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

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The Abouts

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



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

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

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Hardware Used

- Dockstar
- BeagleBoard XM
- Trim Slice

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Dockstar

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



Source: http://archlinuxarm.org/platforms/armv5/seagate-dockstar

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BeagleBoard XM

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



Source: http://www.flickr.com/photos/jadon/4628635196/

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TrimSlice

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



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

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- Arch Linux ARM
- Samba 4
- Pylons

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- ARM port of Arch Linux
- Supports ARMv5 ARMv7 hardware
- Leightweight
- Active community

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

Pylons

Pylons Framework

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

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Front End

- Pylons architecture
- SWAT4 architecture
- Features needed

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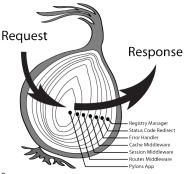
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Pylons Architecture

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



Source: https://docs.pylonsproject.org/projects/pylons_framework/ dev/concepts.html

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SWAT4 Architecture

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

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Features

- User Management
- Group Management
- Share Management

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Group Management

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Share Management

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- Samba 4 python bindings
- Config file generation

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

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

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Alternatives

- Webmin
- S3 SWAT
- Different S4 SWAT implementation

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

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