

Bacula

The Network Backup Solution

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Bacula – the Network Backup Tool for Linux, Mac, Unix and Windows

It comes by night and sucks the vital essence from your computers.

Introduction

Bacula is a network backup solution, designed for Linux, Mac OS, Unix and Windows systems.

Project goals:

- To be able to backup any client from a Palm to a mainframe computer with the same software
- To have “Enterprise” features similar to what are available in the largest commercial applications
- To assure compatibility of your data for at least 30 years (providing you have the appropriate hardware)
- A Free and Open Source (GPL v2 + additions) license

Introduction (cont)

Do you do backups?

- No
- Yes, I did one last month
- Yes, tarballs every week
- Sometimes I rsync ...
- Yes, CDs every week

Problems with this:

- Finding the files you need to restore
- Restoring to a point in time
- Knowing what was backed up when
- Scaling (how do you handle 2000 machines?)
- Bare-metal recovery is complex

Project History and Statistics

- **Bacula = Backup + Dracula**
- January 2000 – Project started
- 14 April 2002 – First release to Source Forge (version 1.16)
- 29 June 2006 – Release 1.38.11
- January 2007 – Release 2.0.0

- 41 Source Forge project members
- 33 developers with CVS write access
- 656 bugs.bacula.org
- 1,444 bacula-users@lists.sourceforge.net
- 712 bacula-announce@lists.sourceforge.net

- Downloads
 - 74 version 1.16
 - 10,919 version 1.36
 - 12,408 version 1.38.11

Bacula components

- Bacula Director
- Bacula File daemon
- Bacula Storage daemon
- Bacula Console
- Bacula Catalog
- Bacula Monitor

Bacula Components

Director

- Knows everything about everything
- Schedules, initiates and supervises all activities (Jobs)
- Runs backup, restore, verify and archive jobs
- Maintains the catalog
- Decides what files are backed up on which client and where
- Typically one Director except in very large shops

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File daemon

- Client program that communicates over network with Director and Storage daemon
- Does file backup and restore as requested by Director
- Installed on each system to be backed up
- Needs access to all files to be backed up
- Adapted specifically to each OS
- Typically multiple File daemons per Director

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Storage daemon

- Accepts commands from the Director
- Accepts data from File daemons (FD)
- Reads and writes data on the physical medium
 - Disk
 - Tape
 - DVD
 - USB
- Typically one per Director

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Console

- Allows user or administrator to control Bacula
- Communicates with Director via network
- Start, cancel, restore, verify backups
- Consoles available
 - TTY
 - wxWidgets (GUI) – Linux, Unix, Win32
 - Gnome (GUI)
 - Several web interfaces
- Restricted consoles (ACL) for security

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Catalog database

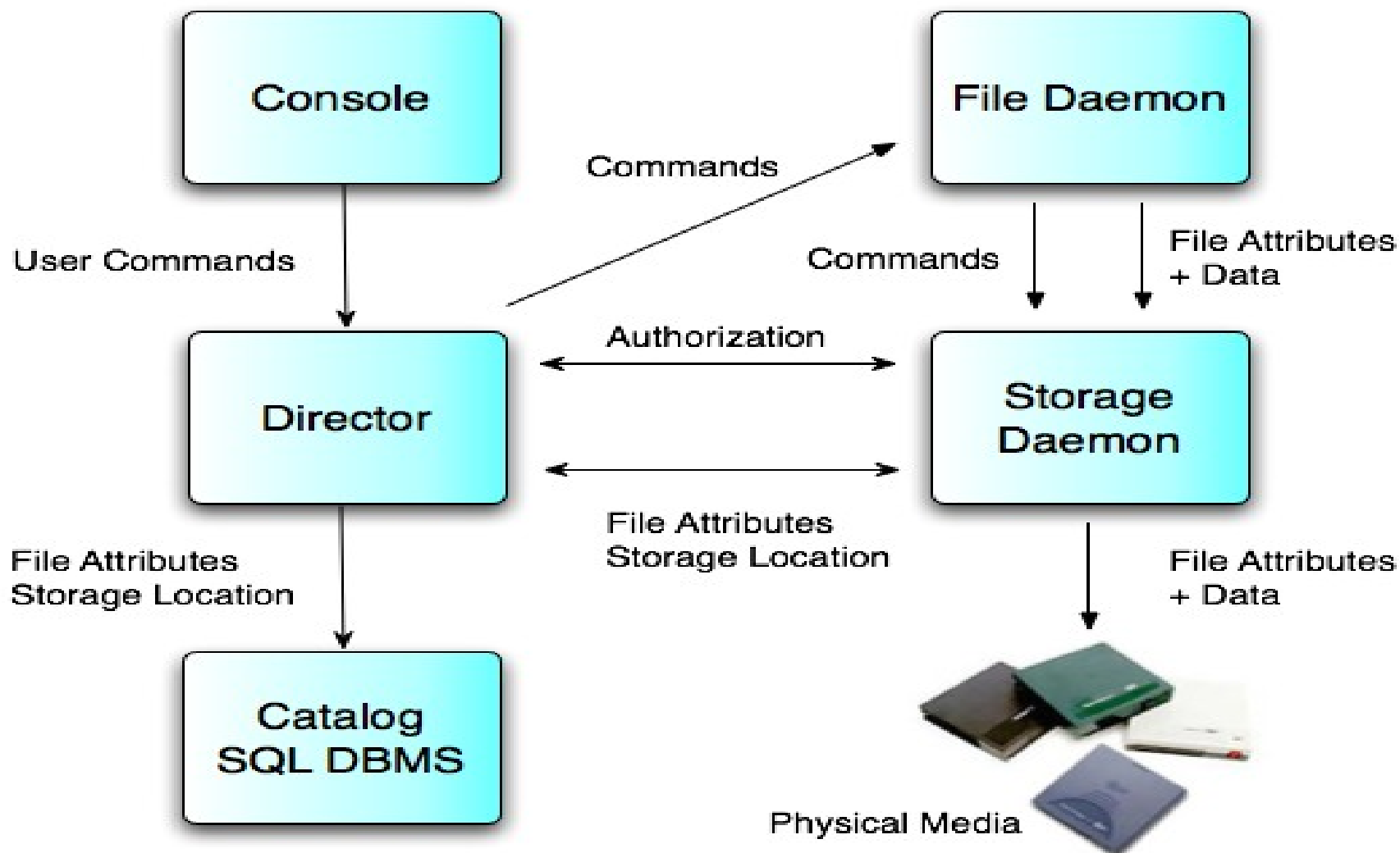
- SQL database (MySQL, PostgreSQL, or SQLite)
- Maintains indexes and Volume databases
- Permits rapid restores
- Allows inquiry of when and where files were backed up
- Supports multiple databases of selected type

Bacula Components

Tray Monitor

- Gnome/KDE/Win32 GUI tray applet to monitor components
- Queries Director, File daemons, Storage daemon
- Near real-time display of activity

Main Components



Features

- Distributed backup with a central server and catalog
- All components communicate via the network and can be deployed separately.
- Internal scheduler for automatic and simultaneous job execution with priorities.
- Interactive restore of one or more files from current backup or prior to a specified time and date (many more options).
- Simple administration with consoles (command line, GUI, and web)

Features (cont.)

- Support for ANSI / IBM labels
- Support for Unicode/Win32
- Support for direct writing on DVD
- Integrated Python interpreter for “event” (job start, end, ...) scripting
- Specification of multiple possible devices with automatic selection of a free device
- Rescue CDROM for “bare metal” recovery.

Bacula – Hardware Features

- Wide hardware support with configurable Device resources
- Support for multiple drive autochangers (libraries)
- Support for tape barcode readers
- Pool and Volume library management
- Backups can span multiple volumes
- Multiple backups (jobs, clients, OSes) per volume
- Rapid restoration of individual files (one user reported 4 to 6 hours with tar and 3 to 4 minutes with Bacula!).

Bacula – Security Features

- Director and Storage daemon can be run non-root
- MD5, SHA1, ... signatures for each file
- CRC checksum for each Volume block
- CRAM-MD5 daemon authorization
- Restricted consoles and tray-monitors
- Communications (TLS) encryption
- Data (PKI) encryption
- Tripwire like Verify feature

Technical Highlights

- Multi-OS support : Linux (all versions including the zSeries), Win32, Solaris, *BSD, Mac OS X, Irix, Tru64, AIX, HP-UX
- Backup to disk or tape with spooling capability to avoid “shoe-shine” on tapes
- Backup/restore of POSIX Access Control Lists (ACL)
- Support for large files (>2GB) and 64 bit architectures
- Multi-thread implementation
- Originally written in C, now converted to a subset of C++

Bacula Configuration - Job

Jobs are the basic unifying structure

- Type – what to do, backup, restore, migrate, ...
- Level – level of detail of type
- FileSet – what to and what not to backup
- Client – where to get the files
- Storage – where to put the files (which hardware)
- Pool – which set of Volumes (tapes, files) to use
- Schedule – when to do it

Bacula Configuration – Job Type

- Backup – save files
- Migration – move files from Volume to Volume
- Verify – verify Volumes or Client files
- Admin – run administrative tasks
- Restore – restore files

Bacula Configuration – Job Level

- Full – everything defined in FileSet
- Differential – everything changed since last Full
- Incremental – everything changed since last Full, Diff
- Catalog – Compare Client files to catalog
- InitCatalog – Create base for Client comparison
- VolumeToCatalog – verify Volume files to catalog
- DiskToCatalog – verify Client files to catalog

Bacula Configuration – FileSet

- Include/Exclude files and/or directories
- Regex or wildcard for file/directory name selection
- Compression using similar selection criteria
- Which filesystem types to backup
- ACL support selection
- Sparse file handling
- Signature (MD5, SHA1, ...)

Bacula – Director Configuration File

```
Director {  
  Name = bacula-dir  
  DIRport = 9101  
  Query File = "/usr/local/etc/query.sql"  
  Working Directory = "/var/bacula"  
  PID Directory = "/var/run"  
  Maximum Concurrent Jobs = 20  
  Password = "secret"  
  Messages = Standard  
}
```

Bacula – Director Configuration File (cont)

```
Job {  
  Name = "Laptop"  
  Type = Backup  
  Client = laptop-fd  
  FileSet = "Full Set"  
  Schedule = "Weekly Cycle"  
  Storage = File  
  Messages = Standard  
  Pool = Standard  
  Write Bootstrap = "/var/bacula/laptop.bsr"  
  Priority = 10  
}
```

Bacula – Director Configuration File (cont)

```
Client {  
  Name = laptop-fd  
  Address = laptop.example.org  
  FDPort = 9102  
  Catalog = MyCatalog  
  Password = "secret-fd"  
  File Retention = 30 days  
  Job Retention = 6 months  
  AutoPrune = yes  
  Maximum Concurrent Jobs = 20  
}
```


Bacula – Director Configuration File (cont)

```
FileSet {  
  Name = "Full Set"  
  Include {  
    File = /  
    File = /usr  
    File = /var  
  }  
  Exclude {  
    File = /proc  
    File = /tmp  
    File = /sys  
    File = /.journal  
  }  
}
```

Bacula – Director Configuration File (cont)

```
Schedule {  
    Name = "Weekly Cycle"  
    Run = Level=Full 1st sun at 2:05  
    Run = Level=Differential 2nd-5st sun at 2:05  
    Run = Level=Incremental mon-sat at 2:05  
}
```

Bacula – File daemon Configuration File

```
FileDaemon {  
  Name = laptop-fd  
  FD Port = 9102  
  Working Directory = /var/bacula  
  PID Directory = /var/run  
}
```

```
Director {  
  Name = bacula-dir  
  Password = "secret-fd"  
}
```

Bacula – Storage Configuration File

```
Storage {  
  Name = bacula-sd  
  SD Port = 9103  
  Working Directory = /var/bacula  
  PID Directory = /var/run  
}
```

```
Director {  
  Name = bacula-dir  
  Password = "secret-sd"  
}
```

Bacula – Storage Configuration File (cont)

```
Device {  
  Name = FileStorage  
  Device Type = File    # DVD, Tape, FIFO  
  Media Type = File  
  Archive Device = /usr/bacula-backups  
  Label Media = yes  
  Random Access = yes  
}
```

```
AutoChanger {  
  ...  
}
```

Developers

Most developers believe that backup programs are not very “sexy”. However, they **are** extremely complicated:

- Database – SQL
- GUI
- Web
- Networking
- OS (every bit must be restored)
- Restore
 - Full, Diff, Inc
 - Find Volumes
 - Directory tree (100 million records, 5 million files)
 - where is the file?
- Job resource allocation (drives, Volumes)
- Differencing

Project development

Site : <http://www.bacula.org/>

Development style:

- Open with SourceForge project
- Patches and commits reviewed, and releases planned by K. Sibbald
- Developer Subversion access. Currently 33 developers may commit.
- Comprehensive developer's guide with code style guidelines
- All code tested using a regression test suite.
- Email list for developers (bacula-devel).

Release organization:

- Development code in Subversion HEAD
- Releases are maintained/updated via stable branches

Resources

Downloads : <http://download.sourceforge.net/bacula>

For IT professionals and system administrators

- Manual: <http://www.bacula.org/rel-manual/index.html>
- OS and Hardware compatibility lists (in manual)
- Bugs reports: <http://bugs.bacula.org/>
- Email support list : bacula-users@lists.sf.net

For developers

- Docs : <http://www.bacula.org/developers/index.html>
- Email list : bacula-devel@lists.sf.net
- CVS at Source Forge

Credits

Thanks

- Dan Langille who created the original presentation
- Karl Cunningham who updated it
- The presentation draws heavily on their work

A .pdf copy of this presentation can be found at:

<http://www.bacula.org/presentations/Bacula-FOSDEM-talk-25Feb07.pdf>





Live Demo

The following slides are not part of this slide show but are screenshots of the live demo that will be presented after the slide show.

Informations

Total clients: 11 Total bytes stored: 1.0 Tb Total media: 3
 Database size: ??? Total Pool: 1 Total Job: 1334
 Job failed (last 7 days): 0

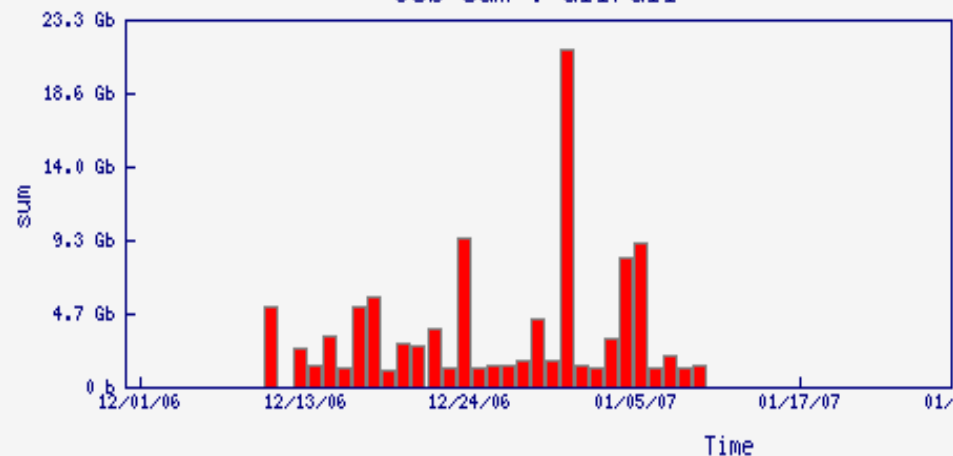
Running Jobs

JobId ▾	Client	Job Name	Level	Start Time	Duration	Status	Select
1038	Rufus	Rufus	Incr (since last backup)	2006-10-07 10:52:20	2285:49:00		
343	Matou	Matou	Incr (since last backup)	2006-03-21 14:32:06	7081:09:14		



Statistics





Job sum : all/all

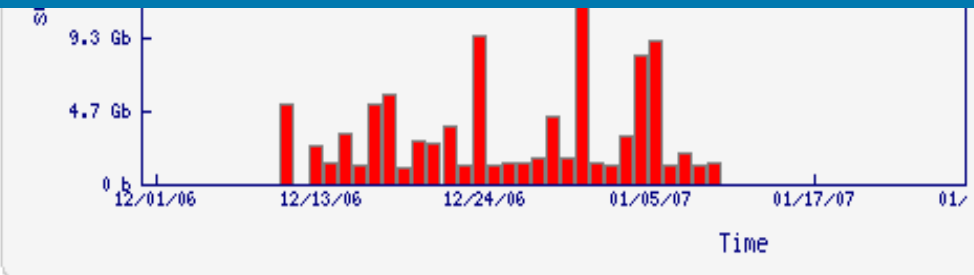


Last Jobs (limited to 10)

JobId ▾	Client	Job Name	FileSet	Level	StartTime	Duration	JobFiles	JobBytes	Errors	Status
1436	Roxie	CatabgBackup	CatalogFile	F	2007-01-10 05:04:32	00:00:13	1	345.5 Mb	0	✓
1435	Minou	Minou	Minou Full Set	I	2007-01-10 03:17:18	00:00:09	1	236 b	0	✓
1434	Tibs	Tibs	Win32 Full Set	I	2007-01-10 03:13:42	00:03:29	24	2.3 Mb	0	✓
1433	Rufus	Rufus	RufusAll	I	2007-01-10 03:08:50	00:04:45	3695	657.2 Mb	0	✓

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1433	Rufus	Rufus	RufusAll	I	2007-01-10 03:08:50	00:04:45	3695	657.2 Mb	0	
1432	Matou	Matou	Matou Set	I	2007-01-10 03:05:03	00:03:43	158	428.9 Mb	0	
1431	Roxie	CatalogBackup	CatalogFile	F	2007-01-09 05:04:31	00:00:13	1	345.1 Mb	0	
1430	Minou	Minou	Minou Full Set	I	2007-01-09 03:16:13	00:00:09	1	236 b	0	
1429	Tibs	Tibs	Win32 Full Set	I	2007-01-09 03:12:35	00:03:31	26	2.3 Mb	0	
1428	Rufus	Rufus	RufusAll	I	2007-01-09 03:08:20	00:04:05	333	543.4 Mb	0	
1427	Matou	Matou	Matou Set	I	2007-01-09 03:05:04	00:03:12	137	375.9 Mb	0	

Information about job

JobId^	Client	Job Name	FileSet	Level	StartTime	Duration	JobFiles	JobBytes	Errors	Pool	Volume Name	Status
1433	Rufus	Rufus	RufusAll	I	2007-01-10 03:08:50	00:04:45	3695	657.2 Mb	0	Default	LTO-004	✓

 Delete
  View media
  View jobs
  View stats
  View FileSet

Log : Rufus on Rufus (1433)

```

roxie-dir: Start Backup JobId 1433, Job=Rufus.2007-01-10_03.05.01
roxie-sd: Spooling data ...
roxie-fd: /boot is a different filesystem. Will not descend from / into /boot
roxie-fd: /home is a different filesystem. Will not descend from / into /home
roxie-fd: /tmp is a different filesystem. Will not descend from / into /tmp
roxie-fd: /usr is a different filesystem. Will not descend from / into /usr
roxie-fd: /sys is a different filesystem. Will not descend from / into /sys
roxie-fd: /dev is a different filesystem. Will not descend from / into /dev
roxie-fd: /mnt is a different filesystem. Will not descend from / into /mnt
roxie-fd: /net is a different filesystem. Will not descend from / into /net
roxie-fd: /smb is a different filesystem. Will not descend from / into /smb
roxie-fd: /misc is a different filesystem. Will not descend from / into /misc
roxie-sd: Job write elapsed time = 00:04:26, Transfer rate = 2.592 M bytes/second
roxie-sd: Committing spooled data to Volume "LTO-004". Despooling 690,353,872 bytes ...
roxie-sd: Despooling elapsed time = 00:00:11, Transfer rate = 62.75 M bytes/second
roxie-sd: Sending spooled attrs to the Director. Despooling 1,025,113 bytes ...
roxie-dir: Bacula 2.0.0 (28Dec06): 10-Jan-2007 03:13:35
  
```

```

JobId:          1433
Job:            Rufus.2007-01-10_03.05.01
Backup Level:   Incremental, since=2007-01-09 03:08:20
Client:         "Rufus" 1.39.34 (28Dec06) i686-pc-linux-gnu,suse,10.2
FileSet:        "RufusAll" 2005-12-26 19:31:20
Pool:           "Default" (From Job resource)
Storage:        "LTO-changer" (From Job resource)
Scheduled time: 10-Jan-2007 03:05:00
Start time:     10-Jan-2007 03:08:50
End time:       10-Jan-2007 03:13:35
Elapsed time:   4 mins 45 secs
Priority:        10
FD Files Written: 3,695
  
```

```
roxie-sd: Spooling data ...
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Start time: 10-Jan-2007 03:08:50
End time: 10-Jan-2007 03:13:35
Elapsed time: 4 mins 45 secs
Priority: 10
FD Files Written: 3,695
SD Files Written: 3,695
FD Bytes Written: 689,101,439 (689.1 MB)
SD Bytes Written: 689,599,036 (689.5 MB)
Rate: 2417.9 KB/s
Software Compression: None
VSS: no
Encryption: no
Volume name(s): LTO-004
Volume Session Id: 28
Volume Session Time: 1167914635
Last Volume Bytes: 297,401,029,632 (297.4 GB)
Non-fatal FD errors: 0
SD Errors: 0
FD termination status: OK
SD termination status: OK
Termination: Backup OK
```

FileSet RufusAll



What is included :

```
/
/boot
/home
/usr
```









What is excluded :

```
/home/kern/bacula/bin/working
/home/kern/bacula/working
.journal
.autofsck
/proc
lost+found
/var/tmp
/var/lock
/var/spool/cups/tmp
/usr/tmp
```

Tips: Warning, this is the current fileset, it could have changed ...

Filter**Media Type****Location****Status****Pool****Name****Number of items****Media**

Volume Name^	Online	Vol Bytes	Vol Usage	Vol Status	Pool	Media Type	Last Written	When expire ?	Select
LTO-001		368.7 Gb		Full	Default	LTO-2	2006-05-05 03:48:33	2007-05-05 03:48:33	<input type="checkbox"/>
LTO-003		389.8 Gb		Full	Default	LTO-2	2006-10-07 03:32:53	2007-10-07 03:32:53	<input type="checkbox"/>
LTO-004		277.3 Gb		Append	Default	LTO-2	2007-01-10 05:04:44	2008-01-10 05:04:44	<input type="checkbox"/>



Statistics

Options

Level

Status

Age

Size

 Width:

 Height:
Clients

- Matou
- MatouVerify
- Minou
- Polymatou
- Roxie
- Rufus
- RufusVerify
- Tibs
- Timmy
- Watchdog
- timmy-fd

Job Name

- CatalogBackup
- Matou
- Minou
- Polymatou
- RestoreFiles
- Rufus
- Tibs
- Timmy

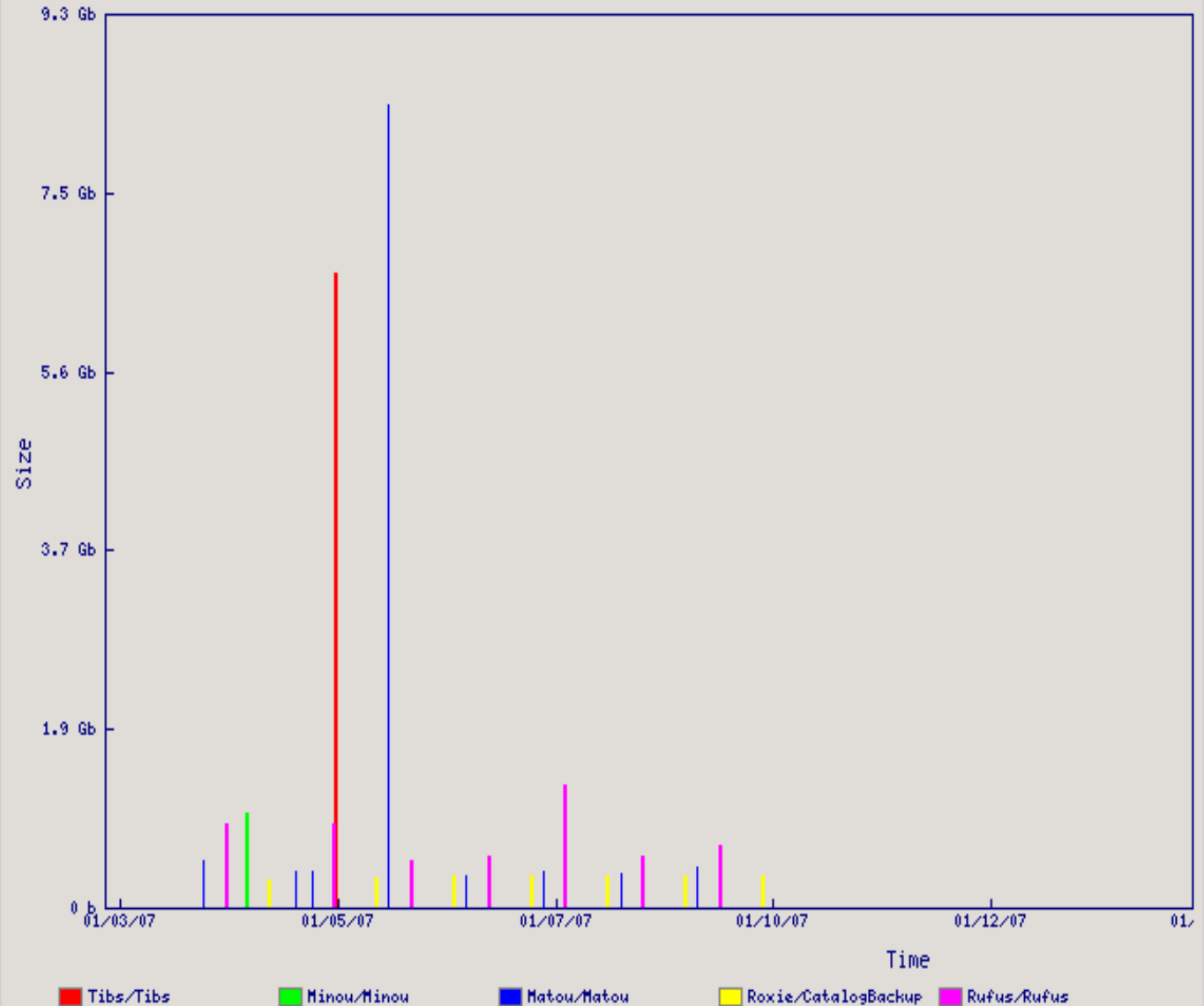
Type

Number of items

Graph type

Current





Job Size : all/all



Clients

Name^	Select	Desc	Auto Prune	File Retention	Job Retention
Matou	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.39.29 (04Dec06) i686-pc-linux-gnu,redhat,(Stentz)	1	30 days	365 days
MatouVerify	<input type="checkbox"/>		1	30 days	30 days
Minou	<input type="checkbox"/>	Windows NT 4.0,MVS,NT 4.0.1381	1	30 days	365 days
Polymatou	<input type="checkbox"/>	i686-pc-linux-gnu,redhat,(Stentz)	1	30 days	365 days
Roxie	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.0.0 (28Dec06) i686-pc-linux-gnu,suse,10.2	1	30 days	365 days
Rufus	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.39.34 (28Dec06) i686-pc-linux-gnu,suse,10.2	1	30 days	365 days
RufusVerify	<input type="checkbox"/>	i686-pc-linux-gnu,redhat,(Bordeaux)	1	30 days	30 days
Tibs	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.0.0 (04Jan07) Linux,Cross-compile,Win32	1	30 days	365 days
Timmy	<input type="checkbox"/>	i686-pc-linux-gnu,redhat,(Stentz)	1	30 days	365 days
timmy-fd	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.0.0 (28Dec06) i686-pc-linux-gnu,suse,10.2	1	30 days	365 days
Watchdog	<input type="checkbox"/>		1	24 hours	30 days

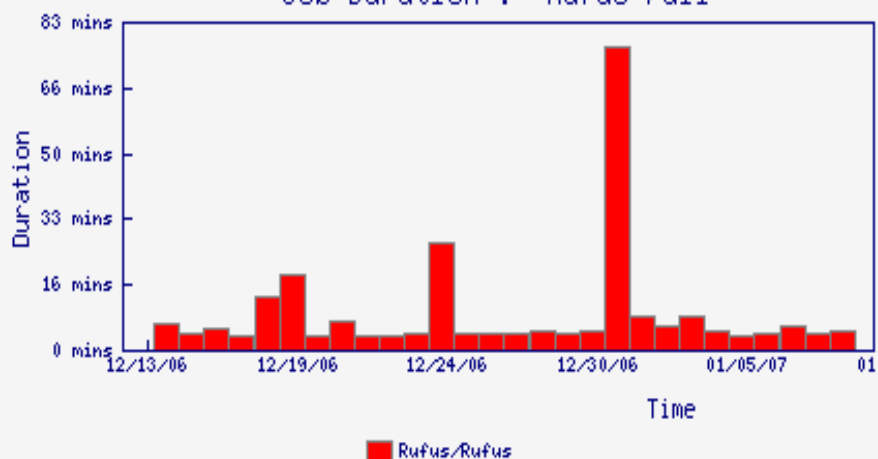
Actions

 Last jobs  Current jobs  Status  Stats

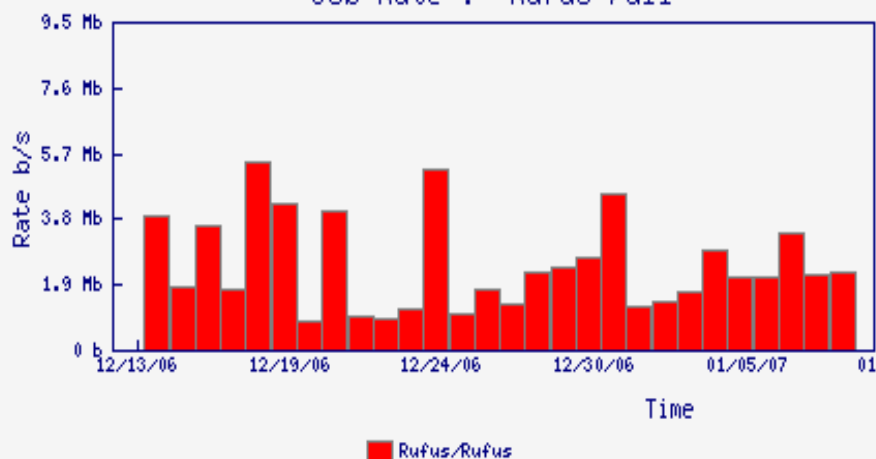
Client : Rufus (last 7 days)

Name^	Nb Jobs	Nb Bytes	Nb Files	Nb Errors
Rufus	7	5.3 Gb	44540	0

Job Duration : 'Rufus'/all



Job Rate : 'Rufus'/all



Job Size : 'Rufus'/all

