is not **officially** supported.

It is hoped that Bacula clients will eventually run on every imaginable system that needs backing up (perhaps even a Palm). It is also hoped that the Bacula Directory and Storage daemons will run on every system capable of supporting them.

11.1 Porting Requirements

In General, the following holds true:

- **Bacula** has been compiled and run on Linux RedHat, FreeBSD, and Solaris systems.
- In addition, clients exist on Win32, and Irix
- It requires GNU C++ to compile. You can try with other compilers, but you are on your own. The Irix client is built with the Irix compiler, but, in general, you will need GNU.
- Your compiler must provide support for 64 bit signed and unsigned integers.
- You will need a recent copy of the **autoconf** tools loaded on your system (version 2.13 or later). The **autoconf** tools are used to build the configuration program, but are not part of the Bacula source distribution.
- There are certain third party packages that Bacula needs. Except for MySQL, they can all be found in the **depkgs** and **depkgs1** releases.
- To build the Win32 binaries, we use Microsoft VC++ standard 2003. Please see the instructions in bacula-source/src/win32/README.win32 for more details. If you want to use VC++ Express, please see README.vc8. Our build is done under the most recent version of Cygwin, but Cygwin is not used in the Bacula binaries that are produced. Unfortunately, we do not have the resources to help you build your own version of the Win32 FD, so you are pretty much on your own. You can ask the bacula-devel list for help, but please don't expect much.
- **Bacula** requires a good implementation of pthreads to work.
- The source code has been written with portability in mind and is mostly POSIX compatible. Thus porting to any POSIX compatible operating system should be relatively easy.

11.2 Steps to Take for Porting

- The first step is to ensure that you have version 2.13 or later of the **autoconf** tools loaded. You can skip this step, but making changes to the configuration program will be difficult or impossible.
- The run a **./configure** command in the main source directory and examine the output. It should look something like the following:

```
Configuration on Mon Oct 28 11:42:27 CET 2002:
Host: i686-pc-linux-gnu -- redhat 7.3
Bacula version: 1.27 (26 October 2002)
Source code location: .
Install binaries: /sbin
Install config files: /etc/bacula
C Compiler: gcc
C++ Compiler: c++
Compiler flags: -g -O2
Linker flags:
Libraries: -lpthread
Statically Linked Tools: no
Database found: no
Database type: Internal
Database lib:
Job Output Email: root@localhost
Traceback Email: root@localhost
SMTP Host Address: localhost
Director Port 9101
File daemon Port 9102
Storage daemon Port 9103
Working directory /etc/bacula/working
SQL binaries Directory
Large file support: yes
readline support: yes
cweb support: yes /home/kern/bacula/depkgs/cweb
TCP Wrappers support: no
ZLIB support: yes
enable-smartalloc: yes
enable-gnome: no
gmp support: yes
```

The details depend on your system. The first thing to check is that it properly identified your host on the **Host:** line. The first part (added in version 1.27) is the GNU four part identification of your system. The part after the **-** is your system and the system version. Generally, if your system is not yet supported, you must correct these.

- If the **./configure** does not function properly, you must determine the cause and fix it. Generally, it will be because some required system routine is not available on your machine.
- To correct problems with detection of your system type or with routines and libraries, you must edit the file **<bacula-src>/autoconf/configure.in**. This is the “source” from which **configure** is built. In general, most of the changes for your system will be made in **autoconf/aclocal.m4** in the routine **BA_CHECK_OPSYS** or in the routine **BA_CHECK_OPSYS_DISTNAME**. I have already added the necessary code for most systems, but if yours shows up as **unknown** you will need to make changes. Then as mentioned above, you will need to set a number of system dependent items in **configure.in** in the **case** statement at approximately line 1050 (depending on the Bacula release).
- The items to in the case statement that corresponds to your system are the following:
 - **DISTVER** – set to the version of your operating system. Typically some form of **uname** obtains it.
 - **TAPEDRIVE** – the default tape drive. Not too important as the user can set it as an option.
 - **PSCMD** – set to the **ps** command that will provide the PID in the first field and the program name in the second field. If this is not set properly, the **bacula stop** script will most likely not be able to stop Bacula in all cases.
 - **hostname** – command to return the base host name (non-qualified) of your system. This is generally the machine name. Not too important as the user can correct this in his configuration file.

- CFLAGS – set any special compiler flags needed. Many systems need a special flag to make pthreads work. See cygwin for an example.
 - LDFLAGS – set any special loader flags. See cygwin for an example.
 - PTHREAD_LIB – set for any special pthreads flags needed during linking. See freebsd as an example.
 - lld – set so that a “long long int” will be properly edited in a printf() call.
 - llu – set so that a “long long unsigned” will be properly edited in a printf() call.
 - PFILES – set to add any files that you may define in your platform subdirectory. These files are used for installation of automatic system startup of Bacula daemons.
- To rebuild a new version of **configure** from a changed **autoconf/configure.in** you enter **make configure** in the top level Bacula source directory. You must have done a **./configure** prior to trying to rebuild the configure script or it will get into an infinite loop.
 - If the **make configure** gets into an infinite loop, **ctrl-c** it, then do **./configure** (no options are necessary) and retry the **make configure**, which should now work.
 - To rebuild **configure** you will need to have **autoconf** version 2.57-3 or higher loaded. Older versions of autoconf will complain about unknown or bad options, and won't work.
 - After you have a working **configure** script, you may need to make a few system dependent changes to the way Bacula works. Generally, these are done in **src/baconfig.h**. You can find a few examples of system dependent changes toward the end of this file. For example, on Irix systems, there is no definition for **socklen_t**, so it is made in this file. If your system has structure alignment requirements, check the definition of **BALIGN** in this file. Currently, all Bacula allocated memory is aligned on a **double** boundary.
 - If you are having problems with Bacula's type definitions, you might look at **src/bc_types.h** where all the types such as **uint32_t**, **uint64_t**, etc. that Bacula uses are defined.

Implementing a GUI Interface

11.1 General

This document is intended mostly for developers who wish to develop a new GUI interface to **Bacula**.

11.1.1 Minimal Code in Console Program

Until now, I have kept all the Catalog code in the Directory (with the exception of dbcheck and bscan). This is because at some point I would like to add user level security and access. If we have code spread everywhere such as in a GUI this will be more difficult. The other advantage is that any code you add to the Director is automatically available to both the tty console program and the WX program. The major disadvantage is it increases the size of the code – however, compared to Networker the Bacula Director is really tiny.

11.1.2 GUI Interface is Difficult

Interfacing to an interactive program such as Bacula can be very difficult because the interfacing program must interpret all the prompts that may come. This can be next to impossible. There are a number of ways that Bacula is designed to facilitate this:

- The Bacula network protocol is packet based, and thus pieces of information sent can be ASCII or binary.
- The packet interface permits knowing where the end of a list is.
- The packet interface permits special “signals” to be passed rather than data.
- The Director has a number of commands that are non-interactive. They all begin with a period, and provide things such as the list of all Jobs, list of all Clients, list of all Pools, list of all Storage, ... Thus the GUI interface can get to virtually all information that the Director has in a deterministic way. See `<bacula-source>/src/dird/ua_dotcmds.c` for more details on this.
- Most console commands allow all the arguments to be specified on the command line: e.g. **run job=NightlyBackup level=Full**

One of the first things to overcome is to be able to establish a conversation with the Director. Although you can write all your own code, it is probably easier to use the Bacula subroutines. The following code is used by the Console program to begin a conversation.

```
static BSOCK *UA_sock = NULL;
static JCR *jcr;
...
read-your-config-getting-address-and-pasword;
UA_sock = bnet_connect(NULL, 5, 15, "Director daemon", dir->address,
                      NULL, dir->DIRport, 0);
```

```

if (UA_sock == NULL) {
    terminate_console(0);
    return 1;
}
jcr.dir_bsock = UA_sock;
if (!authenticate_director(&jcr, dir)) {
    fprintf(stderr, "ERR=%s", UA_sock->msg);
    terminate_console(0);
    return 1;
}
read_and_process_input(stdin, UA_sock);
if (UA_sock) {
    bnet_sig(UA_sock, BNET_TERMINATE); /* send EOF */
    bnet_close(UA_sock);
}
exit 0;

```

Then the `read_and_process_input` routine looks like the following:

```

get-input-to-send-to-the-Director;
bnet_fsend(UA_sock, "%s", input);
stat = bnet_recv(UA_sock);
process-output-from-the-Director;

```

For a GUI program things will be a bit more complicated. Basically in the very inner loop, you will need to check and see if any output is available on the `UA_sock`. For an example, please take a look at the WX GUI interface code in: `<bacula-source/src/wx-console`

11.2 Bvfs API

To help developers of restore GUI interfaces, we have added new *dot commands* that permit browsing the catalog in a very simple way.

- `.bvfs_update [jobid=x,y,z]` This command is required to update the Bvfs cache in the catalog. You need to run it before any access to the Bvfs layer.
- `.bvfs_lsdirs jobid=x,y,z path=/path | pathid=101` This command will list all directories in the specified `path` or `pathid`. Using `pathid` avoids problems with character encoding of `path/`filenames.
- `.bvfs_lsfiles jobid=x,y,z path=/path | pathid=101` This command will list all files in the specified `path` or `pathid`. Using `pathid` avoids problems with character encoding.

You can use `limit=xxx` and `offset=yyy` to limit the amount of data that will be displayed.

```

* .bvfs_update jobid=1,2
* .bvfs_update
* .bvfs_lsdir path=/ jobid=1,2

```

Chapter 12

TLS

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12.1 Introduction to TLS

This patch includes all the back-end code necessary to add complete TLS data encryption support to Bacula. In addition, support for TLS in Console/Director communications has been added as a proof of concept. Adding support for the remaining daemons will be straight-forward. Supported features of this patchset include:

- Client/Server TLS Requirement Negotiation
- TLSv1 Connections with Server and Client Certificate Validation
- Forward Secrecy Support via Diffie-Hellman Ephemeral Keying

This document will refer to both “server” and “client” contexts. These terms refer to the accepting and initiating peer, respectively.

Diffie-Hellman anonymous ciphers are not supported by this patchset. The use of DH anonymous ciphers increases the code complexity and places explicit trust upon the two-way Cram-MD5 implementation. Cram-MD5 is subject to known plaintext attacks, and is should be considered considerably less secure than PKI certificate-based authentication.

Appropriate autoconf macros have been added to detect and use OpenSSL. Two additional preprocessor defines have been added: *HAVE_TLS* and *HAVE_OPENSSL*. All changes not specific to OpenSSL rely on *HAVE_TLS*. OpenSSL-specific code is constrained to *src/lib/tls.c* to facilitate the support of alternative TLS implementations.

12.2 New Configuration Directives

Additional configuration directives have been added to both the Console and Director resources. These new directives are defined as follows:

- TLS Enable (*yes/no*) Enable TLS support.
- TLS Require (*yes/no*) Require TLS connections.
- TLS Certificate (*path*) Path to PEM encoded TLS certificate. Used as either a client or server certificate.

- **TLS Key** (*path*) Path to PEM encoded TLS private key. Must correspond with the TLS certificate.
- **TLS Verify Peer** (*yes/no*) Verify peer certificate. Instructs server to request and verify the client's x509 certificate. Any client certificate signed by a known-CA will be accepted unless the TLS Allowed CN configuration directive is used. Not valid in a client context.
- **TLS Allowed CN** (*string list*) Common name attribute of allowed peer certificates. If directive is specified, all client certificates will be verified against this list. This directive may be specified more than once. Not valid in a client context.
- **TLS CA Certificate File** (*path*) Path to PEM encoded TLS CA certificate(s). Multiple certificates are permitted in the file. One of *TLS CA Certificate File* or *TLS CA Certificate Dir* are required in a server context if **TLS Verify Peer** is also specified, and are always required in a client context.
- **TLS CA Certificate Dir** (*path*) Path to TLS CA certificate directory. In the current implementation, certificates must be stored PEM encoded with OpenSSL-compatible hashes. One of *TLS CA Certificate File* or *TLS CA Certificate Dir* are required in a server context if **TLS Verify Peer** is also specified, and are always required in a client context.
- **TLS DH File** (*path*) Path to PEM encoded Diffie-Hellman parameter file. If this directive is specified, DH ephemeral keying will be enabled, allowing for forward secrecy of communications. This directive is only valid within a server context. To generate the parameter file, you may use openssl:

```
openssl dhparam -out dh1024.pem -5 1024
```

12.3 TLS API Implementation

To facilitate the use of additional TLS libraries, all OpenSSL-specific code has been implemented within *src/lib/tls.c*. In turn, a generic TLS API is exported.

12.3.1 Library Initialization and Cleanup

```
int init_tls (void);
```

Performs TLS library initialization, including seeding of the PRNG. PRNG seeding has not yet been implemented for win32.

```
int cleanup_tls (void);
```

Performs TLS library cleanup.

12.3.2 Manipulating TLS Contexts

```
TLS_CONTEXT *new_tls_context (const char *ca_certfile,
                             const char *ca_certdir, const char *certfile,
                             const char *keyfile, const char *dhfile, bool verify_peer);
```

Allocates and initializes a new opaque *TLS_CONTEXT* structure. The *TLS_CONTEXT* structure maintains default TLS settings from which *TLS_CONNECTION* structures are instantiated. In the future the *TLS_CONTEXT* structure may be used to maintain the TLS session cache. *ca_certfile* and *ca_certdir* arguments are used to initialize the CA verification stores. The *certfile* and *keyfile* arguments are used to initialize the local certificate and private key. If *dhfile* is non-NULL, it is used to initialize Diffie-Hellman ephemeral keying. If *verify_peer* is *true*, client certificate validation is enabled.

```
void free_tls_context (TLS_CONTEXT *ctx);
```

Deallocated a previously allocated *TLS_CONTEXT* structure.

12.3.3 Performing Post-Connection Verification

```
bool tls_postconnect_verify_host (TLS_CONNECTION *tls, const char *host);
```

Performs post-connection verification of the peer-supplied x509 certificate. Checks whether the *subjectAltName* and *commonName* attributes match the supplied *host* string. Returns *true* if there is a match, *false* otherwise.

```
bool tls_postconnect_verify_cn (TLS_CONNECTION *tls, alist *verify_list);
```

Performs post-connection verification of the peer-supplied x509 certificate. Checks whether the *commonName* attribute matches any strings supplied via the *verify_list* parameter. Returns *true* if there is a match, *false* otherwise.

12.3.4 Manipulating TLS Connections

```
TLS_CONNECTION *new_tls_connection (TLS_CONTEXT *ctx, int fd);
```

Allocates and initializes a new *TLS_CONNECTION* structure with context *ctx* and file descriptor *fd*.

```
void free_tls_connection (TLS_CONNECTION *tls);
```

Deallocates memory associated with the *tls* structure.

```
bool tls_bsock_connect (BSOCK *bsock);
```

Negotiates a TLS client connection via *bsock*. Returns *true* if successful, *false* otherwise. Will fail if there is a TLS protocol error or an invalid certificate is presented

```
bool tls_bsock_accept (BSOCK *bsock);
```

Accepts a TLS client connection via *bsock*. Returns *true* if successful, *false* otherwise. Will fail if there is a TLS protocol error or an invalid certificate is presented.

```
bool tls_bsock_shutdown (BSOCK *bsock);
```

Issues a blocking TLS shutdown request to the peer via *bsock*. This function may not wait for the peer's reply.

```
int tls_bsock_writen (BSOCK *bsock, char *ptr, int32_t nbytes);
```

Writes *nbytes* from *ptr* via the *TLS_CONNECTION* associated with *bsock*. Due to OpenSSL's handling of *EINTR*, *bsock* is set non-blocking at the start of the function, and restored to its original blocking state before the function returns. Less than *nbytes* may be written if an error occurs. The actual number of bytes written will be returned.

```
int tls_bsock_readn (BSOCK *bsock, char *ptr, int32_t nbytes);
```

Reads *nbytes* from the *TLS_CONNECTION* associated with *bsock* and stores the result in *ptr*. Due to OpenSSL's handling of *EINTR*, *bsock* is set non-blocking at the start of the function, and restored to its original blocking state before the function returns. Less than *nbytes* may be read if an error occurs. The actual number of bytes read will be returned.

12.4 Bnet API Changes

A minimal number of changes were required in the Bnet socket API. The BSOCK structure was expanded to include an associated TLS_CONNECTION structure, as well as a flag to designate the current blocking state of the socket. The blocking state flag is required for win32, where it does not appear possible to discern the current blocking state of a socket.

12.4.1 Negotiating a TLS Connection

bnet_tls_server() and *bnet_tls_client()* were both implemented using the new TLS API as follows:

```
int bnet_tls_client(TLS_CONTEXT *ctx, BSOCK * bsock);
```

Negotiates a TLS session via *bsock* using the settings from *ctx*. Returns 1 if successful, 0 otherwise.

```
int bnet_tls_server(TLS_CONTEXT *ctx, BSOCK * bsock, alist *verify_list);
```

Accepts a TLS client session via *bsock* using the settings from *ctx*. If *verify_list* is non-NULL, it is passed to *tls_postconnect_verify_cn()* for client certificate verification.

12.4.2 Manipulating Socket Blocking State

Three functions were added for manipulating the blocking state of a socket on both Win32 and Unix-like systems. The Win32 code was written according to the MSDN documentation, but has not been tested.

These functions are prototyped as follows:

```
int bnet_set_nonblocking (BSOCK *bsock);
```

Enables non-blocking I/O on the socket associated with *bsock*. Returns a copy of the socket flags prior to modification.

```
int bnet_set_blocking (BSOCK *bsock);
```

Enables blocking I/O on the socket associated with *bsock*. Returns a copy of the socket flags prior to modification.

```
void bnet_restore_blocking (BSOCK *bsock, int flags);
```

Restores blocking or non-blocking IO setting on the socket associated with *bsock*. The *flags* argument must be the return value of either *bnet_set_blocking()* or *bnet_restore_blocking()*.

12.5 Authentication Negotiation

Backwards compatibility with the existing SSL negotiation hooks implemented in `src/lib/cram-md5.c` have been maintained. The `cram_md5_get_auth()` function has been modified to accept an integer pointer argument, `tls_remote_need`. The TLS requirement advertised by the remote host is returned via this pointer.

After exchanging `cram-md5` authentication and TLS requirements, both the client and server independently decide whether to continue:

```
if (!cram_md5_get_auth(dir, password, &tls_remote_need) ||
    !cram_md5_auth(dir, password, tls_local_need)) {
[snip]
/* Verify that the remote host is willing to meet our TLS requirements */
if (tls_remote_need < tls_local_need && tls_local_need != BNET_TLS_OK &&
    tls_remote_need != BNET_TLS_OK) {
    sendit(_("Authorization problem:
        " Remote server did not advertise required TLS support.\n"));
    auth_success = false;
    goto auth_done;
}

/* Verify that we are willing to meet the remote host's requirements */
if (tls_remote_need > tls_local_need && tls_local_need != BNET_TLS_OK &&
    tls_remote_need != BNET_TLS_OK) {
    sendit(_("Authorization problem:
        " Remote server requires TLS.\n"));
    auth_success = false;
    goto auth_done;
}
```



```
REGRESS_WAIT=1
export REGRESS_WAIT
```

Then executing the script. When the script prints the following line:

Start Bacula under debugger and enter anything when ready ...

You start the Bacula component you want to run under the debugger in a different shell window. For example:

```
cd .../regress/bin
gdb bacula-sd
(possibly set breakpoints, ...)
run -s -f
```

Then enter any character in the window with the above message. An error message will appear saying that the daemon you are debugging is already running, which is the case. You can simply ignore the error message.

14.2.2 Exit Status

md5 returns status 0 if processing was completed without errors, 1 if the **-c** option was specified and the given signature does not match that of the input, and 2 if processing could not be performed at all due, for example, to a nonexistent input file.

14.2.3 Copying

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Chapter 16

TCP/IP Network Protocol

16.1 General

This document describes the TCP/IP protocol used by Bacula to communicate between the various daemons and services. The definitive definition of the protocol can be found in `src/lib/bsock.h`, `src/lib/bnet.c` and `src/lib/bnet_server.c`.

Bacula's network protocol is basically a "packet oriented" protocol built on a standard TCP/IP streams. At the lowest level all packet transfers are done with `read()` and `write()` requests on system sockets. Pipes are not used as they are considered unreliable for large serial data transfers between various hosts.

Using the routines described below (`bnet_open`, `bnet_write`, `bnet_recv`, and `bnet_close`) guarantees that the number of bytes you write into the socket will be received as a single record on the other end regardless of how many low level `write()` and `read()` calls are needed. All data transferred are considered to be binary data.

16.2 bnet and Threads

These `bnet` routines work fine in a threaded environment. However, they assume that there is only one reader or writer on the socket at any time. It is highly recommended that only a single thread access any BSOCK packet. The exception to this rule is when the socket is first opened and it is waiting for a job to start. The wait in the Storage daemon is done in one thread and then passed to another thread for subsequent handling.

If you envision having two threads using the same BSOCK, think twice, then you must implement some locking mechanism. However, it probably would not be appropriate to put locks inside the `bnet` subroutines for efficiency reasons.

16.3 bnet_open

To establish a connection to a server, use the subroutine:

BSOCK `*bnet_open(void *jcr, char *host, char *service, int port, int *fatal)` `bnet_open()`, if successful, returns the Bacula sock descriptor pointer to be used in subsequent `bnet_send()` and `bnet_read()` requests. If not successful, `bnet_open()` returns a NULL. If `fatal` is set on return, it means that a fatal error occurred and that you should not repeatedly call `bnet_open()`. Any error message will generally be sent to the JCR.


```
while ((n=bnet_recv(bsock)) > 0) {  
    act on request  
}  
if (n < 0)  
    error
```

The client will perform the following:

```
bnet_send(bsock);  
bnet_send(bsock);  
...  
bnet_sig(bsock, BNET_EOD);
```

Thus the client will send multiple packets and signal to the server when all the packets have been sent by sending a zero length record.

Smartalloc

Chapter 17

Smart Memory Allocation

Few things are as embarrassing as a program that leaks, yet few errors are so easy to commit or as difficult to track down in a large, complicated program as failure to release allocated memory. SMARTALLOC replaces the standard C library memory allocation functions with versions which keep track of buffer allocations and releases and report all orphaned buffers at the end of program execution. By including this package in your program during development and testing, you can identify code that loses buffers right when it's added and most easily fixed, rather than as part of a crisis debugging push when the problem is identified much later in the testing cycle (or even worse, when the code is in the hands of a customer). When program testing is complete, simply recompiling with different flags removes SMARTALLOC from your program, permitting it to run without speed or storage penalties.

In addition to detecting orphaned buffers, SMARTALLOC also helps to find other common problems in management of dynamic storage including storing before the start or beyond the end of an allocated buffer, referencing data through a pointer to a previously released buffer, attempting to release a buffer twice or releasing storage not obtained from the allocator, and assuming the initial contents of storage allocated by functions that do not guarantee a known value. SMARTALLOC's checking does not usually add a large amount of overhead to a program (except for programs which use `realloc()` extensively; see below). SMARTALLOC focuses on proper storage management rather than internal consistency of the heap as checked by the `malloc.debug` facility available on some systems. SMARTALLOC does not conflict with `malloc.debug` and both may be used together, if you wish. SMARTALLOC makes no assumptions regarding the internal structure of the heap and thus should be compatible with any C language implementation of the standard memory allocation functions.

17.0.1 Installing SMARTALLOC

SMARTALLOC is provided as a Zipped archive, `smartall.zip`; see the download instructions below.

To install SMARTALLOC in your program, simply add the statement:

to every C program file which calls any of the memory allocation functions (`malloc`, `calloc`, `free`, etc.). SMARTALLOC must be used for all memory allocation with a program, so include file for your entire program, if you have such a thing. Next, define the symbol SMARTALLOC in the compilation before the inclusion of `smartall.h`. I usually do this by having my Makefile add the “`-DSMARTALLOC`” option to the C compiler for non-production builds. You can define the symbol manually, if you prefer, by adding the statement:

```
#define SMARTALLOC
```

At the point where your program is all done and ready to relinquish control to the operating system, add the call:

```
sm_dump(datadump);
```


17.0.7 Overlays and Underhandedness

String constants in the C language are considered to be static arrays of characters accessed through a pointer constant. The arrays are potentially writable even though their pointer is a constant. SMARTALLOC uses the compile-time definition `./smartall.wml` to obtain the name of the file in which a call on buffer allocation was performed. Rather than reserve space in a buffer to save this information, SMARTALLOC simply stores the pointer to the compiled-in text of the file name. This works fine as long as the program does not overlay its data among modules. If data are overlaid, the area of memory which contained the file name at the time it was saved in the buffer may contain something else entirely when `sm_dump()` gets around to using the pointer to edit the file name which allocated the buffer.

If you want to use SMARTALLOC in a program with overlaid data, you'll have to modify `smartall.c` to either copy the file name to a fixed-length field added to the `abufhead` structure, or else allocate storage with `malloc()`, copy the file name there, and set the `abfname` pointer to that buffer, then remember to release the buffer in `sm_free`. Either of these approaches are wasteful of storage and time, and should be considered only if there is no alternative. Since most initial debugging is done in non-overlaid environments, the restrictions on SMARTALLOC with data overlaying may never prove a problem. Note that conventional overlaying of code, by far the most common form of overlaying, poses no problems for SMARTALLOC; you need only be concerned if you're using exotic tools for data overlaying on MS-DOS or other address-space-challenged systems.

Since a C language "constant" string can actually be written into, most C compilers generate a unique copy of each string used in a module, even if the same constant string appears many times. In modules that contain many calls on allocation functions, this results in substantial wasted storage for the strings that identify the file name. If your compiler permits optimization of multiple occurrences of constant strings, enabling this mode will eliminate the overhead for these strings. Of course, it's up to you to make sure choosing this compiler mode won't wreak havoc on some other part of your program.

17.0.8 Test and Demonstration Program

A test and demonstration program, `smtest.c`, is supplied with SMARTALLOC. You can build this program with the Makefile included. Please refer to the comments in `smtest.c` and the Makefile for information on this program. If you're attempting to use SMARTALLOC on a new machine or with a new compiler or operating system, it's a wise first step to check it out with `smtest` first.

17.0.9 Invitation to the Hack

SMARTALLOC is not intended to be a panacea for storage management problems, nor is it universally applicable or effective; it's another weapon in the arsenal of the defensive professional programmer attempting to create reliable products. It represents the current state of evolution of expedient debug code which has been used in several commercial software products which have, collectively, sold more than third of a million copies in the retail market, and can be expected to continue to develop through time as it is applied to ever more demanding projects.

The version of SMARTALLOC here has been tested on a Sun SPARCStation, Silicon Graphics Indigo2, and on MS-DOS using both Borland and Microsoft C. Moving from compiler to compiler requires the usual small changes to resolve disputes about prototyping of functions, whether the type returned by buffer allocation is `char *` or `void *`, and so forth, but following those changes it works in a variety of environments. I hope you'll find SMARTALLOC as useful for your projects as I've found it in mine.

17.1 Download smartall.zip (Zipped archive)

SMARTALLOC is provided as `smartall.zip`, a Zipped archive containing source code, documentation, and a `Makefile` to build the software under Unix.

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Chapter 18

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