GNU/Linux Administration - Bug #243

Problems Synchronizing Web Site Files To Central NFS Server

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Description

While moving web site files to the central NFS server, I kept getting permission denied errors while changing ownership of files. I managed to find a work around for this, I needed to add the **no_root_squash** option to the NFS share being exported.

By default, NFS shares change the root user to the **nfsnobody** user, an unprivileged user account. In this way, all root-created files are owned by **nfsnobody**, which prevents uploading of programs with the setuid bit set.

If **no_root_squash** is used, remote root users are able to change any file on the shared file system and leave trojaned applications for other users to inadvertently execute.

I use FreeNAS, so I cannot just edit files willy-nilly on the filesystem. However, there is an option in its web GUI that allows this option to be setup. From the web GUI, go to <u>Sharing -> Unix(NFS) Shares -> ShareName</u> and set the **Mapall User** to **root**

Resources

- http://www.centos.org/docs/4/4.5/Security Guide/s2-server-nfs-noroot.html
- http://blog.binarymist.net/2010/05/16/setting-up-a-nfs-share-in-freenas/

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