

NAME

fusefs - File system in USErspace

SYNOPSIS

To link into the kernel:

options FUSEFS

To load as a loadable kernel module:

kldload fusefs

DESCRIPTION

The **fusefs** driver implements a file system that is serviced by a userspace program.

There are many uses for **fusefs**. Userspace daemons can access libraries or programming languages that cannot run in kernel-mode, for example. **fusefs** is also useful for developing and debugging file systems, because a crash of the daemon will not take down the entire operating system. Finally, the **fusefs** API is portable. Many daemons can run on multiple operating systems with minimal modifications.

SYSCTL VARIABLES

The following sysctl(8) variables are available:

vfs.fusefs.kernelabi_major

Major version of the FUSE kernel ABI supported by this driver.

vfs.fusefs.kernelabi_minor

Minor version of the FUSE kernel ABI supported by this driver.

vfs.fusefs.data_cache_mode

Controls how **fusefs** will cache file data for pre-7.23 file systems. A value of 0 will disable caching entirely. Every data access will be forwarded to the daemon. A value of 1 will select write-through caching. Reads will be cached in the VFS layer as usual. Writes will be immediately forwarded to the daemon, and also added to the cache. A value of 2 will select write-back caching. Reads and writes will both be cached, and writes will occasionally be flushed to the daemon by the page daemon. Write-back caching is usually unsafe, especially for FUSE file systems that require network access.

FUSE file systems using protocol 7.23 or later specify their cache behavior on a per-mountpoint basis, ignoring this sysctl.

vfs.fusefs.stats.filehandle_count

Current number of open FUSE file handles.

vfs.fusefs.stats.lookup_cache_hits

Total number of lookup cache hits.

vfs.fusefs.stats.lookup_cache_misses

Total number of lookup cache misses.

vfs.fusefs.stats.node_count

Current number of allocated FUSE vnodes.

vfs.fusefs.stats.ticket_count

Current number of allocated FUSE tickets, which is roughly equal to the number of FUSE operations currently being processed by daemons.

SEE ALSO

mount_fusefs(8)

HISTORY

The **fuse** driver was written as the part of the FreeBSD implementation of the FUSE userspace file system framework (see <https://github.com/libfuse/libfuse>) and first appeared in the *sysutils/fusefs-kmod* port, supporting FreeBSD 6.0. It was added to the base system in FreeBSD 10.0, and renamed to **fusefs** for FreeBSD 12.1.

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