

Emulex® Drivers for Windows Server 2016 Release Notes

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Purpose and Contact Information

These release notes describe known issues, technical tips, supported hardware and features, new features, driver installation, update firmware, and using advanced features for the Emulex® drivers for the Windows Server 2016 production release.

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Note:

- Advanced feature support (Host Mode Remote Direct Memory Access [RDMA], Virtual Extensible LAN [VxLAN], Routable RDMA over Converged Ethernet [RoCE], and Packet Direct) requires you to upgrade the inbox Network Interface Card (NIC) driver. The driver is available on the Windows Server 2016 page at <http://www.avagotech.com/support/emulex/windows-server-2016>
- If you are using a OneConnect® OCe14000-series adapter or an OCm14000-series adapter with the Windows Server 2016 release to manufacturing driver, upgrade the firmware to the version available on the Windows Server 2016 page at <http://www.avagotech.com/support/emulex/windows-server-2016>
- The drivers are compatible with management applications, which are available on the Management tab of the Windows Server 2016 page at <http://www.avagotech.com/support/emulex/windows-server-2016>
- Refer to the *Emulex Drivers for Windows User Manual* on the Windows Server 2016 page at <http://www.avagotech.com/support/emulex/windows-server-2016>

Known Issues

1. **Some switches strip the virtual LAN (VLAN) tag from the incoming frame with VLAN ID 0 or VLAN ID 1 values and sends the frame out without the VLAN tag, and therefore without the VLAN priority.**

Workaround

When running NIC+RoCE personality, if PFC is enabled, always configure the interface with a VLAN and make sure the VLAN ID is greater than 1.

2. **Changing the VLAN ID for the management operating system while it is running using the Hyper-V Manager is not supported.**

Workaround

Assign the required VLAN ID to the management operating system when you create the virtual switch.

3. **After a driver reload (ND is disabled on a NIC + RoCE profile or any other non-RoCE profile), throughput via SMB is limited to the highest Link Speed available as shown by the Get-SmbClientNetworkInterface PowerShell command on the client system. This issue is only seen when RDMA is disabled on the adapter and SMB uses TCP.**

Workaround

Use one of the three options below.

- Disable and enable the port of the required interface.
 - Some systems might require additional interfaces, such as Hyper-V hosts. SMB checks the interfaces to determine which can be used to connect the systems. If there are multiple connections, it uses them (RDMA or TCP). Multiple connections must all be configured the same (RDMA or TCP).
 - Reboot the system.
4. **When using host mode RDMA, an incorrect VLAN event log entry appears in the Windows system event log. The entry can be ignored.**
 5. **On Nano Server systems, OneCapture™ does not execute OneCommand® Manager application (hbacmd) commands, or collect OneCommand Manager application related information.**
 6. **Upgrading the NIC driver from an inbox driver might cause a Reboot is required message to appear.**

Workaround

The message can be ignored. The driver was updated, and you can reboot the system at your convenience.

Technical Tips

1. **Virtual Machine Multiple Queues (VMMQs), Packet Direct (PD), and RDMA mode 2 can coexist on the same adapter. However, due to hardware resource limitations, VMMQ, PD, and RDMA functionality on the same adapter might be limited.**
2. **Multi-channel (UMC [universal multichannel], vNIC [virtualized Network Interface Card], Flex10, NPar [NIC partitioning]) is not supported when using Host Mode RDMA, VxLAN, or NVGRE (Network Virtualization using Generic Routing Encapsulation).**
3. **Simultaneous operation of NVGRE and VxLAN encapsulation over a single port is not supported.**
4. **Running SR-IOV (Single Root input/output virtualization), or RDMA mode 2, and PD together on the same vSwitch is not supported.**
5. **VMMQ over Load Balancing and Fail Over (LBFO) is not supported.**

6. Microsoft provides an optional setting to make iSCSI Boot Firmware Table (iBFT) Crashdump driver memory dumps faster.

To make memory dumps faster, perform these steps:

- a) Manually add the DWORD registry key RequestedDumpBufferSize in the following path.

```
HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Class\{4D36E97B-E325-11CE-BFC1-08002BE10318}\<Instance Number>\Parameters
```

The <Instance Number> is the Microsoft iSCSI initiator instance on the system.

- b) Set the value to 0x100000.
- c) Reboot the server.

Note: This is an optional setting. When the registry key is not set, it just takes longer to collect memory dumps.

7. Due to resource constraints, limit multichannel adapter vmswitch VMMQ parameters to use 1 DefaultQueueVmmqQueuePairs.

For example:

```
Set-VmSwitch vmswitch1 -DefaultQueueVmmqEnabled $true  
-DefaultQueueVmmqQueuePairs 1
```

8. LargeSendOffload Version2 (LSO) with encapsulation behavior.

The LSO V2 advanced property of the driver behaves in the following manner when used with VxLAN/NVGRE encapsulation.

- o If LSO-IPV4 and LSO-IPV6 are both disabled in the host, the vmNIC (the Microsoft VM adapter inside the VM) disables its LSO and fragmented packets are transmitted.
- o If only LSO-IPV4 is disabled in the host, you must disable LSO-IPV4 from inside the VM, using the property page of the Microsoft VM adapter. If you do not disable LSO-IPV4 inside the VM, the vmNIC sends unfragmented packets making the host LSO-IPV4 setting irrelevant.
- o If only LSO-IPV6 is disabled in the host, you must disable LSO-IPV6 from inside the VM, using the property page of the Microsoft VM adapter. If you do not disable LSO-IPV6 inside the VM, the vmNIC sends unfragmented packets making the host LSO-IPV6 setting irrelevant.

9. Software Defined Networking (SDN) is not supported by Microsoft with a virtual switch in PD mode. You cannot use VxLAN and NVGRE encapsulations over a virtual switch operating in PD mode.

10. Microsoft does not support IPv6 outer packets, or inner packets, with Hyper-V Network Virtualization for Windows Server 2016.

11. Nano Server does not support virtual Fibre Channel (vFC).

Supported Hardware and Features

The Emulex driver for the Windows Server 2016 release to manufacturing supports the following adapters and features.

Table 1 Supported Hardware and Supported Features

Command	Description
LPe16202 LPe16000-series OCe15000 LPe12000-series	Nano Server support (FC driver only)
OCe11100-series	All drivers and Nano Server support (no advanced feature support)
OCe14000 and OCm14000	All drivers, Nano Server support, and advanced feature support including VxLAN, and Packet Direct, containers, Hyper-V Network Virtualization (HNV), and VMMQ (NIC driver only)
OCe14000B and OCm14000B	All drivers, Nano Server support, and advanced feature support including Host Mode RDMA, Switch-Embedded Teaming (SET) with RDMA, VxLAN, Routable RoCE, and Packet Direct, containers, HNV, and VMMQ (NIC driver only)

Note: You must install the OCe14000, OCe14000B, or OCm14000 firmware from <http://www.avagotech.com/support/emulex/windows-server-2016>

New Features

- The NIC driver supports Packet Direct

Note: Packet Direct is for technical preview only and should not be used in a production environment.

- The NIC driver supports VxLAN.
- The NIC driver supports Virtual Receive Side Scaling (vRSS) (VMMQ).
- The NIC driver supports containers
- Switch-Embedded Teaming (SET) with RDMA is supported.
- The Emulex occfg.exe NIC utility supports Nano Server.
- The OneCommand Management application Nano Server version supports Nano Server.
- The OneCapture application Nano Server version supports Nano Server.
- Supports Hyper-V Network Virtualization

Installing the FC/FCoE, NIC, and iSCSI Drivers

For installation instructions, refer to Section 2, Installation, of the *Emulex Drivers for Windows User Manual*, which is available at

<http://www.avagotech.com/support/emulex/windows-server-2016> and “Adding Emulex OOB Drivers to a Nano Server VHD” on page 13.

Updating Adapter Firmware

You can use the OneConnect Flash Utility, which is the preferred method, or you can use the OneCommand Manager application to update OneConnect adapter firmware.

Refer to the *Using the OneConnect Flash Utility to Update OneConnect Adapter Firmware* instructions available on the Broadcom website for more information about the utility.

Refer to the *OneCommand Manager Application User Manual*, or the *OneCommand Manager Application Command Line Interface User Manual* available on the Windows Server 2016 page at <http://www.avagotech.com/support/emulex/windows-server-2016> for more information about the application.

Host Mode RDMA

Enabling the RoCE Profile

You can enable RoCE using the PXESelect utility or the OneCommand Manager application. To enable RoCE using the PXESelect utility, perform these steps:

1. Press **Ctrl+ P** at the Emulex PXESelect splash screen as the server boots.
A screen displays the global options.
2. Press **Tab** to highlight Personality.
3. Select the **NIC+RoCE** personality and the **RoCE-2** profile.
4. Save the settings and follow the instructions to complete the process.
Refer to the *Boot for NIC, iSCSI, FCoE, and RoCE Protocols User Manual* available on the Broadcom website for more information about the PXESelect utility.

To enable RoCE using the OneCommand Manager application GUI, perform these steps:

1. Start the OneCommand Manager application.
2. From the discovery-tree, select the adapter on which you want to enable RoCE.
3. Choose the **Adapter Configuration** tab.
4. Click the **Single personality** option.
5. For Personality, select **NIC+RoCE** from the menu.
6. For NIC+RoCE Configuration Type, select **RoCE-2**.
7. Click **Apply**, and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process.

Verifying the RoCE Profile Is Enabled

Verify that the RoCE profile is enabled by using the Network Interface Property page or a PowerShell script.

Using the Network Interface Property page:
Network Direct is enabled.

Using a PowerShell script:

Get-NetAdapterRDMA

Example:

```
C:\Users\Administrator> Get-NetAdapterRDMA

Name                               InterfaceDescription           Enabled
----                               -
15-analyzer-88                     Emulex OneConnect OCe14102-UX-D 2-por... True16
Emulex OneConnect OCe14102-UX-D 2-por...           True
```

If the profile is correct and NetworkDirect is enabled, you will see active NetworkDirect listeners on IP addresses (port 445) assigned to the NICs.

Configuring Host Mode RDMA

To configure Host Mode RDMA, perform these steps:

1. Load the driver.

Note: Do not add a virtual local area network (VLAN) to the network adapter advanced settings prior to creating the vSwitch.

2. Using the Hyper-V Manager Virtual Switch Manager, create a new external virtual switch and attach it to the Emulex adapter.
3. Using either PowerShell or Virtual Switch Manager, assign any required VLAN IDs to the management operating system.
4. From the Device Manager of the host operating system, select the **Advanced** page of the Hyper-V Virtual Ethernet Adapter, and enable Network Direct (RDMA).

Note: Network Direct (RDMA) is disabled by default.

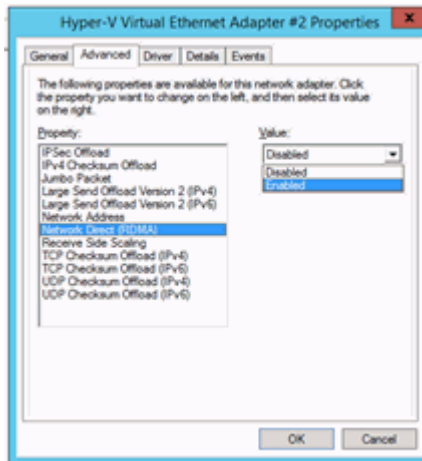


Figure 1 Network Direct (RDMA) Enabled

Configuring Routable RoCE

Routable RoCE is enabled by default (only supported on OCe14000B and OCm14000B adapters).

To configure routable RoCE, perform these steps:

1. From the OneConnect **Advanced** tab, choose **RoCE Mode**.

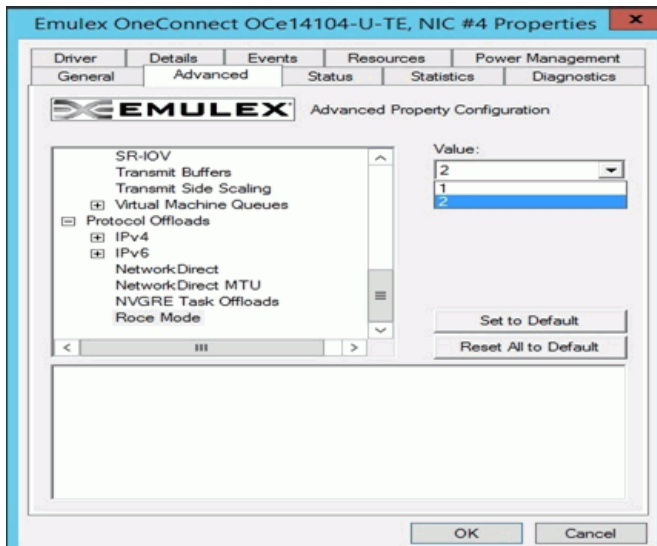


Figure 2 Routable RoCE Enabled (default)

2. From the **Value** menu, choose **2** for Routable RoCE (default setting) or **1** for Native RoCE.
3. Click **OK**.

VxLAN

Enabling Encapsulated Task Offload and VxLAN UDP

You can enable Encapsulated Task Offload and modify the VxLAN user datagram protocol (UDP) destination port number using the OneConnect Advanced tab or by using Powershell commands.

Note: VxLAN is enabled and NVGRE is enabled by default. To enable VxLAN, you do not need to disable NVGRE Encapsulated Task Offload in the adapter property page before creating a vswitch with encapsulation.

To enable Encapsulated Task Offload (Enabled is the default), perform these steps:

1. From the OneConnect Advanced tab, select **Encapsulated Task Offload**, or **VxLAN Encapsulated Task Offload**.
2. Set the value to **Enabled**.

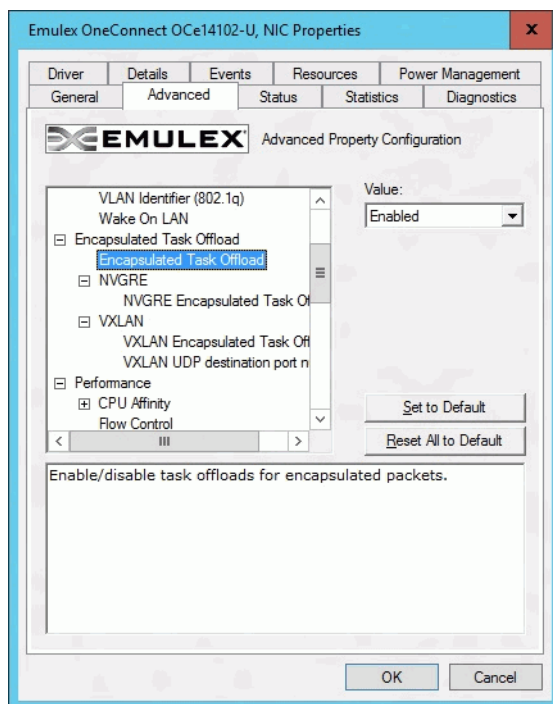


Figure 3 Encapsulated Task Offload (The default is enabled)

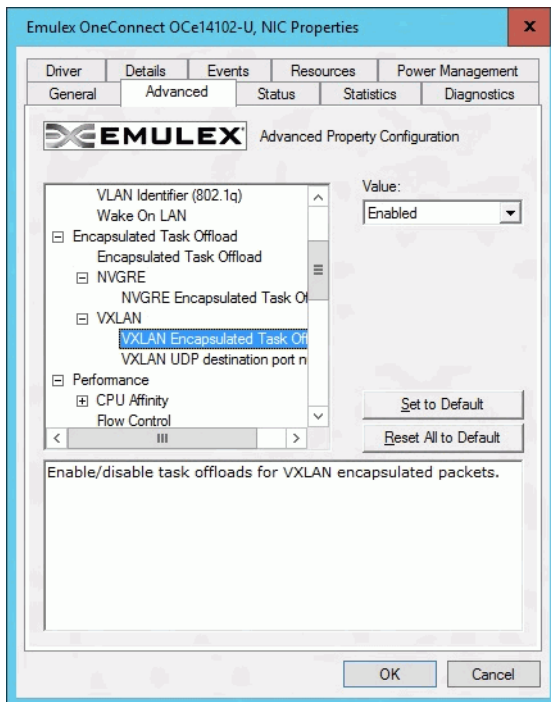


Figure 4 VXLAN Encapsulated Task Offload (The default is enabled)

3. Click **OK**.

To modify the VxLAN UDP destination port number parameter, perform these steps:

1. From the OneConnect **Advanced** tab, select **VxLAN UDP destination port number**.

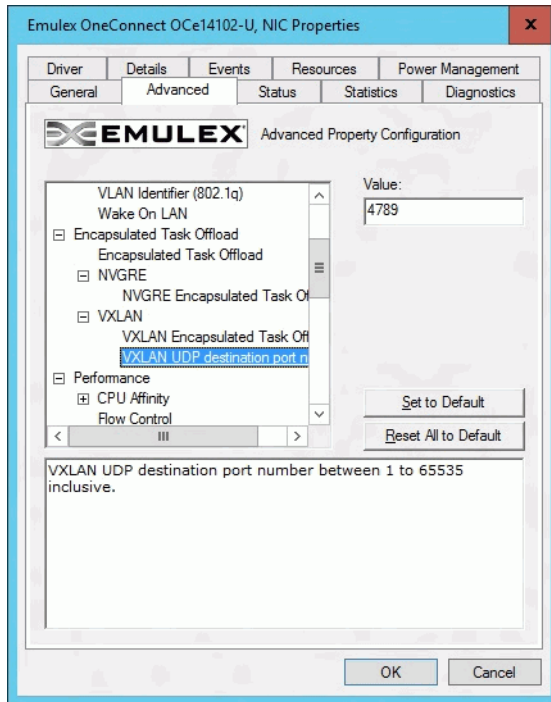


Figure 5 VxLAN UDP Destination Port Number

2. Enter the port number you want to use.
3. Click **OK**.

Using Powershell Commands

You can use PowerShell commands to set the values for the following subkeys:

- EncapsulatedPacketTaskOffload
- EncapsulatedPacketTaskOffloadVxlan
- VxlanUDPPortNumber

For `EncapsulatedPacketTaskOffload` and `EncapsulatedPacketTaskOffloadVxlan` subkeys, a value of 0 disables the feature and a value of 1 enables the feature.

The `VxlanUDPPortNumber` subkey has a default value of 4789 and a value range of 1–65535.

The following commands are also available:

- `Disable-NetAdapterEncapsulatedPacketTaskOffload`
- `Enable-NetAdapterEncapsulatedPacketTaskOffload`
- `Get-NetAdapterEncapsulatedPacketTaskOffload`
- `Set-NetAdapterEncapsulatedPacketTaskOffload`

Enabling NVGRE Encapsulated Task Offload

Note: VxLAN is enabled and NVGRE is enabled by default. To enable NVGRE, you must disable VxLAN Encapsulated Task Offload in the adapter property page before creating a vswitch with encapsulation.

To enable NVGRE Encapsulated Task Offload (Enabled is the default) using the OneConnect Advanced tab, perform these steps:

1. From the OneConnect **Advanced** tab, choose **NVGRE Encapsulated Task Offload**.

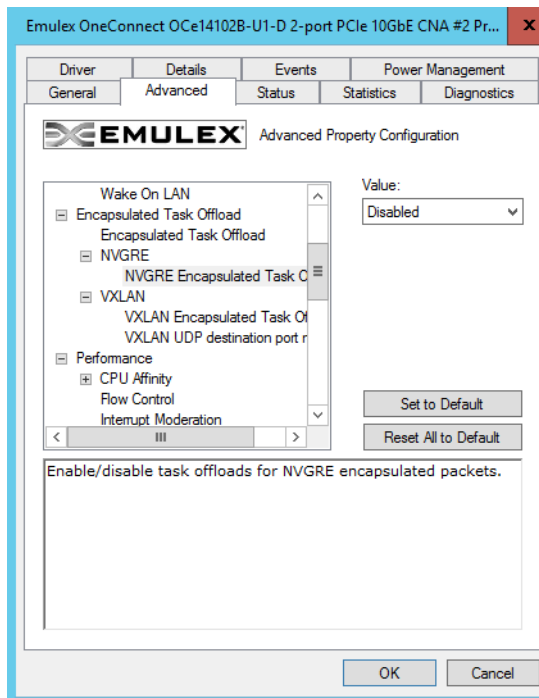


Figure 6 NVGRE Encapsulated Task Offload (The default is disabled)

2. From the **Value** menu, choose **Enabled**.
3. Choose **VxLAN Encapsulation Task offload**.
4. From the **Value** menu, choose **Disabled**.

Note: VxLAN must be disabled when NVGRE is enabled.

5. Click **OK**.

Configuring Packet Direct

By default, the advanced driver parameter Packet Direct is enabled. When you attach a virtual machine (VM) to a Packet Direct enabled switch, the virtual machine NIC (vmNIC) automatically takes the Packet Direct path.

To use Packet Direct, perform these steps:

1. On the host powershell prompt, limit the number of Event Contexts ECs based on the logical processors present in the system.

```
Set-NetAdapterRss -Name "SLOT 6 Port 2" -Enabled $True -MaxProcessors 2
```

2. Create a PacketDirect switch using the powershell commnad.

```
New-VMSwitch -Name PDSwitch -NetAdapterName "SLOT 6 Port 2" -EnablePacketDirect $True
```

3. Enable the Azure Virtual Filtering Platform (VFP) switch extension on the switch.

```
Enable-VMSwitchExtension -VMSwitchName PDSwitch -Name "Windows Azure VFP Switch Extension"
```

4. Attach the vmNIC of the VM to packet direct switch (PDSwitch) in the VM settings.
5. Start the VM.
6. Run the `disableVFP.ps1` script on the host using powershell prompt.
7. Open perfmon, add packetdirect counters, and confirm they are updated.

The `disableVFP.ps1` script

Ensure the file extension is `.ps1` before you run attempt to run the script.

```
param(
    [string]$switchName = $(throw "please specify a switch name")
)

$switches = Get-WmiObject -Namespace root\virtualization\v2 -Class Msvm_VirtualEthernetSwitch
foreach ($switch in $switches) {
    if ( $switch.ElementName -eq $switchName) {
        $ExternalSwitch = $switch
        break
    }
}

$vpfCtrlExe = "vpfctrl.exe"
$ports = $ExternalSwitch.GetRelated("Msvm_EthernetSwitchPort",
    "Msvm_SystemDevice", $null, $null, $null, $null, $false, $null)
foreach ($port in $ports) {
    #if ($port.ElementName -eq "Dynamic Ethernet Switch Port")
```

```
#{
    $portGuid = $port.Name
    echo "Disabling VFP on port: " $portGuid
    & $vfpCtrlExe /disable-port /port $portGuid
#}

}
```

disableVFP.ps1 script Errors

The `disbleVFP.ps1` script generates the following expected errors.

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> .\disableVFP.ps1 vsw_sh2
Disabling VFP on port:
1EDA9CAD-89F3-4019-98EC-96C8E077DD2F
ERROR: failed to execute disable-port
Error (1): Incorrect function.
Disabling VFP on port:
2632C1DA-97A3-4091-A694-60A2F57079F6
ERROR: failed to execute disable-port
Error (1): Incorrect function.
Disabling VFP on port:
B1CDC522-4EA0-4F3C-8323-90E8C70F3FC0
Command disable-port succeeded!
```

NanoServer

Adding Emulex OOB Drivers to a Nano Server VHD

Update the out-of-box (OOB) drivers prior to booting to the Virtual Hard Disk (VHD) for the first time. In other words, the OOB drivers must be added to the VHD right after it is created. This procedure helps prevent the inbox driver from being loaded and linked to an Emulex device that is already present in the system.

To install the drivers, perform these steps:

1. Download the Driver Installer Kits from the following link:
<http://www.avagotech.com/support/emulex/windows-server-2016>
2. In an elevated command prompt, navigate to the directory where the downloaded driver kit is located and run the following commands to unpack the drivers:

```
elxdrv-nic-<VERSION>.exe /q2 extract=2
elxdrv-iscsi-<VERSION>.exe /q2 extract=2
elxdrv-fcoe-<VERSION>.exe /q2 extract=2
elxdrv-fc-<VERSION>.exe /q2 extract=2
```

The drivers are extracted to the current user's Documents folder. For example:

```
C:\Users\Administrator\Documents\Emulex\Drivers
```

3. In an elevated PowerShell prompt, navigate to the Nano Server VHD directory and run the following commands:

```
md mountdir

dism /Mount-Image /ImageFile:.\NanoServer.vhd /Index:1
/Mountdir:.\mountdir

dism /Add-Driver /image:.\mountdir
/driver:C:\Users\Administrator\Documents\Emulex\Drivers\NIC-<VERSION>\x64\winserv10\ocnd65.inf

dism /Unmount-Image /Mountdir:.\mountdir /commit
```

Extracting the occfg.exe Utility on Nano Server

Use the `occfg.exe` utility to display, or configure, parameters for the network functions on Emulex OneConnect adapters.

Note: This installation process assumes that you have a Nano Server system booted up and running, as well as a system from which a remote PowerShell connection can be established to manage it.

To extract and use the `occfg.exe` utility on Nano Server, perform these steps:

1. Download the Ethernet driver installer kit from the following link:
<http://www.avagotech.com/support/emulex/windows-server-2016>
2. In an elevated PowerShell prompt, navigate to the directory where the downloaded ethernet driver kit is located, and run the following commands to extract the files:

```
elxdrv-nic-<VERSION>.exe /q2 extract=2
```

The `occfg.exe` for utility Nano Server is extracted to the `\Documents` folder. For example:

```
C:\Users\Administrator\Documents\Emulex\Drivers\NIC-<VERSION>\x64\winserv10\occfg.exe
```

3. Using a remote PowerShell connection, create the directory on the Nano Server machine to which you want the `occfg.exe` utility copied. For example, you can create a directory under the C: drive of the Nano Server machine as follows:

```
md C:\<Directory Name>
```

4. In an elevated PowerShell prompt, navigate to the directory to which the Ethernet driver kit was extracted, and copy its contents to the Nano Server system using the following commands:

```
$ip = "<Nano server IP Address>"
$s = New-PSSession -ComputerName $ip -Credential ~\Administrator
copy -ToSession $s -Path <full path to occfg.exe from step 2>
-Destination <Full path to Directory created in step 3> -Force
```

For example (typed all on one line):

```
copy -ToSession $s -Path C:\Users\Administrator\Documents\Emulex\Drivers\NIC-<VERSION>\x64\winserv10\occfg.exe -Destination C:\temp -Force
```

- Using a remote PowerShell connection, navigate to the directory you created in step 3.

Using occfg.exe

The `occfg.exe` utility for Nano Server is a non-interactive mode program. You must specify a full command. For example:

To get all registry parameters of all Emulex adapters, perform this step:

```
occfg.exe -a "@" -p
```

To set a parameter on all Emulex adapters, perform this step:

```
occfg.exe -a Emulex -s "Receive Side Scaling=1"
```

To set multiple parameters on one adapter, perform this step:

```
occfg.exe -a "Local Area Connection 23" -s "Flow=3,Receive Side Scaling=0"
```

The `occfg.exe` utility supports the following commands:

Table 2 occfg.exe commands

Command	Description
-a str, [str]	Selects all adapters with any of the given strings in the connection or device name. Use "@" to select all Emulex adapters.
-s name=v, [name=v]	Sets the parameter's value and reloads the devices.
-g name, [name]	Gets the parameter value.
-r	Skips reloading the driver when setting a parameter.
-f	Forces a driver reload.
-l	Lists the available adapters and exits the utility.
-x	Resets all parameters to their default values.
-p	Displays all registry parameter values.
-q	Displays all driver parameter values.
-h	Displays help text for all parameters.

Installing the OneCommand Manager Application on Nano Server

Note: This installation process assumes that you have a Nano Server system booted up and running, as well as a system from which a remote PowerShell connection can be established to manage it.

To install the OneCommand Manager application on Nano Server, perform these steps:

- Download the Nano Server OneCommand Manager Application Kit (`elxocmcore-ns-<version>.zip`) from <http://www.avagotech.com/support/emulex/windows-server-2016>
- Use your preferred file archiver tool to decompress or extract the downloaded kit or package.

- Using a remote PowerShell connection, create the directory on the Nano Server machine to which you want the OneCommand Manager application files copied. For example, the you can create a directory under the C: drive of the Nano Server machine as follows:

```
md C:\<Directory Name>
```

- In an elevated PowerShell Integrated Scripting Environment (ISE) prompt, navigate to the directory to which the OneCommand Manager application package was extracted, and copy its contents to the Nano Server system by running the following commands:

```
$ip = "<NS IP Address>"
$s = New-PSSession -ComputerName $ip -Credential ~\Administrator
copy -tosession $s -Path <path or name of extracted directory>\*
-Destination <Full path to Directory crated in step 3> -Recurse -Force
```

- Using a remote PowerShell connection, navigate to the directory to which the OneCommand Manager application files were copied, and execute the `setRegNS.ps1` script to complete the installation. This script returns a 0 exit status upon a successful installation, or 1 exit status if the installation fails.

Managing Adapters

Use the following LhbaCmd commands to manage adapters.

Table 3 LhbaCmd commands

Command	Syntax	Description
ListHba	LhbaCmd.exe listhba	Retrieves the MAC address or World Wide Port Name (WWPN) to be used for other commands.
HbaAttributes	LhbaCmd.exe HbaAttributes <MAC WWPN>	Retrieves adapter function attributes and parameters.
PortAttributes	LhbaCmd.exe PortAttributes <MAC WWPN>	Retrieves port or function attributes and parameters.
Firmware Download	LhbaCmd.exe download <MAC WWPN> <Filename>	Downloads the selected firmware to the adapter.
Dump	LhbaCmd.exe Dump <MAC WWPN>	Performs a dump for the selected adapter. DeleteDumpFiles, GetDumpDirectory, GetRetentionCount, SetRetentionCount, and GetDumpFileNames commands are also supported.
Loopback or Loopbacktest	LhbaCmd.exe LoopBack <WWPN MAC> <Type> <Count> <StopOnError> [Pattern]	Performs a loopback test on the selected adapter. The following commands are also supported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GetBeacon • GetXcvrData • LoadList • LoopBackTest • LoopMap • PciData • PostTest • SetBeacon

Using OneCapture on NanoServer

To use OneCapture on NanoServer, follow instructions in the `readme.txt` contained in the `OneCapture_Nano_<version>.zip` available on the Windows Server 2016 page at <http://www.avagotech.com/support/emulex/windows-server-2016>

NIC Driver Options

Use the `Get-NetAdapter` PowerShell command to list all available adapters in the system. The `Get-Help <cmdl> -full` command returns descriptions and help for the cmdlets.

Use the following PowerShell commands to get and set driver parameter values.

To get the driver parameter value, perform this step:

```
Get-NetAdapterAdvancedProperty -Name <adapter name> -AllProperties  
-RegistryKeyword <registry keyword>
```

Example:

```
Get-NetAdapterAdvancedProperty -Name "SLOT 6 Port 1" -AllProperties  
-RegistryKeyword *RSS
```

To set the driver parameter value, perform this step:

```
Set-NetAdapterAdvancedProperty -Name <adapter name> -AllProperties  
-RegistryKeyword <registry keyword> -RegistryValue <valid registry  
value>
```

Example:

```
Set-NetAdapterAdvancedProperty -Name "SLOT 6 Port 1" -AllProperties  
-RegistryKeyword *RSS -RegistryValue 1
```

Note: Select the <registry Keyword> and the <valid registry value> from Table 4 on page 18.

The following options are available for the NIC driver.

Table 4 Windows Server 2016 NIC Driver Options

Option Name	Registry Keyword	Registry Values	Definition
Class of Service (802.1p)	Class of service mode	1 Automatic Priority (default) 2 Filtered Priority 3 User Priority 4 Disable Priority	<p>The following modes are supported for selecting 802.1p priority tags:</p> <p>Automatic Priority – The Data Center Bridging eXchange (DCBX) standard allows the network adapter to negotiate priority class usage with DCBX-aware endpoints, such as switches or network cards. If the peer indicates that priority pause is supported for a nonzero priority, the NIC automatically inserts the default priority in all transmitted packets. This is the default, allowing priority pause to operate for both storage and network traffic. If the peer indicates a zero default priority (such as when the peer does not support priority pause), the device uses the Non-Storage Priority modes discussed below.</p> <p>Filtered Priority – This mode coerces the user priorities in each packet to avoid sending packets on the network function that might disrupt the adapter's storage traffic. The network device uses the next lower priority if a conflict exists. This mode is useful if multiple network priorities are necessary. Only a limited number of classes are supported for priority pause, so typically it does not function optimally in this mode.</p> <p>User Priority – This mode allows any user-specified priority value and must be limited to cases where storage functions are not used.</p> <p>Disable Priority – The adapter always transmits either untagged packets, or VLAN ID (802.1q) tagged packets with a priority value (802.1p) of zero.</p>
Enhanced Transmission Selection	ETS	0 Disabled (default) 1 Enabled	<p>If ETS is enabled, the driver filters transmit packets based on the 802.1p priority tag into multiple separate transmit rings. The network switch must be configured for ETS to group priorities into a priority group (or traffic class). Each priority group can be assigned a QoS bandwidth limit. For example, one network priority can support priority flow control to achieve loss-less network traffic. Using separate hardware interfaces in the driver allows each priority to progress at a different rate, or pause temporarily without affecting the other priorities.</p> <p>If ETS is enabled, all configurations regarding bandwidth and priority flow control must be performed on the network switch. The adapter learns the configuration using the DCBX protocol.</p> <p>NOTE ETS is supported on OCe11102 adapters only.</p> <p>NOTE ETS is not supported with Virtual Machine Queue (VMQ) technology. ETS is not available if SR-IOV is enabled.</p>

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Option Name	Registry Keyword	Registry Values	Definition
Flow Control	*FlowControl	0 (Disabled) 1 (Tx Enabled) 2 (Rx Enabled) 3 (Rx and TX Enabled) (Default)	The IEEE 802.3x Ethernet specification defines a control frame between peers that can request a pause in packet transmissions. This allows one system to request a temporary halt of all incoming traffic when receive buffer space is exhausted. The network device might be configured to respond to pause frames (Rx Enable) , to send pause frames (Tx Enable), or both. Flow control is almost always advantageous to avoid packet drops on the network. The switch or network peer must also have flow control enabled.
Interrupt Moderation	InterruptModerationLevel	0 (None) 8 (Static 90k Int/sec) 9 (Static 70k Int/sec) 10 (Static 50k Int/sec) 11 (Static 40k Int/sec) 12 (Static 30k Int/sec) 2 (Static 25k Int/sec) 13 (Static 20k Int/sec) 14 (Static 15k Int/sec) 15 (Static 10k Int/sec) 16 (Static 5k Int/sec) 4 (Adaptive) (default)	The network device uses interrupt moderation algorithms to reduce the total amount of CPU cycles spent processing interrupts, which increases efficiency for the system. However, interrupt moderation increases the latency of each send and receive. It should only be disabled when short latencies are more important than efficient CPU utilization. The "No Moderation" setting disables all delays to minimize latency. The "Static Moderation" setting uses a constant interrupt delay to avoid any spikes in the interrupt rate. The Adaptive (default) setting causes the driver to dynamically maintain a target interrupt rate. The Adaptive setting value is controlled by a dynamic algorithm that scales well for various adapter link speeds.
IP Checksum Offload (IPv4)	*IPChecksumOffloadIPv4	0 (Disabled) 1 (Tx Enabled) 2 (Rx Enabled) 3 (Rx and Tx Enabled) (default)	This option offloads the transmit and the receive IPv4 checksum computation. Offloading checksums increases system efficiency.
Large Send Offload v1 (IPv4)	*LsoV1IPv4	0 (Disabled) 1 (Enabled) (default)	Large Send Offload allows the NIC hardware to segment large TCP packets (up to 64 kB) into smaller packets (<= "Packet Size") that can be transmitted. This segmentation increases transmit efficiency for TCP applications that send large buffers. During segmentation, the hardware computes the IPv4 and TCP checksums for each individual packet. The Windows Version 1 LSO supports only IPv4.
Large Send Offload v2 (IPv4)	*LsoV2IPv4	0 (Disabled) 1 (Enabled) (default)	Large Send Offload allows the NIC hardware to segment large TCP packets (up to 64 kB) into smaller packets (<= "Packet Size") that can be transmitted. This segmentation increases transmit efficiency for TCP applications that send large buffers. During segmentation, the hardware computes the IPv4 and TCP checksums for each individual packet. The Windows Version 2 LSO supports larger offload sizes.

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Option Name	Registry Keyword	Registry Values	Definition
Large Send Offload v2 (IPv6)	*LsoV2IPv6	0 (Disabled) 1 (Enabled) (default)	Large Send Offload allows the NIC hardware to segment large TCP packets (up to 64 kB) into smaller packets (less than the maximum transmission unit [MTU]) that can be transmitted. This segmentation increases transmit efficiency for TCP applications that send large buffers. During segmentation, the hardware computes the TCP checksums for each individual packet. IPv6 support requires LSO Version 2.
Maximum Number of RSS Processors	*MaxRssProcessors	Min : 1 Max : 16 Default : None	In VMMQ, *MaxRssProcessors registry key controls the number of receive side scaling (RSS) CPUs used by each VPORT, and, by extension, the maximum number of QPs used by a VPORT. The number of QPs used per VPORT determines the number of VPORTs capable of VMMQ. The counts are fluid. For example, a 10Gb/s NIC adapter supports 32 VMMQ QPs. There are always two VPORTS that are VMMQ capable, one for default VPORT and one for non-default PF based VPORT. If you set MaxRssProcessors = 4, there can be 32/4 = 8 VMMQ-capable VPORTS. If you set MaxRssProcessors = 8, there can be 32/8 = 4 VMMQ-capable VPORTS.
Maximum Number of RSS Queues	*NumRssQueues	Min : 1 Max : 12 Default : 8	This parameter defines the maximum processor number for the RSS queues on the network adapter within the given processor group. A processor group contains 64 logical processors, so this value ranges from 0 to 63. This value might be modified in conjunction with the "Rss Max Processor Group" to explicitly select the desired RSS processors for the adapter. User input automatically adjusts to fit within the processor range of the selected group after the driver restarts.
Maximum RSS Processor Number	*RssMaxProcNumber	Min : 0 Max : 63 Default : None	This parameter sets the maximum processor number for the RSS CPUs. This is the highest processor number of any processors from the RSSMaxProcGroup parameter.
Network Address	Network address	Valid MAC address Default: None	This parameter overrides the permanent Media Access Control (MAC) address for the interface. The MAC address must follow this format XX:XX:XX:XX:XX:XX, where X is a hexadecimal digit (0–9 or A–F). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The address cannot be a multicast address, which has the lowest bit in the first byte set. The address cannot be all zeros. For example, 01:00:00:00:00:00 is not valid, while 02:00:00:00:00:00 is valid.

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Option Name	Registry Keyword	Registry Values	Definition
NetworkDirect	*NetworkDirect	0 Disabled 1 Enabled (default)	The Network Direct feature enables an offloaded RDMA interface for Server Message Block (SMB) 3.0 network attached storage traffic using Microsoft's SMB Direct protocol. Broadcom supports RoCE. For best performance, priority flow control (PFC) should be configured on the network switch. Broadcom defaults to priority 5 for RoCE traffic, although it will still work without PFC enabled. RoCE offload provides a zero copy data transfer path for SMB 3.0 traffic, offering both increased efficiency and lower latency for storage access. Both ends of the connection must support RoCE in the network adapter. RoCE is a non-routable protocol, so both servers must be in the same L2 network subnet. Microsoft currently disables Network Direct support for network adapters bound to a virtual switch.
Network Direct MTU	NdkMtu	256 512 1024 (default) 2048 4096	The Maximum Transmission Unit (MTU) or frame size for RoCE traffic can be configured with this parameter.
Encapsulated Task Offload	*EncapsulatedPacketTaskOf fload	0 Disabled 1 Enabled (default)	Enables and disables task offloads for encapsulated packets. NOTE Supported on OCe14000-series adapters only.
Encapsulation Overhead	*EncapOverhead	Min : 0 Max : 256 Default : 0 NOTE Valid range is 0 through 256 with a step of 32	Encapsulation Overhead defines the amount of overhead required in Ethernet frames due to virtual network overlay encapsulation, such as VxLAN and NVGRE. Valid range is 0 through 256 with a step of 32. For example 0, 32, 64, 96, 128, and so on, are valid values. Effective MTU = *JumboFrame + *EncapOverhead - 14. If the effective MTU is too large for the NIC adapter, the effective MTU = *JumboFrame - 14 and SDN Host Agent will not encapsulate tenant overlay traffic and will return an error to the Network Controller.
NVGRE Encapsulated Task Offload	*EncapsulatedPacketTaskOf floadNvgre	0 (Disabled) 1 (Enabled) (default)	Enable and disable task offloads for NVGRE encapsulated packets.
VXLAN Encapsulated Task Offload	*EncapsulatedPacketTaskOf floadVxlan	0 (Disabled) 1 (Enabled) (default)	Enable and disable task offloads for VxLAN encapsulated packets.
VXLAN UDP destination port number	*VxlanUDPPortNumber	Min : 1 Max : 65535 Default : 4789	VXLAN UDP destination port number between 1 to 65535 inclusive.
PacketDirect	*PacketDirect	0 (Disabled) 1 (Enabled) (default)	Enable and disable Packet Direct.

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Option Name	Registry Keyword	Registry Values	Definition
Packet Size	*JumboPacket	1514 (default) 9014 8222 4088	<p>Configures the packet size for OneConnect NIC adapters only.</p> <p>This parameter determines the maximum packet size transmitted and received on the interface. A 1514-byte frame size is standard, while larger packets are called jumbo frames.</p> <p>Using a higher frame size is generally more efficient, but it uses more system memory. A larger frame size also requires support on the network switch.</p> <p>Jumbo frames are IPv4-only frames; IPv6 packets will be fragmented by LSO. Switches and the peer must be configured to accept the specified packet size or the size will be negotiated to the common smallest size.</p>
Physical Link Tracking	PLinkTrackEnable	0 (Disabled) 1 (Enabled) (default)	<p>This parameter enables and disables physical link tracking when SR-IOV is used.</p> <p>When SR-IOV is enabled, a Virtual Ethernet Bridge (VEB) switch is used, and the driver link status does not reflect the physical link status. Use this parameter to force the driver link status to reflect the physical link status.</p> <p>By default, physical link status tracking is enabled. Disable physical link tracking to allow PF and VF to communicate via the VEB switch regardless of physical link status. When physical link status tracking is disabled, the driver always reports link as up.</p> <p>When physical link tracking is disabled, teaming failover does not work.</p> <p>When SR-IOV is disabled, the driver always reports the physical link status.</p> <p>NOTE Supported on OCe11102, LPe16202, and OCe14000-series adapters only.</p>

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Option Name	Registry Keyword	Registry Values	Definition
Performance Tuning	FairnessMode	0 (Maximum Performance) (default) 1 (Dynamically Balanced) 2 (Statically Balanced)	<p>This parameter selects the driver algorithm for performance tuning, allowing you to balance raw networking throughput with overall system fairness among multiple devices and applications.</p> <p>Maximum Performance – This mode maximizes the network performance for this adapter. This mode supports most cases. However, in systems with a large number of network or storage adapters, this mode might limit the performance of other devices.</p> <p>Statically Balanced – This mode configures the network adapter to throttles CPU usage in all cases, allowing more balance among hardware devices and applications. If system responsiveness is poor, this mode might improve the overall system behavior.</p> <p>Dynamically Balanced – Dynamic balancing adjusts the network adapter's performance based on system metrics, such as CPU usage. This mode can aggressively limit performance for the most stressful networking applications to ensure that all network cards can share limited computer resources, yet it can maintain maximum performance when the system has resources available.</p>
Preferred NUMA Node	*NumaNodeId	Min : 0 Max : 65535 Default : None	<p>Most modern multi-socket servers have separate memory controllers for each CPU socket. These systems have Non-uniform Memory Access (NUMA) latencies for a given CPU core to access the local versus remote memory node.</p> <p>By setting this property, the driver attempts to use both memory and CPU cores from the given NUMA node.</p> <p>If the Preferred NUMA node is not set, the driver uses the preferred NUMA node as specified by the computer's BIOS.</p> <p>For best performance, the network applications must use memory and CPU affinity from the same NUMA node. This tuning level primarily noticeable when multiple adapters are running.</p>
Receive Buffers	*ReceiveBuffers	Min : 64 Max : 32768 Default : 896.	<p>This parameter determines the number of Ethernet receive buffers allocated per receive queue. If RSS is enabled, four or more receive queues are used. Otherwise, a single queue is enabled.</p> <p>Decreasing this value reduces the required system memory, but performance might decrease. Each buffer is the size of the Packet Size parameter.</p>
Receive CPU	RxCpuPolicy	Min : 0 Max : 255 Default : None	<p>The non-RSS receive packets are processed on this logical CPU. By default, the driver will intelligently choose a CPU in the system, so this parameter should be set only for advanced performance tuning. RSS packets will be processed by the set of RSS CPUs provided by Windows operating system.</p> <p>The valid values are 0 to (Number of CPUs on the System – 1).</p>

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Option Name	Registry Keyword	Registry Values	Definition
Receive Side Scaling	*RSS	0 (Disabled) 1 (Enabled) (default)	<p>Receive Side Scaling (RSS) scales receive processing over multiple CPUs in parallel. This scaling typically improves application performance; however, it tends to increase CPU usage on low-end machines.</p> <p>RSS is supported only on two primary adapters per device. It will appear disabled for additional Peripheral Component Interconnect (PCI) functions in blade server configurations.</p> <p>RSS requires Windows 2003 SP2 and later.</p>
Recv Segment Coalescing (IPv4)	*RSCIPv4	0 (Disabled) 1 (Enabled) (default)	<p>Receive Segment Coalescing (RSC) merges multiple TCP segments and identifies them as a single coalesced unit to the operating system's TCP/IP stack. These actions reduce the per-packet receive processing overhead and CPU usage if standard 1514-byte-sized frames are in use.</p> <p>NOTE If checksum offloads are disabled, RSC must also be disabled. RSC depends on checksum offloads for better performance.</p> <p>NOTE Both RSC (IPv4) and RSC (IPv6) are coerced to zero if TCP Connection Offload (IPv4) is enabled.</p>
Recv Segment Coalescing (IPv6)	*RSCIPv6	0 (Disabled) 1 (Enabled) (default)	<p>RSC merges multiple TCP segments and identifies them as a single coalesced unit to the operating system's TCP/IP stack. This action reduces the per-packet receive processing overhead and CPU usage if standard 1514-byte-sized frames are in use.</p> <p>NOTE If checksum offloads are disabled, RSC must also be disabled. RSC depends on checksum offloads for better performance.</p> <p>NOTE Both RSC (IPv4) and RSC (IPv6) are coerced to zero if TCP Connection Offload (IPv4) is enabled.</p>
RoCE Mode	ForceRoutableRoceonSameSubnet	1 2 (default)	<p>RoCE Mode 2 brings IP-based routing feature for RoCE. If legacy RoCE adapters exist in the network that do not support IP-based routing, set RoCE Mode to 1.</p>
RSS Base Processor Group	*RssBaseProcGroup	Min : 0 Max : 32768 Default : None	<p>This parameter defines the base processor group for the RSS queues on the network adapter. A processor group contains 64 logical processors. This value can be modified in conjunction with the RSS Base Processor Number to explicitly select the desired RSS processors for the adapter.</p>
RSS Base Processor Number	*RssBaseProcNumber	Min: 0 Max: 63	<p>Windows automatically spreads the RSS queues for all network cards over the available CPU cores in the computer. This parameter might be set to explicitly define the CPU affinity for the RSS queues of this device. It is the CPU number of the lowest RSS queue for this device.</p> <p>Hyperthreaded systems use only the lower thread of each core for RSS. A hyperthreaded system with 16 logical processors uses only eight RSS threads.</p>

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Option Name	Registry Keyword	Registry Values	Definition
RSS Max Processor Group	*RSSMaxProcGroup	Min : 0 Max : 63 Default : None.	RSS Max Processor Group allows you to set the maximum number of processor groups for the RSS CPUs.
RSS Profile	*RSSProfile	1 (Closest Processor) (Default) 2 (Closest Processor Static) 3 (NUMA Scaling) 4 (NUMA Scaling Static) 5 (Conservative Scaling)	The setting determines the RSS load balancing profile implemented by Microsoft for this network adapter. The Closest Processor settings will tend to localize the RSS CPUs to one NUMA node, allowing the device driver to allocate memory from the local node. The NUMA Scaling settings use all NUMA nodes on the system, and the memory allocation is not specific to a particular node. The driver ignores the Preferred NUMA node setting.
SpeedDuplex		AutoNeg (default) 10GbpsFullDuplex 1GbpsFullDuplex	SpeedDuplex is used for selecting link speed, mainly for 10GBASE-T adapters. If it is set to the default, it auto-negotiates 100 Mb/s, 1 Gb/s 10 Gb/s with the switch/peer. Link speed can be forced to 1 Gb/s, if option 1GbpsFullDuplex is selected. Link speed can be forced to 10 Gb/s, if option 10GbpsFullDuplex is selected. 10 Gb/s is the maximum supported link speed.

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Option Name	Registry Keyword	Registry Values	Definition
SR-IOV	*Sriov	0 (Disabled) 1 (Enabled) (default)	<p>SR-IOV enables the adapter to allocate virtual PCI functions for each virtual machine in Hyper-V. Note that the virtual switch and virtual network adapter must have SR-IOV enabled in the Hyper-V Manager. SR-IOV requires a platform with Input-Output Memory Management Unit (IOMMU) virtualization (VT-d, AMD-Vi).</p> <p>If using SR-IOV, the Emulex NIC driver must be installed on each virtual function within the virtual machine. SR-IOV provides a direct hardware interface from the virtual machine to the networking adapter, which reduces latency and improves performance.</p> <p>The Windows Server 2012 and Windows Server 2012 R2 SR-IOV architecture establishes each Emulex virtual NIC with a corresponding emulated NIC. This allows the virtual machine to seamlessly failover to the emulated NIC if SR-IOV is disabled. It also allows Live Migration to another system, regardless of the installed NIC hardware.</p> <p>NOTE Supported on OCe11102, LPe16202, and OCe14000-series adapters only.</p> <p>NOTE The driver currently supports the following virtual functions for the following adapter families:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OCe11100-series adapters support a maximum of 24 virtual functions per port. • OCe14000-series adapters support a maximum of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — 2-port 10 Gb: 31 virtual functions/physical function. — 4-port 10 Gb: 31 virtual functions/physical function — 1-port 40 Gb: 63 virtual functions/physical function
TCP Checksum Offload (IPv4)	*TCPChecksumOffloadIPv4	0 (Disabled) 1 (Tx Enabled) 2 (Rx Enabled) 3 (Rx and Tx Enabled) (default)	TCP Checksum Offload (IPv4) offloads the transmit or receive IPv4 TCP checksum computation. Offloading checksums increases system efficiency.
TCP Checksum Offload (IPv6)	*TCPChecksumOffloadIPv6	0 (Disabled) 1 (Tx Enabled) 2 (Rx Enabled) 3 (Rx and Tx Enabled) (default)	TCP Checksum Offload (IPv6) offloads the transmit or receive IPv6 TCP checksum computation. Offloading checksums increases system efficiency.

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Option Name	Registry Keyword	Registry Values	Definition
TCP Connection Offload (IPv4)		Enabled Disabled (default)	<p>NOTE TCP Connection Offload is not supported on 16GFC adapters.</p> <p>If TCP offload is enabled, the device offloads the entire TCP protocol, including acknowledgement processing, retransmits, and timers. Applications that prepost receive buffers (before the data arrives) might avoid data copies in the receive path, which substantially increases the system efficiency and data rates.</p> <p>Windows does not offload TCP connections if any of the following are enabled:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network Load Balancing • Internet Protocol Security (IPSEC) • Network Address Translation • Network Driver Interface Specification (NDIS) 5.1 Intermediate Drivers <p>TCP offload must be enabled in the Windows operating system with the shell command: <pre>netsh int tcp set global chimney=enabled</pre> </p> <p>This parameter appears disabled if the firmware installed on your device does not support TCP connection offload. Upgrading the firmware might resolve this issue.</p> <p>View the “Statistics” property page to ensure that TCP connection offload is working.</p> <p>NOTE Both RSC (IPv4) and RSC (IPv6) are coerced to zero if TCP Connection Offload (IPv4) is enabled.</p>
TCP Offload Optimization		Optimize Latency Optimize Throughput (default)	<p>This parameter only applies to TCP connection offload, which must be enabled in the “Protocol Offloads” section.</p> <p>Most applications perform better with TCP Offload Optimization set to Optimize Throughput, which handles large data transfers with minimal CPU impact.</p> <p>Setting this parameter to Optimize Latency causes receive data to be delivered to the application without waiting for a TCP push flag. This setting causes additional receive indications that typically decrease total throughput.</p>
Transmit Buffers	*TransmitBuffers	128 256 512 1024 2048 (default)	<p>Transmit Buffers sets the number of Ethernet transmits that might be posted to the hardware at any given time.</p> <p>The default value is sufficient to achieve maximum performance. Reducing this value conserves system memory.</p>
Transmit CPU	TxCpuPolicy	Min : 0 Max : 255 Default : None	<p>Transmit packet completion processing is done on this CPU. By default, the driver intelligently chooses a CPU in the system, so this parameter should only be set for advanced performance tuning.</p> <p>The valid values are 0 to (Number of CPUs on the System – 1).</p>

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Option Name	Registry Keyword	Registry Values	Definition
Transmit Side Scaling (TSS)	SendSideScaling	0 (Disabled) 1 (Enabled) (default)	TSS distributes transmit completions to be processed on multiple CPUs in parallel. It uses the RSS CPU table for distribution and therefore requires RSS to be enabled.
Transmit	VMQTransmit	0 (Disabled) 1 (Enabled) (default)	If this option is enabled with VMQs, separate transmit queues are created for each VM network interface. Send and receive interrupts for a VM network interface are processed on the same CPUs. NOTE Supported on OCe11102, LPe16202, and OCe14000-series adapters only.
UDP Checksum Offload (IPv4)	*UDPChecksumOffloadIPv4	0 (Disabled) 1 (Tx Enabled) 2 (Rx Enabled) 3 (Rx and Tx Enabled) (default)	UDP offload checksum settings offload the transmit or receive IPv4 UDP checksum computation. Offloading checksums increases system efficiency.
UDP Checksum Offload (IPv6)	*UDPChecksumOffloadIPv6	0 (Disabled) 1 (Tx Enabled) 2 (Rx Enabled) 3 (Rx and Tx Enabled) (default)	UDP offload checksum settings offload the transmit or receive IPv6 UDP checksum computation. Offloading checksums increases system efficiency.
Virtual Machine Queues	*VMQ	0 (Disabled) 1 (Enabled) (default)	VMQs are dedicated hardware receive queues for virtual machines that filter receive packets based on the destination MAC address or VLAN. Receive buffers can be allocated for each queue from VM memory. This setting improves network throughput by distributing processing of network traffic for multiple VMs among multiple processors. It reduces CPU utilization by offloading receive packet filtering to NIC hardware. VMQs prove beneficial when four or more VMs are in use. NOTE Supported on OCe11102, LPe16202, and OCe14000-series adapters only.
Virtual Machine Queues Lookahead Split		Enabled (default) Disabled	VMQ enables direct DMA to VM memory. Lookahead improves packet steering performance by PCI prefetching adjacent header buffer into a cache when examining a packet. Header buffers are continuous in physical memory because they belong to one pool. For OCe11102, Lookahead split requires advanced mode support and is enabled in the BIOS controller configuration. NOTE Supported on OCe11102 adapters only. Not applicable for LPe16202 and OCe14000-series adapters. NOTE Lookahead split is not supported for jumbo frames.
Virtual Switch RSS	*RssOnHostVPorts	0 (Disabled) (default) 1 (Enabled)	VMMQ scales receive and transmit processing over multiple host CPUs in parallel for a VM. This scaling typically improves application performance; however, it tends to increase CPU usage on low-end machines.

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Option Name	Registry Keyword	Registry Values	Definition
Virtual Machine Queues Transmit		Enabled (default) Disabled	<p>If this option is enabled with VMQs, separate transmit queues are created for each VM network interface. Send and receive interrupts for a VM network interface are processed on the same CPUs.</p> <p>Separate transmit queues increase system overall CPU utilization, but offer greater system scalability.</p> <p>NOTE Supported on OCe11102 CNAs only. Not applicable for LPe16202 and OCe14000-series adapters.</p>
VLAN Identifier (802.1q)	VlanId	Not Present (default) 0 to 4094	<p>If selected, the adapter adds a VLAN tag to all transmitted packets, and only receives packets with the matching VLAN tag.</p> <p>NOTE This property must not be used if the Emulex Teaming Driver is enabled. In that case, VLAN configuration must be performed in the Teaming Driver application.</p> <p>NOTE This property must not be used with Hyper-V. In that case, the Microsoft Hyper-V Manager must be used to configure VLANs on each virtual machine.</p>
Wake on Magic Packet	WakeonMagic Packet	0 (Disabled) 1 (Enabled) (default)	Defines if a network adapter is enabled to wake a computer on the magic packet.
Wake on Pattern Match	WakeonPatternMatch	0 (Disabled) 1 (Enabled)(default)	Defines if a network adapter is enabled to wake the computer on pattern matches.

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