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Example

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```
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3600a0980383036347ffb4d59646c4436 dm-28 NETAPP,LUN C-Mode
size=10G features='3 queue_if_no_path pg_init_retries 50' hwhandler='1
alua' wp=rw
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In this example, we are going to determine the WWID of a device and add to the multipath.conf file.

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path_checker	tur
path_grouping_policy	group_by_prio
path_selector	service-time 0
polling_interval	5
prio	ontap
product	LUN.*
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rr_weight	uniform
user_friendly_names	no
vendor	NETAPP

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KVM settings

You can also use the recommended settings to configure Kernel-based Virtual Machine (KVM). There are no changes required to configure KVM as the LUN is mapped to the hypervisor.

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