Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 7.6-ALT Driver User Manual

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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:  2.42.5000
   FW Release Date:  26.7.2017
   Rom Info:  type=PXE version=3.4.752 devid=4103
   Device ID:  4103
   Description:  Node  Port1  Port2
   Sys image
   GUIDs:  e41d2d0300b3f590  e41d2d0300b3f591  e41d2d0300b3f592
   MACs:  e41d2db3f591  e41d2db3f592
   VSD:
   PSID:  MT_1090111019
   ```

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

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.
   ```bash
   yum install mstflint
   ```

2. Check the device’s PCI address.
   ```bash
   lspci | grep Mellanox
   ```
   **Example:**
   ```bash
   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.
   ```bash
   mstconfig -d <device pci> s LINK_TYPE_P1/2=<ETH|IB|VPI>
   ```
   **Example:**
   ```bash
   # mstconfig -d 00:06.0 s LINK_TYPE_P1=ETH
   Device #1:  
   -----------
   Device type: ConnectX3Pro
   PCI device: 00:06.0
   Configurations:
   
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<td>IB(1)</td>
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<td>ETH(2)</td>
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   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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dermacm-utils: ibverbs-utils: 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.

```bash
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.

```bash
# 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 configfs 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 configfs 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
   ```
## 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:

```plaintext
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:

```plaintext
default RH7.6-ALT
prompt 1
timeout 600
label RH7.6-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
```