

“next-gen” FS topics

- What we want from a next generation generic file system. (BTRFS)
- What do **you** want from a next-gen FS?
- issues in higher layers
- speeding up fsck.ext2?
- CRFS?

critical BTRFS design

- efficient writable snapshots: reference-counted COW trees
- efficient repair: back-pointers
- systematic efficient space utilization: variable length items in B+tree leaves
- block level replication: internal map from logical blocks to device blocks
- integrity: per-block UUIDs, checksums, transaction numbers, and block identity

issues in higher layers

- online repair: serializing in-kernel btrfs.ko and userspace fsck.btrfs
- multi-device interface: how much of DM can or should be used
- efficient FS deltas: stream transactions to or from userspace
- expose sequence numbers: let userspace find files that changed since some previous number
- expose data checksums: let userspace specify checksums for data, perhaps calculated far away

faster fsck.ext2

- Watch dchinner's LCA'08 talk on XFS repair
- Twice.