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Replace the `<DevId>` with the WWID string of the device you want to exclude. Use the following command to determine the WWID:

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Known Problems and Limitations

There are no known issues for RHEL 8.2.

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| 1275843 | Kernel disruption might occur on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.1 with QLogic QLE2672 16GB FC HBA during storage failover operation | Kernel disruption might occur during storage failover operations on the Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.1 kernel with a QLogic QLE2672 Fibre Channel (FC) host bus adapter (HBA). The kernel disruption causes Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.1 to reboot, leading to application disruption. If the kdump mechanism is enabled, the kernel disruption generates a vmcore file located in the /var/crash/ directory. You can check the vmcore file to determine the cause of the disruption. A storage failover with the QLogic QLE2672 HBA event affects the "kmem_cache_alloc+131" module. You can locate the event in the vmcore file by finding the following string: "[exception RIP: kmem_cache_alloc+131]" After the kernel disruption, reboot the Host OS and recover the operating system. Then restart the applications | 1760819 |

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| 1266250 | Login to multiple paths fails during the Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.1 installation on iSCSI SAN LUN | You cannot login to multiple paths during the Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.1 installation on iSCSI SAN LUN multipath devices. Installation is not possible on multipath iSCSI device and the multipath service is not enabled on the SAN boot device. | 1758504 |

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| hardware_handler | "0" |
| no_path_retry | queue |
| path_checker | "tur" |
| path_grouping_policy | "group_by_prio" |
| path_selector | "service-time 0" |
| polling_interval | 5 |
| prio | "ontap" |
| product | LUN.* |
| retain_attached_hw_handler | yes |
| rr_weight | "uniform" |
| user_friendly_names | no |
| vendor | NETAPP |

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        product        "LUN.*"
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        path_checker   tur
    }
}
```

Known Problems and Limitations

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|-------------------------|--|---|-------------------------|
| 1238719 | Kernel disruption on RHEL8 with QLogic QLE2672 16GB FC during storage failover operations | Kernel disruption might occur during storage failover operations on a Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 8 kernel with a QLogic QLE2672 host bus adapter (HBA). The kernel disruption causes the operating system to reboot. The reboot causes application disruption and generates the vmcore file under the /var/crash/directory if kdump is configured. Use the vmcore file to identify the cause of the failure. In this case, the disruption is in the "kmem_cache_alloc+160" module. It is logged in the vmcore file with the following string: "[exception RIP: kmem_cache_alloc+160]". Reboot the host OS to recover the operating system and then restart the application. | 1710009 |
| 1226783 | RHEL8 OS boots up to "emergency mode" when more than 204 SCSI devices are mapped on all Fibre Channel (FC) host bus adapters (HBA) | If a host is mapped with more than 204 SCSI devices during an operating systemreboot process, the RHEL8 OS fails to boot up to "normal mode" and enters "emergency mode". This results in most of the host services becoming unavailable. | 1690356 |

| NetApp Bug ID | Title | Description | Bugzilla ID |
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| 1230882 | Creating a partition on an iSCSI multipath device during the RHEL8 installation is not feasible. | iSCSI SAN LUN multipath devices are not listed in disk selection during RHEL 8 installation. Consequently, the multipath service is not enabled on the SAN boot device. | 1709995 |
| 1235998 | The "rescan-scsi-bus.sh -a" command does not scan more than 328 devices | If a Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 host maps with more than 328 SCSI devices, the host OS command "rescan-scsi-bus.sh -a" only scans 328 devices. The host does not discover any remaining mapped devices. | 1709995 |
| 1231087 | Remote ports transit to a blocked state on RHEL8 with Emulex LPe16002 16GB FC during storage failover operations | Remote ports transit to a blocked state on RHEL8 with Emulex LPe16002 16GB Fibre Channel (FC) during storage failover operations. When the storage node returns to an optimal state, the LIFs also come up and the remote port state should read "online". Occasionally, the remote port state might continue to read as "blocked" or "not present". This state can lead to a "failed faulty" path to LUNs at the multipath layer | 1702005 |

| NetApp Bug ID | Title | Description | Bugzilla ID |
|-------------------------|--|---|-------------------------|
| 1231098 | Remote ports transit to blocked state on RHEL8 with Emulex LPe32002 32GB FC during storage failover operations | Remote ports transit to a blocked state on RHEL8 with Emulex LPe32002 32GBFibre Channel (FC) during storage failover operations. When the storage node returns to an optimal state, the LIFs also come up and the remote port state should read "online". Occasionally, the remote port state might continue to read as "blocked" or "not present". This state can lead to a "failed faulty" path to LUNs at the multipath layer. | 1705573 |

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RHEL 7

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```
# sanlun lun show all
```

| controller(7mode/E-Series)/ vserver(cDOT/FlashRay) | lun-pathname | device filename | host adapter | protocol | lun size | Product |
|---|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------|-------------|---------|
| data_vserver | /vol/vol1/lun1 | /dev/sdb | host16 | FCP | 120.0g | cDOT |
| data_vserver | /vol/vol1/lun1 | /dev/sdc | host15 | FCP | 120.0g | cDOT |
| data_vserver | /vol/vol2/lun2 | /dev/sdd | host16 | FCP | 120.0g | cDOT |
| data_vserver | /vol/vol2/lun2 | /dev/sde | host15 | FCP | 120.0g | cDOT |

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1. Map the SAN boot LUN to the host.
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3. Enable SAN booting in the server BIOS for the ports to which the SAN boot LUN is mapped.

For information on how to enable the HBA BIOS, see your vendor-specific documentation.

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hwhandler='1 alua' wp=rw
'-+- policy='service-time 0' prio=50 status=active
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|- 11:0:9:1 sdiy 8:288 active ready running
|- 11:0:10:1 sdml 69:464 active ready running
|- 11:0:11:1 sdpt 131:304 active ready running
```



Do not use an excessive number of paths to a single LUN. No more than 4 paths should be required. More than 8 paths might cause path issues during storage failures.

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and two Active/non-Optimized paths:

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hwhandler='1 alua' wp=rw
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| |- 11:0:1:0 sdj 8:144 active ready running
| |- 11:0:2:0 sdr 65:16 active ready running
`+- policy='service-time 0' prio=10 status=enabled
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```
touch /etc/multipath.conf
```

The first time you create this file, you might need to enable and start the multipath services.

```
[root@jfs0 ~]#systemctl enable multipathd
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```

There is no requirement to add anything directly to multipath.conf, unless you have devices that you do not want to be managed by multipath or you have existing settings that override defaults.

You can add the following syntax to the multipath.conf file to exclude the unwanted devices.



Replace the <DevId> with the WWID string of the device you want to exclude. Use the following command to determine the WWID:

```
blacklist {
    wwid <DevId>
    devnode "^(ram|raw|loop|fd|md|dm-|sr|scd|st)[0-9]*"
    devnode "^hd[a-z]"
    devnode "^cciss.*"
}
```

Example

In this example, sda is the local SCSI disk that we need to blacklist.

1. Run the following command to determine the WWID:

```
# /lib/udev/scsi_id -gud /dev/sda
360030057024d0730239134810c0cb833
```

2. Add this WWID to the blacklist stanza in the `/etc/multipath.conf`:

```
blacklist {
    wwid 360030057024d0730239134810c0cb833
    devnode "^(ram|raw|loop|fd|md|dm-|sr|scd|st)[0-9]*"
    devnode "^hd[a-z]"
    devnode "^cciss.*"
}
```

You should always check your `/etc/multipath.conf` file for legacy settings, especially in the defaults section, that may be overriding default settings.

The table below shows the critical `multipathd` parameters for ONTAP LUNs and the required values. If a host is connected to LUNs from other vendors and any of these parameters are overridden, they will need to be corrected by later stanzas in `multipath.conf` that apply specifically to ONTAP LUNs. If this is not done, the ONTAP LUNs may not work as expected. These defaults should only be overridden in consultation with NetApp and/or OS vendor and only when the impact is fully understood.

| Parameter | Setting |
|----------------------|---|
| detect_prio | yes |
| dev_loss_tmo | "infinity" |
| failback | immediate |
| fast_io_fail_tmo | 5 |
| features | "3 queue_if_no_path pg_init_retries 50" |
| flush_on_last_del | "yes" |
| hardware_handler | "0" |
| no_path_retry | queue |
| path_checker | "tur" |
| path_grouping_policy | "group_by_prio" |
| path_selector | "service-time 0" |
| polling_interval | 5 |
| prio | "ontap" |

| Parameter | Setting |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| product | LUN.* |
| retain_attached_hw_handler | yes |
| rr_weight | "uniform" |
| user_friendly_names | no |
| vendor | NETAPP |

Example

The following example shows how to correct an overridden default. In this case, the `multipath.conf` file defines values for `path_checker` and `no_path_retry` that are not compatible with ONTAP LUNs. If they cannot be removed because of other SAN arrays still attached to the host, these parameters can be corrected specifically for ONTAP LUNs with a device stanza.

```
defaults {
    path_checker      readsector0
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}

devices {
    device {
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        no_path_retry  queue
        path_checker    tur
    }
}
```

Known Problems and Limitations

There are no known issues for RHEL 7.8.

Release Notes

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Using Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.7 with NetApp ONTAP

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Example

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```
# sanlun lun show all
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vserver(cDOT/FlashRay)  lun-pathname  filename  adapter  protocol  size    Product
-----
data_vserver            /vol/vol1/lun1 /dev/sdb  host16    FCP       120.0g  cDOT
data_vserver            /vol/vol1/lun1 /dev/sdc  host15    FCP       120.0g  cDOT
data_vserver            /vol/vol2/lun2 /dev/sdd  host16    FCP       120.0g  cDOT
data_vserver            /vol/vol2/lun2 /dev/sde  host15    FCP       120.0g  cDOT
```

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| Parameter | Setting |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
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| fast_io_fail_tmo | 5 |
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| 1261474 | Remote ports transit to blocked state on RHEL7U7 with Emulex LPe32002 32GB FC | Remote ports might transit to a blocked state on a RHEL 7.7 host with LPe32002 32GB FC adapter during storage failover operations. When the storage node returns to an optimal state, the LIFs also come up and the remote port state should read "online". Occasionally, the remote port state might continue to read as "blocked" or "not present". This state can lead to a "failed faulty" path to LUNs at the multipath layer. | 1745995 |

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data_vserver            /vol/vol2/lun2  /dev/sdd    host16    FCP        120.0g    cDOT
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  |- 11:0:9:1    sdiy   8:288   active ready running
  |- 11:0:10:1   sdml  69:464  active ready running
  |- 11:0:11:1   sdpt  131:304 active ready running
```



Do not use an excessive number of paths to a single LUN. No more than 4 paths should be required. More than 8 paths might cause path issues during storage failures.

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```
# multipath -ll
3600a09803831347657244e527766394e dm-5 NETAPP,LUN C-Mode
size=80G features='4 queue_if_no_path pg_init_retries 50 retain_attached_hw_handle'
hwhandler='1 alua' wp=rw
|+- policy='service-time 0' prio=50 status=active
| |- 11:0:1:0 sdj 8:144 active ready running
| |- 11:0:2:0 sdr 65:16 active ready running
`+- policy='service-time 0' prio=10 status=enabled
  |- 11:0:0:0 sdb 8:i6 active ready running
  |- 12:0:0:0 sdz 65:144 active ready running
```



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```
touch /etc/multipath.conf
```

The first time you create this file, you might need to enable and start the multipath services.

```
[root@jfs0 ~]#systemctl enable multipathd
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blacklist {
    wwid <DevId>
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    devnode "^hd[a-z]"
    devnode "^cciss.*"
}
```

Example

In this example, sda is the local SCSI disk that we need to blacklist.

1. Run the following command to determine the WWID:

```
# /lib/udev/scsi_id -gud /dev/sda
360030057024d0730239134810c0cb833
```

2. Add this WWID to the blacklist stanza in the `/etc/multipath.conf`:

```
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    wwid 360030057024d0730239134810c0cb833
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}
```

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The table below shows the critical `multipathd` parameters for ONTAP LUNs and the required values. If a host is connected to LUNs from other vendors and any of these parameters are overridden, they will need to be corrected by later stanzas in `multipath.conf` that apply specifically to ONTAP LUNs. If this is not done, the ONTAP LUNs may not work as expected. These defaults should only be overridden in consultation with NetApp and/or OS vendor and only when the impact is fully understood.

| Parameter | Setting |
|------------------|------------|
| detect_prio | yes |
| dev_loss_tmo | "infinity" |
| failback | immediate |
| fast_io_fail_tmo | 5 |

| Parameter | Setting |
|----------------------------|---|
| features | "3 queue_if_no_path pg_init_retries 50" |
| flush_on_last_del | "yes" |
| hardware_handler | "0" |
| no_path_retry | queue |
| path_checker | "tur" |
| path_grouping_policy | "group_by_prio" |
| path_selector | "service-time 0" |
| polling_interval | 5 |
| prio | "ontap" |
| product | LUN.* |
| retain_attached_hw_handler | yes |
| rr_weight | "uniform" |
| user_friendly_names | no |
| vendor | NETAPP |

Example

The following example shows how to correct an overridden default. In this case, the `multipath.conf` file defines values for `path_checker` and `no_path_retry` that are not compatible with ONTAP LUNs. If they cannot be removed because of other SAN arrays still attached to the host, these parameters can be corrected specifically for ONTAP LUNs with a device stanza.

```
defaults {
    path_checker      readsector0
    no_path_retry     fail
}

devices {
    device {
        vendor        "NETAPP  "
        product        "LUN.*"
        no_path_retry  queue
        path_checker    tur
    }
}
```

Known Problems and Limitations

| NetApp Bug ID | Title | Description | Bugzilla ID |
|-------------------------|---|---|-------------------------|
| 1186754 | Remote ports status on RHEL7U6 with QLogic QLE2742 host might be in blocked during host discovery | During host discovery, FC remote port status on RHEL7U6 host with a QLogic QLE2742 adapter might enter a blocked state. These blocked remote ports might result in the paths to LUNs becoming unavailable. During storage failover, the path redundancy might be reduced and result in I/O outage. You can check the remote port status by entering the following command: # cat /sys/class/fc_remote_ports/rport-*/port_state | 1628039 |

| NetApp Bug ID | Title | Description | Bugzilla ID |
|-------------------------|---|---|-------------------------|
| 1190698 | Remote port status on RHEL7U6 with QLogic QLE2672 host might be in blocked during storage failover operations | FC remote ports might be blocked on Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 7U6 with the QLogic QLE2672 host during storage failover operations. Because the logical interfaces go down when a storage node is down, the remote ports set the storage node status to blocked. When the storage node returns to its optimal state, the logical interfaces also come up and the remote ports should be online. However, the remote ports might still be blocked. This blocked state registers as failed faulty to LUNS at the multipath layer. You can verify the remote ports state with the following command: # cat /sys/class/fc_remote_ports/rport-*/port_state | 1643459 |

Release Notes

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Using Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.5 with NetApp ONTAP

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Installing the Linux Unified Host Utilities is strongly recommended, but not mandatory. The utilities do not change any settings on your Linux host. The utilities improve management and assist NetApp customer support in gathering information about your configuration.

Before you begin

If you have a version of Linux Unified Host Utilities currently installed you should upgrade it or, you should remove it and use the following steps to install the latest version.

1. Download the 32-bit or 64-bit Linux Unified Host Utilities software package from the [NetApp Support Site](#) to your host.
2. Use the following command to install the software package:

```
rpm -ivh netapp_linux_unified_host_utilities-7-1.x86_64
```

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The toolkit is installed automatically when you install the NetApp Host Utilities package. This kit provides the **sanlun** utility, which helps you manage LUNs and HBAs. The **sanlun** command returns information about the LUNs mapped to your host, multipathing, and information necessary to create initiator groups.

Example

In the following example, the **sanlun lun show command** returns LUN information.

```
# sanlun lun show all
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vserver(cDOT/FlashRay)  lun-pathname filename  adapter  protocol  size      Product
-----
data_vserver            /vol/vol1/lun1 /dev/sdb  host16    FCP       120.0g    cDOT
data_vserver            /vol/vol1/lun1 /dev/sdc  host15    FCP       120.0g    cDOT
data_vserver            /vol/vol2/lun2 /dev/sdd  host16    FCP       120.0g    cDOT
data_vserver            /vol/vol2/lun2 /dev/sde  host15    FCP       120.0g    cDOT
```

SAN Booting

Before you begin

If you decide to use SAN booting, it must be supported by your configuration. You can use the [NetApp Interoperability Matrix Tool](#) to verify that your OS, HBA, HBA firmware and the HBA boot BIOS, and ONTAP version are supported.

1. Map the SAN boot LUN to the host.
2. Verify multiple paths are available.

Remember, multiple paths will only be available after the host OS is up and running on the paths.

3. Enable SAN booting in the server BIOS for the ports to which the SAN boot LUN is mapped.

For information on how to enable the HBA BIOS, see your vendor-specific documentation.

4. Reboot the host to verify the boot is successful.

Multipathing

For Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 7.5 the `/etc/multipath.conf` file must exist, but you do not need to make specific changes to the file. RHEL 7.5 is compiled with all settings required to recognize and correctly manage ONTAP LUNs.

You can use the `multipath -ll` command to verify the settings for your ONTAP LUNs.

The following sections provide sample multipath output for a LUN mapped to ASA and non-ASA personas.

All SAN Array Configuration

For All SAN Array (ASA) configuration there should be one group of paths with single priorities. All the paths are Active/Optimized, meaning they are serviced by the controller and I/O is sent on all the active paths.

Example

The following example displays the correct output for an ONTAP LUN with four Active/Optimized paths:

```
# multipath -ll
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```



Do not use an excessive number of paths to a single LUN. No more than 4 paths should be required. More than 8 paths might cause path issues during storage failures.

Non-ASA Configuration

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Example

The following example displays the correct output for an ONTAP LUN with two Active/Optimized paths and two Active/non-Optimized paths:

```
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3600a09803831347657244e527766394e dm-5 NETAPP,LUN C-Mode
size=80G features='4 queue_if_no_path pg_init_retries 50 retain_attached_hw_handle'
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|+- policy='service-time 0' prio=50 status=active
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The RHEL 7.5 OS is compiled to recognize ONTAP LUNs and automatically set all configuration parameters correctly for both ASA and non-ASA configuration.

The multipath.conf file must exist for the multipath daemon to start, but you can create an empty, zero-byte file using the command:

```
touch /etc/multipath.conf
```

The first time you create this file, you might need to enable and start the multipath services.

```
[root@jfs0 ~]#systemctl enable multipathd
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```

There is no requirement to add anything directly to multipath.conf, unless you have devices that you do not want to be managed by multipath or you have existing settings that override defaults.

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Replace the <DevId> with the WWID string of the device you want to exclude. Use the following command to determine the WWID:

```
blacklist {
    wwid <DevId>
    devnode "(ram|raw|loop|fd|md|dm-|sr|scd|st)[0-9]*"
    devnode "^hd[a-z]"
    devnode "^cciss.*"
}
```

Example

In this example, sda is the local SCSI disk that we need to blacklist.

1. Run the following command to determine the WWID:

```
# /lib/udev/scsi_id -gud /dev/sda
360030057024d0730239134810c0cb833
```

2. Add this WWID to the blacklist stanza in the `/etc/multipath.conf`:

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}
```

You should always check your `/etc/multipath.conf` file for legacy settings, especially in the defaults section, that may be overriding default settings.

The table below shows the critical `multipathd` parameters for ONTAP LUNs and the required values. If a host is connected to LUNs from other vendors and any of these parameters are overridden, they will need to be corrected by later stanzas in `multipath.conf` that apply specifically to ONTAP LUNs. If this is not done, the ONTAP LUNs may not work as expected. These defaults should only be overridden in consultation with NetApp and/or OS vendor and only when the impact is fully understood.

| Parameter | Setting |
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| detect_prio | yes |
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| failback | immediate |
| fast_io_fail_tmo | 5 |

| Parameter | Setting |
|----------------------------|---|
| features | "3 queue_if_no_path pg_init_retries 50" |
| flush_on_last_del | "yes" |
| hardware_handler | "0" |
| no_path_retry | queue |
| path_checker | "tur" |
| path_grouping_policy | "group_by_prio" |
| path_selector | "service-time 0" |
| polling_interval | 5 |
| prio | "ontap" |
| product | LUN.* |
| retain_attached_hw_handler | yes |
| rr_weight | "uniform" |
| user_friendly_names | no |
| vendor | NETAPP |

Example

The following example shows how to correct an overridden default. In this case, the `multipath.conf` file defines values for `path_checker` and `no_path_retry` that are not compatible with ONTAP LUNs. If they cannot be removed because of other SAN arrays still attached to the host, these parameters can be corrected specifically for ONTAP LUNs with a device stanza.

```
defaults {
    path_checker      readsector0
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}

devices {
    device {
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        path_checker    tur
    }
}
```

Known Problems and Limitations

| NetApp Bug ID | Title | Description | Bugzilla ID |
|-------------------------|--|--|-------------------------|
| 1139053 | Kernel disruption occurs on RHEL7.5 with QLogic QLE2672 16GB FC during storage failover operations | During storage failover operations on the RHEL7U5 kernel with QLogic QLE2672 16GB fibre channel host bus adapter, the kernel disruption occurs due to a panic in the kernel. The kernel panic causes RHEL 7.5 to reboot, which leads to an application disruption. The kernel panic generates the vmcore file under the /var/crash/directory if kdump is configured. The vmcore file is used to understand the cause of the failure. In this case, the panic was observed in the “get_next_timer_interrupt+440” module which is logged in the vmcore file with the following string: " [exception RIP: get_next_timer_interrupt+440]" After the kernel disruption, you can recover the operating system by rebooting the host operating system and restarting the application as required. | 1542564 |

| NetApp Bug ID | Title | Description | Bugzilla ID |
|-------------------------|--|---|-------------------------|
| 1138536 | Kernel disruption occurs on RHEL7U5 with QLogic QLE2742 32GB FC during storage failover operations | During storage failover operations on the Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) RHEL7U5 kernel with QLogic QLE2742 HBA, kernel disruption occurs due to a panic in the kernel. The kernel panic leads to a reboot of the operating system, causing an application disruption. The kernel panic generates the vmcore file under the /var/crash/ directory if kdump is configured. When the kernel panics, you can use the vmcore file to investigate the reason for the failure. The following example shows a panic in the bget_next_timer_interrupt+440b module. The panic is logged in the vmcore file with the following string: "[exception RIP: get_next_timer_interrupt+440]" You can recover the operating system by rebooting the host OS and restarting the application as required. | 1541972 |

| NetApp Bug ID | Title | Description | Bugzilla ID |
|-------------------------|---|---|-------------------------|
| 1148090 | Kernel disruption occurs on RHEL 7.5 with QLogic QLE2742 32GB FC HBA during storage failover operations | <p>During storage failover operations on the Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 7.5 kernel with a QLogic QLE2742 Fibre Channel (FC) host bus adapter (HBA), a kernel disruption occurs due to a panic in the kernel. The kernel panic causes RHEL 7.5 to reboot, which leads to an application disruption. If the kdump mechanism is enabled, the kernel panic generates a vmcore file located in the /var/crash/ directory. You can analyze the vmcore file to determine the cause of the panic. In this instance, when storage failover with the QLogic QLE2742 HBA event occurs, the "native_queued_spin_lock_slowpath+464" module is affected. You can locate the event in the vmcore file by finding the following string: "[exception RIP: native_queued_spin_lock_slowpath+464]" After the kernel disruption, you can reboot the Host OS and recover the operating system, and then you can restart the applications as required.</p> | 1559050 |

| NetApp Bug ID | Title | Description | Bugzilla ID |
|-------------------------|--|--|-------------------------|
| 1146898 | Kernel disruption occurs on RHEL 7.5 with Emulex HBAs during storage failover operations | During storage failover operations on a Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 7.5 system with Emulex LPe32002-M2 32-GB FC host bus adapters (HBAs), a disruption in the kernel occurs. The kernel disruption causes a reboot of the operating system, which in turn causes an application disruption. If you configure kdump, the kernel disruption generates the vmcore file under the /var/crash/ directory. You can use the vmcore file to determine the cause of the failure. In the following example, you can see the disruption in the "lpfc_hba_clean_txcmplq+368" module. This disruption is logged in the vmcore file with the following string: "[exception RIP: lpfc_hba_clean_txcmplq+368]" After the kernel disruption, reboot the host OS to recover the operating system. Restart the application as required. | 1554777 |

Release Notes

ASM Mirroring

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problem and switch over to an alternate fail group. Most ASM configurations on ONTAP use external redundancy, which means that data protection is provided by the external array and ASM does not mirror data. Some sites use ASM with normal redundancy to provide two-way mirroring, normally across different sites. See [Oracle Databases on ONTAP](#) for further information.

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```
# sanlun lun show all
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                        filename      adapter
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data_vserver            /vol/vol2/lun2  /dev/sdd    host16    FCP       120.0g   cDOT
data_vserver            /vol/vol2/lun2  /dev/sde    host15    FCP       120.0g   cDOT
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SAN Booting

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1. Map the SAN boot LUN to the host.
2. Verify multiple paths are available.

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3. Enable SAN booting in the server BIOS for the ports to which the SAN boot LUN is mapped.

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4. Reboot the host to verify the boot is successful.

Multipathing

For Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 7.4 the `/etc/multipath.conf` file must exist, but you do not need to make specific changes to the file. RHEL 7.4 is compiled with all settings required to recognize and correctly manage ONTAP LUNs.

You can use the `multipath -ll` command to verify the settings for your ONTAP LUNs.

The following sections provide sample multipath output for a LUN mapped to ASA and non-ASA personas.

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Example

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| |- 11:0:1:0 sdj   8:144   active ready running
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```



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```
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blacklist {
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```

Example

In this example, sda is the local SCSI disk that we need to blacklist.

1. Run the following command to determine the WWID:

```
# /lib/udev/scsi_id -gud /dev/sda
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```

2. Add this WWID to the blacklist stanza in the /etc/multipath.conf:

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    wwid 360030057024d0730239134810c0cb833
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| Parameter | Setting |
|----------------------------|---|
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| dev_loss_tmo | "infinity" |
| failback | immediate |
| fast_io_fail_tmo | 5 |
| features | "3 queue_if_no_path pg_init_retries 50" |
| flush_on_last_del | "yes" |
| hardware_handler | "0" |
| no_path_retry | queue |
| path_checker | "tur" |
| path_grouping_policy | "group_by_prio" |
| path_selector | "service-time 0" |
| polling_interval | 5 |
| prio | "ontap" |
| product | LUN.* |
| retain_attached_hw_handler | yes |
| rr_weight | "uniform" |
| user_friendly_names | no |
| vendor | NETAPP |

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```

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    path_checker      readsector0
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}

devices {
    device {
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        product        "LUN.*"
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        path_checker   tur
    }
}

```

Known Problems and Limitations

There are no known issues for RHEL 7.4.

Release Notes

ASM Mirroring

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In the following example, the **sanlun lun show command** returns LUN information.

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# sanlun lun show all
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vserver(cDOT/FlashRay)  lun-pathname filename  adapter  protocol size  Product
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data_vserver            /vol/vol1/lun1  /dev/sdc  host15   FCP      120.0g  cDOT
data_vserver            /vol/vol2/lun2  /dev/sdd  host16   FCP      120.0g  cDOT
data_vserver            /vol/vol2/lun2  /dev/sde  host15   FCP      120.0g  cDOT
```

SAN Booting

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1. Map the SAN boot LUN to the host.
2. Verify multiple paths are available.

Remember, multiple paths will only be available after the host OS is up and running on the paths.

3. Enable SAN booting in the server BIOS for the ports to which the SAN boot LUN is mapped.

For information on how to enable the HBA BIOS, see your vendor-specific documentation.

4. Reboot the host to verify the boot is successful.

Multipathing

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You can use the `multipath -ll` command to verify the settings for your ONTAP LUNs.

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hwhandler='1 alua' wp=rw
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   |- 11:0:7:1    sdfi  130:64   active ready running
   |- 11:0:9:1    sdiy   8:288   active ready running
   |- 11:0:10:1   sdml  69:464   active ready running
   |- 11:0:11:1   sdpt  131:304  active ready running
```



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`+- policy='service-time 0' prio=10 status=enabled
  |- 11:0:0:0 sdb 8:i6 active ready running
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Recommended Settings

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```
touch /etc/multipath.conf
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[root@jfs0 ~]#systemctl enable multipathd
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Replace the <DevId> with the WWID string of the device you want to exclude. Use the following command to determine the WWID:

```
blacklist {
    wwid <DevId>
    devnode "^(ram|raw|loop|fd|md|dm-|sr|scd|st)[0-9]*"
    devnode "^hd[a-z]"
    devnode "^cciss.*"
}
```

Example

In this example, sda is the local SCSI disk that we need to blacklist.

1. Run the following command to determine the WWID:

```
# /lib/udev/scsi_id -gud /dev/sda
360030057024d0730239134810c0cb833
```

2. Add this WWID to the blacklist stanza in the `/etc/multipath.conf`:

```
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    wwid 360030057024d0730239134810c0cb833
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| failback | immediate |
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    }
}
```

Known Problems and Limitations

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Release Notes

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4. Reboot the host to verify the boot is successful.

Multipathing

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data_vserver             /vol/vol2/lun2  /dev/sdd    host16    FCP        120.0g    cDOT
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blacklist {
    wwid <DevId>
    devnode "^(ram|raw|loop|fd|md|dm-|sr|scd|st)[0-9]*"
    devnode "^hd[a-z]"
    devnode "^cciss.*"
}
```

Example

In this example, sda is the local SCSI disk that we need to blacklist.

1. Run the following command to determine the WWID:

```
# /lib/udev/scsi_id -gud /dev/sda
360030057024d0730239134810c0cb833
```

2. Add this WWID to the blacklist stanza in the /etc/multipath.conf:

```
blacklist {
    wwid 360030057024d0730239134810c0cb833
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    devnode "^hd[a-z]"
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| Parameter | Setting |
|----------------------------|---|
| detect_prio | yes |
| dev_loss_tmo | "infinity" |
| failback | immediate |
| fast_io_fail_tmo | 5 |
| features | "3 queue_if_no_path pg_init_retries 50" |
| flush_on_last_del | "yes" |
| hardware_handler | "0" |
| no_path_retry | queue |
| path_checker | "tur" |
| path_grouping_policy | "group_by_prio" |
| path_selector | "service-time 0" |
| polling_interval | 5 |
| prio | "ontap" |
| product | LUN.* |
| retain_attached_hw_handler | yes |
| rr_weight | "uniform" |
| user_friendly_names | no |
| vendor | NETAPP |

Example

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```

defaults {
    path_checker      readsector0
    no_path_retry     fail
}

devices {
    device {
        vendor        "NETAPP  "
        product        "LUN.*"
        no_path_retry  queue
        path_checker   tur
    }
}

```

Known Problems and Limitations

| NetApp Bug ID | Title | Description | Bugzilla ID |
|------------------------|---|--|-------------------------|
| 799323 | Emulex FCoE (OCe10102-FX-D) host hang or path failures observed during I/O with storage failover operations | You might observe a host hang or path failures on Emulex 10G FCoE host (OCe10102-FX-D) during I/O with storage failover operations. In such scenarios, you might see the following message: "driver's buffer pool is empty, IO busied and SCSI Layer I/O Abort Request Status" | 1061755 |

| NetApp Bug ID | Title | Description | Bugzilla ID |
|------------------------|---|--|-------------------------|
| 836875 | IP addresses are not always assigned during the boot of a RHEL 7.0 OS installed on an iSCSI multipath'd LUN | When you install the root(/) on a iSCSI multipath'd LUN, the IP address for the Ethernet interfaces are specified in the kernel command line so that the IP addresses are assigned before the iSCSI service starts. However, dracut cannot assign IP addresses to all the Ethernet ports during the boot, before the iSCSI service starts. This causes the iSCSI login to fail on interfaces without IP addresses. You will see the iSCSI service attempt to login numerous times, which will cause a delay in the OS boot time. | 1114966 |

Release Notes

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```
rpm -ivh netapp_linux_unified_host_utilities-7-1.x86_64
```

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The toolkit is installed automatically when you install the NetApp Host Utilities package. This kit provides the `sanlun` utility, which helps you manage LUNs and HBAs. The `sanlun` command returns information about the LUNs mapped to your host, multipathing, and information necessary to create initiator groups.

Example

In the following example, the `sanlun lun show command` returns LUN information.

```
# sanlun lun show all
controller(7mode/E-Series)/          device      host      lun
vserver(cDOT/FlashRay)  lun-pathname filename  adapter  protocol  size  Product
-----
data_vserver            /vol/vol1/lun1  /dev/sdb  host16    FCP       120.0g  cDOT
data_vserver            /vol/vol1/lun1  /dev/sdc  host15    FCP       120.0g  cDOT
data_vserver            /vol/vol2/lun2  /dev/sdd  host16    FCP       120.0g  cDOT
data_vserver            /vol/vol2/lun2  /dev/sde  host15    FCP       120.0g  cDOT
```

SAN Booting

Before you begin

If you decide to use SAN booting, it must be supported by your configuration. You can use the [NetApp Interoperability Matrix Tool](#) to verify that your OS, HBA, HBA firmware and the HBA boot BIOS, and ONTAP version are supported.

- 1. Map the SAN boot LUN to the host.
- 2. Verify multiple paths are available.

Remember, multiple paths will only be available after the host OS is up and running on the paths.

- 3. Enable SAN booting in the server BIOS for the ports to which the SAN boot LUN is mapped.

For information on how to enable the HBA BIOS, see your vendor-specific documentation.

4. Reboot the host to verify the boot is successful.

Multipathing

For Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 7.0 the `/etc/multipath.conf` file must exist, but you do not need to make specific changes to the file. RHEL 7.0 is compiled with all settings required to recognize and correctly manage ONTAP LUNs.

You can use the `multipath -ll` command to verify the settings for your ONTAP LUNs.

The following sections provide sample multipath output for a LUN mapped to ASA and non-ASA personas.

All SAN Array Configuration

For All SAN Array (ASA) configuration there should be one group of paths with single priorities. All the paths are Active/Optimized, meaning they are serviced by the controller and I/O is sent on all the active paths.

Example

The following example displays the correct output for an ONTAP LUN with four Active/Optimized paths:

```
# multipath -ll
3600a09803831347657244e527766394e dm-5 NETAPP,LUN C-Mode
size=80G features='4 queue_if_no_path pg_init_retries 50 retain_attached_hw_handle'
hwhandler='1 alua' wp=rw
`-+- policy='service-time 0' prio=50 status=active
   |- 11:0:7:1   sdfi  130:64   active ready running
   |- 11:0:9:1   sdiy   8:288    active ready running
   |- 11:0:10:1  sdml  69:464   active ready running
   |- 11:0:11:1  sdpt  131:304   active ready running
```



Do not use an excessive number of paths to a single LUN. No more than 4 paths should be required. More than 8 paths might cause path issues during storage failures.

Non-ASA Configuration

For non-ASA configuration there should be two groups of paths with different priorities. The paths with the higher priorities are Active/Optimized, meaning they are serviced by the controller where the aggregate is located. The paths with the lower priorities are active but are non-optimized because they are served from a different controller. The non-optimized paths are only used when no optimized paths are available.

Example

The following example displays the correct output for an ONTAP LUN with two Active/Optimized paths and two Active/non-Optimized paths:

```
# multipath -ll
3600a09803831347657244e527766394e dm-5 NETAPP,LUN C-Mode
size=80G features='4 queue_if_no_path pg_init_retries 50 retain_attached_hw_handle'
hwhandler='1 alua' wp=rw
|+- policy='service-time 0' prio=50 status=active
| |- 11:0:1:0 sdj 8:144 active ready running
| |- 11:0:2:0 sdr 65:16 active ready running
`+- policy='service-time 0' prio=10 status=enabled
  |- 11:0:0:0 sdb 8:i6 active ready running
  |- 12:0:0:0 sdz 65:144 active ready running
```



Do not use an excessive number of paths to a single LUN. No more than 4 paths should be required. More than 8 paths might cause path issues during storage failures.

Recommended Settings

The RHEL 7.0 OS is compiled to recognize ONTAP LUNs and automatically set all configuration parameters correctly for both ASA and non-ASA configuration.

The multipath.conf file must exist for the multipath daemon to start, but you can create an empty, zero-byte file using the command:

```
touch /etc/multipath.conf
```

The first time you create this file, you might need to enable and start the multipath services.

```
[root@jfs0 ~]#systemctl enable multipathd
[root@jfs0 ~]# systemctl start multipathd
```

There is no requirement to add anything directly to multipath.conf, unless you have devices that you do not want to be managed by multipath or you have existing settings that override defaults.

You can add the following syntax to the multipath.conf file to exclude the unwanted devices.



Replace the <DevId> with the WWID string of the device you want to exclude. Use the following command to determine the WWID:

```
blacklist {
    wwid <DevId>
    devnode "^(ram|raw|loop|fd|md|dm-|sr|scd|st)[0-9]*"
    devnode "^hd[a-z]"
    devnode "^cciss.*"
}
```

Example

In this example, sda is the local SCSI disk that we need to blacklist.

1. Run the following command to determine the WWID:

```
# /lib/udev/scsi_id -gud /dev/sda
360030057024d0730239134810c0cb833
```

2. Add this WWID to the blacklist stanza in the `/etc/multipath.conf`:

```
blacklist {
    wwid 360030057024d0730239134810c0cb833
    devnode "^(ram|raw|loop|fd|md|dm-|sr|scd|st)[0-9]*"
    devnode "^hd[a-z]"
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}
```

You should always check your `/etc/multipath.conf` file for legacy settings, especially in the defaults section, that may be overriding default settings.

The table below shows the critical `multipathd` parameters for ONTAP LUNs and the required values. If a host is connected to LUNs from other vendors and any of these parameters are overridden, they will need to be corrected by later stanzas in `multipath.conf` that apply specifically to ONTAP LUNs. If this is not done, the ONTAP LUNs may not work as expected. These defaults should only be overridden in consultation with NetApp and/or OS vendor and only when the impact is fully understood.

| Parameter | Setting |
|----------------------|---|
| detect_prio | yes |
| dev_loss_tmo | "infinity" |
| failback | immediate |
| fast_io_fail_tmo | 5 |
| features | "3 queue_if_no_path pg_init_retries 50" |
| flush_on_last_del | "yes" |
| hardware_handler | "0" |
| no_path_retry | queue |
| path_checker | "tur" |
| path_grouping_policy | "group_by_prio" |
| path_selector | "service-time 0" |
| polling_interval | 5 |

| Parameter | Setting |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| prio | "ontap" |
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| retain_attached_hw_handler | yes |
| rr_weight | "uniform" |
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Example

The following example shows how to correct an overridden default. In this case, the `multipath.conf` file defines values for `path_checker` and `no_path_retry` that are not compatible with ONTAP LUNs. If they cannot be removed because of other SAN arrays still attached to the host, these parameters can be corrected specifically for ONTAP LUNs with a device stanza.

```
defaults {
    path_checker      readsector0
    no_path_retry     fail
}

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    device {
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        no_path_retry  queue
        path_checker    tur
    }
}
```

Known Problems and Limitations

| NetApp Bug ID | Title | Description | Bugzilla ID |
|------------------------|---|--|-------------------------|
| 844417 | Emulex 16G FC (LPe16002B-M6) host crashes during I/O with storage failover operations | You might observe a 16G FC Emulex (LPe16002B-M6) host crash during I/O with storage failover operations. | 1131393 |
| 811587 | Emulex 16G FC (LPe16002B-M6) host crashes during I/O with storage failover operations | You might observe a 16G FC Emulex (LPe16002B-M6) host crash during I/O with storage failover operations. | 1079735 |

| NetApp Bug ID | Title | Description | Bugzilla ID |
|------------------------|---|---|-------------------------|
| 803071 | Emulex 16G FC (LPe16002B-M6) host crashes during I/O with storage failover operations | You might observe a 16G FC Emulex (LPe16002B-M6) host crash during I/O with storage failover operations. | 1067895 |
| 820163 | QLogic host hang or path failures observed during I/O with storage failover operations | You might observe a host hang or path failures on QLogic host during I/O with storage failover operations. In such scenarios, you might see the following message: "Mailbox cmd timeout occurred, cmd=0x54, mb[0]=0x54 and Firmware dump saved to temp buffer" messages which leads to host hung/path failure. | 1090378 |
| 799323 | Emulex FCoE (OCe10102-FX-D) host hang or path failures observed during I/O with storage failover operations | You might observe a host hang or path failures on Emulex 10G FCoE host (OCe10102-FX-D) during I/O with storage failover operations. In such scenarios, you might see the following message: "driver's buffer pool is empty, IO busied and SCSI Layer I/O Abort Request Status" messages which leads to host hung/path failures. | 1061755 |

| NetApp Bug ID | Title | Description | Bugzilla ID |
|------------------------|--|--|-------------------------|
| 849212 | Emulex 16G FC (LPe16002B-M6) host hang or path failures are observed during I/O with storage failover operations | You might observe a host hang or path failures on Emulex 16G FC (LPe16002B-M6) host during I/O with storage failover operations. In such scenarios, you might see the following message: "RSCN timeout Data and iotag x1301 is out of range: max iotag" messages which leads to host hung/path failures. | 1109274 |
| 836800 | Anaconda displays an iSCSI login failure message although logins are successful during RHEL 7.0 OS installation | When you install the root(/) on a iSCSI multipath'd LUN, the IP address for the Ethernet interfaces are specified in the kernel command line so that the IP addresses are assigned before the iSCSI service starts. However, dracut cannot assign IP addresses to all the Ethernet ports during the boot, before the iSCSI service starts. This causes the iSCSI login to fail on interfaces without IP addresses. You will see the iSCSI service attempt to login numerous times, which will cause a delay in the OS boot time. | 1114966 |

| NetApp Bug ID | Title | Description | Bugzilla ID |
|------------------------|--|---|-------------------------|
| 836875 | IP addresses are not always assigned during the boot of a RHEL 7.0 OS installed on an iSCSI multipath'd LUN | When you are installing RHEL 7.0, the anaconda installation screen displays that iSCSI login to multiple target IPs have failed though the iSCSI logins are successful. Anaconda displays following error message: "Node Login Failed" You will observe this error only when you select multiple target IPs for iSCSI login. You can continue the OS installation by clicking the "ok" button. This bug does not hamper either the iSCSI or the RHEL 7.0 OS installation. | 1114820 |
| 836657 | Anaconda does not add bootdev argument in kernel cmd line to set IP address for RHEL 7.0 OS installed on iSCSI multipath'd LUN | Anaconda does not add a bootdev argument in the kernel command line where you set the IPv4 address during the RHEL 7.0 OS installation on an iSCSI multipath'd LUN. This prevents assigning of IP addresses to any of the Ethernet interfaces that were configured to establish iSCSI sessions with the storage subsystem during the RHEL 7.0 boot. Since iSCSI sessions are not established, the root LUN is not discovered when the OS boots and hence the OS boot fails. | 1114464 |

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Example

In the following example, the **sanlun lun show command** returns LUN information.

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controller(7mode/E-Series)/
vserver(cDOT/FlashRay)  lun-pathname  device      host      lun
                           filename    adapter    protocol  size      Product
-----
data_vserver            /vol/vol1/lun1  /dev/sdb    host16    FCP        120.0g    cDOT
data_vserver            /vol/vol1/lun1  /dev/sdc    host15    FCP        120.0g    cDOT
data_vserver            /vol/vol2/lun2  /dev/sdd    host16    FCP        120.0g    cDOT
data_vserver            /vol/vol2/lun2  /dev/sde    host15    FCP        120.0g    cDOT
```

SAN Booting

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If you decide to use SAN booting, it must be supported by your configuration. You can use the [NetApp Interoperability Matrix Tool](#) to verify that your OS, HBA, HBA firmware and the HBA boot BIOS, and ONTAP version are supported.

1. Map the SAN boot LUN to the host.
2. Verify multiple paths are available.

Remember, multiple paths will only be available after the host OS is up and running on the paths.

3. Enable SAN booting in the server BIOS for the ports to which the SAN boot LUN is mapped.

For information on how to enable the HBA BIOS, see your vendor-specific documentation.

4. Reboot the host to verify the boot is successful.

Multipathing

For Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 6.10 the `/etc/multipath.conf` file must exist, but you do not need to make specific changes to the file. RHEL 6.10 is compiled with all settings required to recognize and correctly manage ONTAP LUNs.

To Enable ALUA Handler, perform the following steps:

1. Create a backup of the `initrd-image`.
2. Append the following parameter value to the kernel for ALUA and non-ALUA to work:

`rdloaddriver=scsi_dh_alua`

Example

```
kernel /vmlinuz-2.6.32-358.6.1.el6.x86_64 ro root=/dev/mapper/ vg_ibmx355021082-
lv_root rd_NO_LUKS rd_LVM_LV=vg_ibmx355021082/ lv_root LANG=en_US.UTF-8
rd_LVM_LV=vg_ibmx355021082/lv_swap rd_NO_MD SYSFONT=latarcyrheb-sun16 crashkernel=auto
KEYBOARDTYPE=pc KEYTABLE=us rd_NO_DM rhgb quiet rdloaddriver=scsi_dh_alua
```

3. Use the `mkinitrd` command to recreate the `initrd`-image.
RHEL 6x and later versions use either:
The command: `mkinitrd -f /boot/ initrd-"uname -r".img uname -r`
Or
The command: `dracut -f`
4. Reboot the host.
5. Verify the output of the `cat /proc/cmdline` command to ensure that the setting is complete.

You can use the `multipath -ll` command to verify the settings for your ONTAP LUNs.

The following sections provide sample multipath output for a LUN mapped to ASA and non-ASA personas.

All SAN Array Configuration

For All SAN Array (ASA) configuration there should be one group of paths with single priorities. All the paths are Active/Optimized, meaning they are serviced by the controller and I/O is sent on all the active paths.

Example

The following example displays the correct output for an ONTAP LUN with four Active/Optimized paths:

```
# multipath -ll
3600a0980383034466b2b4a3775474859 dm-3 NETAPP,LUN C-Mode
size=20G features='4 queue_if_no_path pg_init_retries 50 retain_attached_hw_handle'
hwhandler='1 alua' wp=rw
|-+- policy='round-robin 0' prio=50 status=active
|- 1:0:8:1 sdb 8:16 active ready running
|- 2:0:8:1 sdd 8:48 active ready running
|- 1:0:9:1 sdc 8:32 active ready running
|- 2:0:9:1 sde 8:64 active ready running
```



Do not use an excessive number of paths to a single LUN. No more than 4 paths should be required. More than 8 paths might cause path issues during storage failures.

Non-ASA Configuration

For non-ASA configuration there should be two groups of paths with different priorities. The paths with the higher priorities are Active/Optimized, meaning they are serviced by the controller where the aggregate is located. The paths with the lower priorities are active but are non-optimized because they are served from a different controller. The non-optimized paths are only used when no optimized paths are available.

Example

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```
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3600a0980383034466b2b4a3775474859 dm-3 NETAPP,LUN C-Mode
size=20G features='4 queue_if_no_path pg_init_retries 50 retain_attached_hw_handle'
hwhandler='1 alua' wp=rw
|+- policy='round-robin 0' prio=50 status=active
| |- 1:0:8:1 sdb 8:16 active ready running
| `-- 2:0:8:1 sdd 8:48 active ready running
`+- policy='round-robin 0' prio=10 status=enabled
  |- 1:0:9:1 sdc 8:32 active ready running
  `-- 2:0:9:1 sde 8:64 active ready running
```



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```
touch /etc/multipath.conf
```

The first time you create this file, you might need to enable and start the multipath services.

```
[root@jfs0 ~]#systemctl enable multipathd
[root@jfs0 ~]# systemctl start multipathd
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Replace the <DevId> with the WWID string of the device you want to exclude. Use the following command to determine the WWID:

```
blacklist {
    wwid <DevId>
    devnode "^(ram|raw|loop|fd|md|dm-|sr|scd|st)[0-9]*"
    devnode "^hd[a-z]"
    devnode "^cciss.*"
}
```

Example

In this example, sda is the local SCSI disk that we need to blacklist.

1. Run the following command to determine the WWID:

```
# /lib/udev/scsi_id -gud /dev/sda
360030057024d0730239134810c0cb833
```

2. Add this WWID to the blacklist stanza in the `/etc/multipath.conf`:

```
blacklist {
    wwid 360030057024d0730239134810c0cb833
    devnode "^(ram|raw|loop|fd|md|dm-|sr|scd|st)[0-9]*"
    devnode "^hd[a-z]"
    devnode "^cciss.*"
}
```

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The table below shows the critical `multipathd` parameters for ONTAP LUNs and the required values. If a host is connected to LUNs from other vendors and any of these parameters are overridden, they will need to be corrected by later stanzas in `multipath.conf` that apply specifically to ONTAP LUNs. If this is not done, the ONTAP LUNs may not work as expected. These defaults should only be overridden in consultation with NetApp and/or OS vendor and only when the impact is fully understood.

| Parameter | Setting |
|----------------------|---|
| detect_prio | yes |
| dev_loss_tmo | "infinity" |
| failback | immediate |
| fast_io_fail_tmo | 5 |
| features | "3 queue_if_no_path pg_init_retries 50" |
| flush_on_last_del | "yes" |
| hardware_handler | "0" |
| no_path_retry | queue |
| path_checker | "tur" |
| path_grouping_policy | "group_by_prio" |
| path_selector | "round-robin 0" |
| polling_interval | 5 |

| Parameter | Setting |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| prio | "ontap" |
| product | LUN.* |
| retain_attached_hw_handler | yes |
| rr_weight | "uniform" |
| user_friendly_names | no |
| vendor | NETAPP |

Example

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}

devices {
    device {
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        no_path_retry  queue
        path_checker    tur
    }
}
```

Known Problems and Limitations

There are no known issues for RHEL 6.10.

Release Notes

ASM Mirroring

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Using Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6.9 with NetApp ONTAP

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Example

In the following example, the **sanlun lun show command** returns LUN information.

```
# sanlun lun show all
controller(7mode/E-Series)/          device    host      lun
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-----
data_vserver            /vol/vol1/lun1 /dev/sdb  host16    FCP       120.0g cDOT
data_vserver            /vol/vol1/lun1 /dev/sdc  host15    FCP       120.0g cDOT
data_vserver            /vol/vol2/lun2 /dev/sdd  host16    FCP       120.0g cDOT
data_vserver            /vol/vol2/lun2 /dev/sde  host15    FCP       120.0g cDOT
```

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If you decide to use SAN booting, it must be supported by your configuration. You can use the [NetApp](#)

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1. Map the SAN boot LUN to the host.
2. Verify multiple paths are available.

Remember, multiple paths will only be available after the host OS is up and running on the paths.

3. Enable SAN booting in the server BIOS for the ports to which the SAN boot LUN is mapped.

For information on how to enable the HBA BIOS, see your vendor-specific documentation.

4. Reboot the host to verify the boot is successful.

Multipathing

For Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 6.9 the `/etc/multipath.conf` file must exist, but you do not need to make specific changes to the file. RHEL 6.9 is compiled with all settings required to recognize and correctly manage ONTAP LUNs.

To Enable ALUA Handler, perform the following steps:

1. Create a backup of the `initrd-image`.
2. Append the following parameter value to the kernel for ALUA and non-ALUA to work:

`rdloaddriver=scsi_dh_alua`

Example

```
kernel /vmlinuz-2.6.32-358.6.1.el6.x86_64 ro root=/dev/mapper/ vg_ibmx355021082-  
lv_root rd_NO_LUKS rd_LVM_LV=vg_ibmx355021082/ lv_root LANG=en_US.UTF-8  
rd_LVM_LV=vg_ibmx355021082/lv_swap rd_NO_MD SYSFONT=latarcyrheb-sun16 crashkernel=auto  
KEYBOARDTYPE=pc KEYTABLE=us rd_NO_DM rhgb quiet rdloaddriver=scsi_dh_alua
```

3. Use the `mkinitrd` command to recreate the `initrd-image`.
RHEL 6x and later versions use either:
The command: `mkinitrd -f /boot/ initrd-"uname -r".img uname -r`
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You can use the `multipath -ll` command to verify the settings for your ONTAP LUNs.

The following sections provide sample multipath output for a LUN mapped to ASA and non-ASA personas.

All SAN Array Configuration

For All SAN Array (ASA) configuration there should be one group of paths with single priorities. All the paths are Active/Optimized, meaning they are serviced by the controller and I/O is sent on all the active paths.

Example

The following example displays the correct output for an ONTAP LUN with four Active/Optimized paths:

```
# multipath -ll
3600a0980383034466b2b4a3775474859 dm-3 NETAPP,LUN C-Mode
size=20G features='4 queue_if_no_path pg_init_retries 50 retain_attached_hw_handle'
hwhandler='1 alua' wp=rw
|-+- policy='round-robin 0' prio=50 status=active
|- 1:0:8:1 sdb 8:16 active ready running
|- 2:0:8:1 sdd 8:48 active ready running
|- 1:0:9:1 sdc 8:32 active ready running
|- 2:0:9:1 sde 8:64 active ready running
```



Do not use an excessive number of paths to a single LUN. No more than 4 paths should be required. More than 8 paths might cause path issues during storage failures.

Non-ASA Configuration

For non-ASA configuration there should be two groups of paths with different priorities. The paths with the higher priorities are Active/Optimized, meaning they are serviced by the controller where the aggregate is located. The paths with the lower priorities are active but are non-optimized because they are served from a different controller. The non-optimized paths are only used when no optimized paths are available.

Example

The following example displays the correct output for an ONTAP LUN with two Active/Optimized paths and two Active/non-Optimized paths:

```
# multipath -ll
3600a0980383034466b2b4a3775474859 dm-3 NETAPP,LUN C-Mode
size=20G features='4 queue_if_no_path pg_init_retries 50 retain_attached_hw_handle'
hwhandler='1 alua' wp=rw
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| |- 1:0:8:1 sdb 8:16 active ready running
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`+- policy='round-robin 0' prio=10 status=enabled
  |- 1:0:9:1 sdc 8:32 active ready running
  `-- 2:0:9:1 sde 8:64 active ready running
```



Do not use an excessive number of paths to a single LUN. No more than 4 paths should be required. More than 8 paths might cause path issues during storage failures.

Recommended Settings

The RHEL 6.9 OS is compiled to recognize ONTAP LUNs and automatically set all configuration parameters correctly for both ASA and non-ASA configuration.

The multipath.conf file must exist for the multipath daemon to start, but you can create an empty, zero-byte file using the command:

```
touch /etc/multipath.conf
```

The first time you create this file, you might need to enable and start the multipath services.

```
[root@jfs0 ~]#systemctl enable multipathd
[root@jfs0 ~]# systemctl start multipathd
```

There is no requirement to add anything directly to multipath.conf, unless you have devices that you do not want to be managed by multipath or you have existing settings that override defaults.

You can add the following syntax to the multipath.conf file to exclude the unwanted devices.



Replace the <DevId> with the WWID string of the device you want to exclude. Use the following command to determine the WWID:

```
blacklist {
    wwid <DevId>
    devnode "^(ram|raw|loop|fd|md|dm-|sr|scd|st)[0-9]*"
    devnode "^hd[a-z]"
    devnode "^cciss.*"
}
```

Example

In this example, sda is the local SCSI disk that we need to blacklist.

1. Run the following command to determine the WWID:

```
# /lib/udev/scsi_id -gud /dev/sda
360030057024d0730239134810c0cb833
```

2. Add this WWID to the blacklist stanza in the `/etc/multipath.conf`:

```
blacklist {
    wwid 360030057024d0730239134810c0cb833
    devnode "^(ram|raw|loop|fd|md|dm-|sr|scd|st)[0-9]*"
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}
```

You should always check your `/etc/multipath.conf` file for legacy settings, especially in the defaults section, that may be overriding default settings.

The table below shows the critical `multipathd` parameters for ONTAP LUNs and the required values. If a host is connected to LUNs from other vendors and any of these parameters are overridden, they will need to be corrected by later stanzas in `multipath.conf` that apply specifically to ONTAP LUNs. If this is not done, the ONTAP LUNs may not work as expected. These defaults should only be overridden in consultation with NetApp and/or OS vendor and only when the impact is fully understood.

| Parameter | Setting |
|----------------------|---|
| detect_prio | yes |
| dev_loss_tmo | "infinity" |
| failback | immediate |
| fast_io_fail_tmo | 5 |
| features | "3 queue_if_no_path pg_init_retries 50" |
| flush_on_last_del | "yes" |
| hardware_handler | "0" |
| no_path_retry | queue |
| path_checker | "tur" |
| path_grouping_policy | "group_by_prio" |
| path_selector | "round-robin 0" |
| polling_interval | 5 |
| prio | "ontap" |
| product | LUN.* |

| Parameter | Setting |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| retain_attached_hw_handler | yes |
| rr_weight | "uniform" |
| user_friendly_names | no |
| vendor | NETAPP |

Example

The following example shows how to correct an overridden default. In this case, the `multipath.conf` file defines values for `path_checker` and `no_path_retry` that are not compatible with ONTAP LUNs. If they cannot be removed because of other SAN arrays still attached to the host, these parameters can be corrected specifically for ONTAP LUNs with a device stanza.

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    }
}
```

Known Problems and Limitations

| NetApp Bug ID | Title | Description | Bugzilla ID |
|-------------------------|---|--|------------------------|
| 1067272 | Remote port status on EMULEX LPe32002 host might be in 'Blocked' state during storage failover operations | During storage failover operations, certain remote port status on RHEL 6.9 host with LPe32002 adapter might get into 'Blocked' state. Because the logical interfaces go down when a storage node is down, the remote port sets the storage node status to "Blocked" state. However, when the storage node comes back to optimal state, the logical interfaces also comes up and the remote port state is expected to be 'Online'. But, on certain occasion the remote port continues to be in 'Blocked' state. This state manifests as 'failed faulty' to LUNS at multipath layer. | 427496 |

| NetApp Bug ID | Title | Description | Bugzilla ID |
|-------------------------|---|---|-------------------------|
| 1076584 | Firmware dumps occur on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6.9 QLogic QE8362 HBA during storage failover operations | Firmware dumps can occur during storage failover operations on Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 6.9 hosts with QLogic QLE8362 host bus adapters (HBA), firmware dumps are observed occasionally. The firmware dumps might manifest as an I/O outage on the host that can last as long as 1200 seconds. After the adapter completes dumping the firmware cores, the I/O operation resumes normally. No further recovery procedure is required on the host. To indicate the firmware dump, the following message is displayed in /var/log/message file: kernel: qla2xxx [0000:0c:00.3]-d001:3: Firmware dump saved to temp buffer (3/ffffc90018b01000), dump status flags (0x3f) | 1438711 |

Release Notes

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Multipathing

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2. Add this WWID to the blacklist stanza in the `/etc/multipath.conf`:

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| flush_on_last_del | "yes" |
| hardware_handler | "0" |
| no_path_retry | queue |
| path_checker | "tur" |
| path_grouping_policy | "group_by_prio" |
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| polling_interval | 5 |
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    device {
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        path_checker    tur
    }
}
```

Known Problems and Limitations

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Release Notes

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data_vserver            /vol/vol1/lun1 /dev/sdc  host15   FCP      120.0g  cDOT
data_vserver            /vol/vol2/lun2 /dev/sdd  host16   FCP      120.0g  cDOT
data_vserver            /vol/vol2/lun2 /dev/sde  host15   FCP      120.0g  cDOT
```

SAN Booting

Before you begin

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1. Map the SAN boot LUN to the host.
2. Verify multiple paths are available.

Remember, multiple paths will only be available after the host OS is up and running on the paths.

3. Enable SAN booting in the server BIOS for the ports to which the SAN boot LUN is mapped.

For information on how to enable the HBA BIOS, see your vendor-specific documentation.

4. Reboot the host to verify the boot is successful.

Multipathing

For Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 6.7 the `/etc/multipath.conf` file must exist, but you do not need to make specific changes to the file. RHEL 6.7 is compiled with all settings required to recognize and correctly manage ONTAP LUNs.

To Enable ALUA Handler, perform the following steps:

1. Create a backup of the `initrd`-image.
2. Append the following parameter value to the kernel for ALUA and non-ALUA to work:

`rdloaddriver=scsi_dh_alua`

Example

```
kernel /vmlinuz-2.6.32-358.6.1.el6.x86_64 ro root=/dev/mapper/ vg_ibmx355021082-  
lv_root rd_NO_LUKS rd_LVM_LV=vg_ibmx355021082/ lv_root LANG=en_US.UTF-8  
rd_LVM_LV=vg_ibmx355021082/lv_swap rd_NO_MD SYSFONT=latarcyrheb-sun16 crashkernel=auto  
KEYBOARDTYPE=pc KEYTABLE=us rd_NO_DM rhgb quiet rdloaddriver=scsi_dh_alua
```

3. Use the `mkinitrd` command to recreate the `initrd`-image.

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The command: `mkinitrd -f /boot/ initrd-"uname -r".img uname -r`

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hwhandler='1 alua' wp=rw
|+- policy='round-robin 0' prio=50 status=active
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|- 2:0:8:1 sdd 8:48 active ready running
|- 1:0:9:1 sdc 8:32 active ready running
|- 2:0:9:1 sde 8:64 active ready running
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Example

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```
# multipath -ll
3600a0980383034466b2b4a3775474859 dm-3 NETAPP,LUN C-Mode
size=20G features='4 queue_if_no_path pg_init_retries 50 retain_attached_hw_handle'
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Recommended Settings

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The `multipath.conf` file must exist for the multipath daemon to start, but you can create an empty, zero-byte file using the command:

```
touch /etc/multipath.conf
```

The first time you create this file, you might need to enable and start the multipath services.

```
[root@jfs0 ~]#systemctl enable multipathd
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Replace the `<DevId>` with the WWID string of the device you want to exclude. Use the following command to determine the WWID:

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blacklist {
    wwid <DevId>
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```

Example

In this example, `sda` is the local SCSI disk that we need to blacklist.

1. Run the following command to determine the WWID:

```
# /lib/udev/scsi_id -gud /dev/sda
360030057024d0730239134810c0cb833
```

2. Add this WWID to the blacklist stanza in the `/etc/multipath.conf`:

```
blacklist {
    wwid 360030057024d0730239134810c0cb833
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You should always check your `/etc/multipath.conf` file for legacy settings, especially in the defaults section, that may be overriding default settings.

The table below shows the critical `multipathd` parameters for ONTAP LUNs and the required values. If a host is connected to LUNs from other vendors and any of these parameters are overridden, they will need to be corrected by later stanzas in `multipath.conf` that apply specifically to ONTAP LUNs. If this is not done, the ONTAP LUNs may not work as expected. These defaults should only be overridden in consultation with NetApp and/or OS vendor and only when the impact is fully understood.

| Parameter | Setting |
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| detect_prio | yes |
| dev_loss_tmo | "infinity" |
| failback | immediate |
| fast_io_fail_tmo | 5 |
| features | "3 queue_if_no_path pg_init_retries 50" |
| flush_on_last_del | "yes" |
| hardware_handler | "0" |
| no_path_retry | queue |
| path_checker | "tur" |
| path_grouping_policy | "group_by_prio" |
| path_selector | "round-robin 0" |
| polling_interval | 5 |
| prio | "ontap" |
| product | LUN.* |
| retain_attached_hw_handler | yes |
| rr_weight | "uniform" |
| user_friendly_names | no |
| vendor | NETAPP |

Example

The following example shows how to correct an overridden default. In this case, the `multipath.conf` file defines values for `path_checker` and `no_path_retry` that are not compatible with ONTAP LUNs. If they cannot be removed because of other SAN arrays still attached to the host, these parameters can be corrected specifically for ONTAP LUNs with a device stanza.

```
defaults {
    path_checker      readsector0
    no_path_retry     fail
}

devices {
    device {
        vendor        "NETAPP  "
        product        "LUN.*"
        no_path_retry  queue
        path_checker    tur
    }
}
```

Known Problems and Limitations

There are no known issues for RHEL 6.7.

Release Notes

ASM Mirroring

ASM mirroring might require changes to the Linux multipath settings to allow ASM to recognize a problem and switch over to an alternate fail group. Most ASM configurations on ONTAP use external redundancy, which means that data protection is provided by the external array and ASM does not mirror data. Some sites use ASM with normal redundancy to provide two-way mirroring, normally across different sites. See [Oracle Databases on ONTAP](#) for further information.

Using Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6.6 with NetApp ONTAP

Installing the Linux Unified Host Utilities

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Installing the Linux Unified Host Utilities is strongly recommended, but not mandatory. The utilities do not change any settings on your Linux host. The utilities improve management and assist NetApp customer support in gathering information about your configuration.

Before you begin

If you have a version of Linux Unified Host Utilities currently installed you should upgrade it or, you should remove it and use the following steps to install the latest version.

1. Download the 32-bit or 64-bit Linux Unified Host Utilities software package from the [NetApp Support Site](#) to your host.
2. Use the following command to install the software package:

```
rpm -ivh netapp_linux_unified_host_utilities-7-1.x86_64
```

SAN Toolkit

The toolkit is installed automatically when you install the NetApp Host Utilities package. This kit provides the `sanlun` utility, which helps you manage LUNs and HBAs. The `sanlun` command returns information about the LUNs mapped to your host, multipathing, and information necessary to create initiator groups.

Example

In the following example, the `sanlun lun show command` returns LUN information.

```
# sanlun lun show all
controller(7mode/E-Series)/          device      host      lun
vserver(cDOT/FlashRay)  lun-pathname filename  adapter  protocol  size      Product
-----
data_vserver            /vol/vol1/lun1  /dev/sdb  host16    FCP       120.0g    cDOT
data_vserver            /vol/vol1/lun1  /dev/sdc  host15    FCP       120.0g    cDOT
data_vserver            /vol/vol2/lun2  /dev/sdd  host16    FCP       120.0g    cDOT
data_vserver            /vol/vol2/lun2  /dev/sde  host15    FCP       120.0g    cDOT
```

SAN Booting

Before you begin

If you decide to use SAN booting, it must be supported by your configuration. You can use the [NetApp Interoperability Matrix Tool](#) to verify that your OS, HBA, HBA firmware and the HBA boot BIOS, and ONTAP version are supported.

1. Map the SAN boot LUN to the host.
2. Verify multiple paths are available.

Remember, multiple paths will only be available after the host OS is up and running on the paths.

3. Enable SAN booting in the server BIOS for the ports to which the SAN boot LUN is mapped.

For information on how to enable the HBA BIOS, see your vendor-specific documentation.

4. Reboot the host to verify the boot is successful.

Multipathing

For Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 6.6 the `/etc/multipath.conf` file must exist, but you do not need to make specific changes to the file. RHEL 6.6 is compiled with all settings required to recognize and correctly manage ONTAP LUNs.

To Enable ALUA Handler, perform the following steps:

1. Create a backup of the `initrd-image`.
2. Append the following parameter value to the kernel for ALUA and non-ALUA to work:
`rdloaddriver=scsi_dh_alua`

Example

```
kernel /vmlinuz-2.6.32-358.6.1.el6.x86_64 ro root=/dev/mapper/ vg_ibmx355021082-  
lv_root rd_NO_LUKS rd_LVM_LV=vg_ibmx355021082/ lv_root LANG=en_US.UTF-8  
rd_LVM_LV=vg_ibmx355021082/lv_swap rd_NO_MD SYSFONT=latarcyrheb-sun16 crashkernel=auto  
KEYBOARDTYPE=pc KEYTABLE=us rd_NO_DM rhgb quiet rdloaddriver=scsi_dh_alua
```

3. Use the `mkinitrd` command to recreate the `initrd-image`.
RHEL 6x and later versions use either:
The command: `mkinitrd -f /boot/ initrd-"uname -r".img uname -r`
Or
The command: `dracut -f`
4. Reboot the host.
5. Verify the output of the `cat /proc/cmdline` command to ensure that the setting is complete.

You can use the `multipath -ll` command to verify the settings for your ONTAP LUNs.

The following sections provide sample multipath output for a LUN mapped to ASA and non-ASA personas.

All SAN Array Configuration

For All SAN Array (ASA) configuration there should be one group of paths with single priorities. All the paths are Active/Optimized, meaning they are serviced by the controller and I/O is sent on all the active paths.

Example

The following example displays the correct output for an ONTAP LUN with four Active/Optimized paths:

```
# multipath -ll
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```



Do not use an excessive number of paths to a single LUN. No more than 4 paths should be required. More than 8 paths might cause path issues during storage failures.

Non-ASA Configuration

For non-ASA configuration there should be two groups of paths with different priorities. The paths with the higher priorities are Active/Optimized, meaning they are serviced by the controller where the aggregate is located. The paths with the lower priorities are active but are non-optimized because they are served from a different controller. The non-optimized paths are only used when no optimized paths are available.

Example

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```
# multipath -ll
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```



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Recommended Settings

The RHEL 6.6 OS is compiled to recognize ONTAP LUNs and automatically set all configuration parameters correctly for both ASA and non-ASA configuration.

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```
touch /etc/multipath.conf
```

The first time you create this file, you might need to enable and start the multipath services.

```
[root@jfs0 ~]#systemctl enable multipathd
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blacklist {
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}
```

Example

In this example, sda is the local SCSI disk that we need to blacklist.

1. Run the following command to determine the WWID:

```
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| hardware_handler | "0" |
| no_path_retry | queue |
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```

Known Problems and Limitations

| NetApp Bug ID | Title | Description | Bugzilla ID |
|-------------------------|---|---|-------------------------|
| 863878 | Kernel crash occurs with RHEL 6U6 host during storage failures | You might observe kernel crash on RHEL 6U6 host during storage/fabric. | 1158363 |
| 1076584 | IO stall up to 300 sec seen with QLogic 16G FC (QLE2672) host during storage failures in RHEL 6U4 | You might observe an IO stall up to 300 sec on QLogic 16G FC (QLE2672) host during storage/fabric failures. | 1135962 |
| 795684 | RHEL6 U5 multipathd incorrectly group multipath maps during MoD and storage failover fault operations | You might observe an incorrect path grouping on LUNs during LUN move on demand operation along with storage faults. During LUN move operation multipath path priorities will change and multipath is unable to reloads the device table due to device failure caused by storage fault. This leads to incorrect path grouping. | 1151020 |

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lv_root rd_NO_LUKS rd_LVM_LV=vg_ibmx355021082/ lv_root LANG=en_US.UTF-8
rd_LVM_LV=vg_ibmx355021082/lv_swap rd_NO_MD SYSFONT=latarcyrheb-sun16 crashkernel=auto
KEYBOARDTYPE=pc KEYTABLE=us rd_NO_DM rhgb quiet rdloaddriver=scsi_dh_alua
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3. Use the `mkinitrd` command to recreate the `initrd`-image.
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Recommended Settings

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```
touch /etc/multipath.conf
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    wwid <DevId>
    devnode "^(ram|raw|loop|fd|md|dm-|sr|scd|st)[0-9]*"
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Example

In this example, sda is the local SCSI disk that we need to blacklist.

1. Run the following command to determine the WWID:

```
# /lib/udev/scsi_id -gud /dev/sda
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```

2. Add this WWID to the blacklist stanza in the `/etc/multipath.conf`:

```
blacklist {
    wwid 360030057024d0730239134810c0cb833
    devnode "^(ram|raw|loop|fd|md|dm-|sr|scd|st)[0-9]*"
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| failback | immediate |
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| features | "3 queue_if_no_path pg_init_retries 50" |
| flush_on_last_del | "yes" |
| hardware_handler | "0" |
| no_path_retry | queue |
| path_checker | "tur" |
| path_grouping_policy | "group_by_prio" |
| path_selector | "round-robin 0" |
| polling_interval | 5 |

| Parameter | Setting |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| prio | "ontap" |
| product | LUN.* |
| retain_attached_hw_handler | yes |
| rr_weight | "uniform" |
| user_friendly_names | no |
| vendor | NETAPP |

Example

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```
defaults {
    path_checker      readsector0
    no_path_retry     fail
}

devices {
    device {
        vendor        "NETAPP  "
        product        "LUN.*"
        no_path_retry  queue
        path_checker    tur
    }
}
```

Known Problems and Limitations

| NetApp Bug ID | Title | Description | Bugzilla ID |
|------------------------|--|---|-------------------------|
| 760515 | Path failures or host hangs were observed in RHEL 6.5 8G Qlogic FC SAN host during storage failover operations | Path failures or host hangs were observed in RHEL 6.5 8G Qlogic FC SAN host during storage failover operations. | 1033136 |

| NetApp Bug ID | Title | Description | Bugzilla ID |
|------------------------|--|--|-------------------------|
| 758271 | bnx2 firmware fails to load when booting with custom initrd (dracut -f) | Broadcom NetXtreme II Gigabit controller ports will not ping due to bnx2 firmware fails to load during boot with custom initrd. | 1007463 |
| 799394 | RHEL 6U5: Emulex 16G FC (LPe16002B-M6) host crash is seen during I/O with storage failover operations | 16G FC Emulex (LPe16002B-M6) host crash is seen during I/O with storage failover operations. | 1063699 |
| 786571 | QLogic FCoE host hangs/path failures observed in RHEL 6.5 during I/O with storage failover operations | QLogic FCoE (QLE8242) host hangs/path failures are observed in RHEL 6.5 during I/O with storage failover operations. In such scenarios, you might see the following message: "Mailbox cmd timeout occurred, cmd=0x54, mb[0]=0x54. Scheduling ISP abort" messages which leads to host hung/path failures. | 1068619 |
| 801580 | QLogic 16G FC host hangs or path failures observed in RHEL 6.5 during I/O with storage failover operations | The I/O delays of more than 600 seconds are observed with QLogic 16G FC host (QLE2672) during storage failover operations. In such scenarios, the following message is displayed: "Failed mbx[0]=54, mb[1]=0, mb[2]=76b9, mb[3]=5200, cmd=54" | 1068622 |

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Using Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6.4 with NetApp ONTAP

Installing the Linux Unified Host Utilities

The NetApp Linux Unified Host Utilities software package is available on the [NetApp Support Site](#) in a 32-bit and 64-bit .rpm file. If you do not know which file is right for your configuration, use the [NetApp Interoperability Matrix Tool](#) to verify which one you need.

Installing the Linux Unified Host Utilities is strongly recommended, but not mandatory. The utilities do not change any settings on your Linux host. The utilities improve management and assist NetApp customer support in gathering information about your configuration.

Before you begin

If you have a version of Linux Unified Host Utilities currently installed you should upgrade it or, you should remove it and use the following steps to install the latest version.

1. Download the 32-bit or 64-bit Linux Unified Host Utilities software package from the [NetApp Support Site](#) Site to your host.
2. Use the following command to install the software package:

```
rpm -ivh netapp_linux_unified_host_utilities-7-1.x86_64
```

SAN Toolkit

The toolkit is installed automatically when you install the NetApp Host Utilities package. This kit provides the `sanlun` utility, which helps you manage LUNs and HBAs. The `sanlun` command returns information about the LUNs mapped to your host, multipathing, and information necessary to create initiator groups.

Example

In the following example, the `sanlun lun show command` returns LUN information.

```
# sanlun lun show all
controller(7mode/E-Series)/          device      host
vserver(cDOT/FlashRay)  lun-pathname filename  adapter  protocol  lun
-----
data_vserver            /vol/vol1/lun1  /dev/sdb  host16    FCP       120.0g   cDOT
data_vserver            /vol/vol1/lun1  /dev/sdc  host15    FCP       120.0g   cDOT
data_vserver            /vol/vol2/lun2  /dev/sdd  host16    FCP       120.0g   cDOT
data_vserver            /vol/vol2/lun2  /dev/sde  host15    FCP       120.0g   cDOT
```

SAN Booting

Before you begin

If you decide to use SAN booting, it must be supported by your configuration. You can use the [NetApp Interoperability Matrix Tool](#) to verify that your OS, HBA, HBA firmware and the HBA boot BIOS, and ONTAP version are supported.

1. Map the SAN boot LUN to the host.
2. Verify multiple paths are available.

Remember, multiple paths will only be available after the host OS is up and running on the paths.

3. Enable SAN booting in the server BIOS for the ports to which the SAN boot LUN is mapped.

For information on how to enable the HBA BIOS, see your vendor-specific documentation.

4. Reboot the host to verify the boot is successful.

Multipathing

For Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 6.4 the `/etc/multipath.conf` file must exist, but you do not need to make specific changes to the file. RHEL 6.4 is compiled with all settings required to recognize and correctly manage ONTAP LUNs.

To Enable ALUA Handler, perform the following steps:

1. Create a backup of the `initrd-image`.
2. Append the following parameter value to the kernel for ALUA and non-ALUA to work:

`rdloaddriver=scsi_dh_alua`

Example

```
kernel /vmlinuz-2.6.32-358.6.1.el6.x86_64 ro root=/dev/mapper/ vg_ibmx355021082-  
lv_root rd_NO_LUKS rd_LVM_LV=vg_ibmx355021082/ lv_root LANG=en_US.UTF-8  
rd_LVM_LV=vg_ibmx355021082/lv_swap rd_NO_MD SYSFONT=latarcyrheb-sun16 crashkernel=auto  
KEYBOARDTYPE=pc KEYTABLE=us rd_NO_DM rhgb quiet rdloaddriver=scsi_dh_alua
```

3. Use the `mkinitrd` command to recreate the `initrd-image`.
RHEL 6x and later versions use either:
The command: `mkinitrd -f /boot/ initrd-"uname -r".img uname -r`
Or
The command: `dracut -f`
4. Reboot the host.
5. Verify the output of the `cat /proc/cmdline` command to ensure that the setting is complete.

You can use the `multipath -ll` command to verify the settings for your ONTAP LUNs.

The following sections provide sample multipath output for a LUN mapped to ASA and non-ASA personas.

All SAN Array Configuration

For All SAN Array (ASA) configuration there should be one group of paths with single priorities. All the paths are Active/Optimized, meaning they are serviced by the controller and I/O is sent on all the active paths.

Example

The following example displays the correct output for an ONTAP LUN with four Active/Optimized paths:

```
# multipath -ll
3600a0980383034466b2b4a3775474859 dm-3 NETAPP,LUN C-Mode
size=20G features='4 queue_if_no_path pg_init_retries 50 retain_attached_hw_handle'
hwhandler='1 alua' wp=rw
|-+- policy='round-robin 0' prio=50 status=active
|- 1:0:8:1 sdb 8:16 active ready running
|- 2:0:8:1 sdd 8:48 active ready running
|- 1:0:9:1 sdc 8:32 active ready running
|- 2:0:9:1 sde 8:64 active ready running
```



Do not use an excessive number of paths to a single LUN. No more than 4 paths should be required. More than 8 paths might cause path issues during storage failures.

Non-ASA Configuration

For non-ASA configuration there should be two groups of paths with different priorities. The paths with the higher priorities are Active/Optimized, meaning they are serviced by the controller where the aggregate is located. The paths with the lower priorities are active but are non-optimized because they are served from a different controller. The non-optimized paths are only used when no optimized paths are available.

Example

The following example displays the correct output for an ONTAP LUN with two Active/Optimized paths and two Active/non-Optimized paths:

```
# multipath -ll
3600a0980383034466b2b4a3775474859 dm-3 NETAPP,LUN C-Mode
size=20G features='4 queue_if_no_path pg_init_retries 50 retain_attached_hw_handle'
hwhandler='1 alua' wp=rw
|+- policy='round-robin 0' prio=50 status=active
| |- 1:0:8:1 sdb 8:16 active ready running
| `-- 2:0:8:1 sdd 8:48 active ready running
`+- policy='round-robin 0' prio=10 status=enabled
  |- 1:0:9:1 sdc 8:32 active ready running
  `-- 2:0:9:1 sde 8:64 active ready running
```



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Recommended Settings

The RHEL 6.4 OS is compiled to recognize ONTAP LUNs and automatically set all configuration parameters correctly for both ASA and non-ASA configuration.

The multipath.conf file must exist for the multipath daemon to start, but you can create an empty, zero-byte file using the command:

```
touch /etc/multipath.conf
```

The first time you create this file, you might need to enable and start the multipath services.

```
[root@jfs0 ~]#systemctl enable multipathd
[root@jfs0 ~]# systemctl start multipathd
```

There is no requirement to add anything directly to multipath.conf, unless you have devices that you do not want to be managed by multipath or you have existing settings that override defaults.

You can add the following syntax to the multipath.conf file to exclude the unwanted devices.



Replace the <DevId> with the WWID string of the device you want to exclude. Use the following command to determine the WWID:

```
blacklist {
    wwid <DevId>
    devnode "^(ram|raw|loop|fd|md|dm-|sr|scd|st)[0-9]*"
    devnode "^hd[a-z]"
    devnode "^cciss.*"
}
```

Example

In this example, sda is the local SCSI disk that we need to blacklist.

1. Run the following command to determine the WWID:

```
# /lib/udev/scsi_id -gud /dev/sda
360030057024d0730239134810c0cb833
```

2. Add this WWID to the blacklist stanza in the `/etc/multipath.conf`:

```
blacklist {
    wwid 360030057024d0730239134810c0cb833
    devnode "^(ram|raw|loop|fd|md|dm-|sr|scd|st)[0-9]*"
    devnode "^hd[a-z]"
    devnode "^cciss.*"
}
```

You should always check your `/etc/multipath.conf` file for legacy settings, especially in the defaults section, that may be overriding default settings.

The table below shows the critical `multipathd` parameters for ONTAP LUNs and the required values. If a host is connected to LUNs from other vendors and any of these parameters are overridden, they will need to be corrected by later stanzas in `multipath.conf` that apply specifically to ONTAP LUNs. If this is not done, the ONTAP LUNs may not work as expected. These defaults should only be overridden in consultation with NetApp and/or OS vendor and only when the impact is fully understood.

| Parameter | Setting |
|----------------------|---|
| detect_prio | yes |
| dev_loss_tmo | "infinity" |
| failback | immediate |
| fast_io_fail_tmo | 5 |
| features | "3 queue_if_no_path pg_init_retries 50" |
| flush_on_last_del | "yes" |
| hardware_handler | "0" |
| no_path_retry | queue |
| path_checker | "tur" |
| path_grouping_policy | "group_by_prio" |
| path_selector | "round-robin 0" |
| polling_interval | 5 |
| prio | "ontap" |
| product | LUN.* |

| Parameter | Setting |
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| retain_attached_hw_handler | yes |
| rr_weight | "uniform" |
| user_friendly_names | no |
| vendor | NETAPP |

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    device {
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        no_path_retry  queue
        path_checker   tur
    }
}
```

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|------------------------|--|---|------------------------|
| 673009 | Creating ext4 file system on LV striped across 15 or more discard-enabled, thinly provisioned multipath devices triggers "request botched" kernel errors | "Request botched" kernel errors have been seen when users attempt to create an ext4 file system on discard-enabled, thinly provisioned multipath devices. As a result, creating the ext4 file system might take longer to complete and occasional disruption occurs. This issue has occurred only when users attempt to create the ext4 file system on a LV striped across 15 or more discard-enabled multipath devices on systems running Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6.x and Data ONTAP 8.1.3 and later operating in 7-Mode. The issue happens because the kernel erroneously attempts to merge discard requests, which is not supported on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6.x at this time. When this issue occurs, multiple instances of the following message are written to syslog (/var/log/messages): kernel: blk: request botched. As a result, file system creation might take longer time to complete than expected. | 907844 |

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