

Samba Implementation is Making Progress.

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Quite a few, new things are now in an alpha/beta stage for the next update of ZETA, one of them is the implementation of the latest stable version of SAMBA, v3.0.23. As you can see from the screenshot, ZETA is now "dancing" beautifully with Linux servers.

If you have two computers in the house, a laptop and a desktop, perhaps running different operating systems, you will be interested in storing some of the files only in one place, and then access these files remotely with one of the computers. Or perhaps you, like me, have purchased yourself a NAS (Network Attached Storage) device. For these two cases, you would most likely be using SAMBA/CIFS.

IsComputerOn used a Lacie Mini Ethernet Disk (300 GB) to test the new SAMBA client. These devices are highly popular, as many have found them perfect for digital media such as photographs, music and video. If you have a laptop, you will soon find out that you need some extra storage space. NAS devices are convenient in that you can just plug them into your home network, mount them remotely from your computer and then use them like any other drive. If you are to move some really big files, you can choose if you want to do it over a faster USB 2.0 or over inbuilt 100 MB Ethernet connection.

The new SAMBA implementation for ZETA simply rocks, you will find that you have no problems moving or deleting files on the SMB share with the Tracker. You will have no problems with using your NAS disk as your Jukebox, keeping your whole music collection in one place, and stream from it either for the computer you have in your living room or in your home office. Users will also be able to stream their DVD backups with the VideoLAN client with ease, or play XVID videos with the default Mediaplayer! On the screenshot you are seeing the old CIFS client being used. It is about to retire, as a complete new graphical frontend is in progress.