





# Ganeti

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# Ganeti ExtStorage Interface

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<https://code.google.com/p/ganeti/wiki/LISA2013>

# State before the ExtStorage Interface

- None-mirrored templates: `plain`, `file`
- Internally mirrored templates: `drbd`
- Externally mirrored templates: `sharedfile`, `rbd`, `blockdev`, `diskless`

# Ganeti and external SAN/NAS appliances

- Instance disks residing inside an external SAN/NAS appliance visible by all Ganeti nodes (e.g. NetApp, EMC, IBM)
- Instances should be able to migrate/failover to any node that can access the appliance.
- Ganeti should integrate with external SAN/NAS appliances in a generic way, independent of the appliance itself in the easiest possible way from the admin's perspective.

# Introducing the 'ExtStorage Interface'

- A simple interface inspired by the Ganeti OS interface
- To plug an appliance to Ganeti, we need a corresponding 'ExtStorage provider' which is a set of scripts residing under a directory.
- e.g. `/usr/share/ganeti/extstorage/provider1/`

# ExtStorage provider methods

Every ExtStorage provider should provide the following methods:

- Create a disk on the appliance
- Remove a disk from the appliance
- Grow a disk on the appliance
- Attach a disk to a given Ganeti node
- Detach a disk from a given Ganeti node
- SetInfo on a disk (add metadata)
- Verify the provider's supported parameters



# ExtStorage provider scripts

The methods are implemented in the corresponding 7 executable scripts, using appliance-specific tools:

```
# ls -l /usr/share/ganeti/extstorage/provider1
```

```
create  
remove  
grow  
attach  
detach  
setinfo  
verify
```

**attach** returns a block device path on success

Input via environment variables, e.g. VOL\_NAME, VOL\_SIZE

# The new 'ext' template

- Introduce a new externally mirrored disk template: **ext**
- Introduce a new disk option: **provider**

# Using the interface

## Example

Assuming two appliances visible by a Ganeti cluster and their two ExtStorage providers installed on all Ganeti nodes:

```
/usr/share/ganeti/extstorage/emc/*  
/usr/share/ganeti/extstorage/ibm/*  
  
# gnt-instance add -t ext --disk=0:size=2G,provider=emc  
  
# gnt-instance add -t ext --disk=0:size=2G,provider=emc \  
    --disk=1:size=1G,provider=emc \  
    --disk=2:size=10G,provider=ibm  
  
# gnt-instance modify --disk 3:add,size=20G,provider=ibm  
  
# gnt-instance migrate testvm1  
  
# gnt-instance migrate n- nodeX.example.com testvm1
```

# ExtStorage Interface dynamic parameters

Support for dynamic passing of arbitrary parameters to ExtStorage providers during instance creation/modification per-disk:

```
# gnt-instance add -t ext --disk=0:size=2G,provider=emc,param1=value1,param2=value2  
                        --disk=1:size=10G,provider=ibm,param3=value3,param4=value4
```

```
# gnt-instance modify --disk 2:add,size=3G,provider=emc,param5=value5
```

The above parameters will be exported to the ExtStorage provider's scripts as environment variables:

```
EXTP_PARAM1 = str(value1)  
EXTP_PARAM2 = str(value2)  
...
```

# The new 'gnt-storage' client

Inspired by `gnt-os`:

```
# gnt-storage diagnose  
# gnt-storage info
```

# Docs on the ExtStorage interface

```
man gnt-extstorage-interface
```

```
man gnt-storage
```

```
man gnt-instance {add,modify,migrate,failover}
```

Design doc: `design-shared-storage.rst`

# Thank You!

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