Introduction to the Active Storage mRAID16 Storage Systems

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mRAID16 SAN Quick Configuration Guide

Before You Start

a Overview

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1 Introduction

1a Basic application scenario



- Users can manage and maintain the storage system from a maintenance terminal running the ActiveManager program developed by Active Storage. The maintenance terminal connects to the management network port of the storage system.
- 2 The storage system provides storage space for application servers.
- The Active Storage mRAID16 storage systems can be connected to application servers running different operating systems including Windows, Linux, and UNIX over an Internet Small Computer Systems Interface (iSCSI), and Fibre Channel network.

According to data transmission protocols, an application server functions as the initiator for data transmission, and a storage system serves as the target for the information. The initiator sends data read and write requests to the target. The target receives, processes, and responds to the requests.

🛄 NOTE

This document describes the configuration procedure for iSCSI and Fibre Channel networks.

Application servers run client programs. The storage system can connect to application servers running different operating systems including Windows, Linux (SUSE, and Red Hat), and UNIX (Solaris, AIX, and HP-UX).



- The storage system automatically identifies all disks.
- 2 Disk domains are comprised of different types of disks. Services of different disk domains are isolated from each other.
- 3 Storage pools are created in disk domains and comprised of RAID groups formed by disks of different performance. Storage pools provide logical storage space.
- A LUN obtains storage space from the storage pool. LUNs are the minimum logical storage units that can be identified by application servers. A LUN group may contain one or multiple LUNs.

- 5 After mappings between host groups and LUN groups are established, related application servers can access LUNs.
- 6 After initiators are added to hosts, one-toone logical mappings between hosts and application servers are established. Then application servers can use storage space provided by the storage system. A host group may contain one or multiple hosts.
- The application server identifies LUNs as logical disks. Then it can access the detected logical disks in the same way it would access local disks.

2 Data Preparation and Operation Instructions

2a Data Preparation

Before operations, follow instructions in the following table to prepare data and enter actual values in the Value column.

A CAUTION CAUTION C https://192.168.128.101:8088 - A1				
This document uses example values to describe the configuration. Replace example values using actual values during actual configuration. The figure in the right shows the mappings of example values and actual values in the following table.				
Preparation Item	Source	Example	Value	
Maintenance terminal: Logging in to the Acti	iveManager			
Management network port IP addresses	Network administrator	Default value: 192.168.128.101	A1	
User name and password for logging in to the ActiveManager You are advised to change the default password immediately after you have logged in to the storage system for the first time and periodically change your password in the future. This reduces the password leakage risks.	System administrator	Default user name: admin Default password: Active@active	A2	
Maintenance terminal: Creating a disk doma	in			
Disk domain name	User-defined	DiskDomain000	B1	
Disk encryption type	Service provider	Non-Encrypting Disk	B2	
Number of disks forming disk domains High-performance tier uses SSDs. Performance tier uses SAS disks. Capacity tier uses NL-SAS disks.	Service provider	Performance tier (SAS): 8 Hot Spare Policy: High Capacity tier (NL-SAS) : 16 Hot Spare Policy: High	B3 Multi-choice □ High-performance tier SSDs: Hot Spare Policy: □ Performance tier SAS disks: Hot Spare Policy: □ Capacity tier NL-SAS disks: Hot Spare Policy:	
Maintenance terminal: Creating a storage pool				
Storage pool name	User-defined	StoragePool000	C1	
Storage pool usage	Service provider	Block Storage Service	C2	
Storage pool owning to Disk domain	Service provider	DiskDomain000	C3	

Preparation Item	Source	Example	Value
Storage tier and capacity	Service provider	Performance tier RAID Policy: RAID 5(4D+1P) Capacity: 1 TB Capacity tier RAID Policy: RAID 6(4D+2P) Capacity: 1 TB Total Storage Pool Capacity: 2 TB	C4 Multi-choice □ High-performance tier RAID Policy: Capacity: □ Performance tier RAID Policy: Capacity: □ Capacity tier RAID Policy: Capacity:
Maintenance terminal: Creating a LUN			
LUN name	User-defined	LUN000	D1
Capacity	Service provider	100 GB	D2
Quantity	Service provider	1	D3
LUN owning to Storage pool	Service provider	StoragePool000	D4
Maintenance terminal: Creating a LUN group)		
LUN group name	User-defined	LUNGroup000	E1
LUNs from the LUN group A LUN group may contain one or multiple LUNs.	Service provider	LUN000	E2
Networking mode of application servers and storage arrays	Network administrator	FC network	E3 □ iSCSI network □ FC network
Application server: Configuring an iSCSI init	tiator (applicabl	e to iSCSI connectior	h)
Whether the application server installed the UltraPath program	System administrator	No	F1 □ Yes □ No
iSCSI initiator name	User-defined	initiator01	F2
IP address of the iSCSI host port	Network administrator	10.10.10.11	F3
IP address of the application server network port	Network administrator	10.10.10.12	F4
Application server user name/password	Network administrator	User name:root Password:123456	F5
Maintenance terminal: Creating a host			
Host name	User-defined	Host000	G1
Operating system of the application server	System administrator	Windows	G2

Preparation Item	Source	Example	Value
WWPN or IQN If the iSCSI network is adopted, use the initiator name that is created during the iSCSI initiator configuration. If the Fibre Channel network is adopted, use the WWPN of the Fibre Channel port of the application server.	System administrator	21000024ff2d91a8	G3
Maintenance terminal: Creating a host group)		
Host group name	User-defined	HostGroup000	H1
Hosts from the Host group A host group may contain one or multiple hosts.	Service provider	Host000	H2
Maintenance terminal: Creating a port group communication)	(applicable to r	networks requiring sp	pecific ports for
Whether you need to create a port group	Service provider	Yes	I1 □ Yes □ No
Port group name	User-defined	PortGroup000	12
Ports from the Port group A port group may contain one or multiple ports.	Service provider	FC port CTE0.A0.P0	13
Maintenance terminal: Creating a mapping v	iew		
Mapping view name	User-defined	MappingView000	J1
LUN group from the Mapping view	Service provider	LUNGroup000	J2
Host group from the Mapping view	Service provider	HostGroup000	J3
Port group from the Mapping view			
If specific ports are required for communication, select the created port group.	Service provider	PortGroup000	J4
Application server: Using storage space (applicable to Linux, and UNIX)			
Mount directory	User-defined	/directory	К1

2b Operation instructions

Before operations, learn about the meaning of icons involved in the configuration, as shown in the following table.

lcon	Meaning
	Double-click
	Click
ð	Right-click
ر !!!!	Input or Set
12	Step
12	Substep

Example	<u></u>
Username:	admin
Password:	•••••
2	Log In Advanced >
Step1:	1

Substep1: Enter the user name and password. Substep2: Click **Log In**.

The screenshots in this manual may differ from the actual pages. The actual environment prevails.







4 (Optional) Configuring an iSCSI Initiator

4a Windows Server 2008

Determine the operation sequence based on whether the UltraPath is installed. See the actual value from **F1** in your data preparation table.

The name of an initiator must be unique. Otherwise, the connection between the storage system and the application server fails.

f 🤍	iSCSI Initiator Properties
iSCSI Initiator	Targets Discovery Eavorite Targets Volumes and Devices RADIUS Configuration
	The system will look for Targets on following portals:
iSCSI Initiator Properties	Address Port Adapter IP address
Press Discovery Favorite Targets Volumes and Devices RADIUS Configuration	
Configuration settings here are global and will affect any future connections made with the initiator.	
Any existing connections may continue to work, but can fail if the system restarts or the initiator otherwise tries to reconnect to a target.	To add a target portal, click Discover Portal. To remove a target portal, select the address above and then click Remove.
When connecting to a target, advanced connection features allow specific control of a particular connection.	
Initiator Name:	ISNS servers The system is registered on the following ISNS servers: Refresh
iqn.1991-05.com.microsoft:win-96kep7jm0fv	Discover Target Portal
To modify the initiator name, click Change. 2 Change	Enter the IP address or DNS name and port number of the portal you want to add.
To set the initiator CHAP secret for use with mutual CHAP, CHAP	To change the default settings of the discovery of the target portal, click the Advanced button.
To set up the IPsec tunnel mode addresses for the initiator, IPsec iSCSI Initiator Name	IP address or DNS name: Port: (Default is 3260.)
The iSCSI initiator name is used to uniquely identify a system to iSCSI storage devices on the network. The default name is based on the standard iSCSI naming scheme and uses the system's full machine name.	
New initiator name:	Advanced
3 initiator01 — F2	
(Use caution in changing the name as your currently connected targets may not be available after system restart.)	OK Cancel Apply
Use Default OK Cancel	
OK Cancel Apply	

_	iSCSI Initiator Properties		Advanced Settings
A	Targets Avery Favorite Targets Volumes and Devices RADIUS Configuration	R	General IPsec
57	Quick Connect To discover and log on to a target using a basic connection, type the IP address or DNS name of the target and then click Quick Connect.	ଅ	Connect using Local adapter: Microsoft iSCSI Initiator
	Target: Quick Connect		Initiator IP: Target portal IP: 10.10.10.11 / 3260
	Name Status		CRC / Checksum
	qn.2006-08.com.huawei:oceanstor:2100fggabf57de92: Inactive		Enable CHAP log on CHAP Log on Information CHAP helps ensure connection security by providing authentication between a target and an initiator. To use, specify the same name and CHAP secret that was configured on the target for this initiator. The name will default to the Initiator Name of the system unless another name is specified.
	To connect using advanced options, select a target and then Connect Connect		Name: initiator01 Target secret: Perform mutual authentication
	Target name: n.huawei:oceanstor:2100f84abf57de92::22006:10.10.10.12		To use mutual CHAP, either specify an initiator secret on the Configuration page or use RADIUS.
4	Withis connection to the list of Favorite Targets. Will make the system automatically attempt to restore the connection every time this computer restarts.		Use RADIUS to authenticate target credentials
	6 Advanced 6 OK Cancel Apply		You have finished configuring an iSCSI initiator 5 Setting Up a Connection (Page 19)

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Apply

4b SUSE 11

- The name of an initiator must be unique. Otherwise, the connection between the storage system and the application server fails.
- Example values of command variables and example output are in italic. Replace the values in italic with the actual values.
- Before modifying the configuration file, back up it.

Operation	SUSE 11
Log in to the application server	Enter root and its password
	Run rpm -qa grep open-iscsi
Verify the iSCSI initiator installation	If the command output contains the iSCSI initiator version, the iSCSI initiator has been installed. If no command output is returned, the iSCSI initiator has not been installed.
Start the iSCSI service	Run /etc/init.d/open-iscsi start or service open-iscsi start
	1. Run vi /etc/iscsi/initiatorname.iscsi
Set the iSCSI initiator	 Press I For the actual value. See F2 in your data preparation table to modify the parameter in your command.
name	Modify InitiatorName=initiator01 4. Press Esc 5. Run :wq
	 For the actual value. See F3 in your data preparation table to modify the parameter in your command.
Set the automatic connection based on the iSCSI host port	Run iscsiadm -m discovery -t st -p 10.10.10.11 2. Run iscsiadm -m node -l 3. Run vi /etc/iscsi/iscsid.conf 4. Press i 5. Modify node.startup=automatic 6. Press Esc 7. Run :wq
Restart the iSCSI service for the configuration to take effect	Run rcopen-iscsi start
	Run iscsiadm -m node -p 10.10.10.11
Check whether the settings are correct	The system displays the following information: no records found! The previous information indicates that the login to the target failed. Verify that the network connection is normal and previous parameter settings are correct.

You have finished configuring an iSCSI initiator

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4c Red Hat 6.X

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Operation	Red Hat 6.X
Log in to the application server	Enter root and its password
Verify the iSCSI initiator installation	Run rpm -qa grep iscsi If the command output contains the iSCSI initiator version, the iSCSI initiator has been installed. If no command output is returned, the iSCSI initiator has not been installed.
Start the iSCSI service	Run /etc/init.d/iscsi start or service iscsi start
Set the iSCSI initiator name	 Run vi /etc/iscsi/initiatorname.iscsi Press i For the actual value. See F2 in your data preparation table to modify the parameter in your command. Modify InitiatorName=initiator01 Press Esc Run :wq
Set the automatic connection based on the iSCSI host port	 For the actual value. See F3 in your data preparation table to modify the parameter in your command. Run iscsiadm -m discovery -t st -p 10.10.10.11 Run iscsiadm -m node -p 10.10.10.11 -I Run vi /etc/iscsi/iscsid.conf Press i Modify node.startup=automatic Press Esc Run :wq
Restart the iSCSI service for the configuration to take effect	Run /etc/init.d/iscsi restart
Check whether the settings are correct	Run iscsiadm -m node If no command output is displayed, the login to the target failed. Verify that the network connection is normal and previous parameter settings are correct.

You have finished configuring an iSCSI initiator

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5d Creating a mapping view





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গ্র	Name Enter a keyword Search Name ID Added to Mapping View ¥ LUNGroup000 0 Yes	[Name Enter a keyword Search Name ID PortGroup000 J4 0
	Intries 1, Selected 1 ✓ Shows only the LUN groups that do not belong to any mapping view ✓ OK Cancel Help		< 1/1 Entries 1, Selected 1 Concerning and the part of the part o
4	Select objects for the mapping view.	8	Create Mapping View X
5	Select Host Group Name Enter a keyword Name ID		This picture assumes that the port group has not been created.
	< 1/1 Entries 1, Selected 1	9	Danger X Image: A state of the state of th
6	Select objects for the mapping view.	1(Execution Result Operation Create mapping vie Create mapping vie Succeeded Add host group Hos Succeeded Add LUN group LU Entries 3, Selected 0
	OK Cancel Help		Close

6 Using Storage Space

6a Windows Server 2008 Initialize Disk You must initialize a disk before Logical Disk Manager can access it. Select disks 🔽 Disk 2 Computer Open Disk 3 🗆 Disk 4 🔵 Manage 2 🗌 Disk 5 Map network drive... Use the following partition style feathe selected disks: Disconnect network drive... 2 MBR (Master Boot Record) C GPT (GUID Partition Table) Create shortcut Delete Note: The GPT partition style is not recognized by all previous versions of Windows. It is recommended for disks larger than 2TB, or disks used on Rename Itanium-based computers. ΟK (3) Properties Perform this step when the logical disk partition is larger than 2 TB. Server Manager 🕀 ᢇ Roles + 📷 Features 💷 Disk 2 🚋 Diagnostics + Basic 2.00 GB + 🎁 Configuration 2.00 GT New Spanned Volume... Online Unalloc Ð <u>e</u> Storage New Striped Volume... 1 🐌 Windows Server Backup New Mirrored Volume... 1 New RAID-5 Volume... 📑 Disk Management Refresh Convert to Dynamic Disk... 2 Rescan Disks Convert to GPT Disk 2 3 Create VHD Offline Attach VHD Properties All Tasks Help View ۲ 60 💷 Disk 2 Help Basic 2.00 GB 2.00 GB New Simple Volume... Online Unallocat 2 1 New Spanned Volume... New Striped Volume... 🔍 Disk 1 New Mirrored Volume... Unknown 2.00 GB New RAID-5 Volume... (2) Online Offline 🕕 Properties Help Properties Help Help

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SUSE 11 Operation Log in to the application Enter root and its password server Run rpm -qa|grep UltraPath Verify the UltraPath installation If the command output contains the UltraPath version, the UltraPath has been installed. •iSCSI network and no UltraPath installed Run /etc/init.d/open-iscsi restart •FC network and no UltraPath installed 1. Run Ispci | grep -i fibre The optical HBA type is displayed after Fibre Channel:. 2. -- Emulex optical HBA Run Ismod | awk '{print \$1}' |grep lpfc Scan for LUNs --QLogic optical HBA Run Ismod | awk '{print \$1}' |grep gla The command output is the optical HBA driver name, for example, xxxx. 3. Run rmmod xxxx 4. Run modprobe xxxx •iSCSI or FC network and UltraPath installed Run hot add Run fdisk -I The system displays the following information: View the information Disk /dev/sdc doesn't contain a valid partition table about all disks /dev/sdc is the newly mapped logical disk and does not contain any partitions, /dev/sdc is used as an example. 1. Run fdisk /dev/sdc 2. Enter n and press Enter 3. Enter p and press Enter 4. Enter 1 and press Enter The command output is: First sector (..., default ...) Partition the logical disk 5. Enter the value of default and press Enter The command output is: Last sector, + sectors or +size{K, M, G} (... , default ...) 6. Enter the value of default and press Enter 7. Enter w and press Enter Run mkfs.ext3 /dev/sdc1 Create a file system For the actual value. See K1 in your data preparation table to modify the parameter in your command. Run mkdir /directory NOTICE Create a file directory After mounting logical disks, modify the /etc/fstab file, set automatic loading configuration items, and bond universally unique identifiers (UUIDs) to prevent automatic logical disk loading failures or drive letter changes when the application server is restarted. For details, contact your operating system supplier or system administrator.

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Operation	SUSE 11
Mount the partitioned logical disk to the directory	Run mount /dev/sdc1 /directory
Check whether the logical disk has been mounted	Run mount The system displays the following information: /dev/sdcl on /directory type ext3 (rw) The logical disk is mounted successfully.

You have finished all configuration tasks. Now you can use the storage space provided by the storage system as a local disk.

Operation	Red Hat 6.X
Log in to the application server	Enter root and its password
Verify the UltraPath installation	Run rpm -qa grep UltraPath If the command output contains the UltraPath version, the UltraPath has been installed.
	 iSCSI network and no UltraPath installed Run /etc/init.d/iscsi restart FC network and no UltraPath installed 1. Run Ispci grep -i fibre
Scan for LUNs	The optical HBA type is displayed after Fibre Channel:. 2Emulex optical HBA Run Ismod awk '{print \$1}' grep Ipfc QLogic optical HBA Run Ismod awk '{print \$1}' grep qla
	The command output is the optical HBA driver name, for example, xxxx . 3. Run rmmod xxxx 4. Run modprobe xxxx •iSCSI or FC network and UltraPath installed Run hot_add
	Run fdisk -I
View the information about all disks	The system displays the following information: Disk /dev/sdc doesn't contain a valid partition table /dev/sdc is the newly mapped logical disk and does not contain any partitions, /dev/sdc is used as an example.
	 Run fdisk /dev/sdc Enter n and press Enter Enter p and press Enter Enter 1 and press Enter
Partition the logical disk	The command output is: First cylinder (, default)
	5. Enter the value of default and press Enter The command output is: Last cylinder, +cylinders or +size{K,M,G} (, default)
	 6. Enter the value of default and press Enter 7. Enter w and press Enter
Create a file system	Run mkfs.ext3 /dev/sdc1

Operation	Red Hat 6.X
Create a file directory	For the actual value. See K1 in your data preparation table to modify the parameter in your command.
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