# **DPDK loKit SCSI Target Brief**

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### **Motivation & Background**

SCSI target stack is crucial to develop SCSI interface based hardware, however established SCSI target stack is mostly under kernel-space or tightly couples with iSCSI under user-space.

In addition, in order to meet with enterprise IO scenario, herein the trait is low latency and will meet with heavy IO pressure, thus, regularly these software prefers to be developed under kernel space rather than adopting POSIX interface in user-space.

Nevertheless, software coupled with kernel-space is nightmare in terms of either development progress or stability. Therefore, developers are already considering the feasibility to move to user-space, in which through OS-bypass technology to overcome and eliminate the leverage of slowness of operation system. instead of regular POSIX based programming model.

Fortunately, there are established facilities ready for us to help for building them, the open-source DPDK by Intel, hugepages mechanism by Linux since 2.6.xx and possibility of user mode hardware driver on Linux.

Our project tends to use Intel's DPDK as the fundamental low level component, avoiding reinvention of chart wheels.

Low level drivers based on DPDK are originally developed for network packet forwarding purpose, thus the APIs and model are less considered for IO purpose, the dpdk-iokit will design a suit of IO-purpose APIs based on DPDK.

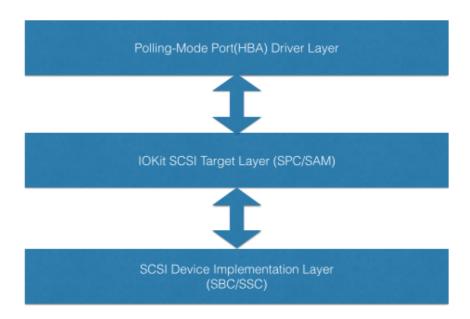
Furthermore, dpdk-iokit will extend the original interrupt mechanism, the original mechanism is through POSIX *select()* function to transfer interrupt to user space, because the mechanism is merely designed for management purpose. By patching the Linux kernel, the interrupt address in user space which is registered into kernel is able to be invoked through setting EIP register aka. preemption of original execution address of user space process. In the laboratory the preemption based interrupt pass costs 200-300 cycles.

The project dpdk-iokit is designed for delivering a complete IO stack based on Intel open source DPDK (dpdk.org), relating complete SCSI stack, work queue implementation which is used for IO schedule, and an extension of interrupt mechanism.

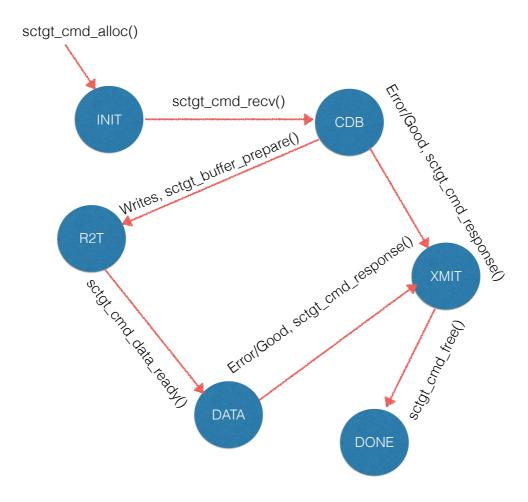
#### **Architecture of SCSI Stack**

As the standard papers described in the SCSI architecture model there are three layers: the physical link layer which conveys packed packet on wires; the logical architecture layer, which is responsible for management of topology, name space and task; and the specified device protocol implementation.

Thus give the consideration above the DPDK SCSI stack consists of three layers: the HBA (host bus adapter) port PMD (polling mode driver) layer, which is responsible for packing and unpacking SCSI packets on wires; the middle logical layer, which implements SPC and SAM, for instance responsible for name space management, aka the LUN space management; and device protocol implementation layer which implements corresponding device protocols, such as SCSI disk and SCSI tape.



# **SCSI Command State Changes**



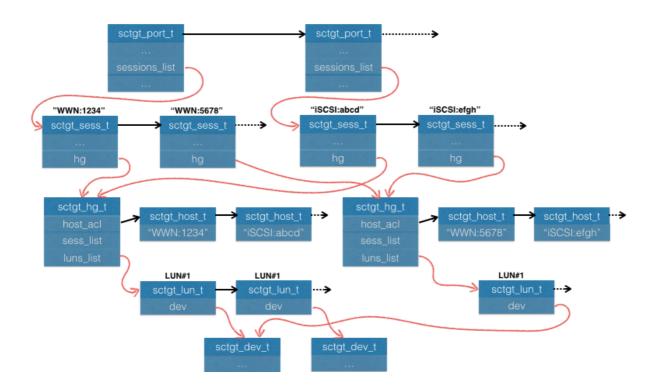
SCTGT_SCPH_INIT	-	HBA driver calls <b>sctgt_cmd_alloc()</b> to allocate a new command data structure and the initial phase is set to SCTGT_SCPH_INIT
SCTGT_SCPH_CDB	-	HBA driver calls <b>sctgt_cmd_recv()</b> to receive SCSI header information, once such information is verified the phase is set to SCTGT_SCPH_CDB
SCTGT_SCPH_R2T	-	If the received SCSI command is write command, the SCSI stack will call <b>sctgt_buffer_prepare()</b> for preparing buffer, and then set the phase to SCTGT_SCPH_R2T, marking the SCSI target is ready for receiving data from initiator
SCTGT_SCPH_DATA	-	Once initiator transferred data to target, the HBA driver will call <b>sctgt_cmd_data_ready()</b> for marking data ready for backing device layer.
SCTGT_SCPH_XMIT	-	The <b>sctgt_cmd_response()</b> will be called if the target will response command to initiator, and the command will be marked as SCTGT_SCPH_XMIT
SCTGT_SCPH_DONE	-	When <b>sctgt_cmd_free()</b> is called, the command will be marked as SCTGT_SCPH_DONE

#### **Core Data Structures**

DPDK SCSI stack is designed for supporting dynamic front-end port registering and back-end protocol endpoint, besides these, as well as the stack will support multiple LUN name space rather than single name space.

The following picture revealed out the relationship among data structures. Inside the picture: the <code>sctgt\_port\_t</code> is designed for representing the HBA port entity, such HBA port is dynamically registered into the SCSI stack through <code>sctgt\_port\_register(\*)</code>; <code>sctgt\_sess\_t</code> is used for recording the SAM I\_T nexus (the connection context between SCSI initiator and the SCSI target), the SCSI cmds occurred on the connection will be associated with such session; <code>sctgt\_hg\_t</code> is used for maintaining the LUN namespace inside a host group, difference initiator (SCSI host) can only see the LUN namespace which such initiator is added through ACL control command by users; <code>sctgt\_host\_t</code> is only used for ACL purpose to record an ACL entry, in which the credence in ACL entry is in the form of string, vary from the physical protocol, for example the FCP card will use peer WWN, the iSCSI protocol will use InitiatorName; <code>sctgt\_lun\_t</code> is the LUN intermediate data structure inside the host group for representing the SCSI LUN, and each LUN will eventually attach to a specific backing device; <code>sctgt\_dev\_t</code> is the entity which is registered by backing device layer as the SCSI protocol endpoint.

DPDK SCSI stack won't supply the specific SCSI disk SBC protocol implementation, but DPDK SCSI stack has a simple virtual disk implementation for evaluation purpose.



#### HBA Driver Data Structure sctgt\_port\_t

```
struct sctgt_port {
    sctgt_pt_t
                      ptype;
    unsigned int
                      poll;
                      name [SCTGT_NAME_LEN];
    char
    unsigned int
                      sname len;
    unsigned int
                      max_cmds;
    unsigned int
                      cmd_ext_sz;
   unsigned long
                      dma_mask;
   unsigned int
                      max_sgl;
   unsigned int
                      cpu_id;
    unsigned int
                      mcp;
                (poll_cmd)(sctgt_port_t *port);
    void
    void
                (poll_data_ready)(sctgt_port_t *port);
                (poll status completion)(sctqt port t *port);
    void
                (*xmit_response)(sctgt_cmd_t *cmd);
    void
                (*xfer_ready)(sctgt_cmd_t *cmd);
    void
                (*release_session)(sctgt_session_t *sess);
    void
                (*task_mgmt_done)(sctgt_mgmt_t *mgmt, int result);
    void
                (*control)(sctqt port t *port, sctqt ptctl t cmd);
    int
                (*release cmd)(sctgt cmd t *cmd);
    void
    void
                (*cmd_ext_constructor)(sctgt_cmd_t *cmd);
    void
                (*cmd_ext_destructor)(sctgt_cmd_t *cmd);
                            list[SCTGT MAX CPUS];
    list_entry_t
    unsigned int
                            port id:
                           *cmds_pool;
    struct rte_mempool
    unsigned int
                            next cmd segno;
                           sessions list[SCTGT MAX CPUS];
    list entry t
    unsigned long
                           sessions_count;
    unsigned long
                           next session id;
                           sessions_hash[SCTGT_MAX_CPUS];
    iokit_hash_t
   unsigned long
                            refcnt;
   unsigned long
                           cmds outstanding;
    unsigned long
                           mgmt_outstanding;
    void
                           *cookie:
};
```

poll HBA offers, 0 is to indicate the driver is not on polling mode, otherwise will indicate the driver is on polling mode and the polling function set on port will be invoked. name[] -HBA offers and should include the hardware identifier information. sname\_len HBA offers, indicates the string length of session name. max\_cmds HBA offers, indicates the maximum SCSI command queue length the hardware could support. cmd\_ext\_sz HBA offers, indicates the private storage area size per sctgt\_cmd\_t provided by SCSI stack. HBA offers, indicates the DMA address boundary dma\_mask since not all address will work with real hardware HBA offers, stands for the ability that the max\_sgl hardware support SGL (scatter-gather-list), if the hardware does not support SGL, the value should be 1 to indicate the hardware will use flat memory. HBA offers, value 1 will indicate the hardware mcp will support multiple polling queue, otherwise the polling will always happen on specified processor by member ->cpu\_id. HBA offers, combines with the member ->mcp will cpu\_id indicate the polling processor, but if the ->mcp is 1, the ->cpu\_id will be ignored. poll cmd() HBA offers, it is the polling function is responsible for collecting incoming SCSI CDB. poll\_data\_ready() -HBA offers, it is the polling function is responsible for collecting the write DMA (I->T) completion signals. poll status completion)() HBA offers, it is the polling function is responsible for collecting the SCSI phase completion signals. HBA offers, it is the function for xmit\_response() transmitting completed SCSI command back to initiator. xfer\_ready() HBA offers, is is the function for notifying to the initiator that the target is ready to receive data. release\_session() -HBA offers, when a session is not needed such session could be destroyed asynchronously, such function will be called before the target stack is going to release the allocated memory. task\_mgmt\_done() HBA offers, when SCSI task management command is done the target stack will call such function for acking the result back to initiator. control() -HBA offers, it is used for control purpose, such enable/disable release cmd() HBA offers, when a SCSI command is for example aborted there will be no normal way

to release the SCSI command, instead the

target stack will call this function to actively release the command.

cmd ext constructor()

HBA offers, the SCSI command data structure sctgt\_cmd\_t will provide private storage area for low level hardware, such function will be called to initialize the private area.

cmd\_ext\_destructor()

HBA offers, before the SCSI stack is going to free the memory for sctgt\_cmd\_t, the stack will call it for finishing the private area.

list[] Internally use, the sctgt\_port\_t will be linked on

multiple list per processor.

Internally use port id

Internally use, provide the SCSI command allocator cmds pool

pool.

Internally use, atomic number, as the next\_cmd\_seqno

hallmark of SCSI command.

sessions list[] Internally use, all sessions will be linked

on the corresponding list by processor ID.

sessions count Internally use, atomic number next\_session\_id Internally use, atomic number

Internally use, per processor hash table used for acceleration of session lookup operation. sessions\_hash[]

refent Internally use, atomic number Internally use, atomic number cmds\_outstanding

mgmt outstanding -Internally use, atomic number

Internally use, for anchoring the private cookie

data by HBA driver.

#### I\_T Connection Data Structure sctgt\_session\_t

```
struct sctgt_session {
    list_entry_t
                            plist:
    list_entry_t
                            hlist;
    list_entry_t
                            rlist;
    unsigned int
                            cpu_id;
    unsigned long
                            sid;
    char
                            sname[MAX_SNAME_LEN];
    unsigned long
                            refcnt;
    sctgt_hg_t
                            *hq;
    sctgt_port_t
                            *port;
    unsigned long
                            cmds_outstanding;
    unsigned long
                            mgmt outstanding;
                      (*remove_done)(sctgt_session_t *session);
    void
    void
                      *cookie;
};
```

plist Internally use, as the list anchor on port->sessions\_list[cpu\_id] hlist Internally use, as the list anchor on hg->sessions\_list[cpu\_id] rlist Internally use, as the list anchor on asynchronous deletion list cpu id Internally use, record the receiving processor ID sid Internally use, the session ID. sname Internally use, string, the session name refcnt Internally use, atomic number Internally use, point to the host group that current session hg belongs to Internally use, point back to the HBA driver data structure port cmds\_outstanding -Internally use, atomic number Internally use, atomic number mgmt\_outstanding -Internally use, store the callback pointer which will be remove done() called when the session is removed asynchronously. cookie Internally use, store the private data which will be used by HBA

driver possibly.

#### Host Group Data Structure sctgt\_hg\_t

```
struct sctgt_hg {
    list_entry_t
                      list;
                      hg_id;
    unsigned int
    char
                      name [SCTGT_MAX_NAME_LEN];
    list_entry_t
                      hosts_acl;
    unsigned int
                      hosts_count;
                      next_host_id;
    unsigned int
    sctgt_lun_t
                      **luns:
    unsigned int
                      luns_count;
    unsigned char
                      *report_luns_buf;
                      report luns buf len;
    unsigned int
                      sessions_list[SCTGT_MAX_CPUS];
    list_entry_t
    unsigned long
                      sessions_count;
    unsigned long
                      cmds_outstanding;
    unsigned long
                      mgmt outstanding;
    unsigned long
                      refcnt;
};
```

```
Internally use, list anchor on host group global list
list
hg_id -
            Internally use
name[] -
            Internally use, string
                  Internally use, the ACL list, the node on the ACL
hosts_acl
                  is sctgt_host_t
                       Internally use, amount of ACL entries.
hosts count
next_host_id
                       Internally use, atomic number
luns
                 Internally use, will point to LUNs.
luns count -
                 Internally use
report_luns_buf
                       Internally use, will store the constructed
                       command block for namespace discovery request
                       REPORT_LUNS.
                             Internally use, indicate the REPORT_LUNS
report luns buf len
                             buffer length.
sessions_list[]
                       Internally use, store the attached sessions
                       on current host group indexed by processor
                       ID.
sessions_count
                       Internally use, atomic number
cmds_outstanding -
                       Internally use
mgmt_outstanding -
                       Internally use
refcnt
                       Internally use
```

#### Host Group ACL Entry Data Structure sctgt\_host\_t

list - Internally use, the list anchor on ACL list of host group

id - Internally use

name - Internally use, string, store the name will be matched with the session

name

hg - Internally use, point back to host group.

#### LUN Data Structure sctgt\_lun\_t

```
struct sctgt_lun {
   list_entry_t
                      dlist;
                      lun_id;
   lun_t
   sctgt_hg_t
                      *hg;
   sctgt_dev_t
                      *dev;
   unsigned int
                      ua;
   unsigned int
                      _3rdpty;
   unsigned int
                      _3rdpty_id;
   unsigned int
                      excl sid;
                      excl_sname[MAX_SNAME_LEN];
   unsigned char
   unsigned int
                      excl_sname_len;
   unsigned long
                      refcnt;
                      cmds outstanding;
   unsigned long
};
```

```
dlist
                    Internally use, list anchor on attached backing device
lun id
                    Internally use
hq
                    Internally use, point to host group it belongs to
                    Internally use, point to backing device object
dev
                    Internally use, indicate wether there is an unit attention
ua
                    message
_3rdpty
                    Internally use
                    Internally use, store third party locking information according to
_3rdpty_id -
                    SPC
                    Internally use
excl sid
                    Internally use, store the exclusive lock owner session name
excl sname -
                    according to SPC.
excl_sname_len
                          Internally use, indicate the session name length
```

Internally use

Internally use

refcnt

cmds\_outstanding -

#### Backing Device Data Structure sctgt\_dev\_t

```
struct sctgt_dev {
    char
                      name[SCTGT NAME LEN];
    unsigned int
                      type;
           (*parser)(sctqt dev t *dev, sctqt cmd t *cmd);
    void
           (*prepare_buffer)(sctgt_dev_t *dev, sctgt_cmd_t *cmd);
    int
    void
           (*release_buffer)(sctgt_dev_t *dev, sctgt_cmd_t *cmd)
    list entry t
                      list;
    list_entry_t
                      luns list;
    unsigned int
                      luns_count;
    unsigned int
                      dev_id;
    unsigned long
                      refcnt:
    unsigned long
                      cmds_outstanding;
    void
                      *cookie;
```

name - Device driver offers, an unique name is required

type - Device driver offers, indicates the device type according to

SAM, for instance SCTGT\_DT\_DISK

parser() - Device driver offers, the device specified SCSI command will be

implemented in this function.

prepare\_buffer() - Device driver offers, during writes such method will be

called by SCSI stack to prepare buffer for receiving data from initiator, and during reads the backing device driver

will call **sctgt\_buffer\_prepare()** by itself.

release\_buffer() - Device driver offers, before the SCSI command is really

released the method will be called.

list - Internally use, list anchor on global device list

luns list - Internally use, all LUNs attached to current device will be linked

luns count - Internally use, atomic number

dev\_id - Internally use refcnt - Internally use

cmds\_outstanding - Internally use

cookie - Internally use, device driver will store its private data on this

member.

#### SCSI Command Data Structure sctgt\_cmd\_t

```
struct sctgt_cmd {
    list_entry_t
                       list;
    sctgt_port_t
                       *port;
    unsigned long
                       seqno;
    sctgt_scph_t
                       phase;
    sctgt_session_t
                       *session;
                       lun_id;
    lun_t
    sctgt_lun_t
                       *lun;
                       lba;
    lba_t
    unsigned int
                       len_expected;
    sctgt_xdir_t
                       xdir;
                       cdb[MAX_CDB_SIZE];
    unsigned char
    unsigned int
                       cdb_len;
    unsigned long
                       tag;
    sctgt_qt_t
                       qt;
    uint32_t
                       nblocks;
    unsigned int
                       scsi_status;
   unsigned char
unsigned char
unsigned int
sense[SENSE_SIZE];
sense len;
    unsigned int
                       sense_len;
   unsigned int
                       sql;
                       *buffer;
    void
    void
                       *ext;
};
```

ist - Internally use, SCSI stack will use the entry to link on list

port - Internally use, point to the current hardware

segno - Internally use

phase - Internally use, indicate the SCSI phase

#### SCSI Task Management Data Structure sctgt\_mgmt\_t

```
struct sctgt_mgmt {
    list_entry_t
                           list;
    unsigned long
                           seqno;
    sctgt_session_t
                           *session;
    sctgt_tmc_t
                           tmc;
    unsigned long
                           tag;
                           lun_id;
    lun_t
    sctgt_lun_t
                           *lun;
    void
                           *cookie;
};
```

list - Internally use seqno - Internally use

session - Internally use, point to the corresponding session

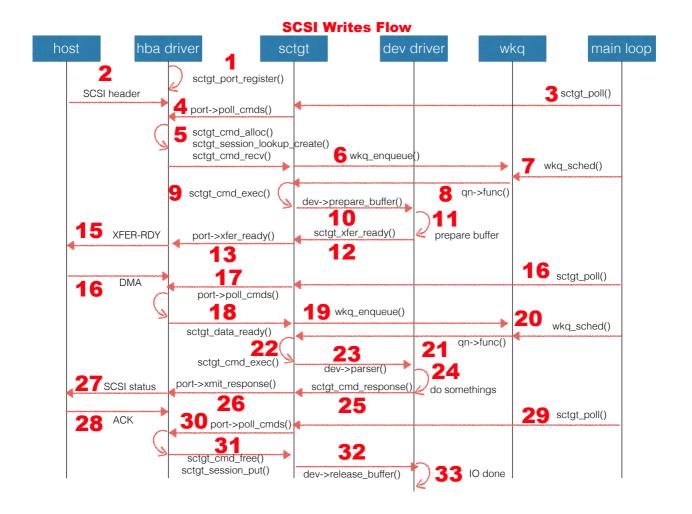
tmc - Internally use, task management code

tag - Internally use, command tag

lun\_idlun -Internally use

cookie - Internally use, point to low lower HBA driver private data

# **Data Flow and Function Calling**



## Sample HBA Driver

```
static sctgt_port_t isp_port_template = {
                        = SCTGT_PT_FCP,
   .ptype
                        = "Qlogic ISP xxxx Tgt",
   name
                        = SCTGT_FCP_SNAME_LEN,
   .sname_len
   .max_cmds
                        = ISP_MAX_CMDS,
   .cmd_ext_sz
                        = sizeof(isp_cmd_t),
                        = \sim 0 UL
   .dma mask
                        = ISP_MAX_SGL,
   .max_sgl
                        = 0,
   .mcp
   .cpu_id
                        = 0,
   .poll_cmd
                        = isp_poll_cmd,
   .poll_data_ready = isp_poll_data_ready,
   .poll_status_completion = isp_poll_status_completion
   .xmit_response = isp_xmit_response,
   .xfer_ready
                       = isp_xfer_ready,
```

```
int isp_probe(...)
    isp_port_t *ip;
    . . .
    ip = alloc();
    /*Register as a PCI low-level PCI device*/
    ret = ret_intr_callback_register(...);
    ret = rte_eal_pci_register(...);
    . . .
    /*Register as a SCSI target port driver*/
    memcpy(
                &ip->port_driver,
                &isp_port_template,
                sizeof(ip->port_driver));
    snprintf(
                ip->port_driver.name,
                sizeof(ip->port_driver.name),
                "Qlogic ISP xxxx Tgt #%d",
                next_inst_id);
    sctgt_port_set_cookie(&ip->port_driver, ip);
    ret = sctgt_port_register(&ip->port_driver);
    return ret;
```

```
void
isp_poll_cmd(void)
    sctqt cmd t *cmd;
    sctgt_session_t *sess;
    cmd = sctgt_cmd_alloc(&port->port_driver);
    sess = sctgt_session_lookup_create(...);
    sctgt_cmd_recv(cmd,...);
void
isp_poll_data_ready(void)
    isp_hw_get_msg(msg, MSG_R2T);
    cmd = lookup from msg->tag;
    sctgt_cmd_data_ready(cmd);
void
isp_poll_status_completion(void)
    isp_hw_get_msg(msg, MSG_COMP);
    cmd = lookup from msg->tag;
    sctgt_session_put(cmd->session);
    sctgt_cmd_free(cmd);
void
isp_xmit_response(...)
    isp_hw_put_msg(msg, cmd, MSG_XMIT);
void
isp_xfer_ready(...)
    isp_hw_put_msg(msg, cmd->tag, MSG_XFER);
```

```
void
isp_release_session(...)
    prv = sctgt_session_get_private(session);
void
isp_task_mgmt_done(mgmt, ret)
    isp_hw_put_msg(msg, mgmt, MSG_TASK_MGMT);
void
isp_release_cmd()
    sctgt_cmd_free(cmd);
int isp_cmd_ext_constructor(cmd)
    priv = sctgt_cmd_get_cookie(cmd);
    return isp_init_priv(priv);
void
isp_cmd_ext_destructor(cmd)
    priv = sctgt_cmd_get_cookie(cmd);
   isp_fini_priv(priv);
```

### **SCSI Block Device Interface**

```
struct sdi disk {
                      name [SCTGT_NAME_LEN];
    char
                      vendor_id[SDI_VENDOR_LEN + 1];
    char
                      model_id[SDI_MODEL_LEN + 1];
    char
    char
                       revision id[SDI REVISION LEN + 1];
                      sn[SDI_P80_SN_LEN + 1];
    char
    uint64_t
                      sectors;
    uint32_t
                      block_size;
    unsigned int
                      write cache;
    unsigned int
                      read only;
    unsigned int
                      support_queue;
    sdi_ops_t
                      *ops;
    unsigned int
                      id:
    unsigned long
                      refcnt;
    sctgt_dev_t
                      *dev;
    void
                      *cookie;
```

name - Driver offers, disk name

vendor\_id - Driver offers, vendor identifier in SCSI INQUIRY model\_id - Driver offers, production identifier in SCSI INQUIRY

revision\_id - Driver offers, hardware revision identifier in SCSI INQUIRY sn - Driver offers, serial number by SCSI INQUIRY page 0x80

sectors - Driver offers, sectors

block\_size - Driver offers, block size of sector

write\_cache - Driver offers, 1 stands for write back, 0 stands for write through

read\_only - Driver offers, 1 stands for read only, 0 stands for regular

read-write

support\_queue - Driver offers, support queue

ops - Driver offers, operation function set defined by **sdi\_ops\_t** 

id - Internally uses refent - Internally uses

dev - Internally uses, points to device object of **sctat** 

cookie - Internally uses, saves driver private data

```
struct sdi_ops {
    int (*write_begin)(sdi_disk_t *disk, sctgt_cmd_t *cmd);
    void (*write_end)(sdi_disk_t *disk, sctgt_cmd_t *cmd);
    void (*write_async)(sdi_disk_t *disk, sctgt_cmd_t *cmd);
    void (*read_async)(sdi_disk_t *disk, sctgt_cmd_t *cmd);
};
```

```
    write_begin()
    write_end()
    once write_async() completed, sdi will call it for ending buffer
    write_async()
    sdi will pass write request to the function after write_begin() called
    read async()
    sdi will pass read request to the function
```

```
int sdi_disk_register(sdi_disk_t *disk);
void sdi_disk_unregister(sdi_disk_t *disk);
```

```
sdi_disk_register() - register a SCSI disk
sdi_disk_unregister() - unregister a SCSI disk
```

```
int sdi_cmd_complete(sctgt_cmd_t *cmd, int error);
```

sdi\_cmd\_complete - complete a SCSI command

# **Management Guide**

- 1. Create an ACL host group (namespace) sctgt\_hg --add --hg db
- 2. Add ACL entries
  - 2.1. Add a FCP host with its name "11:22:33:44:55:66" sctgt\_hg --add --host "11:22:33:44:55:66"
  - 2.2. Add a local loop virtual host for virtual HBA#0 sctgt\_hg --add --host "loop0"
  - 2.3. Add an iSCSI host with its *InitiatorName*sctgt\_hg --add --host "iqn.2009-05.com.test:test.1"
- 3. Create a ramdisk for example ramdisk\_adm --add --name "rdisk1" --sectors 128MB
- 4. Attach ramdisk to the LUN of defined host group for example sctgt\_lun --attach --hg db --lun 0 --dev "rdisk1"
- 5. Launch ramdisk program for example ramdisk -c <cpu-mask> --pci-list <pci1,pci2,...>