

NAME

blkmapd - pNFS block layout mapping daemon

SYNOPSIS

blkmapd [-d] [-f]

DESCRIPTION

The **blkmapd** daemon performs device discovery and mapping for the parallel NFS (pNFS) block layout client [RFC5663].

The pNFS block layout protocol builds a complex storage hierarchy from a set of *simple volumes*. These simple volumes are addressed by content, using a signature on the volume to uniquely name each one. The daemon locates a volume by examining each block device in the system for the given signature.

The topology typically consists of a hierarchy of volumes built by striping, slicing, and concatenating the simple volumes. The **blkmapd** daemon uses the device-mapper driver to construct logical devices that reflect the server topology, and passes these devices to the kernel for use by the pNFS block layout client.

OPTIONS

-d Performs device discovery only then exits.

-f Runs **blkmapd** in the foreground and sends output to stderr (as opposed to syslogd)

SEE ALSO

[nfs\(5\)](#), [dmsetup\(8\)](#)

RFC 5661 for the NFS version 4.1 specification.

RFC 5663 for the pNFS block layout specification.

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