NVMe/FC Host Configurations

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RHEL

NVMe/FC Host Configuration for RHEL 8.1 with ONTAP

Supportability

NVMe/FC is supported on ONTAP 9.6 or later for the following versions of RHEL:

• RHEL 8.1

RHEL 8.1 host can run both NVMe & SCSI traffic through the same fibre channel initiator adapter ports. See the Hardware Universe for a list of supported FC adapters and controllers.

For the most current list of supported configurations see the NetApp Interoperability Matrix.

Known limitations

- Native NVMe/FC auto-connect scripts are not available in the nvme-cli package. You can use the HBA vendor provided external auto-connect script.
- By default, NVMe multipath is disabled. It must be manually enabled. Steps are provided in the section on Enabling NVMe/FC on RHEL 8.1.
- By default, round-robin load balancing is not enabled.

 You must write a udev rule to enable this functionality. Steps are provided in the section on Enabling NVMe/FC on RHEL 8.1.

Enabling NVMe/FC on RHEL 8.1

- 1. Install Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.1 on the server.
- 2. After the installation is complete, verify that you are running the specified Red Hat Enterprise Linux kernel. See the NetApp Interoperability Matrix for the most current list of supported versions.

```
# uname -r
4.18.0-147.el8.x86_64
```

3. Install the nvme-cli-1.8.1-3.el8 package.

```
# rpm -qa|grep nvme-cli
nvme-cli-1.8.1-3.el8.x86_64
```

4. Enable in-kernel NVMe multipath.

```
# grubby Dargs=nvme_core.multipath=Y Dupdate-kernel /boot/vmlinuz-4.18.0-147.el8.x86_64
```

5. Add the string below as a separate udev rule at /lib/udev/rules.d/71-nvme-iopolicy-netapp-ONTAP.rules. This enables round-robin load balancing for NVMe multipath.

```
# Enable round-robin for NetApp ONTAP
ACTION==DaddD, SUBSYSTEM==Dnvme-subsystemD, ATTR{model}==DNetApp ONTAP ControllerD,
ATTR{iopolicy}=Dround-robin
```

6. On the RHEL 8.1 host, check the hostnqn string at /etc/nvme/hostnqn and verify that it matches the hostnqn string for the corresponding subsystem on the ONTAP array.

```
# cat /etc/nvme/hostnqn
nqn.2014-08.org.nvmexpress:uuid:75953f3b-77fe-4e03-bf3c-09d5a156fbcd
```

```
*> vserver nvme subsystem host show -vserver vs_nvme_10
Vserver Subsystem Host NQN
------
rhel_141_nvme_ss_10_0
nqn.2014-08.org.nvmexpress:uuid:75953f3b-77fe-4e03-bf3c-09d5a156fbcd
```

Note:

If the hostnqn strings do not match, you should use the vserver modify command to update the hostnqn string on your corresponding ONTAP array subsystem to match to hostnqn string from /etc/nvme/hostnqn on the host.

7. Reboot the host.

Configuring the Broadcom FC Adapter for NVMe/FC

1. Verify that you are using the supported adapter. For the most current list of supported adapters see the NetApp Interoperability Matrix.

```
# cat /sys/class/scsi_host/host*/modelname
LPe32002-M2
LPe32002-M2
```

```
# cat /sys/class/scsi_host/host*/modeldesc
Emulex LightPulse LPe32002-M2 2-Port 32Gb Fibre Channel Adapter
Emulex LightPulse LPe32002-M2 2-Port 32Gb Fibre Channel Adapter
```

2. Copy and install the Broadcom lpfc outbox driver and auto-connect scripts.

```
# tar -xvzf elx-lpfc-dd-rhel8-12.4.243.20-ds-1.tar.gz
# cd elx-lpfc-dd-rhel8-12.4.2453.20-ds-1
# ./elx_lpfc_install-sh -i -n
```

Note:

The native drivers that come bundled with the OS are called inbox drivers. If you download the outbox drivers (drivers that are not included with the OS release), an auto-connect script is included in the download and should be installed as part of the driver installation process.

- 3. Reboot the host.
- 4. Verify that you are using the recommended Broadcom lpfc firmware, outbox driver & auto-connect package versions.

```
# cat /sys/class/scsi_host/host*/fwrev
12.4.243.20, sil-4.2.c
12.4.243.20, sil-4.2.c
```

```
# cat /sys/module/lpfc/version
0:12.4.243.20
```

```
# rpm -qa | grep nvmefc
nvmefc-connect-12.6.61.0-1.noarch
```

5. Verify that lpfc_enable_fc4_type is set to 3.

```
# cat /sys/module/lpfc/parameters/lpfc_enable_fc4_type
3
```

6. Verify that the initiator ports are up and running.

```
# cat /sys/class/fc_host/host*/port_name
0x10000090fae0ec61
0x10000090fae0ec62
```

```
# cat /sys/class/fc_host/host*/port_state
Online
Online
```

7. Verify that the NVMe/FC initiator ports are enabled, running and able to see the target LIFs.

```
# cat /sys/class/scsi_host/host*/nvme_info
NVME Initiator Enabled
XRI Dist lpfc0 Total 6144 NVME 2947 SCSI 2977 ELS 250
NVME LPORT lpfc0 WWPN x10000090fae0ec61 WWNN x20000090fae0ec61 DID x012000 ONLINE
NVME RPORT WWPN x202d00a098c80f09 WWNN x202c00a098c80f09 DID x010201 TARGET DISCSRVC
ONLINE
NVME RPORT WWPN x203100a098c80f09 WWNN x202c00a098c80f09 DID x010601 TARGET DISCSRVC
ONLINE
NVME Statistics
...
```

Validating NVMe/FC

1. Verify the following NVMe/FC settings.

```
# cat /sys/module/nvme_core/parameters/multipath
Y
```

```
# cat /sys/class/nvme-subsystem/nvme-subsys*/model
NetApp ONTAP Controller
NetApp ONTAP Controller
```

```
# cat /sys/class/nvme-subsystem/nvme-subsys*/iopolicy
round-robin
round-robin
```

2. Verify that the namespaces are created.

```
# nvme list
Node SN Model Namespace Usage Format FW Rev
-----/dev/nvme0n1 80BADBKnB/JvAAAAAAAC NetApp ONTAP Controller 1 53.69 GB / 53.69 GB 4 KiB
+ 0 B FFFFFFFF
```

3. Verify the status of the ANA paths.

4. Verify the NetApp plug-in for ONTAP devices.

```
# nvme netapp ontapdevices -o column
Device Vserver Namespace Path
                                            NSID
                                                  UUID Size
/dev/nvme0n1 vs_nvme_10 /vol/rhel_141_vol_10_0/rhel_141_ns_10_0
55baf453-f629-4a18-9364-b6aee3f50dad
                                      53.69GB
# nvme netapp ontapdevices -o json
{
   "ONTAPdevices" : [
       Device" : "/dev/nvme0n1",
        "Vserver": "vs_nvme_10",
        "Namespace Path" : "/vol/rhel 141 vol 10 0/rhel 141 ns 10 0",
        "NSID" : 1,
        "UUID" : "55baf453-f629-4a18-9364-b6aee3f50dad",
        "Size": "53.69GB",
        "LBA_Data_Size" : 4096,
        "Namespace_Size" : 13107200
   }
]
```

Enabling 1MB I/O Size for Broadcom NVMe/FC

The lpfc_sg_seg_cnt parameter must be set to 256 in order for the host to issue 1MB size I/O.

1. Set the lpfc_sq_seq_cnt parameter to 256.

```
# cat /etc/modprobe.d/lpfc.conf
options lpfc lpfc_sg_seg_cnt=256
```

- 2. Run a dracut -f command, and reboot the host.
- 3. Verify that lpfc sq seq cnt is 256.

```
# cat /sys/module/lpfc/parameters/lpfc_sg_seg_cnt
256
```

LPFC Verbose Logging

1. You can set the lpfc_log_verbose driver setting to any of the following values to log NVMe/FC events.

```
#define LOG_NVME 0x00100000 /* NVME general events. */
#define LOG_NVME_DISC 0x00200000 /* NVME Discovery/Connect events. */
#define LOG_NVME_ABTS 0x00400000 /* NVME ABTS events. */
#define LOG_NVME_IOERR 0x00800000 /* NVME IO Error events. */
```

- 2. After setting any of these values, run dracut-f and reboot host.
- 3. After rebooting, verify the settings.

```
# cat /etc/modprobe.d/lpfc.conf
lpfc_enable_fc4_type=3 lpfc_log_verbose=0xf00083
# cat /sys/module/lpfc/parameters/lpfc_log_verbose
15728771
```

SUSE

NVMe/FC Host Configuration for SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 15 SP1 with ONTAP

Supportability

NVMe/FC is supported on ONTAP 9.6 or later for the following versions of SLES:

• SLES15 SP1

SLES15 SP1 host can run both NVMe/FC, & FCP (FC-SCSI) traffic through the same fibre channel initiator adapter ports. See the Hardware Universe for a list of supported FC adapters and controllers.

For the most current list of supported configurations & versions, see the NetApp Interoperability Matrix.

Known limitations

None. Native NVMe/FC auto-connect scripts are included in the nvme-cli package. You can use the native inbox lpfc driver on SLES15 SP1.

Enabling NVMe/FC on SLES15 SP1

1. Upgrade to SLES15 SP1 MU kernel-default-4.12.14-197.40.1. See the NetApp Interoperability Matrix for the most current list of supported versions.

```
# uname -r
4.12.14-197.40-default
```

2. Upgrade to nvme-cli-1.8.1-6.9.1 MU package.

This nyme-cli package contains the native NVMe/FC auto-connect scripts, so you do not need to install the external NVMe/FC auto-connect scripts provided by Broadcom on the SLES15 SP1 host. This package also includes the ONTAP udev rule which enables round-robin load balancing for NVMe multipath, and the NetApp plug-in for ONTAP devices.

```
# rpm -qa | grep nvme-cli
nvme-cli-1.8.1-6.9.1.x86_64
```

3. On the SLES15 SP1 host, check the hostnqn string at /etc/nvme/hostnqn and verify that it matches the hostnqn string for the corresponding subsystem on the ONTAP array.

```
# cat /etc/nvme/hostnqn
nqn.2014-08.org.nvmexpress:uuid:75953f3b-77fe-4e03-bf3c-09d5a156fbcd
```

```
*> vserver nvme subsystem host show -vserver vs_nvme_10
Vserver Subsystem Host NQN
------
sles_117_nvme_ss_10_0
nqn.2014-08.org.nvmexpress:uuid:75953f3b-77fe-4e03-bf3c-09d5a156fbcd
```

4. Reboot the host.

Configuring the Broadcom FC Adapter for NVMe/FC

1. Verify that you are using the supported adapter. For the most current list of supported adapters see the NetApp Interoperability Matrix.

```
# cat /sys/class/scsi_host/host*/modelname
LPe32002-M2
LPe32002-M2
```

```
# cat /sys/class/scsi_host/host*/modeldesc
Emulex LightPulse LPe32002-M2 2-Port 32Gb Fibre Channel Adapter
Emulex LightPulse LPe32002-M2 2-Port 32Gb Fibre Channel Adapter
```

2. Verify that you are using the recommended Broadcom lpfc firmware and native inbox driver versions.

```
# cat /sys/class/scsi_host/host*/fwrev
12.4.243.17, sil-4.2.c
12.4.243.17, sil-4.2.c
```

```
# cat /sys/module/lpfc/version
0:12.6.0.0
```

3. Verify that lpfc_enable_fc4_type is set to 3.

```
# cat /sys/module/lpfc/parameters/lpfc_enable_fc4_type
3
```

4. Verify that the initiator ports are up and running.

```
# cat /sys/class/fc_host/host*/port_name
0x10000090fae0ec61
0x10000090fae0ec62
```

```
# cat /sys/class/fc_host/host*/port_state
Online
Online
```

5. Verify that the NVMe/FC initiator ports are enabled, running and able to see the target LIFs.

```
# cat /sys/class/scsi_host/host*/nvme_info
NVME Initiator Enabled
XRI Dist lpfc0 Total 6144 NVME 2947 SCSI 2977 ELS 250
NVME LPORT lpfc0 WWPN x10000090fae0ec61 WWNN x20000090fae0ec61 DID x012000 ONLINE
NVME RPORT WWPN x202d00a098c80f09 WWNN x202c00a098c80f09 DID x010201 TARGET DISCSRVC
ONLINE
NVME RPORT WWPN x203100a098c80f09 WWNN x202c00a098c80f09 DID x010601 TARGET DISCSRVC
ONLINE
NVME Statistics
...
```

Validating NVMe/FC

1. Verify the following NVMe/FC settings.

```
# cat /sys/module/nvme_core/parameters/multipath
Y
```

```
# cat /sys/class/nvme-subsystem/nvme-subsys*/model
NetApp ONTAP Controller
NetApp ONTAP Controller
```

```
# cat /sys/class/nvme-subsystem/nvme-subsys*/iopolicy
round-robin
round-robin
```

2. Verify that the namespaces are created.

```
# nvme list
Node SN Model Namespace Usage Format FW Rev
-----/dev/nvme0n1 80BADBKnB/JvAAAAAAAC NetApp ONTAP Controller 1 53.69 GB / 53.69 GB 4 KiB
+ 0 B FFFFFFFF
```

3. Verify the status of the ANA paths.

4. Verify the NetApp plug-in for ONTAP devices.

```
# nvme netapp ontapdevices -o column
Device Vserver Namespace Path
                                            NSID
                                                  UUID Size
/dev/nvme0n1 vs_nvme_10 /vol/sles_117_vol_10_0/sles_117_ns_10_0
55baf453-f629-4a18-9364-b6aee3f50dad
                                      53.69GB
# nvme netapp ontapdevices -o json
{
   "ONTAPdevices" : [
       Device" : "/dev/nvme0n1",
        "Vserver": "vs_nvme_10",
        "Namespace Path": "/vol/sles 117 vol 10 0/sles 117 ns 10 0",
        "NSID" : 1,
        "UUID" : "55baf453-f629-4a18-9364-b6aee3f50dad",
        "Size": "53.69GB",
        "LBA_Data_Size" : 4096,
        "Namespace_Size" : 13107200
   }
]
```

Enabling 1MB I/O Size for Broadcom NVMe/FC

The lpfc_sg_seg_cnt parameter must be set to 256 in order for the host to issue 1MB size I/O.

1. Set the lpfc_sq_seq_cnt parameter to 256.

```
# cat /etc/modprobe.d/lpfc.conf
options lpfc lpfc_sg_seg_cnt=256
```

- 2. Run a dracut -f command, and reboot the host.
- 3. Verify that lpfc sq seq cnt is 256.

```
# cat /sys/module/lpfc/parameters/lpfc_sg_seg_cnt
256
```

LPFC Verbose Logging

1. You can set the lpfc_log_verbose driver setting to any of the following values to log NVMe/FC events.

```
#define LOG_NVME 0x00100000 /* NVME general events. */
#define LOG_NVME_DISC 0x00200000 /* NVME Discovery/Connect events. */
#define LOG_NVME_ABTS 0x00400000 /* NVME ABTS events. */
#define LOG_NVME_IOERR 0x00800000 /* NVME IO Error events. */
```

- 2. After setting any of these values, run dracut-f and reboot host.
- 3. After rebooting, verify the settings.

```
# cat /etc/modprobe.d/lpfc.conf
lpfc_enable_fc4_type=3 lpfc_log_verbose=0xf00083
# cat /sys/module/lpfc/parameters/lpfc_log_verbose
15728771
```

Oracle Linux

NVMe/FC Host Configuration for Oracle Linux 7.7 with ONTAP

Supportability

NVMe/FC is supported on ONTAP 9.6 or later for the following versions of Oracle Linux

• OL 7.7

OL 7.7 host can run both NVMe & SCSI traffic through the same fibre channel initiator adapter ports. See the Hardware Universe for a list of supported FC adapters and controllers.

For the most current list of supported configurations see the NetApp Interoperability Matrix.

Known limitations

- Native NVMe/FC auto-connect scripts are not available in the nvme-cli package. You can use the HBA vendor provided external auto-connect scripts.
- By default, round-robin load balancing is not enabled.

 You must write a udev rule to enable this functionality. Steps are provided in the section on Enabling NVMe/FC on OL 7.7.

Enabling NVMe on OL 7.7

- 1. Ensure the default Oracle Linux 7.7 kernel is installed.
- 2. Reboot the host and verify that it boots into specified OL 7.7 kernel.

```
# uname -r
4.14.35-1902.9.2.el7uek
```

3. Upgrade to the nvme-cli-1.8.1-3.el7 package.

```
# rpm -qa|grep nvme-cli
nvme-cli-1.8.1-3.el7.x86_64
```

4. Add the string below as a separate udev rule at /lib/udev/rules.d/71-nvme-iopolicy-netapp-ONTAP.rules. This enables round-robin load balancing for NVMe multipath.

```
# Enable round-robin for NetApp ONTAP
ACTION==DaddD, SUBSYSTEM==Dnvme-subsystemD, ATTR{model}==DNetApp ONTAP ControllerD,
ATTR{iopolicy}=Dround-robin
```

5. On the OL 7.7 host, check the hostnqn string at /etc/nvme/hostnqn and verify that it matches the hostnqn string for the corresponding subsystem on the ONTAP array.

```
# cat /etc/nvme/hostnqn
nqn.2014-08.org.nvmexpress:uuid:75953f3b-77fe-4e03-bf3c-09d5a156fbcd
```

```
*> vserver nvme subsystem host show -vserver vs_nvme_10
Vserver Subsystem Host NQN
------
ol_157_nvme_ss_10_0
nqn.2014-08.org.nvmexpress:uuid:75953f3b-77fe-4e03-bf3c-09d5a156fbcd
```

Note:

If the hostnqn strings do not match, you should use the vserver modify command to update the hostnqn string on your corresponding ONTAP array subsystem to match to hostnqn string from /etc/nvme/hostnqn on the host.

1. Reboot the host.

Configuring the Broadcom FC Adapter for NVMe/FC

1. Verify that you are using the supported adapter. For the most current list of supported adapters see the NetApp Interoperability Matrix.

```
# cat /sys/class/scsi_host/host*/modelname
LPe32002-M2
LPe32002-M2
```

```
# cat /sys/class/scsi_host/host*/modeldesc
Emulex LightPulse LPe32002-M2 2-Port 32Gb Fibre Channel Adapter
Emulex LightPulse LPe32002-M2 2-Port 32Gb Fibre Channel Adapter
```

2. Copy and install the Broadcom outbox auto-connect scripts package.

```
# rpm -ivh nvmefc-connect-12.4.65.0-1.noarch.rpm
```

- 3. Reboot the host.
- 4. Verify that you are using the recommended Broadcom lpfc firmware, native inbox driver & outbox auto-connect package versions. For a list of supported versions, see the NetApp Interoperability Matrix.

```
# cat /sys/class/scsi_host/host*/fwrev
12.4.243.17, sil-4.2.c
12.4.243.17, sil-4.2.c

# cat /sys/module/lpfc/version
0:12.0.0.10

# rpm -qa | grep nvmefc
nvmefc-connect-12.4.65.0-1.noarch
```

5. Verify that lpfc_enable_fc4_type is set to 3.

```
# cat /sys/module/lpfc/parameters/lpfc_enable_fc4_type
3
```

6. Verify that the initiator ports are up and running.

```
# cat /sys/class/fc_host/host*/port_name
0x10000090fae0ec61
0x10000090fae0ec62
```

```
# cat /sys/class/fc_host/host*/port_state
Online
Online
```

7. Verify that the NVMe/FC initiator ports are enabled, running and able to see the target LIFs.

```
# cat /sys/class/scsi_host/host*/nvme_info
NVME Initiator Enabled
XRI Dist lpfc0 Total 6144 NVME 2947 SCSI 2977 ELS 250
NVME LPORT lpfc0 WWPN x10000090fae0ec61 WWNN x20000090fae0ec61 DID x012000 ONLINE
NVME RPORT WWPN x202d00a098c80f09 WWNN x202c00a098c80f09 DID x010201 TARGET DISCSRVC
ONLINE
NVME RPORT WWPN x203100a098c80f09 WWNN x202c00a098c80f09 DID x010601 TARGET DISCSRVC
ONLINE
NVME Statistics
...
```

Validating NVMe/FC

1. Verify the following NVMe/FC settings.

```
# cat /sys/module/nvme_core/parameters/multipath
Y
```

```
# cat /sys/class/nvme-subsystem/nvme-subsys*/model
NetApp ONTAP Controller
NetApp ONTAP Controller
```

```
# cat /sys/class/nvme-subsystem/nvme-subsys*/iopolicy
round-robin
round-robin
```

2. Verify that the namespaces are created.

```
# nvme list
Node SN Model Namespace Usage Format FW Rev
/dev/nvme0n1 80BADBKnB/JvAAAAAAAC NetApp ONTAP Controller 1 53.69 GB / 53.69 GB 4 KiB
+ 0 B FFFFFFFF
```

3. Verify the status of the ANA paths.

4. Verify the NetApp plug-in for ONTAP devices.

```
# nvme netapp ontapdevices -o column
Device Vserver Namespace Path
                                            NSID
                                                   UUID Size
/dev/nvme0n1 vs_nvme_10
                               /vol/rhel_141_vol_10_0/ol_157_ns_10_0
55baf453-f629-4a18-9364-b6aee3f50dad
                                      53.69GB
# nvme netapp ontapdevices -o json
   "ONTAPdevices" : [
  {
       Device": "/dev/nvme0n1",
        "Vserver" : "vs_nvme_10",
        "Namespace_Path" : "/vol/rhel_141_vol_10_0/ol_157_ns_10_0",
        "NSID" : 1,
        "UUID" : "55baf453-f629-4a18-9364-b6aee3f50dad",
        "Size": "53.69GB",
        "LBA_Data_Size" : 4096,
        "Namespace_Size" : 13107200
   }
]
```

Enabling 1MB I/O Size for Broadcom NVMe/FC

The lpfc sg seg cnt parameter must be set to 256 in order for the host to issue 1MB size I/O.

1. Set the lpfc_sg_seg_cnt parameter to 256.

```
# cat /etc/modprobe.d/lpfc.conf
options lpfc lpfc_sg_seg_cnt=256
```

- 2. Run a dracut -f command, and reboot the host.
- 3. Verify that lpfc_sg_seg_cnt is 256.

```
# cat /sys/module/lpfc/parameters/lpfc_sg_seg_cnt
256
```

LPFC Verbose Logging

1. You can set the lpfc_log_verbose driver setting to any of the following values to log NVMe/FC events.

```
#define LOG_NVME 0x00100000 /* NVME general events. */
#define LOG_NVME_DISC 0x00200000 /* NVME Discovery/Connect events. */
#define LOG_NVME_ABTS 0x00400000 /* NVME ABTS events. */
#define LOG_NVME_IOERR 0x00800000 /* NVME IO Error events. */
```

- 2. After setting any of these values, run dracut-f and reboot host.
- 3. After rebooting, verify the settings.

```
# cat /etc/modprobe.d/lpfc.conf
lpfc_enable_fc4_type=3 lpfc_log_verbose=0xf00083
# cat /sys/module/lpfc/parameters/lpfc_log_verbose
15728771
```

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