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

ontroller(7mode/E	-Series)/	device	host		lun	
/server(cDOT/FlashI	Ray) lun-pathname	filename	adapter	protocol	size	Product
 lata_vserver	/vol/vol1/lun1	/dev/sdb	host16	FCP	120.0g	cD0T
data_vserver	/vol/vol1/lun1	/dev/sdc	host15	FCP	120.0g	cD0T
data_vserver	/vol/vol2/lun2	/dev/sdd	host16	FCP	120.0g	cD0T
	/vol/vol2/lun2	/dev/sde	host15	FCP	120.0g	cD0T

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

For SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 15 the /etc/multipath.conf file must exist, but you do not need to make specific changes to the file. SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 15 is compiled with all settings required to recognize and correctly manage ONTAP LUNs.

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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

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size=20G features='4 queue_if_no_path pg_init_retries 50 retain_attached_hw_handle'
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|-+- 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
```

Note

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='3 queue_if_no_path pg_init_retries 50' hwhandler='1 alua' wp=rw
|-+- policy='service-time 0' prio=50 status=enabled
| |- 11:0:1:0 sdj 8:144 active ready running
| |- 11:0:2:0 sdr 65:16 active ready running
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Recommended Settings

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```
touch /etc/multipath.conf
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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.

Note

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.*"
}
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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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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.

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

Known Problems and Limitations

NetApp Bug ID	Title	Description	Bugzilla ID
1154309	SLES 15 host with more	SLES 15 host with more	1104173
	than 20 mapped LUNs	than 20 mapped LUNs	
	might go into	might go into	
	maintenance mode after	maintenance mode after	
	a reboot	a reboot. The	
		maintenance mode	
		becomes single user	
		mode following the	
		message:	
		Give root password for maintenance (or press Control-D to continue)	

Release Notes

ASM Mirroring

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data_vserver	/vol/vol2/lun2	/dev/sdd	host16	FCP	120.0g	cD0T
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Known Problems and Limitations

NetApp Bug ID	Title	Description	Bugzilla ID
1246622	Remote ports transit to a blocked state on SLES15SP1 with Emulex LPe12002 8GB FC during storage failover operations.	Remote ports transit to a blocked state on SLES15SP1 with Emulex LPe12002 8GB 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 as well as an I/O outage for those LUNs. You can check the remoteport's details against the following sample commands: cat/sys/class/fc_host /host*/device/rport */fc_remote_ports/r port*/port_name cat/sys/class/fc_host /host*/device/rport */fc_remote_ports/r port*/port_state	

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SUSE 12

Using SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12 SP5 with NetApp ONTAP

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```
rpm -ivh netapp linux unified host utilities-7-1.x86 64
```

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data_vserver	/vol/vol2/lun2	/dev/sdd	host16	FCP	120.0g	cD0T
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Multipathing

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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

Example

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

Known Problems and Limitations

NetApp Bug ID	Title	Description	Bugzilla ID
1284293	Kernel disruption	Kernel disruption	1157966
	occurs on SLES12 SP5	occurs during storage	
	with QLogic QLE2562	failover operations on	
	8GB FC HBA during	the SLES12 SP5 kernel	
	storage failover	with a QLogic QLE2562	
	operations	Fibre Channel (FC) host	
		bus adapter (HBA). The	
		kernel disruption causes	
		SLES12 SP5 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. Check the	
		vmcore file to determine	
		the cause of the	
		disruption. A storage	
		failover with a QLogic	
		QLE2562 HBA event	
		affects the	
		"THREAD_INFO:	
		ffff8aedf723c2c0"	
		module. Locate this	
		event in the vmcore file	
		by finding the following	
		string: " [THREAD_INFO:	
		ffff8aedf723c2c0]".	
		After the kernel	
		disruption, reboot the	
		host OS to enable it to	
		recover. Then restart	
		the applications.	

Release Notes

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```

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Example

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

ontroller(7mode/E	·	device	host		lun	
vserver(cDOT/Flash	nRay) lun-pathname	filename	adapter	protocol	size	Product
data_vserver	/vol/vol1/lun1	/dev/sdb	host16	FCP	120.0g	cD0T
data_vserver	/vol/vol1/lun1	/dev/sdc	host15	FCP	120.0g	cD0T
data vserver	/vol/vol2/lun2	/dev/sdd	host16	FCP	120.0g	cD0T
ddtd_v5ci vci						

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

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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

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Example

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

```
# multipath -11
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
```

Note

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```
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3600a09803831347657244e527766394e dm-5 NETAPP,LUN C-Mode
size=80G features='3 queue_if_no_path pg_init_retries 50' 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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Recommended Settings

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[root@jfs0 ~]#systemctl enable multipathd
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```
blacklist {
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     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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fast_io_fail_tmo	5
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flush_on_last_del	"yes"
hardware_handler	"0"
no_path_retry	queue
path_checker	"tur"
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Known Problems and Limitations

There are no known issues for SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12 SP4.

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  }
}
```

Known Problems and Limitations

Kernel disruption observed on kernel version SLES12 SP3 with Emulex LPe16002 16GB FC during storage failover operation	A kernel disruption might occur during storage failover operations on kernel version SLES12 SP3 with Emulex LPe16002 HBA. The kernel disruption prompts a reboot of the operating system, which in turn causes an	1042847
	application disruption. If the kdump is configured, the kernel disruption generates a vmcore file under /var/crash/directory. You can investigate the cause of the failure in the vmcore file. Example: In the observed case, the kernel disruption was observed in the module "lpfc_sli_ringtxcmpl_put +51" and is logged in the vmcore file - exception RIP: lpfc_sli_ringtxcmpl_put+ 51.	
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NetApp Bug ID	Title	Description	Bugzilla ID
1089561	Kernel disruption	A kernel disruption	1042807
	observed on kernel	might occur during	
	version SLES12 SP3 with	storage failover	
	Emulex LPe32002 32GB	operations on kernel	
	FC during storage	version SLES12 SP3 with	
	failover operations	Emulex LPe32002 HBA.	
		The kernel disruption	
		prompts a reboot of the	
		operating system, which	
		in turn causes an	
		application disruption.	
		If the kdump is	
		configured, the kernel	
		disruption generates a	
		vmcore file under	
		/var/crash/directory. You	
		can investigate the	
		cause of the failure in	
		the vmcore file.	
		Example:	
		In the observed case, the	
		kernel disruption was	
		observed in the module	
		"lpfc_sli_free_hbq+76"	
		and is logged in the	
		vmcore file	
		– exception RIP:	
		lpfc_sli_free_hbq+76.	
		Recover the operating	
		system after the kernel	
		disruption by rebooting	
		the host operating	
		system and restarting	
		the application.	

NetApp Bug ID	Title	Description	Bugzilla ID
1117248	Kernel disruption observed on SLES12SP3 with QLogic QLE2562 8GB FC during storage failover operations	During storage failover operations on the Sles12sp3 kernel (kernel-default-4.4.82-6.3.1) with QLogic QLE2562 HBA, the kernel disruption was observed 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. Upon the kernel panic, the vmcore file can be used to understand the cause of the failure. Example: In this case, the panic was observed in the "blk_finish_request+289" module. It is logged in the vmcore file with the following string: "exception RIP: blk_finish_request+289" After the kernel disruption, you can recover the operating system by rebooting the Host OS. You can restart the application as required.	1062496

NetApp Bug ID	Title	Description	Bugzilla ID
1117261	Kernel disruption observed on SLES12SP3 with Qlogic QLE2662 16GB FC during storage failover operations	During storage failover operations on Sles12sp3 kernel (kernel-default-4.4.82-6.3.1) with Qlogic QLE2662 HBA, you might observe kernel disruption. This prompts a reboot of the operating system causing application disruption. The kernel disruption generates a vmcore file under /var/crash/ directory if kdump is configured. The vmcore file can be used to understand the cause of the failure. Example: In this case the Kernel disruption was observed in the module "unknown or invalid address" and is logged in vmcore file with the following string - exception RIP: unknown or invalid address. After kernel disruption, the operating system can be recovered by rebooting the host operating system and restarting the application as required.	1062508

NetApp Bug ID	Title	Description	Bugzilla ID
1117274	Kernel disruption observed on SLES12SP3 with Emulex LPe16002 16GB FC during storage failover operations	During storage failover operations on Sles12sp3 kernel (kernel-default-4.4.87-3.1) with Emulex LPe16002 HBA, you might observe kernel disruption. This prompts a reboot of the operating system causing application disruption. The kernel disruption generates a vmcore file under the /var/crash/directory if kdump is configured. The vmcore file can be used to understand the cause of the failure. Example: In this case kernel disruption was observed in the module "raw_spin_lock_irqsave+30" and is logged in the vmcore file with the following string: — exception RIP: _raw_spin_lock_irqsave +30. After kernel disruption, the operating system can be recovered by rebooting the host operating system and restarting the application as required.	1062514

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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

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hwhandler='1 alua' wp=rw
|-+- policy='round-robin 0' prio=50 status=active
| |- 1:0:8:1 sdb 8:16 active ready running
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```

Note

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```
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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
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| |- 11:0:2:0 sdr 65:16 active ready running
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Note

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>
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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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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"
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 detect_prio 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
  detect_prio no
  }
  devices {
    device {
    vendor "NETAPP "
    product "LUN.*"
    path_checker tur
    detect_prio yes
    }
}
```

Known Problems and Limitations

There are no known issues for SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12 SP2.

Release Notes

ASM Mirroring

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Using SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12 SP1 with NetApp ONTAP

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Example

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

ontroller(7mode/ server(cDOT/Flas 		device filename	host adapter	protocol	lun size	Product
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data_vserver	/vol/vol1/lun1	/dev/sdc	host15	FCP	120.0g	cD0T
data_vserver	/vol/vol2/lun2	/dev/sdd	host16	FCP	120.0g	cD0T
data vserver	/vol/vol2/lun2	/dev/sde	host15	FCP	120.0g	cD0T

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

Multipathing

For SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12 SP1 the /etc/multipath.conf file must exist, but you do not need to make specific changes to the file. SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12 SP1 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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```
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```

Note

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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:

```
# 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'
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|-+- policy='service-time 0' prio=50 status=active
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Note

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Recommended Settings

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```
touch /etc/multipath.conf
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```
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Known Problems and Limitations

NetApp Bug ID	Title	Description	Bugzilla ID
873555	scsi_dh_alua module is not loaded during multipathd startup on local boot	scsi_dh_alua is a Linux ALUA device handler module. This is is not loaded during multipathd startup on local boot. Due to this device handler will not be loaded though ALUA is enabled on target side.	908529
863584	The message "conflicting device node '/dev/mapper/360xx' found" appears on the screen when you create a DM device on SLES12	You might observe a failure in creating a link to DM devices under /dev/mapper dir in SLES 12 and see the messages "conflicting device node '/dev/mapper/360xx' found".	903001
847490	Multipath daemon shows path failures on SLES 12	You might observe path failures on the SLES12 multipath daemon during I/O with storage or fabric faults.	890854

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