

# NVMe Fault Injection

Linux's fault injection framework provides a systematic way to support error injection via debugfs in the /sys/kernel/debug directory. When enabled, the default NVME\_SC\_INVALID\_OPCODE with no retry will be injected into the nvme\_try\_complete\_req. Users can change the default status code and no retry flag via the debugfs. The list of Generic Command Status can be found in include/linux/nvme.h

Following examples show how to inject an error into the nvme.

First, enable CONFIG\_FAULT\_INJECTION\_DEBUG\_FS kernel config, recompile the kernel. After booting up the kernel, do the following.

## Example 1: Inject default status code with no retry

```
mount /dev/nvme0n1 /mnt
echo 1 > /sys/kernel/debug/nvme0n1/fault_inject/times
echo 100 > /sys/kernel/debug/nvme0n1/fault_inject/probability
cp a.file /mnt
```

Expected Result:

```
cp: cannot stat 'a.file': Input/output error
```

Message from dmesg:

```
FAULT_INJECTION: forcing a failure.
name fault_inject, interval 1, probability 100, space 0, times 1
CPU: 0 PID: 0 Comm: swapper/0 Not tainted 4.15.0-rc8+ #2
Hardware name: innotek GmbH VirtualBox/VirtualBox, BIOS VirtualBox 12/01/2006
Call Trace:
<IRQ>
dump_stack+0x5c/0x7d
should_fail+0x148/0x170
nvme_should_fail+0x2f/0x50 [nvme_core]
nvme_process_cq+0xe7/0x1d0 [nvme]
nvme_irq+0x1e/0x40 [nvme]
__handle_irq_event_percpu+0x3a/0x190
handle_irq_event_percpu+0x30/0x70
handle_irq_event+0x36/0x60
handle_fasteoi_irq+0x78/0x120
handle_irq+0xa7/0x130
? tick_irq_enter+0xa8/0xc0
do_IRQ+0x43/0xc0
common_interrupt+0xa2/0xa2
</IRQ>
RIP: 0010:native_safe_halt+0x2/0x10
RSP: 0018:ffffffff82003e90 EFLAGS: 00000246 ORIG_RAX: ffffffffefeffd
RAX: ffffffff817a10c0 RBX: ffffffff82012480 RCX: 0000000000000000
RDX: 0000000000000000 RSI: 0000000000000000 RDI: 0000000000000000
RBP: 0000000000000000 R08: 000000008e3ce64 R09: 0000000000000000
R10: 0000000000000000 R11: 0000000000000000 R12: ffffffff82012480
R13: ffffffff82012480 R14: 0000000000000000 R15: 0000000000000000
? __sched_text_end+0x4/0x4
default_idle+0x18/0xf0
do_idle+0x150/0x1d0
cpu_startup_entry+0x6f/0x80
start_kernel+0x4c4/0x4e4
? set_init_arg+0x55/0x55
secondary_startup_64+0xa5/0xb0
print_req_error: I/O error, dev nvme0n1, sector 9240
EXT4-fs error (device nvme0n1): ext4_find_entry:1436:
inode #2: comm cp: reading directory lblock 0
```

## Example 2: Inject default status code with retry

```
mount /dev/nvme0n1 /mnt
echo 1 > /sys/kernel/debug/nvme0n1/fault_inject/times
echo 100 > /sys/kernel/debug/nvme0n1/fault_inject/probability
echo 1 > /sys/kernel/debug/nvme0n1/fault_inject/status
echo 0 > /sys/kernel/debug/nvme0n1/fault_inject/dont_retry
```

```
cp a.file /mnt
```

Expected Result:

```
command success without error
```

Message from dmesg:

```
FAULT_INJECTION: forcing a failure.
name fault_inject, interval 1, probability 100, space 0, times 1
CPU: 1 PID: 0 Comm: swapper/1 Not tainted 4.15.0-rc8+ #4
Hardware name: innotek GmbH VirtualBox/VirtualBox, BIOS VirtualBox 12/01/2006
Call Trace:
<IRQ>
dump_stack+0x5c/0x7d
should_fail+0x148/0x170
nvme_should_fail+0x30/0x60 [nvme_core]
nvme_loop_queue_response+0x84/0x110 [nvme_loop]
nvmet_req_complete+0x11/0x40 [nvmet]
nvmet_bio_done+0x28/0x40 [nvmet]
blk_update_request+0xb0/0x310
blk_mq_end_request+0x18/0x60
flush_smp_call_function_queue+0x3d/0xf0
smp_call_function_single_interrupt+0x2c/0xc0
call_function_single_interrupt+0xa2/0xb0
</IRQ>
RIP: 0010:native_safe_halt+0x2/0x10
RSP: 0018:ffffc9000068bec0 EFLAGS: 00000246 ORIG_RAX: ffffffffefeff0
RAX: ffffffff817a10c0 RBX: ffff88011a3c9680 RCX: 0000000000000000
RDX: 0000000000000000 RSI: 0000000000000000 RDI: 0000000000000000
RBP: 0000000000000001 R08: 000000008e38c131 R09: 0000000000000000
R10: 0000000000000000 R11: 0000000000000000 R12: ffff88011a3c9680
R13: ffff88011a3c9680 R14: 0000000000000000 R15: 0000000000000000
? __sched_text_end+0x4/0x4
default_idle+0x18/0xf0
do_idle+0x150/0x1d0
cpu_startup_entry+0x6f/0x80
start_secondary+0x187/0x1e0
secondary_startup_64+0xa5/0xb0
```

## Example 3: Inject an error into the 10th admin command

```
echo 100 > /sys/kernel/debug/nvme0/fault_inject/probability
echo 10 > /sys/kernel/debug/nvme0/fault_inject/space
echo 1 > /sys/kernel/debug/nvme0/fault_inject/times
nvme reset /dev/nvme0
```

Expected Result:

After NVMe controller reset, the reinitialization may or may not succeed. It depends on which admin command is actually forced to fail.

Message from dmesg:

```
nvme nvme0: resetting controller
FAULT_INJECTION: forcing a failure.
name fault_inject, interval 1, probability 100, space 1, times 1
CPU: 0 PID: 0 Comm: swapper/0 Not tainted 5.2.0-rc2+ #2
Hardware name: MSI MS-7A45/B150M MORTAR ARCTIC (MS-7A45), BIOS 1.50 04/25/2017
Call Trace:
<IRQ>
dump_stack+0x63/0x85
should_fail+0x14a/0x170
nvme_should_fail+0x38/0x80 [nvme_core]
nvme_irq+0x129/0x280 [nvme]
? blk_mq_end_request+0xb3/0x120
__handle_irq_event_percpu+0x84/0x1a0
handle_irq_event_percpu+0x32/0x80
handle_irq_event+0x3b/0x60
handle_edge_irq+0x7f/0x1a0
handle_irq+0x20/0x30
do_IRQ+0x4e/0xe0
common_interrupt+0xf/0xf
</IRQ>
RIP: 0010:cpuidle_enter_state+0xc5/0x460
Code: ff e8 8f 5f 86 ff 80 7d c7 00 74 17 9c 58 0f 1f 44 00 00 f6 c4 02 0f 85 69 03 00 00 31 ff e8 62 aa 8c ff fb 66 0f 1f 44 00 00 <45>
RSP: 0018:ffff88c03dd0 EFLAGS: 00000246 ORIG_RAX: ffffffff88d53760
RAX: ffff9dac25a2ac80 RBX: ffffffff88d53760 RCX: 000000000000001f
RDX: 0000000000000000 RSI: 000000002d958403 RDI: 0000000000000000
RBP: ffffffff88c03e18 R08: ffffffff75e35fb7 R09: 00000a49a56c0b48
R10: ffffffff88c03da0 R11: 0000000000001b0c R12: ffff9dac25a34d00
R13: 0000000000000006 R14: 0000000000000006 R15: ffffffff88d53760
cpuidle_enter+0x2e/0x40
call_cpuidle+0x23/0x40
do_idle+0x201/0x280
cpu_startup_entry+0x1d/0x20
rest_init+0xaa/0xb0
arch_call_rest_init+0xe/0x1b
start_kernel+0x51c/0x53b
x86_64_start_reservations+0x24/0x26
x86_64_start_kernel+0x74/0x77
secondary_startup_64+0xa4/0xb0
nvme nvme0: Could not set queue count (16385)
nvme nvme0: IO queues not created
```