

Installation and User's Guide



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I. Chelsio Unified Wire

1. Introduction

Thank you for choosing Chelsio Unified Wire adapters. These high speed, single chip, single firmware cards provide enterprises and data centers with high performance solutions for various Network and Storage related requirements.

The **Terminator** series is Chelsio's next generation of highly integrated, hyper-virtualized 1/10/25/40/50/100GbE controllers. The adapters are built around a programmable protocol-processing engine, with full offload of a complete Unified Wire solution comprising NIC, TOE, iWARP RDMA, iSCSI, FCoE and NAT support. It scales to true 100Gb line rate operation from a single TCP connection to thousands of connections, and allows simultaneous low latency and high bandwidth operation thanks to multiple physical channels through the ASIC.

Ideal for all data, storage and high-performance clustering applications, the Unified Wire adapters enable a unified fabric over a single wire by simultaneously running all unmodified IP sockets, Fibre Channel and InfiniBand applications over Ethernet at line rate.

Designed for deployment in virtualized data centers, cloud service installations and high-performance computing environments, Chelsio adapters bring a new level of performance metrics and functional capabilities to the computer networking industry.

Chelsio Unified Wire software comes in two formats: Source code and RPM package forms. Installing from source requires compiling the package to generate the necessary binaries. You can choose this method when you are using a custom-built kernel. You can also install the package using the interactive GUI installer. In other cases, download the RPM package specific to your operating system and follow the steps mentioned to install the package. Please note that the OFED software required to install Chelsio iWARP driver comes bundled in both source as well as RPM packages.

This document describes the installation, use and maintenance of Unified Wire software and its various components.

1.1. Features

The Chelsio Unified Wire package uses a single command to install various drivers and utilities. It consists of the following software:

- Network (NIC/TOE)
- Virtual Function Network (vNIC)
- iWARP (RDMA)
- iSER
- WD-UDP
- WD-TOE
- NVMe-oF

- LIO iSCSI Target Offload
- iSCSI PDU Offload Target
- iSCSI PDU Offload Initiator
- Crypto Offload
- Data Center Bridging (DCB)
- FCoE full offload Initiator
- Offload Bonding
- Offload Multi-Adapter Failover(MAFO)
- UDP Segmentation Offload and Pacing
- Offload IPv6
- Classification and Filtering feature
- OVS Kernel Datapath Offload
- Ring Backbone
- Traffic Management feature (TM)
- DPDK
- Unified Boot Software
- Utility Tools (cop, cxgbtool, t4_perftune, benchmark tools, sniffer & tracer)
- libs (iWARP, WD-UDP and WD-TOE libraries)

For detailed instructions on loading, unloading and configuring the drivers/tools please refer to their respective sections.

1.2. Hardware Requirements

The Chelsio Unified Wire software supports Chelsio Terminator series of Unified Wire adapters. To know more about the list of adapters supported by each driver, please refer to their respective sections.

1.3. Software Requirements

The Chelsio Unified Wire software has been developed to run on 64-bit Linux based platforms and therefore it is a base requirement for running the driver. To know more about the complete list of operating systems supported by each driver, please refer to their respective sections.

1.4. Package Contents

1.4.1. Source Package

The Chelsio Unified Wire source package consists of the following files/directories:

 debrules: This directory contains packaging specification files required for building Debian packages.

- docs: This directory contains support documents README, Release Notes and User's Guide (this document) for the software.
- kernels: This directory contains kernel.org-4.9.88 installation files.
- **libs**: This directory is for libraries required to install the WD-UDP, WD-TOE and iWARP drivers. The libibverbs library has implementation of RDMA verbs which will be used by iWARP applications for data transfers. The librdmacm library works as an RDMA connection manager. The libcxgb4 library works as an interface between the above mentioned generic libraries and Chelsio iWARP driver. The libcxgb4_sock library is a LD_PRELOAD-able library that accelerates UDP Socket communications transparently and without recompilation of the user application.
- OFED: This directory contains supported OFED packages.
- **RPM-Manager**: This directory contains support scripts used for cluster deployment.
- scripts: Support scripts used by the Unified Wire Installer.
- **specs**: The packaging specification files required for building RPM packages.
- src: Source code for different drivers.
- support: This directory contains source files for the dialog utility.
- tools:
 - autoconf-x.xx: This directory contains the source for Autoconf tool needed for WD-UDP and iWARP libraries.
 - benchmarks: This directory contains various benchmarking tools to measure throughput and latency of various networks.
 - chelsio_adapter_config: This directory contains scripts and binaries needed to configure Chelsio 40G adapters.
 - cop: The cop tool compiles offload policies into a simple program form that can be loaded into the kernel and interpreted. These offload policies are used to determine the settings to be used for various connections. The connections to which the settings are applied are based on matching filter specifications. Please find more details on this tool in its manual page (run man cop command).
 - cudbg: Chelsio Unified Debug tool which facilitates collection and viewing of various debug entities like register dump, Devlog, CIM LA, etc.
 - cxgbtool: The cxgbtool queries or sets various aspects of Chelsio network interface cards. It complements standard tools used to configure network settings and provides functionality not available through such tools. Please find more details on this tool in its manual page (run man cxgbtool command). To use cxbtool for FCoE Initiator driver, use [root@host~]# cxgbtool stor -h
 - **nvme_utils**: This directory contains *nvmecli*, *nvmetcli* and *targetcli* installation files, and dependent components.
 - rdma tools: This directory contains iWARP benchmarking tools.
 - t4_sniffer: This directory contains sniffer tracing and filtering libraries. See WD Sniffing and Tracing chapter for more information.
 - 90-rdma.rules: This file contains udev rules needed for running RDMA applications as a non-root user.

- chdebug: This script collects operating system environment details and debug information which can be sent to the support team, to troubleshoot Chelsio hardware/software related issues.
- chiscsi_set_affinity.sh: This shell script is used for mapping iSCSI Worker threads to different CPUs.
- chsetup: The chsetup tool loads NIC, TOE and iWARP drivers, and creates WD-UDP configuration file.
- **chstatus**: This utility provides status information on any Chelsio NIC in the system.
- Makefile: The Makefile for building and installing tools.
- t4_latencytune.sh: Script used for latency tuning of Chelsio adapters.
- t4_perftune.sh: This shell script is to tune the system for higher performance. It achieves it through modifying the IRQ-CPU binding. This script can also be used to change Tx coalescing settings.
- t4-forward.sh: RFC2544 Forward test tuning script.
- uname_r: This file is used by chstatus script to verify if the Linux platform is supported or not.
- wdload: UDP acceleration tool.
- wdunload: Used to unload all the loaded Chelsio drivers.
- Uboot: There are two sub-directories in the Uboot directory: OptionROM and LinuxDUD. The OptionROM directory contains Unified Boot Option ROM image (cubt4.bin), uEFI driver (ChelsioUD.efi), default boot configuration file (bootcfg) and a legacy flash utility (cfut4.exe), which can be used to flash the option ROM onto Chelsio adapters (CNAs). The LinuxDUD directory contains image (.img) files required to update drivers for Linux distributions.
- chelsio-dkms.conf: DKMS configuration files for Ubuntu 16.04.1
- install.py, dialog.py: Python scripts needed for the GUI installer.
- EULA: Chelsio's End User License Agreement.
- install-dkms.sh: Installs necessary drivers to DKMS tree for Ubuntu 16.04.1
- install.log: File containing installation summary.
- Makefile: The Makefile for building and installing from the source.
- sample_machinefile: Sample file used during iWARP installation on cluster nodes.

1.4.2. RPM Package

The Chelsio Unified Wire RPM package consists of the following:

- config: This directory contains firmware configuration files.
- docs: This directory contains support documents i.e. README, Release Notes and User's Guide (this document) for the software.
- DRIVER-RPMS: RPM packages of Chelsio drivers.
- OFED-RPMS: OFED RPM packages required to install iWARP driver.
- scripts: Support scripts used by the Unified Wire Installer.
- EULA: Chelsio's End User License Agreement.
- install.py: Python script that installs the RPM package. See Chelsio Unified Wire's Software/Driver Installation section for more information.

- uninstall.py: Python script that uninstalls the RPM package. See Chelsio Unified Wire's Software/Driver Uninstallation section for more information.
- Uboot: There are two sub-directories in the Uboot directory: OptionROM and LinuxDUD. The OptionROM directory contains Unified Boot Option ROM image (cubt4.bin), uEFI driver (ChelsioUD.efi), default boot configuration file (bootcfg) and a legacy flash utility (cfut4.exe), which can be used to flash the option ROM onto Chelsio adapters (CNAs). The LinuxDUD directory contains image (.img) files required to update drivers for Linux distributions.

2. Hardware Installation

Follow these steps to install Chelsio adapter in your system:

- i. Shutdown/power off your system.
- ii. Power off all remaining peripherals attached to your system.
- iii. Unpack the Chelsio adapter and place it on an anti-static surface.
- iv. Remove the system case cover as per the system manufacturer's instructions.
- v. Remove the PCI filler plate from the slot where you will install the Ethernet adapter.
- vi. For maximum performance, it is highly recommended to install the adapter into a PCle x8/x16 slot.



All 4-ports of T6425-CR adapter will be functional only if PCle x8 -> 2x PCle x4 slot bifurcation is supported by the system and enabled in BIOS. Otherwise, only 2-ports will be functional.

- vii. Holding the Chelsio adapter by the edges, align the edge connector with the PCI connector on the motherboard. Apply even pressure on both edges until the card is firmly seated. It may be necessary to remove the SFP (transceiver) modules prior to inserting the adapter.
- viii. Secure the Chelsio adapter with a screw, or other securing mechanism, as described by the system manufacturer's instructions. Replace the case cover.
- ix. After securing the card, ensure that the card is still fully seated in the PCIE x8/x16 slot as sometimes the process of securing the card causes the card to become unseated.
- x. Connect a fiber/twinax cable, multi-mode for short range (SR) optics or single-mode for long range (LR) optics, to the Ethernet adapter or regular Ethernet cable for the 1Gb Ethernet adapter.
- xi. Power on your system.
- xii. Run update-pciids command to download the current version of PCI ID list

```
~]# update-pciids
            % Received % Xferd Average Speed
   Total
                                              Time
                                                      Time
                                                              Time
                                                                    Current
                               Dload Upload
                                              Total
                                                      Spent
                                                              Left Speed
    227k 100
              227k
                            0 68592
                                                     0:00:03 --:-- 68610
                                          0 0:00:03
100
Done.
```

xiii. Verify if the adapter was installed successfully by using the Ispci command

```
[root@ ~]# lspci | grep -i Chelsio Communications Inc T62100-LP-CR Unified Wire Ethernet Controller 81:00.0 Ethernet controller: Chelsio Communications Inc T62100-LP-CR Unified Wire Ethernet Controller 81:00.1 Ethernet controller: Chelsio Communications Inc T62100-LP-CR Unified Wire Ethernet Controller 81:00.2 Ethernet controller: Chelsio Communications Inc T62100-LP-CR Unified Wire Ethernet Controller 81:00.3 Ethernet controller: Chelsio Communications Inc T62100-LP-CR Unified Wire Ethernet Controller 81:00.4 Ethernet controller: Chelsio Communications Inc T62100-LP-CR Unified Wire Ethernet Controller 81:00.6 Fibre Channel: Chelsio Communications Inc T62100-LP-CR Unified Wire Storage Controller
```

For Chelsio adapters, the physical functions are currently assigned as:

- Physical functions 0 3: for the SR-IOV functions of the adapter
- Physical function 4: for all NIC functions of the adapter
- Physical function 5: for iSCSI

- Physical function 6: for FCoE
- Physical function 7: Currently not assigned

Once Unified Wire package is installed and loaded, examine the output of dmesg to see if the card is discovered. You should see a similar output:

```
[ 1119.854346] cxgb4 0000:81:00.4: Chelsio T62100-LP-CR rev 0
[ 1119.854347] cxgb4 0000:81:00.4: S/N: RE41160042, P/N: 11012106003
[ 1119.854348] cxgb4 0000:81:00.4: Firmware version:
[ 1119.854349] cxgb4 0000:81:00.4: Bootstrap version: 255.255.255.255
[ 1119.854350] cxgb4 0000:81:00.4: TP Microcode version: 0.1.23.2
[ 1119.854351] cxgb4 0000:81:00.4: No Expansion ROM loaded
[ 1119.854351] cxgb4 0000:81:00.4: Serial Configuration version: 0x7002000
[ 1119.854352] cxgb4 0000:81:00.4: VPD version: 0x52
[ 1119.854354] cxgb4 0000:81:00.4: Configuration: NIC MSI-X, non-Offload capable
[ 1119.854355] eth0: Chelsio T62100-LP-CR (eth0) 100GBASE-CR4_QSFP
```

The above outputs indicate the hardware configuration of the adapter as well as serial number.



Network device names for Chelsio's physical ports are assigned using the following convention: the port farthest from the motherboard will appear as the first network interface. However, for T5 40G and T420-BT adapters, the association of physical Ethernet ports and their corresponding network device names is opposite. For these adapters, the port nearest to the motherboard will appear as the first network interface.

3. Software/Driver Installation

There are two main methods to install the Chelsio Unified Wire package: from source and RPM. If you decide to use source, you can install the package using CLI or GUI mode. If you decide to use RPM, you can install the package using Menu or CLI mode.

RPM packages support only distro base kernels. In case of updated/custom kernels, use source package. Irrespective of the method chosen for installation, the machine needs to be rebooted for changes to take effect.

The following table describes the various *configuration tuning options* available during installation and drivers/software installed with each option by default:

Configuration Tuning Option	Description	Driver/Software installed
Unified Wire(Default)	Default Configuration. Configures adapters to run all protocols simultaneously.	NIC/TOE, vNIC, iWARP, iSER, WD-UDP, NVMe-oF, LIO iSCSI Target, iSCSI Target, iSCSI Initiator, FCoE Initiator, Bonding, MAFO, IPv6, Sniffer & Tracer, Filtering, TM
Low latency Networking	Configures adapters to run TOE and iWARP traffic with low latency.	TOE, iWARP, WD-UDP, WD-TOE, IPv6, Bonding, MAFO
High capacity RDMA	Configures adapters to establish a large number of iWARP connections.	iWARP
RDMA Performance	Improves iWARP performance.	iWARP, iSER, NVMe-oF
High capacity TOE	Configures adapters to establish a large number of TOE connections.	TOE, Bonding, MAFO, IPv6
iSCSI Performance+	Improves iSCSI performance.	LIO iSCSI Target, iSCSI Target, iSCSI Initiator, Bonding, DCB
UDP Seg.Offload & Pacing*	Configures adapters to establish a large number of UDP Segmentation Offload connections.	UDP-SO, Bonding
Wire Direct Latency#	Configures adapters to provide low Wire Direct latency.	TOE, iWARP, WD-UDP, WD-TOE
High Capacity WD	Configures adapters to establish a large number of WD-UDP connections.	WD-UDP, WD-TOE
Hash Filter#	Configures adapters to create more filters.	Filtering
Ring Backbone#	Configures adapters in a ring backbone.	NIC/TOE, iWARP, iSER, WD-UDP, NVMe- oF, LIO iSCSI Target, iSCSI Target, iSCSI Initiator, IPv6, Filtering, TM
NVMe Performance^	Improves NVMe-oF performance.	iWARP, NVMe-oF
High Capacity VF#	Configures adapters to support more VFs.	NIC, vNIC

^{*} Supported on T4/T5

3.1. Pre-requisites

To install Unifided Wire using GUI mode (with Dialog utility), *ncurses-devel* package must be installed.

⁺ Supported only on T5

[#] Supported on T5/T6

[^] Supported only on T6

3.2. Enabling RDMA on ARM Platforms

RDMA is disabled by default in RHEL 7.X build of ARM architecture. To enable this feature, follow the steps mentioned below:

- Download the kernel source package and extract it.
- ii. Create a kernel configuration file.

```
[root@host~]# make oldconfig
```

iii. The above command will create a configuration file .config in the same location. Edit the file and enable the following parameters:

```
CONFIG_NET_VENDOR_CHELSIO=y
CONFIG_INFINIBAND=y
```

- iv. Compile the kernel.
- v. During kernel compilation, please ensure that the following parameters are set as follows:

```
CONFIG_CHELSIO_T1=m

CONFIG_CHELSIO_T3=m

CONFIG_CHELSIO_T4=m

CONFIG_CHELSIO_T4VF=m

CONFIG_INFINIBAND_USER_MAD=m

CONFIG_INFINIBAND_USER_ACCESS=m

CONFIG_INFINIBAND_USER_MEM=y

CONFIG_INFINIBAND_CXGB3=m

CONFIG_INFINIBAND_CXGB3_DEBUG=y

CONFIG_INFINIBAND_CXGB4=m

CONFIG_SCSI_CXGB3_ISCSI=m

CONFIG_SCSI_CXGB4_ISCSI=m
```

- vi. Install the kernel.
- vii. Reboot into the newly installed kernel.

3.3. Mounting debugfs

All driver debug data is stored in debugfs, which will be mounted in most cases. If not, mount it manually using:

```
[root@host~]# mount -t debugfs none /sys/kernel/debug
```

3.4. Allowing unsupported modules on SLES

On SLES11 SPx platforms, edit the /etc/modprobe.d/unsupported-modules file and change allow_unsupported_modules to 1.

On SLES12 SPx platforms, edit the /etc/modprobe.d/10-unsupported-modules.conf file and change allow_unsupported_modules to 1.

3.5. Installing Chelsio Unified Wire from source

3.5.1. GUI mode (with Dialog utility)

- i. Download the Unified Wire driver package (tarball) from Chelsio Download Center.
- ii. Untar the tarball using the following command:

```
[root@host~]# tar zxvf <driver_package>.tar.gz
```

iii. Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

```
[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x
```

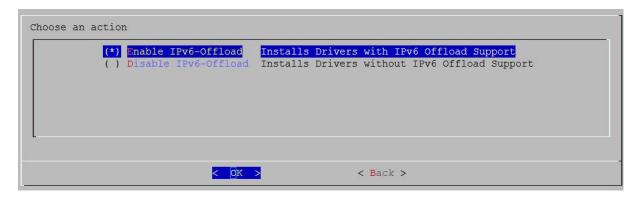
iv. Run the following script to start the GUI installer:

```
[root@host~]# ./install.py
```

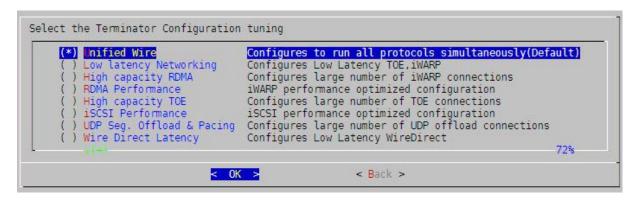
- v. If **Dialog** utility is present, you can skip to step (vi). If not, press 'y' to install it when the installer prompts for input.
- vi. Select "install" under "Choose an action"



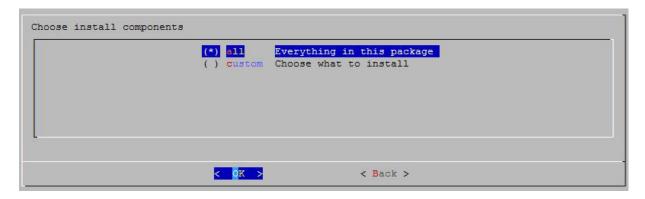
vii. Select *Enable IPv6-Offload* to install drivers with IPv6 Offload support or *Disable IPv6-offload* to continue installation without IPv6 offload support.



viii. Select the required configuration tuning option:



- Note The tuning options may vary depending on the Linux distribution.
- ix. Under "Choose install components", select "all" to install all the related components for the option chosen in step (viii) or select "custom" to install specific components.



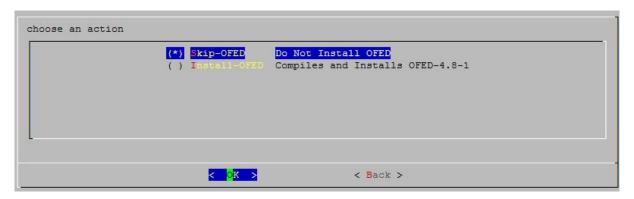
Important

To install Crypto Offload, WD-TOE, OVS, DPDK drivers and benchmark tools, please select "custom option".

- x. Select the required performance tuning option.
 - a. Enable Binding IRQs to CPUs: Bind MSI-X interrupts to different CPUs and disable IRQ balance daemon.
 - b. Retain IRQ balance daemon: Do not disable IRQ balance daemon.
 - c. TX-Coalasce: Write tx_coal=2 to modprobe.d/conf.

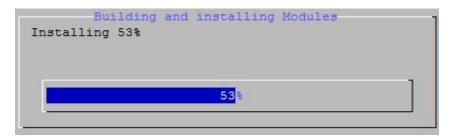


- Note For more information on the Performance tuning options, please refer to Performance Tuning section of the **Network (NIC/TOE)** chapter.
- xi. If you already have the required version of OFED software installed, select *Skip-OFED*. To install OFED-4.8-1 choose the *Install-OFED* option.

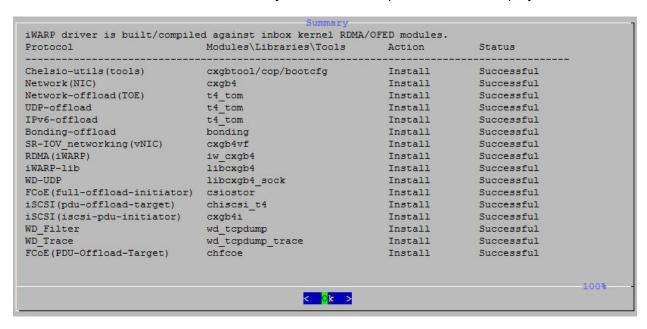


On the step will be prompted only for OFED supported platforms.

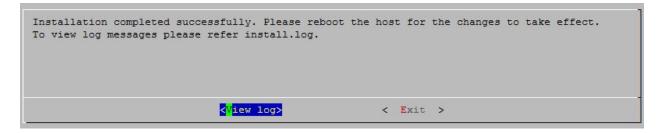
xii. The selected components will now be installed:



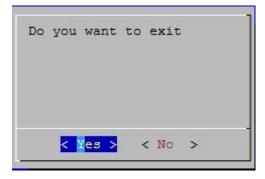
xiii. After successful installation, summary of installed components will be displayed.



xiv. Select "View log" to view the installation log or "Exit" to continue.



xv. Select "Yes" to exit the installer or "No" to go back.



xvi. Reboot your machine for changes to take effect.



Press Esc or Ctrl+C to exit the installer at any point of time.

3.5.2. CLI mode (without Dialog utility)

If your system does not have **Dialog** or you choose not to install it, follow the steps mentioned below to install the Unified Wire package:

- i. Download the Unified Wire driver package from Chelsio Download Center.
- ii. Untar the tarball using the following command:

```
[root@host~]# tar zxvf <driver_package>.tar.gz
```

iii. Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

```
[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x
```

iv. Run the following script to start the installer

```
[root@host~]# ./install.py -c <target>
```

- v. Enter the number corresponding to the Configuration tuning option in the Input field and press Enter.
- vi. If you already have the required version of OFED software installed, select Skip-OFED. To install OFED-4.8-1 choose the *Install-OFED* option.
- 1 Note This step will be prompted only for OFED supported platforms.
- vii. The selected components will now be installed.

 After successful installation you can press 1 to view the installation log. Press any other key to exit from the installer.
- Important
 To customize the installation, view the help by typing [root@host~]#./install.py -h
- viii. Reboot your machine for changes to take effect.
- iWARP driver installation on Cluster nodes
- Important Please make sure that you have enabled password less authentication with ssh on the peer nodes for this feature to work.

Chelsio's Unified Wire package allows installing iWARP drivers on multiple Cluster nodes with a single command. Follow the procedure mentioned below:

i. Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

```
[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x
```

- ii. Create a file (*machinefilename*) containing the IP addresses or hostnames of the nodes in the cluster. You can view the sample file, *sample_machinefile*, provided in the package to view the format in which the nodes have to be listed.
- iii. Now, execute the following command:

```
[root@host~]# ./install.py -C -m <machinefilename>
```

- iv. Select the required configuration tuning option. The tuning options may vary depending on the Linux distribution.
- v. Select the required Cluster Configuration.
- vi. If you already have the required version of OFED software installed, select *Skip-OFED*. To install OFED-4.8-1 choose the *Install-OFED* option.
- vii. The selected components will now be installed.

The above commands will install iWARP (*iw_cxgb4*) and TOE (*t4_tom*) drivers on all the nodes listed in the *machinefilename* file.

3.5.3. CLI mode

- Download the Unified Wire driver package from Chelsio Download Center.
- ii. Untar the tarball using the following command:

```
[root@host~]# tar zxvf ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.tar.gz
```

iii. Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory and build the source:

```
[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x
[root@host~]# make
```

iv. Install the drivers, tools and libraries using the following command:

```
[root@host~]# make install
```

v. The default configuration tuning option is *Unified Wire*. The configuration tuning can be selected using the following commands:

```
[root@host~]# make CONF=<configuration_tuning>
  [root@host~]# make CONF=<configuration_tuning> install
```

Important

Steps (iii) and (iv) mentioned above will NOT install Crypto, DCB, WD-TOE, OVS, DPDK drivers, and benchmark tools. They will have to be installed manually.

Please refer to section CLI mode (individual drivers) for instructions on installing them.



To view the different configuration tuning options, view help by typing [root@host~] # make help

vi. Reboot your machine for changes to take effect.

3.5.4. CLI mode (individual drivers)

You can also choose to install drivers/features individually. Provided here are steps to build and install some of them. For the complete list, view help by running make help.

Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

```
[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x
```

To build and install all drivers without IPv6 support:

```
[root@host~]# make ipv6_disable=1
[root@host~]# make ipv6_disable=1 install
```

• The default configuration tuning option is *Unified Wire*. The configuration tuning can be selected using the following commands:

```
[root@host~]# make CONF=<configuration_tuning> <Build Target>
[root@host~]# make CONF=<configuration_tuning> <Install Target>
```

To build and install drivers along with benchmarks:

```
[root@host~]# make BENCHMARKS=1
[root@host~]# make BENCHMARKS=1 install
```

The drivers will be installed as RPMs or Debian packages (for ubuntu). To skip this and install drivers:

```
[root@host~]# make SKIP_RPM=1 install
```

 The installer will remove the Chelsio specific drivers (inbox/outbox) from initramfs. To skip this and install drivers:

```
[root@host~]# make SKIP_INIT=1 install
```

The installer will check for the required dependency packages and will install them if they are missing from the machine. To skip this and install drivers:

```
[root@host~] # make SKIP_DEPS=1 install
```



- To view the different configuration tuning options, view the help by typing [root@host~] #make help
- If IPv6 is administratively disabled in the machine, the drivers will be built and installed without IPv6 Offload support by default.

3.6. Installing Chelsio Unified Wire from RPM



- IPv6 should be enabled in the machine to use the RPM Packages.
- Drivers installed from RPM Packages do not have DCB support.
- DPDK installation not supported.

3.6.1. Menu Mode

- Download the tarball specific to your operating system and architecture from Chelsio Download Center.
- ii. Untar the tarball:

E.g., for RHEL 6.9, untar using the following command:

```
[root@host~]# tar zxvf <driver_package>-RHEL6.9_x86_64.tar.gz
```

iii. Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory

```
[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x-<OS>-<arch>
```

iv. Install Unified Wire:

```
[root@host~]# ./install.py
```

- v. Select the Installation type as described below. Enter the corresponding number in the Input field and press Enter.
 - a. *Unified Wire*: Install all the drivers in the Unified Wire software package. This option will not install OFED and drivers built against OFED.
 - b. Wire Direct Latency: Install Wire Direct Latency drivers needed for Low latency applications.
 - c. *Custom*: Customize the installation. Use this option to install drivers/software and related components (like OFED-4.8-1) as per the tuning option selected.
 - d. EXIT: Exit the installer.
- 1 The Installation options may vary depending on the Configuration tuning option selected.
- vi. The selected components will now be installed.
- vii. Reboot your machine for changes to take effect.
- 1 If the installation aborts with the message "Resolve the errors/dependencies manually and restart the installation", please go through the install.log to resolve errors/dependencies and then start the installation again.

3.6.2. CLI mode

- Download the tarball specific to your operating system and architecture from Chelsio Download Center.
- ii. Untar the tarball:

E.g., for RHEL 6.9, untar using the following command:

```
[root@host~]# tar zxvf ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x-RHEL6.9_x86_64.tar.gz
```

iii. Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

```
[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x-<OS>-<arch>
```

iv. Install Unified Wire:

```
[root@host~]# ./install.py -i <nic_toe/all/udpso/wd/crypto/ovs>
```

Here,

nic toe: NIC and TOE drivers only

all : All Chelsio drivers built against inbox OFED

udpso : UDP segmentation offload capable NIC and TOE drivers only

wd: Wire Direct drivers and libraries only

crypto : Crypto drivers and Chelsio Openssl modules.

ovs : OVS modules and NIC driver.

- 1 Note The installation options may vary depending on the Linux distribution.
- v. The default configuration tuning option is *Unified Wire*. The configuration tuning can be selected using the following command:

```
[root@host~]# ./install.py -i <Installation mode> -c <configuration_tuning>
```

**To view the different configuration tuning options, view the help by typing [root@host~] # ./install.py -h

vi. To install OFED and Chelsio drivers built against OFED, run the above command with -o option.

```
[root@host~]# ./install.py -i <Installation mode> -c <Configuration> -o
```

- vii. Reboot your machine for changes to take effect.
- iWARP driver installation on cluster nodes
- Important Please make sure that you have enabled password less authentication with ssh on the peer nodes for this feature to work.
- i. Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

```
[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x-<OS>-<arch>
```

- ii. Create a file (*machinefilename*) containing the IP addresses or hostnames of the nodes in the cluster. You can view the sample file, *sample_machinefile*, provided in the package to view the format in which the nodes have to be listed.
- iii. Now, execute the following command:

```
[root@host~]# ./install.py -C -m <machinefilename> -i
<nic_toe/all/udpso/wd> -c <configuration_tuning> -o
```

Here, -o parameter will install OFED and Chelsio drivers built against OFED.

The above command will install iWARP (*iw_cxgb4*) and TOE (*t4_tom*) drivers on all the nodes listed in the <machinefilename> file.

iv. Reboot your machine for changes to take effect.

3.7. Firmware Update

The firmware is installed on the system, typically in /lib/firmware/cxgb4, and the driver will auto-load the firmware if an update is required. The kernel must be configured to enable userspace firmware loading support:

Device Drivers -> Generic Driver Options -> Userspace firmware loading support

The firmware version can be verified using ethtool:

```
[root@host~]# ethtool -i <iface>
```

3.8. Removing Drivers from *initramfs*

Chelsio drivers (*cxgb4*, *cxgb4vf*, *iw_cxgb4*, *cxgb4i*, *csiostor*, etc.) might exist in the initramfs/initrd image as inboxed or older versions of outbox drivers. It is highly recommended to remove them to ensure that the drivers installed using the current Unified Wire package are loaded at every boot.

Run the following commands:

```
[root@host~]# cd <source/rpm_package>
[root@host~]# ./scripts/fix_init.sh -r
cxgb4,cxgb4vf,csiostor,iw_cxgb4,chcr,libcxgbi,cxgb4i,libcxgb,cxgbit -y
```

4. Configuring Chelsio Network Interfaces

To test Chelsio adapters' features it is required to use two machines both with Chelsio's network adapters installed. These two machines can be connected directly without a switch (back-to-back), or both connected to a switch. The interfaces have to be declared and configured. The configuration files for network interfaces on Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) distributions are kept under /etc/sysconfig/network-scripts.



Some operating systems may attempt to auto-configure the detected hardware and some may not detect all ports on a multi-port adapter. If this happens, please refer to the operating system documentation for manually configuring the network device.

4.1. Configuring Adapters

T6 Unified wire adapters support auto-negotiation (enabled by default) which allows link parameters like speed, duplex, FEC and Pause to be negotiated with the PEER.

4.1.1. Setting Speed

T6 100G ports support multiple speeds viz. 100G, 50G, 40G and 25G. T6 25G ports support 25G, 10G and 1G speeds. The supported speeds can be seen using ethtool.



ethtool v4.8 or higher required.

Below is a sample output for T6 100G port:

```
[root@localhost ~] # ethtool ens1f4
Settings for ens1f4:
       Supported ports: [ FIBRE ]
       Supported link modes: 40000baseSR4/Full
                               25000baseCR/Full
                               50000baseCR2/Full
                               100000baseCR4/Full
       Supported pause frame use: Symmetric
       Supports auto-negotiation: Yes
       Advertised link modes: 40000baseSR4/Full
                               25000baseCR/Full
                               50000baseCR2/Full
                               100000baseCR4/Full
       Advertised pause frame use: Symmetric
       Advertised auto-negotiation: Yes
       Link partner advertised link modes: 40000baseSR4/Full
                                            25000baseCR/Full
                                            50000baseCR2/Full
                                            100000baseCR4/Full
       Link partner advertised pause frame use: Symmetric
       Link partner advertised auto-negotiation: Yes
       Speed: 100000Mb/s
       Duplex: Full
       Port: Direct Attach Copper
       PHYAD: 255
       Transceiver: internal
       Auto-negotiation: on
       Current message level: 0x000000ff (255)
                              drv probe link timer ifdown ifup rx err tx err
       Link detected: yes
```

Optics

Optics do not support auto-negotiation. Use the following command to change the speed:

```
[root@host~]# ethtool -s <ethX> speed <speed> autoneg off duplex full
```

The speed, duplex and FEC (if applicable) should be manually set to the same values on the PEER for the link to come up.

Example:

To set 25G speed on 100G port:

```
[root@host~]# ethtool -s <ethX> speed 25000 autoneg off duplex full
```

Twinax

Twinax cables support auto-negotiation. Set the speed in the advertise field.

o Advertise only 100G

```
[root@host~]# ethtool --change <ethX> advertise 0x400000000
```

o Advertise only 40G

```
[root@host~]# ethtool --change <ethX> advertise 0x2000000
```

o Advertise only 50G

```
[root@host~]# ethtool --change <ethX> advertise 0x400000000
```

o Advertise only 25G

```
[root@host~]# ethtool --change <ethX> advertise 0x80000000
```

Advertise 100/50/40/25G

```
[root@host~]# ethtool --change <ethX> advertise 0x4482000000
```

The advertise option is only supported with Auto-negotiation enabled. If it is disabled, use the commands mentioned in **Optics** section above.

4.1.2. Setting FEC

100G, 50G and 25G speeds support changing Forward Error Correction (FEC). The existing FEC settings can be viewed using:

```
[root@host~]# cxgbtool <ethX> fec
```

Below is a sample output on T6 100G port:

```
[root@localhost ~]# cxgbtool ens1f4 fec

supported: auto (IEEE 802.3) Base-R/Reed-Solomon Reed-Solomon

IEEE 802.3 'auto': auto (IEEE 802.3) Base-R/Reed-Solomon Reed-Solomon

requested: auto (IEEE 802.3)

actual: Reed-Solomon
```

To set FEC:

```
[root@host~]# cxgbtool <ethX> fec <value>
```

Here value can be:

rs: Reed-Solomon FEC

baser. Base-R/Reed-Solomon FEC

auto: Use standard FEC settings as specified by IEEE 802.3 interpretations of Cable Transceiver Module parameters.

off: Turn off FEC

10 Note For more information, refer cxgbtool man page by running man cxgbtool

If auto-negotiation is disabled, ensure that the same FEC is set on both sides of the link, for the link to come up.

Important FEC must be turned off before setting 40G speed on 100G ports and 10G speed on 25G ports.

4.1.3. Setting Pause

Pause Autonegotiation is enabled by default. To override it and set Pause parameters, run:

```
[root@host ~]# ethtool -A <ethX> autoneg off tx on rx on
```

4.1.4. Spider and QSA Modes

T5 Adapters

Chelsio T5 40G adapters can be configured in the following 3 modes:

- i. 2X40Gbps: This is the default mode of operation where each port functions as 40Gbps link. The port nearest to the motherboard will appear as the first network interface (Port 0).
- ii. 4X10Gbps (Spider): In this mode, port 0 functions as 4 10Gbps links and port 1 is disabled.
- iii. QSA: This mode adds support for QSA (QSFP to SFP+) modules, enabling smooth, cost-effective, connections between 40 Gigabit Ethernet adapters and 1 or 10 Gigabit Ethernet networks using existing SFP+ based cabling. The port farthest from the motherboard will appear as the first network interface (Port 0).

T6 Adapters

Chelsio T6 100G adapters can be configured in the following 2 modes:

- 2X100Gbps: This is the default mode of operation where each port functions as 100Gbps link.
 The port farthest to the motherboard will appear as the first network interface (Port 0).
- ii. 2X25Gbps (Spider): In this mode, port 0 functions as 2 25Gbps links and port 1 is disabled.
- ONote QSA modules will work in the default mode.

To configure/change the mode of operation, use the following procedure:

 Run the chelsio_adapter_config.py command to detect all Chelsio adapter(s) present in the system. Select the adapter to configure by specifying the adapter index

ii. Select Change adapter mode

```
Card T62100_LP_CR(2:0.0) selected
Choose option
1. Change to Default settings
2. Change T62100 mode
elect option: 2
```

iii. Select the required mode.

```
Changing T62100 mode
 Possible Chelsio adapter modes:
 1: Spider(2x25G)
pider mode (2x25G ) selected
```

iv. Reload the network driver for changes to take effect.

```
[root@host~]# rmmod cxgb4
[root@host~]# modprobe cxgb4
```

Note If default option is selected in step ii, reboot the machine for changes to take effect.

Configuring network-scripts

A typical interface network-script (e.g., eth0) on RHEL 6.X looks like the following:

```
# file: /etc/sysconfig/network-scripts/ifcfg-eth0
DEVICE="eth0"
HWADDR=00:30:48:32:6A:AA
ONBOOT="yes"
NM CONTROLLED="no"
BOOTPROTO="static"
IPADDR=10.192.167.111
NETMASK=255.255.240.0
```

10 Note On earlier versions of RHEL the NETMASK attribute is named IPMASK. Make sure you are using the right attribute name.

In the case of DHCP addressing the last two lines should be removed and BOOTPROTO="static" should be changed to BOOTPROTO="dhcp"

The ifcfg-ethx files have to be created manually. They are required for bringing the interfaces up and down and attribute the desired IP addresses.

4.3. Creating network-scripts

To spot the new interfaces, make sure the driver is unloaded first. To that point <code>ifconfig -a | grep HWaddr</code> should display all non-chelsio interfaces whose drivers are loaded, whether the interfaces are up or not.

```
[root@host~]# ifconfig -a | grep HWaddr
eth0 Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 00:30:48:32:6A:AA
```

Then load the driver using the <code>modprobe cxgb4</code> command (for the moment it does not make any difference whether we are using NIC-only or the TOE-enabling driver). The output of ifconfig should display the adapter interfaces as:

```
[root@host~]# ifconfig -a | grep HWaddr
eth0 Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 00:30:48:32:6A:AA
eth1 Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 00:07:43:04:6B:E9
eth2 Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 00:07:43:04:6B:F1
```

For each interface you can write a configuration file in /etc/sysconfig/network-scripts. The ifcfg-eth1 could look like:

```
# file: /etc/sysconfig/network-scripts/ifcfg-eth1
DEVICE="eth1"
HWADDR=00:07:43:04:6B:E9
ONBOOT="no"
NM_CONTROLLED="no"
BOOTPROTO="static"
IPADDR=10.192.167.112
NETMASK=255.255.240.0
```

From now on, the eth1 interface of the adapter can be brought up and down through the ifup eth1 and ifdown eth1 commands respectively. Note that it is of course not compulsory to create a configuration file for every interface if you are not planning to use them all.

4.4. Checking Link

Once the network-scripts are created for the interfaces you should check the link i.e. make sure it is actually connected to the network. First, bring up the interface you want to test using <code>_ifup</code> <code>eth1</code>.

You should now be able to ping any other machine from your network provided it has ping response enabled.

5. Performance Tuning

The following section lists the various methods you can use to tune the system for optimal performance:

- Disable virtualization, c-state technology, VT-d, Intel I/O AT and SR-IOV in the BIOS settings
- Install the adapter into a PCle Gen3 x8/x16 slot. Ensure that T6 100G adapters are placed in x16 slots and not in x8 in x16 slots.
- Add intel_pstate=disable processor.max_cstate=1 intel_idle.max_cstate=0 to the kernel command line to prevent the system from entering power-saving/idle states and avoid CPU frequency changes.
- Set the below tuned-adm profile for RHEL platforms.

```
[root@host~]# tuned-adm profile throughput-performance
```

• Turn off irgbalance

```
[root@host~]# /etc/init.d/irqbalance stop
```

On RHEL7.X platforms, use the below command:

```
[root@host~]# systemctl stop irqbalance.service
```

- Lower latency:
- i. Follow all the tuning instructions mentioned above.
- ii. Disable SELinux
- iii. Add idle=poll to the kernel command line.
- iv. Set the below tuned-adm profile for RHEL7 platforms.

```
[root@host~]# tuned-adm profile network-latency
```

v. Disable few services.

```
[root@host~]# t4 latencytune.sh <interface>
```

vi. Set sysctl param net.ipv4.tcp_low_latency to 1

```
[root@host~]# sysctl -w net.ipv4.tcp_low_latency=1
```

To optimize your system for different protocols, please refer to their respective chapters.

6. Software/Driver Update

For any distribution-specific problems, please check README and Release Notes included in the release for possible workaround.

Please visit Chelsio Download Center for regular updates on various software/drivers. You can also subscribe to our newsletter for the latest software updates.

7. Software/Driver Uninstallation

Similar to installation, the Chelsio Unified Wire package can be uninstalled using two main methods: from the source and RPM, based on the method used for installation. If you decide to use source, you can uninstall the package using CLI or GUI mode.

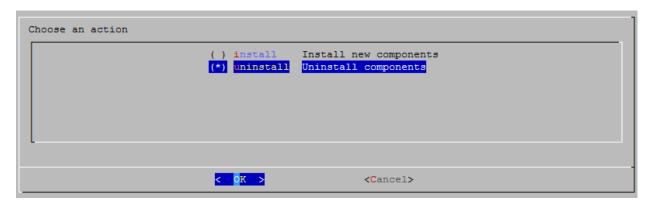
7.1. Uninstalling Chelsio Unified Wire from source

7.1.1. GUI mode (with Dialog utility)

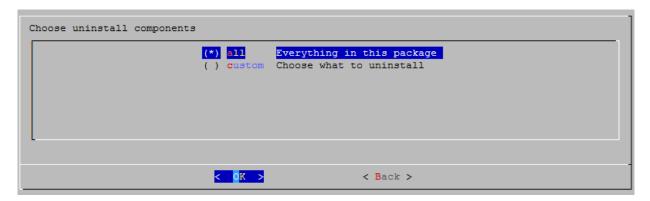
i. Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory and run the following script to start the GUI installer:

```
[root@host~]# ./install.py
```

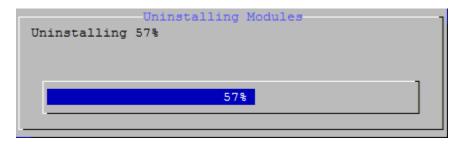
ii. Select "uninstall", Under "Choose an action"



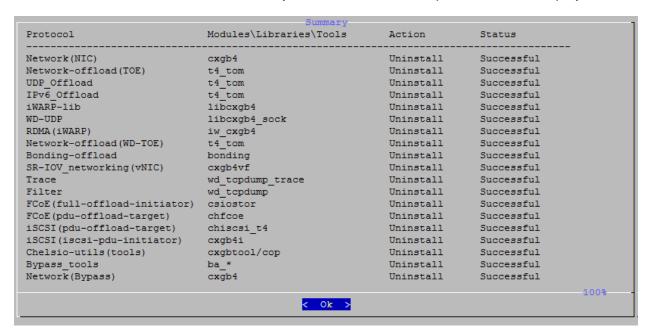
iii. Select "all" to uninstall all the installed drivers, libraries and tools or select "custom" to remove specific components.



iv. The selected components will now be uninstalled.



v. After successful uninstalltion, summary of the uninstalled components will be displayed.



vi. Select "View log" to view uninstallation log or "Exit" to continue.

vii. Select "Yes" to exit the installer or "No" to go back.



Note Press Esc or Ctrl+C to exit the installer at any point of time.

7.1.2. CLI mode (without Dialog utility)

i. Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

```
[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x
```

ii. Run the following script with -u option to uninstall the Unified Wire Package:

```
[root@host~]# ./install.py -u <target>
```

**Note View help by typing [root@host~]# ./install.py -h for more information

7.1.3. iWARP driver uninstallation on Cluster nodes

i. Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

```
[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x
```

ii. Uninstall iWARP drivers on multiple Cluster nodes using:

```
[root@host~]# ./install.py -C -m <machinefilename> -u all
```

The above command will remove Chelsio iWARP (*iw_cxgb4*) and TOE (*t4_tom*) drivers from all the nodes listed in the *machinefilename* file.

7.1.4. CLI mode

i. Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

```
[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x
```

ii. Uninstall using the following command:

```
[root@host~]# make uninstall
```

7.1.5. CLI mode (individual drivers/software)

You can also choose to uninstall drivers/software individually. Provided here are steps to uninstall few of them. For the complete list, view help by running make help

Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

```
[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x
```

To uninstall NIC driver:

```
[root@host~]# make nic_uninstall
```

To uninstall offload driver:

```
[root@host~]# make toe_uninstall
```

To uninstall iWARP driver:

```
[root@host~]# make iwarp_uninstall
```

To uninstall UDP Segmentation Offload driver:

```
[root@host~]# make udp_offload_uninstall
```

7.2. Uninstalling Chelsio Unified Wire from RPM

i. Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

```
[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x-<OS>-<arch>
```

ii. Uninstall Unified Wire:

```
[root@host~]# ./uninstall.py <inbox/ofed>
```

inbox: for removing all Chelsio drivers.

ofed: for removing OFED and Chelsio drivers.

The uninstallation options may vary depending on Linux distribution. View help by typing [root@host~] # ./uninstall.py -h for more information.

7.2.1. iWARP driver uninstallation on Cluster nodes

i. Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

```
[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x-<OS>-<arch>
```

ii. Uninstall iWARP drivers on multiple Cluster nodes using:

```
[root@host~]# ./install.py -C -m <machinefilename> -u
```

The above command will remove Chelsio iWARP (*iw_cxgb4*) and TOE (*t4_tom*) drivers from all the nodes listed in the *machinefilename* file.



II. Network (NIC/TOE)

1. Introduction

Chelsio's Unified Wire adapters provide extensive support for NIC operation, including all stateless offload mechanisms for both IPv4 and IPv6 (IP, TCP and UDP checksum offload, LSO - Large Send Offload aka TSO - TCP Segmentation Offload, and assist mechanisms for accelerating LRO - Large Receive Offload).

A high performance fully offloaded and fully featured TCP/IP stack meets or exceeds software implementations in RFC compliance. Chelsio's Terminator engine provides unparalleled performance through a specialized data flow processor implementation and a host of features designed for high throughput and low latency in demanding conditions and networking environments.

TCP offload is fully implemented in the hardware, thus freeing the CPU from TCP/IP overhead. The freed CPU can be used for any computing needs. The TCP offload in turn removes network bottlenecks and enables applications to take full advantage of the networking capabilities.

1.1. Hardware Requirements

1.1.1. Supported Adapters

The following are the currently shipping Chelsio adapters that are compatible with Chelsio Network driver:

- T62100-CR
- T62100-LP-CR
- T62100-SO-CR*
- T61100-OCP*
- T6425-CR
- T6225-CR
- T6225-LL-CR
- T6225-OCP^
- T6225-SO-CR^
- T580-CR
- T580-LP-CR
- T580-SO-CR*
- T580-OCP-SO*
- T540-CR
- T540-BT
- T520-CR
- T520-LL-CR
- T520-SO-CR*
- T520-OCP-SO*
- T520-BT

- T420-CR
- T440-CR
- T422-CR
- T420-SO-CR*
- T404-BT
- T420-BCH
- T440-LP-CR
- T420-BT
- T420-LL-CR
- T420-CX

1.2. Software Requirements

1.2.1. Linux Requirements

Currently the Network driver is available for the following versions:

- RHEL 7.4, 3.10.0-693.el7.ppc64le (POWER8 LE)
- RHEL 7.4, 3.10.0-693.el7
- RHEL 7.3, 3.10.0-514.el7.ppc64le (POWER8 LE)
- RHEL 7.3, 4.5.0-15.el7.aarch64 (ARM64)
- RHEL 7.3, 3.10.0-514.el7
- RHEL 6.9, 2.6.32-696.el6
- RHEL 6.8, 2.6.32-642.el6
- SLES 12 SP3, 4.4.73-5-default
- SLES 12 SP2, 4.4.21-69-default
- SLES 11 SP4, 3.0.101-63-default
- Ubuntu 16.04.1, 4.4.0-31-generic
- Ubuntu 14.04.4, 4.2.0-27-generic
- Kernel.org linux-4.14
- Kernel.org linux-4.9.88 (Minimum 4.9 kernel version supported is 4.9.13)

Other kernel versions have not been tested and are not guaranteed to work.

^{*}Only NIC driver supported

[^] Memory-free; limited number of offload connections supported

2. Software/Driver Installation

Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x

• To build and install NIC only driver (without offload support):

[root@host~]# make nic_install

• To build and install drivers with offload support:

[root@host~]# make toe_install

1 Note For more installation options, please run make help or install.py -h

3. Software/Driver Loading



Please ensure that all inbox drivers are unloaded before proceeding with unified wire drivers.

[root@host~]# rmmod csiostor cxgb4i cxgbit iw_cxgb4 chcr cxgb4vf cxgb4
libcxgbi libcxgb

The driver must be loaded by the root user. Any attempt to load the driver as a regular user will fail.

3.1. Loading in NIC mode (without full offload support)

To load the Network driver without full offload support, run the following command:

[root@host~]# modprobe cxgb4

3.2. Loading in TOE mode (with full offload support)

To enable full offload support, run the following command:

[root@host~]# modprobe t4 tom

Note

Offload support needs to be enabled upon each reboot of the system. This can be done manually as shown above.

In VMDirect Path environment, it is recommended to load the offload driver using the following command:

[root@host~]# modprobe t4 tom vmdirectio=1

4. Software/Driver Configuration

4.1. Enabling TCP Offload

Load the offload drivers and bring up the Chelsio interface.

```
[root@host~]# modprobe t4_tom
[root@host~]# ifconfig ethX <IP> up
```

All TCP traffic will be offloaded over the Chelsio interface now. To see the number of connections offloaded, run the following command:

```
[root@host~]# cat /sys/kernel/debug/cxgb4/<bus-id>/tids
```

```
[root@ ~] # cat /sys/kernel/debug/cxgb4/0000\:01\:00.4/tids
Connections in use: 8
TID range: 0..959/2048..18431, in use: 0/8
STID range: 960..1455, in use-IPv4/IPv6: 0/0
ATID range: 0..8191, in use: 0
FTID range: 1472..1967
UOTID range: 18432..19455, in use: 0
HW TID usage: 8 IP users, 0 IPv6 users
```

Where.

TID is the number of offload connections.

STID is the number of offload servers.

T6 25G SO adapters support limited number of offload connections (256 IPv4/128 IPv6). Here is a sample output:

```
[root@ ~] # cat /sys/kernel/debug/cxgb4/0000\:03\:00.4/tids
Connections in use: 256
TID range: 0..255, in use: 256
STID range: 256..319, in use-IPv4/IPv6: 0/0
ATID range: 0..127, in use: 0
FTID range: 320..815
HW TID usage: 256 IP users, 0 IPv6 users
```

4.2. Enabling Busy waiting

Busy waiting/polling is a technique where a process repeatedly checks to see if an event has occurred, by spinning in a tight loop. By making use of similar technique, Linux kernel provides

the ability for the socket layer code to poll directly on an Ethernet device's Rx queue. This eliminates the cost of interrupts and context switching, and with proper tuning allows to achieve latency performance similar to that of hardware.

Chelsio's NIC and TOE drivers support this feature and can be enabled on Chelsio supported devices to attain improved latency.

To make use of BUSY_POLL feature, follow the steps mentioned below:

- i. Enable BUSY_POLL support in kernel config file by setting CONFIG NET RX BUSY POLL=y
- ii. Enable BUSY_POLL globally in the system by setting the values of following sysctl parameters depending on the number of connections:

```
sysctl -w net.core.busy_read=<value>
sysctl -w net.core.busy_poll=<value>
```

Set the values of the above parameters to 50 for 100 or less connections; and 100 for more than 100 connections.



BUSY_POLL can also be enabled on a per-connection basis by making use of SO_BUSY_POLL option in the socket application code. Refer socket man-page for more details.

4.3. Precision Time Protocol (PTP)

Precision Time Protocol (PTP) standard defines a protocol for precise synchronization of clock between master and slave devices in a local area network. It can provide timing accuracies in nanosecond units. The protocol is based on time stamping and measuring the send and receive times. Most of the implementation relies on time stamping of the packets in the software which reduces the accuracy of the time measured. One possible solution to this problem is time stamping the packet in the NIC hardware itself.

Chelsio's Terminator hardware provides many features to support PTP implementations:

- High precision timers which can be read through PIO registers.
- Wall clock time based on the time of the day.
- Time stamping of selected PTP packets on both ingress and egress direction.

Important

This feature is currently supported on RHEL 7.4, SLES12SP3 and kernels 4.14 and 4.9.88.

4.3.1. Synchronizing Clocks

ptp4l tool (installed during Unified Wire installation) is used to synchronise clocks:

Load the network driver on all master and slave nodes;

```
[root@host~]# modprobe cxgb4
```

- ii. Assign IP addresses and ensure that master and slave nodes are connected.
- iii. Start the ptp4l tool on master using the Chelsio interface:

```
[root@host~]# ptp41 -i <interface> -H -m
```

```
[root@ ~] # ptp41 -i enp1s0f4 -H -m
ptp41[16681.046]: selected /dev/ptp4 as PTP clock
ptp41[16681.054]: port 1: INITIALIZING to LISTENING on INIT_COMPLETE
ptp41[16681.054]: port 0: INITIALIZING to LISTENING on INIT_COMPLETE
ptp41[16681.055]: port 1: link up
ptp41[16688.483]: port 1: LISTENING to MASTER on ANNOUNCE_RECEIPT_TIMEOUT_EXPIRES
ptp41[16688.483]: selected best master clock 000743.fffe.293be0
ptp41[16688.483]: assuming the grand master role
```

iv. Start the ptp4l tool on slave nodes:

```
[root@host~]# ptp4l -i <interface> -H -m -s
```

10 Note To view the complete list of available options, refer ptp4l help manual.

```
~] # ptp41 -i enp6s0f4 -m -H -s
ptp41[13393.931]: selected /dev/ptp3 as PTP clock
ptp41[13393.939]: port 1: INITIALIZING to LISTENING on INITIALIZE
ptp41[13393.940]: port 0: INITIALIZING to LISTENING on INITIALIZE
 tp41[13394.360]: port 1: new foreign master 000743.fffe.293be0-1
 tp41[13398.360]: selected best master clock 000743.fffe.293be0
ptp41[13398.360]: port 1: LISTENING to UNCALIBRATED on RS SLAVE
 otp41[13399.362]: master offset 5597 s0 freq -26920 path delay otp41[13400.362]: master offset 5643 s2 freq -26874 path delay
                                                                                                                                  159
 tp41[13400.363]: port 1: UNCALIBRATED to SLAVE on MASTER CLOCK SELECTED
ptp41[13401.362]: master offset 5516 s2 freq -21358 path delay
                                                                                                                                 159

    ptp41[13401.362]: master offset
    5516 s2 freq -21358 path delay

    ptp41[13402.362]: master offset
    -7045 s2 freq -32264 path delay

    ptp41[13404.362]: master offset
    1897 s2 freq -25772 path delay

    ptp41[13405.362]: master offset
    398 s2 freq -26068 path delay

    ptp41[13406.362]: master offset
    -1038 s2 freq -27385 path delay

    ptp41[13407.362]: master offset
    -248 s2 freq -26906 path delay

    ptp41[13408.362]: master offset
    -209 s2 freq -26941 path delay

    ptp41[13409.362]: master offset
    -92 s2 freq -26887 path delay

    -270756 path delay

                                                                                                                                3370
                                                                                                                                3370
                                                                                                                                1801
                                                                                                                                 427
                                                                                                                                  318
                                                              -233 s2 freq -27056 path delay
ptp41[13410.362]: master offset
                                                         -40 s2 freq -26933 path delay
-10 s2 freq -26915 path delay
93 s2 freq -26815 path delay
-46 s2 freq -26926 path delay
 otp41[13411.362]: master offset
 otp41[13412.363]: master offset
otp41[13413.363]: master offset
                                                                                                                                  175
 tp41[13414.363]: master offset
 tp41[13415.363]: master offset
                                                                   -3 s2 freq -26897 path delay
                                                                                                                                  169
                                                               -144 s2 freq -27038 path delay
61 s2 freq -26877 path delay
-68 s2 freq -26987 path delay
 otp41[13416.363]: master offset
                                                                                                                                  169
  tp41[13417.363]: master offset
                                                                                                                                  169
 tp41[13418.363]: master offset
```

v. Synchronize the system clock to a PTP hardware clock (PHC) on slave nodes.

```
[root@host~]# phc2sys -s <interface> -c CLOCK_REALTIME -w -m
```

```
[root@ ~] # phc2sys -s enp6s0f4 -c CLOCK_REALTIME -w -m
phc2sys[13406.672]: phc offset 36493387467 s0 freq +29332 delay 1086689
phc2sys[13407.679]: phc offset 36493338184 s1 freq -19723 delay 1084486
phc2sys[13408.684]: phc offset 1346 s2 freq -18377 delay 1085776
phc2sys[13409.690]: phc offset -2051 s2 freq -21370 delay 1077105
phc2sys[13410.695]: phc offset 2070 s2 freq -17864 delay 1078811
phc2sys[13411.701]: phc offset 5037 s2 freq -14276 delay 1085488
phc2sys[13412.707]: phc offset -2483 s2 freq -20285 delay 1078173
phc2sys[13413.712]: phc offset 171 s2 freq -18376 delay 1079112
phc2sys[13414.718]: phc offset 949 s2 freq -17547 delay 1079990
phc2sys[13415.723]: phc offset -1293 s2 freq -19504 delay 1076567
phc2sys[13416.729]: phc offset -15208 s2 freq -33807 delay 1076567
phc2sys[13417.735]: phc offset 5199 s2 freq -7450 delay 1076534
phc2sys[13418.740]: phc offset 5199 s2 freq -13249 delay 1076439
phc2sys[13419.746]: phc offset 2017 s2 freq -14871 delay 1080000
```

4.4. Performance Tuning

Apply the generic performance settings mentioned in the Performance Tuning section in the **Unified Wire** chapter before proceeding.

- TOE
- Run the performance tuning script to map TOE queues to different CPUs:

```
[root@host~]# t4_perftune.sh -n -Q ofld
```

ii. Set the following sysctl parameter:

```
[root@host~]# sysctl -w toe.toe0_tom.delayed_ack=3
[root@host~]# sysctl -w net.ipv4.tcp_timestamps=0
[root@host~]# sysctl -w net.core.netdev_max_backlog=250000
[root@host~]# sysctl -w net.core.rmem_max=4194304
[root@host~]# sysctl -w net.core.wmem_max=4194304
[root@host~]# sysctl -w net.core.rmem_default=4194304
[root@host~]# sysctl -w net.core.wmem_default=4194304
[root@host~]# sysctl -w net.ipv4.tcp_rmem="4096 1048576 4194304"
[root@host~]# sysctl -w net.ipv4.tcp_wmem="4096 1048576 4194304"
```

For 100G performance, disable Nagle using the following steps:

a. Create a COP policy:

```
[root@host~]# cat <policy_file>
all=>offload !nagle
```

b. Compile the policy:

```
[root@host~]# cop -d -o <policy_out> <policy_file>
```

c. Apply the policy:

```
[root@host~]# cxgbtool ethX policy <policy_out>
```

- NIC
- i. Run the performance tuning script to map NIC queues to different CPUs:

```
[root@host~]# t4_perftune.sh -n -Q nic
```

ii. Enable adaptive-rx

```
[root@host~]# ethtool -C enp2s0f4 adaptive-rx on
```

iii. Set the following sysctl parameters

```
[root@host~]# sysctl -w net.ipv4.tcp_timestamps=0
[root@host~]# sysctl -w net.core.netdev_max_backlog=250000
[root@host~]# sysctl -w net.core.rmem_max=4194304
[root@host~]# sysctl -w net.core.wmem_max=4194304
[root@host~]# sysctl -w net.core.rmem_default=4194304
[root@host~]# sysctl -w net.core.wmem_default=4194304
[root@host~]# sysctl -w net.ipv4.tcp_rmem="4096 1048576 4194304"
[root@host~]# sysctl -w net.ipv4.tcp_wmem="4096 1048576 4194304"
```

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Enable BUSY_POLL feature:

```
[root@host~]# sysctl -w net.core.busy_poll = 50
[root@host~]# sysctl -w net.core.busy_read = 50
```

Receiver Side Scaling (RSS)

Receiver Side Scaling enables the receiving network traffic to scale with the available number of processors on a modern networked computer. RSS enables parallel receive processing and dynamically balances the load among multiple processors. Chelsio's network controller fully supports Receiver Side Scaling for IPv4 and IPv6.

This script first determines the number of CPUs on the system and then each receiving queue is bound to an entry in the system interrupt table and assigned to a specific CPU. Thus, each receiving queue interrupts a specific CPU through a specific interrupt now. For example, on a 4-core system, t4_perftune.sh gives the following output:

```
[root@host~]# t4_perftune.sh
Discovering Chelsio T4/T5 devices ...
Configuring Chelsio T4/T5 devices ...
Tuning eth7
IRQ table length 4
Writing 1 in /proc/irq/62/smp_affinity
Writing 2 in /proc/irq/63/smp_affinity
Writing 4 in /proc/irq/64/smp_affinity
Writing 8 in /proc/irq/65/smp_affinity
eth7 now up and tuned
...
```

Because there are 4 CPUs on the system, 4 entries of interrupts are assigned. For other network interfaces, you should see similar output message.

Now the receiving traffic is dynamically assigned to one of the system's CPUs through a Terminator queue. This achieves a balanced usage among all the processors. This can be verified, for example, by using the **iperf** tool. First set up a server on the receiver host:

```
[root@receiver_host~]# iperf -s
```

Then on the sender host, send data to the server using the iperf client mode. To emulate a moderate traffic workload, use *-P* option to request 20 TCP streams from the server:

```
[root@sender_host~]# iperf -c receiver_host_name_or_IP -P 20
```

Then on the receiver host, look at interrupt rate at /proc/interrupts:

<pre>[root@receiver_host~]# cat /proc/interrupts grep eth6</pre>											
Id	CPU0	CPU1	CPU2	CPU3	type	interface					
36:	115229	0	0	1	PCI-MSI-edge	eth6 (queue 0)					
37:	0	121083	1	0	PCI-MSI-edge	eth6 (queue 1)					
38:	0	0	105423	1	PCI-MSI-edge	eth6 (queue 2)					
39:	0	0	0	115724	PCI-MSI-edge	eth6 (queue 3)					

Now interrupts from eth6 are evenly distributed among the 4 CPUs.

Without Terminator's RSS support, the interrupts caused by network traffic may be distributed unevenly over CPUs. For your information, the traffic produced by the same iperf commands gives the following output in /proc/interrupts.

[root(greceiver_	host~]# c	at /proc/i	nterrupts	grep eth6	
Id	CPU0	CPU1	CPU2	CPU3	type	interface
36:	0	9	0	17418	PCI-MSI-edge	eth6 (queue 0)
37:	0	0	21718	2063	PCI-MSI-edge	eth6 (queue 1)
38:	0	7	391519	222	PCI-MSI-edge	eth6 (queue 2)
39:	1	0	33	17798	PCI-MSI-edge	eth6 (queue 3)

Here there are 4 receiving queues from the eth6 interface, but they are not bound to a specific CPU or interrupt entry. Queue 2 has caused a very large number of interrupts on CPU2 while CPU0 and CPU1 are barely used by any of the four queues. Enabling RSS is thus essential for best performance.



Linux's irqbalance may take charge of distributing interrupts among CPUs on a multiprocessor platform. However, irqbalance distributes interrupt requests from all hardware devices across processors. For a server with Chelsio network card constantly receiving large volume of data at 40/10Gbps, the network interrupt demands are significantly high. Under such circumstances, it is necessary to enable RSS to balance the network load across multiple processors and achieve the best performance.

Interrupt Coalescing

The idea behind Interrupt Coalescing (IC) is to avoid flooding the host CPUs with too many interrupts. Instead of throwing one interrupt per incoming packet, IC waits for 'n' packets to be available in the Rx queues and placed into the host memory through DMA operations before an interrupt is thrown, reducing the CPU load and thus improving latency. It can be changed using the following command:

```
[root@host~]# ethtool -C ethX rx-frames n
```



1 Note For more information, run the following command:

[root@host~]# ethtool -h

Large Receive Offload / Generic Receive Offload

Large Receive Offload or Generic Receive Offload is a performance improvement feature at the receiving side. LRO/GRO aggregates the received packets that belong to same stream, and combines them to form a larger packet before pushing them to the receive host network stack. By doing this, rather than processing every small packet, the receiver CPU works on fewer packet headers but with same amount of data. This helps reduce the receive host CPU load and improve throughput in a 40/10Gb network environment where CPU can be the bottleneck.

LRO and GRO are different names to refer to the same receiver packets aggregating feature. LRO and GRO actually differ in their implementation of the feature in the Linux kernel. The feature was first added into the Linux kernel in version 2.6.24 and named Large Receive Offload (LRO). However, LRO only works for TCP and IPv4. As from kernel 2.6.29, a new protocol-independent implementation removing the limitation is added to Linux, and it is named Generic Receive Offload (GRO). The old LRO code is still available in the kernel sources but whenever both GRO and LRO are presented GRO is always the preferred one to use.

Please note that if your Linux system has IP forwarding enabled, i.e. acting as a bridge or router, the LRO needs to be disabled. This is due to a known kernel issue.

Chelsio's card supports both hardware assisted GRO/LRO and Linux-based GRO/LRO. t4 tom is the kernel module that enables the hardware assisted GRO/LRO. If it is not already in the kernel module list, use the following command to insert it:

```
[root@host~]# lsmod | grep t4 tom
[root@host~]# modprobe t4 tom
[root@host~]# lsmod | grep t4 tom
t4 tom 88378 0 [permanent]
toecore 21618 1 t4 tom
cxgb4 225342 1 t4 tom
```

Then Terminator's hardware GRO/LRO implementation is enabled.

If you would like to use the Linux GRO/LRO for any reason, first the t4_tom kernel module needs to be removed from kernel module list. Please note you might need to reboot your system.

After removing the t4_tom module, you can use ethtool to check the status of current GRO/LRO settings, for example:

```
[root@host~]# ethtool -k eth6
Offload parameters for eth6:
    rx-checksumming: on
    tx-checksumming: on
    scatter-gather: on
    tcp-segmentation-offload: on
    udp-fragmentation-offload: off
    generic-segmentation-offload: on
    generic-receive-offload: on
large-receive-offload: off
```

Now the <code>generic-receive-offload</code> option is on. This means GRO is enabled. Please note that there are two offload options here: <code>generic-receive-offload</code> and <code>large-receive-offload</code>. This is because on this Linux system (RHEL6.0), the kernel supports both GRO and LRO. As mentioned earlier, GRO is always the preferred option when both of them are present. On other systems LRO might be the only available option. Then <code>ethtool</code> could be used to switch LRO on and off as well.

When Linux's GRO is enabled, Chelsio's driver provides two GRO-related statistics. They are displayed using the following command:

```
[root@host~]# ethtool -S eth6
...
GROPackets : 0
GROMerged : 897723
...
```

GROPackets is the number of held packets. Those are candidate packets held by the kernel to be processed individually or to be merged to larger packets. This number is usually zero. GROMerged is the number of packets that merged to larger packets. Usually this number increases if there is any continuous traffic stream present.

ethtool can also be used to switch off the GRO/LRO options when necessary:

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```
[root@host~]# ethtool -K eth6 gro off
[root@host~]# ethtool -k eth6
Offload parameters for eth6:
rx-checksumming: on
tx-checksumming: on
scatter-gather: on
tcp-segmentation-offload: on
udp-fragmentation-offload: off
generic-segmentation-offload: on
generic-receive-offload: off
large-receive-offload: off
```

The output above shows a disabled GRO.

5. Software/Driver Unloading

5.1. Unloading the NIC Driver

To unload the NIC driver, run the following command:

[root@host~] # rmmod cxgb4

5.2. Unloading the TOE Driver

A reboot is required to unload the TOE driver. To avoid rebooting, follow the steps mentioned below:

Load t4_tom driver with unsupported_allow_unload parameter.

```
[root@host~]# modprobe t4_tom unsupported_allow_unload=1
```

ii. Stop all the offloaded traffic, servers and connections. Check for the reference count.

```
[root@host~]# cat /sys/module/t4_tom/refcnt
```

If the reference count is 0, the driver can be directly unloaded. Skip to step (iii)

If the count is non-zero, load a COP policy which disables offload using the following procedure:

a. Create a policy file which will disable offload

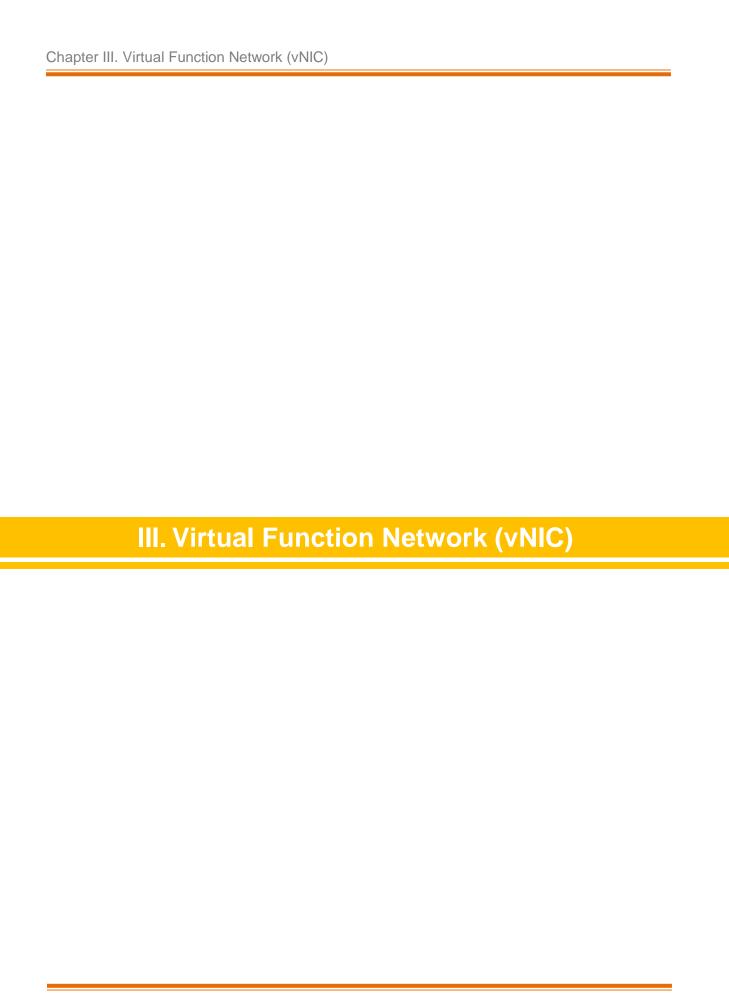
```
[root@host~]# cat policy_file
all => !offload
```

b. Compile and apply the output policy file

```
[root@host~]# cop -o no-offload.cop policy_file
[root@host~]# cxgbtool ethX policy no-offload.cop
```

iii. Unload the driver:

```
[root@host~]# rmmod t4_tom
[root@host~]# rmmod toecore
[root@host~]# rmmod cxgb4
```



1. Introduction

The ever-increasing network infrastructure of IT enterprises has lead to a phenomenal increase in maintenance and operational costs. IT managers are forced to acquire more physical servers and other data center resources to satisfy storage and network demands. To solve the Network and I/O overhead, users are opting for server virtualization which consolidates I/O workloads onto lesser physical servers thus resulting in efficient, dynamic and economical data center environments. Other benefits of Virtualization include improved disaster recovery, server portability, cloud computing, Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI), etc.

Chelsio's Unified Wire family of adapters deliver increased bandwidth, lower latency and lower power with virtualization features to maximize cloud scaling and utilization. The adapters also provide full support for PCI-SIG SR-IOV to improve I/O performance on a virtualized system. User can configure up to 64 Virtual and 8 Physical functions (with 4 PFs as SR-IOV capable) along with 336 virtual MAC addresses.

1.1. Hardware Requirements

1.1.1. Supported adapters

The following are the currently shipping Chelsio adapters that are compatible with the Chelsio vNIC driver:

- T62100-CR
- T62100-LP-CR
- T62100-SO-CR
- T6425-CR
- T6225-CR
- T6225-LL-CR
- T6225-OCP
- T6225-SO-CR
- T580-CR
- T580-LP-CR
- T540-CR
- T540-BT
- T520-CR
- T520-LL-CR
- T520-BT
- T420-CR
- T440-CR
- T422-CR
- T420-SO-CR
- T404-BT
- T440-LP-CR

- T420-BT
- T420-LL-CR
- T420-CX

1.2. Software Requirements

1.2.1. Linux Requirements

Currently the vNIC driver is available for the following versions:

- RHEL 7.4, 3.10.0-693.el7
- RHEL 7.3, 3.10.0-514.el7
- RHEL 6.9, 2.6.32-696.el6
- RHEL 6.8, 2.6.32-642.el6
- SLES 12 SP3, 4.4.73-5-default
- SLES 12 SP2, 4.4.21-69-default
- SLES 11 SP4, 3.0.101-63-default
- Ubuntu 16.04.1, 4.4.0-31-generic
- Ubuntu 14.04.4, 4.2.0-27-generic
- Kernel.org linux-4.14
- Kernel.org linux-4.9.88 (Minimum 4.9 kernel version supported is 4.9.13)

Other kernel versions have not been tested and are not guaranteed to work.

2. Software/Driver Installation

The Virtual Function implementation for Chelsio adapters comprises of two modules:

- Standard NIC driver module, cxqb4, which runs on base Hypervisor and is responsible for instantiation and management of the PCIe Virtual Functions (VFs) on the adapter.
- VF NIC driver module, cxqb4vf, which runs on Virtual Machine (VM) guest OS using VFs "attached" via Hypervisor VM initiation commands.

Pre-requisites

Please make sure that the following requirements are met before installation:

- SR-IOV should be enabled in the machine.
- Intel Virtualization Technology for Directed I/O (VT-d) should be enabled in the BIOS.
- PCI Express Slot should be ARI capable.

Installation

i. Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

```
[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x
```

ii. On the host, install network driver:

```
[root@host~] # make nic install
```

iii. On the guest (VM), install vNIC driver:

```
[root@host~]# make vnic install
```

Note For more installation options, please run make help or install.py -h

3. Software/Driver Loading

3.1. Instantiate Virtual Functions (SR-IOV)

To instantiate virtual functions on the host, run the following commands:

```
[root@host~]# modprobe cxgb4
[root@host~]# echo n >
/sys/class/net/ethX/device/driver/<bus_id>/sriov_numvfs
```

Here, *ethX* is the interface and *n* specifies the number of virtual functions to be instantiated per physical function (*bus_id*). A maximum of 64 virtual functions can be instantiated with 16 virtual functions per physical function.

Example:

Note

To get familiar with physical and virtual function terminologies, please refer the PCI Express specification.

Unload the vNIC driver on the host (if loaded):

```
[root@host~]# rmmod cxgb4vf
```

The virtual functions can now be assigned to virtual machines (guests).

3.2. Loading the Driver



Please ensure that all inbox drivers are unloaded before proceeding with unified wire drivers.

[root@host~]# rmmod csiostor cxgb4i cxgbit iw_cxgb4 chcr cxgb4vf cxgb4
libcxgbi libcxgb

The vNIC driver must be loaded on the Guest OS by the root user. Any attempt to load the driver as a regular user will fail.

To load the driver, run the following command:

[root@host~]# modprobe cxgb4vf

4. Software/Driver Configuration and Fine-tuning

4.1. VF Rate Limiting

This section describes the method to rate-limit traffic passing through virtual functions (VFs).

i. The VF rate limit needs to be set on the Host (hypervisor). Apply rate-limiting using:

```
[root@host~]# ip link set dev mgmtpfXX vf <vf_number> rate <rate_in_mbps>
```

Here,

- mgmtpfXX is the management interface to be used. For each PF on which VFs are instantiated, 1 interface will be created (in "ifconfig -a").
- vf_number is VF on which rate-limiting is applied. Value 0-15.
- ii. Run traffic over the VF and the throughput should be rate-limited as per the values set in the previous step.

Example:

i. 4 VFs are instantiated on PF0.

```
[root@host~]# modprobe cxgb4
[root@host~]# echo 4 >
/sys/class/net/ethX/device/driver/<bus_id>/sriov_numvfs
```

ii. 2 VMs are configured with 2 VFs each. 2 different networks are configured with the following IP configuration:

```
VMO: VFO (102.1.1.2/24)
VF1 (102.2.2.2/24)
VM1: VF2 (102.1.1.3/24)
VF3 (102.2.2.3/24)
```

iii. VF Rate-limiting is configured on the host:

```
[root@host~]# ip link set dev mgmtpf10 vf 0 rate 2000
[root@host~]# ip link set dev mgmtpf10 vf 1 rate 3000
```

The traffic on 102.1.1.X network will be rate-limited to 2Gbps whereas traffic on 102.2.2.X network will be rate-limited to 3Gbps.

4.2. High Capacity VF Configuration

Chelsio adapters by default support 16 VFs per PF. In order to use more VFs per PF, please follow the below steps on the host:

Important

Currently supported on T6225-SO-CR and T6225-OCP adapters.

i. Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory and install the driver:

```
[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x
[root@host~]# make CONF=HIGH_CAPACITY_VF install
```

- Note For more installation options, please run make help or install.py -h
- ii. Update adapter configuration and reboot the machine:

```
[root@host~]# chelsio adapter config.py
Chelsio adapter detected
|-----|
| Choose Chelsio card:
| 2. T6225_SO 4:0.0
|-----|
Select card: 2
Card T6225 SO(4:0.0) selected
|-----|
| Choose option
| 1. Change to Default settings
| 2. Change Adapter Config settings |
Select option: 2
Changing Adapter Config settings
|-----|
| Possible Chelsio adapter settings: |
| 1: 248 VFs mode
|-----|
248 VF setting selected
```

iii. Instantiate virtual functions:

```
[root@host~]# modprobe cxgb4
[root@host~]# echo n >
/sys/class/net/ethX/device/driver/<bus_id>/sriov_numvfs
```

- 124 virtual functions can be instantiated on T5 adapter, with 31 virtual functions per physical function{pf 0..3}.
- 248 virtual functions can be instantiated on T6 adapter, with 62 virtual functions per physical function{pf 0..3}.
- iv. Unload the vNIC driver on the host (if loaded):

```
[root@host~]# rmmod cxgb4vf
```

- v. The virtual functions can now be assigned to virtual machines (guests).
- vi. For each PF on which VFs are instantiated, 1 management interface (mgmtpfX,Y) will be created. You can see them using *ip link show* command:

```
[root@host ~]# ip link show

14: mgmtpf1,0: <NOARP> mtu 0 qdisc noop state DOWN mode DEFAULT qlen 1
link/none
vf 0 MAC 06:44:3c:b1:00:00, link-state auto

15: mgmtpf1,1: <NOARP> mtu 0 qdisc noop state DOWN mode DEFAULT qlen 1
link/none
vf 0 MAC 06:44:3c:b1:80:10, link-state auto

16: mgmtpf1,2: <NOARP> mtu 0 qdisc noop state DOWN mode DEFAULT qlen 1
link/none
vf 0 MAC 06:44:3c:b1:80:20, link-state auto

17: mgmtpf1,3: <NOARP> mtu 0 qdisc noop state DOWN mode DEFAULT qlen 1
link/none
vf 0 MAC 06:44:3c:b1:80:30, link-state auto

17: mgmtpf1,3: <NOARP> mtu 0 qdisc noop state DOWN mode DEFAULT qlen 1
link/none
vf 0 MAC 06:44:3c:b1:80:30, link-state auto
```

vii. To set a VLAN ID on Virtual Function, use the following syntax:

```
[root@host ~]# ip link set <mgmtpfX,Y> vf <vf_index> vlan <vlan_id>
```

Example:

```
[root@host ~]# ip link set mgmtpf1,0 vf 0 vlan 20
```

The above command will set VLAN ID 20 to VF0 device instantiated on PF0 function.

viii. To set a MAC address on the Virtual Function, use the syntax:

```
[root@host ~]# ip link set <mgmtpfX,Y> vf <vf_index> mac <vnic_mac>
```

Example:

```
[root@host ~]# ip link set mgmtpf1,0 vf 0 mac 06:44:3c:11:22:33
```

5. Software/Driver Unloading

5.1. Unloading the Driver

The vNIC driver must be unloaded on the Guest OS by the root user. Any attempt to unload the driver as a regular user will fail.

To unload the driver, execute the following command:

[root@host~]# rmmod cxgb4vf

IV. iWARP (RDMA)

1. Introduction

Chelsio's Terminator engine implements a feature rich RDMA implementation which adheres to the IETF standards with optional markers and MPA CRC-32C.

The iWARP RDMA operation benefits from the virtualization, traffic management and QoS mechanisms provided by Terminator engine. It is possible to ACL process iWARP RDMA packets. It is also possible to rate control the iWARP traffic on a per-connection or per-class basis, and to give higher priority to QPs that implement distributed locking mechanisms. The iWARP operation also benefits from the high performance and low latency TCP implementation in the offload engine.

1.1. Hardware Requirements

1.1.1. Supported Adapters

The following are the currently shipping Chelsio adapters that are compatible with Chelsio iWARP driver:

- T62100-CR
- T62100-LP-CR
- T6425-CR
- T6225-CR
- T6225-LL-CR
- T6225-SO-CR^
- T6225-OCP^
- T580-CR
- T580-LP-CR
- T540-CR
- T540-BT
- T520-CR
- T520-LL-CR
- T520-BT
- T420-CR
- T440-CR
- T422-CR
- T404-BT
- T440-LP-CR
- T420-LL-CR
- T420-CX

[^] Memory-free; limited number of offload connections supported.

1.2. Software Requirements

1.2.1. Linux Requirements

Currently the iWARP driver is available for the following versions:

- RHEL 7.4, 3.10.0-693.el7.ppc64le (POWER8 LE)
- RHEL 7.4, 3.10.0-693.el7
- RHEL 7.3, 3.10.0-514.el7.ppc64le (POWER8 LE)
- RHEL 7.3, 4.5.0-15.el7.aarch64 (ARM64)
- RHEL 7.3, 3.10.0-514.el7
- RHEL 6.9, 2.6.32-696.el6
- RHEL 6.8, 2.6.32-642.el6
- SLES 12 SP3, 4.4.73-5-default
- SLES 12 SP2, 4.4.21-69-default
- Ubuntu 16.04.1, 4.4.0-31-generic
- Ubuntu 14.04.4, 4.2.0-27-generic
- Kernel.org linux-4.14
- Kernel.org linux-4.9.88 (Minimum 4.9 kernel version supported is 4.9.13)

Other kernel versions have not been tested and are not guaranteed to work

2. Software/Driver Installation

2.1. Pre-requisites

- *libnl-devel*, *libnl3-devel* and *valgrind-devel* packages should be installed for libiwpm and OFED installation.
- If you are planning to upgrade OFED on one member of the cluster, the upgrade needs to be installed on all the members.
- If you want to install OFED with NFS-RDMA support, refer to Setting up NFS-RDMA section.
- rdma-core-devel package should be installed on RHEL 7.4 and SLES 12 SP3 systems.

2.2. Installation

i. Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x

ii. Install iWARP drivers and libraries:

[root@host~]# make iwarp install

Note For more installation options, please run make help or install.py -h

3. Software/Driver Loading

Important

Please ensure that all inbox drivers are unloaded before proceeding with unified wire drivers.

 $[{\tt root@host}{\sim}] \# {\tt rmmod csiostor cxgb4i cxgbit iw_cxgb4 chcr cxgb4vf cxgb4} \\ {\tt libcxgbi libcxgb}$

3.1. Loading iWARP Driver

The driver must be loaded by the root user. Any attempt to load the driver as a regular user will fail.

To load the iWARP driver we need to load the NIC driver and core RDMA drivers first. Run the following commands:

```
[root@host~]# modprobe cxgb4
[root@host~]# modprobe iw_cxgb4
[root@host~]# modprobe rdma_ucm
```

Optionally, you can start the iWARP Port Mapper daemon to enable port mapping:

```
[root@host~]# iwpmd
```

4. Software/Driver Configuration and Fine-tuning

4.1. Testing connectivity with ping and rping

Load the NIC, iWARP & core RDMA modules as mentioned in Software/Driver Loading section. After which, you will see two or four ethernet interfaces for the Terminator device. Configure them with an appropriate ip address, netmask, etc. You can use the Linux *ping* command to test basic connectivity via the Terminator interface. To test RDMA, use the *rping* command that is included in the librdmacm-utils RPM:

Run the following command on the server machine:

```
[root@host~]# rping -s -a server_ip_addr -p 9999
```

Run the following command on the client machine:

```
[root@host~]# rping -c -Vv -C10 -a server_ip_addr -p 9999
```

You should see ping data like this on the client:

```
ping data: rdma-ping-0: ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ[\]^_`abcdefghijklmnopqr
ping data: rdma-ping-1: BCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ[\]^_`abcdefghijklmnopqrs
ping data: rdma-ping-2: CDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ[\]^_`abcdefghijklmnopqrst
ping data: rdma-ping-3: DEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ[\]^_`abcdefghijklmnopqrstu
ping data: rdma-ping-4: EFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ[\]^_`abcdefghijklmnopqrstuv
ping data: rdma-ping-5: FGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ[\]^_`abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvw
ping data: rdma-ping-6: GHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ[\]^_`abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwx
ping data: rdma-ping-7: HIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ[\]^_`abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxy
ping data: rdma-ping-8: IJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ[\]^_`abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
ping data: rdma-ping-9: JKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ[\]^_`abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
client DISCONNECT EVENT...
#
```

4.2. Enabling various MPIs

4.2.1. Setting shell for Remote Login

User needs to set up authentication on the user account on all systems in the cluster to allow user to remotely logon or executing commands without password.

Quick steps to set up user authentication:

i. Change to user home directory

```
[root@host~]# cd
```

ii. Generate authentication key

```
[root@host~]# ssh-keygen -t rsa
```

- iii. Hit [Enter] upon prompting to accept default setup and empty password phrase
- iv. Create authorization file

```
[root@host~]# cd .ssh
[root@host~]# cat *.pub > authorized_keys
[root@host~]# chmod 600 authorized_keys
```

v. Copy directory .ssh to all systems in the cluster

```
[root@host~]# cd
[root@host~]# scp -r /root/.ssh remotehostname-or-ipaddress:
```

4.2.2. Configuration of various MPIs (Installation and Setup)

- Intel-MPI
- i. Download latest Intel MPI from the Intel website
- ii. Copy the license file (.lic file) into 1 mpi p x.y.z directory
- iii. Create machines.LINUX (list of node names) in l_mpi_p_x.y.z
- iv. Select advanced options during installation and register the MPI.
- v. Install software on every node.

```
[root@host~]# ./install.py
```

vi. Set IntelMPI with mpi-selector (do this on all nodes).

```
[root@host~]# mpi-selector --register intelmpi --source-dir
/opt/intel/impi/3.1/bin/
[root@host~]# mpi-selector --set intelmpi
```

vii. Edit . bashrc and add these lines:

```
export RSH=ssh
export DAPL_MAX_INLINE=64
export I_MPI_DEVICE=rdssm:chelsio
export MPIEXEC_TIMEOUT=180
export MPI_BIT_MODE=64
```

viii. Logout & log back in.

ix. Populate mpd.hosts with node names.



- The hosts in this file should be Chelsio interface IP addresses.
- I_MPI_DEVICE=rdssm:chelsio assumes you have an entry in /etc/dat.conf named chelsio.
- MPIEXEC_TIMEOUT value might be required to increase if heavy traffic is going across the systems.
- x. Contact Intel for obtaining their MPI with DAPL support.
- xi. To run Intel MPI over RDMA interface, DAPL 2.0 should be set up as follows:

Enable the Chelsio device by adding an entry at the beginning of the /etc/dat.conf file for the Chelsio interface. For instance, if your Chelsio interface name is eth2, then the following line adds a DAT version 2.0 device named "chelsio2" for that interface:

```
chelsio2 u2.0 nonthreadsafe default libdaplofa.so.2 dapl.2.0 "eth2 0" ""
```

Open MPI (Installation and Setup)

Open MPI iWARP support is only available in Open MPI version 1.3 or greater.

Open MPI will work without any specific configuration via the openib btl. Users wishing to performance tune the configurable options may wish to inspect the receive queue values. Those can be found in the "Chelsio T4" section of mca-btl-openib-device-params.ini. Follow the steps mentioned below to install and configure Open MPI.

- i. If not alreay done, install *mpi-selector* tool.
- ii. Download the latest stable/feature version of openMPI from OpenMPI website.

- iii. Untar and change your current working directory to openMPI package directory.
- iv. Configure and install as:

```
[root@host~]#./configure --with-openib=/usr CC=gcc CXX=g++ F77=gfortran
FC=gfortran --enable-mpirun-prefix-by-default --prefix=/usr/mpi/gcc/openmpi-
x.y.z/ --with-openib-libdir=/usr/lib64/ --libdir=/usr/mpi/gcc/openmpi-
x.y.z/lib64/ --with-contrib-vt-flags=--disable-iotrace
[root@host~]# make
[root@host~]# make install
```

The above step will install openMPI in /usr/mpi/gcc/openmpi-x.y.z/



To enable multithreading, add "--enable-mpi-thread-multiple" and "--with-threads=posix" parameters to the above configure command.

v. Next, create a shell script, *mpivars.csh*, with the following entry:

```
# path
if ("" == "`echo $path | grep /usr/mpi/gcc/openmpi-x.y.z/bin`") then
    set path=(/usr/mpi/gcc/openmpi-x.y.z/bin $path)
endif

# LD_LIBRARY_PATH
if ("1" == "$?LD_LIBRARY_PATH") then
    if ("$LD_LIBRARY_PATH" !~ */usr/mpi/gcc/openmpi-x.y.z/lib64*) then
    setenv LD_LIBRARY_PATH /usr/mpi/gcc/openmpi-
x.y.z/lib64:${LD_LIBRARY_PATH}
    endif
else
    setenv LD_LIBRARY_PATH /usr/mpi/gcc/openmpi-x.y.z/lib64
endif

# MPI_ROOT
setenv MPI_ROOT /usr/mpi/gcc/openmpi-x.y.z
```

vi. Simlarly, create another shell script, *mpivars.sh*, with the following entry:

```
# PATH
if test -z "`echo $PATH | grep /usr/mpi/gcc/openmpi-x.y.z/bin`"; then
    PATH=/usr/mpi/gcc/openmpi-x.y.z/bin:${PATH}
   export PATH
fi
# LD LIBRARY PATH
if test -z "`echo $LD LIBRARY PATH | grep
/usr/mpi/gcc/openmpi-
                             x.y.z/lib64`"; then
  LD LIBRARY PATH=/usr/mpi/gcc/openmpi- x.y.z/lib64${LD LIBRARY PATH:+:}$
{LD LIBRARY PATH}
  export LD LIBRARY PATH
fi
# MPI ROOT
MPI ROOT=/usr/mpi/gcc/openmpi-x.y.z
export MPI ROOT
```

- vii. Next, copy the two files created in steps (v) and (vi) to /usr/mpi/gcc/openmpi-x.y.z/bin and /usr/mpi/gcc/openmpi-x.y.z/etc
- viii. Register OpenMPI with MPI-selector:

```
[root@host~]# mpi-selector --register openmpi --source-dir
/usr/mpi/gcc/openmpi-x.y.z/bin
```

ix. Verify if it is listed in mpi-selector:

```
[root@host~]# mpi-selector --1
```

x. Set OpenMPI:

```
[root@host~]# mpi-selector --set openmpi -yes
```

xi. Logut and log back in.

MVAPICH2 (Installation and Setup)

- i. Download the latest MVAPICH2 software package from http://mvapich.cse.ohio-state.edu/
- ii. Untar and change your current working directory to MVAPICH2 package directory.
- iii. Configure and install as:

```
[root@host~]# ./configure --prefix=/usr/mpi/gcc/mvapich2-x.y/ --with-
device=ch3:mrail --with-rdma=gen2 --enable-shared --with-ib-
libpath=/usr/lib64/ -enable-rdma-cm --libdir=/usr/mpi/gcc/mvapich2-x.y/lib64
[root@host~]# make
[root@host~]# make install
```

The above step will install MVAPICH2 in /usr/mpi/gcc/mvapich2-x.y/

iv. Next, create a shell script, mpivars.csh, with the following entry:

```
# path
if ("" == "`echo $path | grep /usr/mpi/gcc/mvapich2-x.y/bin`") then
    set path=(/usr/mpi/gcc/mvapich2-x.y/bin $path)
endif

# LD_LIBRARY_PATH
if ("1" == "$?LD_LIBRARY_PATH") then
    if ("$LD_LIBRARY_PATH" !~ */usr/mpi/gcc/mvapich2-x.y/lib64*) then
    setenv LD_LIBRARY_PATH /usr/mpi/gcc/mvapich2-
x.y/lib64:${LD_LIBRARY_PATH}
    endif
else
    setenv LD_LIBRARY_PATH /usr/mpi/gcc/mvapich2-x.y/lib64
endif

# MPI_ROOT
setenv MPI_ROOT /usr/mpi/gcc/mvapich2-x.y
```

v. Simlarly, create another shell script, *mpivars.sh*, with the following entry:

```
# PATH
if test -z "`echo $PATH | grep /usr/mpi/gcc/ mvapich2-x.y/bin`"; then
        PATH=/usr/mpi/gcc/mvapich2-x.y/bin:${PATH}
        export PATH
fi

# LD_LIBRARY_PATH
if test -z "`echo $LD_LIBRARY_PATH | grep /usr/mpi/gcc/mvapich2-
x.y/lib64\"; then
        LD_LIBRARY_PATH=/usr/mpi/gcc/mvapich2-
x.y/lib64${LD_LIBRARY_PATH:+:}${LD_LIBRARY_PATH}
        export LD_LIBRARY_PATH
fi

# MPI_ROOT
MPI_ROOT=/usr/mpi/gcc/mvapich2-x.y
export MPI_ROOT
```

- vi. Next, copy the two files created in steps (iv) and (v) to /usr/mpi/gcc/mvapich2-x.y/bin and /usr/mpi/gcc/mvapich2-x.y/etc
- vii. Add the following entries in .bashrc file:

```
export MVAPICH2_HOME=/usr/mpi/gcc/mvapich2-x.y/
export MV2_USE_IWARP_MODE=1
export MV2_USE_RDMA_CM=1
```

viii. Register MPI:

```
[root@host~]# mpi-selector --register mvapich2 --source-dir
/usr/mpi/gcc/mvapich2-x.y/bin/
```

ix. Verify if it is listed in mpi-selector:

```
[root@host~]# mpi-selector --1
```

x. Set MVAPICH2:

```
[root@host~]# mpi-selector --set mvapich2 -yes
```

- xi. Logut and log back in.
- xii. Populate mpd.hosts with node names.
- xiii. On each node, create /etc/mv2.conf with a single line containing the IP address of the local adapter interface. This is how MVAPICH2 picks which interface to use for RDMA traffic.

4.2.3. Building MPI Tests

- Download Intel's MPI Benchmarks from http://software.intel.com/en-us/articles/intel-mpibenchmarks
- ii. Untar and change your current working directory to src directory.
- iii. Edit *make_mpich* file and set *MPI_HOME* variable to the MPI which you want to build the benchmarks tool against. For example, in case of openMPI-1.6.4 set the variable as:

```
MPI_HOME=/usr/mpi/gcc/openmpi-1.6.4/
```

iv. Next, build and install the benchmarks using:

```
[root@host~]# gmake -f make_mpich
```

The above step will install IMB-MPI1, IMB-IO and IMB-EXT benchmarks in the current working directory (i.e. *src*).

- v. Change your working directory to the MPI installation directory. In case of OpenMPI, it will be /usr/mpi/gcc/openmpi-x.y.z/
- vi. Create a directory called tests and then another directory called imb under tests.
- vii. Copy the benchmarks built and installed in step (iv) to the *imb* directory.
- viii. Follow steps (v), (vi) and (vii) for all the nodes.

4.2.4. Running MPI Applications

• Run Intel MPI applications as:

```
mpdboot -n <no_of_nodes_in_cluster> -r ssh
mpdtrace
mpiexec -ppn -n 2 /opt/intel/impi/3.1/tests/IMB-3.1/IMB-MPI1
```

The performance is best with NIC MTU set to 9000 bytes.

• Run Open MPI application as:

mpirun --host node1,node2 -mca btl openib,sm,self /usr/mpi/gcc/openmpix.y.z/tests/imb/IMB-MPI1



For OpenMPI/RDMA clusters with node counts greater than or equal to 8 nodes, and process counts greater than or equal to 64, you may experience the following RDMA address resolution error when running MPI jobs with the default OpenMPI settings:

The RDMA CM returned an event error while attempting to make a connection.

This type of error usually indicates a network configuration error.

Local host: core96n3.asicdesigners.com

Local device: Unknown

Error name: RDMA CM EVENT ADDR ERROR

Peer: core96n8

Workaround: Increase the OpenMPI rdma route resolution timeout. The default is 1000, or 1000ms. Increase it to 30000 with this parameter:

```
--mca btl_openib_connect_rdmacm_resolve_timeout 30000
```

Important

openmpi-1.4.3 can cause IMB benchmark stalls due to a shared memory BTL issue. This issue is fixed in openmpi-1.4.5 and later releases. Hence, it is recommended that you download and install the latest stable release from Open MPI's official website, http://www.open-mpi.org

Run MVAPICH2 application as :

mpirun_rsh -ssh -np 8 -hostfile mpd.hosts \$MVAPICH2_HOME/tests/imb/IMB-MPI1

4.3. Setting up NFS-RDMA

Important

On RHEL 7 systems, uninstall OFED 4.8-1 if present in the machine.

4.3.1. Starting NFS-RDMA

Server-side settings

Follow the steps mentioned below to set up an NFS-RDMA server.

i. Make entry in /etc/exports file for the directories you need to export using NFS-RDMA on server as:

```
/share/rdma *(fsid=0,async,insecure,no_root_squash)
/share/rdma1 *(fsid=1,async,insecure,no_root_squash)
```

Note that for each directory you export, you should have DIFFERENT fsid's.

- ii. Load the iwarp modules and make sure peer2peer is set to 1.
- iii. Load xprtrdma and svcrdma modules as:

```
[root@host~]# modprobe xprtrdma
[root@host~]# modprobe svcrdma
```

iv. Start the nfs service as:

```
[root@host~]# service nfs start
```

All services in NFS should start without errors.

v. Now we need to edit the file portlist in the path /proc/fs/nfsd/ Include the rdma port 2050 into this file as:

```
[root@host~]# echo rdma 2050 > /proc/fs/nfsd/portlist
```

vi. Run exports to make local directories available for Network File System (NFS) clients to mount.

```
[root@host~]# exportfs
```

Now the NFS-RDMA server is ready.

Client-side settings

Follow the steps mentioned below at the client side.

- i. Load the iwarp modules and make sure peer2peer is set to 1. Make sure you are able to ping and ssh to the server Chelsio interface through which directories will be exported.
- ii. Load the xprtrdma module.

```
[root@host~]# modprobe xprtrdma
```

iii. Run the showmount command to show all directories from server as:

```
[root@host~]# showmount -e <server-chelsio-ip>
```

iv. Once the exported directories are listed, mount them as:

```
[root@host~]# mount.nfs <serverip>:<directory> <mountpoint-on-client> -o
vers=3,rdma,port=2050,wsize=65536,rsize=65536
```

4.4. Performance Tuning

- Apply the generic performance settings mentioned in the Performance Tuning section in the Unified Wire chapter before proceeding.
- ii. Run the performance tuning script to map iWARP queues to different CPUs.

```
[root@host~]# t4_perftune.sh -Q rdma -n
```

5. Software/Driver Unloading

To unload the iWARP driver, run the following command:

[root@host~]# rmmod iw_cxgb4

V. iSER

1. Introduction

The iSCSI Extensions for RDMA (iSER) protocol is a translation layer for operating iSCSI over RDMA transports, such as iWARP/Ethernet or InfiniBand.

1.1. Hardware Requirements

1.1.1. Supported adapters

The following are the currently shipping Chelsio adapters that are compatible with Chelsio iSER driver:

- T62100-CR
- T62100-LP-CR
- T6425-CR
- T6225-CR
- T6225-LL-CR
- T6225-OCP^
- T6225-SO-CR^
- T580-CR
- T580-LP-CR
- T540-CR
- T540-BT
- T520-CR
- T520-LL-CR
- T520-BT

1.2. Software Requirements

1.2.1. Linux Requirements

Currently the iSER driver is available for the following versions:

- RHEL 7.4, 3.10.0-693.el7
- SLES 12 SP3, 4.4.73-5-default
- Kernel.org linux-4.14 (kernel compiled on RHEL 7.3)
- Kernel.org linux-4.9.88 (Minimum 4.9 kernel version supported is 4.9.13; kernel compiled on RHEL 7.3)

Other kernel versions have not been tested and are not guaranteed to work.

[^] Memory-free; limited number of offload connections supported.

2. Kernel Installation

i. Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

```
[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x
```

ii. To install 4.9.88 kernel with iSER components enabled, use the following command:

```
[root@host~]# make kernel_install
```

Note

If you wish to use custom 4.9.X/4.14.X kernel, enable the following iSER parameters in the kernel configuration file and then proceed with kernel installation:

```
CONFIG_ISCSI_TARGET=m

CONFIG_INFINIBAND_ISER=m

CONFIG_INFINIBAND_ISERT=m
```

iii. Boot into the new kernel and install Chelsio Unified Wire.

3. Software/Driver Installation

3.1. Pre-requisites

- libnl-devel and libnl3-devel packages should be installed for libiwpm installation.
- Python v2.7 or above is required for targetcli installation. If Python v2.7 is not already present in the system, or if an older version exists, v2.7.10 provided in the package will be installed.
- Uninstall any OFED present in the machine.
- rdma-core-devel package should be installed on RHEL 7.4 and SLES 12 SP3 systems.

3.2. Installation

i. Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x

ii. Install Chelsio iSER driver, libraries and targetcli utilities:

[root@host~]# make iser_install

1 Note For more installation options, please run make help or install.py -h

4. Software/Driver Loading



Please ensure that all inbox drivers are unloaded before proceeding with unified wire drivers.

 $[{\tt root@host}{\sim}] \# {\tt rmmod csiostor cxgb4i cxgbit iw_cxgb4 chcr cxgb4vf cxgb4} \\ {\tt libcxgbi libcxgb}$

Follow the steps mentioned below on both target and initiator machines:

i. Unload Chelsio iWARP driver if previously loaded:

```
[root@host~]# rmmod iw_cxgb4
```

ii. Load the following modules:

```
[root@host~]# modprobe iw_cxgb4 mpa_rev=2
[root@host~]# modprobe rdma_ucm
```

iii. Start the iWARP Port Mapper Daemon:

```
[root@host~]# iwpmd
```

iv. Bring up the Chelsio interface(s):

```
[root@host~]# ifconfig ethX x.x.x.x up
```

v. On target, run the following command:

```
[root@host~]# modprobe ib_isert
```

On initiator, run the following command:

```
[root@host~]# modprobe ib_iser
```

5. Software/Driver Configuration and Fine-tuning

Configure LIO target with iSER support, using ramdisk as LUN:

```
[root@host~]# targetcli /backstores/ramdisk create name=ram0 size=1GB
[root@host~]# targetcli /iscsi create wwn=iqn.2003-01.org.lun0.target
[root@host~]# targetcli /iscsi/iqn.2003-01.org.lun0.target/tpg1/luns create
/backstores/ramdisk/ram0
[root@host~]# targetcli /iscsi/iqn.2003-01.org.lun0.target/tpg1 set
attribute authentication=0 demo_mode_write_protect=0 generate_node_acls=1
cache_dynamic_acls=1
[root@host~]# targetcli saveconfig
```

ii. Discover LIO target using OpeniSCSI initiator:

```
[root@host~]# iscsiadm -m discovery -t st -p 102.10.10.4
```

iii. Enable iSER support in LIO target:

```
[root@host~]# targetcli /iscsi/iqn.2003-
01.org.lun0.target/tpg1/portals/0.0.0.0:3260 enable_iser boolean=True
```

iv. Login from the initiator with iSER as transport:

```
[root@host~]# iscsiadm -m node -p 102.10.10.4 -T iqn.2003-01.org.lun0.target
--op update -n node.transport_name -v iser
[root@host~]# iscsiadm -m node -p 102.10.10.4 -T iqn.2003-01.org.lun0.target
--login
```

5.1. HMA

To use HMA, please ensure that Unified Wire is installed using the *Unified Wire(Default)* configuration tuning option.

Currently 256 IPv4/128 IPv6 iSER connections are supported on T6 25G SO adapters. The following image shows the HMA reserved memory.

```
[root@ ~]# cat /sys/kernel/debug/cxgb4/0000\:81\:00.4/meminfo
EDC0:
                 0x0-0x3fffff [4.00 MiB]
EDC1:
                 0x400000-0x7fffff [4.00 MiB]
HMA:
                 0x800000-0x47fffff [64.0 MiB]
RQUDP region: 0xffffffff-0xfffffffe [0 B]
DBQ contexts: 0x4d2b80-0x4e87ff [87.1 KiB]
IMSG contexts: 0x4e8800-0x4fa7ff [72.0 KiB]
FLM cache: 0x4fa800-0x53d3bf [267 KiB]
ULPTX state:
                0x53d3c0-0x53da3f [1.63 KiB]
ULPRX state: 0x53da40-0x53db3f [256 B]
Timers: 0x53db40-0x54bb7f [56.1 KiB]
TCBs:
                0x54bb80-0x5abfff [385 KiB]
Tx payload: 0x5ac000-0x66bfff [768 KiB]
Rx payload: 0x66c000-0x72bfff [768 KiB]
Pstructs: 0x72c000-0x72e9ff [10.5 KiB]
Rx FL:
                0x72ea00-0x72ea7f [128 B]
Tx FL:
                0x72ea80-0x72eaff [128 B]
Pstruct FL:
                0x72eb00-0x72ecff [512 B]
TDDP region: 0x72ed00-0x75047f [134 KiB]
iSCSI region: 0x750480-0x77047f [128 KiB]
TLSKey region: 0x770480-0x78047f [64.0 KiB]
TPT region: 0x800000-0x11248ff [9.14 MiB]
STAG region: 0x800000-0x11248ff [9.14 MiB]
TXPBL region: 0x1124900-0x27fff7f [22.9 MiB]
PBL region:
                0x1124900-0x27fff7f [22.9 MiB]
RQ region:
                 0x27fff80-0x47fff7f [32.0 MiB]
uP RAM:
                 0x0-0xffffffff [4.00 GiB]
uP Extmem2:
                 0x0-0xffffffff [4.00 GiB]
48 Rx pages of size 16KiB for 1 channels
48 Tx pages of size 16KiB for 2 channels
168 p-structs
Port 0 using 0 pages out of 768 allocated
Port 1 using 0 pages out of 0 allocated
Port 2 using 0 pages out of 768 allocated
Port 3 using 0 pages out of 0 allocated
Loopback 0 using 0 pages out of 128 allocated
Loopback 1 using 0 pages out of 128 allocated
```

The following image is of *dmesg* log showing HMA memory being reserved during adapter initialization:

```
[ 864.528525] Chelsio T4/T5/T6 Offload Network Driver - version 3.5.0.4
[ 864.533255] cxgb4 0000:81:00.4: Coming up as MASTER: Initializing adapter
[ 865.954116] cxgb4 0000:81:00.4: Reserved 64MB host memory for HMA
[ 865.956216] cxgb4 0000:81:00.4: Successfully enabled ppod edram feature
```

The following image shows the number of offloaded iSER connections.

```
[root@ ~] # cat /sys/kernel/debug/cxgb4/0000\:81\:00.4/tids

Connections in use: 0

TID range: 0..255, in use: 0

STID range: 256..319, in use-IPv4/IPv6: 0/0

ATID range: 0..127, in use: 0

FTID range: 320..815

HW TID usage: 0 IP users, 0 IPv6 users
```

5.2. Performance Tuning

- i. Apply the generic performance settings mentioned in the Performance Tuning section in the **Unified Wire** chapter before proceeding.
- ii. Run the performance tuning script to map iWARP queues to different CPUs.

```
[root@host~]# t4_perftune.sh -Q rdma -n
```

6. Software/Driver Unloading

To unload iSER driver:

On target, run the following commands:

```
[root@host~]# rmmod ib_isert
[root@host~]# rmmod iw_cxgb4
```

On initiator, run the following commands:

```
[root@host~]# rmmod ib_iser
[root@host~]# rmmod iw_cxgb4
```

VI. WD-UDP

1. Introduction

Chelsio WD-UDP (Wire Direct-User Datagram Protocol) with Multicast is a user-space UDP stack with Multicast address reception and socket acceleration that enables users to run their existing UDP socket applications unmodified.

It features software modules that enable direct wire access from user space to the Chelsio network adapter with complete bypass of the kernel, which results in an ultra-low latency Ethernet solution for high frequency trading and other delay-sensitive applications.

1.1. Hardware Requirements

1.1.1. Supported Adapters

The following are the currently shipping Chelsio adapters that are compatible with Chelsio WD-UDP driver:

- T62100-CR
- T62100-LP-CR
- T6425-CR
- T6225-CR
- T6225-LL-CR
- T580-CR
- T580-LP-CR
- T540-CR
- T540-BT
- T520-CR
- T520-LL-CR
- T520-BT
- T420-CR
- T440-CR
- T422-CR
- T404-BT
- T440-LP-CR
- T420-LL-CR
- T420-CX

1.2. Software Requirements

1.2.1. Linux Requirements

Currently the WD-UDP driver is available for the following versions:

RHEL 7.4, 3.10.0-693.el7

- RHEL 7.3, 3.10.0-514.el7
- RHEL 6.9, 2.6.32-696.el6
- RHEL 6.8, 2.6.32-642.el6
- SLES 12 SP3, 4.4.73-5-default
- SLES 12 SP2, 4.4.21-69-default
- Ubuntu 16.04.1, 4.4.0-31-generic
- Ubuntu 14.04.4, 4.2.0-27-generic
- Kernel.org linux-4.14
- Kernel.org linux-4.9.88 (Minimum 4.9 kernel version supported is 4.9.13)

Other kernel versions have not been tested and are not guaranteed to work.

2. Software/Driver Installation

i. Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x

ii. Install WD-UDP driver and libraries:

[root@host~]# make wdudp_install

1 Note For more installation options, please run make help or install.py -h

3. Software/Driver Loading



Please ensure that all inbox drivers are unloaded before proceeding with unified wire drivers:

```
[{\tt root@host"}] \# {\tt rmmod csiostor cxgb4i cxgbit iw\_cxgb4 chcr cxgb4vf cxgb4} \\ {\tt libcxgbi libcxgb}
```

The driver must be loaded by the root user. Any attempt to load the driver as a regular user will fail.

RDMA core modules from the OFED package should be loaded before proceeding. To load the WD-UDP driver, use the following commands which will automatically load RDMA core modules:

```
[root@host~]# modprobe cxgb4
[root@host~]# modprobe iw_cxgb4
[root@host~]# modprobe rdma_ucm
```

4. Software/Driver Configuration and Fine-tuning

4.1. Accelerating UDP Socket Communications

The *libcxgb4_sock* library is a LD_PRELOAD-able library that accelerates UDP Socket communications transparently and without recompilation of the user application. This section describes how to use libcxgb4 sock.

By preloading *libcxgb4_sock*, all sockets created by the application are intercepted and possibly accelerated based on the user's configuration. Once accelerated, data for the UDP endpoint are transmitted or received via HW queues allocated specifically for the accelerated endpoint, bypassing the kernel, the host networking stack and sockets framework, and enabling ultra-low latency and high bandwidth utilization.

Due to HW resource limitations, only a small number of queues can be allocated for UDP acceleration. Therefore, only performance critical UDP applications should use *libcxgb4_sock*.

Only 64 IPv4 UDP / 28 IPv6 UDP sockets can be accelerated per Chelsio device, with *Unified Wire Configuration* tuning option. If you want more sockets to be accelerated, please use *Low Latency* or *High Capacity WD* tuning option.

4.1.1. Application Requirements

Certain application behavior is not supported by *libcxb4_sock* in this release. If your application does any of the following, it will not work with *libcxgb4_sock*:

- Calling fork() after creating UDP sockets and using the UDP socket in the child process.
- Using multiple threads on a single UDP socket without serialization. For instance, having one
 thread sending concurrently with another thread receiving. If your application does this, you
 need to serialize these paths with a spin or mutex lock.
- Only 1 UDP endpoint is allowed to bind to a given port per host. So, if you have multiple processes on the same host binding to the same UDP port number, you cannot use libcxgb4_sock.
- Applications must have root privileges to use libcxgb4 sock.
- Applications requiring bonded adapter interfaces are not currently supported.

The performance benefit observed with *libcxgb4_sock* will vary based on your application's behavior. While all UDP I/O is handled properly, only certain datagrams are accelerated. Non-accelerated I/O is handled by *libcxgb4_sock* via the host networking stack seamlessly. Both Unicast and Multicast datagrams can be accelerated, but the datagrams must meet the following criteria:

 Non-fragmented. In other words, they fit in a single IP datagram that is <= the adapter device MTU. Routed through the Terminator acceleration device. If the ingress datagram arrives via a
device other than the Terminator acceleration device, then it will not utilize the acceleration
path. On egress, if the destination IP address will not route out via the Terminator device, then
it too will not be accelerated.

4.1.2. Using *libcxgb4_sock*

The *libcxgb4_sock* library utilizes the Linux RDMA Verbs subsystem, and thus requires the RDMA modules be loaded. Ensure that your systems load the *iw_cxgb4* and *rdma_ucm* modules:

```
[root@host~]# modprobe iw_cxgb4
[root@host~]# modprobe rdma_ucm
```

Now, preload *libcxgb4_sock*, using one of the methods mentioned below when starting your application:

• Preloading using wdload script:

```
[root@host~]# PROT=UDP wdload <pathto>/your_application
```

The above command will generate an end point file, *libcxgb4_sock.conf* at /etc/. Parameters like interface name and port number can be changed in this file.

The following example shows how to run Netperf with WD-UDP:

server:

```
[root@host~]# PROT=UDP wdload netserver -f -p <port_num>
```

client:

```
[root@host~]# PROT=UDP wdload netperf -H <hostIp> -p <port_num> -t UDP_RR
```

Preloading manually

Create a configuration file that defines which UDP endpoints should be accelerated, their vlan and priority if any, as well as which Terminator interface/port should be used. The file /etc/libcxgb4_sock.conf contains these endpoint entries. Create this file on all systems using libcxgb4_sock. Here is the syntax:

```
# Syntax:
# endpoint {attributes} ...
# where attributes include:
                interface = interface-name
               port = udp-port-number
                vlan = vlan-id
                priority = vlan-priority
# e.g.
# endpoint {
               interface=eth2.5
               port = 8000 vlan = 5 prio rity=1
  }
# endpoint { interface=eth2 port=9999}
# endpoints that bind to port 0 (requesting the host allocate a port)
# can be accelerated with port=0:
# endpoint {interface=eth1 port=0}
```

Assume your Terminator interface is eth2. To accelerate all applications that preload *libcxgb4_sock* using eth2, you only need one entry in /etc/libcxgb4_sock.conf:

```
endpoint {interface=eth2 port=0}
```

If you have eth2 and eth3 configured for example, you can define certain endpoints to eth2 and others to eth3:

```
endpoint {interface=eth2 port=9999}
endpoint {interface=eth3 port=8888}
```

For VLAN support, create your VLANs using the normal OS service (like vconfig, for example), then add entries to define the VLAN and priority for each endpoint to be accelerated:

```
endpoint {interface = eth2.5 port=10000}
endpoint {interface = eth2.7 priority=3 port=9000}
```

Now, preload libcxgb4 sock:

```
[root@host~]# CXGB4 SOCK CFG=<path to config file>
LD PRELOAD=libcxgb4 sock.so <pathto>/your application
```

10 Note In order to offload IPv6 UDP sockets, please select "low latency networking" as configuration tuning option during installation.

4.1.3. Running WD-UDP in debug mode

To use libcxgb4_sock's debug capabilities, use the libcxgb4_sock_debug library provided in the package. Follow the steps mentioned below:

Make the following entry in the /etc/syslog.conf file:

```
*.debug
                                     /var/log/cxgb4.log
```

ii. Restart the service:

```
[root@host~]# /etc/init.d/syslog restart
```

iii. Finally, preload *libcxqb4* sock debug using the command mentioned below when starting your application:

```
[root@host~] # LD PRELOAD=libcxgb4 sock debug.so CXGB4 SOCK DEBUG=-1
<pathto>/your application
```

4.1.4. Running WD-UDP with larger I/O size

If the I/O size is > 3988, execute the commands mentioned below:

```
[root@host~]# echo 1024 > /proc/sys/vm/nr hugepages
[root@host~]# CXGB4 SOCK HUGE PAGES=1 PROT=UDP wdload
<pathto>/your application
```

4.1.5. Example with hpcbench/udp

The udp benchmark from the hpcbench suite can be used to show the benefits of libcxgb4_sock. The hpcbench suite can be found at:

Source: http://hpcbench.sourceforge.net/index.html

Sample: http://hpcbench.sourceforge.net/udp.html

The nodes in this example, r9 and r10, have Terminator eth1 configured and the ports are connected point-to-point.

For this benchmark, we need a simple "accelerate all" configuration on both nodes:

```
[root@r9 ~]# cat /etc/libcxgb4_sock.conf
endpoint {interface=eth1 port=0}
[root@r9 ~]#

[root@r10 ~]# cat /etc/libcxgb4_sock.conf
endpoint {interface=eth1 port=0}
[root@r10 ~]#
```

On R10, we run udpserver on port 9000 without *libcxgb4_sock* preloaded, and on port 90001 with preload:

```
[root@r10 ~]# /usr/local/src/hpcbench/udp/udpserver -p 9000 &
[1] 11453
[root@r10 ~]# TCP socket listening on port [9000]

[root@r10 ~]# LD_PRELOAD=libcxgb4_sock.so
/usr/local/src/hpcbench/udp/udpserver -p 9001 &
[2] 11454
[root@r10 ~]# TCP socket listening on port [9001]
```

Then on r9, we run udptest to port 9000 to see the host stack UDP latency:

```
[root@r9 ~]# /usr/local/src/hpcbench/udp/udptest -r 5 -a -h 192.168.1.112 -p
9000
```

Running the same test with *libcxgb4_sock*:

```
[root@r9 ~]   
# LD_PRELOAD=libcxgb4_sock.so /usr/local/src/hpcbench/udp/udptest -r 5 -a -h 192.168.1.112 -p 9001
```

4.1.6. Determining if the application is being offloaded

To see if the application is being offloaded, open a window on one of the machines, and run tcpdump against the Chelsio interface. If you see minimal UDP output on the interface, then the UDP traffic is being properly offloaded.

5. Software/Driver Unloading

To unload the WD-UDP driver, run the following command:

[root@host~]# rmmod iw_cxgb4

VII. WD-TOE

1. Introduction

Chelsio WD-TOE (Wire Direct-Transmission Control Protocol) with a user-space TCP stack enables users to run their existing TCP socket applications unmodified.

It features software modules that enable direct wire access from user space to the Chelsio network adapter with complete bypass of the kernel, which results in a low latency Ethernet solution for high frequency trading and other delay-sensitive applications.

1.1. Hardware Requirements

1.1.1. Supported Adapters

The following are the currently shipping Chelsio adapters that are compatible with the WD-TOE driver.

- T62100-CR
- T62100-LP-CR
- T6425-CR
- T6225-CR
- T6225-LL-CR
- T580-CR
- T580-LP-CR
- T540-CR
- T540-BT
- T520-CR
- T520-LL-CR
- T520-BT

1.2. Software Requirements

1.2.1. Linux Requirements

Currently the WD-TOE driver is available for the following version(s):

- RHEL 7.4, 3.10.0-693.el7
- RHEL 7.3, 3.10.0-514.el7
- SLES 12 SP3, 4.4.73-5-default
- Kernel.org linux-4.9.88 (Minimum 4.9 kernel version supported is 4.9.13)

Other kernel versions have not been tested and are not guaranteed to work.

2. Software/Driver Installation

2.1. Pre-requisites

Before proceeding, please ensure that the offload drivers are installed with WD-TOE support. They are installed by default with *Low Latency Networking*, *Wire Direct Latency* or *High Capacity WD configuration* tuning Options. With any other configuration tuning option, the installation needs to be customized.

2.2. Installation

i. Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x

ii. Run the following command to install WD-TOE drivers:

[root@host~]# make wdtoe install

Note For more installation options, please run make help or install.py -h

3. Software/Driver Loading



Please ensure that all inbox drivers are unloaded before proceeding with unified wire drivers.

 $[{\tt root@host}{\sim}] \# {\tt rmmod csiostor cxgb4i cxgbit iw_cxgb4 chcr cxgb4vf cxgb4} \\ {\tt libcxgbi libcxgb}$

The driver must be loaded by the root user. Any attempt to load the driver as a regular user will fail.

Run the following commands to load the driver:

[root@host~]# modprobe cxgb4
[root@host~]# modprobe t4 tom

4. Software/Driver Configuration and Fine-tuning

4.1. Running the Application

i. Bring up the Chelsio interface to enable offload:

```
[root@host~]# ifconfig ethX <IP> up
```

ii. Run the application with WD-TOE using:

```
[root@host~]# PROT=TCP wdload <path to application>
```



- Netperf, sockperf and IPerf only supported.
- Maximum of 10 connections supported.
- Abrupt killing of connections is not supported.
- Message size should be less than 1500.
- Short-lived connections not supported.
- Multi-threaded applications not supported.
- Jumbo frames not supported.
- Multiple adapters not supported.

Example: To run Netperf application with WD-TOE:

• Start netserver at the PEER:

```
[root@host~]# PROT=TCP wdload netserver -D -4
```

On the Test machine, run netperf application.

```
[root@host~]# PROT=TCP wdload netperf -H <PEER_IP> -t TCP_RR -l 10
```

5. Software/Driver Unloading

Unload NIC/TOE drivers as mentioned in Software/Driver Unloading section of **Network** (NIC/TOE) chapter.

VIII. NVMe-oF

1. Introduction

NVMe over Fabrics specification extends the benefits of NVMe to large fabrics, beyond the reach and scalability of PCIe. NVMe enables deployments with hundreds or thousands of SSDs using a network interconnect, such as RDMA over Ethernet. Thanks to an optimized protocol stack, an end-to-end NVMe solution is expected to reduce access latency and improve performance, particularly when paired with a low latency, high efficiency transport such as RDMA. This allows applications to achieve fast storage response times, irrespective of whether the NVMe SSDs are attached locally or accessed remotely across enterprise or datacenter networks.

1.1. Hardware Requirements

1.1.1. Supported Adapters

The following are the currently shipping Chelsio adapters that are compatible with Chelsio NVMeoF driver:

- T62100-CR
- T62100-LP-CR
- T6425-CR
- T6225-CR
- T6225-LL-CR
- T6225-OCP^
- T6225-SO-CR^
- T580-CR
- T580-LP-CR
- T540-CR
- T540-BT
- T520-CR
- T520-LL-CR
- T520-BT

1.2. Software Requirements

1.2.1. Linux Requirements

Currently the NVMe-oF driver is available for the following versions:

- RHEL 7.4, 3.10.0-693.el7
- SLES 12 SP3, 4.4.73-5-default
- Kernel.org linux-4.14 (kernel compiled on RHEL 7.3)

[^] Memory-free; limited number of offload connections supported.

 Kernel.org linux-4.9.88 (Minimum 4.9 kernel version supported is 4.9.13; kernel compiled on RHEL 7.3)

Other kernel versions have not been tested and are not guaranteed to work.

2. Kernel Installation

i. Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

```
[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x
```

ii. Install 4.9.88 kernel with NVMe-oF components enabled, use the following command:

```
[root@host~]# make kernel_install
```

Note

If you wish to use custom 4.9.X/4.14.X kernel, enable the following parameters in the kernel configuration file and then proceed with kernel installation:

```
CONFIG_BLK_DEV_NVME=m

CONFIG_NVME_RDMA=m

CONFIG_NVME_TARGET=m

CONFIG_NVME_TARGET_RDMA=m

CONFIG_NVME_RDMA=m

CONFIG_BLK_DEV_NULL_BLK=m

CONFIG_CONFIGFS_FS=y
```

iii. Boot into the new kernel and install Chelsio Unified Wire.

3. Software/Driver Installation

3.1. Pre-requisites

- *libnl-devel*, *libnl3-devel* and *valgrind-devel* packages should be installed for *libiwpm* and OFED installation.
- bzip2-devel, zlib-devel, ncurses-devel, sqlite-devel, libudev-devel packages for nvmetcli utility should be installed.
- Python v2.7 or above should be installed. If this version is not already present in the system, or if an older version exists, v2.7.10 provided in the package will be installed.
- rdma-core-devel package should be installed on RHEL 7.4 and SLES 12 SP3 systems.

3.2. Installation

i. Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

[root@host~] # cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x

ii. Install iWARP driver and NVMe utilities:

[root@host~]# make nvme install

Note For more installation options, please run make help or install.py -h

4. Software/Driver Loading



Please ensure that all inbox drivers are unloaded before proceeding with unified wire drivers.

```
[{\tt root@host}{\sim}] \# {\tt rmmod csiostor cxgb4i cxgbit iw\_cxgb4 chcr cxgb4vf cxgb4} \\ {\tt libcxgbi libcxgb}
```

Follow the steps mentioned below on both target and initiator machines:

i. Load the following modules:

```
[root@host~]# modprobe iw_cxgb4
[root@host~]# modprobe rdma_ucm
```

ii. Bring up the Chelsio interface(s):

```
[root@host~]# ifconfig ethX x.x.x.x up
```

iii. Mount configfs by running the below command:

```
[root@host~]# mount -t configfs none /sys/kernel/config
```

iv. On target, run the following commands:

```
[root@host~]# modprobe null_blk
[root@host~]# modprobe nvmet
[root@host~]# modprobe nvmet-rdma
```

On initiator, run the following commands:

```
[root@host~]# modprobe nvme
[root@host~]# modprobe nvme-rdma
```

5. Software/Driver Configuration and Fine-tuning

The following sections describe the method to configure target and initiator:

5.1. Target

i. The following commands will configure target using *nvmetcli* with a LUN:

```
[root@host~]# nvmetcli
/> cd subsystems
/subsystems> create nvme-ram0
/subsystems> cd nvme-ram0/namespaces
/subsystems/n...m0/namespaces> create nsid=1
/subsystems/n...m0/namespaces> cd 1
/subsystems/n.../namespaces/1> set device path=/dev/ram1
/subsystems/n.../namespaces/1> cd ../..
/subsystems/nvme-ram0> set attr allow any host=1
/subsystems/nvme-ram0> cd namespaces/1
/subsystems/n.../namespaces/1> enable
/subsystems/n.../namespaces/1> cd ../../..
/> cd ports
/ports> create 1
/ports> cd 1/
/ports/1> set addr adrfam=ipv4.
/ports/1> set addr trtype=rdma
/ports/1> set addr trsvcid=4420
/ports/1> set addr traddr=102.1.1.102
/ports/1> cd subsystems
/ports/1/subsystems> create nvme-ram0
```

ii. Save the target configuration to a file:

```
/ports/1/subsystems> saveconfig /root/nvme-target_setup
/ports/1/subsystems> exit
```

iii. Clear the targets:

```
[root@host~]# nvmetcli clear
```

5.2. Initiator

i. Discover the target

```
[root@host~]# nvme discover -t rdma -a <target_ip> -s 4420
```

- ii. Connect to target
 - Connecting to a specific target:

```
[root@host~]# nvme connect -t rdma -a <target_ip> -s 4420 -n <target_name>
```

· Connecting to all targets configured on a portal

```
[root@host~]# nvme connect-all -t rdma -a <target_ip> -s 4420
```

iii. List the connected targets

```
[root@host~]# nvme list
```

- iv. Format and mount the NVMe disks shown with the above command.
- v. Disconnect from the target and unmount the disk:

```
[root@host~]# nvme disconnect -d <nvme_disk_name>
```

Note nvme_disk_name is the name of the device (e.g., nvme0n1) and not the device path.

5.3. HMA

To use HMA, please ensure that Unified Wire is installed using the *Unified Wire(Default)* configuration tuning option.

Currently 128 IPv4 connections are supported on T6 25G SO adapters, provided I/O queues is set to 1 while logging into the target.

The following image shows the HMA reserved memory.

```
[root@ ~] # cat /sys/kernel/debug/cxgb4/0000\:81\:00.4/meminfo
EDC0:
                  0x0-0x3fffff [4.00 MiB]
EDC1:
                  0x400000-0x7fffff [4.00 MiB]
HMA:
                 0x800000-0x47fffff [64.0 MiB]
RQUDP region: 0xffffffff-0xfffffffe [0 B]
DBQ contexts: 0x4d2b80-0x4e87ff [87.1 KiB]
IMSG contexts: 0x4e8800-0x4fa7ff [72.0 KiB]
FLM cache: 0x4fa800-0x53d3bf [267 KiB]
ULPTX state: 0x53d3c0-0x53da3f [1.63 KiB]
ULPRX state:
                0x53da40-0x53db3f [256 B]
Timers:
                0x53db40-0x54bb7f [56.1 KiB]
TCBs:
                0x54bb80-0x5abfff [385 KiB]
Tx payload: 0x5ac000-0x66bfff [768 KiB]
Rx payload: 0x66c000-0x72bfff [768 KiB]
Pstructs: 0x72c000-0x72e9ff [10.5 KiB]
Rx FL:
                0x72ea00-0x72ea7f [128 B]
Tx FL:
                0x72ea80-0x72eaff [128 B]
Pstruct FL:
                0x72eb00-0x72ecff [512 B]
TDDP region:
                0x72ed00-0x75047f [134 KiB]
iSCSI region: 0x750480-0x77047f [128 KiB]
TLSKey region: 0x770480-0x78047f [64.0 KiB]
TPT region: 0x800000-0x11248ff [9.14 MiB]
STAG region: 0x800000-0x11248ff [9.14 MiB]
TXPBL region: 0x1124900-0x27fff7f [22.9 MiB]
PBL region: 0x1124900-0x27fff7f [22.9 MiB]
                 0x27fff80-0x47fff7f [32.0 MiB]
RQ region:
uP RAM:
                 0x0-0xffffffff [4.00 GiB]
uP Extmem2:
                 0x0-0xffffffff [4.00 GiB]
48 Rx pages of size 16KiB for 1 channels
48 Tx pages of size 16KiB for 2 channels
168 p-structs
```

The following image is of *dmesg* log showing HMA memory being reserved during adapter initialization:

```
[ 864.528525] Chelsio T4/T5/T6 Offload Network Driver - version 3.5.0.4
[ 864.533255] cxgb4 0000:81:00.4: Coming up as MASTER: Initializing adapter
[ 865.954116] cxgb4 0000:81:00.4: Reserved 64MB host memory for HMA
[ 865.956216] cxgb4 0000:81:00.4: Successfully enabled ppod edram feature
```

The following image shows the number of offloaded NVMe-oF connections:

```
[root@ ~] # cat /sys/kernel/debug/cxgb4/0000\:81\:00.4/tids

Connections in use: 0

TID range: 0..255, in use: 0

STID range: 256..319, in use-IPv4/IPv6: 0/0

ATID range: 0..127, in use: 0

FTID range: 320..815

HW TID usage: 0 IP users, 0 IPv6 users
```

5.4. Performance Tuning

- i. Apply the generic performance settings mentioned in the Performance Tuning section in the **Unified Wire** chapter before proceeding.
- ii. Run the performance tuning script to map iWARP queues to different CPUs.

```
[root@host~]# t4_perftune.sh -Q rdma -n
```

6. Software/Driver Unloading

Follow the steps mentioned below to unload the drivers:

On target, run the following commands:

```
[root@host~]# rmmod nvmet-rdma
[root@host~]# rmmod nvmet
[root@host~]# rmmod iw_cxgb4
```

On initiator, run the following commands:

```
[root@host~]# rmmod nvme-rdma
[root@host~]# rmmod nvme
[root@host~]# rmmod iw_cxgb4
```

IX. LIO iSCSI Target Offload

1. Introduction

Linux-IO Target (LIO) is the in-kernel SCSI target implementation in Linux. This open-source standard supports common storage fabrics, including Fibre Channel, FCoE, iEEE 1394, iSCSI, NVMe-oF, iSER, SRP, USB, vHost, etc. The LIO iSCSI fabric module implements many advanced iSCSI features that increase performance and resiliency. The LIO iSCSI Target Offload driver provides the following high-level features:

- Offloads TCP/IP.
- Offloads iSCSI Header and Data Digest Calculations.
- Offload Speeds at 10/25/40/100Gb.
- Supports Direct Data Placement (DDP).
- Supports iSCSI Segmentation Offload and iSCSI PDU recovery.

1.1. Hardware Requirements

1.1.1. Supported Adapters

The following are the currently shipping Chelsio adapters that are compatible with Chelsio LIO iSCSI Target Offload driver:

- T62100-CR
- T62100-LP-CR
- T6425-CR
- T6225-CR
- T6225-LL-CR
- T580-CR
- T580-LP-CR
- T540-CR
- T540-BT
- T520-LL-CR
- T520-CR
- T520-BT

1.2. Software Requirements

cxgb4, iscsi_target_mod, target_core_mod, ipv6 modules are required by LIO iSCSI Target Offload (cxgbit.ko) module to work.

1.2.1. Linux Requirements

Currently the LIO iSCSI Target Offload driver is available for the following version(s):

- RHEL 7.4, 3.10.0-693.el7.ppc64le (POWER8 LE)
- RHEL 7.4, 3.10.0-693.el7

- SLES 12 SP3, 4.4.73-5-default
- Kernel.org linux-4.14
- Kernel.org linux-4.9.88 (Minimum 4.9 kernel version supported is 4.9.13)

Other versions have not been tested and are not guaranteed to work.

2. Kernel Configuration

- Kernel.org linux-4.9.88
- i. Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

```
[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x
```

ii. Install 4.9.88 kernel with LIO iSCSI Target Offload enabled:

```
[root@host~]# make kernel_install
```

- iii. Boot into the new kernel and install Chelsio Unified Wire.
- Kernel.org linux-4.14/SLES 12 SP3

No extra kernel configuration required.

- RHEL 7.4
- i. Download the kernel source RPM kernel-3.10.0-693.el7.src.rpm.
- ii. Install the kernel source

```
[root@host~]# rpm -ivh kernel-3.10.0-693.el7.src.rpm
```

iii. Prepare the kernel source:

```
[root@host~]# cd /root/rpmbuild/SPECS/
[root@host~]# rpmbuild -bp kernel.spec --nodeps
[root@host~]# cd /root/rpmbuild/BUILD/kernel-3.10.0-693.el7/linux-3.10.0-693.el7.x86_64/
[root@host~]# make prepare
```

iv. Copy the source to /usr/src directory.

```
[root@host~]# cp -r linux-3.10.0-693.el7 /usr/src
```

Proceed with driver installation as directed in the **Software/Driver Installation** section.

- 3.14.57
- i. Download the kernel from kernel.org.
- ii. Untar the tar-ball.
- iii. Change your working directory to kernel package directory and run the following command to invoke the installation menu.

```
[root@host~]# make menuconfig
```

- iv. Select Device Drivers → Generic Target Core Mod (TCM) and ConfigFS Infrastructure.
- v. Enable Linux-iSCSI.org iSCSI Target Mode Stack.
- vi. Select Save.
- vii. Exit from the installation menu.
- viii. Untar the patch file:

```
[root@host~]# cp /root/<driver_package>/src/cxgbit/patch/linux_3-14.a .
[root@host~]# ar xvf linux_3-14.a
```

ix. Apply all the patches to kernel source one by one:

```
[root@host~]# patch -p1 < <file_name>.patch
```

- x. Continue with installation as usual.
- xi. Reboot to the newly installed kernel. Verify by running *uname -a* command.
- xii. Install LIO iSCSI target offload driver as mentioned in the next section.

3. Software/Driver Installation

3.1. Pre-requisites

The LIO iSCSI Target Offload driver requires the following components to be installed to function:

- Python (v2.7.10 provided in the package)
- TargetCLI (v2.1 provided in the package)
- OpenSSL (Download from https://www.openssl.org/source/)

If not already present in the system, the component provided in the package will be installed along with the kernel.

3.2. Installation

i. Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

```
[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x
```

ii. Install LIO driver and targetcli utilities:

```
[root@host~]# make lio_install
```

In case of RHEL 7.4 and above, you can use one of the following options to install the driver by specifying kernel source (KSRC) and kernel object (KOBJ):

CLI mode

```
[root@host~]# make lio_install KSRC="<kernel_source_dir>"
KOBJ="<kernel_object_dir>"
```

Example:

```
[root@host~]# make lio_install KSRC="/usr/src/linux-3.10.0-693.el7/"
KOBJ="/lib/modules/3.10.0-693.el7.x86 64/build/"
```

CLI mode (without Dialog utility)

```
[root@host~]# ./install.py --ksrc=<kernel source dir> --
kobj=<kernel object dir>
```

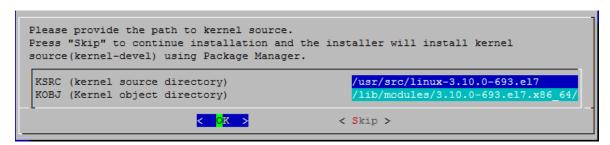
Example:

```
[root@host~]# ./install.py --ksrc=/usr/src/linux-3.10.0-693.el7 --
kobj=/lib/modules/3.10.0-693.el7.x86 64/build/
```

GUI mode

```
[root@host~]# ./install.py --set-kpath
```

Provide the paths for kernel source and kernel object on the last screen of the installer. Select "OK".



Note For more installation options, please run make help or install.py -h

4. Software/Driver Loading



Please ensure that all inbox drivers are unloaded before proceeding with unified wire drivers.

[root@host~]# rmmod csiostor cxgb4i cxgbit iw_cxgb4 chcr cxgb4vf cxgb4
libcxgbi libcxgb

The driver must be loaded by the root user. Any attempt to load the driver as a regular user will fail.

i. Load network driver (cxgb4):

[root@host~]# modprobe cxgb4

ii. Bring up the interface.

[root@host~]# ifconfig ethX <IP address> up

iii. Load the LIO iSCSI Target Offload driver (cxgbit):

[root@host~]# modprobe cxgbit

5. Software/Driver Configuration and Fine-tuning

5.1. Configuring LIO iSCSI Target

The LIO iSCSI Target needs to be configured before it can become useful Please refer the user manual at http://www.linux-iscsi.org/Doc/LIO Admin Manual.pdf to do so.

5.1.1. Sample Configuration

Here is a sample iSCSI configuration listing a target configured with 1 RAM disk LUN and ACL not configured:

```
    [root6]
    ~] # targetcli 1s

    o- /
    [..]

    c backstores
    [..]

    | o- block
    [Storage Objects: 0]

    | o- fileio
    [Storage Objects: 0]

    | o- pscsi
    [Storage Objects: 0]

    | o- ramdisk
    [Storage Objects: 0]

    | o- ramdisk01
    [(300.0MiB) activated]

    | o- iscsi
    [Targets: 1]

    | o- iqn.2015-12.org.linux-iscsi.lio.target1
    [Tergs 1]

    | o- tpg1
    [gen-acls, no-auth]

    | o- acls
    [ACLs: 0]

    | o- luns
    [LUNs: 0]

    | o- lun0
    [ramdisk/ramdisk01]

    | o- portals
    [DUNs: 1]

    | o- portals
    [Portals: 1]

    | o- ropotals
    [Targets: 0]

    | o- srpt
    [Targets: 0]

    | o- vhost
    [Targets: 0]

    | o- ven_pvscsi
    [Targets: 0]
```

5.2. Offloading LIO iSCSI Connection

To offload the LIO iSCSI Target use the following command:

```
[root@host~]# echo 1 >
  /sys/kernel/config/target/iscsi/<target_iqn>/tpgt_1/np/<target_ip>\:3260/cxg
  bit
```

Example:

```
[root@ ~| #
[root@ ~| # echo 1 > /sys/kernel/config/target/iscsi/iqn.2015-12.org.linux-iscsi.lio.target1/tpgt_1/np/102.10.10.216\:3260/cxgbit
[root@ ~| #
```

Execute the above command for every portal address listening on Chelsio interface.

5.3. Running LIO iSCSI and Network Traffic Concurrently

If you wish to run network traffic with offload support (TOE) and LIO iSCSI traffic together, follow the steps mentioned below:

i. If not done already, load network driver with offload support (TOE):

```
[root@host~]# modprobe t4_tom
```

ii. Create a new policy file:

```
[root@host~]# cat <new_policy_file>
```

iii. Add the following lines to offload all traffic except LIO iSCSI:

```
listen && src port <target_listening_port> && src host <target_listening_ip>
=> !offload
all => offload
```

iv. Compile the policy:

```
[root@host~]# cop -d -o <output_policy_file> <new_policy_file>
```

v. Apply the policy:

```
[root@host~]# cxgbtool ethX policy <output_policy_file>
```

Example:

Using multiple listening servers:

```
[root@ ~]# modprobe t4_tom
[root@ ~]# cat policy
listen && src port 3260 && src host 102.11.11.216 => !offload
listen && src port 3260 && src host 102.22.22.216 => !offload
listen && src port 3260 && src host 0.0.0.0 => !offload
listen && src port 3260 && src host 0.0.0.0 => !offload
all => offload
[root@ ~]# cop -o /root/policy.o /root/policy
[root@ ~]# cxgbtool eth2 policy /root/policy.o
[root@ ~]# cat /proc/net/offload/devices
```

5.4. Performance Tuning

- i. Apply the generic performance settings mentioned in the Performance Tuning section in the **Unified Wire** chapter before proceeding.
- ii. Run the performance tuning script to map LIO Target queues to different CPUs.

```
[root@host~]# t4_perftune.sh -Q iSCSIT -n
```

- iii. For maximum performance, it is recommended to use iSCSI PDU offload initiator.
 - For MTU 9000, no additional configuration needed.
 - For MTU 1500, set *InitialR2T* to *No* using:

[root@host~]# targetcli iscsi/<target_iqn>/tpg1/ set parameter InitialR2T=No

6. Software/Driver Unloading

6.1. Unloading the LIO iSCSI Target Offload Driver

To unload the LIO iSCSI Target Offload kernel module, follow the steps mentioned below:

- i. Log out from the initiator.
- ii. Run the following command:

```
[root@host~]# echo 0 >
/sys/kernel/config/target/iscsi/<target_iqn>/tpgt_1/np/<target_ip>\:3260/cxg
bit
```

Execute the above command for every portal address listening on Chelsio interface.

iii. Unload the driver:

[root@host~]# rmmod cxgbit

6.2. Unloading the NIC Driver

To unload the NIC driver, run the following command:

[root@host~]# rmmod cxgb4

X. iSCSI PDU Offload Target

1. Introduction

This section describes how to install and configure iSCSI PDU Offload Target software for use as a key element in your iSCSI SAN. The software runs on Linux-based systems that use Chelsio or non-Chelsio based Ethernet adapters. However, to guarantee highest performance, Chelsio recommends using Chelsio adapters. Chelsio's adapters include offerings that range from stateless offload adapters (regular NIC) to the full line of TCP/IP Offload Engine (TOE) adapters.

The software implements RFC 3720, the iSCSI standard of the IETF. The software has been fully tested for compliance to that RFC and others and it has been exhaustively tested for interoperability with the major iSCSI vendors.

The software implements most of the iSCSI protocol in software running in kernel mode on the host with the remaining portion, which consists of the entire fast data path, in hardware when used with Chelsio's TOE adapters. When standard NIC adapters are used the entire iSCSI protocol is executed in software.

The performance of this iSCSI stack is outstanding and when used with Chelsio's hardware it is enhanced further. Because of the tight integration with Chelsio's TOE adapters, this software has a distinct performance advantage over the regular NIC. The entire solution, which includes this software, Chelsio TOE hardware, an appropriate base computer system – including a high end disk subsystem, has industry leading performance. This can be seen when the entire solution is compared to others based on other technologies currently available on the market in terms of throughput and IOPS.

1.1. Features

Chelsio's iSCSI driver stack supports the iSCSI protocol in the Target mode. From henceforth "iSCSI Software Entity" term refers to the iSCSI target.

The Chelsio iSCSI PDU Offload Target software provides the following high level features:

- Expanded NIC Support
 - Chelsio TCP Offload Engine (TOE) Support
 - T6/T5/T4 Based HBAs (T6/T5/T4xx Series cards)
 - Non-Chelsio
 - Runs on regular NICs
- Chelsio Terminator ASIC Support
 - Offloads iSCSI Fast Data Path with Direct Data Placement (DDP)
 - Offloads iSCSI Header and Data Digest Calculations
 - Offload Speeds at 1Gb, 10Gb, 25Gb, 40Gb and 100Gb
 - Offloads TCP/IP for NAS simultaneously with iSCSI
- Target Specific features
 - Full compliance with RFC 3720

- Error Recovery Level 0 (ERL 0)
- CHAP support for both discovery and login including mutual authentication
- Internet Storage Name Service (iSNS) Client
- Target Access Control List (ACL)
- Multiple Connections per Session
- Multiple Targets
- Multiple LUNs per Target
- Multi Path I/O (MPIO)
- Greater than 2 TB Disk Support
- Reserve / Release for Microsoft Cluster© Support
- Persistent Reservation
- Dynamic LUN Resizing
- iSCSI Target Redirection
- Multiple Target device types
 - Block
 - Virtual Block (LVM, Software RAID, EVMS, etc.)
 - Built in RAM Disk
 - Built in zero copy RAM Disk
- Supports iSCSI Boot Initiators
- An Intuitive and Feature Rich Management CLI

This chapter will cover these features in detail.

1.2. Hardware Requirements

1.2.1. Supported Adapters

The following are the currently shipping Chelsio adapters that are compatible with iSCSI PDU Offload Target software:

- T62100-CR
- T62100-LP-CR
- T6425-CR
- T6225-CR
- T6225-LL-CR
- T580-CR
- T580-LP-CR
- T540-CR
- T540-BT
- T520-CR
- T520-LL-CR
- T520-BT
- T420-CR

- T440-CR
- T422-CR
- T404-BT
- T420-BCH
- T440-LP-CR
- T420-BT
- T420-LL-CR
- T420-CX

1.2.2. Adapter Requirements

The Chelsio iSCSI PDU Offload Target software can be used with or without hardware protocol offload technology. There are two modes of operation using the iSCSI PDU Offload Target software on Ethernet-based adapters:

- Regular NIC The software can be used in non-offloaded (regular NIC) mode. Please note however that this is the least optimal mode of operating the software in terms of performance.
- iSCSI HW Acceleration In addition to offloading the TCP/IP protocols in hardware (TOE), this mode also takes advantage of Chelsio's ASIC capability of hardware assisted iSCSI data and header digest calculations as well as using the direct data placement (DDP) feature.

1.2.3. Storage Requirements

When using the Chelsio iSCSI target, a minimum of one hardware storage device is required. This device can be any of the device types that are supported (block, virtual block, RAM disk). Multiple storage devices are allowed by configuring the devices to one target or the devices to multiple targets. The software allows multiple targets to share the same device but use caution when doing this.

Chelsio's implementation of the target iSCSI stack has flexibility to accommodate a large range of configurations. For quick testing, using a RAM Disk as the block storage device works nicely. For deployment in a production environment a more sophisticated system would be needed. That typically consists of a system with one or more storage controllers with multiple disk drives attached running software or hardware based RAID.

1.3. Software Requirements

chiscsi_base.ko is iSCSI non-offload target mode driver and chiscsi_t4.ko is iSCSI PDU offload target mode driver.

cxgb4, toecore, t4_tom and chiscsi_base modules are required by chiscsi_t4.ko module to work in offloaded mode. Whereas in iscsi non-offloaded target (NIC) mode, only cxgb4 is needed by chiscsi base.ko module.

1.3.1. Linux Requirements

Currently the iSCSI PDU Offload Target software is available for the following versions:

- RHEL 7.4, 3.10.0-693.el7.ppc64le (POWER8 LE)
- RHEL 7.4, 3.10.0-693.el7
- RHEL 7.3, 3.10.0-514.el7.ppc64le (POWER8 LE)
- RHEL 7.3, 4.5.0-15.el7.aarch64 (ARM64)
- RHEL 7.3, 3.10.0-514.el7
- RHEL 6.9, 2.6.32-696.el6
- RHEL 6.8, 2.6.32-642.el6
- SLES 12 SP3, 4.4.73-5-default
- SLES 12 SP2, 4.4.21-69-default
- SLES 11 SP4, 3.0.101-63-default
- Ubuntu 16.04.1, 4.4.0-31-generic
- Ubuntu 14.04.4, 4.2.0-27-generic
- Kernel.org linux-4.9.88 (Minimum 4.9 kernel version supported is 4.9.13)

Other kernel versions have not been tested and are not guaranteed to work.

1.3.2. Requirements for Installing the iSCSI Software

When installing the iSCSI software, it is required that the system have Linux kernel source or its headers installed in order to compile the iSCSI software as a kernel module. The source tree may be only header files, as for RHEL6 as an example, or a complete tree. The source tree needs to be configured and the header files need to be compiled. Additionally, the Linux kernel must be configured to use modules.

2. Software/Driver Installation

i. Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

```
[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x
```

ii. Install iSCSI-target driver, firmware and utilities:

```
[root@host~]# make iscsi_pdu_target_install
```

Note For more installation options, please run make help or install.py -h

3. Software/Driver Loading

Important

Please ensure that all inbox drivers are unloaded before proceeding with unified wire drivers.

[root@host~]# rmmod csiostor cxgb4i cxgbit iw_cxgb4 chcr cxgb4vf cxgb4 libcxgbi libcxgb

There are two main steps to installing the Chelsio iSCSI PDU Offload Target software. They are:

- 1. **Installing the iSCSI software** The majority of this section deals with how to install the iSCSI software.
- 2. **Configuring the iSCSI software** Information on configuring the software can be found in a section further into this user's guide.

3.1. Latest iSCSI Software Stack Driver Software

The iSCSI software stack comes bundled in the Chelsio Unified Wire package which can be downloaded from the Chelsio Download Center.

The iSCSI software is available for use with most installations of the Linux kernel. The software is dependent on the underlying NIC adapter driver and thus the limitation on what version of the Linux kernel it can run on is mostly dependent on the NIC driver's limitations.

The iSCSI module will be installed in the

/lib/modules/<linux_kernel_version>/updates/kernel/drivers/scsi/chiscsi directory. The modules database will be updated by the installer. This allows the iSCSI module to be located when using the modprobe utility. The actual module chiscsi_t4.ko can be found inside the package under /build/src/chiscsi/t4.

The iscsictl tool and the chisns tool will be installed in /sbin. The chisns tool starts the iSNS client. The iscsictl tool is provided for configuring and managing the iSCSI targets and iSNS client. It also provides control for iSCSI global settings.

1. Loading the Kernel module

Run modprobe as follows:

[root@host~]# modprobe chiscsi t4



- i. While using rpm-tar-ball for installation
 - a. Uninstallation will result into chiscsi.conf file renamed into chiscsi.conf.rpmsave, but if again uninstallation is done then it will lead to overwriting of the old chiscsi.rpmsave file.
 - b. Its advised to take a backup of chiscsi.conf file before you do an uninstallation and installation of new/same unified wire package. As reinstalling/upgrading unified-wire package may lead to loss of chiscsi.conf file.
- ii. Installation/uninstallation using source-tar-ball will neither remove the conf file nor rename it. It will always be intact. However it's recommended to always take a backup of your configuration file for both methods of installation.

A sample iSCSI configuration file will be installed in /etc/chelsio-iscsi/chiscsi.conf. This file should be edited using a standard text editor and customized to fit your environment.

2. Set iSCSI service to automatically start at bootup

The chelsio-target service scripts are installed to /etc/init.d and the parameters for the script are installed at /etc/sysconfig/chiscsi. The script is installed as a system service.

To auto-start the iSCSI target service at a certain runlevel, e.g., runlevel 3, chkconfig can be used on Red Hat and Novell / SuSE based systems as follows:

```
[root@host~]# chkconfig --level 3 chelsio-target on
```

The chelsio-target service scripts do basic checks before starting the iSCSI target service, loads the kernel module, and starts all the targets configured by default. It can also be used to stop the targets, and restart/reload configuration.



For the script to execute properly, make sure the following flag is set on all kernel.org kernels.

CONFIG_MODULE_FORCE_LOAD=y

4. Software/Driver Configuration and Fine-tuning

The Chelsio iSCSI software needs configuration before it can become useful. The following sections describe how this is done.

There are two main components used in configuring the Chelsio iSCSI software: the **configuration file** and the **iSCSI control tool**. This section describes in some detail what they are and their relationship they have with one another.

4.1. Command Line Tools

There are two command line tools, one for control of the iSNS client and one for control of the iSCSI target nodes.

4.1.1. iscsictl

The Chelsio iSCSI control tool, iscsictl, is a Command Line Interface (CLI) user space program that allows administrators to:

- Start/Stop the iSCSI Target
- Start the iSNS client
- Get/Set the iSCSI driver global settings
- Get/Set/Remove the iSCSI Target configuration settings
- Retrieve active sessions' information of an iSCSI Target
- Manually flush data to the iSCSI Target disks
- Reload the iSCSI configuration file
- Update the iSCSI configuration file
- Save the current iSCSI configuration to a file

4.1.2. chisns

The Chelsio iSNS client, chisns, can be started independently of iscsictl.

4.2. iSCSI Configuration File

The iSCSI configuration file is the place where information about the Chelsio iSCSI software is stored. The information includes global data that pertains to all targets as well as information on each specific iSCSI target node. Most of the information that can be placed in the configuration file has default values that only get overwritten by the values set in the configuration file. There are only a few global configuration items that can be changed.

There are many specific parameters that can be configured, some of which are iSCSI specific and the rest being Chelsio specific. An example of an iSCSI specific item is "HeaderDigest" which is defaulted to "None" but can be overridden to "CRC32C". An example of a Chelsio specific

configurable item is "ACL" (for Access Control List). "ACL" is one of the few items that have no default.

Before starting any iSCSI target, an iSCSI configuration file must be created. An easy way to create this file is to use the provided sample configuration file and modify it. This file can be named anything and placed in any directory but it must be explicitly specified when using iscsictl by using the -f option. To avoid this, put configuration file in the default directory (/etc/chelsio-iscsi) and name it the default file name (chiscsi.conf).

4.2.1. "On the fly" Configuration Changes

Parameters for the most part can be changed while an iSCSI node is running. However, there are exceptions and restrictions to this rule that are explained in a later section that describes the details of the iSCSI control tool iscsictl.

4.3. A Quick Start Guide for Target

This section describes how to get started quickly with a Chelsio iSCSI target. It includes:

- Basic editing of the iSCSI configuration file.
- Basic commands of the iSCSI control tool including how to start and stop a target.

4.3.1. A Sample iSCSI Configuration File

The default Chelsio iSCSI configuration file is located at /etc/chelsio-iscsi/chiscsi.conf. If this file doesn't already exist, then one needs to be created.

To configure an iSCSI target, there are three required parameters (in the form of key=value pairs) needed as follows:

- TargetName A worldwide unique iSCSI target name.
- PortalGroup The portal group tag associating with a list of target IP address (es) and port number(s) that service the login request. The format of this field is a Chelsio specific iSCSI driver parameter which is described in detail in the configuration file section.
- TargetDevice A device served up by the associated target. A device can be:
 - A block device (e.g., /dev/sda)
 - A virtual block device (e.g., /dev/md0)
 - A RAM disk
 - A regular file

A target can serve multiple devices, each device will be assigned a Logical Unit Number (LUN) as per the order it is specified (i.e., the first device specified is assigned LUN 0, the second one LUN 1, ..., and so on and so forth). Multiple TargetDevice key=value pairs are needed to indicate multiple devices.

Here is a sample of a minimum iSCSI target configuration located at /etc/chelsio-iscsi/chiscsi.conf:

```
target:
    TargetName=iqn.2006-02.com.chelsio.diskarray.san1
    TargetDevice=/dev/sda
    PortalGroup=1@192.0.2.178:3260
```

The TargetDevice value must match with the storage device in the system. The PortalGroup value must have a matching IP address of the Ethernet adapter card in the system.

For more information about TargetDevice configuration see Target Storage Device Configuration.

4.3.2. Basic iSCSI Control

Control of the Chelsio iSCSI software is done through iscsictl, the command line interface control tool. The following are the basic commands needed for effective control of the target.

Start Target: To start all of the iSCSI targets specified in the iSCSI configuration file, execute iscsictl with the "-s" option followed by "target=ALL".

```
[root@host~]# iscsictl -S target=ALL
```

To start a specific target execute iscsictl with "-s" followed by the target.

```
[root@host~]# iscsictl -S target=iqn.2006-02.com.chelsio.diskarray.san1
```

Stop Target: To stop the all the iSCSI target(s), execute iscsictl with "-s" option followed by "target=ALL".

```
[root@host~]# iscsictl -s target=ALL
```

To stop a specific target execute <code>iscsictl</code> with "-s" followed by the target name.

```
[root@host~]# iscsictl -s target=iqn.2006-02.com.chelsio.diskarray.san1
```

View Configuration: To see the configuration of all the active iSCSI targets, execute iscsictl with "-c" option.

```
[root@host~]# iscsictl -c
```

To see the more detailed configuration settings of a specific target, execute iscsictl with "-c" option followed by the target name.

```
[root@host~]# iscsictl -c target=iqn.2006-02.com.chelsio.diskarray.san1
```

View Global Settings: To see Chelsio global settings, execute iscsictl with "-g" option.

```
[root@host~]# iscsictl -g
```

Change Global Settings: To change Chelsio global settings, execute iscsictl with "-G" option.

```
[root@host~]# iscsictl -G iscsi_login_complete_time=300
```

View Help: To print help to stdout, execute iscsictl with "-h" option.

```
[root@host~]# iscsictl -h
```

4.4. The iSCSI Configuration File

The iSCSI configuration file consists of a series of blocks consisting of the following types of iSCSI entity blocks:

- 1. global
- 2. target

There can be only one global entity block whereas multiple target entity blocks are allowed. The global entity block is optional but there must be at least one target entity block.

An entity block begins with a block type (global or target). The content of each entity block is a list of parameters specified in a "key=value" format. An entity block ends at the beginning of the next entity block or at the end-of-file.

The parameter list in an entity block contains both:

- iSCSI parameters that override the default values
- Parameters that facilitate passing of control information to the iSCSI module

All lines in the configuration file that begin with "#" character are treated as comments and will be ignored. White space is not significant except in key=value pairs.

For the "key=value" parameters the <value> portion can be a single value or a list of multiple values. When <value> is a list of multiple values, they must be listed on one line with a comma "," to separate their values. Another way to list the values instead of commas is to list their values as key=value pairs repeatedly, each on a new line, until they are all listed.

There are three categories of "key=value" parameter, the first category belongs to the global entity block whereas the second and third categories belong to target entity block:

- 1. The Chelsio Global Entity Settings of key=value pairs
- 2. The iSCSI Entity Settings of key=value pairs
- 3. The Chelsio Entity Settings of key=value pairs

The following sub-sections describe these three categories and list in tables the details of their key=value parameters.

4.4.1. Chelsio System Wide Global Entity Settings

Description

Chelsio System Wide Global Entity Parameters pass system control information to the iSCSI software which affects all targets in the same way. More detail of these parameters below can be found in a later section entitled "System Wide Parameters".

Table of Chelsio Global Entity Settings

Key	Valid Values	Default Value	Multiple Values	Description
iscsi_auth_order	"ACL" "CHAP"	"CHAP"	No	Authorization order for login verification on the target. Valid only when a target's ACL_Enable=Yes ACL: ACL first then CHAP CHAP: CHAP first then ACL Applies to Target(s) Only
DISC_AuthMethod	"CHAP" "NONE"	None	No	To choose an authentication method for discovery phase.
DISC_Auth_CHAP_Policy	"Oneway" "Mutual"	"Oneway"	No	Oneway or Mutual (two-way) CHAP
DISC_Auth_CHAP_Target	" <user id="">" :"<secret>"</secret></user>		Yes	CHAP user id and secret for the target. <user id=""> must be less than 256 characters. Commas "," are not allowed. <secret> must be between 6 and 255 characters. Commas "," are not allowed. The target user id and secret are used by the initiator to authenticate the target while doing mutual chap. NOTE: The double quotes are required as part of the format.</secret></user>
DISC_Auth_CHAP_Initiator	" <user id="">" :"<secret>"</secret></user>		Yes	CHAP user id and secret for the initiator. <user id=""> must be less than 256 characters. Commas "," are not allowed. <secret> must be between 6 and 255 characters. Commas "," are not allowed. The initiator user id and secret are used by the target to authenticate the initiator. NOTE: The double quotes are required as part of the format.</secret></user>
iscsi_chelsio_ini_idstr	a string of maximum of 255 characters	"cxgb4i"	No	To enable additional optimization when Chelsio adapters and drivers are used at both ends (initiator and target) systems. Make sure the initiator name contain the substring set in iscsi_chelsio_ini_idstr when

				using Chelsio iscsi initiator driver.
iscsi_target_vendor_id	a string of maximum of 8 characters	"CHISCSI"	No	The target vendor ID part of the device identification sent by an iSCSI target in response of SCSI Inquiry command.
<pre>iscsi_login_complete_tim e</pre>	0 to 3600	300	No	Time allowed (in seconds) for the initiator to complete the login phase. Otherwise, the connection will be closed NOTE: value zero means this check is NOT performed.

4.4.2. iSCSI Entity Settings

Description

iSCSI Entity Parameters pass iSCSI protocol control information to the Chelsio iSCSI module. This information is unique for each entity block. The parameters follow the IETF iSCSI standard RFC 3720 in both definition and syntax. The descriptions below are mostly from this RFC.

Table of iSCSI Entity Settings

Key	Valid Values	Default Value	Multiple Values	Description
MaxConnections	1 to 65535	1	No	Initiator and target negotiate the maximum number of connections requested/acceptable.
InitialR2T	"Yes" "No"	"Yes"	No	To turn on or off the default use of R2T for unidirectional and the output part of bidirectional commands.
ImmediateData	"Yes" "No"	"Yes"	No	To turn on or off the immediate data.
FirstBurstLength	512 to 16777215 (2 ²⁴ - 1)	65536	No	The maximum negotiated SCSI data in bytes of unsolicited data that an iSCSI initiator may send to a target during the execution of a single SCSI command.
MaxBurstLength	512 to 16777215 (2 ²⁴ - 1)	262144	No	The maximum negotiated SCSI data in bytes, of a Data-In or a solicited Data-Out iSCSI sequence between the initiator and target.
DefaultTime2Wait	0 to 3600	2	No	The minimum time, in seconds, to wait before attempting an explicit / implicit logout or connection reset between initiator and target.
DefaultTime2Retain	0 to 3600	20	No	The maximum time, in seconds, after an initial wait.
MaxOutstandingR2T	1 to 65535	1	No	The maximum number of outstanding R2Ts per task.

DataPDUInOrder	"Yes" "No"	"Yes"	No	To indicate the data PDUs with sequence must be at continuously increasing order or can be in any order. Chelsio only supports "Yes".
DataSequenceInOrder	"Yes" "No"	"Yes"	No	To indicate the Data PDU sequences must be transferred in continuously non-decreasing sequence offsets or can be transferred in any order. Chelsio only supports "Yes".
ErrorRecoveryLevel	0 to 2	0	No	To negotiate the recovery level supported by the node. Chelsio only supports 0.
HeaderDigest	"None" "CRC32C"	"None"	Yes	To enable or disable iSCSI header Cyclic integrity checksums.
DataDigest	"None" "CRC32C"	"None"	Yes	To enable or disable iSCSI data Cyclic integrity checksums.
AuthMethod	"CHAP" and "None"	"None, CHAP"	Yes	To choose an authentication method during login phase.
TargetName	" <target name>"</target 		No	A worldwide unique iSCSI target name. Target only.
TargetAlias	" <target alias>"</target 		No	A human-readable name or description of a target. It is not used as an identifier, nor is it for authentication. <i>Target only.</i>
MaxRecvDataSegmentLengt h	512 to 16777215 (2 ²⁴ - 1)	8192	No	To declare the maximum data segment length in bytes it can receive in an iSCSI PDU.
OFMarker	"Yes" "No"	"No"	No	To turn on or off the initiator to target markers on the connection. Chelsio only supports "No".
IFMarker	"Yes" "No"	"No"	No	To turn on or off the target to initiator markers on the connection. Chelsio only supports "No".
OFMarkInt	1 to 65535	2048	No	To set the interval for the initiator to target markers on a connection.
IFMarkInt	1 to 65535	2048	No	To set the interval for the target to initiator markers on a connection.

4.4.3. Chelsio Entity Settings

Description

Chelsio entity parameters pass control information to the Chelsio iSCSI module. The parameters are specific to Chelsio's implementation of the iSCSI node (target or initiator) and are unique for each entity block. The parameters consist of information that can be put into three categories:

- 1. Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol (CHAP).
- 2. Target specific settings. All of the following parameters can have multiple instances in one target entity block (i.e., they can be declared multiple times for one particular target):
- Portal Group
- Storage Device

3. Access Control List (ACL)

Table of Chelsio Entity Settings

Key	Valid Values	Default Value	Multiple Values	Description
	Chelsio CH	AP Paramet	er (Target)	
Auth_CHAP_Target	" <user id="">" :"<secret>"</secret></user>		No	CHAP user id and secret for the target.
				<user id=""> must be less than 256 characters. Commas "," are not allowed.</user>
				<secret></secret> must be between 6 and 255 characters. Commas "," are not allowed.
				The target user id and secret are used by the initiator to authenticate the target while doing mutual chap.
				NOTE: The double quotes are
Auth_CHAP_Initiato	" <user id="">" :"<secret>"</secret></user>		Yes	required as part of the format. CHAP user id and secret for the initiator.
				<user id=""> must be less than 256 characters. Commas "," are not allowed.</user>
				<secret> must be between 6 and 255 characters. Commas "," are not allowed.</secret>
				The initiator user id and secret are used by the target to authenticate the initiator.
				NOTE: The double quotes are required as part of the format.
Auth_CHAP_Challeng eLength	16 to 1024	16	No	CHAP challenge length
Auth_CHAP_Policy	"Oneway" or "Mutual"	"Oneway	No	Oneway or Mutual (two-way) CHAP
	Chelsio Tar	get Specific	Parameter	
PortalGroup	<pre><pre><pre><pre>portal group</pre></pre></pre></pre>	got opcome	Yes	The portal group name accessions
rorcargroup	tag>		168	The portal group name associates the given target with the given list of
	<pre>@<target address="" ip=""></target></pre>			IP addresses (and optionally, port
	[: <port number="">]</port>			numbers) for servicing login requests. It's required to have at
	•			least one per target.
	[, <target ip<br="">address></target>			<portal group="" tag=""> is a unique tag identifying the portal group. It must be a positive integer.</portal>
	<pre>[:<port number="">]] [,timeout=</port></pre>			**Carget IP address** is the IP address associated with the portal

	Z+			
	<pre><timeout in<="" pre="" value=""></timeout></pre>			group tag.
	milliseconds>] [,[portalgrouptag1, portalgrouptag2,			<port number=""> is the port number associated with the portal group tag. It is optional and if not specified the well-known iSCSI port number of 3260 is used.</port>
	portalgrouptagn]			<timeout> is optional, it applies to all the portals in the group. The timeout value is in milliseconds and needs to be multiple of 100ms. It is used to detect loss of communications at the iSCSI level.</timeout>
				NOTE: There can be multiple target IP address/port numbers per portal group tag. This enables a target to operate on multiple interfaces for instance.
				<pre><portalgrouptagx>The portalgroup to which login requests should be redirected to.</portalgrouptagx></pre>
				NOTE: There can be multiple redirection target portalgroups specified for a particular target portal group and the redirection will happen to these in a round robin manner.
ShadowMode	"Yes" "No"	"No"	No	To turn ShadowMode on or off for iSCSI Target Redirection
TargetSessionMaxCm	1 to 2048	64	A.L.	
d	1 10 2040	04	No	The maximum number of outstanding iSCSI commands per session.
TargetDevice*	<pre><path name=""> [,FILE MEM BLK] [,NULLRW] [,SYNC] [,RO] [,size=xMB] [,ID=xxxxxx] [,WWN=xxxxxxxxxx]</path></pre>	04	No	outstanding iSCSI commands per
	<pre><path name=""> [,FILE MEM BLK] [,NULLRW] [,SYNC] [,RO] [,size=xMB] [,ID=xxxxxx] [,WWN=xxxxxxxxxxx]</path></pre>	04		outstanding iSCSI commands per session. A device served up by the associated target. The device mode can be a: Block Device (e.g., /dev/sda) Virtual Block Device (e.g., /dev/md0) RamDisk

SYNC specifies that the device will function in the write-through mode (i.e., the data will be flushed to the device before the response is returned to the initiator).

NOTE: SYNC is only applicable with FILE mode.

RO specifies the device as a readonly device.

FILE specifies this device should be accessed via the kernel"s VFS layer. This mode is the most versatile, and it is the default mode in the cases where there is no mode specified.

BLK specifies this device should be accessed via the kernel"s block layer. This mode is suitable for high-speed storage device such as RAID Controllers.

MEM specifies this device should be created as a RAM Disk.

size=xMB is used with "MEM", to specify the RamDisk size. If not specified, the default RamDisk size is 16MB (16 Megabytes). The minimum value of x is 1 (1MB) and the maximum value is limited by system memory.

SN is a 16 character unique value. **ID** is a 24 character unique value. **WWN** is a 16 character unique value.

It is recommended when using a multipath aware initiator, the optional ID (short form for SCSI ID), SN and WWN values should be set manually for the TargetDevice. These values will be returned in Inquiry response (VPD 0x83).

Multiple TargetDevice key=value pairs are needed to indicate multiple devices.

There can be multiple devices for any particular target. Each device will be assigned a Logical Unit Number (LUN) as per the order it is specified (i.e., the first device specified is assigned LUN 0, the second one LUN 1, ..., and so on and so forth).

				NOTE: FILE mode is the most
				versatile mode, if in doubt use FILE mode.
ACL_Enable	"Yes" "No"	"No"	No	Defines if Chelsio'sAccess Control List (ACL) method will be enforced on the target:
				Yes: ACL is enforced on the target No: ACL is not enforced on the target
				NOTE: ACL flag is not allowed to be updated on the fly. Target must be restarted for new ACL flag to take effect.
ACL	<pre>[iname=<name1>][; <sip=<sip1>][; d ip=<dip1>][; lun= <lun list:permis<="" pre=""></lun></dip1></sip=<sip1></name1></pre>		Yes	The ACL specifies which initiators and how they are allowed to access the LUNs on the target.
	sions>]			iname= <initiator name=""> specifies one or more initiator names, the name must be a fully qualified iSCSI initiator name.</initiator>
				sip= <source address="" ip=""/> specifies one or more IP addresses the initiators are connecting from.
				Dip=<destination address="" ip=""></destination> specifies one or more IP addresses that the iSCSI target is listening on (i.e., the target portal IP addresses).
				NOTE: when configuring an ACL at least one of the above three must be provided: iname, and/or sip, and/or
				dip. Iun= <lun list="">:<permission></permission></lun>
				controls how the initiators access the luns.
				The supported value for <lun list=""> is ALL. <permissions> can be: R: Read Only RW or WR: Read and Write If permissions are specified then the associated LUN list is required.</permissions></lun>
				If no lun= <lun list="">:[R RW] is specified then it defaults to ALL:RW.</lun>
				NOTE: For the Chelsio Target Software release with lun-masking included,
				0~N ALL> Where:

				ON: only one value from 0 through N O~N: a range of values between 0 through N ALL: all currently supported LUNs. Multiple lists of LUN numbers are allowed. When specifying the list separate the LUN ranges by a comma.
RegisteriSNS	"Yes" "No"	"Yes"	No	To turn on or off exporting of target information via iSNS

4.4.4. Sample iSCSI Configuration File

Following is a sample configuration file. While using iSCSI node (target), irrelevant entity block can be removed or commented.

```
# Chelsio iSCSI Global Settings
global:
       iscsi login complete time=300
       iscsi auth order=CHAP
       DISC AuthMethod=None
       DISC Auth CHAP Policy=Oneway
       DISC Auth CHAP Target="target id1":"target secret1"
       DISC Auth CHAP Initiator="initiator id1":"initiator sec1"
# an iSCSI Target "iqn.2006-02.com.chelsio.diskarray.san1"
# being served by the portal group "5". Setup as a RAM Disk.
target:
       TargetName=iqn.2006-02.com.chelsio.diskarray.san1
       # lun 0: a ramdisk with default size of 16MB
       TargetDevice=ramdisk,MEM
       PortalGroup=5@192.0.2.178:3260
# an iSCSI Target "iqn.2005-8.com.chelsio:diskarrays.san.328"
# being served by the portal group "1" and "2"
target:
       #
```

```
# iSCSI configuration
#
TargetName=iqn.2005-8.com.chelsio:diskarrays.san.328
TargetAlias=iTarget1
MaxOutstandingR2T=1
MaxRecvDataSegmentLength=8192
HeaderDigest=None,CRC32C
DataDigest=None,CRC32C
ImmediateData=Yes
InitialR2T=No
FirstBurstLength=65535
MaxBurstLength=262144
# Local block devices being served up
# lun 0 is pointed to /dev/sda
# lun 1 is pointed to /dev/sdb
TargetDevice=/dev/sda,ID=aabbccddeeffgghh,WWN=aaabbbcccdddeeef
TargetDevice=/dev/sdb
# Portal groups served this target
PortalGroup=1@102.50.50.25:3260
PortalGroup=2@102.60.60.25:3260
# CHAP configuration
Auth CHAP Policy=Mutual
Auth CHAP target="iTarget1ID":"iTarget1Secret"
Auth_CHAP_Initiator="iInitiator1":"InitSecret1"
Auth CHAP Initiator="iInitiator2": "InitSecret2"
Auth CHAP ChallengeLength=16
```

```
# ACL configuration
       # initiator "ign.2006-02.com.chelsio.san1" is allowed full access
       # to this target
       ACL=iname=iqn.2006-02.com.chelsio.san1
       # any initiator from IP address 102.50.50.101 is allowed full
                                       # of this target
access
       ACL=sip=102.50.50.101
       # any initiator connected via the target portal 102.60.60.25
is
          # allowed full access to this target
       ACL=dip=102.60.60.25
       # initiator "ign.2005-09.com.chelsio.san2" from 102.50.50.22 and
       # connected via the target portal 102.50.50.25 is allowed read
only
            # access of this target
       ACL=iname=iqn.2006-
02.com.chelsio.san2;sip=102.50.50.22;dip=102.50.50.25;lun=ALL:R
```

4.5. Challenge-Handshake Authenticate Protocol (CHAP)

CHAP is a protocol that is used to authenticate the peer of a connection and uses the notion of a challenge and response, (i.e., the peer is challenged to prove its identity).

The Chelsio iSCSI software supports two CHAP methods: **one-way** and **mutual**. CHAP is supported for both login and discovery sessions.

4.5.1. Normal Session CHAP Authentication

For a normal Session, the CHAP authentication is configured on a per-target basis.

4.5.2. Oneway CHAP Authentication

With **one-way** CHAP (also called unidirectional CHAP) the target uses CHAP to authenticate the initiator. The initiator does not authenticate the target. This method is the default method.

For **one-way** CHAP, the initiator CHAP id and secret are configured and stored on a per-initiator with Chelsio Entity parameter "Auth_CHAP_Initiator".

4.5.3. Mutual CHAP Authentication

With **mutual** CHAP (also called bidirectional CHAP), the target and initiator use CHAP to authenticate each other.

For **mutual** CHAP, in addition to the initiator CHAP id and secret, the target CHAP id and secret are required. They are configured and stored on a per target basis with Chelsio Entity parameter "Auth_CHAP_Target".

4.5.4. Adding CHAP User ID and Secret

A single Auth_CHAP_Target key and multiple Auth_CHAP_Initiator keys could be configured per target:

In the above example, target iqn.2005-com.chelsio.diskarray.san1 has been configured to authenticate two initiators, and its own id and secret are configured for use in the case of mutual CHAP.

4.5.5. AuthMethod and Auth_CHAP_Policy Keys

By setting the iSCSI keys AuthMethod and Auth_CHAP_Policy, a user can choose whether to enforce CHAP and if mutual CHAP needs to be performed.

The AuthMethod key controls if an initiator needs to be authenticated or not. The default setting of AuthMethod is None, CHAP

The Auth_CHAP_Policy key controls which CHAP authentication (one-way or mutual) needs to be performed if CHAP is used. The default setting of Auth_CHAP_Policy is Oneway

On an iSCSI node, with AuthMethod=None, CHAP

- Auth_CHAP_Policy=Oneway, Chelsio iSCSI target will accept a relevant initiator if it does
 - a) no CHAP
 - b) CHAP Oneway or
 - c) CHAP Mutual
- Auth CHAP Policy=Mutual, the Chelsio iSCSI target will accept a relevant initiator if it does
 - a) no CHAP or
 - b) CHAP Mutual

With AuthMethod=None, regardless the setting of the key Auth_CHAP_Policy, the Chelsio iSCSI target will only accept a relevant initiator if it does no CHAP.

With AuthMethod=CHAP, CHAP is enforced on the target:

- i. Auth CHAP Policy=Oneway, the iSCSI target will accept a relevant initiator only if it does
 - a) CHAP Oneway or
 - b) CHAP Mutual
- ii. Auth CHAP Policy=Mutual, the iSCSI node will accept a relevant initiator only if it does
 - a) CHAP Mutual

4.5.6. Discovery Session CHAP

CHAP authentication is also supported for the discovery sessions where an initiator queries all of the available targets.

Discovery session CHAP is configured through the global section in the configuration file. List of keys to provision discovery CHAP are:

- DISC AuthMethod: None or CHAP.
- DISC_Auth_CHAP_Policy: Oneway or Mutual (i.e., two-way) authentication.
- DISC Auth CHAP Target: target CHAP user id and secret
- DISC_Auth_CHAP_Initiator: initiator CHAP user id and secret.

Sample:

```
#
# Chelsio iSCSI Global Settings
#
global:

    DISC_AuthMethod=CHAP
    DISC_Auth_CHAP_Policy=Mutual
    DISC_Auth_CHAP_Target="target_id1":"target_secret1"
    DISC_Auth_CHAP_Initiator="initiator_id1":"initiator_sec1"
```

4.6. Target Access Control List (ACL) Configuration

The Chelsio iSCSI target supports iSCSI initiator authorization via an Access Control List (ACL).

ACL configuration is supported on a per-target basis. The creation of an ACL for a target establishes:

- Which iSCSI initiators are allowed to access it
- The type of the access: read-write or read-only
- Possible SCSI layer associations of LUNs with the initiator

More than one initiator can be allowed to access a target and each initiator"s access rights can be independently configured.

The format for ACL rule is as follows:

```
ACL=[iname=<initiator name>][;<sip=<source ip addresses>]
    [;dip=<destination ip addresses>][;lun=<lun list>:<permissions>]
target:
     TargetName=iqn.2006-02.com.chelsio.diskarray.san1
     TargetDevice=/dev/sda
     PortalGroup=1@102.50.50.25:3260
      PortalGroup=2@102.60.60.25:3260
      # initiator "iqn.2006-02.com.chelsio.san1" is allowed
      # full read-write access to this target
     ACL=iname=ign.2006-02.com.chelsio.san1
      # any initiator from IP address 102.50.50.101 is allowed full
      # read-write access of this target
     ACL=sip=102.50.50.101
      # any initiator connected via the target portal 102.60.60.25
      # is allowed full read-write access to this target
     ACL=dip=102.60.60.25
      # initiator "iqn.2005-09.com.chelsio.san2" from 102.50.50.22
      # and connected via the target portal 102.50.50.25 is allowed
      # read only access of this target
     ACL=iname=iqn.2006- 02.com.chelsio.san2;sip=102.50.50.22;dip=102.
50.50.25; lun=ALL:R
```

4.6.1. ACL Enforcement

To toggle ACL enforcement on a per-target base, a Chelsio keyword ACL Enable is provided:

- Setting ACL_Enable=Yes enables the target to perform initiator authorization checking for all
 the initiators during login phase. And in addition, once the initiator has been authorized to
 access the target, the access rights will be checked for each individual LU the initiator trying
 to access.
- Setting ACL Enable=No disable the target to perform initiator authorization checking.

When a target device is marked as read-only (RO), it takes precedence over ACL's write permission (i.e., all of ACL write permission of an initiator is ignored).

4.7. Target Storage Device Configuration

An iSCSI Target can support one or more storage devices. The storage device can either be the built-in RAM disk or actual backend storage.

Configuration of the storage is done through the Chelsio configuration file via the key-value pair TargetDevice.

When option NULLRW is specified, on writes the data is dropped without being copied to the storage device, and on reads the data is not actually read from the storage device but instead random data is used. This option is useful for measuring network performance.

The details of the parameters for the key TargetDevice are found in the table of Chelsio Entity Settings section earlier in this document.

4.7.1. RAM Disk Details

For the built-in RAM disk:

- The minimum size of the RAM disk is 1 Megabyte (MB) and the maximum is limited by system memory.
- To use a RAM disk with a Windows Initiator, it is recommended to set the size >= 16MB.

To configure an ramdisk specify MEM as the device mode:

```
TargetDevice=<name>,MEM,size=xMB
```

Where: <name>

Is a unique name given to the RAM disk. This name identifies this particular ramdisk. If multiple RAM disks are configured for the same target, the name must be unique for each RAM Disk.

Is the size of the RAM disk in MB. It's an integer between (1-max), where max is limited by system memory. If not specified, the default value is 16 MB.

```
target:
#<snip>
  # 16 Megabytes RAM Disk named ramdisk1
  TargetDevice=ramdisk1, MEM, size=16MB
#<snip>
```

4.7.2. FILE Mode Storage Device Details

The FILE mode storage device is the most common and versatile mode to access the actual storage attached to the target system:

- The FILE mode can accommodate both block devices and virtual block devices.
- The device is accessed in the exclusive mode. The device should not be accessed (or active) in any way on the target system.
- Each device should be used for one and only one iSCSI target.
- "SYNC" can be used with FILE mode to make sure the data is flushed to the storage device before the Target responds back to the Initiator.

To configure a FILE storage device specify FILE as the device mode:

```
TargetDevice=<path to the storage device>[,FILE][,SYNC]
```

Where: <path> Is the path to the actual storage device, such as /dev/sdb for a block

device or /dev/md0 for a software RAID. The path must exist in the

system.

SYNC When specified, the Target will flush all the data in the system cache to

the storage driver before sending response back to the Initiator.

4.7.3. Example Configuration of FILE Mode Storage

Below is an example:

```
target:
#<snip>
# software raid /dev/md0 is accessed in FILE mode
TargetDevice=/dev/md0,FILE
#<snip>
```

4.7.4. BLK Mode Storage Device Details

The BLK mode storage device is suitable for high-speed storage attached to the target system:

- The BLK mode can accommodate only block devices.
- The device is accessed in the exclusive mode. The device should not be accessed (or active) in any way on the target system.
- Each device should be used for one and only one iSCSI target.

To configure a block storage device specify BLK as the device mode:

TargetDevice=<path to the storage device>,BLK

Where: <path> Is the path to the actual storage device, such as /dev/sdb. The path must exist in the system.

target:
#<snip>
/dev/sdb is accessed in BLK mode
TargetDevice=/dev/sdb,BLK

4.7.5. Multi-path Support

#<snip>

To enable multi-path support on the initiator, it is highly recommended that the following options are specified:

- [,ID=xxxxxx]: SCSI ID, a twenty-four (24) bytes alpha-numeric string
- [,WWN=xxxxxxxx]: SCSI World Wide Name (WWN), a sixteen (16) bytes alpha-numeric string
- [,SN= xxxxxx]: SCSI SN, a sixteen (15) bytes alpha-numeric string.

The user should make sure the three values listed above are the same for the target LUNs involved in the multipath.

4.8. Target Redirection Support

An iSCSI Target can redirect an initiator to use a different IP address and port (often called a portal) instead of the current one to connect to the target. The redirected target portal can either be on the same machine, or a different one.

4.8.1. ShadowMode for Local vs. Remote Redirection

The *ShadowMode* setting specifies whether the Redirected portal groups should be present on the same machine or not. If *ShadowMode* is enabled, the redirected portal groups are on a different system. If it is disabled, then the redirected portal groups must be present on the same system otherwise the target would fail to start.

Below is an example with *ShadowMode* enabled:

Below is an example with ShadowMode disabled:

```
target:
    #<snip>
        # any login requests received on 10.193.184.81:3260 will be
        # redirected to 10.193.184.85:3261

PortalGroup=1@10.193.184.81:3260,[2]
    PortalGroup=2@10.193.184.85:3261
    # the PortalGroup "2" IS present on the same system
        ShadowMode=No
#<snip>
```

4.8.2. Redirecting to Multiple Portal Groups

The Chelsio iSCSI Target Redirection allows redirecting all login requests received on a particular portal group to multiple portal groups in a round robin manner.

Below is an example Redirection to Multiple Portal Groups:

```
target:
    #<snip>
    # any login requests received on 10.193.184.81:3260 will be
    # redirected to 10.193.184.85:3261 and 10.193.184.85:3262 in a
    # Round Robin Manner.

PortalGroup=1@10.193.184.81:3260,[2,3]
    PortalGroup=2@10.193.184.85:3261
    PortalGroup=3@10.193.184.85:3262
    ShadowMode=No
#<snip>
```

4.9. The command line interface tools "iscsictl" & "chisns"

4.9.1. iscsictl

iscsictl is the tool Chelsio provides for controlling the iSCSI target. It is a Command Line Interface (CLI) that is invoked from the console. Its usage is as follows:

```
iscsictl <options> <mandatory parameters> [optional parameters]
```

The mandatory and optional parameters are the **key=value** pair(s) defined in RFC3720, or the **var=const** pair(s) defined for Chelsio iSCSI driver implementation. In this document, the key=value is referred to as "pair", and var=const is referred to as "parameter" to clarify between iSCSI protocol"s pair value(s), and Chelsio iSCSI driver"s parameter value(s). Note that all **value** and **const** are case sensitive.

4.9.2. chisns

chisns is the command line tool for controlling the iSNS client. This is a simple tool that starts the iSNS client with a client and server parameter.

4.9.3. iscsictl options

Options	Mandatory Parameters	Optional Parameters	Description
-h			Display the help messages.
-A			Display the version.
-f	<[path/] filename>		Specifies a pre-written iSCSI configuration text file, used to start, update, save, or reload the iSCSI node(s). This option must be specified with one of the following other options: "-S" or "-W". For the "-S" option "-f" must be specified first. All other options will ignore this "-f" option. If the "-f" option is not specified with the commands above the default configuration file will be used. It"s name and location is: /etc/chelsio-iscsi/chiscsi.conf The configuration file path and filename must conform to Linux standards. For the format of the iSCSI configuration file, please see "Format of The iSCSI Configuration
-k	<pre></pre>		File" section earlier in this document.
- K	<key>[=<val>]</val></key>		Specifies an iSCSI Entity or Chelsio Entity parameter.
			This option can be specified after "-c" option to retrieve a parameter setting

-c	target= <name></name>		Display the Chalaia iCCCI torget configuration
-0	[,name2		Display the Chelsio iSCSI target configuration.
	, <namen>]</namen>		target= <name> parameter: Where name is the name of the node whose information will be returned. name can be one or more string of names, separated by a comma, <name1[,name2,,namen] all="" =""> A name of ALL returns information on all</name1[,name2,,namen]></name>
			targets. ALL is a reserved string that must be uppercase.
			Example: iscsictl -c target=iqn.com.cc.it1 Iscsictl -c target=iqn.com.cc.target1 -k TargetAlias
			The <name> parameter can also be specified as one or more parameter on the same command line, separated by a comma, target=<name1>, <name2>,, <namen></namen></name2></name1></name>
			The target=<name></name> parameter(s) are optional and if not specified all active Chelsio iSCSI targets(s) configuration(s) will be displayed.
			If target=ALL is specified or no parameters are specified the output will be abbreviated. Specify specific targets to get detailed configuration data.
			If the target= <name> option is specified, the -k <key> option can optionally be specified along with this option to display only the selected entity parameter setting.</key></name>
			Example: iscsictl -c target=iqn.com.cc.target1 -k HeaderDigest
-F		target= <name> -k lun=<value></value></name>	Flush the cached data to the target disk(s).
			target= <name> parameter: Where name is the name of the target to be flushed. name can be one or more string of names, separated by a comma, <name1[,name2,,namen] all="" =""></name1[,name2,,namen]></name>
			A name of ALL will cause all the target data to be flushed. ALL is a reserved string that must be uppercase.
			The target=name parameter is optional. If no target=name parameter is specified, it is the same as specifying target=ALL .
			The -k lun= <value> option is optional. It can be used to further specify a particular lun to be flushed.</value>
			Example:

all the targets in the system:
-F
a particular target: -F target=iqn.com.cc.it1
only the lun 0 of a particular target:
-F target=iqn.com.cc.it1 -k lun=0 the Chelsio iSCSI Global Entity Settings.
Chelsio iSCSI Global Entity Settings.
nst parameter: rar=const can be any key listed under Global Entity Settings.
e: -G iscsi_auth_order=ACL
=const parameter(s) are mandatory.
r=const parameter is not specified, the nd will be denied.
the specified var=const parameter is he command will reject only the invalid ers, but will continue on and complete all lid parameters if any others are d.
specified active iSCSI targets.
<name></name> parameter: description of option -c for the name> parameter definition.
get= <name> parameter is mandatory. If et=<name> parameter is specified, the and will be denied.</name></name>
rget= <name> parameter is specified, specified targets from the <name> parameters will be stopped.</name></name>
=ALL is specified, all active targets will
reload the iSCSI targets.
-
<pre><name> parameter: name is the name of the target(s) that will ed or reloaded.</name></pre>
get= <name> parameter can be specified or more parameter on the same and line, separated by a space,</name>
<name1> target=<name2> … <namen></namen></name2></name1>
get= <name> parameter can also be, ALL</name>

			A name of ALL starts or reloads all targets specified in the configuration file. ALL is a reserved string that must be uppercase. The target= <name> parameter is optional.</name>
			If this command line option is specified without the -f option, the default configuration file /etc/chelsio-iscsi/chiscsi.conf will be used.
			Rules, 1. If the target= <name> parameter is specified, only the targets from the list will be started or reloaded. 2. If target=ALL is specified, all targets specified from the iSCSI configuration file will be started or reloaded. 3. If the target=<name> parameter is not specified, all active targets configurations will be reloaded from the configuration file while those targets are running. All non-active targets specified will not be loaded / started.</name></name>
			For Rules 1-3, if the specified targets are currently active (running), they will get reloaded.
			For Rules 1 & 2, if the specified targets are not currently active, they will be started.
			For Rules 2 & 3, please note the differences – they are not the same!
			The global settings are also reloaded from the configuration file with this option.
-r	target= <name></name>	-k initiator= <name></name>	Retrieve active iSCSI sessions under a target.
			target= <name> parameter: Where name must be a single target name.</name>
			If target= <name> parameter is specified as target=<name>, the sessions can be further filtered based on the remote node name with optional –k initiator=<name> option.</name></name></name>
			Examples: iscsictl -r target=iqn.com.cc.it1 iscsictl -r target=iqn.com.cc.it1 -k initiator=iqn.com.cc.ii1
			The first target=<name></name> parameter is mandatory. If it is not specified, the command will be denied.
-D	<session handle<br="">in hex></session>		Drop initiator session. This option should be specified with the handle of the session (in hex) that needs to be dropped. The session handle can be retrieved using the previous mentioned iscsictl option (-r used to retrieve active iSCSI sessions under a target).
-W			Overwrite the specified iSCSI configuration file with ONLY the current iSCSI global settings and the active iSCSI targets" configuration to the

			specified iSCSI configuration file.
			Will delete any non-active targets' configuration from the specified file.
			The -f option MUST be specified along with this option.
-h			Display the help messages.
	<pre>server=<ip address=""> [:<port>]</port></ip></pre>	<pre>id=<isns entity="" id=""> query=<query interval=""></query></isns></pre>	Start the Chelsio iSNS client. server= <ip address="">[:<port>] where server is</port></ip>
			the iSNS server address. The port is optional and if it"s not specified it defaults to 3205. The server with the ip address is mandatory and if it"s not specified the, the command will be denied. id= <isns entity="" id=""> where id is the iSNS entity ID used to register with the server. It defaults to <hostname>.</hostname></isns>
			query= <query interval=""> where query is the initiator query interval (in seconds). It defaults to 60 seconds.</query>
			Examples: chisns server=192.0.2.10 chisns server=192.0.2.10:3205 id=isnscln2 query=30
			In the first example the minimum command set is given where the IP address of the iSNS server is specified.
			In the second example a fully qualified command is specified by also setting three optional parameters. Here, the mandatory IP address and the corresponding optional port number are specified. Also set is the iSNS entity ID to "isnscln2" as well as the query interval to 30 seconds.

4.9.4. chisns options

Options	Mandatory Parameters	Optional Parameters	Description
-h			Display the help messages.
	server= <ip address=""> [:<port>]</port></ip>	<pre>id=<isns entity="" id=""> query=<query interval=""></query></isns></pre>	Start the Chelsio iSNS client. server= <ip address="">[:<port>] where server is the iSNS server address. The port is optional and if it's not specified it defaults to 3205. The server with the ip address is mandatory and if it's not specified the, the command will be denied. id=<isns entity="" id=""> where id is the iSNS entity ID used to register with the server. It defaults to <hostname>. query=<query interval=""> where query is the initiator query interval (in seconds). It defaults to 60 seconds.</query></hostname></isns></port></ip>
			Examples:

chisns server=192.0.2.10 chisns server=192.0.2.10:3205 id=isnscln2 query=30
In the first example the minimum command set is given where the IP address of the iSNS server is specified.
In the second example a fully qualified command is specified by also setting three optional parameters. Here, the mandatory IP address and the corresponding optional port number are specified. Also set is the iSNS entity ID to 'isnscln2' as well as the guery interval to 30 seconds.

4.10. Rules of Target Reload (i.e. "on the fly" changes)

After a target has been started its settings can be modified via reloading of the configuration file (i.e., iscsictl -s).

The following parameters cannot be changed once the target is up and running otherwise the target reload would fail:

- TargetName
- TargetSessionMaxCmd
- ACL Enable
- ACL

The following parameters **CAN** be changed by reloading of the configuration file. The new value will become effective **IMMEDIATELY** for all connections and sessions:

TargetDevice

PortalGroupThe following parameter **CAN** be changed by reloading of the configuration file. The new value will **NOT** affect any connections and sessions that already completed login phase:

- TargetAlias
- MaxConnections
- InitialR2T
- ImmediateData
- FirstBurstLength
- MaxBurstLength
- MaxOutstandingR2T
- HeaderDigest
- DataDigest
- MaxRecvDataSegmentLength
- AuthMethod
- Auth_CHAP_Initiator
- Auth_CHAP_Target

- Auth_CHAP_ChallengeLength
- Auth_CHAP_Policy

The following parameters **SHOULD NOT** be changed because only one valid value is supported:

DataPDUInOrder (support only "Yes")
 DataSequenceInOrder (support only "Yes")
 ErrorRecoveryLevel (support only "0")
 OFMarker (support only "No")
 IFMarker (support only "No")

The following parameters can be changed but would not have any effect because they are either not supported or they are irrelevant:

DefaultTime2Wait (not supported)DefaultTime2Retain (not supported)

OFMarkInt (irrelevant because OFMarker=No)IFMarkInt (irrelevant because IFMarker=No)

4.11. System Wide Parameters

The Chelsio Global Entity Settings are system wide parameters that can be controlled through the configuration file or the use of the command line "iscsictl -G". The finer points of some of these parameters are described in detail here:

4.11.1. iscsi_login_complete_time

Options: An integer value between 0 and 3600 (seconds). Default value is 300 (seconds).

This is the login timeout check. The parameter controls the maximum time (in seconds) allowed to the initiator to complete the login phase. If a connection has been in the login phase longer than the set value, the target will drop the connection.

Value zero turns off this login timeout check.

4.11.2. iscsi_auth_order

Options: "ACL" or "CHAP", defaults to "CHAP"

On an iSCSI target when ACL_Enable is set to Yes, iscsi_auth_order decides whether to perform CHAP first then ACL or perform ACL then CHAP.

• ACL: When setting <code>iscsi_auth_order=ACL</code>, initiator authorization will be performed at the start of the login phase for an iSCSI normal session: upon receiving the first iscsi_login_request, the target will check its ACL. If this iSCSI connection does not match any ACL provisioned, the login attempt will be terminated.

CHAP: When setting iscsi_auth_order=CHAP, initiator authorization will be performed at the
end of the login phase for an iSCSI normal session: before going to the full feature phase, the
target will check its ACL. If this iSCSI connection does not match any ACL provisioned, the
login attempt will be terminated.

Note

iscsi_auth_order has no meaning when ACL_Enable is set to No on a target.

4.11.3. iscsi target vendor id

Options: A string of maximum of 8 characters, defaults to CHISCSI

The <code>iscsi_target_vendor_id</code> is part of the device identification sent by an iSCSI target in response of a SCSI Inquiry request.

4.11.4. iscsi_chelsio_ini_idstr

Options: A string of maximum of 255 characters, defaults to "cxgb4i".

For an iscsi connection, more optimization can be done when both initiator and target are running Chelsio adapters and drivers.

This string is used to verify the initiator name received, and identify if the initiator is running Chelsio drivers: if the initiator name contains the same substring as <code>iscsi_chelsio_ini_idstr</code> it is assumed the initiator is running with the Chelsio iscsi initiator driver and additional offload optimization is performed.

4.12. Performance Tuning

- i. Apply the generic performance settings mentioned in the Performance Tuning section in the **Unified Wire** chapter before proceeding.
- ii. Ensure that Unified Wire is installed with iSCSI Performance configuration tuning.
- iii. For T6 adapters, set *ImmediateData=No* in iSCSI target configuration file (/etc/chelsio-iscsi/chiscsi.conf).
- iv. Next, load the iSCSI PDU offload target driver (*chiscsi_t4*) and run the *chiscsi_set_affinity.sh* script to map iSCSI worker threads to different CPUs.

[root@host~]# chiscsi_set_affinity.sh

v. Configure MTU 9000 on all interfaces.

For maximum performance, it is recommended to use iSCSI PDU offload initiator.

5. Software/Driver Unloading

Use the following command to unload the module:

[root@host~]# rmmod chiscsi_t4



XI. iSCSI PDU Offload Initiator

1. Introduction

The Chelsio Unified Wire series of adapters support iSCSI acceleration and iSCSI Direct Data Placement (DDP) where the hardware handles the expensive byte touching operations, such as CRC computation and verification, and direct DMA to the final host memory destination:

iSCSI PDU digest generation and verification

On transmit -side, Chelsio hardware computes and inserts the Header and Data digest into the PDUs. On receive-side, Chelsio hardware computes and verifies the Header and Data digest of the PDUs.

Direct Data Placement (DDP)

Chelsio hardware can directly place the iSCSI Data-In or Data-Out PDU's payload into preposted destination host-memory buffers based on the Initiator Task Tag (ITT) in Data-In or Target Task Tag (TTT) in Data-Out PDUs.

PDU Transmit and Recovery

On transmit-side, Chelsio hardware accepts the complete PDU (header + data) from the host driver, computes and inserts the digests, decomposes the PDU into multiple TCP segments if necessary, and transmit all the TCP segments onto the wire. It handles TCP retransmission if needed.

On receive-side, Chelsio hardware recovers the iSCSI PDU by reassembling TCP segments, separating the header and data, calculating and verifying the digests, then forwarding the header to the host. The payload data, if possible, will be directly placed into the pre-posted host DDP buffer. Otherwise, the data will be sent to the host too.

The *cxgb4i* driver interfaces with open-iSCSI initiator and provides the iSCSI acceleration through Chelsio hardware wherever applicable.

1.1. Hardware Requirements

1.1.1. Supported adapters

The following are the currently shipping Chelsio adapters that are compatible with iSCSI PDU Offload Initiator Software:

- T62100-CR
- T62100-LP-CR
- T6425-CR
- T6225-CR
- T6225-LL-CR
- T580-CR
- T580-LP-CR

- T540-CR
- T540-BT
- T520-CR
- T520-LL-CR
- T520-BT
- T420-CR
- T440-CR
- T422-CR
- T404-BT
- T420-BCH
- T440-LP-CR
- T420-BT
- T420-LL-CR
- T420-CX

Software Requirements

1.2.1. Linux Requirements

Currently the iSCSI PDU Offload Initiator software is available for the following versions:

- RHEL 7.4, 3.10.0-693.el7.ppc64le (POWER8 LE)
- RHEL 7.4, 3.10.0-693.el7
- RHEL 7.3, 3.10.0-514.el7.ppc64le (POWER8 LE)
- RHEL 7.3, 4.5.0-15.el7.aarch64 (ARM64)
- RHEL 7.3, 3.10.0-514.el7
- RHEL 6.9, 2.6.32-696.el6
- RHEL 6.8, 2.6.32-642.el6
- SLES 12 SP3, 4.4.73-5-default
- SLES 12 SP2, 4.4.21-69-default
- SLES 11 SP4, 3.0.101-63-default
- Ubuntu 16.04.1, 4.4.0-31-generic
- Ubuntu 14.04.4, 4.2.0-27-generic
- Kernel.org linux-4.14
- Kernel.org linux-4.9.88 (Minimum 4.9 kernel version supported is 4.9.13)

Other kernel versions have not been tested and are not guaranteed to work.

2. Software/Driver Installation

2.1. Pre-requisites

Please make sure that the following requirements are met before installation:

- The iSCSI PDU Offload Initiator driver (cxgb4i) runs on top of NIC module (cxgb4) and openiscsi-2.0-872/873/874 only, on a Chelsio card.
- openssl-devel package should be installed.

2.2. Installation

i. Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x

ii. Install open-iSCSI,iSCSI-initiator,firmware and utilities:

[root@host~]# make iscsi_pdu_initiator_install

Note For more installation options, please run make help or install.py -h

3. Software/Driver Loading



Please ensure that all inbox drivers are unloaded before proceeding with unified wire drivers.

 $[{\tt root@host}{\sim}] \# {\tt rmmod csiostor cxgb4i cxgbit iw_cxgb4 chcr cxgb4vf cxgb4} \\ {\tt libcxgbi libcxgb}$

The driver must be loaded by the root user. Any attempt to load the driver as a regular user will fail.

Run the following command to load the driver:

```
[root@host~]# modprobe cxgb4i
```

If loading of cxgb4i displays "unkown symbols found" error in dmesg, follow the steps mentioned below:

- i. Kill iSCSI daemon iscsid
- ii. View all the loaded iSCSI modules

```
[root@host~]# lsmod | grep iscsi
```

iii. Now, unload them using the following command:

```
[root@host~]# rmmod <modulename>
```

iv. Finally reload the cxgb4i driver.

4. Software/Driver Configuration and Fine-tuning

4.1. Accelerating open-iSCSI Initiator

The following steps need to be taken to accelerate the open-iSCSI initiator:

4.1.1. Configuring interface (iface) file

Create the file automatically by loading *cxgb4i* driver and then executing the following command:

```
[root@host~]# iscsiadm -m iface
```

Alternatively, you can create an interface file located under *iface* directory for the new transport class *cxgb4i* in the following format:

```
iface.iscsi_ifacename = <iface file name>
iface.hwaddress = <MAC address>
iface.transport_name = cxgb4i
iface.net_ifacename = <ethX>
iface.ipaddress = <iscsi ip address>
```

Here,

iface.iscsi_ifacename : Interface file in /etc/iscsi/ifaces/

iface.hwaddress : MAC address of the Chelsio interface via which iSCSI traffic will be

running.

iface.transport name: Transport name, which is cxgb4i.

iface.net_ifacename : Chelsio interface via which iSCSI traffic will be running.

iface.ipaddress : IP address which is assigned to the interface.

Example:

```
iface.iscsi_ifacename = cxgb4i.00:07:43:04:5b:da
iface.hwaddress = 00:07:43:04:5b:da
iface.transport_name = cxgb4i
iface.net_ifacename = eth3
iface.ipaddress = 102.2.2.137
```



- *i.* The interface file needs to be created in /etc/iscsi/ifaces/ directory.
- ii. If iface.ipaddress is specified, it needs to be either the same as the ethX's IP address or an address on the same subnet. Make sure the IP address is unique in the network.

4.1.2. Discovery and Login

i. Starting iSCSI Daemon

Start Daemon from /sbin by using the following command:

```
[root@host~]# iscsid
```



Note If iscaid is already running, then kill the service and start it as shown above after installing the Chelsio Unified Wire package.

ii. Discovering iSCSI Targets

To discover an iSCSI target, execute the command in the following format:

```
[root@host~]# iscsiadm -m discovery -t st -p <target ip address>:<target</pre>
port no> -I <cxgb4i iface file name>
```

Example:

```
[root@host~] # iscsiadm -m discovery -t st -p 102.2.2.155:3260 -I
cxgb4i.00:07:43:04:5b:da
```

iii. Logging into an iSCSI Target

Log into an iSCSI target using the following format:

```
[root@host~]# iscsiadm -m node -T <iqn name of target> -p <target ip
address>:<target port no> -I <cxgb4i iface file name> -l
```

Example:

```
[root@host~] # iscsiadm -m node -T iqn.2004-05.com.chelsio.target1 -p
102.2.2.155:3260,1 -I cxgb4i.00:07:43:04:5b:da -1
```

If the login fails with an error message in the format of ERR! MaxRecvSegmentLength <X> too big. Need to be <= <Y>. in dmesg, edit the iscsi/iscsid.conf file and change the setting for MaxRecvDataSegmentLength:

```
node.conn[0].iscsi.MaxRecvDataSegmentLength = 8192
```



Always take a backup of iscsid.conf file before installing Chelsio Unified Wire Package. Although the file is saved to iscsid.rpmsave after uninstalling the package using RPM, you are still advised to take a backup.

iv. Logging out from an iSCSI Target

Log out from an iSCSI Target by executing a command in the following format:

```
[root@host~]# iscsiadm -m node -T <iqn name of target> -p <target ip
address>:<target port no> -I <cxgb4i iface file name> -u
```

Example:

```
[root@host~] # iscsiadm -m node -T iqn.2004-05.com.chelsio.target1 -p
102.2.2.155:3260,1 -I cxgb4i.00:07:43:04:5b:da -u
```



1 Note Other options can be found by typing iscsiadm --help

4.2. Auto login from cxgb4i initiator at OS bootup

For iSCSI auto login (via cxgb4i) to work on OS startup, please add the following line to start() in /etc/rc.d/init.d/iscsid file on RHEL:

```
modprobe -q cxgb4i
```

Example:

```
force_start() {
    echo -n $"Starting $prog: "
    modprobe -q iscsi_tcpmodprobe -q ib_iser
    modprobe -q cxgb4i
    modprobe -q cxgb3i
    modprobe -q bnx2i
    modprobe -q be2iscsi
    daemon brcm_iscsiuio
    daemon $prog
    retval=$?
    echo
    [ $retval -eq 0 ] && touch $lockfile
    return $retval
}
```

4.3. Performance Tuning

Apply the generic performance settings mentioned in the Performance Tuning section in the **Unified Wire** chapter before proceeding.

In case iSCSI Initiator IRQs pose a bottleneck for multiple connections, you can improve IOPS performance using the steps mentioned below.

i. Enable iSCSI multi-queue. In 3.18+ kernels, add the below entry to the grub configuration file and reboot the machine:

```
scsi_mod.use_blk_mq=1
```

ii. Run the performance tuning script to map iSCSI Initiator queues to different CPUs:

```
[root@host~]# t4_perftune.sh -Q iSCSI -n
```

iii. Load initiator driver:

```
[root@host~]# modprobe cxgb4i
```

iv. For MTU 9000, no additional configuration needed.

For MTU 1500, set the following parameters in the iSCSI configuration file /etc/iscsi/iscsid.conf.

```
node.session.iscsi.InitialR2T = No
node.session.iscsi.ImmediateData = Yes
node.session.iscsi.FirstBurstLength = 8192
node.conn[0].iscsi.MaxRecvDataSegmentLength = 1024
node.conn[0].iscsi.MaxXmitDataSegmentLength = 1024
```

- v. Login to multiple targets.
- vi. Run IOPS test.

5. Software/Driver Unloading

To unload the driver, execute the following commands:

```
[root@host~]# rmmod cxgb4i
[root@host~]# rmmod libcxgbi
```

XII. Crypto Offload

1. Introduction

Chelsio's Terminator 6 (T6) Unified Wire ASIC enables concurrent secure communication and secure storage with support for integrated TLS/SSL/DTLS and inline cryptographic functions, leveraging the proprietary TCP/IP offload engine. Chelsio's full offload TLS/SSL/DTLS is uniquely capable of 100Gb line-rate performance. In addition, the accelerator can be used in a traditional co-processor Lookaside mode to accelerate TLS/SSL, IPsec, SMB 3.X crypto, data at rest encryption/decryption, and data-deduplication fingerprint computation.

1.1. Hardware Requirements

1.1.1. Supported adapters

The following are the currently shipping Chelsio adapters that are compatible with Chelsio's Crypto Offload driver:

- T62100-CR
- T62100-LP-CR
- T6425-CR
- T6225-CR
- T6225-LL-CR

1.2. Software Requirements

1.2.1. Linux Requirements

Following is the list of Crypto Offload components and supported Linux versions:

Linux Version	Crypto Components
RHEL 7.3, 3.10.0-514.el7	Co-processor
Ubuntu 16.04.1, 4.4.0-31-generic	Inline-TLS
RHEL 7.4, 3.10.0-693.el7	
SLES 12 SP3, 4.4.73-5-default	
RHEL 7.3, 4.5.0-15.el7.aarch64 (ARM64)	Inline-TLS, Co-processor
Kernel.org linux-4.9.88 compiled on RHEL 7.3	
Kernel.org linux-4.14 compiled on RHEL 7.3	

Other kernel versions have not been tested and are not guaranteed to work.

2. Kernel Configuration

- Kernel.org linux-4.9.88
 - i. Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

```
[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x
```

ii. Build and install the kernel with Crypto components enabled by default:

```
[root@host~]# make kernel_install
```

- iii. Reboot the machine and boot into the new kernel.
- Kernel.org linux-4.14
- i. Download the kernel from kernel.org
- ii. Untar the tar-ball.
- iii. Change your working directory to kernel package directory and invoke the installation menu:

```
[root@host~]# make menuconfig
```

iv. Select Cryptographic API and enable the following (as modules):

```
User-space interface for random number generator algorithms
User-space interface for AEAD cipher algorithms
```

- v. Save the configuration.
- vi. Compile the kernel:

```
[root@host~]# make
[root@host~]# make modules
[root@host~]# make modules_install
[root@host~]# make install
```

vii. Reboot the machine and boot into the new kernel.

RHEL 7.3

To support digests on RHEL 7.3 x86_64 (base 3.10.0-514.el7 kernel), the kernel needs to be patched.

- i. Download kernel source RPM kernel-3.10.0-514.el7.src.rpm
- ii. Install the kernel source

```
[root@host~]# rpm -ivh kernel-3.10.0-514.el7.src.rpm
```

iii. Prepare the kernel source:

```
[root@host~]# cd /root/rpmbuild/SPECS/
[root@host~]# rpmbuild -bp kernel.spec
```

iv. Download the patch from Kernel.org git repository and apply:

```
[root@host~]# cd /root/rpmbuild/BUILD/kernel-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-
514.el7
[root@host~]# patch -p1 < kernel.patch</pre>
```

v. Copy the patched kernel source to /usr/src/kernels

```
[root@host~] \# cp -r /root/rpmbuild/BUILD/kernel-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.10.0-514.el7/linux-3.0-514.el7/linux-3.0-514.el7/linux-3.0-514.el7/linux-3.0-514.el7/linux-3.el7/linux-3.el7/linux-3.el7/linux-3.el7/linux-3.el7/linux-3.el7/linux-3.e
```

vi. Compile and install the kernel:

```
[root@host~]# cd /usr/src/kernels/linux-3.10.0-514.el7
[root@host~]# make
[root@host~]# make modules
[root@host~]# make modules_install
[root@host~]# make install
```

viii. Reboot the machine and boot into the new kernel.

RHEL 7.4/SLES 12 SP3/Ubuntu 16.04.1/RHEL 7.3 ARM

No extra kernel configuration required.

3. Software/Driver Installation

3.1. Pre-requisites

Please make sure that SELinux and firewall are disabled.

3.2. Installation

i. Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x

ii. Install Crypto driver and Chelsio openSSL modules:

[root@host~]# make crypto_install

Note For more installation options, please run make help or install.py -h

4. Software/Driver Loading

Important

Please ensure that all inbox drivers are unloaded before proceeding with unified wire drivers.

[root@host~]# rmmod csiostor cxgb4i cxgbit iw_cxgb4 chcr cxgb4vf cxgb4
libcxgbi libcxgb

4.1. Co-processor

i. To load the Crypto Offload driver in Co-processor mode (chcr), run the following command:

```
[root@host~]# modprobe cxgb4
[root@host~]# modprobe chcr
```

ii. Bring up the Chelsio network interface:

```
[root@host~]# ifconfig ethX up
```

Where ethX is the Chelsio interface.

4.2. Inline

To load the Crypto Offload driver in Inline mode, load the Network driver in TOE mode:

```
[root@host~] # modprobe t4_tom
```

5. Software/Driver Configuration and Fine-tuning

Limitations

- AEAD is not supported on RHEL7.3 and RHEL7.4 x86_64 (Kernel limitation).
- httpd service supports only AEAD in SLES12 SP3.
- Applications using AF_ALG are not supported on RHEL 7.4 (due to a kernel bug in AF_ALG framework).

5.1. Co-processor

To view the complete list of supported cryptographic algorithms, use the following command:

```
[root@host~]# cat /proc/crypto|grep -i chcr
```

The following applications can be offloaded by Chelsio Co-processor:

- Apache
- Dmcrypt
- SFTP
- OpenVPN
- Strongswan

To enable Digests in RHEL 7.3 x86_64 (base 3.10.0-514.el7 kernel), uncomment the "DIGESTS" line in *af_alg_engine* section of openSSL configuration file, /etc/pki/tls/openssl.cnf:

```
[af_alg_engine]
CIPHERS=aes-128-cbc aes-192-cbc aes-256-cbc aes-128-ctr aes-192-ctr aes-256-
ctr
#DIGESTS=sha1 sha224 sha256 sha384 sha512
```

To verify if Chelsio Co-processor is used by the above applications, run the following command:

```
[root@host~]# cat /sys/kernel/debug/cxgb4/<PF4_id>/crypto
Chelsio Crypto Co-processor Stats
aes_ops: 1016
digest_ops: 323
aead_ops: 2739611
comp: 2740950
error: 0
Fallback: 9
```

5.2. Inline

Configure TLS Ports and TOE Ports

To configure TLS offload ports and TOE ports, COP rule for each TCP port must be defined. Follow the steps mentioned below:

i. Create a new policy file and add the following line for each TCP port (to be TLS offloaded):

```
src or dst port <tcp_port> => offload tls mss 32 bind random !nagle
.
.
all => offload
```

Example:

To offload TCP ports 443, 989, 1000, 1001 and 1002, a policy file *new_policy_file* is created with the following lines :

```
[root@ ~]# cat new_policy_file
src or dst port 443 => offload tls mss 32 bind random !nagle
src or dst port 989 => offload tls mss 32 bind random !nagle
src or dst port 1000 => offload tls mss 32 bind random !nagle
src or dst port 1001 => offload tls mss 32 bind random !nagle
src or dst port 1002 => offload tls mss 32 bind random !nagle
src or dst port 1002 => offload tls mss 32 bind random !nagle
all => offload
```

ii. Compile the policy:

```
[root@host~]# cop -d -o <policy_out> <new_policy_file>
```

Example:

iii. Apply the policy:

```
[root@host~]# cxgbtool <iface> policy <policy_out>
```

Example:

```
[root@ ~]# cxgbtool enp129s0f4 policy policy_out
```



Upon applying the above policy, traffic on all the mentioned TCP ports are TLS offloaded, while traffic on other TCP ports are TOE offloaded.

Configuring Chelsio OpenSSL

OpenSSL which supports Chelsio inline offload is installed as part of Unified Wire package. It is installed in /usr/chssl/bin

i. Start TLS offload Server

```
[root@host~]# cd /usr/chssl/bin
[root@host~]# ./openssl s_server -key <key_file> -cert <cert_file> -accept
443 -cipher AES128-GCM-SHA256 -WWW
```

Example:

```
[root@ ~]# ./openssl s_server -key /root/server.key -cert /root/server.crt -accept 443 -cipher AES128-GCM-SHA256 -WWW
```

ii. Start TLS offload Client:

```
[root@host~]# cd /usr/chssl/bin
[root@host~]# ./openssl s_time -connect <tls_server_ip>:<tls_server_port> -
www /<file>
```

Example:

To compile applications using Chelsio OpenSSL library:

```
[root@host~]# export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=/usr/chssl/lib/
[root@host~]# gcc -g -o <server/client output file> <server/client file> -
lcrypto -lssl -L/usr/chssl/lib/
```

Example:

Client:

```
[root@localhost ~]# export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=/usr/chssl/lib/
[root@localhost ~]# gcc -g -o client client.c -lcrypto -lssl -L/usr/chssl/lib/
```

Server:

```
[root@localhost ~]# export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=/usr/chssl/lib/
[root@localhost ~]# gcc -g -o server server.c -lcrypto -lssl -L/usr/chssl/lib/
```

• Inline TLS Counters

To verify if Chelsio Inline is used, run the following command:

```
[root@host~]# cat /sys/kernel/debug/cxgb4/<PF4_id>/tls
Chelsio Inline TLS Stats
TLS PDU Tx: 32661534
TLS PDU Rx: 231039210
TLS Keys (DDR) Count: 48
```

5.3. Performance Tuning

Apply the generic performance settings mentioned in the Performance Tuning section in the **Unified Wire** chapter before proceeding.

- Inline-TLS
- Run the performance tuning script to map TLS queues to different CPUs:

```
[root@host~]# t4_perftune.sh -n -Q tls
```

- ii. Ensure that the application sends 8k PDU for best performance.
- Co-processor
- i. Use only AES128-GCM algorithm
- ii. Run the performance tuning script to map crypto queues to different CPUs:

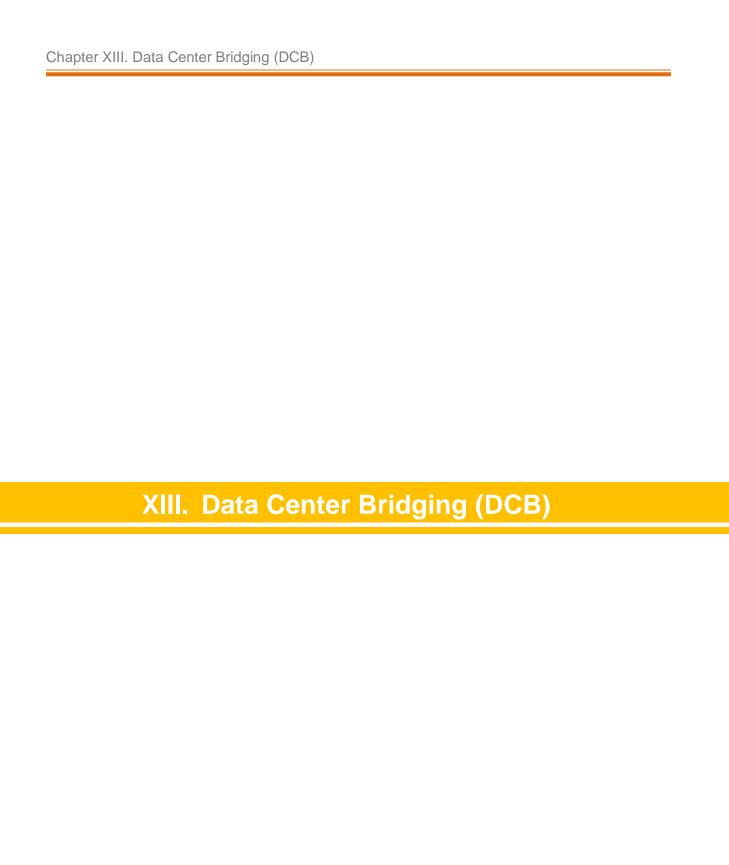
```
[root@host~]# t4_perftune.sh -n -Q crypto
```

6. Software/Driver Unloading

To unload Crypto Offload driver in Co-processor mode, run the following command:

[root@host~]# rmmod chcr

To unload Crypto Offload driver in Inline mode, unload the network driver in TOE mode. See Software/Driver Unloading section in **Network (NIC/TOE)** chapter for more information.



1. Introduction

Data Center Bridging (DCB) refers to a set of bridge specification standards, aimed to create a converged Ethernet network infrastructure shared by all storage, data networking and traffic management services. An improvement to the existing specification, DCB uses priority-based flow control to provide hardware-based bandwidth allocation and enhances transport reliability.

One of DCB's many benefits includes low operational cost, due to consolidated storage, server and networking resources, reduced heat and noise, and less power consumption. Administration is simplified since the specifications enable transport of storage and networking traffic over a single unified Ethernet network.

1.1. Hardware Requirements

1.1.1. Supported adapters

The following are the currently shipping Chelsio adapters that are compatible with Chelsio's DCB feature:

- T62100-CR
- T62100-LP-CR
- T6425-CR
- T6225-CR
- T6225-LL-CR
- T580-CR
- T580-LP-CR
- T540-BT
- T520-CR
- T520-LL-CR
- T420-CR
- T420-LL-CR

1.2. Software Requirements

1.2.1. Linux Requirements

Currently Chelsio's DCB feature is available for the following versions:

- RHEL 7.4, 3.10.0-693.el7
- RHEL 7.3, 3.10.0-514.el7
- RHEL 6.9, 2.6.32-696.el6
- RHEL 6.8, 2.6.32-642.el6
- SLES 12 SP3, 4.4.73-5-default
- SLES 12 SP2, 4.4.21-69-default

- SLES 11 SP4, 3.0.101-63-default
- Ubuntu 16.04.1, 4.4.0-31-generic
- Ubuntu 14.04.4, 4.2.0-27-generic
- Kernel.org linux-4.14
- Kernel.org linux-4.9.88 (Minimum 4.9 kernel version supported is 4.9.13)

Other kernel versions have not been tested and are not guaranteed to work.

2. Software/Driver Installation

i. Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

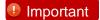
[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x

ii. Build and install all drivers with DCB support:

[root@host~]# make dcbx=1 install

1 Note For more installation options, please run make help

3. Software/Driver Loading



Please ensure that all inbox drivers are unloaded before proceeding with unified wire drivers:

```
[root@host~]# rmmod csiostor cxgb4i cxgbit iw_cxgb4 chcr cxgb4vf cxgb4 libcxgbi libcxgb
```

Before proceeding, please ensure that Unified Wire is installed with DCB support as mentioned in previous section. The switch ports need to be enabled with DCBX configuration (Class mapping, ETS and PFC).

Upon loading the network/storage driver and interface bringup, firmware completes DCBX negotiation with the switch.

```
[root@host~]# modprobe cxgb4
[root@host~]# modprobe t4_tom
[root@host~]# ifconfig ethX up
[root@host~]# modprobe csiostor
```

The negotiated DCBX parameters can be reviewed at /sys/kernel/debug/cxgb4/<PF4_id>/dcb_info

Example:

```
[root@ ~] # cat /sys/kernel/debug/cxgb4/0000\:04\:00.4/dcb info
Data Center Bridging Information
Port: 0 (DCB negotiated: yes)
[ DCBx Version DCBx-CEE 1.01 ]
  Index
  Priority Group IDs :
Priority Group BW(%) :
                                                        6
  Max PG Traffic Classes [ 8 ]
  Priority Flow Control :
  Max PFC Traffic Classes [ 8 ]
  Application Information:
       Priority Selection
  App
                                        Protocol
  Index Map
0 0x40
1 0x04
                     Field
                    Socket TCP (1) 0x0cbc (3260)
Socket TCP (1) 0xc350 (50000)
Port: 1 (DCB negotiated: no)
```

The storage driver (FCoE Full Offload Initiator) uses the DCBX negotiated parameters (ETS, PFC etc.) without any further configuration. The network drivers (*cxgb4*, *t4_tom*) and iSCSI drivers (*cxgb4i*, *chiscsi*) need further VLAN configuration to be setup, which is explained in the Running NIC & iSCSI Traffic together with DCBx section.

4. Software/Driver Configuration and Fine-tuning

4.1. Configuring Cisco Nexus 5010 switch

4.1.1. Configuring the DCB parameters



By default, the Cisco Nexus switch enables DCB functionality and configures PFC for FCoE traffic making it no drop with bandwidth of 50% assigned to FCoE class of traffic and another 50% for the rest (like NIC). If you wish to configure custom bandwidth, then follow the procedure below.

In this procedure, you may need to adjust some of the parameters to suit your environment, such as VLAN IDs, Ethernet interfaces, and virtual Fibre Channel interfaces.

To enable PFC, ETS, and DCB functions on a Cisco Nexus 5010 series switch:

i. Open a terminal configuration setting.

```
switch# config terminal
switch(config)#
```

ii. Configure qos class-maps and set the traffic priorities: NIC uses priority 0 and FcoE uses priority 3.

```
switch(config) #class-map type qos class-nic
switch(config-cmap-qos) # match cos 0
switch(config-cmap-qos) # class-map type qos class-fcoe
switch(config-cmap-qos) # match cos 3
```

iii. Configure queuing class-maps.

```
switch(config)#class-map type queuing class-nic
switch(config-cmap-que)#match qos-group 2
```

iv. Configure network-qos class-maps.

```
switch(config)#class-map type network-qos class-nic
switch(config-cmap-nq)#match qos-group 2
```

v. Configure gos policy-maps.

```
switch(config) #policy-map type qos policy-test
switch(config-pmap-qos) #class type qos class-nic
switch(config-pmap-c-qos) #set qos-group 2
```

vi. Configure queuing policy-maps and assign network bandwidth. Divide the network bandwidth between FcoE and NIC traffic.

```
switch(config) #policy-map type queuing policy-test
switch(config-pmap-que) #class type queuing class-nic
switch(config-pmap-c-que) #bandwidth percent 50
switch(config-pmap-c-que) #class type queuing class-fcoe
switch(config-pmap-c-que) #bandwidth percent 50
switch(config-pmap-c-que) #class type queuing class-default
switch(config-pmap-c-que) #bandwidth percent 0
```

vii. Configure network-qos policy maps and set up the PFC for no-drop traffic class.

```
switch(config)#policy-map type network-qos policy-test
switch (config-pmap-nq)#class type network-qos class-nic
switch(config-pmap-nq-c)#pause no-drop
```

Note

By default, FCoE is set to pause no drop. In such a trade off, one may want to set NIC to drop instead.

viii. Apply the new policy (PFC on NIC and FcoE traffic) to the entire system.

```
switch(config) #system qos
switch(config-sys-qos) #service-policy type qos input policy-test
switch(config-sys-qos) #service-policy type queuing output policy-test
switch(config-sys-qos) #service-policy type queuing input policy-test
switch(config-sys-qos) #service-policy type network-qos policy-test
```

4.1.2. Configuring the FCoE/FC Ports

In this procedure, you may need to adjust some of the parameters to suit your environment, such as VLAN IDs, Ethernet interfaces, and virtual Fibre Channel interfaces

i. Following steps will enable FCoE services on a particular VLAN and does a VSAN-VLAN mapping. Need not do these steps every time, unless a new mapping has to be created.

```
switch(config) # vlan 2
switch(config-vlan) # fcoe vsan 2
switch (config-vlan) #exit
```

ii. Following steps help in creating a virtual fibre channel (VFC) and binds that VFC to a Ethernet interface so that the Ethernet port begins functioning as a FCoE port.

```
switch(config)# interface vfc 13
switch(config-if) # bind interface ethernet 1/13
switch(config-if)# no shutdown
switch(config-if)# exit
switch(config) #vsan database
switch(config-vsan-db)# vsan 2
switch(config-vsan-db)# vsan 2 interface vfc 13
switch(config-vsan-db)# exit
```

1 Note If you are binding the VFC to a MAC address instead of an ethernet port then make sure the ethernet port is part of both default VLAN and FCoE VLAN.

iii. Assign VLAN ID to the Ethernet port on which FCoE service was enabled in step1.

```
switch(config)# interface ethernet 1/13
switch(config-if)# switchport mode trunk
switch(config-if)# switchport trunk allowed vlan 2
switch(config-if)# no shutdown
switch (config) #exit
```

iv. Enabling DCB:

```
switch(config)# interface ethernet 1/13
switch(config-if)# priority-flow-control mode auto
switch(config-if)# flowcontrol send off
switch(config-if)# flowcontrol receive off
switch(config-if)# lldp transmit
switch(config-if)# lldp receive
switch(config-if)# no shutdown
```

v. On the FC Ports, if a FC target is connected then perform the following steps -

```
switch(config) #vsan database
switch(config-vsan-db) #vsan 2
switch(config-vsan-db) # vsan 2 interface fc 2/2
switch(config-vsan-db) #exit
switch(config) interface fc 2/2

switch(config-if) # switchport mode auto
switch(config-if) # switchport speed auto
switch(config-if) # no shutdown.
```

vi. If you have not created a zone then make sure the default-zone permits the VSAN created, otherwise the initiator and the target on that particular VSAN although FLOGI'd into the switch will not talk to each other. To enable it, execute the below command.

```
switch(config)# zone default-zone permit vsan 2
```

4.2. Configuring the Brocade 8000 switch

Configure LLDP for FCoE. Example of configuring LLDP for 10-Gigabit Ethernet interface.

```
switch(config) #protocol lldp
switch(conf-lldp) #advertise dcbx-fcoe-app-tlv
switch(conf-lldp) #advertise dcbx-fcoe-logical-link-tlv
```

ii. Create a CEE Map to carry LAN and SAN traffic if it does not exist. Example of creating a CEE map.

```
switch(config)# cee-map default
switch(conf-cee-map)#priority-group-table 1 weight 40 pfc
switch(conf-cee-map)#priority-group-table 2 weight 60
switch(conf-cee-map)#priority-table 2 2 2 1 2 2 2 2
```

iii. Configure the CEE interface as a Layer 2 switch port. Example of configuring the switch port as a 10-Gigabit Ethernet interface.

```
switch(config) #interface tengigabitethernet 0/16
switch(config-if-te-0/16) #switchport
switch(config-if-te-0/16) #no shutdown
switch(config-if) #exit
```

iv. Create an FCoE VLAN and add an interface to it. Example of creating a FCoE VLAN and adding a single interface.

```
switch(config) #vlan classifier rule 1 proto fcoe encap ethv2
switch(config) #vlan classifier rule 2 proto fip encap ethv2
switch(config) #vlan classifier group 1 add rule 1
switch(config) #vlan classifier group 1 add rule 2
switch(config) #interface vlan 1002
switch(conf-if-vl-1002) #fcf forward
switch(conf-if-vl-1002) #interface tengigabitethernet 0/16
switch(config-if-te-0/16) #switchport
switch(config-if-te-0/16) #switchport mode converged
switch(config-if-te-0/16) #switchport converged allowed vlan add 1002
switch(config-if-te-0/16) #vlan classifier activate group 1 vlan 1002
switch(config-if-te-0/16) #cee default
switch(config-if-te-0/16) #no shutdown
switch(config-if-te-0/16) #exit
```

Note

Unlike cisco, only one VLAN ID can carry FCoE traffic for now on Brocade 8000. It is their limitation.

v. Save the Configuration

```
switch#copy running-config startup-config
```

5. Running NIC & iSCSI Traffic together with DCBx



Please refer iSCSI PDU Offload Initiator chapter to configure iSCSI Initiator.

Use the following procedure to run NIC and iSCSI traffic together with DCBx enabled.

- i. Identify the VLAN priority configured for NIC and iSCSI class of traffic on the switch.
- ii. Create VLAN interfaces for running NIC and iSCSI traffic, and configure corresponding VLAN priority.

Example:

Switch is configured with a VLAN priority of 2 and 5 for NIC and iSCSI class of traffic respectively. NIC traffic is run on VLAN10 and iSCSI traffic is run on VLAN20.

Assign proper VLAN priorities on the interface (here eth5), using the following commands on the host machine:

```
[root@host~]# vconfig set_egress_map eth5.10 0 2
[root@host~]# vconfig set_egress_map eth5.20 5 5
```



XIV. FCoE Full Offload Initiator

1. Introduction

Fibre Channel over Ethernet (FCoE) is a mapping of Fibre Channel over selected full duplex IEEE 802.3 networks. The goal is to provide I/O consolidation over Ethernet, reducing network complexity in the Datacenter. Chelsio FCoE initiator maps Fibre Channel directly over Ethernet while being independent of the Ethernet forwarding scheme. The FCoE protocol specification replaces the FC0 and FC1 layers of the Fibre Channel stack with Ethernet. By retaining the native Fibre Channel constructs, FCoE will integrate with existing Fibre Channel networks and management software.

1.1. Hardware Requirements

1.1.1. Supported Adapters

The following are the currently shipping Chelsio adapters that are compatible with FCoE full offload Initiator driver:

- T6225-CR
- T6225-LL-CR
- T540-BT
- T520-CR
- T520-BT
- T520-LL-CR

1.2. Software Requirements

1.2.1. Linux Requirements

Currently the FCoE full offload Initiator driver is available for the following version(s):

- RHEL 7.4, 3.10.0-693.el7
- RHEL 7.3, 3.10.0-514.el7

Other kernel versions have not been tested and are not guaranteed to work.

2. Software/Driver Installation

i. Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

```
[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x
```

ii. Install FCoE full offload initiator driver:

```
[root@host~]# make fcoe_full_offload_initiator_install
```

1 Note For more installation options, please run make help or install.py -h

3. Software/Driver Loading



Please ensure that all inbox drivers are unloaded before proceeding with unified wire drivers.

[root@host~]# rmmod csiostor cxgb4i cxgbit iw_cxgb4 chcr cxgb4vf cxgb4
libcxgbi libcxgb

The driver must be loaded by the root user. Any attempt to load the driver as a regular user will fail.

To load the driver, execute the following:

[root@host~]# modprobe csiostor

4. Software/Driver Configuration and Fine-tuning

4.1. Configuring Cisco Nexus 5010 and Brocade switch

To configure various Cisco and Brocade switch settings, please refer Software/Driver Configuration and Fine-tuning section of **Data Center Bridging (DCB)** chapter.

4.2. FCoE fabric discovery verification

4.2.1. Verifying Local Ports

Once connected to the switch, use the following command to see if the FIP has gone through and a VN_Port MAC address has been assigned.

Verify if all the FCoE ports are online/ready and a successful FIP has taken place using the following command. The **wwpn** and **state** of the initiator local port can be found under sysfs.

```
[root@host~]# cat /sys/class/fc_host/hostX/port_name
```



- The hosts under fc_host depends on the number of ports on the adapter used.
- Inorder to identify chelsio fc_host from other vendor fc_host, the WWPN always begins with 0x5000743

Alternatively, the local port information can also be found using:

[root@host~]# cat /sys/kernel/debug/csiostor/<pci_id>/lnodes

```
~] # cat /sys/kernel/debug/csiostor/0000\:81\:00.6/lnodes
device id: 1613956
vnpi: 41092
fcfi: 41120
mac: 0efcfa340020
nport id: 340020
wnn: 50007433cadb6000
wpn: 50007433cadb6080
num rnodes:
piv: SUPPORTED
common service params:
      hi ver:00
      low ver:00
      bb credit:10
       word1(31:16) flags:8000
       rcv size:2068
       maxsq reloff:16711711
       ratov:16711711
       edtov:2000
class service params:
class 1:NOT SUPPORTED
class 2:NOT SUPPORTED
class 3:SUPPORTED
initiator ctl:0
recipient ctl:0
rcv size:2068
Total concurrent seq:0
ee credit:0
open sequence per exch:0
class 4:NOT SUPPORTED
```

4.2.2. Verifying the target discovery

To view the list of targets discovered on a particular FCoE port, follow the below mentioned steps:

i. Determine the WWPN of the initiator local port under *sysfs*. The hosts under *fc_host* depends on the number of ports on the adapter used.

```
[root@host~]# cat /sys/class/fc_host/hostX/port_name
```

ii. After finding the localport, go to the corresponding remote port under sysfs # cat /sys/class/fc_remote_ports/rport-X:B:R where X is the Host ID, B is the bus ID and R is the remote port.

```
[root@ ~]# cat /sys/class/fc_remote_ports/rport-0\:0-0/roles
Fabric Port
[root@ ~]# cat /sys/class/fc_remote_ports/rport-0\:0-1/roles
Directory Server
[root@ ~]# cat /sys/class/fc_remote_ports/rport-0\:0-2/roles
Management Server
[root@ ~]# cat /sys/class/fc_remote_ports/rport-0\:0-3/roles
FCP Initiator
[root@ ~]# cat /sys/class/fc_remote_ports/rport-0\:0-4/roles
FCP Initiator
[root@ ~]# cat /sys/class/fc_remote_ports/rport-0\:0-9/roles
FCP Target
```



R can correspond to NameServer, Management Server and other initiator ports logged in to the switch and targets.

Alternatively, the local ports can also be found using:

```
[root@host~]# cat /sys/kernel/debug/csiostor/<pci_id>/lnodes
```

After finding out the WWPN of the local node, to verify the list of discovered targets, use the following command.

```
[root@host~]# cat /sys/kernel/debug/csiostor/<pci_id>/rnodes
```

```
~]# cat /sys/kernel/debug/csiostor/0000\:81\:00.6/rnodes
********************************
ssni: 40064
vnpi: 41092
fcfi: 41120
wwnn: 2058000decb1bd41
wwpn: 2003000decb1bd7f
nport id: fffffe
fcp flags: 0
role: fabric
class service params:
class 1:NOT SUPPORTED
class 2:NOT SUPPORTED
class 3:SUPPORTED
class 4:NOT SUPPORTED
ssni: 40065
vnpi: 41092
fcfi: 41120
wwnn: 2058000decb1bd41
wwpn: 250d000decb1bd40
nport id: fffffc
fcp flags: 0
role: nameserver
class service params:
class 1:NOT SUPPORTED
class 2:NOT SUPPORTED
class 3:SUPPORTED
class 4:NOT SUPPORTED
ssni: 40067
vnpi: 41092
fcfi: 41120
wwnn: 2058000decb1bd41
wwpn: 250b000decb1bd40
nport id: fffffa
fcp flags: 0
role: nport
class service params:
class 1:NOT SUPPORTED
class 2:NOT SUPPORTED
class 3:SUPPORTED
class 4:NOT SUPPORTED
ssni: 40068
vnpi: 41092
fcfi: 41120
wwnn: 500a0980892bb831
wwpn: 500a0981992bb831
nport id: 340000
fcp flags: 0
role: target
class service params:
class 1:NOT SUPPORTED
class 2:NOT SUPPORTED
class 3:SUPPORTED
class 4:NOT SUPPORTED
```

4.3. Formatting the LUNs and Mounting the Filesystem

Use Isscsi -g to list the LUNs discovered by the initiator

[root@host~]# lsscsi -g

[root@	~]# lssc	si -g				
[0:0:0:0]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sda	/dev/sgθ
[0:0:0:1]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdb	/dev/sgl
[0:0:0:2]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdc	/dev/sg2
[0:0:0:3]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdd	/dev/sg3
[0:0:0:4]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sde	/dev/sg4
[0:0:0:5]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdf	/dev/sg5
[0:0:0:6]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdg	/dev/sg6
[0:0:0:7]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdh	/dev/sg7
[0:0:0:8]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdi	/dev/sg8
[0:0:0:9]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdj	/dev/sg9
[0:0:0:10]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdk	/dev/sg10
[0:0:0:11]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdl	/dev/sgll
[0:0:0:12]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdm	/dev/sg12
[0:0:0:13]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdn	/dev/sg13
[0:0:0:14]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdo	/dev/sg14
[0:0:0:15]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdp	/dev/sg15
[0:0:0:16]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdq	/dev/sg16
[0:0:0:17]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdr	/dev/sg17
$[\theta:\theta:\theta:18]$	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sds	/dev/sg18
[0:0:0:19]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/d°v/sdt	/dev/sg19
[1:0:0:0]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/d€v/sdu	/dev/sg20
[1:θ:θ:1]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdv	/dev/sg21
[1:0:0:2]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdw	/dev/sg22
[1:0:0:3]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdx	/dev/sg23
[1:0:0:4]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdy	/dev/sg24
[1:0:0:5]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdz	/dev/sg25
[1:0:0:6]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdaa	/dev/sg26
[1:0:0:7]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdab	/dev/sg27
[1:0:0:9]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdac	/dev/sg28
[1:0:0:10]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdad	/dev/sg29
[1:0:0:11]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdae	/dev/sg30
[1:0:0:12]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdaf	/dev/sg31
[1:0:0:15]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdag	/dev/sg32
[3:0:0:0]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdah	/dev/sg33
[3:0:0:1]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdai	/dev/sg34
[3:0:0:2]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdaj	/dev/sg35
[3:0:0:3]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdak	/dev/sg36
[3:0:0:4]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdal	/dev/sg37
[3:0:0:5]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdam	/dev/sg38
[3:0:0:6]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdan	/dev/sg39
[3:0:0:7]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdao	/dev/sg40
[3:0:0:8]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdap	/dev/sg41
[3:0:0:9]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdaq	/dev/sg42
[3:0:0:10]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdar	/dev/sg43
[3:0:0:11]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdas	/dev/sg44
[3:0:0:12]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdat	/dev/sg45
[3:0:0:13]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdau	/dev/sg46
[3:0:0:14]	disk	NETAPP	LUN LUN	8010	/dev/sdav	/dev/sg47
[3:0:0:15]	disk	NETAPP NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdaw	/dev/sg48
[3:0:0:16]	disk	NETAPP	LUN	8010	/dev/sdax	/dev/sg49

Alternatively, the LUNs discovered by the Chelsio FCoE initiators can be accessed via easily-identifiable 'udev' path device files like:

```
[root@host~]# ls /dev/disk/by-path/pci-0000:04:00.0-csio-fcoe
<local_wwpn>:<remote_wwpn>:<lun_wwn>
```

4.4. Creating Filesystem

Create an ext3 filesystem using the following command:

```
[root@host~]# mkfs.ext3 /dev/sdx
```

```
# mkfs.ext3 /dev/sdah
mke2fs 1.41.12 (17-May-2010)
/dev/sdah is entire device, not just one partition!
Proceed anyway? (y,n) y
Filesystem label=
OS type: Linux
Block size=4096 (log=2)
Fragment size=4096 (log=2)
Stride=1 blocks, Stripe width=16 blocks
327680 inodes, 1310720 blocks
65536 blocks (5.00%) reserved for the super user
First data block=0
Maximum filesystem blocks=1342177280
40 block groups
32768 blocks per group, 32768 fragments per group
8192 inodes per group
Superblock backups stored on blocks:
         32768, 98304, 163840, 229376, 294912, 819200, 884736
Writing inode tables: done
Creating journal (32768 blocks): done
Writing superblocks and filesystem accounting information: done
This filesystem will be automatically checked every 25 mounts or
180 days, whichever comes first. Use tune2fs -c or -i to override
```

4.5. Mounting the formatted LUN

The formatted LUN can be mounted on the specified mountpoint using the following command:

[root@host~]# mount /dev/sdx /mnt

```
[root@ ~]# mount /dev/sdah /mnt/
[root@ ~]# mount
/dev/sdbo5 on / type ext4 (rw)
proc on /proc type proc (rw)
sysfs on /sys type sysfs (rw)
devpts on /dev/pts type devpts (rw,gid=5,mode=620)
tmpfs on /dev/shm type tmpfs (rw)
/dev/sdbol on /boot type ext3 (rw)
none on /proc/sys/fs/binfmt_misc type binfmt_misc (rw)
/tmp on /tmp type none (rw,bind)
/var/tmp on /var/tmp type none (rw,bind)
/home on /home type none (rw,bind)
sunrpc on /var/tib/nfs/rpc_pipefs type rpc_pipefs (rw)
none on /sys/kernel/debug type debugfs (rw)
gvfs-fuse-daemon on /root/.gvfs type fuse.gvfs-fuse-daemon (rw,nosuid,nodev)
/dev/sdah on /mnt type ext3 (rw)
```

5. Software/Driver Unloading

To unload the driver:

[root@host~]# modprobe -r csiostor



If multipath services are running, unload of FCoE driver is not possible. Stop the multipath service and then unload the driver.

XV. Offload Bonding

1. Introduction

The Chelsio Offload bonding driver provides a method to aggregate multiple network interfaces into a single logical bonded interface effectively combining the bandwidth into a single connection. It also provides redundancy in case one of link fails.

The traffic running over the bonded interface can be fully offloaded to the adapter, thus freeing the CPU from TCP/IP overhead.

1.1. Hardware Requirements

1.1.1. Supported Adapters

The following are the currently shipping Chelsio adapters that are compatible with the Chelsio Offload Bonding driver:

- T62100-CR
- T62100-LP-CR
- T6425-CR
- T6225-CR
- T6225-LL-CR
- T580-CR
- T580-LP-CR
- T540-CR
- T540-BT
- T520-CR
- T520-LL-CR
- T520-BT
- T420-CR
- T440-CR
- T422-CR
- T420-SO-CR
- T404-BT
- T420-BCH
- T440-LP-CR
- T420-BT
- T420-LL-CR
- T420-CX

1.2. Software Requirements

1.2.1. Linux Requirements

Currently the Offload Bonding driver is available for the following versions:

- RHEL 7.4, 3.10.0-693.el7.ppc64le (POWER8 LE)
- RHEL 7.4, 3.10.0-693.el7
- RHEL 7.3, 3.10.0-514.el7.ppc64le (POWER8 LE)
- RHEL 7.3, 4.5.0-15.el7.aarch64 (ARM64)
- RHEL 7.3, 3.10.0-514.el7
- RHEL 6.9, 2.6.32-696.el6
- RHEL 6.8, 2.6.32-642.el6
- SLES 12 SP3, 4.4.73-5-default
- SLES 12 SP2, 4.4.21-69-default
- SLES 11 SP4, 3.0.101-63-default
- Ubuntu 16.04.1, 4.4.0-31-generic
- Ubuntu 14.04.4, 4.2.0-27-generic
- Kernel.org linux-4.14
- Kernel.org linux-4.9.88 (Minimum 4.9 kernel version supported is 4.9.13)

Other kernel versions have not been tested and are not guaranteed to work.

2. Software/Driver Installation

Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x

ii. Install Chelsio Offload bonding driver:

[root@host~]# make bonding_install

Note For more installation options, please run make help or install.py -h

3. Software/Driver Loading



Please ensure that all inbox drivers are unloaded before proceeding with unified wire drivers.

[root@host~]# rmmod csiostor cxgb4i cxgbit iw_cxgb4 chcr cxgb4vf cxgb4
libcxgbi libcxgb

The driver must be loaded by the root user. Any attempt to load the driver as a regular user will fail.

To load the driver (with offload support), run the following command:

[root@host~]# modprobe bonding

4. Software/Driver Configuration and Fine-tuning

4.1. Offloading TCP traffic over a bonded interface

The Chelsio Offload Bonding driver supports all the bonding modes in NIC Mode. In offload mode (t4_tom loaded) however, only the **balance-rr (mode=0)**, **active-backup (mode=1)**, **balance-xor (mode=2)** and **802.3ad (mode=4)** modes are supported.

To offload TCP traffic over a bonded interface, use the following method:

i. Load the network driver with TOE support:

```
[root@host~]# modprobe t4_tom
```

ii. Create a bonded interface:

```
[root@host~]# modprobe bonding mode=1 miimon=100
```

iii. Bring up the bonded interface and enslave the interfaces to the bond:

```
[root@host~]# ifconfig bond0 up
[root@host~]# ifenslave bond0 ethX ethY
```

- Note ethX and ethY are interfaces of the same adapter.
- iv. Assign IPv4/IPv6 address to the bonded interface:

```
[root@host~]# ifconfig bond0 X.X.X.X/Y
[root@host~]# ifconfig bond0 inet6 add <128-bit IPv6 Address> up
```

v. Disable FRTO on the PEER:

```
[root@host~]# sysctl -w net.ipv4.tcp_frto=0
```

All TCP traffic will be offloaded over the bonded interface now.

5. Software/Driver Unloading

To unload the driver, run the following command:

[root@host~]# rmmod bonding

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XVI. C	Offload N	/lulti-Ada	apter Fa	ilover (MAFO)	
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XVI. C	Offload N	/lulti-Ada	apter Fa	ilover (MAFO)	
XVI. C	Offload N	/lulti-Ada	apter Fa	ilover (MAFO)	
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1. Introduction

Chelsio's adapters offer a complete suite of high reliability features, including adapter-to-adapter failover. The patented offload Multi-Adapter Failover (MAFO) feature ensures all offloaded traffic continue operating seamless in the face of port failure.

MAFO allows aggregating network interfaces across multiple adapters into a single logical bonded interface, providing effective fault tolerance.

The traffic running over the bonded interface can be fully offloaded to the adapter, thus freeing the CPU from TCP/IP overhead.



- Portions of this software are covered under US Patent, Failover and migration for full-offload network interface devices: US 8346919 B1
- Use of the covered technology is strictly limited to Chelsio ASIC-based soutions.

1.1. Hardware Requirements

1.1.1. Supported Adapters

The following are the currently shipping Chelsio adapters that are compatible with the Offload Multi-Adapter Failover driver.

- T62100-CR
- T62100-LP-CR
- T6425-CR
- T6225-CR
- T6225-LL-CR
- T580-CR
- T580-LP-CR
- T540-CR
- T540-BT
- T520-CR
- T520-LL-CR
- T520-BT
- T420-CR
- T440-CR
- T422-CR
- T420-SO-CR
- T404-BT
- T420-BCH
- T440-LP-CR
- T420-BT

- T420-LL-CR
- T420-CX

1.2. Software Requirements

1.2.1. Linux Requirements

Currently the Offload Multi-Adapter Failover driver is available for the following versions:

- RHEL 7.4, 3.10.0-693.el7.ppc64le (POWER8 LE)
- RHEL 7.4, 3.10.0-693.el7
- RHEL 7.3, 3.10.0-514.el7.ppc64le (POWER8 LE)
- RHEL 7.3, 4.5.0-15.el7.aarch64 (ARM64)
- RHEL 7.3, 3.10.0-514.el7
- RHEL 6.9, 2.6.32-696.el6
- RHEL 6.8, 2.6.32-642.el6
- SLES 12 SP3, 4.4.73-5-default
- SLES 12 SP2, 4.4.21-69-default
- SLES 11 SP4, 3.0.101-63-default
- Ubuntu 16.04.1, 4.4.0-31-generic
- Ubuntu 14.04.4, 4.2.0-27-generic
- Kernel.org linux-4.9.88 (Minimum 4.9 kernel version supported is 4.9.13)

Other kernel versions have not been tested and are not guaranteed to work.

1.2.2. Driver Requirements

Multi-adapter failover feature will work for *Link Down* events caused by:

- Cable unplug on bonded interface.
- Bringing corresponding switch port down.



The feature will not work if the bonded interfaces are administratively taken down.

2. Software/Driver Installation

Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x

ii. Install MAFO feature:

[root@host~]# make bonding_install

Note For more installation options, please run make help or install.py -h

3. Software/Driver Loading

Important

Please ensure that all inbox drivers are unloaded before proceeding with unified wire drivers.

[root@host~]# rmmod csiostor cxgb4i cxgbit iw_cxgb4 chcr cxgb4vf cxgb4
libcxgbi libcxgb

The driver must be loaded by the root user. Any attempt to load the driver as a regular user will fail.

To load the driver (with offload support), run the following command:

[root@host~]# modprobe bonding

4. Software/Driver Configuration and Fine-tuning

4.1. Offloading TCP traffic over a bonded interface

The Chelsio MAFO driver supports only the active-backup (mode=1) mode.

To offload TCP traffic over a bonded interface, use the following method:

i. Load the network driver with TOE support:

```
[root@host~]# modprobe t4_tom
```

ii. Create a bonded interface:

```
[root@host~]# modprobe bonding mode=1 miimon=100
```

iii. Bring up the bonded interface and enslave the interfaces to the bond:

```
[root@host~]# ifconfig bond0 up
[root@host~]# ifenslave bond0 ethX ethY
```

- Note ethX and ethY are interfaces of different adapters.
- iv. Assign IPv4/IPv6 address to the bonded interface

```
[root@host~]# ifconfig bond0 X.X.X.X/Y
[root@host~]# ifconfig bond0 inet6 add <128-bit IPv6 Address> up
```

v. Disable FRTO on the PEER:

```
[root@host~]# sysctl -w net.ipv4.tcp_frto=0
```

vi. Disable TCP timestamps:

```
[root@host~]# sysctl -w net.ipv4.tcp_timestamps=0
```

All TCP traffic will be offloaded over the bonded interface now and fail-over will happen in case of link-down event.

5. Software/Driver Unloading

To unload the driver, run the following command:

[root@host~]# rmmod bonding

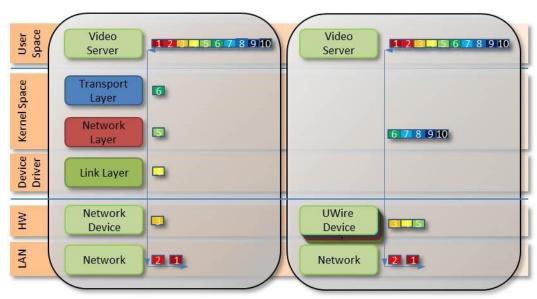
XVII. UDP	Segmenta	tion Offloa	ad and Pac	ing

1. Introduction

Chelsio's Terminator series of adapters provide UDP segmentation offload and per-stream rate shaping to drastically lower server CPU utilization, increase content delivery capacity, and improve service quality.

Tailored for UDP content, UDP Segmentation Offload (USO) technology moves the processing required to packetize UDP data and rate control its transmission from software running on the host to the network adapter. USO increases performance and dramatically reduces CPU overhead, allowing significantly higher capacity using the same server hardware. Without USO support, UDP server software running on the host needs to packetize payload into frames, process each frame individually through the network stack and schedule individual frame transmission, resulting in millions of system calls, and packet traversals through all protocol layers in the operating system to the network device. In contrast, USO implements the network protocol stack in the adapter, and the host server software simply hands off unprocessed UDP payload in large I/O buffers to the adapter.

The following figure compares the traditional datapath on the left to the USO datapath on the right, showing how per-frame processing is eliminated. In this example, the video server pushes 5 frames at a time. In an actual implementation, a video server pushes 50 frames or more in each I/O, drastically lowering the CPU cycles required to deliver the content.



Pacing is beneficial for several reasons, one example is for Content Delivery Networks (CDNs)/Video On Demand (VOD) providers to avoid receive buffer overflows, smooth out network traffic, or to enforce Service Level Agreements (SLAs).

1.1. Hardware Requirements

1.1.1. Supported Adapters

The following are the currently shipping Chelsio adapters that are compatible with the UDP Segmentation Offload and Pacing driver:

- T62100-CR
- T62100-LP-CR
- T6425-CR
- T6225-CR
- T6225-LL-CR
- T580-CR
- T580-LP-CR
- T540-CR
- T540-BT
- T520-CR
- T520-LL-CR
- T520-BT
- T420-CR
- T440-CR
- T422-CR
- T404-BT
- T420-BCH
- T440-LP-CR
- T420-BT
- T420-LL-CR
- T420-CX

1.2. Software Requirements

1.2.1. Linux Requirements

Currently the UDP Segmentation Offload and Pacing driver is available for the following versions:

- RHEL 7.4, 3.10.0-693.el7
- RHEL 7.3, 3.10.0-514.el7
- RHEL 6.9, 2.6.32-696.el6
- RHEL 6.8, 2.6.32-642.el6
- SLES 12 SP3, 4.4.73-5-default
- SLES 12 SP2, 4.4.21-69-default
- SLES 11 SP4, 3.0.101-63-default
- Ubuntu 16.04.1, 4.4.0-31-generic
- Ubuntu 14.04.4, 4.2.0-27-generic

- Kernel.org linux-4.14
- Kernel.org linux-4.9.88 (Minimum 4.9 kernel version supported is 4.9.13)

Other kernel versions have not been tested and are not guaranteed to work.

2. Software/Driver Installation

The offload drivers support UDP Segmentation Offload with limited number of connections (1024 connections). To build and install UDP Offload drivers which support large number of offload connections (approx 10K):

- 10K UDP Segmentation offload connections currently not supported on T6.
- i. Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

```
[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x
```

ii. Run the following command:

```
[root@host~]# make udp_offload_install
```

10 Note For more installation options, please run make help or install.py -h

3. Software/Driver Loading



Please ensure that all inbox drivers are unloaded before proceeding with unified wire drivers.

 $[{\tt root@host}{\sim}] \# {\tt rmmod csiostor cxgb4i cxgbit iw_cxgb4 chcr cxgb4vf cxgb4} \\ {\tt libcxgbi libcxgb}$

The driver must be loaded by the root user. Any attempt to load the driver as a regular user will fail.

Run the following commands to load the driver:

```
[root@host~]# modprobe cxgb4
[root@host~]# modprobe t4_tom
```

Though normally associated with the Chelsio TCP Offload engine, the *t4_tom* module is required in order to allow for the proper redirection of UDP socket calls.

4. Software/Driver Configuration and Fine-tuning

4.1. Modifying the Application

To use the UDP offload functionality, the application needs to be modified. Follow the steps mentioned below:

- i. Determine the UDP socket file descriptor in the application through which data is sent
- ii. Declare and initialize two variables in the application:

```
int fs=1316;
int cl=1;
```

Here,

- *fs* is the UDP packet payload size in bytes that is transmitted on the wire. The minimum value of fs is 256 bytes.
- *cl* is the UDP traffic class(scheduler-class-index) that the user wishes to assign the data stream to. This value needs to be in the range of 0 to 14 for T4 series of adapters and a range of 0 to 15 for T5/T6 series of adapters.

The application will function as per the parameters set for that traffic class.

iii. Add socket option definitions:

In order to use *setsockopt()* to set the options to the UDP socket, the following three definitions need to be made:

- SO_FRAMESIZE used for setting frame size, which has the value 291.
- SOL SCHEDCLASS used for setting UDP traffic class, which has the value 290.
- IPPROTO_UDP used for setting the type of IP Protocol.

```
# define SO_FRAMESIZE 291
# define SOL_SCHEDCLASS 290
# define IPPROTO_UDP 17
```

iv. Use the setsockopt() function to set socket options:

```
//Get the UDP socket descriptor variable
setsockopt (sockfd , IPPROTO_UDP, SO_FRAMESIZE, &fs, sizeof(fs));
setsockopt (sockfd , IPPROTO_UDP, SOL_SCHEDCLASS, &cl, sizeof(cl));
```

Here:

- sockfd: The file descriptor of the UDP socket
- &fs / &cl : Pointer to the framesize and class variables
- sizeof(fs) / sizeof(cl): The size of the variables
- v. Now, compile the application.

4.1.1. UDP offload functionality for RTP data

In case of RTP data, the video server application sends the initial sequence number and the RTP payload. The USO engine segments the payload data, increments the sequence number and sends out the data.

In order to use the UDP offload functionality for RTP data, make the following additions to the steps mentioned above:

i. In step (ii), declare and initialize a new variable in the application:

```
int rtp_header_size=16;
```

Here, *rtp_header_size* is the RTP header size in bytes that the application sends.

ii. In step (iii), define a new macro, *UDP_RTPHEADERLEN* used for setting RTP header length with the value 292.

```
# define UDP_RTPHEADERLEN 292
```

iii. In step (iv), define a new socket option:

```
setsockopt (sockfd,17,UDP_RTPHEADERLEN,&rtp_header_size,
sizeof(rtp_header_size));
```

Here,

- &rtp_header_size : pointer to the RTP header length variable
- sizeof(rtp_header_size): the size of the RTP header length variable

4.2. Configuring UDP Pacing

Now that the application has been modified to associate the application's UDP socket to a particular UDP traffic class, the pacing of that socket's traffic can be set using the *cxgbtool* utility.

i. Bring up the network interface:

[root@host~]# ifconfig <ethX> up

ii. Run the following command:

[root@host~]# cxgbtool <ethX> sched-class params type packet level cl-rl
mode flow rate-unit bits rate-mode absolute channel <Channel No.> class
<scheduler-class-index> max-rate <maximum-rate> pkt-size <Packet size>

Here,

- ethX is the Chelsio interface
- Channel No. is the port on which data is flowing (0-3)
- scheduler-class-index is the UDP traffic class (0-14 for T4 series of adapters and 0-15 for T5/T6 series of adapters) set in the SOL_SCHEDCLASS socket option in the application in section 4.1.
- maximum-rate is the bit rate (Kbps) for this UDP stream. This value should be in the range of 50 Kbps to 50 Mbps for T4 adapters. For T5/T6 adapters, the value should be in the range of 100 kbps to 1 Gbps.
- Packet size is the UDP packet payload size in bytes; it should be equal to the value set in the SO_FRAMESIZE socket option in the application in section 4.1.

Example:

The user wants to transfer UDP data on port 0 of the adapter using the USO engine. The application has been modified as shown in section 4.1. In order to set a bit rate of 10Mbps for traffic class 1 with payload size of 1316 on port 0, the following invocation of *cxgbtool* is used:

[root@host~]# cxgbtool ethX sched-class params type packet level cl-rl mode flow rate-unit bits rate-mode absolute channel 0 class 1 max-rate 10000 pkt-size 1316

- Note
- To get an accurate bit rate per class, data sent by the application to the sockets should be a multiple of the value set for the "pkt-size" parameter. In above example, IO size sent by application should be a multiple of 1316.
- Linux Unified Wire currently supports 10240 offload UDP connections. If the application needs to establish more than 10240 UDP connections, it can check the return code of ENOSPC from a send() or sendto() call and close this socket and open a new one that uses the kernel UDP stack.

5. Software/Driver Unloading

Reboot the system to unload the driver. To unload without rebooting, refer Unloading the TOE driver section of **Network (NIC/TOE)** chapter.

XVIII. Offload IPv6

1. Introduction

The growth of the Internet has created a need for more addresses than are possible with IPv4. Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6) is a version of the Internet Protocol (IP) designed to succeed the Internet Protocol version 4 (IPv4).

Chelsio's Offload IPv6 feature provides support to fully offload IPv6 traffic to the Unified Wire adapter.

1.1. Hardware Requirements

1.1.1. Supported Adapters

The following are the currently shipping Chelsio adapters that are compatible with Chelsio Offload IPv6 feature:

- T62100-CR
- T62100-LP-CR
- T6425-CR
- T6225-CR
- T6225-LL-CR
- T580-CR
- T580-LP-CR
- T540-CR
- T540-BT
- T520-CR
- T520-LL-CR
- T520-BT
- T420-CR
- T440-CR
- T422-CR
- T420-SO-CR
- T404-BT
- T420-BCH
- T440-LP-CR
- T420-BT
- T420-LL-CR
- T420-CX

1.2. Software Requirements

1.2.1. Linux Requirements

Currently the Offload IPv6 feature is available for the following versions:

- RHEL 7.4, 3.10.0-693.el7.ppc64le (POWER8 LE)
- RHEL 7.4, 3.10.0-693.el7
- RHEL 7.3, 3.10.0-514.el7.ppc64le (POWER8 LE)
- RHEL 7.3, 4.5.0-15.el7.aarch64 (ARM64)
- RHEL 7.3, 3.10.0-514.el7
- RHEL 6.9, 2.6.32-696.el6
- RHEL 6.8, 2.6.32-642.el6
- SLES 12 SP3, 4.4.73-5-default
- SLES 12 SP2, 4.4.21-69-default
- SLES 11 SP4, 3.0.101-63-default
- Ubuntu 16.04.1, 4.4.0-31-generic
- Ubuntu 14.04.4, 4.2.0-27-generic
- Kernel.org linux-4.14
- Kernel.org linux-4.9.88 (Minimum 4.9 kernel version supported is 4.9.13)

Other kernel versions have not been tested and are not guaranteed to work.

2. Software/Driver Installation

Pre-requisites

Please make sure that the following requirements are met before installation:

- IPv6 must be enabled in your system (enabled by default).
- Unified Wire must be installed with IPv6 support as explained in the Unified Wire chapter.

Installation

Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x

ii. Install Unified Wire with IPv6 support:

[root@host~]# make install

Note For more installation options, please run make help or install.py -h

3. Software/Driver Loading

Important

Please ensure that all inbox drivers are unloaded before proceeding with unified wire drivers.

 $[{\tt root@host}{\sim}] \# {\tt rmmod csiostor cxgb4i cxgbit iw_cxgb4 chcr cxgb4vf cxgb4} \\ {\tt libcxgbi libcxgb}$

After installing Unified Wire package and rebooting the host, load the NIC (cxgb4) and TOE ($t4_tom$) drivers. The drivers must be loaded by the root user. Any attempt to load the drivers as a regular user will fail.

[root@host~]# modprobe cxgb4
[root@host~]# modprobe t4_tom

4. Software/Driver Configuration and Fine-tuning

i. Load the Offload capable drivers.

[root@host~]# modprobe t4_tom

ii. Assign IPv6 address and bring up the interface.

[root@host~]# ifconfig ethX <IPv6 address> up

iii. All the IPv6 traffic over the Chelsio interface will be offloaded now. To see the number of connections offloaded, run the following command:

[root@host~]# cat /sys/kernel/debug/cxgb4/<bus-id>/tids

5. Software/Driver Unloading

5.1. Unloading the NIC Driver

To unload the NIC driver, run the following command:

[root@host~]# rmmod cxgb4

5.2. Unloading the TOE Driver

Please reboot the system to unload the TOE driver. To unload without rebooting, refer Unloading the TOE driver section of **Network (NIC/TOE)** chapter.



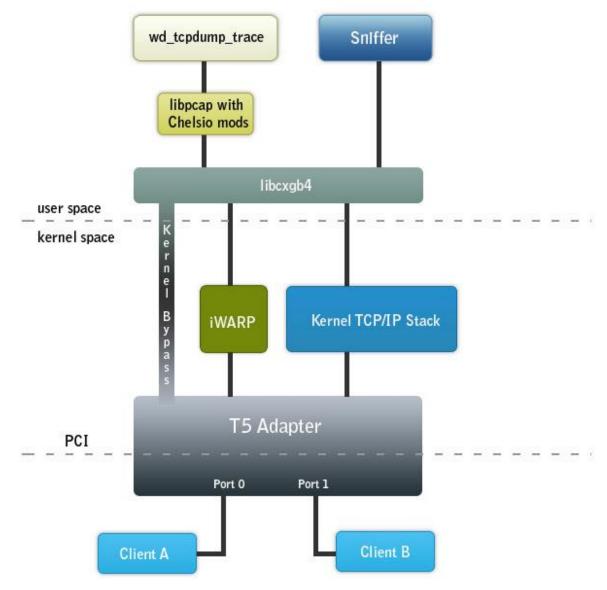
XIX. WD Sniffing and Tracing

1. Theory of Operation

The objective of these utilities (wd_sniffer and wd_tcpdump_trace) is to provide sniffing and tracing capabilities by making use of Chelsio adapter's hardware features.

- Sniffer is a tool to measure bandwidth and involves targeting specific multicast traffic and sending it directly to user space.
 - a) Get a Queue (raw QP) idx.
 - b) Program a filter to redirect specific traffic to the raw QP queue.
- Tracer All tapped traffic is forwarded to user space and also pushed back on the wire via the internal loop back mechanism
 - a) Get a Queue (raw QP) idx
 - b) Set the adapter in loop back
 - c) Connect Client A and B to ports 0 and 1 or ports 2 and 3.
 - d) Enable tracing.

In either mode, the targeted traffic bypasses the kernel TCP/IP stack and is delivered directly to user space by means of an RX queue.



Schematic diagram of sniffer and tracer

1.1. Hardware Requirements

1.1.1. Supported Adapters

The following are the currently shipping Chelsio adapters that are compatible with the tools:

- T62100-CR
- T62100-LP-CR
- T6225-CR
- T6225-LL-CR
- T580-CR

- T580-LP-CR
- T540-CR
- T520-CR
- T520-LL-CR
- T520-BT
- T420-CR
- T440-CR
- T422-CR
- T404-BT
- T420-BCH
- T440-LP-CR
- T420-BT
- T420-LL-CR
- T420-CX

1.2. Software Requirements

1.2.1. Linux Requirements

Currently the WD Sniffing and Tracing utility is available for the following version:

- RHEL 7.4, 3.10.0-693.el7
- RHEL 7.3, 3.10.0-514.el7
- RHEL 6.9, 2.6.32-696.el6
- RHEL 6.8, 2.6.32-642.el6
- SLES 12 SP3, 4.4.73-5-default
- SLES 12 SP2, 4.4.21-69-default
- Ubuntu 16.04.1, 4.4.0-31-generic
- Ubuntu 14.04.4, 4.2.0-27-generic
- Kernel.org linux-4.14
- Kernel.org linux-4.9.88 (Minimum 4.9 kernel version supported is 4.9.13)

Other kernel versions have not been tested and are not guaranteed to work.

2. Software/Driver Installation

Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x

ii. Install Sniffer tracing & filtering tcpdump and iWARP driver:

[root@host~]# make sniffer_install

1 Note For more installation options, please run make help or install.py -h

3. Usage

3.1. Installing Basic Support

iw_cxgb4 (Chelsio iWARP driver) and *cxgb4* (Chelsio NIC driver) drivers should be compiled and loaded before running the utilities. Refer to the **Software/Driver Loading** section for each driver and follow the instructions mentioned before proceeding.

3.2. Using Sniffer (wd_sniffer)

1. Setup:

Wire filter sniffing requires 2 systems with one machine having a T5/T4 card.

The machines should be setup in the following manner:

Machine A <----> Machine B 192.168.1.100 192.168.1.200

2. Procedure:

On the Device Under Test (DUT), start sniffer.

[root@host~]# wd_sniffer -T 20 -s 1000 -I <MAC address of interface to sniff>

Start traffic on the PEER and watch the sniffer.

The sniffer will receive all packets as fast as possible, update the packet count, and then discard the data. Performance is a full 10Gbps for packet size 1000.

3.3. Using Tracer (wd_tcpdump_trace)

1. Setup:

Wire tapping requires 3 systems with one machine having a T5/T4 card with two or more ports. The machines should be setup in the following manner:

DUT: Machine B

PEER: Machine A <----> (port 0) (port 1) <----> PEER: Machine C

192.168.1.100 IP-dont-care IP-dont-care 192.168.1.200

2. Procedure:

Run wd_tcpdump_trace -i iface on the command prompt where *iface* is one of the interfaces whose traffic you want to trace. In the above diagram its port 0 or port 1.

```
[root@host~]# wd_tcpdump_trace -i <iface>
```

Use any tool (like ping or ssh) to run traffic between machines A and B. The traffic should successfully make it from end to end and wd_tcpdump_trace on the DUT should show the tapped traffic.



XX. Classification and Filtering

1. Introduction

Classification and Filtering feature enhances network security by controlling incoming traffic as they pass through network interface based on source and destination addresses, protocol, source and receiving ports, or the value of some status bits in the packet. This feature can be used in the ingress path to:

- Steer ingress packets that meet ACL (Access Control List) accept criteria to a particular receive queue.
- Switch (proxy) ingress packets that meet ACL accept criteria to an output port, with optional header rewrite.
- Drop ingress packets that meet ACL accept criteria.

1.1. Hardware Requirements

1.1.1. Supported Adapters

The following are the currently shipping Chelsio adapters that are compatible with the Classification and Filtering feature:

- T62100-CR
- T62100-LP-CR
- T62100-SO-CR*
- T61100-OCP*
- T6425-CR
- T6225-CR
- T6225-LL-CR
- T6225-OCP*
- T6225-SO-CR*
- T580-CR
- T580-LP-CR
- T580-SO-CR*
- T580-OCP-SO*
- T540-CR
- T540-BT
- T520-CR
- T520-LL-CR
- T520-SO-CR*
- T520-OCP-SO*
- T520-BT
- T420-CR*
- T440-CR*
- T422-CR*
- T420-SO-CR*

- T404-BT*
- T420-BCH*
- T440-LP-CR*
- T420-BT*
- T420-LL-CR*
- T420-CX*

1.2. Software Requirements

1.2.1. Linux Requirements

Currently the Classification and Filtering feature is available for the following versions:

- RHEL 7.4, 3.10.0-693.el7.ppc64le (POWER8 LE)
- RHEL 7.4, 3.10.0-693.el7
- RHEL 7.3, 3.10.0-514.el7.ppc64le (POWER8 LE)
- RHEL 7.3, 4.5.0-15.el7.aarch64 (ARM64)
- RHEL 7.3, 3.10.0-514.el7
- RHEL 6.9, 2.6.32-696.el6
- RHEL 6.8, 2.6.32-642.el6
- SLES 12 SP3, 4.4.73-5-default
- SLES 12 SP2, 4.4.21-69-default
- SLES 11 SP4, 3.0.101-63-default
- Ubuntu 16.04.1, 4.4.0-31-generic
- Ubuntu 14.04.4, 4.2.0-27-generic
- Kernel.org linux-4.14
- Kernel.org linux-4.9.88 (Minimum 4.9 kernel version supported is 4.9.13)

Other kernel versions have not been tested and are not guaranteed to work.

^{*} Hash filter not supported.

2. LE-TCAM Filters

The default (Unified Wire) configuration tuning option allows you to create LE-TCAM filters, which has a limit of 496 for T5, and 560 for T6 adapters. For T5 adapters, all available filter indices can be optionally configured as high priority. In case of T6 adapters, the following filter indices are available:

- High priority indices (PRIO): 0 to X
- Normal indices: X+1 to X+1+495

Where X is the upper limit in the HPFTID range, mentioned in the tids file (/sys/kernel/debug/cxgb4/<bus-id>/tids).

```
[root@ ~]# cat /sys/kernel/debug/cxgb4/0000\:02\:00.4/tids
Connections in use: 0
TID range: 64..2047/3072..19455, in use: 0/0
STID range: 2048..2543, in use-IPv4/IPv6: 0/0
ATID range: 0..8191, in use: 0
TID range: 2560..3055
HPFTID range: 0..63
UOTID range: 19456..20479, in use: 0
HW TID usage: 0 IP users, 0 IPv6 users
```

For example, if the upper hpftid limit is 63, then high priority indices will be from 0 to 63 and normal indices will be from 64 to 559. It is mandatory to add **prio 1** option when creating high priority filter rules.



Note T6 SO adapters currently do not support high priority indices. Therefore only 496 LE-TCAM filters can be created.

Configuration

2.1.1. Filter Modes

The Classification and Filtering feature is configured by specifying the filter modes in the firmware configuration file (t6-config.txt for T6 adapters; t5-config.txt for T5 adapters.) located in /lib/firmware/cxgb4/.

Adapter initialization will fail if *filterMask* contains a tuple which is not present in *filterMode*.

The following filter tuples are present in filter modes:

: Fibre Channel over Ethernet frames fcoe port : Packet ingress physical port number

:VF ID in MPS TCAM (Currently not supported) and outer VLAN ID, vnic id

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vlan : Inner VLAN ID Tos : Type of Service

protocol : IP protocol number (ICMP=1, TCP=6, UDP=17, etc)

Ethertype : Layer 2 EtherType

Macmatch :MAC index in MPS TCAM

mpshittype :MAC address "match type" (none, unicast, multicast, promiscuous, broadcast)

fragmentation :Fragmented IP packets

2.1.2. Supported Filter Combinations

The following combination is set by default and packets will be matched accordingly:

• For T5/T6:

filterMode = fcoemask, srvrsram, fragmentation, mpshittype, protocol, vlan,
port, fcoe

• For T4:

filterMode = fragmentation, mpshittype, protocol, vlan, port, fcoe

Serial #	Filter Combination
1	fragmentation, mpshittype, macmatch, ethertype, protocol, port
2	fragmentation, mpshittype, macmatch, ethertype, protocol, fcoe
3	fragmentation, mpshittype, macmatch, ethertype, tos, port
4	fragmentation, mpshittype, macmatch, ethertype, tos, fcoe
5	fragmentation, mpshittype, macmatch, ethertype, port, fcoe
6	fragmentation, mpshittype, macmatch, protocol, tos, port, fcoe
7	fragmentation, mpshittype, macmatch, protocol, vlan, fcoe
8	fragmentation, mpshittype, macmatch, protocol, vnic_id, fcoe
9	fragmentation, mpshittype, macmatch, tos, vlan, fcoe
10	fragmentation, mpshittype, macmatch, tos, vnic_id, fcoe
11	fragmentation, mpshittype, macmatch, vlan, port, fcoe
12	fragmentation, mpshittype, macmatch, vnic_id, port, fcoe
13	fragmentation, mpshittype, ethertype, protocol, tos, port, fcoe
14	fragmentation, mpshittype, ethertype, vlan, port
15	fragmentation, mpshittype, ethertype, vlan, fcoe
16	fragmentation, mpshittype, ethertype, vnic_id, port
17	fragmentation, mpshittype, ethertype, vnic_id, fcoe
18	fragmentation, mpshittype, protocol, tos, vlan, port
19	fragmentation, mpshittype, protocol, tos, vlan, fcoe
20	fragmentation, mpshittype, protocol, tos, vnic_id, port
21	fragmentation, mpshittype, protocol, tos, vnic_id, fcoe
22	fragmentation, mpshittype, protocol, vlan, port, fcoe
23	fragmentation, mpshittype, protocol, vnic_id, port, fcoe
24	fragmentation, mpshittype, tos, vlan, port, fcoe

25	fragmentation, mpshittype, tos, vnic_id, port, fcoe
26	fragmentation, mpshittype, vlan, vnic_id, fcoe
27	fragmentation, macmatch, ethertype, protocol, port, fcoe
28	fragmentation, macmatch, ethertype, tos, port, fcoe
29	fragmentation, macmatch, protocol, vlan, port, fcoe
30	fragmentation, macmatch, protocol, vnic_id, port, fcoe
31	fragmentation, macmatch, tos, vlan, port, fcoe
32	fragmentation, macmatch, tos, vnic_id, port, fcoe
33	fragmentation, ethertype, vlan, port, fcoe
34	fragmentation, ethertype, vnic_id, port, fcoe
35	fragmentation, protocol, tos, vlan, port, fcoe
36	fragmentation, protocol, tos, vnic_id, port, fcoe
37	fragmentation, vlan, vnic_id, port, fcoe
38	mpshittype, macmatch, ethertype, protocol, port, fcoe
39	mpshittype, macmatch, ethertype, tos, port, fcoe
40	mpshittype, macmatch, protocol, vlan, port
41	mpshittype, macmatch, protocol, vnic_id, port
42	mpshittype, macmatch, tos, vlan, port
43	mpshittype, macmatch, tos, vnic_id, port
44	mpshittype, ethertype, vlan, port, fcoe
45	mpshittype, ethertype, vnic_id, port, fcoe
46	mpshittype, protocol, tos, vlan, port, fcoe
47	mpshittype, protocol, tos, vnic_id, port, fcoe
48	mpshittype, vlan, vnic_id, port

Important Using any other filter mode combination is strictly not supported.

2.1.3. Changing default filter mode

Based on your requirement, you can change the default filter mode to any one of the combinations mentioned in the table above. To do so, replace the default mode with the chosen mode in firmware configuration file (t6-config.txt for T6 adapters; t5-config.txt for T5 adapters) located in /lib/firmware/cxgb4/.

For example, if you want to filter traffic based on ethtype value in the packets for T6 adapters, replace the default filterMode,

```
filterMode = fcoemask, srvrsram, fragmentation, mpshittype, protocol, vlan,
port, fcoe
```

with

filterMode = fragmentation, mpshittype, macmatch, ethertype, protocol, port

The network driver needs to be reloaded next using the following command:

```
[root@host~]# rmmod cxgb4
[root@host~]# modprobe cxgb4
```

2.2. Creating Filter Rules

Network driver (cxgb4) must be installed and loaded before setting the filter rule.

- i. If you haven't done already, run the Unified Wire Installer with the appropriate configuration tuning option to install the network driver.
- ii. Load the network driver and bring up the Chelsio interface:

```
[root@host~]# modprobe cxgb4
[root@host~]# ifconfig ethX up
```

iii. Now, create filter rules using cxgbtool:

Where.

ethX : Chelsio interface

index : positive integer set as filter id. 0-495 for T5 adapters; 0-559 for T6 adapters.

action : Ingress packet disposition

pass : Ingress packets will be passed through set ingress queues

switch : Ingress packets will be routed to an output port with optional header rewrite.

drop : Ingress packets will be dropped.

prio 1 : Optional for T5.

Mandatory for T6 indices 0-63; Should not be added for T6 indices 64-559

hitcnts 1 : To enable hit counts in cxgbtool filter show output.

O Note In case of multiple filter rules, the rule with the lowest filter index takes higher priority.

2.2.1. Examples

drop action

```
[root@host~]# cxgbtool ethX filter 100 action drop fip 192.168.1.5
```

The above filter rule will drop all ingress packets from source IP 192.168.1.5. Remaining packets will be sent to the host.

pass action

```
[root@host~]# cxgbtool ethX filter 100 action pass lport 10001 fport 355 queue 2 \,
```

The above filter rule will pass all ingress packets that match destination port 10001 and source port 355 to ingress queue 2 for load balancing. Remaining packets will be sent to the host.

switch action

```
[root@host~]# cxgbtool ethX filter 100 action switch iport 0 eport 1 ivlan 3
```

The above filter rule will route all ingress packets that match VLAN id 3 from port 0 of Chelsio adapter to port 1. Remaining packets will be sent to the host.

prio option

To filter offloaded ingress packets, use the prio argument with the above command:

```
[root@host~]# cxgbtool ethx filter <index> action <pass/drop/switch> prio 1
```

Where index is a positive integer set as filter id. 0-495 for T5 adapters and 0-63 for T6 adapters.



For more information on additional parameters, refer cxgbtool manual by running the man cxgbtool command.

2.3. Listing Filter Rules

To list the filters set, run the following command:

```
[root@host~]# cxgbtool ethX filter show
```

OR

[root@host~]# cat /sys/kernel/debug/cxgb4/<bus-id>/filters

2.4. Removing Filter Rules

To remove a filter, run the following command with the corresponding filter rule index

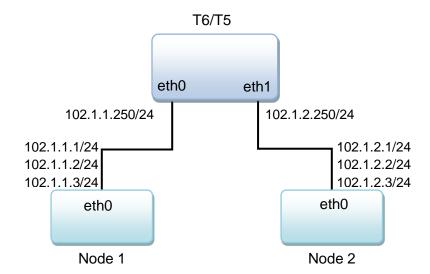
[root@host~]# cxgbtool ethX filter <index> <delete|clear>

Note

For more information on additional parameters, refer cxgbtool manual by running the man cxgbtool command

2.5. Layer 3 Example

Here's an example on how to achieve L3 routing functionality:



Follow these steps on Node 1

i. Configure IP address and enable the 3 interfaces:

ii. Setup a static OR default route towards T6/T5 router to reach 102.1.2.0/24 network

```
[root@host~]# route add -net 102.1.2.0/24 gw 102.1.1.250
```

Follow these steps on Node 2

Configure IP address and enable the 3 interfaces:

```
[root@host~]# ifconfig eth0 102.1.2.1/24 up
[root@host~]# ifconfig eth0:2 102.1.2.2/24 up
[root@host~]# ifconfig eth0:3 102.1.2.3/24 up
[root@host~]# ifconfig eth0
eth0    Link encap:Ethernet    HWaddr 00:07:43:12:D4:88
        inet addr:102.1.2.1    Bcast:102.1.2.255    Mask:255.255.255.0
        inet6 addr: fe80::7:4300:112:d488/64    Scope:Link
        UP BROADCAST RUNNING PROMISC MULTICAST    MTU:1500    Metric:1
        RX packets:1961 errors:0 dropped:2 overruns:0 frame:0
        TX packets:141 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
        collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
        RX bytes:218606 (213.4 KiB)    TX bytes:17483 (17.0 KiB)
        Interrupt:17
```

ii. Setup a static OR default route towards T6/T5 router to reach 102.1.1.0/24 network

```
[root@host~]# route add -net 102.1.1.0/24 gw 102.1.2.250
```

- Follow these steps on machine with T6/T5 adapter
- i. Configure IP address and enable the 2 interfaces:

```
[root@host~]# ifconfig eth0 102.1.1.250/24 up
[root@host~]# ifconfig eth0
         Link encap: Ethernet HWaddr 00:07:43:04:96:40
         inet addr:102.1.1.250 Bcast:102.1.1.255 Mask:255.255.25.0
          inet6 addr: fe80::207:43ff:fe04:9640/64 Scope:Link
          UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
          RX packets:114 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:535 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
          collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
          RX bytes:11880 (11.6 KiB) TX bytes:61729 (60.2 KiB)
          Interrupt:16
[root@host~]# ifconfig eth1 102.1.2.250/24 up
[root@host~]# ifconfig eth1
eth1
         Link encap: Ethernet HWaddr 00:07:43:04:96:48
         inet addr:102.1.2.250 Bcast:102.1.2.255 Mask:255.255.25.0
         inet6 addr: fe80::7:4300:104:9648/64 Scope:Link
          UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
          RX packets:31 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:433 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
          collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
          RX bytes:3181 (3.1 KiB) TX bytes:49134 (47.9 KiB)
          Interrupt:16
```

ii. Create filter rule to send packets for 102.1.2.0/24 network out via eth1 interface:

```
[root@host~]# cxgbtool eth0 filter 100 lip 102.1.2.0/24 hitcnts 1 action switch eport 1 smac 00:07:43:04:96:48 dmac 00:07:43:12:D4:88
```

Where, smac is the MAC address of eth1 interface on T6/T5 adapter machine and dmac is the MAC address of eth0 interface on Node 2.

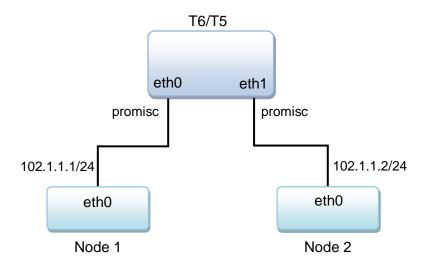
iii. Create filter rule to send packets for 102.1.1.0/24 network out via eth0 interface

```
[root@host~]# cxgbtool eth0 filter 101 lip 102.1.1.0/24 hitches 1 action
switch eport 0 smac 00:07:43:04:96:40 dmac 00:07:43:04:7D:50
```

Where, smac is the MAC address of eth0 interface on T6/T5 adapter machine and dmac is the MAC address of eth0 interface on Node 1.

2.6. Layer 2 Example

Here's an example on how to achieve L2 switching functionality. The following will only work on kernel 3.10 and above.



- Follow these steps on Node 1
- Configure IP address and enable the interface:

```
[root@host~]# ifconfig eth0 102.1.1.1/24 up
[root@host~]# ifconfig eth0
eth0    Link encap:Ethernet    HWaddr 00:07:43:04:7D:50
    inet addr:102.1.1.1    Bcast:102.1.1.255    Mask:255.255.255.0
    inet6 addr: fe80::207:43ff:fe04:7d50/64    Scope:Link
    UP BROADCAST RUNNING PROMISC MULTICAST    MTU:1500    Metric:1
    RX packets:14372 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
    TX packets:62203 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
    collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
    RX bytes:1585952 (1.5 MiB)    TX bytes:4798122 (4.5 MiB)
    Interrupt:16
```

ii. Setup ARP entry to reach 102.1.1.2

```
[root@host~]# arp -s 102.1.1.2 00:07:43:12:D4:88
```

- Follow these steps on Node 2
- i. Configure IP address and enable the interface:

```
[root@host~]# ifconfig eth0 102.1.1.2/24 up
[root@host~]# ifconfig eth0
eth0    Link encap:Ethernet    HWaddr 00:07:43:12:D4:88
    inet addr:102.1.1.2    Bcast:102.1.1.255    Mask:255.255.255.0
    inet6 addr: fe80::7:4300:112:d488/64    Scope:Link
    UP BROADCAST RUNNING PROMISC MULTICAST    MTU:1500    Metric:1
    RX packets:1961 errors:0 dropped:2 overruns:0 frame:0
    TX packets:141 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
    collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
    RX bytes:218606 (213.4 KiB) TX bytes:17483 (17.0 KiB)
    Interrupt:17
```

ii. Setup ARP entry to reach 102.1.1.1

```
[root@host~]# arp -s 102.1.1.1 00:07:43:04:7D:50
```

- Follow these steps on machine with T6/T5 adapter
- i. Update filterMode value with below combination in /lib/firmware/cxgb4/t6-config.txt to enable matching based on macidx (use t5-config.txt for T5 adapters).

```
filterMode = fragmentation, macmatch, mpshittype, protocol, tos, port, fcoe
```

- ii. Unload and re-load the cxgb4 driver.
- iii. Enable promiscuous mode on both the interfaces on T6/T5 adapter machine:

```
[root@host~]# ifconfig eth0 up promisc
[root@host~]# ifconfig eth1 up promisc
```

iv. Build and install latest iproute2 package

v. Add fdb entry corresponding to Node-2 on T6/T5's eth0 interface:

```
[root@host~]# bridge fdb add 00:07:43:12:D4:88 dev eth0 self
```

vi. Add fdb entry corresponding to Node-1 on T6/T5's eth1 interface:

```
[root@host~]# bridge fdb add 00:07:43:04:7D:50 dev eth1 self
```

vii. Both MAC entries should show up in MPS table. Run the following command to view the table and note the index (*idx* field) of the entries:

```
[root@host~]# cat /sys/kernel/debug/cxgb4/0000\:01\:00.4/mps_tcam | more
```

viii. Create a filter to match incoming packet's *dst-mac 00:07:43:12:d4:88* with particular mac-idx and switch it out via eport 1:

```
[root@host~]# cxgbtool eth0 filter 100 macidx 5 action switch eport 1 hitchs 1 \,
```

ix. Create a filter to match incoming packet's *dst-mac 00:07:43:04:7d:50* with particular mac-idx and switch it out via eport 0:

```
[root@host~] \# cxgbtool eth0 filter 101 macidx 7 action switch eport 0 hitchs 1
```

3. Hash/DDR Filters

If you wish to create more filters, select *T5/T6 Hash Filter* configuration tuning option during installation which allows you to create ~0.5 million filter rules. You can create both LE-TCAM and Hash/DDR filters in this configuration.



T5/T6 SO adapters do not support Hash Filters as they are memory free. Up to 496 LE-TCAM filters are supported with Hash Filter configuration.

Hash filters are created based on *filterMask* tuples in firmware configuration file (*t6-config.txt* for T6 adapters; *t5-config.txt* for t5 adapters) located in */lib/firmware/cxgb4/. filterMask* tuples should be either subset of or equal to *filterMode* tuples.

Hash filters are exact match filters. Hence, when you enable more fields(tuples) in *filterMask*, you must create a filter rule with exactly same tuples as mentioned in *filterMask*.

3.1. Configuration

3.1.1. Filter Modes

The Classification and Filtering feature is configured by specifying the filter modes in the firmware configuration file located in /lib/firmware/cxgb4/

Adapter initialization will fail if *filterMask* contains a tuple which is not present in *filterMode*.

The following filter tuples are present in filter modes:

fcoe : Fibre Channel over Ethernet frames port : Packet ingress physical port number

vnic_id : VF ID in MPS TCAM (Currently not supported) and outer VLAN ID

vlan : Inner VLAN ID tos : Type of Service

protocol : IP protocol number (ICMP=1, TCP=6, UDP=17, etc)

ethertype : Layer 2 EtherType

macmatch : MAC index in MPS TCAM

mpshittype : MAC address "match type" (none,unicast,multicast,promiscuous,broadcast)

fragmentation : Fragmented IP packets

3.1.2. Supported Filter Combinations

The following combination is set by default and packets will be matched accordingly:

• For T5/T6:

filterMode = fragmentation, mpshittype, protocol, vlan, port, fcoe

Serial #	Filter Combination
1	fragmentation, mpshittype, macmatch, ethertype, protocol, port
2	fragmentation, mpshittype, macmatch, ethertype, protocol, fcoe
3	fragmentation, mpshittype, macmatch, protocol, tos, port, fcoe
4	fragmentation, mpshittype, macmatch, protocol, vlan, fcoe
5	fragmentation, mpshittype, macmatch, protocol, vnic_id, fcoe
6	fragmentation, mpshittype, ethertype, protocol, tos, port, fcoe
7	fragmentation, mpshittype, protocol, tos, vlan, port
8	fragmentation, mpshittype, protocol, tos, vlan, fcoe
9	fragmentation, mpshittype, protocol, tos, vnic_id, port
10	fragmentation, mpshittype, protocol, tos, vnic_id, fcoe
11	fragmentation, mpshittype, protocol, vlan, port, fcoe
12	fragmentation, mpshittype, protocol, vnic_id, port, fcoe
13	fragmentation, macmatch, ethertype, protocol, port, fcoe
14	fragmentation, macmatch, protocol, vlan, port, fcoe
15	fragmentation, macmatch, protocol, vnic_id, port, fcoe
16	fragmentation, protocol, tos, vlan, port, fcoe
17	fragmentation, protocol, tos, vnic_id, port, fcoe
18	mpshittype, macmatch, ethertype, protocol, port, fcoe
19	mpshittype, macmatch, protocol, vlan, port
20	mpshittype, macmatch, protocol, vnic_id, port
21	mpshittype, protocol, tos, vlan, port, fcoe
22	mpshittype, protocol, tos, vnic_id, port, fcoe

Important

Using any other filter mode combination is strictly not supported.

3.1.3. Changing default filter mode

Based on your requirement, you can change the default filter mode to any one of the combinations mentioned in the table above. To do so, replace the default mode with the chosen mode in firmware configuration file (*t6-config.txt* for T6 adapters; *t5-config.txt* for T5 adapters) located in /lib/firmware/cxgb4/.

For example, if you want to filter traffic based on *ethtype* value in the packets for T6 adapters, replace the default filterMode,

```
filterMode = fcoemask, srvrsram, fragmentation, mpshittype, protocol, vlan,
port, fcoe
```

with

filterMode = fragmentation, mpshittype, macmatch, ethertype, protocol, port

You can change the default filter mode to any one of the following combinations, based on your requirement. The network driver needs to be reloaded next using the following command:

```
[root@host~]# rmmod cxgb4
[root@host~]# modprobe cxgb4 use_ddr_filters=1
```

3.2. Creating Filter Rules

Network driver (cxgb4) must be installed and loaded before setting the filter rule.

- i. If you haven't done already, run the Unified Wire Installer with the *T5/T6 Hash Filter* configuration tuning option to install the Network Driver.
- ii. Load the network driver with DDR filters support and bring up the Chelsio interface :

```
[root@host~]# modprobe cxgb4 use_ddr_filters=1
[root@host~]# ifconfig ethX up
```

iii. Now, create filter rules using exgbtool:

```
[root@host~]# cxgbtool ethX filter <index> action [pass/drop/switch] fip
<source_ip> lip <destination_ip> fport <source_port> lport
<destination_port> proto protocol> <hitcnts 1> <cap maskless>
```

Where,

ethX : Chelsio interface.

index : Filter index. For LE-TCAM filters, filter index should be 0-495 for T5

adapters and 0-559 for T6 adapters. In case of Hash/DDR filter, the index will be ignored and replaced by an automatically computed value, based on the hash (4-tuple). The index will be displayed after the filter rule is

created successfully.

action : Ingress packet disposition.

pass : Ingress packets will be passed through set ingress queues.

switch : Ingress packets will be routed to an output port with optional header

rewrite.

drop
source_ip/port
Source IP/port of incoming packet.
destination_ip/port
Destination IP/port of incoming packet.

protocol : TCP by default. To change, specify the corresponding internet protocol

number, e.g., use 17 for UDP.

hitcnts 1 : To enable hit counts in cxgbtool filter show output.

cap maskless : This is mandatory for hash filter. If not provided, LE-TCAM filter will be

created at the specified index.



In case of Hash/DDR filters, **source_ip**, **destination_ip**, **source_port** and **destination_port** are mandatory, since the filters don't support masks and hence, 4-tuple must always be supplied. **Proto** is also a mandatory parameter.

3.2.1. Choosing filterMode and filterMask

As mentioned earlier filterMask tuples can be subset of or equal to filterMode tuples. Following are examples of how you can select filterMode and filterMask and create a Hash filter based on those values:

- When all tuples from filterMode are enabled in filterMask
- Select a filterMode from supported filterMode table based on your requirement. E.g.,

```
filterMode = fragmentation, mpshittype, protocol, vlan, port, fcoe
```

ii. Select a filterMask so that it is a subset of or equal to filterMode based on application. E.g.;

```
filterMask = fragmentation, mpshittype, protocol, vlan, port, fcoe
```

Here, we have selected *fragmentation, mpshittype, protocol, vlan, port, fcoe* in filterMask so it is mandatory to create a filter based on all of those tuples mentioned in filterMask. Otherwise, filter rule will not honour.

iii. Now, to create a hash filter based on the filterMode and filterMask values selected above:

```
[root@host~]# cxgbtool eth18 filter 100 action drop lip 120.10.10.100 fip
120.10.10.200 lport 5001 fport 51549 proto 6 frag 0 matchtype 0 ivlan 10
iport 0 fcoe 0 hitchts 1 cap maskless
Hash-Filter Index = 303760
```

When all tuples from filterMode are not enabled in filterMask:

In case if you don't want to create filter rule based on any particular tuple from filterMode, don't select it in filterMask. For example, if you don't want to create a filter based on VLAN value, then don't select it from filterMode to filterMask.

i. Select a filterMode from supported filterMode table based on your requirement. E.g.,

```
filterMode = fragmentation, mpshittype, protocol, vlan, port, fcoe
```

ii. Select a filterMask so that it is a subset of or equal to filterMode based on application without VLAN tuple. E.g.;

```
filterMask = fragmentation, mpshittype, protocol, port, fcoe
```

Here, we have selected *fragmentation*, *mpshittype*, *protocol*, *port*, *fcoe* in filterMask so it is mandatory to create a filter based on only those tuples mentioned in filterMask. Otherwise, filter rule will not honour.

iii. Now, to create a hash filter based on the filterMode and filterMask values selected above:

```
[root@indus sw]# cxgbtool eth18 filter 100 action drop lip 120.10.10.100 fip
120.10.10.200 lport 5001 fport 51549 proto 6 frag 0 matchtype 0 iport 0
fcoe 0 hitchts 1 cap maskless
Hash-Filter Index = 196568
```

3.2.2. Examples

drop action

```
[root@host~]# cxgbtool ethX filter 496 action drop lip 102.1.1.1 fip
102.1.1.2 lport 12865 fport 20000 hitchts 1 cap maskless iport 1 proto 17
Hash-Filter Index = 61722
```

The above filter rule will drop all UDP packets matching above 4 tuple coming on Chelsio port 1. Remaining packets will be sent to the host.

pass action

```
[root@host~]# cxgbtool ethX filter 496 action pass lip 102.2.2.1 fip
102.2.2.2 lport 12865 fport 12000 hitchts 1 cap maskless proto 6
Hash-Filter Index = 308184
```

The above filter rule will pass all TCP packets matching above 4 tuple. Remaining packets will be sent to the host.

switch action

```
[root@host~]# cxgbtool ethX filter 496 action switch lip 102.3.3.1 fip 102.3.3.2 lport 5001 fport 16000 iport 0 eport 1 hitchts 1 cap maskless Hash-Filter Index = 489090
```

The above filter rule will switch all the packets matching above 4 tuple from Chelsio port 0 to Chelsio port 1. Remaining packets will be sent to the host.

Note

For more information on additional parameters, refer cxgbtool manual by running the man cxgbtool command.

3.3. Listing Filter Rules

• To list the Hash/DDR filters set, run the following command:

[root@host~]# cat /sys/kernel/debug/cxgb4/<bus-id>/hash_filters

To list the both LE-TCAM and Hash/DDR filters set, run the following command:

[root@host~]# cxgbtool ethX filter show

3.4. Removing Filter Rules

To remove a filter, run the following command with *cap maskless* parameter and corresponding filter rule index:

[root@host~]# cxgbtool ethX filter <index> <delete|clear> cap maskless



- Filter rule index can be determined by referring the "hash_filters" file located in /sys/kernel/debug/cxgb4/
bus-id>/.
- For more information on additional parameters, refer cxgbtool manual by runing the man cxgbtool command.

3.5. Filter Priority

By default, Hash/DDR filter has priority over LE-TCAM filter. To override this, the LE-TCAM filter should be created with *prio* option. For example:

[root@host~]# cxgbtool ethx filter <index> action <pass/drop/switch> prio 1

Where index is a positive integer set as filter id. 0-495 for T5 adapters and 0-63 for T6 adapters.

3.6. Swap MAC Feature

Chelsio's T6/T5 Swap MAC feature swaps packet source MAC and destination MAC addresses. This is applicable only for switch filter rules. Here's an example:

```
[root@host~]# cxgbtool eth2 filter 100 action switch lip 102.2.2.1 fip
102.2.2.2 lport 5001 fport 14000 hitchts 1 iport 1 eport 0 swapmac 1 proto
17 cap maskless
Hash-Filter Index = 21936
```

The above example will swap source and destination MAC addresses of UDP packets (matching above 4 tuple) received on adapter port 1 and then switch them to port 0.

3.7. Traffic Mirroring

On T5 adapters, when using *Hash Filter* configuration tuning option, Network driver (cxgb4) parameter *enable_mirror* can be used to enable mirroring of traffic running on physical ports. The mirrored traffic will be received via Mirror PF/VF on Mirror Receive queues, which will then inject this traffic into network stack of Linux kernel.

3.7.1. Enabling Mirroring

To enable traffic mirroring, follow the steps mentioned below:

- i. If not done already, install Unified Wire with *Hash Filter* configuration tuning option as mentioned in the Unified Wire chapter.
- ii. Enable *vnic_id* match for filterMode in Hash filter config file, *t5-config.txt*, located in /lib/firmware/cxgb4/

```
filterMode = fragmentation, mpshittype, protocol, vnic_id, port, fcoe
filterMask = port, protocol, vnic_id
```

iii. Unload network driver (cxgb4) and reload it with mirroring enabled.

```
[root@host~]# rmmod cxgb4
[root@host~]# modprobe cxgb4 enable_mirror=1 use_ddr_filters=1
```

iv. The traffic will now be mirrored and received via mirror PF/VF corresponding to each port.

3.7.2. Switch Filter with Mirroring

The following example explains the method to switch and mirror traffic simultaneously:

- Obtain the PF and VF values of the incoming port from /sys/kernel/debug/cxgb4/<bus-id>/mps_tcam
- ii. Create the desired switch filter rule:

```
[root@host~]# cxgbtool ethX filter 100 fip 102.8.8.2 lip 102.8.8.1 fport
20000 lport 12865 pf 4 vf 64 action switch iport 0 eport 1 cap maskless
```

The above hash filter rule is created to switch traffic from 102.8.8.2,20000 to 102.8.8.1,12865 received on port 0 to be switched out from port 1. The traffic will be switched and simultaneously received on mirror queues and network stack of host as mirroring is enabled.

3.7.3. Filtered Traffic Mirroring

Once mirroring is enabled, all the traffic received on a physical port will be duplicated. The following example explains the method to filter out the redundant traffic and receive only specific traffic on mirror queues:

i. Obtain the mirror PF and VF values from *dmesg*. You should see a similar output:

```
[165299.356887] cxgb4 0000:02:00.4: Port 0 Traffic Mirror PF = 4; VF = 66 [165299.358004] cxgb4 0000:02:00.4: Port 1 Traffic Mirror PF = 4; VF = 67
```

ii. Create a DROP-ALL rule as below:

```
[root@host~]# cxgbtool ethX filter 255 pf 4 vf 66 action drop
```

Where, 255 is the last index of available TCAM filters. This will create a catch-all DROP filter for Mirror PF/VF of port 0. Similarly, create DROP filters for rest of Mirror PF/VF.

iii. Create specific filter rules to allow specific traffic to be received on mirror queues as below:

```
[root@host~]# cxgbtool ethX filter 101 lip 102.8.8.1 fip 102.8.8.2 lport 12865 fport 20000 pf 4 vf 66 action pass
```

Now, the above specific traffic (from 102.8.8.2,20000 to 102.8.8.1,12865) will be received in mirror receive queues and network stack of host.

3.8. Packet Tracing and Hit Counters

For T5/T6 LE-TCAM and T6 Hash/DDR filters, *hit counters* will work simply by adding *hitcnts* 1 parameter to the filter rule. However, for T5 Hash/DDR filters, you will have to make use of tracing feature and RSS queues. Here's a step-by-step guide to enable packet tracing and *hit counters* for T5 Hash/DDR filter rules:

i. Load network driver with the following parameters:

```
[root@host~]# modprobe cxgb4 use_ddr_filters=1 enable_traceq=1
```

- ii. Configure the required filter rules.
- iii. Enable tracing on T5 adapter.

```
[root@host~]# cxgbtool ethX reg 0x09800=0x13
```

iv. Setup a trace filter

```
[{\tt root@host} \sim] \# {\tt echo}  tx1   {\tt snaplen=40} > /{\tt sys/kernel/debug/cxgb4/<bus\_id} > /{\tt trace0}
```

Here, *snaplen* is the length in bytes to be captured.

1 Note Use "snaplen=60" in case of IPV6.

The above step will trace all the packets transmitting from port1(tx1) to trace filter 0.

v. Configure RSS Queue to send trace packets. Determine the RspQ ID of the queues by looking at *Trace* QType in /sys/kernel/debug/cxgb4/<bus-id>/sge_qinfo file

```
[root@host~]# cxgbtool ethX reg 0x0a00c=<Trace Queue0-RspQ ID>
```

Now the traced packets can be seen in topdump and the hit counters will also increment.

Multi-tracing

To enable packet capture or *hit counters* for multiple chelsio ports in Tx/Rx direction enable Multi-tracing. Using this we can configure 4 different RSS Queues separately corresponding to 4 trace-filters.

i. Enable Tracing as well as MultiRSSFilter

```
[root@host~]# cxgbtool ethX reg 0x09800=0x33
```

ii. Setup a trace filter

```
[root@host~]# echo tx0 snaplen=40 > /sys/kernel/debug/cxgb4/<bus_id>/trace0
```

iii. Configure the RSS Queue corresponding to trace0 filter configured above. Determine the RspQ ID of the queues by looking at Trace QType in /sys/kernel/debug/cxgb4/
bus-id>/sge_qinfo file.

```
[root@host~]# cxgbtool ethX reg 0x09808=<Trace-Queue0-RspQ ID>
```

iv. Similarly for other direction and for multiple ports run the follow commands:

```
[root@host~]# echo rx0 snaplen=40 > /sys/kernel/debug/cxgb4/<bus_id>/trace1
[root@host~]# echo tx1 snaplen=40 > /sys/kernel/debug/cxgb4/<bus_id>/trace2
[root@host~]# echo rx1 snaplen=40 > /sys/kernel/debug/cxgb4/<bus_id>/trace3
[root@host~]# cxgbtool ethX reg 0x09fff4=<Trace-Queue1-RspQ ID>
[root@host~]# cxgbtool ethX reg 0x09ffc=<Trace-Queue2-RspQ ID>
[root@host~]# cxgbtool ethX reg 0x0a004=<Trace-Queue3-RspQ ID>
```

Note

Use "snaplen=60" in case of IPV6.

4. NAT Filtering

T5/T6 adapters support offloading of stateless/static NAT functionality i.e. translating source/destination L3 IP addresses, and source/destination L4 port numbers. This feature is supported with both LE-TCAM and Hash filters.

Note

This feature is only supported with filter action switch.

Syntax:

[root@host~]# cxgbtool ethX filter <index> action switch fip <source_ip> lip
<destination_ip> fport <source_port> lport <destination_port> nat <mode>
nat_fip <new_source_ip> nat_lip <new_destination_ip> nat_fport
<new_source_port> nat_lport <new_destination_port>

Where,

ethX : Chelsio interface.

source_ip/port
 destination_ip/port
 new_source_ip/port
 new_destination_ip/port
 Source IP/port of incoming packet.
 Source IP/port to be translated to.
 Destination IP/port to be translated to.

: Combination of IP/port to be translated. *all* will translate all 4-tuple fields. To see other modes, refer

cxgbtool manual page.

Examples:

mode

 Hash filter to translate all four tuples, viz. source IP, destination IP, source port and destination port to new values:

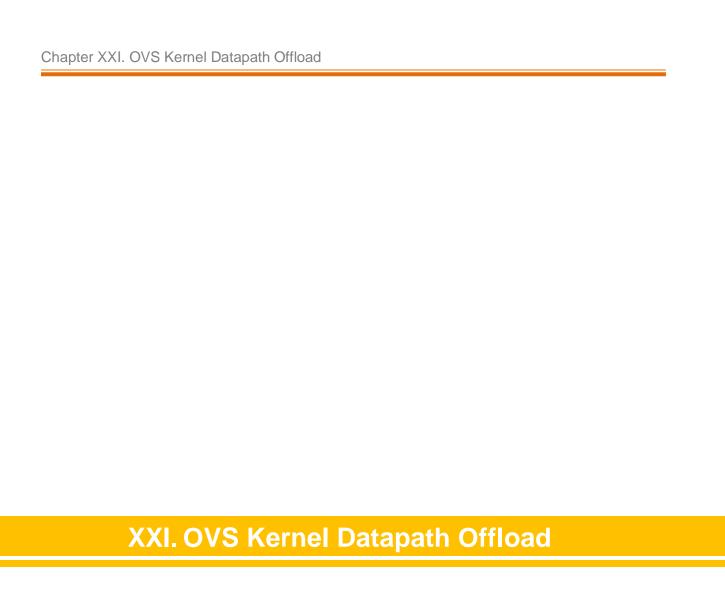
```
[root@ ~]# cxgbtool eth0 filter 101 action switch iport 0 eport 1 fip 102.10.10.100 lip 102.10.10.200 fport 50000 lport 60000 proto 17 nat all nat_fip 192.168.10.100 nat_lip 192.168.10.200 nat_fport 60000 nat_lport 61000 hitchts 1 cap maskless
Hash-Filter Index = 232776
```

Hash filter to translate source IP and source port to new values:

```
[root0] ~] # cxgbtool eth0 filter 101 action switch iport 0 eport 1 fip 102.10.10.100 lip 102.10.10.200 fport 50000 lport 60000 proto 17 nat sip-sp nat_fip 192.168.10.100 nat_fport 61000 hitchts 1 cap maskless
Hash-Filter Index = 232776
```

LE-TCAM filter to translate destination IP and destination port to new values:

```
[root0] ~] # cxgbtool eth0 filter 101 action switch iport 0 eport 1 lip 102.10.10.200 lport 60000 nat dip-d
o nat_lip 192.168.10.200 nat_lport 61000 hitcnts 1
```



1. Introduction

Open vSwitch is a production quality, multilayer virtual switch licensed under the open source Apache 2.0 license. It is designed to enable massive network automation through programmatic extension, while still supporting standard management interfaces and protocols.

Chelsio's T6/T5 Unified Wire solution can offload OVS datapath flow match entries and action processing onto Chelsio adapter for hardware acceleration of OVS datapath flow processing.

Chelsio 1/10/25/40/50/100Gb Ethernet controllers and adapters are capable of offloading OpenFlow and non-OpenFlow network traffic simultaneously, including tunnel handling (e.g. VXLAN / IPsec), NAT, IP stack (ARP, route lookup, frag tracking, fragment / defragment) and other kernel functionalities. A high performance, scalable network I/O is delivered by leveraging built in eSwitch and traffic manager capabilities. In addition, features like traffic classifier, load balancer and firewall are supported at port level by all Chelsio adapters.

1.1. Hardware Requirements

The following are the currently shipping Chelsio adapters that are compatible with OVS driver:

- T62100-CR
- T62100-LP-CR
- T62100-SO-CR*
- T61100-OCP*
- T6425-CR
- T6225-CR
- T6225-LL-CR
- T6225-OCP*
- T6225-SO-CR*
- T580-CR
- T580-LP-CR
- T580-SO-CR*
- T580-OCP-SO*
- T540-CR
- T520-CR
- T520-LL-CR
- T520-SO-CR*
- T520-OCP-SO*
- T520-BT

^{*} Hash Filter (exact-match) flows not supported

1.2. Software Requirements

The Chelsio OVS driver has been developed to run on the following 64-bit Linux platforms:

- RHEL 7.3, 3.10.0-514.el7 kernel
- Kernel.org linux-4.9.88 (Minimum 4.9 kernel version supported is 4.9.13)

Other kernel versions have not been tested and are not guaranteed to work.

2. Software/Driver Installation

2.1. Pre-requisites

GCC 4.6+, Python 2.7+, Python-six, Autoconf 2.63+, Automake 1.10+, libtool 2.4+ packages should be installed. For the complete list of software required visit http://docs.openvswitch.org/en/latest/intro/install/general/

2.2. Installation

i. Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x

ii. Install OVS driver:

[root@host~]# make ovs_install

1 Note For more installation options, please run make help or install.py -h

3. Software/Driver Configuration and Fine Tuning

Supported Fields

The following match fields are supported for offload:

- Input Port
- L2 Ethernet Type
- L3 IP Protocol Type
- L3 IPv4 address
- L3 IPv6 address
- L3 IPv4 TOS
- L3 IP Fragmentation
- L4 Ports (tcp/udp src-port, dst-port)
- Tunnel/Encapsulation VNI (only on T6)

Supported Actions

The following actions are supported for offload:

- Drop
- Switch (output to a port)
- L2 Rewrite: src-mac, dst-mac
- VLAN Rewrite: push, pop, modify
- L3 Rewrite: ip-src, ip-dst (IPv4 and IPv6)
- L4 Rewrite: src-port, dst-port (TCP/UDP)

3.1. Configuring OVS Machine

The following example explains the method to configure an OVS machine:



*eth2 and eth3 are Chelsio interfaces.

- i. Please install Unified Wire with *Hash Filter (T5/T6)* configuration tuning option.
- ii. Update the *filterMode* and *filterMask* in the hash config file in */lib/firmware/cxgb4/*. Use *t6-config.txt* for T6 adapters and *t5-config.txt* for T5 adapters:

```
filterMode = fragmentation,ethertype,protocol,tos,port
filterMask = fragmentation,ethertype,protocol,tos,port
```

- 1 Note filterMask tuples can be subset of or equal to filterMode tuples.
- iii. Load NIC (cxgb4) driver with hash-filter support:

```
[root@host~]# modprobe cxgb4 use_ddr_filters=1
```

iv. Bring up the Chelsio interfaces in promiscous mode:

```
[root@host~]# ifconfig eth2 promisc up
[root@host~]# ifconfig eth3 promisc up
```

v. Load Open vSwitch module:

```
[root@host~]# modprobe openvswitch
```

vi. Configure OVS

```
[root@host~]# ovs-appctl exit
[root@host~]# pkill -9 ovs
[root@host~]# rm -rf /usr/local/etc/ovs-vswitchd.conf
[root@host~]# rm -rf /usr/local/var/run/openvswitch/db.sock
[root@host~]# rm -rf /usr/local/etc/openvswitch/conf.db
[root@host~]# touch /usr/local/etc/ovs-vswitchd.conf
[root@host~]# ovsdb-tool create /usr/local/etc/openvswitch/conf.db
<uwire_package>/src/openvswitch-x.x.x/vswitchd/vswitch.ovsschema
[root@host~]# ovsdb-server /usr/local/etc/openvswitch/conf.db --
remote=punix:/usr/local/var/run/openvswitch/db.sock --
remote=db:Open_vSwitch,Open_vSwitch,manager_options --bootstrap-ca-
cert=db:Open_vSwitch,SSL,ca_cert --pidfile --detach --log-file
[root@host~]# ovs-vsctl --no-wait init
[root@host~]# export DB_SOCK=/usr/local/var/run/openvswitch/db.sock
[root@host~]# ovs-vswitchd --pidfile --detach
```

vii. Create an OVS bridge and add Chelsio interfaces to it:

```
[root@host~]# ovs-vsctl add-br br0
[root@host~]# sleep 2
[root@host~]# ifconfig br0 up
[root@host~]# ovs-vsctl add-port br0 eth2
[root@host~]# sleep 5
[root@host~]# ovs-vsctl add-port br0 eth3
[root@host~]# sleep 5
[root@host~]# ovs-vsctl show
```



Ports on OVS bridge must be added in the same order as the adapter, since there's no mapping between OVS and physical ports.

- viii. Now ping from Host A to Host B to verify that OVS is configured successfully.
- ix. Stop the ping traffic and delete all the flows on switch:

```
[root@host~]# ovs-ofctl del-flows br0
```

3.2. Creating OVS flows

It is mandatory to specify L2 Ethernet Type (dl_type) to offload OVS flows. There are two types of flows:

- exact-match: Protocol and 4-tuple are mandatory to create an exact-match flow. ~0.5 million exact-match flows can be offloaded.
- **wild-card**: If any of 4-tuple and protocol are absent, wild-card flow is created. 496 wild-card flows can be offloaded.



T5/T6 SO adapters do not support exact-match flows. Up to 494 wild-card flows are supported.

3.2.1. Examples

3.2.1.1. Generic Flows

Below are few example OVS Flows with the following *filterMode* and *filterMask* combination:

```
filterMode = fragmentation,ethertype,protocol,tos,port
filterMask = fragmentation,ethertype,protocol,tos,port
```

Wild-card flow to drop incoming packets on first port:

```
[root@host~]# ovs-ofctl add-flow br0 in_port=1,dl_type=0x800,action=drop
```

• Wild-card flow to switch ARP packets (L2 EtherType=0x0806) on 1st port to 2nd port:

```
[root@host~]# ovs-ofctl add-flow br0
in_port=1,dl_type=0x0806,action=output:2
```

 Wild-card flow to switch TCP packets (L3 proto=6) on 1st port to 2nd port by rewriting source and destination MAC addresses:

```
[root@host~]# ovs-ofctl add-flow br0 in_port=1,dl_type=0x800,
nw_proto=6,action=mod_dl_src:00:07:43:28:E4:50,
mod_dl_dst:00:07:43:44:64:50,output:2
```

Exact-match flow to drop matching 4-tuple traffic:

```
[root@host~]# ovs-ofctl add-flow br0
in_port=1,dl_type=0x800,nw_proto=6,nw_src=10.1.1.66,tp_src=11000,nw_dst=10.1
.1.58,tp_dst=11000,action=drop
```

• Exact-match flow to match 4-tuple IPv4 traffic and do NAT rewrite:

```
[root@host~]# ovs-ofctl add-flow br0
dl_type=0x800,nw_proto=6,nw_src=10.1.1.66,tp_src=11000,nw_dst=10.1.1.58,tp_d
st=21000,action=mod_nw_src=10.2.2.66,mod_tp_src=11005,mod_nw_dst:10.2.2.62,m
od_tp_dst:12345,output:2
```

Exact-match flow to match 4-tuple IPv6 traffic and do NAT rewrite:

```
[root@host~]# ovs-ofctl add-flow br0
in_port=1,dl_type=0x86dd,nw_proto=6,ipv6_src=2000::66,tp_src=11000,ipv6_dst=
2000::58,tp_dst=11000,action=set_field:2001::66-
\>ipv6_src,mod_tp_src=15000,output:2
```

Wild-card flow to drop fragmented packets:

```
[root@host~]# ovs-ofctl add-flow br0 dl_type=0x800,ip_frag=yes,action=drop
```

• Exact-match flow to switch 4-tuple IPv4 traffic with TOS 0xE0:

```
[root@host~]# ovs-ofctl add-flow br0 in_port=1,dl_type=0x800,nw_proto=6,
nw_src=10.1.1.66,tp_src=11000,nw_dst=10.1.1.58,tp_dst=21000,
nw_tos=0xE0,action=output:2
```

 If a wild-card and exact match flow both exist for the same traffic pattern, the flow that is created first will take priority. In the below example, the wild-card flow will take priority as it was created first.

```
[root@host~]# ovs-ofctl add-flow br0
dl_type=0x800,nw_src=10.1.1.58,nw_dst=10.1.1.66,tp_src=15000,tp_dst=15000,ac
tion=output:1
[root@host~]# ovs-ofctl add-flow br0
dl_type=0x800,nw_proto=6,nw_src=10.1.1.58,nw_dst=10.1.1.66,tp_src=15000,tp_d
st=15000,action=output:1
```

3.2.1.2. VLAN Flows

Below are few example VLAN flows with the following FilterMode and FiletrMask combination.

```
filterMode = fragmentation,mpshittype,ethertype,vlan,port
filterMask = ethertype,vlan,port
```

Reload cxgb4 driver after updating filterMode and filterMask.

• Strip VLAN tag and switch traffic:

```
[root@host~]# ovs-ofctl add-flow br0
in_port=1,dl_type=0x800,action=strip_vlan,output:2
```

Insert VLAN tag 100 and switch traffic:

```
[root@host~]# ovs-ofctl -O OpenFlow11 add-flow br0
in_port=1,dl_type=0x800,action=push_vlan:0x8100,set_field:100-
\>vlan_vid,output:2
```

Modify VLAN tag 30 to 50 and switch traffic:

```
[root@host~]# ovs-ofctl -O OpenFlow11 add-flow br0
in_port=1,dl_type=0x800,vlan_vid=30,action=mod_vlan_vid=50,output:2
```

If *vlan_vid* is not specieifed, the *mod_vlan_vid* tag will be added with a priority of 0.

Modify VLAN priority and switch traffic:

```
[root@host~]# ovs-ofctl -O OpenFlow11 add-flow br0
in_port=1,dl_type=0x800,vlan_pcp=4,action=mod_vlan_pcp=3,output:2
```

3.2.1.3. VXLAN Flows

The following steps describe the method to configure VXLAN using OVS with single port on Server and Client machines.



- Only wild-card flows are currently supported with VXLAN matches.
 - VxLAN VNI rewrite is not supported.
- Server
- i. Update the firmware configuration file, t6-config.txt, located at /lib/firmware/cxgb4/:

```
filterMode = fragmentation, mpshittype, ethertype, vnic_id, port
filterMask = ethertype, vnic_id, port
vnicMode = encapsulation
```

ii. Load NIC (cxgb4) driver with hash-filter support:

```
[root@host~]# modprobe cxgb4 use_ddr_filters=1
```

iii. Bring up Chelsio interfaces in promiscous mode:

```
[root@host~]# ifconfig ethX <ip_address> promisc up
[root@host~]# ifconfig ethY <ip_address> promisc up
```

iv. Load Open vSwitch module:

```
[root@host~]# modprobe openvswitch
```

v. Configure OVS:

```
[root@host~]# ovs-appctl exit
[root@host~]# pkill -9 ovs
[root@host~]# rm -rf /usr/local/etc/ovs-vswitchd.conf
[root@host~]# rm -rf /usr/local/var/run/openvswitch/db.sock
[root@host~]# rm -rf /usr/local/etc/openvswitch/conf.db
[root@host~]# touch /usr/local/etc/ovs-vswitchd.conf
[root@host~]# ovsdb-tool create /usr/local/etc/openvswitch/conf.db
<uwire package>/src/openvswitch-x.x.x/vswitchd/vswitch.ovsschema
[root@host~]# ovsdb-server /usr/local/etc/openvswitch/conf.db --
remote=punix:/usr/local/var/run/openvswitch/db.sock --
remote=db:Open vSwitch,Open vSwitch,manager options --bootstrap-ca-
cert=db:Open vSwitch, SSL, ca cert --pidfile --detach --log-file
[root@host~]# ovs-vsctl --no-wait init
[root@host~] # export DB SOCK=/usr/local/var/run/openvswitch/db.sock
[root@host~]# ovs-vswitchd --pidfile -detach
[root@host~]# ovs-vsctl add-br br0
[root@host~]# ifconfig br0 <server ip>/24 up
[root@host~]# ovs-vsctl add-port br0 <chelsio port0 name> -- set interface
<chelsio port0 name> type=vxlan options:remote ip=<peer chelsio ip>
options:local ip=<local chelsio ip> options:key=flow
[root@host~]# ovs-vsctl add-port br0 <chelsio port1 name>
```

vi. Disable GRO on the chelsio adapter, bridge and VXLAN interfaces:

```
[root@host~]# ethtool -K <chelsio_port0_name> gro off
[root@host~]# ethtool -K <chelsio_port1_name> gro off
[root@host~]# ethtool -K br0 gro off
[root@host~]# ethtool -K vxlan_sys_* gro off
```

vii. Set a rule to match packets with VNI=42 and drop:

```
[root@host~]# ovs-ofctl add-flow br0 in_port=2,tun_id=0x2a,action=drop
```

Client

- i. Follow steps (i)-(vi) described in the previous section **Server**.
- ii. Set a rule to set VNI to 42 and send traffic:

```
[root@host~]# ovs-ofctl add-flow br0
in_port=LOCAL,action=set_tunnel:0x2a,output:2
```

3.3. Verifying OVS Flow Dump

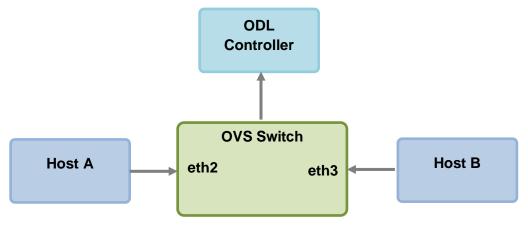
OVS flow dump can be verified using:

```
[root@host~]# ovs-ofctl dump-flows br0
```

Run traffic between hosts which matches the flow and verify if the n_packet counter is incrementing.

3.4. Setting up ODL with OVS

The following example explains the method to set up OpenDaylight(ODL) using OVS:



*eth2 and eth3 are Chelsio interfaces.

On the ODL controller setup,

- i. Download latest Java Development Kit.
- ii. Untar the tar file.

iii. Create an entry in .bashrc which points to the extracted folder:

```
export JAVA_HOME=<path>/jdk1.8.0_92
export PATH=$PATH:$JAVA_HOME
```

- iv. Logout & log back in.
- v. Download ODL controller pre-built zip package.
- vi. Unzip the package and change your working directory to opendaylight.
- vii. Run the script *run.sh* and wait for ~3 minutes for the controller to be setup.
- viii. Open a web browser and enter the address http://localhost:8080
- ix. Login with admin keyword for both username and password.
- x. On the OVS machine, add the bridge to the controller and disable in-band:

```
[root@host ~]# ovs-vsctl set-controller br0 tcp:<ODL Controller IP>:6633
[root@host ~]# ovs-vsctl set bridge br0 other-config:disable-in-band=true
```

- xi. Refresh the webpage on the ODL controller and you should see the OVS details.
- xii. Goto **Flows** tab, add and install a flow.
- xiii. Verify the flow dump on the OVS machine:

```
[root@host ~]# ovs-ofctl dump-flows br0
```

Run traffic between hosts which matches the flow and verify if the n_packet counter is incrementing.

4. Software/Driver Uninstallation

i. Change your working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire directory:

[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x

ii. Uninstall OVS driver:

[root@host~]# make ovs_uninstall

XXII. Ring Backbone

1. Introduction

Chelsio Ring Backbone utility is an easy to use tool developed to configure machines (with Chelsio adapters) in a ring backbone. This replaces the need for a ToR switch to connect a set of servers.

1.1. Hardware Requirements

1.1.1. Supported Adapters

The following are the currently shipping Chelsio adapters that are compatible with the Chelsio Ring Backbone utility:

- T61100-OCP*
- T62100-CR
- T62100-LP-CR
- T62100-SO-CR*
- T6425-CR
- T6225-CR
- T6225-LL-CR
- T6225-OCP*
- T6225-SO-CR*
- T580-OCP-SO*
- T520-OCP-SO*
- T580-CR
- T580-LP-CR
- T580-SO-CR*
- T540-CR
- T520-CR
- T520-LL-CR
- T520-SO-CR*
- T520-BT

1.2. Software Requirements

Currently the Ring Backbone utility is available for the following Linux version(s):

- RHEL 7.4, 3.10.0-693.el7
- RHEL 7.3, 3.10.0-514.el7
- Kernel.org linux-4.9.88 (Minimum 4.9 kernel version supported is 4.9.13)

Other versions have not been tested and are not guaranteed to work.

^{*} Only NIC driver supported.

1.3. Ring Connectivity

Connect the machines in ring backbone. Connect port 1 of one machine to the port 0 of next machine such that a closed ring is formed. Port 1 is assigned for Tx and port 0 is assigned for Rx.

Important

Port 1 should be not configured for any other purpose in the operating system.

2. Software/Driver Installation

Install Unified Wire on all the machines in the ring backbone:

i. Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory.

```
[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x
```

ii. Install the drivers, tools and libraries using the following command:

```
[root@host~]# make install CONF=RING
```

3. Software/Driver Configuration and Fine-tuning

Configure ring backbone on all the machines using the below steps:

Important

Please ensure that all inbox drivers are unloaded before proceeding with unified wire drivers.

 $[{\tt root@host}{\sim}] \# {\tt rmmod csiostor cxgb4i cxgbit iw_cxgb4 chcr cxgb4vf cxgb4} \\ {\tt libcxgbi libcxgb}$

i. Load network driver (cxgb4) with enable_ringbb module parameter.

```
[root@host~]# modprobe cxgb4 enable_ringbb=1
```

ii. Check dmesg output and note the mirror VF ID:

```
[root@host~]# dmesg|grep -i mirror
```

```
[root@host ~] # dmesg | grep -i mirror
[ 401.846497] cxgb4 0000:02:00.4: Port 0 Traffic Mirror PF = 4; VF = 70
```

- iii. Bring up port 0 and port 1 interfaces, but assign IP address to only port 0.
- iv. Disable IPv6 on port 1:

```
[root@host~]# sysctl -w net.ipv6.conf.ethX.disable_ipv6=1
```

v. Check the MPS TCAM entry for port 0 MAC and note the corresponding VF ID.

```
[root@host~]# cat /sys/kernel/debug/cxgb4/<pci_bus_id>/mps_tcam | head -10
```

vi. Apply filters using *cxgbtool*:

```
[root@host~] # cxgbtool <port0 interface> configure ringbb pf 4 vi <vf id>
mvi <mirror vf id>
```

```
ot@host ~] # cxgbtool ens2f4 configure_ringbb pf 4 vi 36
ure that you have:
opied ring backbone config file in /lib/firmware/cxgb4/
eloaded driver with enable ringbb=1
rought all chelsio interfaces up
ussigned IP address to port0
Press any key to enable ring backbone configuration(Ctr1-C to exit)

Risping matchall toam entry 1 with viid 00000000 as its not associated with port0

Retting rule for DMAC PASS

Retting rule for DMAC PASS 1PV6

Retting rule for SMAC DROP 1PV6

Retting rule for SMAC DROP 1PV6

Retting rule for SMAC DROP 1PV6

Retting rule for SMAC MVI DROP 1PV6

Retting rule for SMITCH MVI 1RV6

Retting rule for SWITCH MVI 1RV6

R
                                           any key to enable ring backbone configuration(Ctrl-C to exit)
```

If you want to use tunnel in ring configuration, apply filter as:

```
[root@host~]# cxgbtool <port0 interface> configure ringbb pf 4 vi <vf id>
mvi <mirror vf id> tunnel <tunnel interface name>
```

```
usure that you have:
Copied ring backbone config file in /lib/firmware/cxgb4/
Reloaded driver with enable_ringbb=1
   Brought all chelsio interfaces up
Assigned IP address to port0
  ress any key to enable ring backbone configuration(Ctrl-C to exit) kipping matchall tcam entry 1
 kipping matchall tcam entry 1
kipping tcam entry 1 with viid 00000000 as its not associated with port0
etting rule for DMAC_PASS : cxgbtool ens2f4 filter 64 action pass iport 0 macidx 2 pf 4 vf 36 matchtype 0:0 hitchts 0
etting rule for DMAC_PASS IPV6 : cxgbtool ens2f4 filter 66 action pass iport 0 type ipv6 macidx 2 pf 4 vf 36 matchtype 0:0 hitchts 0
etting rule for DMAC_PASS : cxgbtool ens2f4 filter 65 action pass iport 0 type ipv6 macidx 3 pf 4 vf 36 matchtype 0:0 hitchts 0
etting rule for DMAC_PASS_IPV6 : cxgbtool ens2f4 filter 68 action pass iport 0 type ipv6 macidx 3 pf 4 vf 36 matchtype 0:0 hitchts 0
```

Note For more ring back bone configuration options, please run man exgbtool and refer to the configure_ringbb section.

vii. Press any key when prompted to complete the configuration. You should be able to run traffic between the machines/nodes now.



Automatic reconfiguration is currently not supported. In case the ring is broken, you will need to manually configure the affected host using above mentioned steps.



XXIII. Traffic Management

1. Introduction

Traffic Management capabilities built-in to Chelsio adapters can shape transmit data traffic through the use of sophisticated queuing and scheduling algorithms built-in to the ASIC hardware which provides fine-grained software control over latency and bandwidth parameters such as packet rate and byte rate. These features can be used in a variety of data center application environments to solve traffic management problems.

Traffic Management features in Chelsio's adapters allow the user to control three main things:

- Guarantee low latency in the presence of other traffic
- Control max bandwidth that a connection or a flow (a group of connections) can use
- Allocate available bandwidth to several connection or flows based on desired levels of performance

Once the offload transmit traffic shaping classes have been configured, individual offloaded connections (flows) may be assigned to a traffic shaping class to manage the flows as per the class configuration. The mechanism to accomplish this "flow to class" mapping assignment is the Connection Offload Policy (COP) configuration system.

1.1. Hardware Requirements

1.1.1. Supported Adapters

The following are the currently shipping Chelsio adapters that are compatible with the Traffic Management feature.

- T61100-OCP*
- T62100-CR
- T62100-LP-CR
- T62100-SO-CR*
- T6425-CR
- T6225-CR
- T6225-LL-CR
- T6225-SO-CR*
- T6225-OCP*
- T580-CR
- T580-LP-CR
- T580-SO-CR*
- T580-OCP-SO*
- T540-BT
- T520-CR
- T520-LL-CR
- T520-SO-CR*
- T520-OCP-SO*

- T520-BT
- T420-CR
- T440-CR
- T422-CR
- T404-BT
- T420-BCH
- T440-LP-CR
- T420-BT
- T420-LL-CR
- T420-CX

1.2. Software Requirements

1.2.1. Linux Requirements

Currently the Traffic Management feature is available for the following versions:

- RHEL 7.4, 3.10.0-693.el7.ppc64le (POWER8 LE)
- RHEL 7.4, 3.10.0-693.el7
- RHEL 7.3, 3.10.0-514.el7.ppc64le (POWER8 LE)
- RHEL 7.3, 4.5.0-15.el7.aarch64 (ARM64)
- RHEL 7.3, 3.10.0-514.el7
- RHEL 6.9, 2.6.32-696.el6
- RHEL 6.8, 2.6.32-642.el6
- SLES 12 SP3, 4.4.73-5-default
- SLES 12 SP2, 4.4.21-69-default
- SLES 11 SP4, 3.0.101-63-default
- Ubuntu 16.04.1, 4.4.0-31-generic
- Ubuntu 14.04.4, 4.2.0-27-generic
- Kernel.org linux-4.14
- Kernel.org linux-4.9.88 (Minimum 4.9 kernel version supported is 4.9.13)

Other kernel versions have not been tested and are not guaranteed to work.

^{*} Only NIC driver supported.

2. Software/Driver Loading



Please ensure that all inbox drivers are unloaded before proceeding with unified wire drivers.

[root@host~]# rmmod csiostor cxgb4i cxgbit iw_cxgb4 chcr cxgb4vf cxgb4 libcxgbi libcxgb

Traffic Management can be performed on non-offloaded connections as well as on offloaded connections.

The drivers must be loaded by the root user. Any attempt to load the drivers as a regular user will fail.

Run the following commands to load the TOE driver:

[root@host~]# modprobe cxgb4
[root@host~]# modprobe t4 tom

3. Software/Driver Configuration and Fine-tuning

3.1. Traffic Management Rules

Traffic Management supports the following types of scheduler hierarchy levels which can be configured using the *cxgbtool* utility:

- i. Class Rate Limiting
- ii. Class Weighted Round Robin
- iii. Channel Rate Limiting

3.1.1. Class Rate Limiting

This scheduler hierarchy level can be used to rate limit individual traffic classes or individual connections (flow) in a traffic class.

Class rate limiting can be configured using the following command:

[root@host~]# cxgbtool <ethX> sched-class params type packet level cl-rl
mode <scheduler-mode> rate-unit <scheduler-rate-unit> rate-mode
<scheduler-rate-mode> channel <Channel No.> class <scheduler-class-index>
max-rate <maximum-rate> pkt-size <Packet size>

Here,

ethX : Chelsio interface

scheduler-mode : specifies whether the rule is configured for individual traffic classes

or individual connections (flow) in a traffic class. Possible values

include flow or class.

scheduler-rate-unit : Specifies whether the rule is configured for bit-rate or packet rate.

Possible values include bits or pkts.

scheduler-rate-mode : Specifies whether the rule is configured to support a percent of the

channel rate or an effective rate. Possible values include relative or

absolute.

Channel No. : Port on which data is flowing (0-3).

scheduler-class-index : TCP traffic class (0-14 for T4 series of adapters and 0-15 for

T5/T6 series of adapters).

maximum-rate : Bit rate (Kbps) for this TCP stream. The lower limit is 10 Kbps.

Packet size : TCP mss size in bytes; for example - for an MTU of 1500, use a

packet size of 1460.

3.1.2. Class Weighted Round Robin

Incoming traffic flows from various applications can be prioritized and provisioned using a weighted round-robin scheduling algorithm.

Class weighted round robin can be configured using the following command:

[root@host~]# cxgbtool <ethX> sched-class params type packet level cl-wrr
channel <Channel No.> class <scheduler-class-index> weight <Y>

Here,

weight

ethX : Chelsio interface.

Channel No. : Port on which data is flowing (0-3).

scheduler-class-index : TC

ICP traffic class (0-14 for T4 adapters; 0-15 for T5/T6 adapters).Weight to be used for a weighted-round-robin scheduling hierarchy.

Possible values include 1 to 99.

3.1.3. Channel Rate Limiting

This scheduler hierarchy level can be used to rate limit individual channels.

Channel rate limiting can be configured using the following command:

[root@host~]# cxgbtool eth6 sched-class params type packet level ch-rl rateunit <scheduler-rate-unit> rate-mode <scheduler-rate-mode> channel 1 maxrate <maximum-rate>

Here,

ethX : Chelsio interface.

scheduler-rate-unit : Specifies whether the traffic management rule is configured for bit-

rate or packet-rate. Possible values include bits or pkts.

scheduler-rate-mode : Specifies whether the traffic management rule is configured to

support a percent of the channel rate or an effective rate.

Possible values include relative or absolute.

Channel No. : Port on which data is flowing (0-3).

maximum-rate : Bit rate (Kbps) for this TCP stream. The lower limit is 1 Gbps.

Configuring Traffic Management

3.2.1. For Non-offloaded connections

Traffic Management of non-offloaded connections is a 2-step process. In the first step bind connections to indicated NIC TX queue using tc utility from iproute2-3.9.0 package. In the second step bind the indicated NIC TX queue to the specified TC Scheduler class using the cxgbtool utility.

Load the network driver and bring up the interface:

```
[root@host~]# modprobe cxgb4
[root@host~]# ifconfig ethX up
```

ii. Bind connections to queues:

```
[root@host~] # tc qdisc add dev ethX root handle 1: multiq
[root@host~] # tc filter add dev ethX parent 1: protocol ip prio 1 u32 match
ip dst <IP address of destination> action skbedit queue mapping <queue>
```

- For additional binding options, run [root@host~]# man tc Note
- iii. Now, bind the NIC TX queue with traffic class:

```
[root@host~]# cxgbtool ethX sched-queue <queue> <class>
```

Here,

ethX : Chelsio interface queue : NIC TX queue : TX scheduler class class



Note If the TX queue is all, * or any negative value, the binding will apply to all of the TX queues associated with the interface. If the class is unbind, clear or any negative value, the TX queue(s) will be unbound from any current TX Scheduler Class binding.

3.2.2. For Offloaded connections

Traffic Management of offloaded connections can be configured either by applying COP policies that associate offloaded connections to classes or by modifying the application.

Both the methods have been described below:

- Applying COP policy
- i. Load the TOE driver and bring up the interface:

```
[root@host~]# modprobe t4 tom
[root@host~]# ifconfig ethX up
```

ii. Create a new policy file (say new_policy_file) and add the following line to associate connections with the given scheduling class.

Example:

```
src host 102.1.1.1 => offload class 0
```

The above example will associate all connections originating from IP address 102.1.1.1 with scheduling class 0



1 Note If no specified rule matches a connection, a default setting will be used which disables offload for that connection. That is, there will always be a final implicit rule following all the rules in the input rule set of:

```
all => !offload
```

iii. Compile the policy file using COP

```
[root@host~]# cop -d -o <output policy file> <new policy file>
```

iv. Apply the COP policy:

```
[root@host~]# cxgbtool ethX policy <output policy file>
```

Where,

ethX: Chelsio interface



For more information on additional parameters, refer cop manual by running the man cop command.

Modifying the application

The application can also be modified to associate connections to scheduling classes. Follow the steps mentioned below:

- i. Determine the TCP socket file descriptor in the application through which data is sent.
- ii. Declare and initialize a variable in the application:

```
int cl=1;
```

Here,

cl is the TCP traffic class(scheduler-class-index) that the user wishes to assign the data stream to. This value needs to be in the range of 0 to 7.

The application will function as per the parameters set for that traffic class.

iii. Add socket option definitions:

In order to use *setsockopt()* to set the options to the TCP socket, the following two definitions need to be made:

- SOL_SCHEDCLASS used for setting TCP traffic class, which has the value 290.
- IPPROTO_TCP used for setting the type of IP Protocol.

```
# define SOL_SCHEDCLASS 290
# define IPPROTO_TCP 6
```

iv. Use the setsockopt() function to set socket options:

The setsockopt() call must be mentioned after the connect() call.

```
//Get the TCP socket descriptor variable
setsockopt (sockfd , IPPROTO_TCP, SOL_SCHEDCLASS, &cl, sizeof(cl));
```

Here,

sockfd: The file descriptor of the TCP socket.

&cl : Pointer to the class variables.

sizeof(cl): The size of the variable.

v. Now, compile the application.

4. Usage

4.1. Non-Offloaded Connections

The following example demonstrates the method to rate limit all TCP connections on class 0 to a rate of 300 Mbps for Non-offload connections:

i. Load the network driver and bring up the interface:

```
[root@host~]# modprobe cxgb4
[root@host~]# ifconfig eth0 up
```

ii. Bind connections with destination IP address 192.168.5.3 to NIC TX queue 3

```
[root@host~]# tc qdisc add dev eth0 root handle 1: multiq
[root@host~]# tc filter add dev eth0 parent 1: protocol ip prio 1 u32 match
ip dst 192.168.5.3 action skbedit queue_mapping 3
```

iii. Bind the NIC TX queue to class 0

```
[root@host~]# cxgbtool eth0 sched-queue 3 0
```

iv. Set the appropriate rule for class 0

```
[{\tt root@host}^-] \# \ {\tt cxgbtool} \ {\tt eth0} \ {\tt sched-class} \ {\tt params} \ \ {\tt type} \ {\tt packet} \ \ {\tt level} \ {\tt cl-rl} \ {\tt mode} \ {\tt class} \ {\tt rate-unit} \ {\tt bits} \ \ {\tt rate-mode} \ {\tt absolute} \ {\tt channel} \ 0 \ \ {\tt class} \ 0 \ {\tt max-rate} \ 300000 \ \ {\tt pkt-size} \ 1460
```

4.2. Offloaded Connections

The following example demonstrates the method to rate limit all TCP connections on class 0 to a rate of 300 Mbps for offloaded connections:

i. Load the TOE driver and bring up the interface

```
[root@host~]# modprobe t4_tom
[root@host~]# ifconfig eth0 up
```

ii. Create a new policy file (say *new_policy_file*) and add the following line to associate connections with the given scheduling class.:

```
src host 102.1.1.1 => offload class 0
```

iii. Compile the policy file using COP

```
[root@host~]# cop -d -o <output_policy_file> <new_policy_file>
```

iv. Apply the COP policy:

```
[root@host~]# cxgbtool eth0 policy <output_policy_file>
```

v. Set the appropriate rule for class 0

 $[{\tt root@host}^-] \# \ {\tt cxgbtool} \ {\tt ethX} \ {\tt sched-class} \ {\tt params} \ \ {\tt type} \ {\tt packet} \ \ {\tt level} \ {\tt cl-rl} \\ {\tt mode} \ {\tt class} \ \ {\tt rate-unit} \ {\tt bits} \ \ {\tt rate-mode} \ {\tt absolute} \ {\tt channel} \ 0 \ \ {\tt class} \ 0 \ {\tt max-rate} \\ {\tt 300000} \ \ {\tt pkt-size} \ 1460$

4.3. Offloaded Connections with Modified Application

The following example demonstrates the method to rate limit all TCP connections on class 0 to a rate of 300 Mbps for for offloaded connections with modified application.

i. Load the TOE driver and bring up the interface.

```
[root@host~]# modprobe t4_tom
[root@host~]# ifconfig eth0 up
```

- ii. Modify the application as mentioned in the Configuring Traffic Management section.
- iii. Set the appropriate rule for class 0

```
[root@host~]# cxgbtool ethX sched-class params type packet level cl-rl mode class rate-unit bits rate-mode absolute channel 0 class 0 max-rate 300000 pkt-size 1460
```

5. Software/Driver Unloading

Reboot the system to unload the driver. To unload without rebooting, refer Unloading the TOE driver section of **Network (NIC/TOE)** chapter.

XXIV. DPDK Driver

1. Introduction

Chelsio Data Plane Development Kit (DPDK) driver package is a collection of data plane libraries and NIC drivers optimized for running in the Linux user space to boost packet processing.

The driver has support for:

- Multiple queues for Tx and Rx
- Receive Side Scaling (RSS)
- VLAN filtering
- Checksum offload
- Promiscuous mode
- All multicast mode
- Port hardware statistics
- Jumbo frames (only for UIO)
- Classification and Filtering (only for UIO)



Chelsio DPDK driver is built using open-source DPDK driver v17.02 with added support for Chelsio adapters.

1.1. Hardware Requirements

The following are the currently shipping Chelsio adapters that are compatible with DPDK driver:

- T62100-CR
- T62100-LP-CR
- T62100-SO-CR
- T6425-CR
- T6225-CR
- T6225-LL-CR
- T6225-SO-CR
- T580-CR
- T580-LP-CR
- T580-SO-CR
- T540-CR
- T520-CR
- T520-LL-CR
- T520-SO-CR
- T520-BT

1.2. Software Requirements

The Chelsio DPDK driver has been developed to run on 64-bit Linux platforms. Following is the list of supported distributions:

Linux Distribution	Driver/Software	
RHEL 7.4, 3.10.0-693.el7	UIO, VFIO	
RHEL 7.3, 3.10.0-514.el7		
RHEL 7.4, 3.10.0-693.el7.ppc64le (POWER8 LE)	- VFIO	
RHEL 7.3, 3.10.0-514.el7.ppc64le (POWER8 LE)		

Other kernel versions have not been tested and are not guaranteed to work.

2. Software/Driver Installation

2.1. Pre-requisites

flex, bison, byacc, patch, patchutils, autoconf, automake and rpm-build packages must be present in the machine (required for libpcap installation).

2.2. Installation

• Important Please ensure that any existing version of DPDK driver is uninstalled before proceeding.

i. Change your current working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire package directory:

[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x

ii. Install DPDK source, testpmd, tools and Pktgen:

[root@host~]# make dpdk_install

1 Note The above command will

• install the driver with the following build configuration:

arch: x86_64/ppc_64 machine: native/power8 execenv: linuxapp toolchain: gcc

• create a target environment directory "x86_64-native-linuxapp-gcc/ppc_64-power8-linuxapp-gcc" in the driver package directory.

Note The pktgen application has been modified to disable packet classification, to reflect correct Rx rate as packet classification is an expensive operation.

1 Note For more installation options, please run make help or install.py -h

3. Flashing Firmware Configuration File

i. If not done already, load the kernel mode NIC driver (cxgb4):

[root@host~]# modprobe cxgb4

ii. Flash the firmware configuration file (for T6 adapters):

[root@host~]# cxgbtool <iface> loadcfg /lib/firmware/cxgb4/t6-config.txt

Note

For T5 adapters, use t5-config.txt.

4. Software/Driver Loading

UIO Support

Follow the steps mentioned below to load DPDK driver with UIO support:

- Disable Intel VT-d in system BIOS.
- ii. Turn off Intel iommu by adding below entry in Kernel grub/grub2 menu:

```
intel_iommu=off
```

- iii. Reboot the system for changes to take effect.
- iv. Load the UIO module:

```
[root@host~]# modprobe uio
[root@host~]# modprobe igb_uio
```

VFIO Support

Follow the steps mentioned below to load DPDK driver with VFIO support:

- Enable Intel VT-d in system BIOS.
- ii. Add the following entry to grub/grub2 menu:

```
intel_iommu=on vfio_iommu_type1.allow_unsafe_interrupts=1
```

E.g.:

kernel /vmlinuz-3.13.0-32-generic ro root=UUID=5149fae1-c52b-42a9-a48c-b0a70937e8fb intel_iommu=on vfio_iommu_type1.allow_unsafe_interrupts=1 rd_NO_LUKS rd_NO_LVM LANG=en_US.UTF-8 rd_NO_MD SYSFONT=latarcyrheb-sun16 crashkernel=128M KEYBOARDTYPE=pc KEYTABLE=us rd_NO_DM rhgb quiet

- iii. Reboot the system for changes to take effect.
- iv. Load the VFIO module:

```
[root@host~]# modprobe vfio-pci
```

5. Software/Driver Configuration and Fine Tuning

5.1. Huge Pages

5.1.1. Using script

Run the res_hugepages.sh shell script (copied to /sbin during installation):

```
[root@host~]# res_hugepages.sh
```

5.1.2. Manual

i. Mount hugetlbfs:

```
[root@host~]# mkdir -p /mnt/huge
[root@host~]# mount -t hugetlbfs nodev /mnt/huge
```

- ii. Reserve Huge Page memory manually:
- x86_64

```
[root@host~]# echo 1024 >
/sys/devices/system/node/node0/hugepages/hugepages-2048kB/nr_hugepages
```

POWERPC64

 $[root@host~] \# echo 512 > /sys/devices/system/node/node0/hugepages/hugepages-16384kB/nr_hugepages$

In case of dual socket machines, run the above command for other CPU nodes.

5.2. Binding Network Ports

Important

Before proceeding, unload all Chelsio inbox and outbox kernel mode drivers using the following commands.

```
[root@host~]# rmmod cxgb4
[root@host~]# rmmod csiostor
```

• Run the following command to bind network ports to DPDK environment, with UIO support:

```
[root@host~]# dpdk-devbind.py --bind=igb_uio <PCI-ID-PF4>
```

Note

Please make sure that adapter's physical function 4 is used, since it is assigned for all NIC functions of the adapter.

Now, verify using:

```
[root@host~]# dpdk-devbind.py --status
```

Example:

 Run the following command to bind network ports to DPDK environment, with VFIO support:

```
[root@host~]# dpdk-devbind.py --bind=vfio-pci <PCI-ID-PF4>
```



Please make sure that adapter's physical function 4 is used, since it is assigned for all NIC functions of the adapter.

Now, verify using:

```
[root@host~]# dpdk-devbind.py --status
```

Example:

5.3. Unbinding Network Ports

i. Run the following command to unbind network ports from DPDK environment:

```
[root@host~]# dpdk-devbind.py --unbind <PCI-ID-PF4>
```

ii. Run the following command to verify:

```
[root@host~]# dpdk-devbind.py --status
```

Example:

5.4. Performance Tuning

In order to auto tune the system for best performance, Chelsio recommends:

- disabling virtualization, c-state technology, Intel I/O AT and SR-IOV in the BIOS settings.
- setting the Power Profile to Maximum Performance in BIOS settings.
- installing the adapter into a PCle Gen3 x8/x16 slot.
- using traffic with multiple tuples. The 'range' option of DPDK-Pktgen app can be used to create
 traffic with different 4-tuple values, so as to take advantage of RSS and hence, allow the traffic
 to be distributed across different queues/CPUs in Rx direction.

6. Running DPDK Test Applications

Testpmd application

The **Testpmd** application is provided as a part of the Chelsio DPDK driver package, and can be used to test the DPDK in a packet forwarding mode and also to access NIC hardware features such as Flow Director.

6.1.1. Syntax

Execute the following command to test DPDK using the **Testpmd** application:

```
[root@host~] # testpmd -c <coremask> -n <channels> -- -i --nb-cores=<cores>
-txq=<TxQueue> --rxq=<RxQueue> --max-pkt-len=<PacketSize>
```

Where,

: A hexadecimal bit mask of the cores to run on. Note that core -c <coremask>

numbering can change between platforms and should be

determined beforehand.

-n <channels> : Number of memory channels per processor socket.

-i

: Enable interactive mode. : Number of forwarding cores.

--txq=<TxQueue> : Number of Tx queues. --rxq=<RxQueue> : Number of Rx queues.

--max-pkt-len=<PacketSize> : Enable Jumbo mode and specify the packet size allowed for

forwarding.



10 Note In case of POWERPC64, if testpmd is not initializing, reallocate the huge pages using the setup script "setup.sh" present in <driver-package>/src/DPDK/tools/ directory.

6.1.2. Examples

--nb-cores=<cores>

To run traffic using single Tx and Rx queue:

```
[root@host~] # testpmd -c f -n 4 -- -i --nb-cores=2 --txq=1 --rxq=1
```

ii. To run traffic using 4 Tx and Rx queues:

```
[root@host~] # testpmd -c 3ff -n 4 -- -i --nb-cores=8 --txq=4 --rxq=4
```

6.1.3. Flow Control

Flow control pause Tx/Rx is disabled by default and can be enabled via *Testpmd* as follows:

```
testpmd> set flow_ctrl rx on tx on 0 0 0 0 mac_ctrl_frame_fwd off autoneg off 0
testpmd> set flow_ctrl rx on tx on 0 0 0 0 mac_ctrl_frame_fwd off autoneg off 1
```

Note

The PEER should be advertising the PAUSE capabilities for the Tx and Rx pause to be enabled on the link.

To disable again, run:

```
testpmd> set flow_ctrl rx off tx off 0 0 0 0 mac_ctrl_frame_fwd off autoneg
on 0
testpmd> set flow_ctrl rx off tx off 0 0 0 0 mac_ctrl_frame_fwd off autoneg
on 1
```

6.1.4. RSS

RSS is enabled by default and can be disabled via *Testpmd* as follows:

```
testpmd> port config all rss none
```

To enable again, run:

```
testpmd> port config all rss [all|ip|tcp|udp|sctp|ether|none]
```

6.1.5. Jumbo Mode

There are multiple ways to enable sending and receiving of jumbo frames: the first method involves using the command prompt and the other two via testpmd application.

Command Prompt

Run the following command at the prompt:

```
[root@host~]# testpmd -c ffff -n 3 -- -i --nb-cores=8 --txq=4 --rxq=4 --max-pkt-len=9018
```

Testpmd

i. This method involves using the mtu command, which changes the MTU of an individual port without having to stop the selected port. To configure each port individually, run the mtu command as follows:

```
testpmd> port config mtu 0 9000
testpmd> port config mtu 1 9000
```

ii. This method involves stopping all the ports first and then running *max-pkt-len* command to configure the MTU of all the ports with a single command. To configure all the ports at once, stop all the ports first and run the *max-pkt-len* command as follows:

```
testpmd> port stop all testpmd> port config all max-pkt-len 9000
```

6.2. Pktgen Application

Pktgen is a traffic generator application capable of displaying real time metrics for ports and can handle packets with UDP, TCP, ARP, ICMP, GRE, MPLS and Queue-in-Queue. The application can run command scripts to set up repeatable test cases.



Note The pktgen application has been modified to disable packet classification, to reflect correct Rx rate as packet classification is an expensive operation.

6.2.1. Syntax

Execute the following command to run Pktgen application. Observe unidirectional pkts/sec and throughput performance under tool output:

```
[root@host~]# pktgen -c <coremask> -J -n <channels> -- -T -P -m
"<[cores]>.<port id>" -N
```

Where,

: A hexadecimal bit mask of the cores to run on. Note that core -c <coremask> numbering can change between platforms and should be determined beforehand. : Number of memory channels per processor socket. -n <channels> -T : Enable pktgen themes. -P : Enable PROMISCUOUS mode on all ports. -m <[cores]>.<port_id> : Map CPU logical cores to Chelsio ports. : Enable NUMA support. -N : Enable Jumbo mode. -J

6.2.2. Examples

Running single Tx and Rx queue traffic

i. Configure Pktgen tool to use single Tx and Rx queue, mapping core 1 to Rx and core 2 to Tx queue on port 0:

```
[root@host~] # pktgen -c f -n 4 -- -T -P -m "[1:2].0" -N
Pktgen created by Keith Wiles -- >>> Powered by Intel® DPDK <<<
- Ports 0-3 of 4 ** Main Page ** Copyright (c) <2010-2015>, Wind River
Systems, Inc. All rights reserved. Powered by Intel® DPDK
  Flags:Port : P----:0
```

Link State :	<up-10000-fd></up-10000-fd>	TotalRate
Pkts/s Rx :	0	0
Tx :	14880593	14880593
MBits/s Rx/Tx :	0/9999	0/9999
Broadcast :	0	
Multicast :	0	
64 Bytes :	0	
65-127 :	0	
128-255 :	0	
256-511 :	0	
512-1023 :	0	
1024-1518 :	0	
Runts/Jumbos :	0/0	
Errors Rx/Tx :	0/0	
Total Rx Pkts :	0	
Tx Pkts :	175605364	
Rx MBs :	0	
Tx MBs :	118006	
ARP/ICMP Pkts :	0/0	
:		
Tx Count/% Rate:	Forever/100%	
PktSize/Tx Burst:	64/32	
Src/Dest Port :	1234/5678	
Pkt Type:VLAN ID:	IPv4/TCP:0001	
	192.168.1.1	
Src IP Address:	192.168.0.1/24	
	00:00:00:00:00:00	
	00:07:43:29:3c:40	
	5 (DPDK-2.1.0)	

ii. Set packet size to 64B on all ports

```
Pktgen> set all size 64
```

iii. Start Tx traffic on port 0

```
Pktgen> start 0
```

iv. Stop Tx traffic on port 0

```
Pktgen> stop 0
```

- Running multiple Tx and Rx queue traffic
- i. Configure Pktgen tool to use 4 Tx and Rx queues, mapping cores 1-4 to Rx and 5-8 to Tx queues, on port 0:

```
[root@host~] # pktgen -c 3ff -n 4 -- -T -P -m "[1-4:5-8].0" -N
```

ii. Set packet size to 64B on all ports

```
Pktgen> set all size 64
```

iii. Start Tx traffic on port 0

```
Pktgen> start 0
```

iv. Stop Tx traffic on port 0

```
Pktgen> stop 0
```

- Running Tx and Rx queue traffic in Jumbo mode
- i. Configure Pktgen tool to use 4 Tx and Rx queues, mapping cores 1-4 to Rx and 5-8 to Tx queues, on port 0 in Jumbo mode:

ii. Set packet size to 9018B on all ports

Pktgen> set all size 9018

iii. Start Tx traffic on port 0

Pktgen> start 0

iv. Stop Tx traffic on port 0

Pktgen> stop 0

7. Software/Driver Unloading

UIO Support

Run the following commands to unload DPDK driver with UIO support:

```
[root@host~]# rmmod igb_uio
[root@host~]# rmmod uio
```

If unloading *uio* module reports an error, unload the following dependent modules and try again:

```
[root@host~]# rmmod bnx2fc
[root@host~]# rmmod bnx2i
[root@host~]# rmmod cnic
```

VFIO Support

Run the following command to unload DPDK driver with VFIO support:

```
[root@host~]# rmmod vfio-pci
```

8. Software/Driver Uninstallation

i. Change your working directory to Chelsio Unified Wire directory:

[root@host~]# cd ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x

ii. Uninstall the DPDK driver using the following command:

[root@host~]# make uninstall

XXV. Unified Boot

1. Introduction

PXE is short for Preboot eXecution Environment and is used for booting computers over an Ethernet network using a Network Interface Card (NIC). FCoE SAN boot process involves installation of an operating system to an FC/FCoE disk and then booting from it. iSCSI SAN boot process involves installation of an operating system to an iSCSI disk and then booting from it.

This section of the guide explains how to configure and use Chelsio Unified Boot Option ROM which flashes PXE, iSCSI and FCoE Option ROM onto Chelsio's converged network adapters (CNAs). It adds functionalities like PXE, FCoE and iSCSI SAN boot.

This section of the guide also describes the use and configuration of Chelsio's DUD for OS installations via PXE server on FC/FCoE LUN and iSCSI LUN. This solution can be used for installing operating systems over an Ethernet network/SAN using Chelsio's Terminator based Converged Network adapters (CNAs).

1.1. Hardware Requirements

1.1.1. Supported platforms

Following is the list of hardware platforms supported by Chelsio Unified Boot software:

- Dell T5600
- DELL PowerEdge 2950
- DELL PowerEdge T110
- DELL PowerEdge T710
- DELL PowerEdge R220
- DELL PowerEdge R720
- IBM X3650 M2
- IBM X3650 M4*
- HP Proliant DL180 gen9
- HP ProLiant DL385G2
- Supermicro X7DWE
- Supermicro X8DTE-F
- Supermicro X8STE
- Supermicro X8DT6
- Supermicro X9SRL-F
- Supermicro X9SRE-3F
- Supermicro-X10DRi
- ASUS P5KPL
- ASUS P8Z68
- Lenovo X3650 M5
- Intel DQ57TM

* If system BIOS version is lower than 1.5 and both Legacy and uEFI are enabled, system will hang during POST. Please upgrade the BIOS version to 1.5 or higher to avoid this issue.

1.1.2. Supported Switches

Following is the list of network switches supported by Chelsio Unified Boot software:

- Cisco Nexus 5010 with 5.1(3) N1 (1a) firmware.
- Arista DCS-7124S-F
- Mellanox SX PPC M460EX

Other platforms/switches have not been tested and are not guaranteed to work.

1.1.3. Supported Adapters

Following are the currently shipping Chelsio adapters that are compatible with Chelsio Unified Boot software:

- T62100-CR
- T62100-LP-CR
- T62100-SO-CR*
- T6425-CR
- T6225-CR
- T6225-SO-CR*
- T6225-LL-CR
- T580-CR
- T580-LP-CR
- T580-SO-CR*
- T580-OCP-SO*
- T540-CR
- T520-CR
- T520-LL-CR
- T520-SO-CR*
- T520-OCP-SO*
- T520-BT

1.2. Software Requirements

Chelsio Unified Boot Option ROM software requires Disk Operating System to flash PXE ROM onto Chelsio adapters.

The Chelsio Driver Update Disk driver has been developed to run on 64-bit Linux platforms. Following is the list of Drivers/Software and supported Linux distributions:

^{*} Only PXE supported

Linux Distribution	Driver/Software (DUDs)
RHEL 7.4, 3.10.0-693.el7	PXE, FCoE, iSCSI
RHEL 7.3, 3.10.0-514.el7	
RHEL 6.9, 2.6.32-696.el6	PXE, iSCSI
SLES 12 SP3, 4.4.73-5-default	
SLES 12 SP2, 4.4.21-69-default	
SLES 11 SP4, 3.0.101-63-default	

1.3. Pre-requisites

A DOS bootable USB flash drive or Floppy Disk is required for updating firmware, option ROM, creating DUD, etc.

2. Secure Boot

Secure Boot, a high-performance computing software solution is a method to restrict which binaries can be executed to boot the system. With Secure Boot, the system BIOS will only allow the execution of boot loaders that carry the cryptographic signature of trusted entities. In other words, anything run in the BIOS must be "signed" with a key that the system knows is trustworthy. With each reboot of the server, every executed component is verified.

The following example describes the method to enable Secure Boot on HP ProLiant servers. Steps may differ slightly on other platforms:

- i. During system boot, press F9 to run the **System Utilities**.
- ii. Select System Configuration.
- iii. Select BIOS/Platform Configuration (RBSU).
- iv. Select Server Security.
- v. Select Secure Boot Settings.
- vi. Select Advanced Secure Boot Options.
- vii. Provide the Platform Key (PK), Key Exchange Key (KEK) and Allowed Signature Database (DB) to the respective uEFI NVRAM variables.

Windows:

- PK: Will be generated at the discretion of the platform owner (OEM). Click here for more information.
- KEK: http://www.microsoft.com/pkiops/certs/MicCorKEKCA2011_2011-06-24.crt
- Windows DB: http://www.microsoft.com/pkiops/certs/MicWinProPCA2011_2011-10-19.crt
- uEFI DB: http://www.microsoft.com/pkiops/certs/MicCorUEFCA2011_2011-06-27.crt
- Signature GUID for all the above keys: 77fa9abd-0359-4d32-bd60-28f4e78f784b

Linux:

- Use the same values for PK, KEK, Windows DB, uEFI DB and Signature ID as mentioned above.
- In addition, provide the following values:
 - chcert.cer: Provided in ChelsioUwire-x.x.x.x/Uboot/chelsio_key/
 - o Signature GUID for chcert.cer: 0b74ace7-6136-a493-19a9-6104d6d1e432
- viii. Reboot the system, run **System Utilities** and go to **Secure Boot Settings**.
- ix. Select and enable Secure Boot Enforcement.
- x. Reboot the system.

3. Flashing firmware and option ROM

Depending on the boot mode selected, Chelsio Unified Boot provides two methods to flash firmware and option ROM onto Chelsio adapters: Flash utility *cfut4* for Legacy mode and *HII* for uEFI mode. On HP machines, you can also use Firmware Manager Protocol (FMP), in addition to HII. These methods also provide the functionality to update/erase Hardware configuration and Phy Firmware files.

3.1. Preparing USB flash drive

This document assumes that you are using a USB flash drive as a storage media for the necessary files. Follow the steps below to prepare the drive:

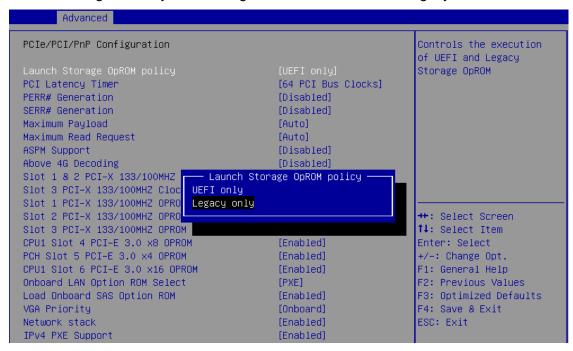
- Create a DOS bootable USB flash drive. (Click here for instructions)
- ii. Create a directory CHELSIO on the USB flash drive.
- iii. If you haven't done already, download the driver package from Chelsio Download Center.
- iv. Untar the downloaded package and change your working directory to OptionROM directory.

[root@host~]# cd <driver package>/Uboot/OptionROM

- v. Copy all the files and place them in the CHELSIO directory created on the USB flash drive.
- vi. Plug-in the USB flash drive in the system on which the Chelsio CNA is installed.
- vii. Reboot the system and go into the BIOS setup.
- viii. Make the USB flash drive as the primary boot device.
- ix. Save the changes.

3.2. Legacy

i. In BIOS, configure the system having Chelsio CNA to boot in Legacy mode.



ii. Once the system boots from the USB flash drive, change your working directory to CHELSIO directory:

```
C:\>cd CHELSIO
```

iii. Run the following command to list all Chelsio CNAs present on the system. The list displays a unique index for each CNA found.

```
C:\CHELSIO>cfut4 -1
```

iv. Delete any previous version of Option ROM flashed onto the CNA:

```
C:\CHELSIO>cfut4 -d <idx> -xb
```

Here, idx is the CNA index found in step iii (0 in this case)

```
C:\CHELSIO>cfut4 -d 0 -xb

Chelsio T5/T6 Flash Utility v1.5

Erasing serial flash sector(s) ... Done

Reboot machine for changes to take effect
```

v. Delete any previous firmware using the following command:

```
C:\CHELSIO>cfut4 -d <idx> -xh -xf
```

```
C:\CHELSIO>cfut4 -d 0 -xh -xf

Chelsio T5/T6 Flash Utility v1.5

Erasing serial flash sector(s) ... Done

Erasing serial flash sector(s) ... Done

Reboot machine for changes to take effect
```

vi. Delete any previous Option ROM settings:

```
C:\CHELSIO>cfut4 -d <idx> -xc
```

```
C:\CHELSIO>cfut4 -d 0 -xc

Chelsio T5/T6 Flash Utility v1.5

Erasing serial flash sector(s) ... Done

Reboot machine for changes to take effect
```

vii. Run the following command to flash the appropriate firmware.

```
C:\CHELSIO>cfut4 -d <idx> -uf <firmware_file>.bin
```

Here, firmware file is the firmware image file present in the CHELSIO directory.

```
C:\CHELSIO>cfut4 -d 0 -uf T6FW-1~1.BIN
Chelsio T5/T6 Flash Utility v1.5
Erasing serial flash sector(s) ... Done
Writing Image at Base 00080000 ... Done
Writing Image at Base 00088000 ... Done
Writing Image at Base 00090000 ... Done
Writing Image at Base 00098000 ... Done
Writing Image at Base 000a0000 ... Done
Writing Image at Base 000a8000 ... Done
Writing Image at Base 000b0000 ... Done
Writing Image at Base 000b8000 ... Done
Writing Image at Base 000c0000 ... Done
Writing Image at Base 000c8000 ... Done
Writing Image at Base 000d0000 ... Done
Writing Image at Base 000d8000 ... Done
Writing Image at Base 000e0000 ... Done
Writing Image at Base 000e8000 ... Done
Writing Image at Base 000f0000 ... Done
Writing Image at Base 000f8000 ... Done
Reboot machine for changes to take effect
```

viii. Flash the unified option ROM onto the Chelsio CNA using the following command:

```
C:\CHELSIO>cfut4 -d <idx> -ub cubt4.bin
```

Here, cubt4.bin is the unified option ROM image file present in the CHELSIO directory.

```
C:NCHELSIO>cfut4 -d 0 -ub cubt4.bin
Chelsio T5/T6 Flash Utility v1.5
Erasing serial flash sector(s) ... Done
Writing Image at Base 00000000 ... Done
Writing Image at Base 00008000 ... Done
Writing Image at Base 00010000 ... Done
Writing Image at Base 00018000 ... Done
Writing Image at Base 00020000 ... Done
Writing Image at Base 00028000 ... Done
Writing Image at Base 00030000 ... Done
Writing Image at Base 00038000 ... Done
Writing Image at Base 00040000 ... Done
Writing Image at Base 00048000 ... Done
Writing Image at Base 00050000 ... Done
Writing Image at Base 00058000 ... Done
Writing Image at Base 00060000 ... Done
Writing Image at Base 00068000 ... Done
Erasing serial flash sector(s) ... Done
Writing Image at Base 00070000 ... Done
Reboot machine for changes to take effect
```

ix. Reboot the system for changes to take effect.

x. To configure the base MAC address (optional), use the below command:

```
C:\CHELSIO>cfut4 -d <idx> -um <Hex MAC Address>
```

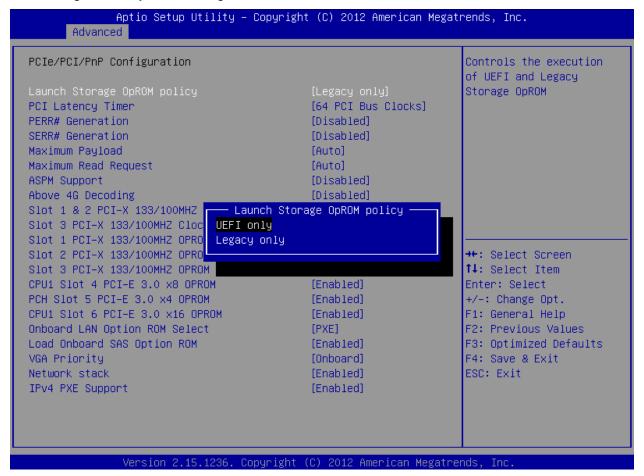
Here, *idx* is the CNA index found in step (c)

Example:

```
C:\CHELSIO>cfut4 -d 0 -um 000743000123
```

3.3. uEFI

- i. Reboot the system and go into BIOS setup.
- ii. Configure the system having Chelsio CNA to boot in uEFI mode.



Note

For Supermicro systems, enable **Network Stack** as well before proceeding.

iii. Boot to EFI Shell.

```
EFI Shell version 2.31 [4.654]
Current running mode 1.1.2
evice mapping table
 fsO :Removable HardDisk - Alias hd83b0f0b blk0
       PciRoot(0x0)/Pci(0x1d,0x0)/USB(0x1,0x0)/USB(0x5,0x0)/HD(1,MBR,0x0fdb738d,0x800,0x78b800)
 blkO :Removable HardDisk - Alias hd83b0f0b fs0
       PciRoot(0x0)/Pci(0x1d,0x0)/USB(0x1,0x0)/USB(0x5,0x0)/HD(1,MBR,0x0fdb738d,0x800,0x78b800)
 blk1 :HardDisk - Alias (null)
       PciRoot(0x0)/Pci(0x1f,0x2)/Sata(0x0,0x0)/HD(1,MBR,0x00092b0c,0x3f,0x9c25fe)
 blk2 :HardDisk - Alias (null)
       PciRoot(0x0)/Pci(0x1f,0x2)/Sata(0x0,0x0)/HD(2,MBR,0x00092b0c,0x9c263d,0x88b8fdc)
 blk3 :HardDisk - Alias (null)
       PciRoot(0x0)/Pci(0x1f,0x2)/Sata(0x0,0x0)/HD(3,MBR,0x00000000,0x927be19,0x14019e7)
 blk4 :HardDisk - Alias (null)
       PciRoot(0x0)/Pci(0x1f,0x2)/Sata(0x0,0x0)/HD(4,MBR,0x00000000,0xa67d83f,0x13fe849)
 blk5 :BlockDevice - Alias (null)
       PciRoot(0x0)/Pci(0x1f,0x2)/Sata(0x0,0x0)
 blk6 :Removable BlockDevice - Alias (null)
       PciRoot(0x0)/Pci(0x1d,0x0)/USB(0x1,0x0)/USB(0x5,0x0)
Press ESC in 1 seconds to skip <mark>startup.nsh</mark>, any other key to continue.
Shell> _
```

iv. Issue command drivers to determine if Chelsio uEFI driver is loaded. If the driver is loaded (as shown in the image below), continue to step (v)

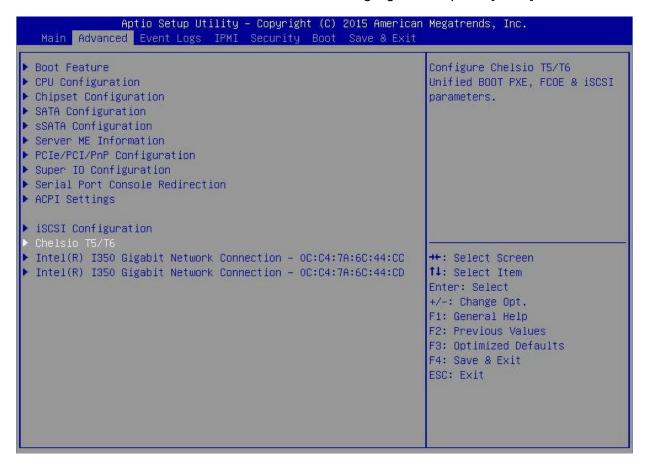
```
A4 00000001 ? - - - - <UNKNOWN>
A6 00000010 B – – 5 5 AMI Console Splitter Driver
                                                          ConSplitter
A9 00000010 D - - 1 - <UNKNOWN>
                                                          GraphicsConsole
AA 0000000A D – – 4 – Generic Disk I/O Driver
                                                          DiskIoDxe
AB 0000000B B - - 1 3 Partition Driver(MBR/GPT/El Torito) PartitionDxe
AC 00000010 D – –  2  – PCH Serial ATA Controller Initializ SataController
AE 00000010 B – –  1  2 AMI Generic LPC Super I/O Driver
                                                          GenericSio
BO 00000001 ? – –  – AMI IDE BUS Driver
                                                          IdeBusSrc
B2 00000010 ? – –  – AMI PS/2 Driver
                                                          PS2Main
B4 00A50105 B - - 2 72 (UNKNOWN)
                                                          PciBus
B6 00000010 B - - 2 2 <UNKNOWN>
                                                          TerminalSrc
B7 00000010 B - - 1 1 <UNKNOWN>
                                                          TerminalSrc
B8 0000000A D - - 2 - Simple Network Protocol Driver
                                                          SnpDxe
B9 0000000A B – – 2 8 MNP Network Service Driver
                                                          MnpDxe
BA 0000000A B – – 2 2 ARP Network Service Driver
                                                          ArpDxe
BB 0000000A B – – 2 2 DHCP Protocol Driver
                                                          Dhcp4Dxe
BC 0000000A D – – 2 – IP4 CONFIG Network Service Driver
                                                          Ip4ConfigDxe
BD 0000000A B – – 2 18 IP4 Network Service Driver
                                                          Ip4Dxe
BE 0000000A B – – 4 4 MTFTP4 Network Service
                                                          Mtftp4Dxe
BF 0000000A B – – 12 20 UDP Network Service Driver
                                                          Udp4Dxe
CO 0000000A D – – 1 – FAT File System Driver
                                                          Fat
C1 0000000A D - - 2 - iSCSI Driver
                                                          IScsiDxe
C2 0000000A D - - 2 - iSCSI Driver
                                                          IScsiDxe
C4 0000000A ? – –  – SCSI Bus Driver
                                                          ScsiBus
C5 0000000A ? – –  – Scsi Disk Driver
                                                          ScsiDisk
FA 00000010 ? – –  – AMI CSM Block I/O Driver
                                                          CsmBlockIo
FB 00000024 B – – 1 1 BIOS[INT10] Video Driver
                                                          CsmVideo
FC 00000010 ? - - - - <UNKNOWN>
                                                          <UNKNOWN>
158 0100005E B X X 3 3 Chelsio Unified Driver
                                                           Offset(0x3834,0x1D
```

If the driver is not loaded, load the uEFI driver (*ChelsioUD.efi*) found in the CHELSIO directory, and try again.

```
fsO:\CHELSIO> load ChelsioUD.efi
load: Image fsO:\CHELSIO\ChelsioUD.efi loaded at 7F2BAOOO – Success
```

v. Reboot the system and go into BIOS setup.

vi. Chelsio HII should be listed as Chelsio T5/T6. Highlight it and press [Enter].

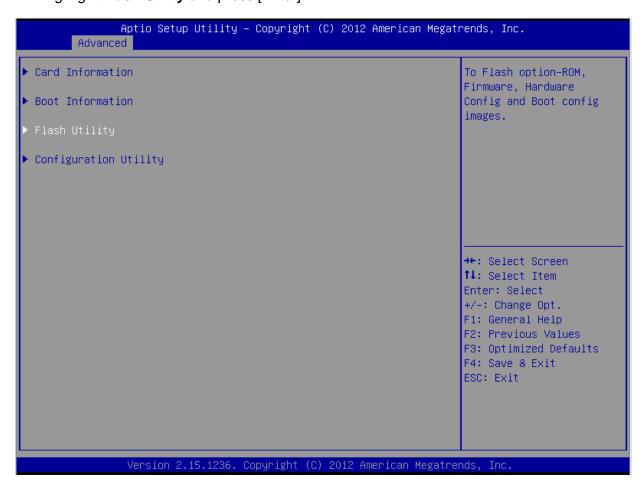


1 Note If Chelsio T5/T6 is not listed, please ensure that Chelsio uEFI driver is loaded correctly as mentioned here in the Flashing Firmware and Option ROM section.

vii. Highlight the Chelsio adapter to be configured and press [Enter].



viii. Highlight Flash Utility and press [Enter].



ix. Erase or update firmware using the methods explained below:

Erase existing firmware

- a. Select [Erase] as Flash Operation
- b. Select [FW File] as Flash File Type
- c. Select Update/Erase
- d. Press [Y] to confirm.
- e. Reboot system.

Update firmware

- a. Select [Update] as Flash Operation
- b. Select [FW File] as Flash File Type
- c. Enter full path to the firmware file for Enter File Name, e.g., CHELSIO\t6fw-1.16.29.0.bin.
- d. Press [Enter]
- e. Select Update/Erase
- f. Press [Y] to confirm.
- g. Reboot system

Similarly, you can use the above method to update/erase Option ROM, Hardware Configuration and Phy Firmware file.

3.4. HP Firmware Management Protocol (FMP)

Enabling FMP

For HP machines with Unified Boot v1.0.0.99 and below installed, FMP must be manually enabled. For v2.0.0.1 and above, you can skip to the next sub-section for instructions on how to upgrade firmware using FMP.

- i. Prepare USB flash drive as described here.
- ii. Boot system to EFI shell and change your working directory to CHELSIO.
- iii. Issue command drivers to determine if Chelsio uEFI driver is loaded. If loaded, you should see a similar output:

```
16E 00000000A D N N
                             0 Usb Keyboard Driver
                                                                         Fu (CDBB7B35-6833-4ED6-9AB2-57D2ACDDF6
    /FuFile(2D2E62CF-9ECF-43B7-8219-94E7FC713DFE)
16F 00000011 D N N 1
                            0 Usb Mass Storage Driver
                                                                         Fu (CDBB7B35-6833-4ED6-9AB2-57D2ACDDF6
F0) /FuFile (9FB4B4A7-42C0-4BCD-8540-9BCC6711F83E)
170 0000000A D N N 1 0 Usb Mouse Driver
F0)/FuFile(2D2E62AA-9ECF-43B7-8219-94E7FC713DFE)
                                                                         Fu (CDBB7B35-6833-4ED6-9AB2-57D2ACDDF6
                       4 0 Usb Bus Driver
171 0000000A D N N
                                                                         Fu (CDBB7B35-6833-4ED6-9AB2-57D2ACDDF6
F0) /FuFile (240612B7-A063-11D4-9A3A-0090273FC14D)
172 00000030 D N N 1 O Usb Xhci Driver
F0)/FuFile(B7F50E91-A759-412C-ADE4-DCD03E7F7C28)
                                                                         Fu (CDBB7B35-6833-4ED6-9AB2-57D2ACDDF6
                                                                         Fu (CDBB7B35-6833-4ED6-9AB2-57D2ACDDF6
173 00000000A D N N 2 0 SCSI Bus Driver
F0)/FuFile(0167CCC4-D0F7-4F21-A3EF-9E64B7CDCE8B)
174 0000000A D N N 1 O Scsi Disk Driver
F0)/FuFile(0A66E322-3740-4CCE-AD62-BD172CECCA35)
                                                                         Fu (CDBB7B35-6833-4ED6-9AB2-57D2ACDDF6
175 00000001 D N N
                             0 iLO GLP SIO Driver
                                                                         Fu (CDBB7B35-6833-4ED6-9AB2-57D2ACDDF6
F0) /FvFile(09DA2344-B8AF-4BFE-B5CB-FBBA4F2C056D)
                            0 HPE Dual 8GB microSD EM USB Kit Dri Fv(CDBB7B35-6833-4ED6-9AB2-57D2ACDDF6
177 0000000A ? N N
 0) /FuFile (AEF50382-4A3A-7109-E901-AF991118551C)
18D 00000018 B N N
                             1 G200eH Matrox Graphics UEFI Driver
                                                                         Fu (CDBB7B35-6833-4ED6-9AB2-57D2ACDDF6
 70) /FvFile (56A1B86F-0D4A-485D-87DE-AD0EBA1C8C2A)
191 00000882 B N Y
                             1 Smart Array SAS Driver v8.82
                                                                         PciRoot (0x0) /Pci (0x1,0x0) /Pci (0x0,0x0
)/Offset(0x4000,0x1C3FF)
198 06071100 B Y Y 1
                             1 Intel(R) PRO/1000 6.7.11 PCI-E
                                                                         PciRoot(0x0)/Pci(0x2,0x3)/Pci(0x0,0x0
)/Offset(0x1E000.0x3E3FF)
                             1 Intel(R) PRO/1000 6.7.11 PCI-E
19A 06071100 B Y Y 1
                                                                         PciRoot (0x0) /Pci (0x2,0x3) /Pci (0x0,0x1
)/Offset (0x1E000,0x3E3FF)
1A1 01000063 ? Y Y   0
)/Offset(0x3800,0x1D1FF)
                                                                         PciRoot (0x0) /Pci (0x3,0x2) /Pci (0x0,0x0
                             O Chelsio Unified Driver
1D1 00000001 D N N
2)/Offset(0x0,0xA1FF)
                             0 iLO 4 Function 2 Driver
                                                                         PciRoot (0x0) /Pci (0x1C,0x2) /Pci (0x0,0x
```

iv. Note the handle and unload the driver using the following syntax:

```
FS1:\CHELSIO\> unload -n <driver_handle>
```

Example:

```
FS1:\CHELSIO\> unload -n 1A1
Unload - Handle [72892A18] Result Success.
```

v. Load the uEFI driver (ChelsioUD.efi) present in the CHELSIO directory.

```
FS1:\CHELSIO\> load ChelsioUD.efi
Image 'FS1:\CHELSIO\ChelsioUD.efi' loaded at 77588000 - Success
```

vi. If Chelsio uEFI driver was loaded successfully in the previous step, run the command fwupdate -1 and Chelsio T6 CNA should be listed as shown below:

```
FS1:\CHELSIO\> fwupdate -1

* [BIOS] System ROM - U20 v2.20 (05/05/2016)

* [RAID.Slot.2.1]Slot 2 : Smart HBA H240 Controller - V2.52_B0

* [NIC.LOM.1.3]Embedded LOM 1 : HP Ethernet 1Gb 2-port 361i Adapter - NIC - 1.1067.0

* [NIC.Slot.3.1]Slot 3 : Chelsio T6 Controller - NIC -
```

- Upgrading Firmware
- Using CLI
- i. Use the adapter's device name to update the firmware:

```
FS1:\CHELSIO\> fwupdate -d <device_name> -f cubt4.bin
```

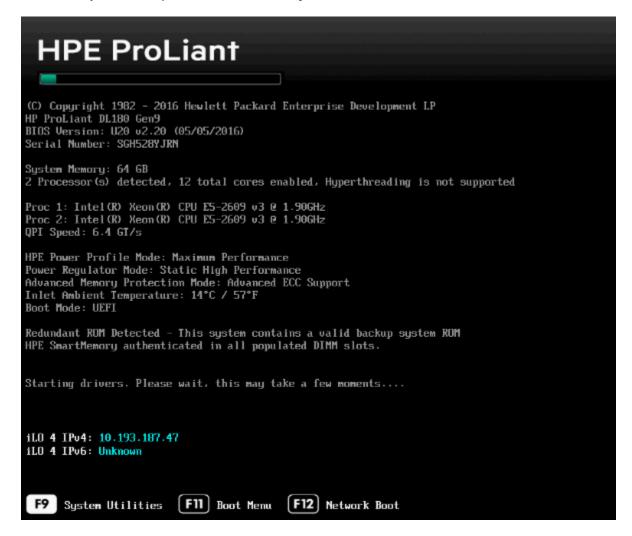
Example:

```
FS1:\CHELSIO\> fwupdate -d NIC.Slot.3.1 -f cubt4.bin
Loading firmware file 'cubt4.bin'. It might take several minutes.
Current Firmware Version is
Continue with firmware update? (y/n):y
Firmware update completed successfully.
```

ii. Reboot machine for changes to take effect.

Using FMP

Reboot system and press F9 to access System Utilities



Go to Embedded Applications → Firmware Update → Chelsio T6 Controller

```
System Utilities

Embedded Applications → Select a device to update → Firmware Update

Slot 3 : Chelsio T6 Controller - NIC

Select a firmware file
Selected firmware file:
Current Firmware Version:
Image Description

[Chelsio Option ROM package]
Start firmware update
```

Highlight Select a firmware file option and hit [Enter].

• Select the USB flash drive which contains the latest optionROM and hit [Enter].

```
File Explorer

Press ENTER to select.

• [SSS_X64FRE_] Rear USB 1 : SanDisk Ultra
[ANACONDA] Embedded CD/DVD ROM : Dynamic Smart Array B140i - SATA Optical Drive 1
[GPT] Slot 2 : Smart HBA H240 Controller
```

Select optionROM file cubt4.bin and hit [Enter]. The file should show up in the Selected firmware file field.

```
File Explorer

\[ \ISSS_X64FRE_1 \] Rear USB 1 : SanDisk Ultra\<CHELSIO>

Press ENTER to select.

bootcfg
cfut4.exe
ChelsioUD.efi
\[ \cubt4.bin \]
```

```
System Utilities

Embedded Applications + Select a device to update + Firmware Update

Slot 3 : Chelsio T6 Controller - NIC

Select a firmware file

Selected firmware file:
Current Firmware Uersion:
Image Description

Inage Description

IChelsio Option ROM packagel

Start firmware update
```

Select Start firmware update and hit [Enter].

```
System Utilities

Embedded Applications → Select a device to update → Firmware Update

Slot 3 : Chelsio T6 Controller - NIC

Select a firmware file
Selected firmware file:
Current Firmware Version:
Image Description

Start firmware update

Cubt4.bin

[Chelsio Option ROM package]
```

 After Firmware update completed successfully prompt appears, reboot the machine for changes to take effect.



3.5. Default Option ROM Settings

If you wish to restore option ROM settings to their default values, i.e., PXE enabled, iSCSI and FCoE disabled, use any of the methods mentioned below:

3.5.1. Using Option ROM (boot level)

Legacy PXE

Boot system into Chelsio's Unified Boot Setup utility and press F8.

```
# 1: Chelsio T6 adapter at PCI Bus: 81 Device: 00

Adapter BIOS : ENABLED

Initialization platform : Both

Identify Ports

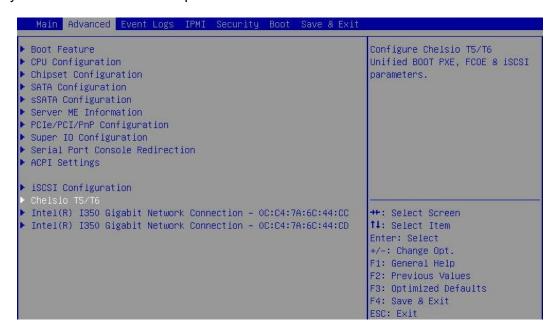
Boot Mode : Compatibility

EDD : 2.1

EBDA Relocation : PERMITTED
```

uEFI PXE

Boot system into uEFI mode and press F3.



3.5.2. Using cxgbtool (OS level)

Change your working directory to *OptionROM* directory and use *cxgbtool* to flash the default boot configuration onto the adapter:

[root@host~]# cd <driver_pakage>/Uboot/OptionROM/
[root@host~]# cxgbtool <ethX> loadboot-cfg bootcfg

4. Configuring PXE Server

The following components are required to configure a PXE Server:

- DHCP Server
- TFTP Server

PXE server configuration steps for different operating systems can be found on following links:



Chelsio Communications does not take any responsibility regarding contents given in below mentioned links. They are provided for example purposes only.

Linux

- http://linux-sxs.org/internet_serving/pxeboot.html
- http://www.howtoforge.com/ubuntu_pxe_install_server

Windows

- http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc771670%28WS.10%29.aspx
- http://tftpd32.jounin.net/ (Use port # 67, set PXE option and provide bootable file name in settings)
- http://unattended.sourceforge.net/pxe-win2k.html

5. PXE Boot Process

Before proceeding, please ensure that the Chelsio CNA has been flashed with the provided firmware and option ROM (See Flashing Firmware and option ROM).

5.1. Legacy PXE Boot

- i. After configuring the PXE server, make sure the PXE server works. Then reboot the client machine.
- ii. Press [Alt+C] when the message to configure Chelsio adapters appears on the screen.

```
Chelsio Unified Boot BIOS
Copyright (C) 2003-2016 Chelsio Communications
Press <Alt-C> to Configure T5/T6 Card(s). Press <Alt-S> to skip BIOS.
```

iii. The configuration utility will appear as below:



- iv. Choose the CNA on which you flashed the option ROM image. Hit [Enter].
- v. Enable the adapter BIOS using arrow keys if not already enabled. Hit [Enter].

```
# 1: Chelsio T6 adapter at PCI Bus: 81 Device: 00

Adapter BIOS: ENABLED

Initialization platform: Both

Identify Ports

Boot Mode: Compatibility

EDD: 2.1

EBDA Relocation: PERMITTED
```

Note

Use the default values for Boot Mode, EDD and EBDA Relocation parameters, unless instructed otherwise.

vi. Choose PXE from the list to configure. Hit [Enter].

```
# 1: Chelsio T6 adapter at PCI Bus: 81 Device: 00

Choose a function to configure

1. PXE
2. FCoE
3. iSCSI
```

vii. Use the arrow keys to highlight the appropriate function among the supported NIC functions and hit [Enter] to select.

```
# 1: Chelsio T6 adapter at PCI Bus: 81 Device: 00
Choose a NIC function to configure

1. Bus:81 Dev:00 Func:00

2. Bus:81 Dev:00 Func:01
```

viii. Enable NIC function bios if not already enabled.

```
Ctrl : T6225-CR FW: Device : 00 Function : 0

Bios : ENABLED

Vlan ID : 0
```

ix. Choose the boot port to try the PXE boot. It is recommended to only enable functions and ports which are going to be used. Please note that enabling NIC Func 00 will enable port 0 for PXE, enabling NIC Func 01 will enable port 1 and so on for NIC function.

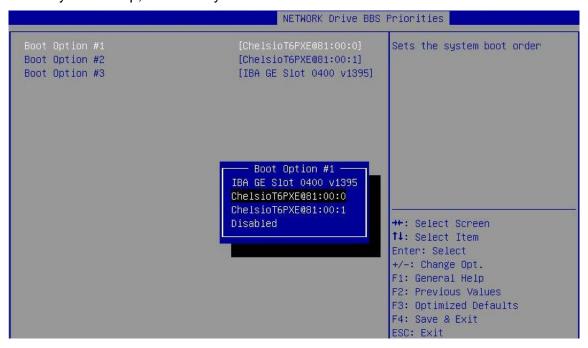
x. Hit [F10] or [Esc] and then [Y] to save configuration changes.



- xi. Reboot the system.
- xii. Allow the Chelsio option ROM to initialize and setup PXE devices. DO NOT PRESS ALT-S to skip Chelsio option ROM.

```
Loading Chelsio PXE BIOS v1.0.0.95
PCI BIOS v2.1 , PCI FW v3.0 , PnP BIOS : YES PMM Entry is passed by BIOS Chelsio FW v1.16.29.0
PXE BIOS Loaded Successfully!
1: ChelsioT6PXE00D:00:0
2: ChelsioT6PXE00D:00:1
```

xiii. In the system setup, choose any of the Chelsio PXE devices as the first boot device.



- xiv. Reboot. DO NOT PRESS ALT-S to skip Chelsio option ROM, during POST.
- xv. Hit [F12] key when prompted to start PXE boot.

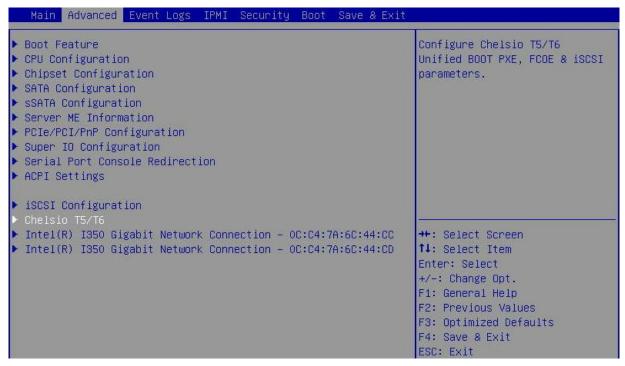
5.2. uEFI PXE Boot



- Only uEFI v2.3.1, v2.4 and v2.5 supported.
- Any other uEFI version is NOT SUPPORTED and may render your system unusable.

This section describes the method to configure and use Chelsio uEFI PXE interfaces.

- Reboot the system and go into the BIOS setup.
- ii. Chelsio HII should be listed as **Chelsio T5/T6**. Highlight it and press [Enter].



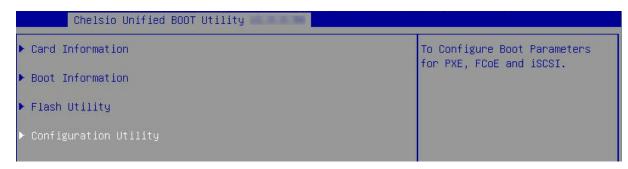


If Chelsio T5/T6 is not listed, please ensure that Chelsio uEFI driver is loaded correctly as mentioned here in the **Flashing Firmware and Option ROM** section.

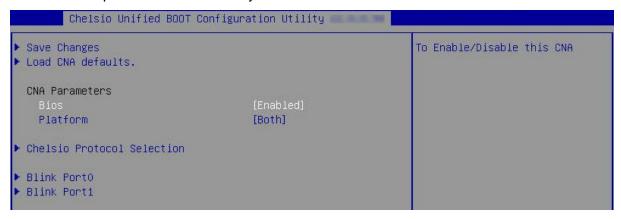
iii. Select the Chelsio adapter to be configured and press [Enter].



iv. Select Configuration Utility and press [Enter].

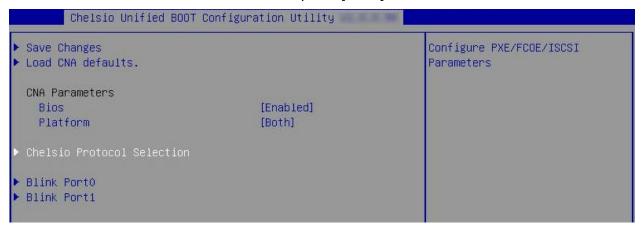


v. Enable adapter BIOS if not already enabled.



On Note It is highly recommended that you use the Save Changes option every time a parameter/option is changed.

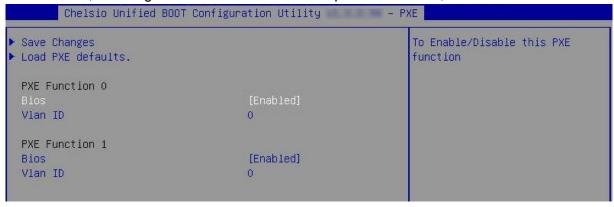
vi. Select Chelsio Protocol Selection and press [Enter].



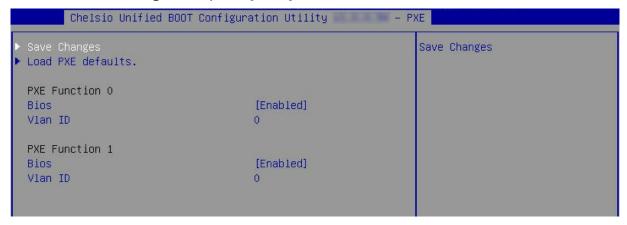
vii. Select PXE and press [Enter].



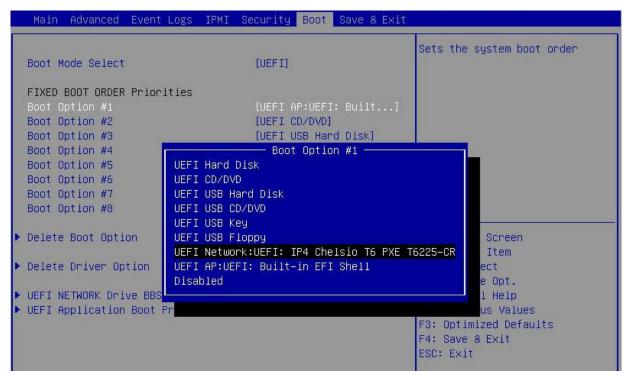
viii. Choose the boot port to try PXE boot. It is recommended to enable only those functions and ports which are going to be used. Please note that enabling PXE Function 0 will enable port 0 for PXE, enabling PXE Function 1 will enable port 1 and so on, for NIC function.



ix. Select Save Changes and press [Enter].



x. Reboot the system and in BIOS, choose any of the available Chelsio PXE devices for PXE boot.



xi. Reboot and hit [F12] key when prompted to start PXE boot.

6. FCoE Boot Process

Before proceeding, please ensure that the Chelsio CNA has been flashed with the provided firmware and option ROM (See Flashing firmware and option ROM).

6.1. Legacy FCoE Boot

- Reboot the system.
- ii. Press [Alt+C] when the message to configure Chelsio adapters appears on the screen.

```
Chelsio Unified Boot BIOS
Copyright (C) 2003-2016 Chelsio Communications
Press <Alt-C> to Configure T5/T6 Card(s). Press <Alt-S> to skip BIOS.
```

iii. The configuration utility will appear as below:

```
Chelsio adapters in the system
1. Bus:04 Dev:00 T529-CR
```

- iv. Choose the CNA on which you flashed the option ROM image. Hit [Enter].
- v. Enable the adapter BIOS if not already enabled. Hit [ENTER].

```
# 1: Chelsio T5 adapter at PCI Bus: 04 Device: 00

Adapter BIOS : ENABLED

Initialization platform : Both

Identify Ports

Boot Mode : Compatibility

EDD : 2.1

EBDA Relocation : PERMITTED
```

Note

Use the default values for Boot Mode, EDD and EBDA Relocation parameters, unless instructed otherwise.

vi. Choose FCoE from the list to configure and hit [Enter].

```
# 1: Chelsio T5 adapter at PCI Bus: 04 Device: 00

Choose a function to configure

1. PXE

2. FCoE

3. iSCSI
```

vii. Choose the first option, **Configure function parameters**, from the list of parameter type and hit [Enter].

```
Ctrl : T520-CR FW : DevId : 0x5601 Ports : 2
Bios : Bus : 04 Device : 00 Function : 6

Choose the parameter type to configure

1. Configure function parameters
2. Configure boot parameters
3. Show port WWPN
```

viii. Enable FCoE BIOS if not already enabled.

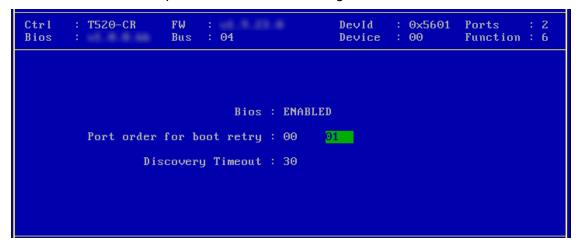
```
Ctrl : T520-CR FW : DevId : 0x5601 Ports : 2
Bios : Bus : 04 Device : 00 Function : 6

Bios : ENABLED

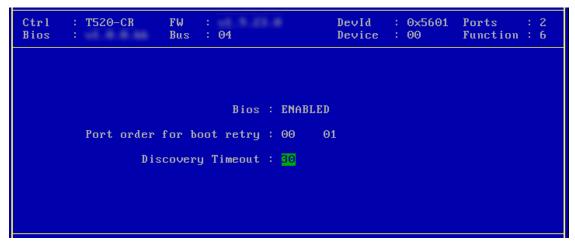
Port order for boot retry : 00 NONE

Discovery Timeout : 30
```

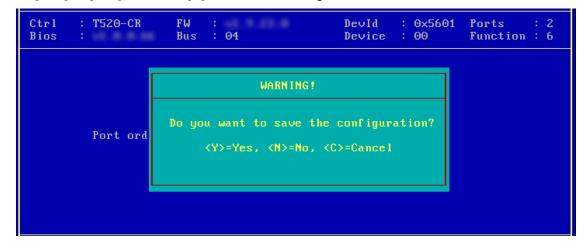
ix. Choose the order of the ports to discover FCoE targets.



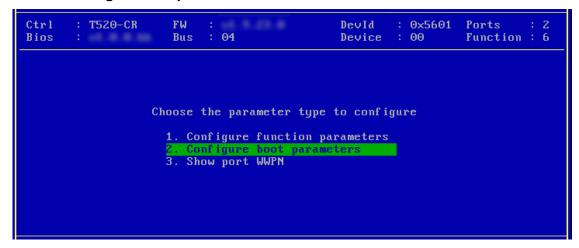
x. Set discovery timeout to a suitable value. Recommended value is >= 30.



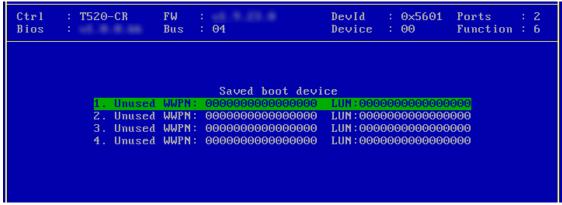
xi. Hit [F10] or [Esc] and then [Y] to save the configuration.



xii. Choose Configure boot parameters.



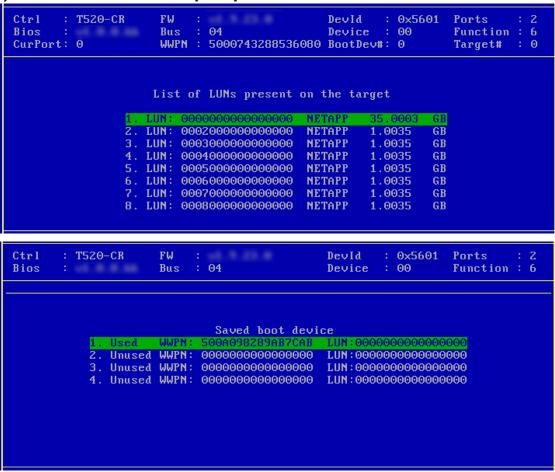
xiii. Select the first boot device and hit [Enter] to discover FC/FCoE targets connected to the switch. Wait till all reachable targets are discovered.



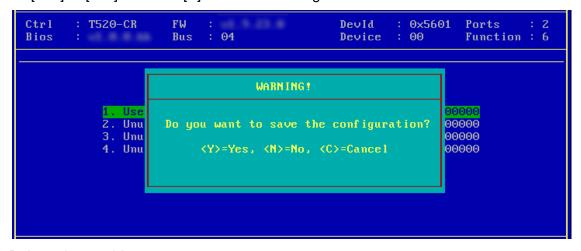
xiv. List of discovered targets will be displayed. Highlight a target using the arrow keys and hit [Enter] to select.

```
Ctrl
       : T520-CR
                     FW
                                              DevId
                                                      : 0x5601
                                                                Ports
Bios
                     Bus
                          : 04
                                              Device
                                                      : 00
                                                                Function: 6
                     WWPN : 5000743288536080 BootDev#: 0
CurPort: 0
                                                                Target# : 0
                        List of discovered targets
                        1. WWPN: 500A098289AB7CAB
```

xv. From the list of LUNs displayed for the selected target, choose one on which operating system has to be installed. Hit [Enter].



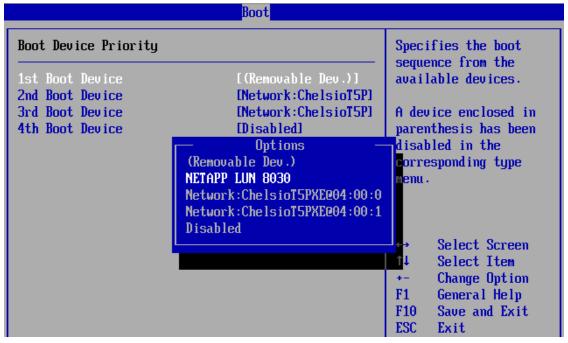
xvi. Hit [F10] or [Esc] and then [Y] to save the configuration.



xvii. Reboot the machine.

xviii. During POST, allow the Chelsio option ROM to discover FCoE targets.

xix. Enter BIOS setup and choose FCoE disk discovered via Chelsio adapter as the first boot device.

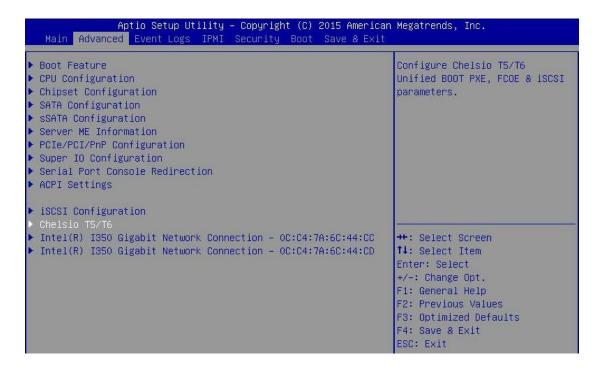


xx. Reboot and boot from the FCoE disk or install the required OS using PXE.

6.2. uEFI FCoE Boot



- Only uEFI v2.3.1, v2.4 and v2.5 supported.
- Any other uEFI version is NOT SUPPORTED and may render your system unusable.
- Reboot the system and go into BIOS setup.
- ii. Select Chelsio T5/T6 and press [Enter]





1 Note If Chelsio T5/T6 is not listed, please ensure that Chelsio uEFI driver is loaded correctly as mentioned here in the Flashing Firmware and Option ROM section.

Select the Chelsio adapter to be configured and press [Enter].



iv. Select Configuration Utility and press [Enter].



v. Enable adapter BIOS if not already enabled.



Note

It is highly recommended that you use the **Save Changes** option every time a parameter/option is changed.

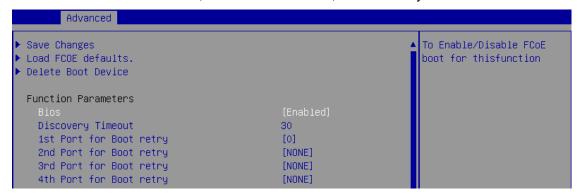
vi. Select Chelsio Protocol Selection and press [Enter].



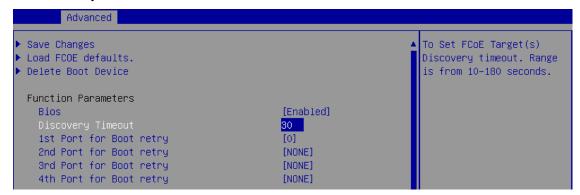
vii. Select **FCoE** and press [Enter].



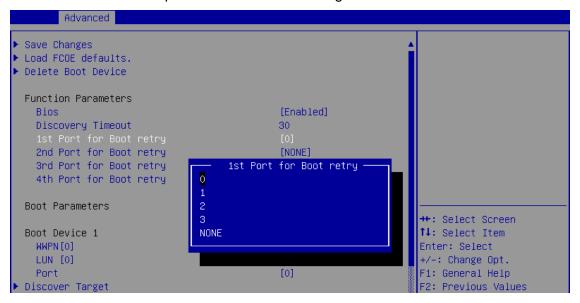
viii. Under Function Parameters, enable FCoE BIOS, if not already enabled.



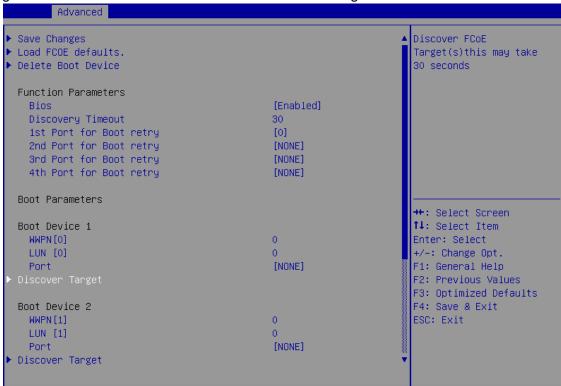
ix. Set discovery timeout to a suitable value. Recommended value is >= 30



x. Choose the order of the ports to discover FCoE targets.



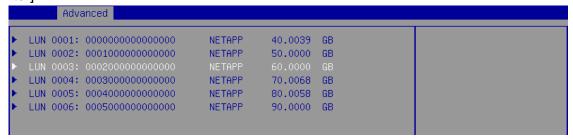
xi. Under the first boot device, select **Discover Target** and press [Enter] to discover FC/FCoE targets connected to the switch. Wait till all reachable targets are discovered.



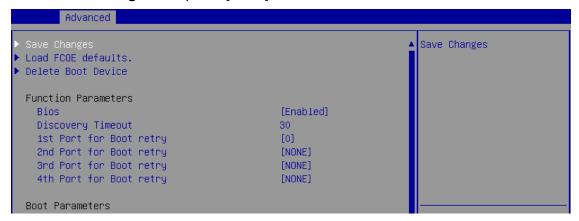
xii. List of discovered targets will be displayed. Highlight a target to select it and hit [Enter].



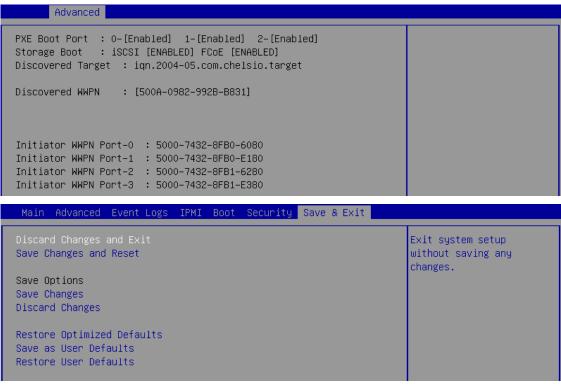
xiii. List of LUNs for the selected target will be displayed. Highlight a LUN to select it and hit [Enter].



xiv. Select Save Changes and press [Enter].



- xv. Reboot the system for changes to take effect.
- xvi. The discovered LUN should appear in the **Boot Configuration** section and system BIOS section.



xvii. Select the LUN as the first boot device and exit from BIOS. xviii. Either boot from the LUN or install the required OS.

7. iSCSI Boot Process

Before proceeding, please ensure that the Chelsio CNA has been flashed with the provided firmware and option ROM (See Flashing firmware and option ROM).

7.1. Legacy iSCSI Boot

- Reboot the system.
- ii. Press [Alt+C] when the message to configure Chelsio adapters appears on the screen.

```
Chelsio Unified Boot BIOS
Copyright (C) 2003-2016 Chelsio Communications
Press <Alt-C> to Configure T5/T6 Card(s). Press <Alt-S> to skip BIOS.
```

iii. The configuration utility will appear as below:

```
Chelsio adapters in the system

1. Bus:81 Dev:00 T6225-CR
```

- iv. Choose the CNA on which you flashed the option ROM image. Hit [Enter].
- v. Enable the adapter BIOS if not already enabled. Hit [Enter].

```
# 1: Chelsio T6 adapter at PCI Bus: 81 Device: 00

Adapter BIOS: ENABLED

Initialization platform: Both

Identify Ports

Boot Mode: Compatibility

EDD: 2.1

EBDA Relocation: PERMITTED
```

Note

Use the default values for Boot Mode, EDD and EBDA Relocation parameters, unless instructed otherwise.

vi. Choose iSCSI from the list to configure and hit [Enter].

```
# 1: Chelsio T6 adapter at PCI Bus: 81 Device: 88

Choose a function to configure

1. PXE
2. FCoE
3. iSCSI
```

vii. Choose the first option, **Configure Function Parameters**, from the list of parameter type and hit [Enter].



viii. Enable iSCSI BIOS if not already enabled. iBFT (iSCSI Boot Firmware Table) will be selected by default. You can also configure the number of iSCSI login attempts (retries) in case the network is unreachable or slow.

```
Ctrl
       : T6225-CR
                          FW :
                                              Deuld
                                                      : 0x6501
                                                                Ports
Bios
                          Bus: 81
                                              Device
                                                      : 00
                                                                Function: 5
       1 46 5 5 7
                              Bios : ENABLED
         Port order for boot retry : 00
                 Discovery Timeout: 30
                iSCSI OS Initiator : iBFT
       iSCSI Login Retry (Slow NW) : 0
```

ix. Choose the order of the ports to discover iSCSI targets.



x. Set discovery timeout to a suitable value. Recommended value is >= 30.



xi. Hit [Esc] and then [Y] to save the configuration.



xii. Go back and choose **Configure Initiator Parameters** to configure initiator related properties.

```
Ctrl
        : T6225-CR
                             FW:
                                                  DevId
                                                           : 0x6501
                                                                      Ports
                                                                                : 2
                             Bus: 81
                                                  Device
                                                           : 00
                                                                      Function : 5
Bios
                    Choose the parameter type to configure
                      1. Configure Function Parameters
                         Configure Initiator Parameters
Configure CHAP Parameters
                      4. Configure Network Parameters
                      5. Configure Target Parameters
                      6. Discover iSCSI Target(s)
```

xiii. Initiator properties like IQN, Header Digest, Data Digest, etc. will be displayed. Change the values appropriately or continue with the default values. Hit [F10] to save.

```
Ctrl
       : T6225-CR
                          FW :
                                              DevId
                                                        0x6501
                                                                 Ports
                          Bus: 81
                                                        00
                                                                 Function : 5
Bios
                                              Device
                       Initiator IQN: ign.Z003-15.com.chelsio.boot:_
                       Header Digest :
                                       None
                         Data Digest :
                                        None
                           InitialRZT :
                                        No
                       ImmediateData : Yes
                   MaxOutstandingR2T : 1
                    DefaultTime2Wait : 20
                  DefaultTimeZRetain : 20
              FirstBurstLength in KB : 64
                MaxBurstLength in KB : 256
```

xiv. CHAP authentication is disabled by default. To enable and configure, go back and choose **Configure CHAP Parameters**



xv. Enable CHAP authentication by selecting ONE-WAY or MUTUAL in the **CHAP Policy** field. Next, choose the CHAP method. Finally, provide Initiator and Target CHAP credentials as per the authentication method selected. Hit [F10] to save.

```
Ctrl
       : T6225-CR
                          FW:
                                              DevId
                                                      : 0x6501
                                                                Ports
                                                                Function : 5
Bios
                          Bus: 81
                                              Device
                                                        00
                         CHAP Policy : MUTUAL
                         CHAP Method : None, CHAP
             Initiator CHAP Username : init2x
             Initiator CHAP Password : chelinit65
                Target CHAP Username : tar12x
                Target CHAP Password : cheltar65
```

xvi. Go back and choose **Configure Network Parameters** to configure iSCSI Network related properties.



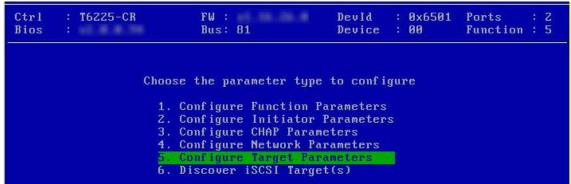
xvii. Select the port using which you want to connect to the target. Hit [Enter].



xviii. Select Yes in the **Enable DHCP** field to configure port using DHCP or *No* to manually configure the port. Hit [F10] to save.

```
FW :
Ctrl
         T6225-CR
                                                       : 0x6501
                                               DevId
                                                                 Ports
                                                                           : 2
Bios
                           Bus: 81
                                                                 Function : 5
                                              Device
                                                       : 00
                  Port 0 network parameter configuration
                              VLAN ID :
                                        IPV4
                           IP Version:
                          Enable DHCP : No
                           IP address: 102.80.80.92
                          Subnet mask : 255.255.255.0
                              Gateway : 0.0.0.0
                       Ping IP address :0.0.0.0
                                   Ping IP
```

xix. Go back and choose **Configure Target Parameters** to configure iSCSI target related properties.



xx. If you want to discover target using DHCP, select Yes in the **Discover Boot Target via DHCP** field. To discover target via static IP, select No and provide the target IP and Hit [F10] to save. The default TCP port selected is 3260.

```
Ctrl : T6225-CR FW: DevId : 0x6501 Ports : 2
Bios : Bus: 81 Device : 00 Function : 5

Discover Boot Target via DHCP : No

Target IP Version : IPV4

Target IP address : 102.80.80.186

Target TCP port : 3260
```

xxi. Go back and choose **Discover iSCSI Target (s)** to connect to a target.



xxii. Select the portal group on which iSCSI service is provided by the target.



xxiii.A list of available targets will be displayed. Select the target you wish to connect to and hit [Enter].

```
Ctrl
        : T6225-CR
                               FW:
                                                      DevId
                                                               : 0x6501
                                                                           Ports
                                                                                      : 2
Bios
                               Bus: 81
                                                      Device : 00
                                                                           Function : 5
                         IP
                                                      BootDev#: 0
CurPort: 0
                               : 102.80.80.92
                                                                           Target#
                            List of discovered targets
                         1. iqn.2017-18.com.chl.target1
2. iqn.2017-18.com.chl.target2
```

xxiv. A list of LUNs configured on the selected target will be displayed. Select the LUN you wish to connect to and hit [Enter].

```
: 2
Ctrl
        T6225-CR
                          FW:
                                              DevId
                                                      : 0x6501
                                                                Ports
                          Bus: 81
                                                                Function : 5
Bios
                                              Device
                                                      : 00
CurPort: 0
                     IP
                          : 102.80.80.92
                                              BootDev#: 0
                                                                Target#
                    List of LUNs present on the target
                1. LUN: 00000000000000000 LIO-ORG 60.0000 GB
```

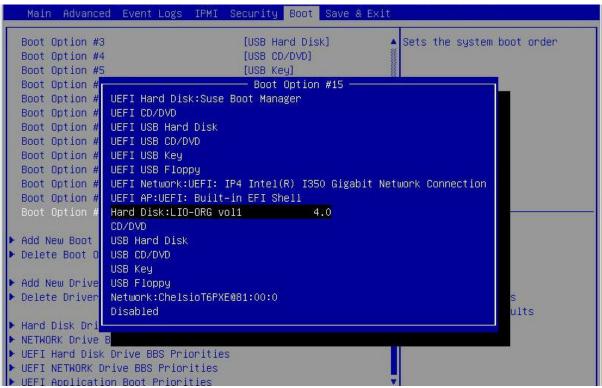
xxv. Hit [Esc] and then [Y] to save the configuration.



xxvi. Reboot the machine.

xxvii. During POST, allow the Chelsio option ROM to discover iSCSI targets.

xxviii. Enter BIOS setup and choose iSCSI target LUN discovered via Chelsio adapter as the first boot device.



xxix. Reboot and boot from the iSCSI Target LUN or install the required OS using PXE.

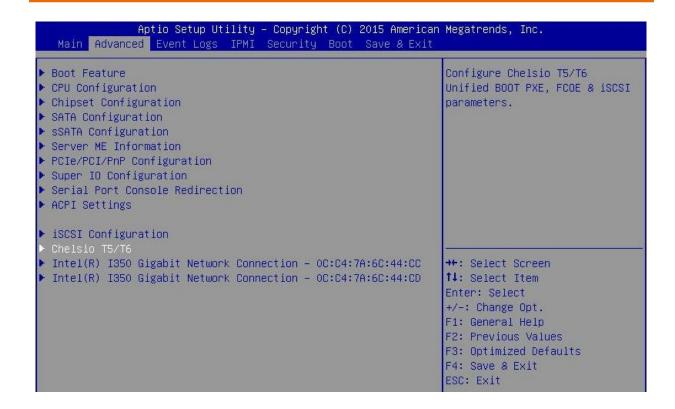
7.2. uEFI iSCSI Boot



- Only uEFI v2.3.1, v2.4 and v2.5 supported.
- Any other uEFI version is NOT SUPPORTED and may render your system unusable.

This section describes the method to perform iSCSI boot on uEFI platforms.

- i. Reboot the system and go into BIOS setup.
- ii. Select Chelsio T5/T6 and press [Enter]



1 Note If Chelsio T5/T6 is not listed, please ensure that Chelsio uEFI driver is loaded correctly as mentioned here in the Flashing Firmware and Option ROM section.

iii. Select the Chelsio adapter to be configured and press [Enter].



iv. Select Configuration Utility and press [Enter].



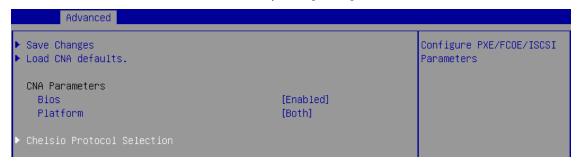
v. Enable adapter BIOS if not already enabled.



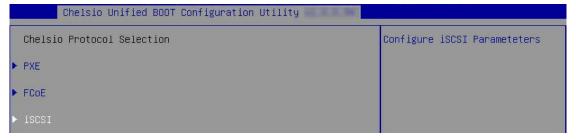


It is highly recommended that you use the **Save Changes** option every time a parameter/option is changed.

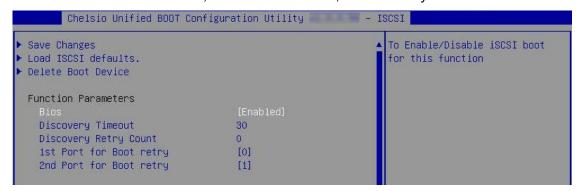
vi. Select Chelsio Protocol Selection and press [Enter].



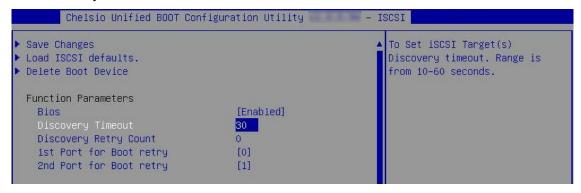
vii. Select iSCSI and press [Enter].



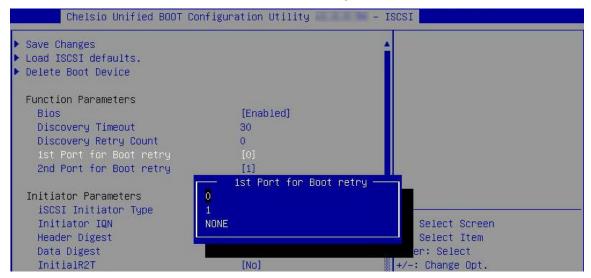
viii. Under Function Parameters, enable iSCSI BIOS, if not already enabled.



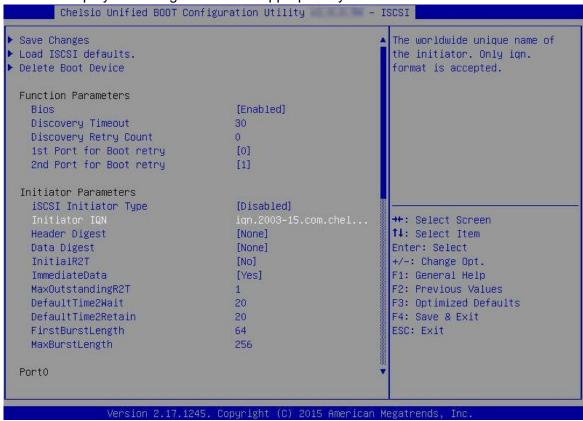
ix. Set discovery timeout to a suitable value. Recommended value is >= 30



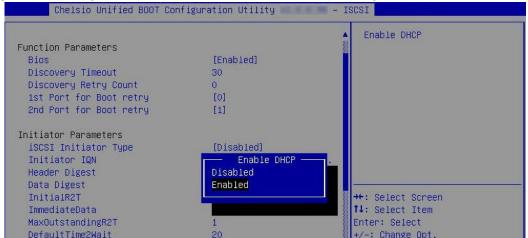
x. Choose the order of the ports to discover iSCSI targets.



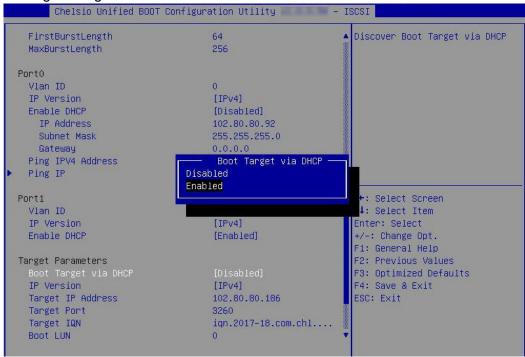
xi. Under **Initiator Parameters**, iSCSI Initiaitor properties like IQN, Header Digest, Data Digest, etc will be displayed. Change the values appropriately or continue with the default values.



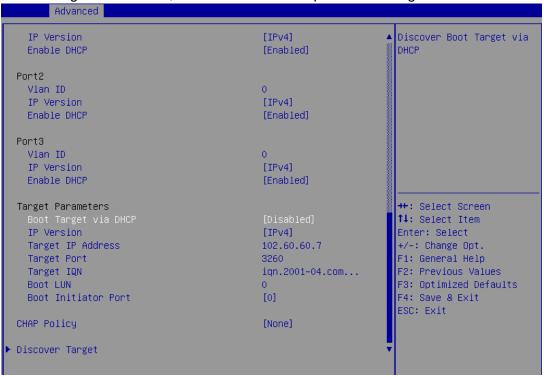
xii. Under the first port, select **Enable DHCP** field, hit [Enter] and select **Enabled**. This will configure port using DHCP. Select **Disabled** to manually configure the port.



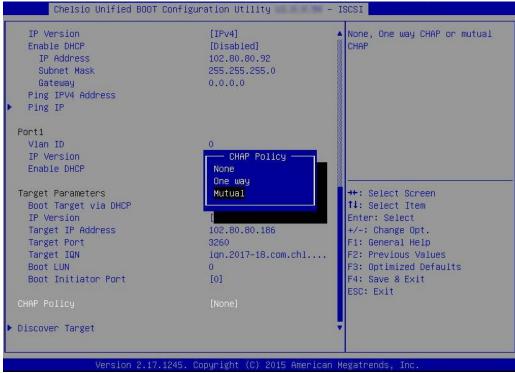
xiii. Under **Target Parameters**, select **Enabled** for the **Boot Target via DHCP** parameter to discover target using DHCP.



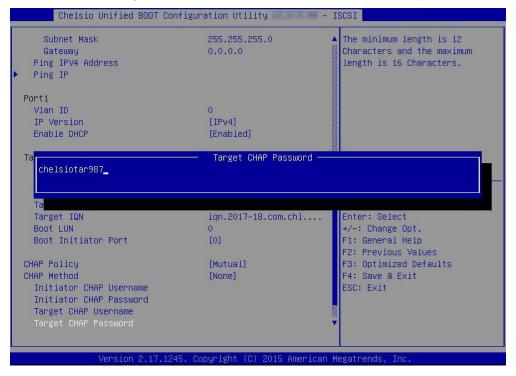
To discover target via static IP, select **Disabled** and provide the target IP.



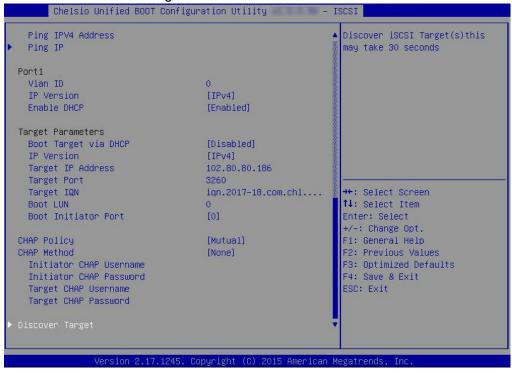
xiv. CHAP authentication is disabled by default. To enable and configure, highlight **CHAP Policy** and hit [Enter]. Select the policy type from the corresponding pop-up and hit [Enter] again.



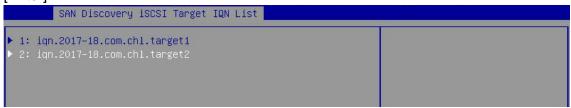
xv. Provide Initiator and Target CHAP credentials as per the CHAP policy selected.



xvi. Select **Discover Target** and press [Enter] to discover iSCSI targets connected to the switch. Wait till all reachable targets are discovered.



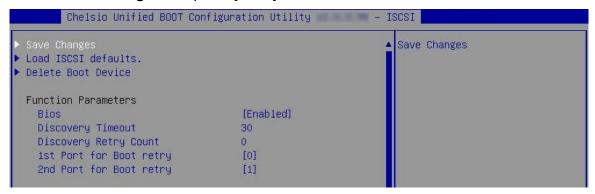
xvii. A list of available targets will be displayed. Select the target you wish to connect to and hit [Enter].



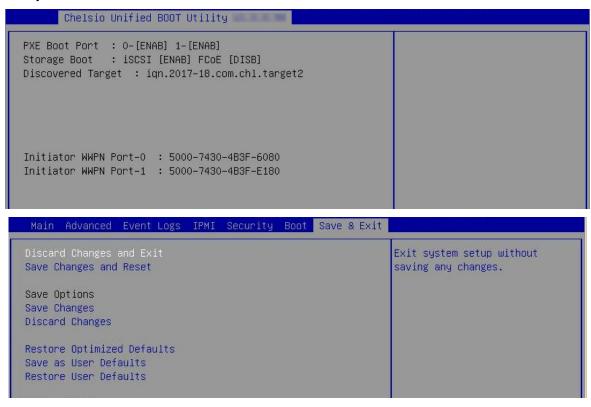
xviii.A list of LUNs configured on the selected target will be displayed. Select the LUN you wish to connect to and hit [Enter].



xix. Select Save Changes and press [Enter]



- xx. Reboot the system for changes to take effect.
- xxi. The discovered LUN should appear in the **Boot Configuration/ Boot Information** section and system BIOS.



- xxii. Select the LUN as the first boot device and exit from BIOS.
- xxiii. Either boot from the LUN or install the required OS.

8. Creating Driver Update Disk (DUD)

The following section describes the procedure to create Driver Update Disks for RHEL and SLES distributions for Chelsio adapters. In case of T4 adapters, you can skip this step and use inbox drivers to install the operating system.

8.1. Creating DUD for RedHat Enterprise Linux

- If you haven't done already, download the Chelsio Unified Wire driver package from Chelsio Download Center.
- ii. Untar the package:

```
[root@host~]# tar zxvf <driver_package>.tar.gz
```

iii. Change your current working directory to *LinuxDUD* directory:

```
[root@host~]# cd <driver package>/Uboot/LinuxDUD
```

- iv. Insert a blank, formatted USB flash drive.
- v. Depending on the distribution to be installed, copy the corresponding image file to the USB drive. For example, execute the following command for RHEL 6.6:

```
[root@host~]# cp Chelsio-DriverUpdateDisk-RHEL6.6-x86_64-x.xx.x.img <path
to USB drive>
```



For RHEL 7.X, use Chelsio-DriverUpdateDisk-RHEL7.X-x86_64-x.xx.x.x.iso

8.2. Creating DUD for Suse Enterprise Linux

- If you haven't done already, download Chelsio Unified Wire driver package from Chelsio Download Center.
- ii. Untar the package,

```
[root@host~]# tar zxvf <driver package>.tar.gz
```

- iii. Insert a blank USB flash drive.
- iv. Format the USB drive

```
[root@host~]# mkfs.vfat /dev/sda1
```

v. Depending on the distribution to be installed, copy the corresponding image file to the USB stick. For example, execute the following command for SLES 11 sp4.

[root@host~]# dd if=/root/<driver_package>/Uboot/LinuxDUD/Chelsio-DriverUpdateDisk-SLES11sp4-x86_64-x.xx.x.img of=/dev/sda1

9. OS Installation

9.1. Installation using Chelsio DUD

This is the recommended method for installing Linux OS using Chelsio PXE boot. The Chelsio Driver Update Disk (DUD) has support for all the new adapters. Use Network Boot (PXE Boot) media to install the OS, and provide the Driver Update Disk as per the detailed instructions for each OS.

The DUD supports installation of Linux distributions using Chelsio adapters over Network. There may be built-in Chelsio driver in these distributions. The driver may or may not work with Chelsio adapters, depending on the adapter in use, and the version of the driver that shipped in that particular distribution. Please flash the firmware provided in the package.

9.1.1. RHEL 7.X Installation

i. Please make sure that the USB drive with DUD image is inserted. Type *e* and then *dd* at the boot prompt for the installation media. The *dd* option specifies that you will be providing a Driver Update Disk during the installation.

```
RHEL7

Use the ▲ and ▼ keys to change the selection.

Press 'e' to edit the selected item, or 'c' for a command prompt.
```



- In case of iSCSI boot, type dd ip=ibft
- In case of T5 adapters with RHEL 7.2, use inbox drivers for installation. No DUDs required.
- ii. You will be asked to select the Driver Update Disk device from a list. USB drives usually show up as SCSI disks in Linux. Enter the index number of the device to be used and hit [Enter].

```
Page 1 of 1
Driver disk device selection
DEVICE TYPE LABEL UUID
1) sda1 vfat 7_8GB C6A6-09F1
# to select, 'r'-refresh, 'n'-next page, 'p'-previous page or 'c'-continue: 1
```

iii. The installer will search and display DUD image files found in the selected device. Enter the index number of the file to be used and hit [Enter].

```
Page 1 of 1
Choose driver disk ISO file
1) LinuxDUD/Chelsio-DriverUpdateDisk- .iso
# to select, 'n'-next page, 'p'-previous page or 'c'-continue: 1_
```

iv. Drivers provided in the DUD will be listed. Enter 1 to select Network driver (*cxgb4*), 2 to selct FCoE driver (*csiostor*) or 3 to select iSCSI Initiator (cxgb4i). Hit [Enter]

```
(Page 1 of 1) Select drivers to install
1) [ ] /media/DD-Z/rpms/x86_64/kmod-cxgb4- .rpm
2) [ ] /media/DD-Z/rpms/x86_64/kmod-csiostor- .rpm
3) [ ] /media/DD-Z/rpms/x86_64/kmod-cxgb4i- .rpm
# to toggle selection, or 'c'-continue:
```

v. To install more drivers, enter the index of the next driver and hit [Enter]. To start the loading process, enter *c* and hit [Enter].

To install iSCSI Initiator driver, the dependent Network driver must also be installed. Hence select both *cxgb4* and and *cxgb4i*. Hit [Enter].

```
(Page 1 of 1) Select drivers to install

1) [x] /media/DD-2/rpms/x86_64/kmod-cxgb4- .rpm
2) [ ] /media/DD-2/rpms/x86_64/kmod-csiostor- .rpm
3) [x] /media/DD-2/rpms/x86_64/kmod-cxgb4i- .rpm
# to toggle selection, or 'c'-continue:
```

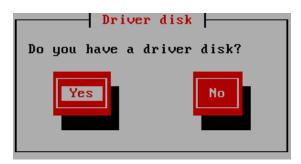
10 Note To deselect a driver, enter the index of the selected driver and hit [Enter].

- vi. The **Driver disk prompt** will be displayed again. Follow the same procedure mentioned above to select any other drivers you wish to load or enter *C* to skip and start the loading process.
- vii. After the drivers are successfully loaded, OS installation will commence. Proceed as usual.

9.1.2. RHEL 6.X Installation

i. Please make sure that the USB drive with DUD image is inserted. Press *Tab* and then type *dd* at the boot prompt for the installation media. The *dd* option specifies that you will be providing a Driver Update Disk during the installation.

ii. The installer will load and prompt you for the driver update disk. Select "Yes" and hit [Enter] to proceed.



iii. You will be asked to select the Driver Update Disk device from a list. USB drives usually show up as SCSI disks in Linux. So, if there are no other SCSI disks connected to the system, the USB drive would assume the first drive letter "a". Hence the drive name would be "sda".

You can view the messages from the Linux kernel and drivers to determine the name of the USB drive, by pressing [Alt] + [F3] or [Alt] + [F4]. Press [Alt] + [F1] to get back to the list.



iv. Select the Appropriate image file and Choose "OK". Now the installer will search for the appropriate drivers from the driver disk and load them. This step may take some time. Check on the [Alt] + [F3] or [Alt] + [F4] screens for log messages.



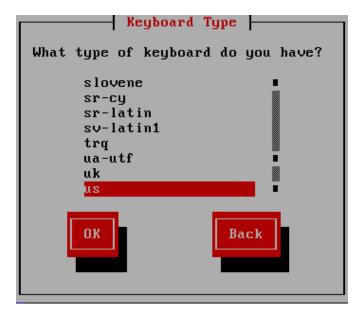
v. The installer will ask if you wish to load more drivers. Choose "Yes" to load if you have any other drivers to load. Otherwise choose "No".



vi. Select the required language from the list.



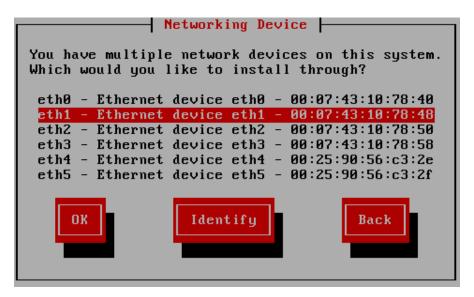
vii. Select the type of keyboard you have from the list.



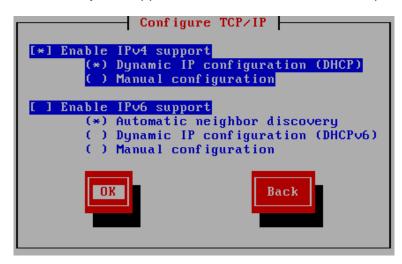
viii. In this step, you can choose the source which contains the OS installation ISO image. In this case, select "NFS directory".



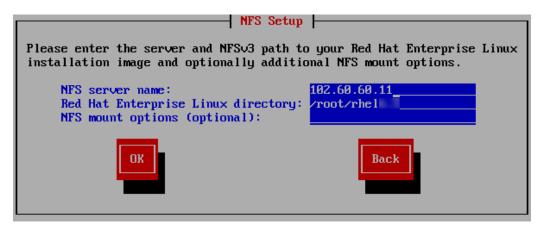
ix. The Chelsio detwork devices will be displayed. Select the appropriate Chelsio NIC interface to proceed with installation.



x. Here you can specify if you want to configure your network interfaces using DHCP or manually using IPv4. IPv6 is currently not supported. Hence disable IPv6 before proceeding.



xi. Proceeding with the installation will get NFS/FTP/HTTP setup page. Here, provide NFS server details to proceed with the installation. Then the graphical Installation screens for RHEL will appear. Proceed with the installation as usual.

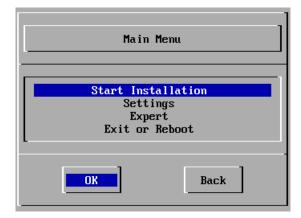


9.1.3. SLES 11 SPx/SLES 12/SLES 12 SPx Installation

- Please make sure that the USB drive with DUD image is inserted.
- ii. Select the appropriate entry from the PXE menu and press [Enter].

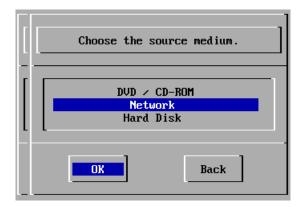
```
2.2274291 hp_sw: device handler registered 2.2521451 rdac: device handler registered
>>> SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 installation program v3.3.81 (c) 1996-2010 SUSE Linux Products GmbH <<<
>>> SUSE Linux Enterprise Server II installation program.
Starting udev... ok
Loading basic drivers... ok
Starting hardware detection... ok
(If a driver is not working for you, try booting with brokenmodules=driver_name.)
Activating usb devices... ok
AMI Virtual CDROM
drivers: usb_storage*
JetFlash Transcend 2GB
drivers: usb_storage*
Logitech USB Multimedia Keyboard
  drivers: usbhid*
 Chelsio Ethernet controller
 drivers: cxgb4*
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  drivers: cxgb4*
 Chelsio Ethernet controller
drivers: cxgb4*
Intel 82574L Gigabit Network Connection
drivers: e1000e*
Intel 82574L Gigabit Network Connection drivers: e1000e*
Driver Update: Chelsio Network driver update Disk
Driver Update: Chelsio FCoE Initiator Driver Update Disk
Driver Updates added:
Chelsio Network driver update Disk
Chelsio FCoE Initiator Driver Update Disk
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iii. Select "Start Installation" and then "Start Installation or Update".

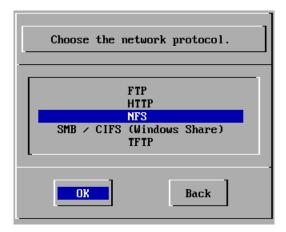




iv. Select "Network" as the source of medium to install the SLES Operating System.



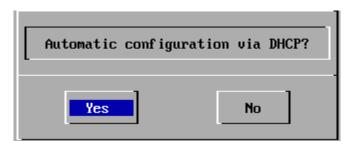
v. Select the desired Network protocol from the list presented.



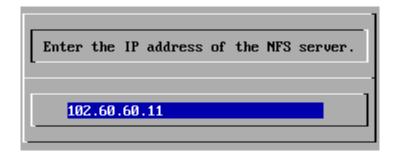
vi. Select the appropriate Chelsio interface from the list to proceed with installation. You can view the messages from the Linux kernel and drivers to determine the name of NIC interface by pressing [Alt] + [F3] or [Alt] + [F4]. Press [Alt] + [F1] to get back to the list.



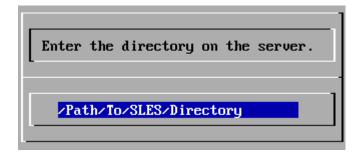
vii. Select "Yes" to configure the network interface selected in the previous step using DHCP.



viii. Provide a valid NFS/FTP/HTTP/TFTP Server IP address to proceed.



ix. Provide a valid directory path to the operating system to be installed.



x. Proceed with the installation as usual.

9.2. Installation on FCoE LUN

- If you are installing using CD/DVD, please make sure that the USB drive with DUD image is inserted. Also, change the boot priority to boot from CD/DVD in the BIOS setup.
 - i. Insert the OS installation disc into your CD/DVD ROM.
 - ii. On the Grub menu, choose *Install or upgrade an existing system* option if not already selected.
 - iii. Type e and then dd at the boot prompt for RHEL 7.
 - iv. Load Chelsio Driver Update Disk depending on the Linux distribution (Click here for RHEL 7.x)
- If you are installing from a PXE server, please refer 8.1. Installation using Chelsio
 DUD (Click here for RHEL 7.x) section to load Chelsio Driver Update Disk.

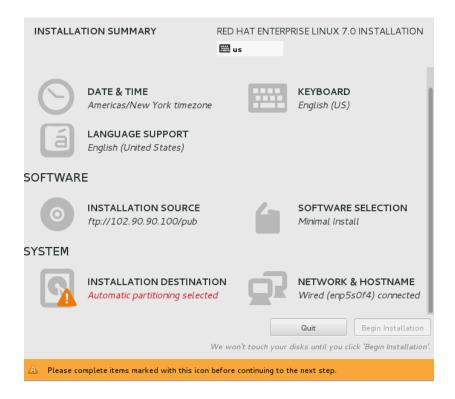
After successfully loading Chelsio DUD, follow the procedure mentioned below to continue installation, based on the distribution.

9.2.1. RHEL 7.X

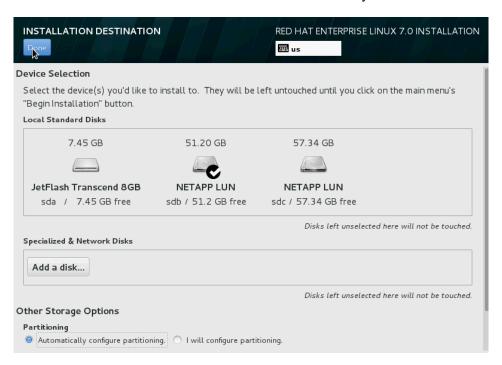
i. Choose your installation language and click Continue.



ii. Click INSTALLATION DESTINATION under SYSTEM.



iii. The discovered FC/FCoE LUNs will appear as local storage in the **Local Standard Disks** section. Select the LUN which was saved as boot device in system BIOS.





Make sure the same LUN discovered at the Option ROM stage is selected for OS installation.

iv. Under Other Storage Options, you can either chose to configure partition automatically or manually. Select the appropriate option and click Done. Then proceed with the installation as usual.



9.3. Installation on iSCSI LUN

- If you are installing using CD/DVD, please make sure that the USB drive with DUD image is inserted. Also, change the boot priority to boot from CD/DVD in the BIOS setup.
 - i. Insert the OS installation disc into your CD/DVD ROM.
 - ii. On the Grub menu, choose *Install or upgrade an existing system* option if not already selected.
 - iii. Depending on the boot mode selected and Linux distribution installed, use the appropriate option to select Chelsio iSCSI Initiator driver as the SCSI transport medium:
 - Legacy
 - o For RHEL 6, press *Tab* and then type *dd*.
 - o For RHEL 7, press *Tab* and then type *ip=ibft*
 - o For SLES, press *Tab* and then type *dd*.
 - uEFI
 - o For RHEL 6, type e and then type dd.
 - o For RHEL 7, type e and then type ip=ibft
 - o For SLES, type *e* and then type *dd*.
 - iv. Load Chelsio Driver Update Disk depending on the Linux distribution (Click here for RHEL 7.X; Click here for RHEL 6.X; Click here for SLES 11 SPx/SLES 12/SLES 12 SPx.
- If you are installing from a PXE server, please refer 8.1. Installation using Chelsio DUD(Click here for RHEL 7.X; Click here for RHEL 6.X; Click here for SLES 11 SPx/SLES 12/SLES 12 SPx) section to load Chelsio Driver Update Disk.

After successfully loading Chelsio DUD, follow the procedure mentioned below to continue installation, based on the distribution.

9.3.1. RHEL 7.X

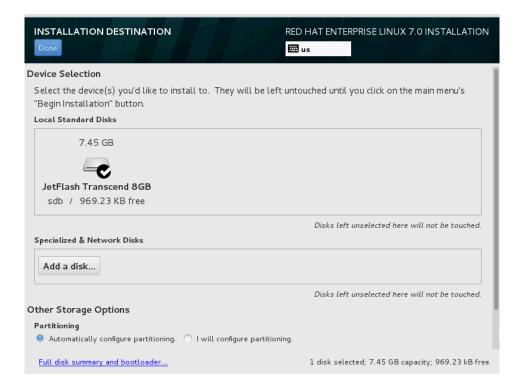
i. On the installer, welcome screen, choose your installation language and click Continue



ii. Click Installation Destination under SYSTEM.



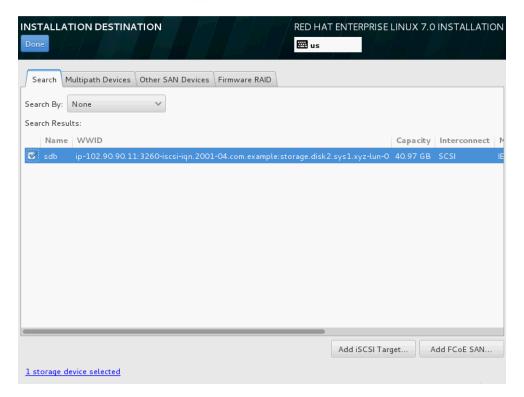
iii. Click Add a disk



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iv. The discovered iSCSI LUNs will appear in the **Search** tab. Select it and click **Done**.



Note

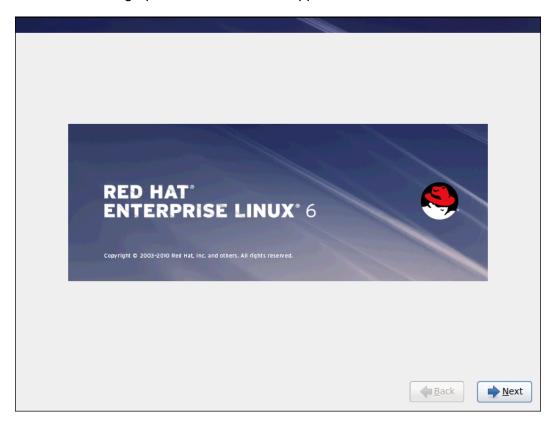
Make sure the same LUN discovered at the Option ROM stage is selected for OS installation.

 Under Other Storage Options, you can either chose to configure partition automatically or manually. Select the appropriate option and click Done. Then proceed with the installation as usual.



9.3.2. RHEL 6.X

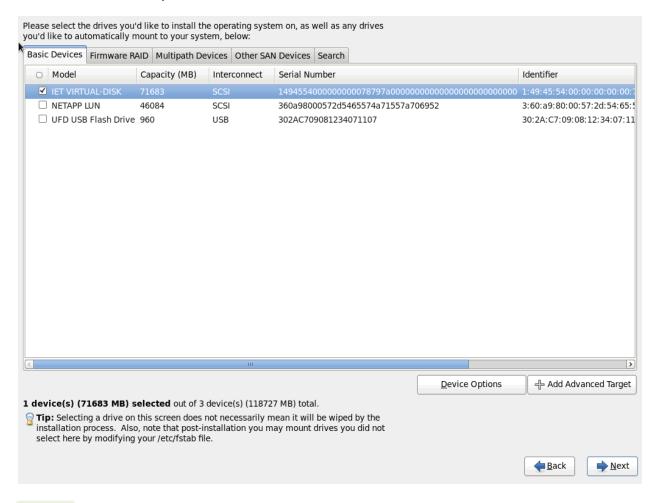
i. Click **Next** when the graphical installer screen appears.



ii. Select Specialized Storage Devices radio button and click Next.



iii. The discovered LUNs will appear in the **Basic Devices** tab. Select the LUN which was saved as boot device in system BIOS and click **Next**.



Note

Make sure the same LUN discovered at the Option ROM stage is selected for OS installation.

iv. Proceed with the installation as usual.

9.3.3. SLES 11 SPx installation

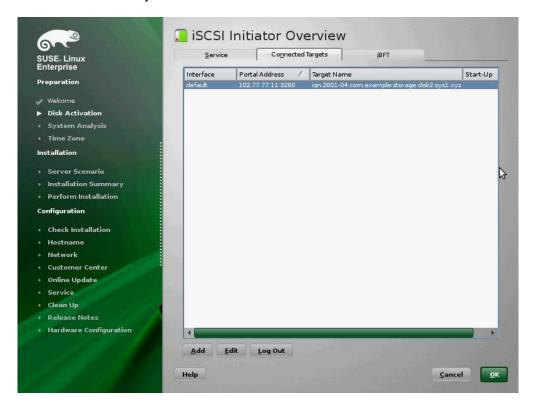
 Choose installation language and Keyboard layout type. Select the checkbox I Agree to the License terms and click Next.



ii. Click Configure iSCSI Disks in the Disk Activation screen.



iii. The discovered LUNs will appear in the **Connected Targets** tab. Select the LUN which was saved as boot device in system BIOS and click **OK**.



iv. Select New Installation to perform a fresh installation and click Next.



v. Configure Clock and Time Zone settings. Click Next.



vi. Choose from the available server base scenarios and click Next.



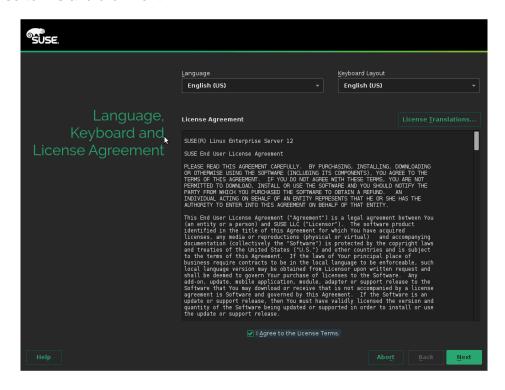
vii. The **Installation Settings** screen displays the summary of user-selected and YaST-suggested options for the installation. You can review and modify them if required. Basic settings can be changed in the **Overview** tab and advanced settings can be changed in the **Expert** tab. To change, click on one of the headlines or click **Change** and select the category. Finally, click **Next**.



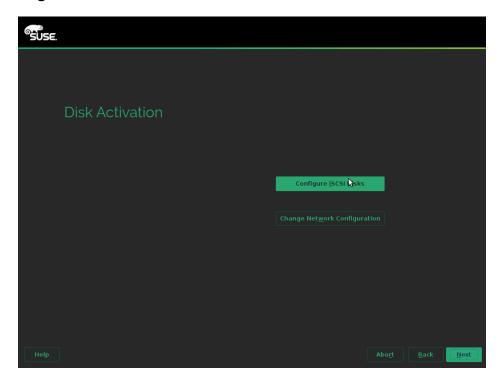
viii. Proceed with installation as usual.

9.3.4. SLES 12/SLES 12 SPx Installation

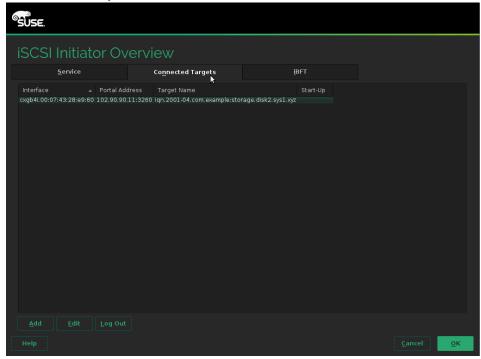
 Choose installation language and Keyboard layout type. Select the checkbox I Agree to the License terms and click Next.



ii. Click Configure iSCSI Disks in the Disk Activation screen.



iii. The discovered LUNs will appear in the **Connected Targets** tab. Select the LUN which was saved as boot device in system BIOS and click **OK**.





Make sure the same LUN discovered at the Option ROM stage is selected for OS installation.

iv. Proceed with the installation as usual.

XXVI. Appendix A

1. Troubleshooting

Cannot bring up Chelsio interface

Make sure you have created the corresponding network-script configuration file as stated in **Cheslsio Unified Wire** chapter (See Creating network-scripts). If the file does exist, make sure the structure and contents are correct. A sample is given in the **Chelsio Unified Wire** chapter (See Configuring network-scripts). Another reason may be that the IP address mentioned in the configuration file is already in use on the network.

Cannot ping through Chelsio interface

First, make sure the interface was successfully brought up using ifup ethX (where ethX is your interface) and that it is linked to an IP address, either static or obtained through DHCP.

You then may want to check whether the destination host (i.e. the machine you are trying to ping) is up and running and accepts ICMP requests such as ping. If you get a return value of 0 when doing a cat /proc/sys/net/ipv4/icmp_echo_ignore_all on the remote host that means it is configured to reply to incoming pings. Change ipv4 to ipv6 in the path if you are using IPv6. Note that this is a Linux-only tip.

If you have more than one interface wired to the network, make sure you are using the right one for your outgoing ping requests. This can be done by using the -I option of the ping command, as shown in the following example:

```
[root@host~]# ping -I eth1 10.192.167.1
```

Where 10.192.167.1 is the machine you want to ping.

Configuring firewall for your application

In many cases the firewall software on the systems may prevent the applications from working properly. Please refer to the appropriate documentation for the Linux distribution on how to configure or disable the firewall.

FCoE link not up

Always enable LLDP on the interfaces as FCoE link won't come up until and unless a successful LLDP negotiation happens.

priority-flow-control mode on the switch

On the switch, make sure priority-flow-control mode is always set to auto and flow control is disabled.

Configuring Ethernet interfaces on Cisco switch

Always configure Ethernet interfaces on Cisco switch in trunk mode.

Binding VFC to MAC

If you are binding the VFC to MAC address in case of Cisco Nexus switch, then make sure you make the Ethernet interface part of both Ethernet VLAN and FCoE VLAN.

Cisco nexus switch reporting "pauseRateLimitErrDisable"

If in any case the switch-port on the Cisco nexus switch is reporting "pauseRateLimitErrDisable", then perform an Ethernet port shut/no shut.

"unexpected CM event" messages seen with iWARP traffic

One of the reason for this could be port number collisions. To fix this, use iWARP port mapper (iwpmd).

[root@host~]# iwpmd



iWARP port mapper (iwpmd) has its own issues.

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