Description of the detailed issues faced while attempting to run the ESnet setup (https://github.com/esnet/esnet-smartnic-hw) on the OCT testbed, more specifically, on a CloudLab node.

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- CloudLab nodes are running on metal and are accessible via SSH.
- Isusb -d 0403:6011
 It returns nothing as the FPGAs are only connected via PCIe and not JTAG, rendering our whole experiment a deadend.

Steps to run ESnet on CloudLab:

Step 1:

- 1. SSH into CloudLab
- 2. Git clone:

https://github.com/esnet/xilinx-labtools-docker.git

3. Git clone & submodule:

https://github.com/esnet/smartnic-dpdk-docker

4. Git clone & submodule:

https://github.com/esnet/esnet-smartnic-fw

- 5. On node:
 - a. Apt update & upgrade
 - b. Follow: https://docs.docker.com/engine/install/ubuntu/
 - c. Follow: https://docs.docker.com/engine/install/linux-postinstall/
 - d. Try: docker run hello-world

e.

mkdir -p ~/.docker/cli-plugins/

curl -SL

https://github.com/docker/compose/releases/download/v2.12.2/docker-compose-linux-x86_64 -o

~/.docker/cli-plugins/docker-compose

chmod +x ~/.docker/cli-plugins/docker-compose

- f. Try: docker compose version
- g. Scp the artifacts and the vivado installer to CloudLab scp -i "/.ssh/id_rsa hello_world ./build_dir.hw.xilinx_u280_xdma_201920_3/vadd.xclbin fsada@pc151.cloudlab.umass.edu:"

h. sudo chown fsada

Xilinx_Vivado_Lab_Lin_2022.1_0420_0327.tar.gz artifacts.esnet-smartnic-hw.export_hwapi.0.zip

- i. Copy vivado installer to xilinx.../vivado-installer/Xilinx_Vivado_Lab_Lin_2022.1_0420_0327.tar.qz
- j. mv artifacts.esnet-smartnic-hw.export_hwapi.0.zip esnet-smartnic-fw/sn-hw/

Step 2:

- Cd into esnet-smartnic-fw
- cd \$(git rev-parse --show-toplevel)
 - o cp example.env .env
- Edit .env
- cd \$(git rev-parse --show-toplevel)
- docker compose build
- docker compose run --rm sn-fw-pkg

Step 3:

- Cd into xilinx...
- docker build --pull -t xilinx-labtools-docker:v2022.1-latest.
- docker image Is

Step 4:

- Cd into smartnic-dpdk-docker
- docker build --pull -t smartnic-dpdk-docker:\${USER}-dev .
- docker image Is
- If step 4 fails, do the rest of the steps and come back to 4.

Step 5:

Ispci -d 10ee
 It returns the FPGAs connected via PCIe.

- Ispci -d 10ee: -vv
 Lists FPGA devices and their properties
 Make sure that the memory is enabled
- cat /proc/cmdline

Displays the kernel boot command line parameters.

Make sure that:

BOOT_IMAGE=/boot/vmlinuz-5.4.0-126-generic root=/dev/mapper/vg0-root ro default_hugepagesz=1G hugepagesz=1G hugepagesz=1G hugepages=32 intel_iommu=pt

Make sure that kernel is 5.4.0 and Ubuntu is 20.04 LTS
 As of the time of writing this document, CloudLab's newest Ubuntu version is 18.04 LTS, but you can upgrade it to 20.04 LTS using:
 Install the update-manager-core package by running the command sudo apt install update-manager-core.

Edit the /etc/update-manager/release-upgrades file using your preferred text editor (e.g. nano, vim, gedit) and change the value of Prompt to Its.

Run the command sudo do-release-upgrade -d to start the upgrade process. The -d option is used to force the upgrade to the development version, which will upgrade to version 20.04 LTS.

 grep -A 3 -B 3 iommu /etc/default/grub searches for the "iommu" keyword in the "/etc/default/grub" file and displays the 3 lines before and after the match.

GRUB_TIMEOUT_STYLE=hidden

GRUB_TIMEOUT=0

GRUB_DISTRIBUTOR=`lsb_release -i -s 2> /dev/null || echo Debian`

GRUB_CMDLINE_LINUX_DEFAULT="default_hugepagesz=1G

hugepagesz=1G hugepages=32 intel_iommu=on iommu=pt"

GRUB_CMDLINE_LINUX=""

Make sure to modify the bolded line.

Now reboot:

sudo reboot

Or use the CloudLab website to manually reboot the node.

- Now test iommu: sudo less /var/log/kern.log
- Now test hugepages: grep HugePages /proc/meminfo

Step 6:

- If step 4 fails, that is probably because /var/lib/docker is running out of space.
- Use the steps here:

https://linuxconfig.org/how-to-move-docker-s-default-var-lib-docker-to-anot her-directory-on-ubuntu-debian-linux

To change the directory docker uses from /var/lib/docker to a directory under the directory where you have allocated more space.

The reason for that is that because CloudLab only allows 16GB, which can be extended in a mounted folder, so we move the docker folder there.