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NVMe/FC Host Configuration for Windows Server 2019 with ONTAP

Supportability

NVMe/FC is supported on ONTAP 9.7 or later for Windows Server 2019.

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- 3. Reboot the host.

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With the Broadcom adapter for FC/NVMe in a Windows environment, a hostnqn is associated with each host bus adapter (HBA) port. The hostnqn is formatted as follows.

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Enabling MPIO for NVMe devices on the Windows host

- 1. Install Windows Host Utility Kit 7.1 to set the driver parameters that are common to both FC and NVMe.
- 2. Open the MPIO properties.
- 3. From the **Discover Multi-Paths** tab, add the device ID listed for NVMe.

MPIO becomes aware of the NVMe devices, which are visible under disk management.

- 4. Open **Disk Management** and go to **Disk Properties**.
- 5. From the **MPIO** tab, click **Details**.
- 6. Set the following MSDSM settings:
 - PathVerifiedPeriod: 10
 - PathVerifyEnabled: Enable
 - RetryCount: 6
 - RetryInterval: 1
 - PDORemovedPeriod: 130
- 7. Select the MPIO Policy Round Robin with Subset.
- 8. Change the registry values:

HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\mpio\Parameters\PathRecoveryInterval DWORD ->
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HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\mpio \Parameters\ UseCustomPathRecoveryInterval DWORD-> 1

9. Reboot the host.

The NVMe configuration is now complete on the Windows host.

Validating NVMe/FC

1. Validate that the Port Type is FC+NVMe.

Now that NVMe is enabled, you should see the Port Type listed as FC+NVMe, as follows.

PS C:\Program Files\Emulex\Util\OCManager> .\hbacmd listhba

Manageable HBA List

Port WWN : 10:00:00:10:9b:1b:97:65 Node WWN : 20:00:00:10:9b:1b:97:65 Fabric Name : 10:00:c4:f5:7c:a5:32:e0

Flags : 8000e300

Host Name : INTEROP-57-159

Mfg : Emulex Corporation

Serial No. : FC71367217

Port Number : 0

: Initiator Mode

PCI Bus Number: 94 PCI Function : 0

Port Type : FC+NVMe Model : LPe32002-M2

Port WWN : 10:00:00:10:9b:1b:97:66 Node WWN : 20:00:00:10:9b:1b:97:66 Fabric Name : 10:00:c4:f5:7c:a5:32:e0

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Host Name : INTEROP-57-159
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Serial No. : FC71367217
Port Number : 1

: Initiator Mode

PCI Bus Number: 94 PCI Function : 1

Port Type : FC+NVMe Mode1 : LPe32002-M2

2. Validate that NVMe/FC subsystems have been discovered.

The nvme-list command lists the NVMe/FC discovered subsystems.

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NVMe Qualified Name : ngn.1992-

08.com.netapp:sn.a3b74c32db2911eab229d039ea141105:subsystem.win_nvme_interop-57-159

Port WWN : 20:09:d0:39:ea:14:11:04 Node WWN : 20:05:d0:39:ea:14:11:04

Controller ID : 0x0180

Model Number : NetApp ONTAP Controller
Serial Number : 81CGZBPU5T/uAAAAAAAB
Firmware Version : FFFFFFF

Total Capacity : Not Available Unallocated Capacity : Not Available

NVMe Qualified Name : ngn.1992-

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Port WWN : 20:06:d0:39:ea:14:11:04 Node WWN : 20:05:d0:39:ea:14:11:04

Controller ID : 0x0181

Model Number : NetApp ONTAP Controller Serial Number : 81CGZBPU5T/uAAAAAAAB

Firmware Version : FFFFFFF Total Capacity : Not Available Unallocated Capacity : Not Available

Note: At present Namespace Management is not supported by NetApp Arrays.

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Port WWN : 20:07:d0:39:ea:14:11:04 Node WWN : 20:05:d0:39:ea:14:11:04

Controller ID : 0x0140

Model Number : NetApp ONTAP Controller Serial Number : 81CGZBPU5T/uAAAAAAAB

Firmware Version : FFFFFFFF

Total Capacity : Not Available
Unallocated Capacity : Not Available

NVMe Qualified Name : nqn.1992-

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Port WWN : 20:08:d0:39:ea:14:11:04 Node WWN : 20:05:d0:39:ea:14:11:04

Controller ID : 0x0141

Model Number : NetApp ONTAP Controller Serial Number : 81CGZBPU5T/uAAAAAAAB

Firmware Version : FFFFFFFF
Total Capacity : Not Available
Unallocated Capacity : Not Available

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3. Validate that namespaces have been created.

The nvme-list-ns command lists the namespaces for a specified NVMe target that lists the namespaces connected to the host.

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Active Namespaces (attached to controller 0x0141):

NSID	DeviceName	SCSI Bus Number	SCSI Target Number	SCSI OS LUN
0x00000001	\\.\PHYSICALDRIVE9	0	1	0
0x00000002	\\.\PHYSICALDRIVE10	0	1	1
0x00000003	\\.\PHYSICALDRIVE11	0	1	2
0x00000004	\\.\PHYSICALDRIVE12	0	1	3
0x00000005	\\.\PHYSICALDRIVE13	0	1	4
0x00000006	\\.\PHYSICALDRIVE14	0	1	5
0x00000007	\\.\PHYSICALDRIVE15	0	1	6
0x00000008	\\.\PHYSICALDRIVE16	0	1	7

NVMe/FC Host Configuration for Windows Server 2016 with ONTAP

Supportability

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9. Reboot the host.

The NVMe configuration is now complete on the Windows host.

Validating NVMe/FC

1. Validate that the Port Type is FC+NVMe.

Now that NVMe is enabled, you should see the Port Type listed as FC+NVMe, as follows.

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Flags : 8000e300

Host Name : INTEROP-57-159

Mfg : Emulex Corporation

Serial No. : FC71367217

Port Number : 0

: Initiator Mode

PCI Bus Number: 94 PCI Function : 0

Port Type : FC+NVMe Model : LPe32002-M2

Port WWN : 10:00:00:10:9b:1b:97:66 Node WWN : 20:00:00:10:9b:1b:97:66 Fabric Name : 10:00:c4:f5:7c:a5:32:e0

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Host Name : INTEROP-57-159
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Total Capacity : Not Available Unallocated Capacity : Not Available

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Controller ID : 0x0140

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Firmware Version : FFFFFFFF

Total Capacity : Not Available
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NVMe Qualified Name : nqn.1992-

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Port WWN : 20:08:d0:39:ea:14:11:04 Node WWN : 20:05:d0:39:ea:14:11:04

Controller ID : 0x0141

Model Number : NetApp ONTAP Controller Serial Number : 81CGZBPU5T/uAAAAAAAB

Firmware Version : FFFFFFFF
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Flags : 8000e300

Host Name : INTEROP-57-159

Mfg : Emulex Corporation

Serial No. : FC71367217

Port Number : 0

: Initiator Mode

PCI Bus Number: 94 PCI Function : 0

Port Type : FC+NVMe Model : LPe32002-M2

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Flags : 8000e300
Host Name : INTEROP-57-159
Mfg : Emulex Corporation
Serial No. : FC71367217
Port Number : 1

: Initiator Mode

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Controller ID : 0x0140

Model Number : NetApp ONTAP Controller Serial Number : 81CGZBPU5T/uAAAAAAAB

Firmware Version : FFFFFFFF

Total Capacity : Not Available
Unallocated Capacity : Not Available

NVMe Qualified Name : nqn.1992-

08.com.netapp:sn.a3b74c32db2911eab229d039ea141105:subsystem.win_nvme_interop-57-159

Port WWN : 20:08:d0:39:ea:14:11:04 Node WWN : 20:05:d0:39:ea:14:11:04

Controller ID : 0x0141

Model Number : NetApp ONTAP Controller Serial Number : 81CGZBPU5T/uAAAAAAAB

Firmware Version : FFFFFFFF
Total Capacity : Not Available
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