

# Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 7.4-ALT Driver User Manual

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# Document Revision History

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Revision	Date	Description
RHEL 7.4-ALT	January 25, 2018	Initial version of this document.

# 1 Firmware Burning

1. Check the device's PCI address.

```
lspci | grep Mellanox
```

Example:

```
00:06.0 Infiniband controller: Mellanox Technologies MT27520 Family  
[ConnectX-3 Pro]
```

2. Identify the adapter card's PSID.

```
# mstflint -d 81:00.0 q  
Image type:          FS2  
FW Version:          2.36.5000  
FW Release Date:    26.1.2016  
Rom Info:            type=PXE version=3.4.718 devid=4103  
Device ID:           4103  
Description:         Node          Port1          Port2  
Sys image  
GUIDs:               e41d2d0300b3f590 e41d2d0300b3f591 e41d2d0300b3f592  
e41d2d0300b3f593  
MACs:                e41d2db3f591      e41d2db3f592  
VSD:  
PSID:                MT_1090111019
```

3. Download the firmware BIN file from the Mellanox website that matches your card's PSID:

[www.mellanox.com](http://www.mellanox.com) → [Support/Education](#) → [Support Downloader](#)

4. Burn the firmware.

```
# mstflint -d <lspci-device-id> -i <image-file> b
```

5. Reboot your machine after the firmware burning is completed.

## 2 Port Type Management

ConnectX®-3/ConnectX®-3 Pro/ConnectX®-4/ConnectX®-4 Lx/ConnectX®-5/ConnectX®-5 Ex ports can be individually configured to work as InfiniBand or Ethernet ports. By default both ConnectX®-4 VPI ports are initialized as InfiniBand ports. If you wish to change the port type use the `mstconfig` after the driver is loaded.

1. Install `mstflint` tools.

```
yum install mstflint
```

2. Check the device's PCI address.

```
lspci | grep Mellanox
```

Example:

```
00:06.0 Infiniband controller: Mellanox Technologies MT27520 Family
[ConnectX-3 Pro]
```

3. Use `mstconfig` to change the link type as desired IB – for InfiniBand, ETH – for Ethernet.

```
mstconfig -d <device pci> s LINK_TYPE_P1/2=<ETH|IB|VPI>
```

Example:

```
# mstconfig -d 00:06.0 s LINK_TYPE_P1=ETH

Device #1:
-----

Device type:    ConnectX3Pro
PCI device:     00:06.0

Configurations:
LINK_TYPE_P1   Current      New
                IB (1)       ETH (2)

Apply new Configuration? ? (y/n) [n] : y
Applying... Done!
-I- Please reboot machine to load new configurations.
```

4. Reboot your machine.

### 3 Modules Loading and Unloading

Mellanox modules for ConnectX®-2/ConnectX®-3/ConnectX®-3 Pro are:

- `mlx4_en`, `mlx4_core`, `mlx4_ib`

Mellanox modules for ConnectX®-4/ConnectX®-4 Lx/ ConnectX®-5/ ConnectX®-5 Ex are:

- `mlx5_core`, `mlx5_ib`

In order to unload the driver, you need to first unload `mlx*_en/` `mlx*_ib` and then the `mlx*_core` module.

➤ *To load and unload the modules, use the commands below:*

- Loading the driver: `modprobe <module name>`

```
# modprobe mlx5_ib
```

- Unloading the driver: `modprobe -r <module name>`

```
# modprobe -r mlx5_ib
```



## 4 Important Packages and Their Installation

### **rdma-core**

rdma-core RDMA core userspace libraries and daemons

### **libibmad: Low layer InfiniBand diagnostic and management programs**

libibmad OpenFabrics Alliance InfiniBand MAD library

### **opensm: InfiniBand Subnet Manager**

opensm-libs Libraries used by OpenSM and included utilities

opensm OpenIB InfiniBand Subnet Manager and management utilities

### **ibutils: OpenIB Mellanox InfiniBand Diagnostic Tools**

ibutils-libs Shared libraries used by ibutils binaries

ibutils OpenIB Mellanox InfiniBand Diagnostic Tools

### **infiniband-diags: OpenFabrics Alliance InfiniBand Diagnostic Tools**

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### **perftest: IB Performance tests**

perftest IB Performance Tests

### **mstflint: Mellanox Firmware Burning and Diagnostics Tools**

mstflint Mellanox firmware burning tool

➤ *To install the packages above run:*

```
# yum install libibverbs librdmacm libibcm libibmad libibumad libmlx4
libmlx5 opensm ibutils infiniband-diags srptools perftest mstflint rdmacm-
utils ibverbs-utils librdmacm-utils -y
```

## 5 SR-IOV Configuration

### 5.1 Setting up SR-IOV in ConnectX-3/ConnectX-3 Pro

1. Install the mstflint tools.

```
# yum install mstflint
```

2. Check the device's PCI.

```
# lspci | grep Mellanox
```

Example:

```
00:06.0 Infiniband controller: Mellanox Technologies MT27520 Family
[ConnectX-3 Pro]
```

3. Check if SR-IOV is enabled in the firmware.

```
mstconfig -d <device pci> q
```

Example:

```
# mstconfig -d 00:06.0 q

Device #1:
-----

Device type:    ConnectX3Pro
PCI device:    00:06.0

Configurations:                                Current
SRIOV_EN                                             True(1)
NUM_OF_VFS                                           8
LINK_TYPE_P1                                         ETH(2)
LINK_TYPE_P2                                         IB(1)
LOG_BAR_SIZE                                          3
BOOT_PKEY_P1                                         0
BOOT_PKEY_P2                                         0
BOOT_OPTION_ROM_EN_P1                               True(1)
BOOT_VLAN_EN_P1                                     False(0)
BOOT_RETRY_CNT_P1                                   0
LEGACY_BOOT_PROTOCOL_P1                             PXE(1)
BOOT_VLAN_P1                                         1
BOOT_OPTION_ROM_EN_P2                               True(1)
BOOT_VLAN_EN_P2                                     False(0)
BOOT_RETRY_CNT_P2                                   0
LEGACY_BOOT_PROTOCOL_P2                             PXE(1)
BOOT_VLAN_P2                                         1
IP_VER_P1                                           IPv4(0)
IP_VER_P2                                           IPv4(0)
```

4. Enable SR-IOV:

```
mstconfig -d <device pci> s SRIOV_EN=<False|True>
```

5. Configure the needed number of VFs

```
mstconfig -d <device pci> s NUM_OF_VFS=<NUM>
```



**NOTE:** This file will be generated only if IOMMU is set in the grub.conf file (by adding "intel\_iommu=on" to /boot/grub/grub.conf file).

6. **[mlx4 devices only]** Create/Edit the file /etc/modprobe.d/mlx4.conf:

```
options mlx4_core num_vfs=[needed num of VFs] port_type_array=[1/2 for IB/ETH],[ 1/2 for IB/ETH]
```

Example:

```
options mlx4_core num_vfs=8 port_type_array=1,1
```

7. **[mlx5 devices only]** Write to the sysfs file the number of needed VFs.

```
echo [num_vfs] > sys/class/net/ib2/device/sriov_numvfs
```

Example:

```
# echo 8 > /sys/class/net/ib2/device/sriov_numvfs
```

8. Reboot the driver.

9. Load the driver and verify that the VFs were created.

```
# lspci | grep mellanox
```

Example:

```
00:06.0 Network controller: Mellanox Technologies MT27520 Family [ConnectX-3 Pro]
00:06.1 Network controller: Mellanox Technologies MT27500/MT27520 Family [ConnectX-3/ConnectX-3 Pro Virtual Function]
00:06.2 Network controller: Mellanox Technologies MT27500/MT27520 Family [ConnectX-3/ConnectX-3 Pro Virtual Function]
00:06.3 Network controller: Mellanox Technologies MT27500/MT27520 Family [ConnectX-3/ConnectX-3 Pro Virtual Function]
00:06.4 Network controller: Mellanox Technologies MT27500/MT27520 Family [ConnectX-3/ConnectX-3 Pro Virtual Function]
00:06.5 Network controller: Mellanox Technologies MT27500/MT27520 Family [ConnectX-3/ConnectX-3 Pro Virtual Function]
00:06.6 Network controller: Mellanox Technologies MT27500/MT27520 Family [ConnectX-3/ConnectX-3 Pro Virtual Function]
00:06.7 Network controller: Mellanox Technologies MT27500/MT27520 Family [ConnectX-3/ConnectX-3 Pro Virtual Function]
00:06.0 Network controller: Mellanox Technologies MT27500/MT27520 Family [ConnectX-3/ConnectX-3 Pro Virtual Function]
```

For further information, refer to section [Setting Up SR-IOV MLNX\\_OFED User Manual](#).

## 6 Default RoCE Mode Setting

1. Mount the configs file.

```
# mount -t configfs none /sys/kernel/config
```

2. Create a directory for the mlx4/mlx5 device.

```
# mkdir -p /sys/kernel/config/rdma_cm/mlx4_0/
```

3. Validate what is the used RoCE mode in the default\_roce\_mode configs file.

```
# cat /sys/kernel/config/rdma_cm/mlx4_0/ports/1/default_roce_mode  
IB/RoCE v1
```

4. Change the default RoCE mode,

- For RoCE v1: IB/RoCE v1
- For RoCE v2: RoCE v2

```
# echo "RoCE v2" >  
/sys/kernel/config/rdma_cm/mlx4_0/ports/1/default_roce_mode  
# cat /sys/kernel/config/rdma_cm/mlx4_0/ports/1/default_roce_mode  
RoCE v2
```

```
# echo "IB/RoCE v1" >  
/sys/kernel/config/rdma_cm/mlx4_0/ports/1/default_roce_mode  
# cat /sys/kernel/config/rdma_cm/mlx4_0/ports/1/default_roce_mode  
IB/RoCE v1
```

## 7 PXE over InfiniBand Installation

PXE over InfiniBand infrastructure has additional parameter in the Boot Loader file for loading the necessary modules and interfaces and for allowing sufficient time to get the link.

To install RHEL from PXE using the IPoIB interfaces, add the following parameters to the Boot Loader file, located in the `var/lib/tftpboot/pxelinux.cfg` directory, at the PXE server:

```
bootdev=ib0 ksdevice=ib0 net.ifnames=0 biosdevname=0 rd.neednet=1
rd.bootif=0 rd.driver.pre=mlx5_ib,mlx4_ib,ib_ipoib ip=ib0:dhcp
rd.net.dhcp.retry=10 rd.net.timeout.iflink=60 rd.net.timeout.ifup=80
rd.net.timeout.carrier=80
```

Example:

```
default RH7.4-ALT
prompt 1
timeout 600
label RH7.4-ALT
kernel
append bootdev=ib0 ksdevice=ib0 net.ifnames=0 biosdevname=0 rd.neednet=1
rd.bootif=0 rd.driver.pre=mlx5_ib,mlx4_ib,ib_ipoib ip=ib0:dhcp
rd.net.dhcp.retry=10 rd.net.timeout.iflink=60 rd.net.timeout.ifup=80
rd.net.timeout.carrier=80
```