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RHEL 8

Use Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.9 with ONTAP

You can use the ONTAP SAN host configuration settings to configure Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 8.9 with ONTAP as the target.

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

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# sanlun lun show all
```

Example output:

controller (7mode/E-Series) / vserver (cDOT/FlashRay) Product	lun-pathname	device filename	host adapter	protocol	lun size
vs_161_32gLpe 10g cDOT	/vol/vol19/lun	/dev/sdcd	host15	FCP	
vs_161_32gLpe 10g cDOT	/vol/vol20/lun	/dev/sdce	host15	FCP	
vs_161_32gLpe 10g cDOT	/vol/vol18/lun	/dev/sdcc	host15	FCP	
vs_161_32gLpe 10g cDOT	/vol/vol17/lun	/dev/sdcb	host15	FCP	

SAN booting

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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.

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Multipathing

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

All SAN Array configurations

In All SAN Array (ASA) configurations, all paths to a given LUN are active and optimized. This improves performance by serving I/O operations through all paths at the same time.

Example

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

```
# multipath -ll
3600a098038314778375d53694b536e53 dm-16 NETAPP, LUN C-Mode
size=160G features='3 queue_if_no_path pg_init_retries 50' hwhandler='1
alua' wp=rw
`-+- policy='service-time 0' prio=50 status=active
  |- 14:0:0:0   sda  8:0    active ready running
  |- 15:0:8:0   sdcf 69:48  active ready running
  |- 15:0:0:0   sdaq 66:160 active ready running
  `-- 14:0:9:0   sdv   65:80  active ready running
```



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

Non-ASA configurations

For non-ASA configurations, 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
3600a098038314837352453694b542f4a dm-0 NETAPP, LUN C-Mode
size=160G features='3 queue_if_no_path pg_init_retries 50' hwhandler='1
alua' wp=rw
|-+- policy='service-time 0' prio=50 status=active
| |- 14:0:3:0   sdbk 67:224 active ready running
| `-- 15:0:2:0   sdbl 67:240 active ready running
`-+- policy='service-time 0' prio=10 status=enabled
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Recommended settings

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```
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```
# systemctl enable multipathd
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```

- There is no requirement to add anything directly to the `multipath.conf` file, unless you have devices that you do not want to be managed by multipath or you have existing settings that override defaults.
- To exclude unwanted devices, add the following syntax to the `multipath.conf` file .

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

Replace the `<DevId>` with the WWID string of the device you want to exclude.

Example

In this example, we are going to determine the WWID of a device and add to the `multipath.conf` file.

Steps

1. Run the following command to determine the WWID:

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

`sda` is the local SCSI disk that we need to add it to the blacklist.

2. Add the WWID to the blacklist stanza in `/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 might be overriding the default settings.

The following table demonstrates 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 the `multipath.conf` file that apply specifically to ONTAP LUNs. If this is not done, the ONTAP LUNs might not work as expected. These defaults should only be overridden in consultation with NetApp and/or an OS vendor and only when the impact is fully understood.

Parameter	Setting
<code>detect_prio</code>	<code>yes</code>
<code>dev_loss_tmo</code>	<code>"infinity"</code>
<code>failback</code>	<code>immediate</code>
<code>fast_io_fail_tmo</code>	<code>5</code>
<code>features</code>	<code>"2 pg_init_retries 50"</code>
<code>flush_on_last_del</code>	<code>"yes"</code>
<code>hardware_handler</code>	<code>"0"</code>
<code>no_path_retry</code>	<code>queue</code>
<code>path_checker</code>	<code>"tur"</code>
<code>path_grouping_policy</code>	<code>"group_by_prio"</code>
<code>path_selector</code>	<code>"service-time 0"</code>
<code>polling_interval</code>	<code>5</code>
<code>prio</code>	<code>"ontap"</code>
<code>product</code>	<code>LUN.*</code>
<code>retain_attached_hw_handler</code>	<code>yes</code>
<code>rr_weight</code>	<code>"uniform"</code>
<code>user_friendly_names</code>	<code>no</code>
<code>vendor</code>	<code>NETAPP</code>

Example

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```

defaults {
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    no_path_retry     fail
}

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

```

KVM settings

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

Known issues

There are no known issues for RHEL 8.9.

Use Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.8 with ONTAP

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```
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```

Example output:

```
controller(7mode/E-Series)/          device      host          lun
vserver(cDOT/FlashRay)   lun-pathname filename  adapter  protocol  size
Product
-----
vs_163_32gQ1c           /vol/vol1/lun1  /dev/sdb   host14    FCP
10.0g  cDOT
vs_163_32gQ1c           /vol/vol1/lun1  /dev/sdc   host15    FCP
10.0g  cDOT
vs_163_32gQ1c           /vol/vol2/lun2  /dev/sdd   host14    FCP
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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
   |- 11:0:7:1      sdfi  130:64   active ready running
   |- 11:0:9:1      sdiy   8:288    active ready running
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Known issues

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Use Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.7 with ONTAP

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alua' wp=rw
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```
# multipath -ll
3600a098038303634722b4d59646c4436 dm-28 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
| |- 16:0:6:35 sdwb   69:624    active ready running
| |- 16:0:5:35 sdun   66:752    active ready running
`-+- policy='service-time 0' prio=10 status=enabled
  |- 15:0:0:35 sdaj   66:48     active ready running
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The following table demonstrates 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 the `multipath.conf` file that apply specifically to ONTAP LUNs. If this is not done, the ONTAP LUNs might not work as expected. These defaults should only be overridden in consultation with NetApp and/or an OS vendor and only when the impact is fully understood.

Parameter	Setting
<code>detect_prio</code>	<code>yes</code>
<code>dev_loss_tmo</code>	<code>"infinity"</code>
<code>failback</code>	<code>immediate</code>
<code>fast_io_fail_tmo</code>	<code>5</code>
<code>features</code>	<code>"2 pg_init_retries 50"</code>
<code>flush_on_last_del</code>	<code>"yes"</code>
<code>hardware_handler</code>	<code>"0"</code>
<code>no_path_retry</code>	<code>queue</code>
<code>path_checker</code>	<code>"tur"</code>
<code>path_grouping_policy</code>	<code>"group_by_prio"</code>
<code>path_selector</code>	<code>"service-time 0"</code>
<code>polling_interval</code>	<code>5</code>
<code>prio</code>	<code>"ontap"</code>
<code>product</code>	<code>LUN.*</code>
<code>retain_attached_hw_handler</code>	<code>yes</code>
<code>rr_weight</code>	<code>"uniform"</code>
<code>user_friendly_names</code>	<code>no</code>
<code>vendor</code>	<code>NETAPP</code>

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
    }
}

```

KVM settings

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

Known issues

There are no known issues for the RHEL 8.7 with ONTAP release.

Use Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.6 with ONTAP

You can use the ONTAP SAN host configuration settings to configure Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.6 with ONTAP as the target.

Install the Linux Unified Host Utilities

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2. Install the software package:

```
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```



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Example

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

```
# sanlun lun show all
```

Example output:

```
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

What you'll need

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.

Steps

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



Multiple paths become 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 that the boot is successful.

Multipathing

For Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 8.6 the `/etc/multipath.conf` file must exist, but you do not need to make specific changes to the file. RHEL 8.6 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 configurations

In All SAN Array (ASA) configurations, all paths to a given LUN are active and optimized. This improves performance by serving I/O operations through all paths at the same time.

Example

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

```
# multipath -ll
3600a098038303634722b4d59646c4436 dm-28 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
  |- 11:0:7:1      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 four paths should be required. More than eight paths might cause path issues during storage failures.

Non-ASA configurations

For non-ASA configurations, 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
3600a098038303634722b4d59646c4436 dm-28 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
| |- 16:0:6:35 sdwb 69:624 active ready running
| |- 16:0:5:35 sdun 66:752 active ready running
`+- policy='service-time 0' prio=10 status=enabled
  |- 15:0:0:35 sdaj 66:48 active ready running
  |- 15:0:1:35 sdbx 68:176 active ready running
```



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

Recommended Settings

The RHEL 8.6 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 by using the following 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 the `multipath.conf` file, unless you have devices that you do not want to be managed by multipath or you have existing settings that override defaults.
- To exclude unwanted devices, add the following syntax to the `multipath.conf` file .

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

Replace the `<DevId>` with the WWID string of the device you want to exclude.

Example

In this example, we are going to determine the WWID of a device and add to the `multipath.conf` file.

Steps

1. Run the following command to determine the WWID:

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

sda is the local SCSI disk that we need to add it to the blacklist.

2. Add the WWID to the blacklist stanza in `/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 might be overriding the default settings.

The following table demonstrates 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 the `multipath.conf` file that apply specifically to ONTAP LUNs. If this is not done, the ONTAP LUNs might not work as expected. These defaults should only be overridden in consultation with NetApp and/or an 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	"2 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 {
        vendor        "NETAPP  "
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        no_path_retry  queue
        path_checker    tur
    }
}
```

KVM settings

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

Known issues

There are no known issues for the RHEL 8.6 with ONTAP release.

Use Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.5 with ONTAP

You can use the ONTAP SAN host configuration settings to configure Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.5 with ONTAP as the target.

Install the Linux Unified Host Utilities

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What you'll need

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

Steps

1. Download the 64-bit Linux Unified Host Utilities software package from the [NetApp Support Site](#) to your host.
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```
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Example

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

```
# sanlun lun show all
```

Example output:

controller(7mode/E-Series) / vserver(cDOT/FlashRay) lun-pathname	device filename	host adapter	lun 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

What you'll need

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.

Steps

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



Multiple paths become 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 that the boot is successful.

Multipathing

For Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 8.5 the `/etc/multipath.conf` file must exist, but you do not need to make specific changes to the file. RHEL 8.5 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 configurations

In All SAN Array (ASA) configurations, all paths to a given LUN are active and optimized. This improves performance by serving I/O operations through all paths at the same time.

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```



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

Non-ASA configurations

For non-ASA configurations, 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.

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    |- 15:0:0:35 sdaj 66:48 active ready running
    |- 15:0:1:35 sdbx 68:176 active ready running
```



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

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```
# systemctl enable multipathd
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```

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```

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

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Replace the <DevId> with the WWID string of the device you want to exclude.

Example

In this example, we are going to determine the WWID of a device and add to the `multipath.conf` file.

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1. Run the following command to determine the WWID:

```

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`sda` is the local SCSI disk that we need to add it to the blacklist.

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

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Parameter	Setting
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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 {
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}

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

KVM settings

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

Known issues

There are no known issues for the RHEL 8.5 with ONTAP release.

Use Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.4 with ONTAP

You can use the ONTAP SAN host configuration settings to configure Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.4 with ONTAP as the target.

Install the Linux Unified Host Utilities

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2. Install the software package:

```
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Example

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

```
# sanlun lun show all
```

Example output:

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

SAN Booting

What you'll need

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.

Steps

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



Multiple paths become 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 that the boot is successful.

Multipathing

For Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 8.4 the `/etc/multipath.conf` file must exist, but you do not need to make specific changes to the file. RHEL 8.4 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.

All SAN Array configurations

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Example

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

```
# multipath -ll
3600a098038303634722b4d59646c4436 dm-28 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
  |- 11:0:7:1      sdfi    130:64    active ready running
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```



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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
3600a098038303634722b4d59646c4436 dm-28 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
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  |- 15:0:0:35 sdaj   66:48     active ready running
  |- 15:0:1:35 sdbx   68:176    active ready running
```



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

Recommended Settings

The RHEL 8.4 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 by using the following command:


```
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:

```
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```

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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.*"
}
```

Replace the `<DevId>` with the WWID string of the device you want to exclude.

Example

In this example, we are going to determine the WWID of a device and add to the `multipath.conf` file.

Steps

1. Run the following command to determine the WWID:

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

`sda` is the local SCSI disk that we need to add it to the blacklist.

2. Add the WWID to the blacklist stanza in `/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 might be overriding the default settings.

The following table demonstrates 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 the `multipath.conf` file that apply specifically to ONTAP LUNs. If this is not done, the ONTAP LUNs might not work as expected. These defaults should only be overridden in consultation with NetApp and/or an OS vendor and only when the impact is fully understood.

Parameter	Setting
<code>detect_prio</code>	<code>yes</code>
<code>dev_loss_tmo</code>	<code>"infinity"</code>
<code>failback</code>	<code>immediate</code>
<code>fast_io_fail_tmo</code>	<code>5</code>
<code>features</code>	<code>"2 pg_init_retries 50"</code>
<code>flush_on_last_del</code>	<code>"yes"</code>
<code>hardware_handler</code>	<code>"0"</code>
<code>no_path_retry</code>	<code>queue</code>
<code>path_checker</code>	<code>"tur"</code>
<code>path_grouping_policy</code>	<code>"group_by_prio"</code>
<code>path_selector</code>	<code>"service-time 0"</code>
<code>polling_interval</code>	<code>5</code>
<code>prio</code>	<code>"ontap"</code>
<code>product</code>	<code>LUN.*</code>
<code>retain_attached_hw_handler</code>	<code>yes</code>
<code>rr_weight</code>	<code>"uniform"</code>
<code>user_friendly_names</code>	<code>no</code>
<code>vendor</code>	<code>NETAPP</code>

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
    }
}

```

KVM settings

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

Known issues

There are no known issues for the RHEL 8.4 with ONTAP release.

Use Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.3 with ONTAP

You can use the ONTAP SAN host configuration settings to configure Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.3 with ONTAP as the target.

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Example

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

```
# sanlun lun show all
```

Example output:

```
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
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Steps

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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.

4. Reboot the host to verify that 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.

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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 four paths should be required. More than eight paths might cause path issues during storage failures.

Non-ASA configurations

For non-ASA configurations, 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
3600a098038303634722b4d59646c4436 dm-28 NETAPP,LUN C-Mode
size=80G features='3 queue_if_no_path pg_init_retries 50' hwhandler='1
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| |- 16:0:6:35 sdwb 69:624 active ready running
| |- 16:0:5:35 sdun 66:752 active ready running
`+- policy='service-time 0' prio=10 status=enabled
  |- 15:0:0:35 sdaj 66:48 active ready running
  |- 15:0:1:35 sdbx 68:176 active ready running
```



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

Recommended Settings

The RHEL 8.3 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 by using the following 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 the `multipath.conf` file, unless you have devices that you do not want to be managed by multipath or you have existing settings that override defaults.
- To exclude unwanted devices, add the following syntax to the `multipath.conf` file .

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

Replace the `<DevId>` with the WWID string of the device you want to exclude.

Example

In this example, we are going to determine the WWID of a device and add to the `multipath.conf` file.

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1. Run the following command to determine the WWID:

```
# /lib/udev/scsi_id -gud /dev/sda
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The following table demonstrates 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 the `multipath.conf` file that apply specifically to ONTAP LUNs. If this is not done, the ONTAP LUNs might not work as expected. These defaults should only be overridden in consultation with NetApp and/or an 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	"2 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

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```
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    }
}
```

KVM settings

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

Known issues

There are no known issues for the RHEL 8.3 with ONTAP release.

Use Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.2 with ONTAP

You can use the ONTAP SAN host configuration settings to configure Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.2 with ONTAP as the target.

Install the Linux Unified Host Utilities

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Example

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

```
# sanlun lun show all
```

Example output:

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

What you'll need

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Steps

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



Multiple paths become 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 that the boot is successful.

Multipathing

For Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 8.2 the `/etc/multipath.conf` file must exist, but you do not need to make specific changes to the file. RHEL 8.2 is compiled with all the 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 configurations

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

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```



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

Non-ASA configurations

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```



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Recommended settings

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    wwid <DevId>
    devnode "^(ram|raw|loop|fd|md|dm-|sr|scd|st)[0-9]*"
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Replace the <DevId> with the WWID string of the device you want to exclude.

Example

In this example, we are going to determine the WWID of a device and add to the `multipath.conf` file.

Steps

1. Run the following command to determine the WWID:

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Known issues

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data_vserver 120.0g cDOT	/vol/vol2/lun2	/dev/sde	host15	FCP	

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Example

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| |- 16:0:5:35 sdun   66:752    active ready running
`-+- policy='service-time 0' prio=10 status=enabled
  |- 15:0:0:35 sdaj   66:48     active ready running
  |- 15:0:1:35 sdbx   68:176    active ready running
```



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

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 by using the following 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 the `multipath.conf` file, unless you have devices that you do not want to be managed by multipath or you have existing settings that override defaults.
- To exclude unwanted devices, add the following syntax to the `multipath.conf` file .

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

Replace the `<DevId>` with the WWID string of the device you want to exclude.

Example

In this example, we are going to determine the WWID of a device and add to the `multipath.conf` file.

Steps

1. Run the following command to determine the WWID:

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

`sda` is the local SCSI disk that we need to add it to the blacklist.

2. Add the WWID to the blacklist stanza in `/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 might be overriding the default settings.

The following table demonstrates 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 the `multipath.conf` file that apply specifically to ONTAP LUNs. If this is not done, the ONTAP LUNs might not work as expected. These defaults should only be overridden in consultation with NetApp and/or an OS vendor and only when the impact is fully understood.

Parameter	Setting
<code>detect_prio</code>	<code>yes</code>
<code>dev_loss_tmo</code>	<code>"infinity"</code>
<code>failback</code>	<code>immediate</code>
<code>fast_io_fail_tmo</code>	<code>5</code>
<code>features</code>	<code>"2 pg_init_retries 50"</code>
<code>flush_on_last_del</code>	<code>"yes"</code>
<code>hardware_handler</code>	<code>"0"</code>
<code>no_path_retry</code>	<code>queue</code>
<code>path_checker</code>	<code>"tur"</code>
<code>path_grouping_policy</code>	<code>"group_by_prio"</code>
<code>path_selector</code>	<code>"service-time 0"</code>
<code>polling_interval</code>	<code>5</code>
<code>prio</code>	<code>"ontap"</code>
<code>product</code>	<code>LUN.*</code>
<code>retain_attached_hw_handler</code>	<code>yes</code>
<code>rr_weight</code>	<code>"uniform"</code>
<code>user_friendly_names</code>	<code>no</code>
<code>vendor</code>	<code>NETAPP</code>

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
    }
}
```

KVM settings

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

Known issues

The RHEL 8.1 with ONTAP release has the following known issues:

NetApp Bug ID	Title	Description	Bugzilla ID
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

NetApp Bug ID	Title	Description	Bugzilla ID
1275838	Kernel disruption occurs on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.1 with QLogic QLE2742 32GB FC HBA during storage failover operations	Kernel disruption occurs during storage failover operations on the Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.1 kernel with a QLogic QLE2742 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 QLE2742 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.	1744082
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

Use Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.0 with ONTAP

You can use the ONTAP SAN host configuration settings to configure Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.0 with ONTAP as the target.

Install the Linux Unified Host Utilities

The NetApp Linux Unified Host Utilities software package is available on the [NetApp Support Site](#) in a 64-bit .rpm file.

NetApp strongly recommends installing the Linux Unified Host Utilities, but it is 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.

What you'll need

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

Steps

1. Download the 64-bit Linux Unified Host Utilities software package from the [NetApp Support Site](#) to your host.
2. Install the software package:

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



You can use the configuration settings provided in this document to configure cloud clients connected to [Cloud Volumes ONTAP](#) and [Amazon FSx for ONTAP](#).

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
```

Example output:

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

SAN Booting

What you'll need

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.

Steps

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



Multiple paths become 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 that the boot is successful.

Multipathing

For Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 8.0 the `/etc/multipath.conf` file must exist, but you do not need to make specific changes to the file. RHEL 8.0 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 configurations

In All SAN Array (ASA) configurations, all paths to a given LUN are active and optimized. This improves performance by serving I/O operations through all paths at the same time.

Example

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

```
# multipath -ll
3600a098038303634722b4d59646c4436 dm-28 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
  |- 11:0:7:1      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 four paths should be required. More than eight paths might cause path issues during storage failures.

Non-ASA configurations

For non-ASA configurations, 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
3600a098038303634722b4d59646c4436 dm-28 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
  |- 11:0:7:1      sdfi    130:64    active ready running
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```



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

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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:

```
# systemctl enable multipathd
# systemctl start multipathd
```

- There is no requirement to add anything directly to the `multipath.conf` file, unless you have devices that you do not want to be managed by multipath or you have existing settings that override defaults.
- To exclude unwanted devices, add the following syntax to the `multipath.conf` file .

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

Replace the `<DevId>` with the WWID string of the device you want to exclude.

Example

In this example, we are going to determine the WWID of a device and add to the `multipath.conf` file.

Steps

1. Run the following command to determine the WWID:

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

`sda` is the local SCSI disk that we need to add it to the blacklist.

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

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

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detect_prio	yes
dev_loss_tmo	"infinity"
failback	immediate
fast_io_fail_tmo	5
features	"2 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 {
        vendor        "NETAPP  "
        product        "LUN.*"
        no_path_retry  queue
        path_checker    tur
    }
}
```

KVM settings

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

Known issues

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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 system reboot 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
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

NetApp Bug ID	Title	Description	Bugzilla ID
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
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 32GB 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.	1705573

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