



NVMe/FC Host Configuration for Oracle Linux 7.8 with ONTAP

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Supportability

NVMe/FC is supported on ONTAP 9.6 or later for Oracle Linux 7.8. OL 7.8 host can run both NVMe & SCSI traffic through the same fibre channel initiator adapter ports.

- Broadcom LPe32002 (32G)
- Broadcom LPe31002 (32G/16G)



See the [Hardware Universe](#) for a list of supported FC adapters and controllers. For the most current list of supported configurations see the [NetApp Interoperability Matrix](#).

Known limitations

- All Interop FC-NVMe burts are tagged with the INTEROP_FCNVME keyword, whereas Oracle Linux 7.8 InterOp burts also have the Oracle Linux_8.1 keyword tagged to them.
- Native NVMe/FC auto-connect scripts are not available in the nvme-cli package. You can use the HBA vendor provided external auto-connect scripts.
- By default, round-robin load balancing is not enabled. You must write a udev rule to enable this functionality. Steps are provided in the section on Enabling NVMe/FC on OL 7.8.
- There is no sanlun support for FC-NVMe. Thus, no LUHU support for FC-NVMe on Oracle Linux 7.8. Instead, one may rely on the ONTAP command output available as part of the NetApp plug-in included in the native nvme-cli.



The NetApp plug-in in the native NVMe-cli is now enhanced to display ONTAP details as well, by utilizing the data in the vendor specific ONTAP log page. In addition, the Oracle Linux 7.8 initiator host can serve both FC-NVMe and FC-SCSI traffic through the same initiator adapter ports. For FC-SCSI, you can optionally configure dm-multipath as usual for SCSI LUNs resulting in mpath devices, whereas NVMe multipath may be used to configure FC-NVMe multipath namespace devices (for example, `/dev/nvmeXnY``) on the Oracle Linux 7.8 initiator host.

Enabling NVMe on OL 7.8

1. Ensure the default Oracle Linux FCP kernel is installed.
2. Reboot the host and verify that it boots into specified OL 7.8 kernel.

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

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

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

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

```
# Enable round-robin for NetApp ONTAP
ACTION=="add", SUBSYSTEM=="nvme-subsystem", ATTR{model}=="NetApp ONTAP Controller",
ATTR{iopolicy}="round-robin"
```

5. On the OL 7.8 host, check the hostnqn string at `/etc/nvme/hostnqn` and verify that it matches the hostnqn string for the corresponding subsystem on the ONTAP array.

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

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



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

6. Reboot the host.

Configuring Oracle Linux 7.8 ANA Initiator

1. First ensure you are running with the recommended kernel & nvme-cli versions:

```
# uname -r
5.4.17-2006.5.el7uek.x86_64
```

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



The native **nvme-cli** on Oracle Linux 7.8 does not include a udev rule to enable round-robin load balancing for NVMe Multipath (nor the auto-connect scripts). So you need to separately install this on the Oracle Linux 7.8 host.

2. Add the following udev rule at `/lib/udev/rules.d`:

```
# cat /lib/udev/rules.d/71-nvme-iopolicy-netapp-ONTAP.rules
# Enable round-robin for NetApp ONTAP
ACTION=="add", SUBSYSTEM=="nvme-subsystem", ATTR{model}=="NetApp ONTAP Controller",
ATTR{iopolicy}="round-robin"
```

3. Check the `hostnqn` string at `/etc/nvme/hostnqn` on the Oracle Linux 7.8 host and ensure that it properly matches with the `hostnqn` string for the corresponding subsystem on the ONTAP array. For example:

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

```
*> vserver nvme subsystem host show -vserver vs_nvme_10
Vserver Subsystem Host NQN
-----
Oracle Linux_141_nvme_ss_10_0
nqn.2014-08.org.nvmexpress:uuid:75953f3b-77fe-4e03-bf3c-09d5a156fbcd
```

Configuring the Broadcom FC Adapter for NVMe/FC

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

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

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



The newer lpfc drivers (both inbox & outbox) already have lpfc_enable_fc4_type default set to 3 i.e. one no longer needs to set this explicitly in the /etc/modprobe.d/lpfc.conf anymore, and recreate the initramfs.

1. NVMe support in lpfc is already enabled by default:

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

2. Next, install the recommended lpfc auto-connect scripts:

```
# rpm -ivh nvme-fc-connect-12.4.65.0-1.noarch.rpm
```

3. After running the above commands, reboot the host and verify that the recommended lpfc outbox driver & auto-connect scripts are installed after bootup:

```
# cat /sys/module/lpfc/version
0:12.6.0.3
# rpm -qa | grep nvme-fc
nvme-fc-connect-12.4.65.0-1.noarch
```

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

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

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

4. Verify that the FC-NVMe initiator ports are enabled and able to see the target ports, and all are up & running. In this example, only 1 initiator port is enabled and connected with two target LIFs as seen in the below output:

```
# cat /sys/class/scsi_host/host*/nvme_info
```

```
NVME Initiator Enabled
```

```
XRI Dist lpfc0 Total 6144 NVME 2947 SCSI 2947 ELS 250
```

```
NVME LPORT lpfc0 WWPN x10000090fae0ec61 WWNN x20000090fae0ec61 DID x012000 ONLINE
```

```
NVME RPORT WWPN x202d00a098c80f09 WWNN x202c00a098c80f09 DID x010201 TARGET DISCSRV  
C ONLINE
```

```
NVME RPORT WWPN x203100a098c80f09 WWNN x202c00a098c80f09 DID x010601 TARGET DISCSRV  
C ONLINE
```

```
NVME Statistics
```

```
LS: Xmt 000000000e Cmpl 000000000e Abort 00000000
```

```
LS XMIT: Err 00000000 CMPL: xb 00000000 Err 00000000
```

```
Total FCP Cmpl 000000000001a680 Issue 000000000001a682 OutIO 0000000000000002
```

```
abort 00000000 noxri 00000000 nondlp 00000000 qdepth 00000000 wqerr 00000000 err  
00000000
```

```
FCP CMPL: xb 00000000 Err 00000000
```

```
NVME Initiator Enabled
```

```
XRI Dist lpfc1 Total 6144 NVME 2947 SCSI 2947 ELS 250
```

```
NVME LPORT lpfc1 WWPN x10000090fae0ec62 WWNN x20000090fae0ec62 DID x012400 ONLINE
```

Validating NVMe/FC

1. Verify the following NVMe/FC settings.

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

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

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

2. Verify that the namespaces are created.

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

3. Verify the status of the ANA paths.

```
# nvme list-subsys/dev/nvme0n1
Nvme-subsysf0 □ NQN=nqn.1992-
08.com.netapp:sn.341541339b9511e8a9b500a098c80f09:subsystem.ol_157_nvme_ss_10_0
\
+- nvme0 fc traddr=nn-0x202c00a098c80f09:pn-0x202d00a098c80f09 host_traddr=nn-
0x20000090fae0ec61:pn-0x10000090fae0ec61 live optimized
+- nvme1 fc traddr=nn-0x207300a098dfdd91:pn-0x207600a098dfdd91 host_traddr=nn-
0x200000109b1c1204:pn-0x100000109b1c1204 live inaccessible
+- nvme2 fc traddr=nn-0x207300a098dfdd91:pn-0x207500a098dfdd91 host_traddr=nn-
0x200000109b1c1205:pn-0x100000109b1c1205 live optimized
+- nvme3 fc traddr=nn-0x207300a098dfdd91:pn-0x207700a098dfdd91 host traddr=nn-
0x200000109b1c1205:pn-0x100000109b1c1205 live inaccessible
```

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

```
# nvme netapp ontapdevices -o column
Device  Vserver  Namespace Path          NSID  UUID  Size
-----
/dev/nvme0n1  vs_nvme_10  /vol/rhel_141_vol_10_0/ol_157_ns_10_0  1
55baf453-f629-4a18-9364-b6aee3f50dad  53.69GB

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


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

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

1. Set the `lpfc_sg_seg_cnt` parameter to 256.

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

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

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

LPFC Verbose Logging

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

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

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

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

# cat /sys/module/lpfc/parameters/lpfc_log_verbose
15728771
```

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