



# Using Oracle Linux 7.9 with NetApp ONTAP ONTAP SAN Host

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## 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](#) 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 Oracle Linux (OL) 7.9 the `/etc/multipath.conf` file must exist, but you do not need to make specific changes to the file. OL 7.9 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 outputs for a LUN mapped to non-ASA and ASA personas.

### 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
3600a098038303458772450714535415a dm-15 NETAPP ,LUN C-Mode
size=40G 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
|  |- 11:0:5:7   sdbg 67:160   active ready running
|  `-- 12:0:13:7  sdlg 67:480   active ready running
`-+- policy='service-time 0' prio=10 status=enabled
   |- 11:0:8:7   sdck 69:128   active ready running
   |- 11:0:12:7  sddy 128:0    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.

## All SAN Array Configuration

In All SAN Array (ASA) configurations, all paths to a given Logical Unit (LUN) are active and optimized. This means I/O can be served through all paths at the same time, thereby enabling better performance.

### Example

The following example displays the correct output for an ONTAP LUN:

```
# multipath -ll
3600a0980383143596f5d514b65507846 dm-7 NETAPP ,LUN C-Mode
size=10G 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
  |- 11:0:7:6   sdbz 68:208   active ready running
  |- 11:0:11:6  sddn 71:80    active ready running
  |- 11:0:15:6  sdfb 129:208   active ready running
  `-- 12:0:1:6   sdgp 132:80   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 Oracle Linux 7.9 OS is compiled to recognize ONTAP LUNs and automatically set all configuration parameters correctly.

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.

```
# systemctl enable multipathd
# 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"
path_checker	"tur"

Parameter	Setting
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
  }
}
```



To configure Oracle Linux 7.9 RedHat Enterprise Kernel (RHCK), use the [recommended settings](#) for Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 7.9.

## Known Problems and Limitations

NetApp Bug ID	Title	Description	Bugzilla ID
<a href="#">1328943</a>	I/O delays observed during storage failover with Emulex LPe32002(32G) host	I/O operations might fail to continue through existing active paths during storage failover operations on Oracle Linux 7.8 kernel (5.4.17-2011.1.2.el8uek.x86_64) with QLogic LPe32002 32G HBA. If I/O progress stops due to failure in continuing through existing active paths during storage failover, the I/O operation might not resume causing an I/O delay. The I/O operation resumes only after the completion of the storage failover giveback operation.	<a href="#">17319</a>



For Oracle Linux (Red Hat compatible kernel) known issues, see the [known issues](#) for Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 7.9.



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