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What is new in Spectrum Scale 5.0.5?



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IBM Spectrum Scale Release Update 5.0.5

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Spectrum Scale Developer Edition!

Advanced storage management of unstructured data for cloud, big data, analytics, objects and more

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Fully functional!

- Derived from Data Management Edition (DME)
- Limited to 12 TBs: enough for a small test cluster
- Available from the Scale "try and buy" page on ibm.com
- Released after ptf of new release (5.0.5.1)

<u>Free for non-production</u> use, e.g. test, learning, upgrade prep...

- If you have to ask, it's probably not permitted

Not formally supported

IBM Spectrum Scale





- IBM Spectrum Scale Bridge for Grafana
- IBM Spectrum Scale cloud install
- IBM Spectrum Scale Container Storage Interface driver
- IBM Spectrum Scale install infra
- IBM Spectrum Scale Security Posture
- Oracle Cloud Infrastructure IBM Spectrum Scale terraform template
- SpectrumScale_ECE_CAPACITY_ESTIMATOR
- SpectrumScale_ECE_OS_OVERVIEW
- SpectrumScale_ECE_OS_READINESS
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- SpectrumScale_ECE_tuned_profile
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Find open source tools that are related with IBM Spectrum Scale.

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Spectrum Scale version compatibility with OS or kernels

Updated regularly!

Spectrum Scale 5.0.5



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An Extended Update Support (EUS) release Simplifies ownership of Spectrum Scale

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An Extended Update Support (EUS) release Simplifies ownership of Spectrum Scale

Scale V4.2.3 "incidentally" became an EUS-like release

- As the last Mod pack for the 4.2 release, 4.2.3 continues to receive PTFs, so it's a lot like an EUS release
- We allowed the 4.2.x release stream to stay supported for a very long time, partly because it is the last release to support older Linux distros
- However, until we announced End of Service (EOS), nobody knew for sure how long that would last, which is not good for planning

This time, we are doing EUS officially with V5.0.5

- You can remain current on security and other fixes without the expense of functional upgrades
- You can choose to take advantage of Versions and Releases while skipping Mod packs
- You will know even before GA how long to expect support and can plan accordingly





Sidebar: Release nomenclature at IBM

IBM identifies software by V.R.M.F

- V = Version number ("**5**.0.0.0")
 - Indicates a separate IBM licensed program that usually has significant new code or new function
 - Typically has new Part Numbers
 - Major feature changes
- R = Release number ("5.1.0.0")
 - Minor feature changes
- M = Mod level ("5.0.**4**.0")
 - Can include new functionality
 - Can include OS currency updates
 - Typically twice a year for Scale
- F = Fix pack, commonly known as PTF ("5.0.4.1")
 - Security and functional fixes
 - Cumulative
 - No new functionality

For details, see: <u>https://www.ibm.com/support/pages/vrmf-</u> maintenance-stream-delivery-vehicle-terminology-explanation

IBM is using a standard version format for MDV. The product numbering is based on the IBN and Fix Level structure within the V.R.M.F format.

The following table provides details of the individual version elements.

Note: Although not all of the version elements are publically available, they are all fully supp

Numbered element	Example	Description
V - Version number	(7.0.0.0)	 Indicates a separate IBM licer significant new code or new full
		• Number limit from 0-99
		 Major feature changes.
		• Starts a 5 year maintenance of
		Downloads found on Passpor
R - Release number	(7. 0 .0.0)	 Minor feature change release
		 Number limit from 0-99
		• Starts a 5 year maintenance of
		Downloads found on Passpor
M - Modification number	(7.0. 0 .0)	 Manufacturing refresh also re
		Pack.
		 Number limit from 0-9999







Releases and the support lifecycle at IBM

Support life is determined by V.R numbers and the "3+2" support lifecycle

- Each Version or Release of Scale is supported for at least three years from the GA date. A change to the V or R digit starts a new clock
- A new Mod level or Fix pack does *not* start a new clock
- After EOS, IBM may offer "extended support" for up to two years. This does not include PTFs

Typical Scale release cadence

- New Version or Release every 3 5 years
- New Mod level six months (5.0.1, 5.0.2, 5.0.3, 5.0.4, 5.0.5)
- PTFs delivered ~6 to 8 weeks apart

What is supported?

- All Mod levels of a currently active release remain supported, i.e. you can call IBM for help
- PTFs are provided ONLY for the most current Mod level of each supported release
 - Currently 4.2.3 and 5.0.5
- This will be important later!

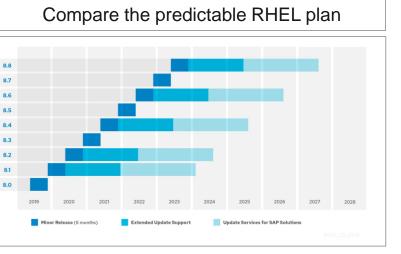


An Extended Update release simplifies ownership

An extended update support release allows customers to receive a fix stream without taking new features

- Security and other fixes continue even after the next release
- On Linux distros, known as EUS (Extended Update Support) or LTS (Long Term Support)
- Eliminates need for extensive re-testing in order to stay secure
- Allows better dependency management both upstream (OS) and downstream (apps such as SAP or Oracle)

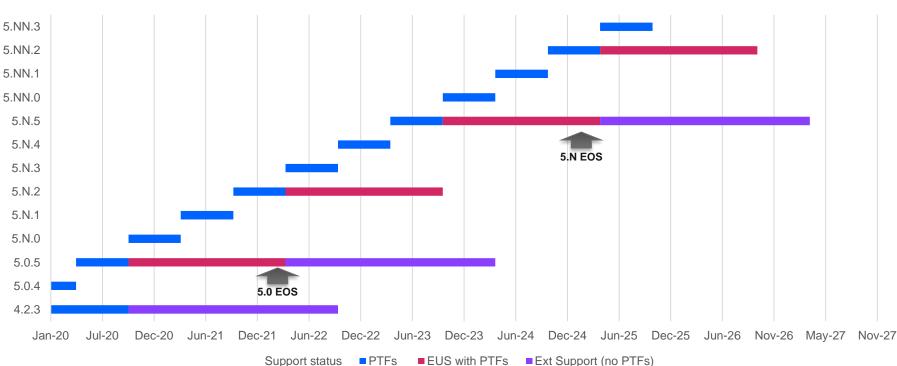






Every third release has extended updates with additional 18 months of PTFs





Scale Support lifetimes

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Scale EUS and RHEL EUS Alignment

Scale release	Planned date	7.x *	8.0	8.1	8.2	8.4	8.6	8.8	9.x?
5.0.4	4Q2019								
5.0.5 EUS	2Q2020								
5.N.0	4Q2020								
5.N.1	2Q2021								
5.N.2 EUS	4Q2021								
5.N.3	2Q2022								
5.N.4	4Q2022								
5.N.5 EUS	2Q2023								
5.NN.0	4Q2023								
5.NN.1	2Q2024								

*See Knowledge Center for details of RHEL7 support. Subject to changes to Red Hat release plans beyond RHEL7.8



Executive Summary

New Scale Version or Release every three years *or more* (as today)

Mod packs ~every six months (as today)

Extended Update release every 18 months

- i.e. every third Mod pack comes with EUS

Customers can get a PTF stream...

- Either by staying with the Extended Update release
- Or (as today) by moving with each Mod pack
- 5.0.5 will be our first planned Extended Update release
- Will release six months before 4.2.3 goes EOS to allow for managed migration
- Will also be the last 5.0.x and eligible for Extended support

Subsequent Extended Update releases will overlap by six months to support managed migration







Monitoring, Availability and Proactive Services (MAPS)

Protocols

Security



TRIM support for NVMe devices

 NSD configuration and the new mmreclaimspace command to enable TRIM support, which reduces write amplification on solid-state devices under certain workloads

Thin provisioning support (RPQ only)

- Add the ability to use thinly provisioned and compressed volumes for both file system data and metadata
- Contact your sales or account team (RPQ / SCORE process) for assessment on the use of thin provisioning

The following features are added to thin provisioning:

- Online disk type change for space reclaim
- Autodetection on space reclaimable disk
- Methods to reclaim space





RHEL 7.8/8.1 support

Windows Server 2019 NSD Server and NSD Client support

- Support cp --preserve=xattr
- E.g. for migrating into a 5.x "variable subblock" file system
- POSIX and NFSv4 ACLs are copied.





Install / Upgrade toolkit

- Better handling short vs FQDN hostnames during install / upgrade
- ECE Rolling Upgrade from 5.0.4.3 to 5.0.5
- Spectrum Scale on Z
- CES with NFS and SMB are **RPQ** only supported
- CES GUI, Health, Performance Monitors
- mmuserauth authentication setup







mmchconfig has minIndBlkDescs attribute

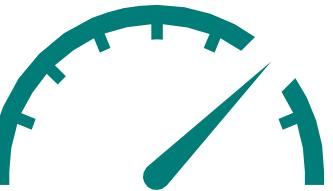
 ensure that more indirect block descriptors are cached in memory.
 Increasing the value of this attribute can improve the performance of some applications that do direct I/O.

mmchconfig has maxReceiverThreads

 can improve TCP performance by reducing the number of sockets that each receiver thread must handle.

mmchattr --compact has suboptions indblk and fragment

 increase available disk space by recovering unused indirect blocks or data subblocks from files.



mmcheckquota improved performance

- Fix slow down in while traversing very large sparse inode zero file
- Improvement for certain FSs with several independent filesets

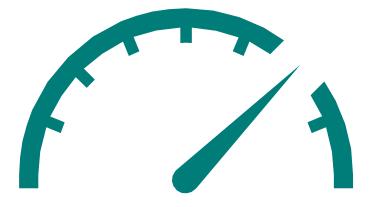
Improve **mmrestripefs** performance

- Better self-tuning on the number of threads for ESSs

Speed up "Is -I" on a large directory with lots of fileset junctions

- Less time spent on lookups





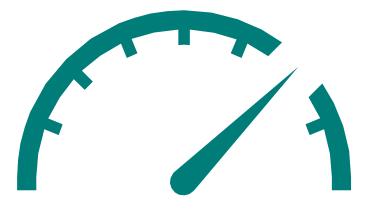
Eliminate zero link count inodes in snapshots

- E.g. avoid moving unnecessary blocks when snapshot is deleted

Add a configuration option that will establish all-to-all daemon connections after mmfsd starts

Performance is improved for **mmap** read workloads when multiple threads read the same file.





MAPS: Health Improvements

Detect OOM killer runs

- Detect if Linux Out of memory killer has run and warn about it
- New command "mmhealth event resolve" to manually clear OOM event

NumaMemoryInterleave enabled but dependencies missing

- Numactl command required to control NUMA settings

NFS Monitoring improvements

- NFS Monitoring RPC Nullcheck behavior improved
- Prevent NFS from starting up when remote mount is not available





MAPS: Performance Monitoring

Top-k Performance Sensor

- Collect the Top 10 processes (by CPU Usage) and provide a reporting with CPU/Memory
- New command "mmperfmon report"

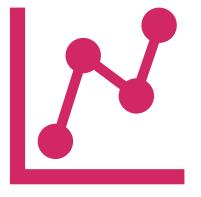
Improve Network sensor for Docker

- allow custom filters to filter out virtual temporary docker interfaces
- Use "mmperfmon config" command to modify the filter

Performance Threshold Improvements

- New measurement MemoryAvailable_percent
- Default threshold rules deactivated if the corresponding sensor is not configured





MAPS: Call Home Improvements

Show Configuration changes between two call home uploads

- New command "mmcallhome status diff"

```
[root@g5050-11 blah_old]# mmcallhome status diff --last-days 2
Active Config (modified)
        Maxfilestocache : 100010 --> 10
Cluster Data (modified)
        Maxfilestocache : 100010 --> 10
```



Enforce config options like customer name, customer ID.

- Show health tip if missing

And more....

- sudo wrapper support, Test connection of ungrouped nodes, add/del nodes from group



MAPS: GUI Improvements



Support for Watch Folders:

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						IN_MOVED_TO					
						IN_MOVE_SELF					

Display NVMe information for physical Disks for ESS and ECE

Configure overlapping ID ranges for AD + RFC2307

Protocols: SMB



Added the best practices for using SMB to the Knowledge Center.

Recovery lock: The SMB clustering component now uses a global file lock to maintain cluster integrity.

File handles for Mac clients: The SMB service returns file handles built upon the GPFS inode number, generation number, and snapshot number to Mac clients instead of just 0.

Error messages and trouble shooting procedures have been improved for SMB share modes.



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Spectrum Scale Release	General Availability	Samba Version	Platform Support (accum.)
4.1.1	2Q15	4.2	x86_64/RHEL7
4.2.0	4Q15	4.3	ppc64/RHEL7
4.2.1	2Q16	4.3	x86_64/SLES12
4.2.2	4Q16	4.4	ppc64le, ppc64, x86_64 / RHEL7.2
4.2.3.0 - 4.2.3.8	2Q17	4.5	x86_64, ppc64, ppc64le / RHEL 7.3, 7.4
5.0.0	4Q17	4.6	x86_64/Ubuntu 16.04.2
5.0.1	1Q18	4.6	RHEL 7.5 (5.0.1.1)
5.0.2 >= 4.2.3.9	3Q18	4.6	+ Ubuntu 18.04
5.0.3	2Q19	4.9	RHEL 7.6 (bringing mutex fixes)
5.0.4	4Q2019	4.9	RHEL8
5.0.5	2Q2020	4.11	

Protocols: NFS-Ganesha V2.7.5-ibm057.00



Use the ganesha_stats command to enable, disable, or retrieve these statistics.

- client_io_ops READ, WRITE of all supported NFS protocols (NFSv3, NFSv4.0) exerted by the NFS client (client IP address).
 - Understand I/O workload exerted by a specific NFS client.
- client_all_ops NFSv3, NLM, NFSv4.0. Disabled by default.
 - Understand all workload exerted by the NFS client.

DNS-related stats can be captured as a part of the authentication statistics collection.

Various improvements in metadata caching module (MDCACHE), which includes the directory listing area.

Prevent NFS from starting up when remote mount is not available.

NFS Monitoring RPC Nullcheck behavior improved. System health monitor sends NFSv3 / NFSv4 NULL requests to check if Ganesha is active. Allow a Spectrum Scale file system to surface into a pod/container running inside OpenShift or Kubernetes

Container Storage Interface (CSI) version 2.0.0

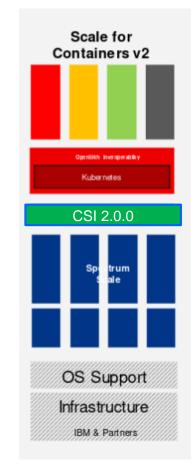
https://github.com/IBM/ibm-spectrum-scale-csi

Upgraded sidecar images

Protocols: Containers

- Support for Red Hat® OpenShift® 4.4 and Kubernetes 1.18
- Support for imagePullSecrets
- Upgraded the operator-sdk version from 0.11.0 to 0.17.0
- Upgraded the ansible-operator version from v0.14.0 to v0.17.0
- Improved custom resource parameter validation and error messages
- Improvements in the debug data collection tool

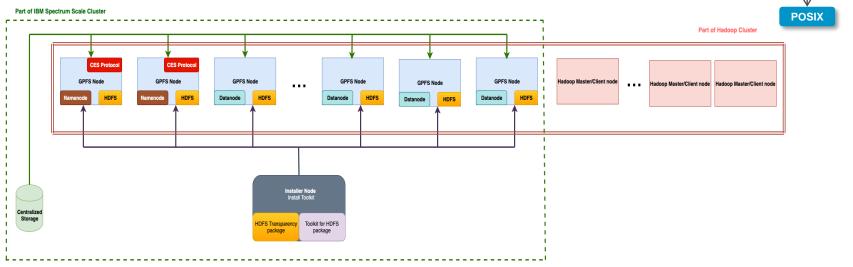




Protocols: HDFS Transparency 3.1.1

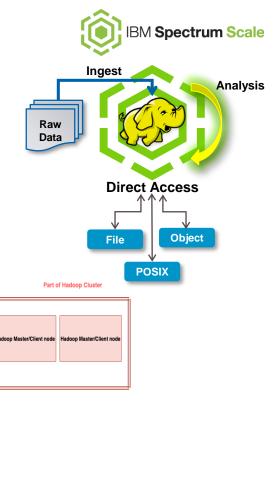
Integrates with CES protocol and IBM Spectrum Scale installation toolkit for NameNode service

Supports Open Source Apache Hadoop distribution and RedHat Enterprise Linux operating systems.



gpfs.snap --hadoop to collect logs

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Active File Management (AFM)



Support dependent filesets inside an AFM or AFM-DR fileset.

Increase number of threads for prefetch operation:

- # mmafmctl <fs> prefetch -j <fileset> --list-file <listfile_path> -prefetch-threads 6

Migration enhancements for AFM data migration.

 Set the afmReadDirOnce and afmRefreshOnce parameters of AFM to improve performance during the data migration procedure.

Support of fast create for AFM and AFM-DR.

- Fast create reduces the number of operations that are generated at the time of file creation at the cache.
- E.g. for applications which are generating a lots of files ex. tar, git, make etc.



Security-Enhanced Linux (SELinux) enforcing mode is supported.

Security

TLS 1.3 Support

- Spectrum Scale GUI & REST API

Encryption

- File encryption now supports SKLM 4.0 as a Remote Key Management (RKM) server.
- Qualification of Thales DSM 6.3
- Renew expired client certificates without recreating a new client

RPM Package signing support for installation & upgrade

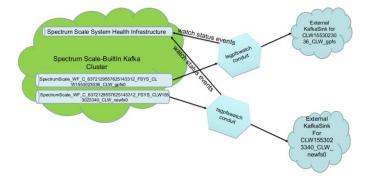




File Audit Logging (FAL) and Watch Folders

Watch Folders (mmwatch)

- Support for sending events to a secondary sink when a watch is suspended



Audit logging on fileset level

- With fileset file audit logging, you can specify a list of filesets to enable or skip from a file system.





Changed



Command	Summary of Changes
mmafmconfig	Parameter Show added. It displays all the existing maps. Each map displays the mapping of a gateway node and home NFS server pair that is separated by a comma ','.
mmafmctl	Various changes to "mmafmctl Device prefetch". This option is used for pre-fetching file contents from home before the application requests for the contents. This reduces the network delay when the application performs data transfers on file and data that is not in cache.
mmaudit	Usingcompliant option is possible to specify that the file audit logging fileset that is created to hold the file audit logging files will be IAM mode compliant. It is also possible to indicate a list of filesets within the filesystem to audit or skip filesets by using the options –filesets and –skip-filesets respectively.
mmchconfig	It allows to change the value of new file system attributes including: maxReceiverThreads, minIndBlkDescs and nsdRAIDBufferPoolSizePct.
mmchfileset	It allows to change the value of new fileset attributes to configure AFM including: afmFastCreate, afmReadDirOnce and afmRefreshOnce.
mmkeyserv	update attribute has been added to replace an expired or unexpired client certificate with a new one in the specified key client.
mmwatch	upgrade parameter has been added to converts all active clustered watches to use the IBM Spectrum Scale system health infrastructure. During the conversion process, conduits are disabled and then re- enabled.
spectrumscale	workload parameter added to set the installation toolkit to prompt users to shut down their workloads before an upgrade. The setup type must be ece for using this option.

Deprecated



Category	Deprecated Functionality	Recommended Action
Security	The use of TLS 1.0 and 1.1 for authorization with the GUI/REST API server	Upgrade to TLS 1.2 or later
GUI/REST API	The use of TLS 1.0 and 1.1 for authorization with the GUI/REST API server	Upgrade to TLS 1.2 or later
Cloud	Storage Enabler for Containers (SEC)	Adopt the CSI driver. Note that we plan to discontinue support for SEC in the next release.
Platforms	Encryption acceleration library for Power7 (CliC)	If encryption performance is critical, plan to migrate to newer generations of Power systems. Note that we plan to discontinue support for CliC in the next release.
Platforms	Support for Power7	Plan to migrate to newer generations of Power systems.

Discontinued



Category	Discontinued Functionality	Recommended Action
HDFS Transparency	Support for IBM BigInsights for Apache Hadoop	IBM BigInsights for Apache Hadoop is no longer supported by IBM. Consequently, IBM Spectrum Scale no longer supports the use of BigInsights as a Hadoop connection.
Platforms	Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008 R2	Upgrade to a supported version of Windows.





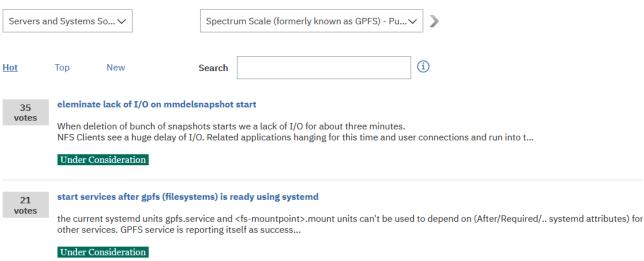
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