

VMware vSphere 5.5 VXLAN Networking and Emulex OneConnect[®] OCe14000 Ethernet Adapters

Configuring VXLAN with Emulex OneConnect OCe14000 Adapters





Emulex OneConnect® Network Adapters

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1.0 Emulex Solution Implementer's Series

This document is part of the Emulex Solution Implementer's Series, providing implementers (IT administrators and system architects) with solution and deployment information on popular server and software platforms. As a leader in network connectivity, monitoring and management, the Emulex technology team is taking a lead in providing guidelines for implementing I/O for these solutions.

1.1 Executive summary

Emulex OneConnect OCe14000 family of 10Gb and 40Gb Ethernet (10/40GbE) Network Adapters are optimized for virtualized data centers that have increased demands for accommodating multiple tenants in cloud computing applications. Virtual eXtensible Local Area Network (VXLAN) provides the mechanism to implement virtualized network isolation over an existing infrastructure. The OCe14000 adapters are powered by the new Emulex Engine™ (XE) 100 I/O controller and equipped with Emulex Virtual Network eXceleration™ (VNeX) technology that effectively removes VXLAN packet processing overhead from the hypervisor. Freeing up CPU cycles can provide significant performance enhancements to both I/O bandwidth and ESX host CPU efficiency. With this increased optimization, the administrator can now deploy more virtual machines (VMs) and experience optimal I/O performance within their virtualized networking environment implementing VXLAN networking.

1.2 Introduction

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VXLAN sets the stage for software-defined networking (SDN) functionality where the creation of logical networks for VMs can exist across different physical networks by encapsulating the original L2 packet in a VXLAN header that includes the VNI associated with a VXLAN segment that the VM belongs to. VXLAN incorporates an additional layer of packet processing in the hypervisor for incoming and outgoing packets. The additional overhead can introduce performance implications such as degraded network performance, lower throughput and inability to scale VMs due to higher CPU utilization. Emulex stateless offloading technology removes this burden from the hypervisor by offloading VXLAN packet processing and checksum computations in hardware. This results in 150 percent improved aggregated bidirectional throughput, 25 percent more CPU effectiveness and 75 percent increased server power efficiency compared to Network Interface Cards (NICs) without VXLAN offload capability.

This document provides an example of how to configure a VXLAN network with the Emulex OneConnect OCe14000 10GbE and 40GbE network adapters.

1.3 VMware VXLAN overview

VXLAN uses MAC Address-in-User Datagram Protocol (MAC-in-UDP) encapsulation whereby VMs can be deployed on any ESX host while being decoupled from the underlying physical network. VXLAN uses a 24-bit identifier allowing a single network to support up to 16 million LAN segments surpassing the IEEE 802.1Q VLAN specification of 4,094 VLANs. This capability can be best utilized in cloud computing by providing complete network isolation for multiple tenants while utilizing common physical infrastructure. Figure 2 below depicts a basic VXLAN configuration with multiple VXLANs between ESX Host A and B extended across a L3 network. When a packet is sent from a VM in host A to a VM in host B, the entire packet is encapsulated in a VXLAN header and traverses over the physical network. When the VXLAN packet reaches ESX Host B, the VXLAN header is removed and the packet is received by the recipient VM with the Inner MAC Destination Address (DA). A VXLAN Tunnel Endpoint (VTEP) is configured on each participating host and assigned with a unique IP address and responsible for VXLAN data path processing, maintaining forwarding tables and encapsulation/de-encapsulation of VXLAN packets. A VTEP consists of a vmkernel module, vmknic virtual adapter module and VXLAN port group module.







Figure 2. Basic VXLAN deployment with four virtual wires for network isolation.

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2.0 Server hardware requirements

A server platform that meets the following requirements:

- Compatibility with the VMware ESXi release
- Support for Intel[®] Virtualization Technology for Directed I/O (Intel[®] VT-d)
- Bus type: PCI Express (PCIe) 3.0 x8

Note – To verify compatibility of physical server hardware, refer to the VMware Compatibility Guide: www.vmware.com/resources/compatibility/search.php

2.1 VMware ESX software requirements

- VMware ESXi 5.5
- VMware vSphere 5.5 Enterprise Plus
- VMware vCenter 5.5 Server
- vCloud Suite 5.5 (VMware vCloud Networking and Security 5.5)

2.2 Emulex OCe14000 Network Adapter requirements

- OCe14101-NM, 10GbE, 1 port Short reach optical
- OCe14101-NX, 10GbE, 1 port Direct attach copper
- OCe14102-NM, 10GbE, 2 port Short reach optical
- OCe14102-NX, 10GbE, 2 port Direct attach copper
- OCe14401-NX, 40GbE, 1 port Direct attach copper

Note – You may have to update your adapter driver and firmware. Make sure you verify compatibility of Emulex network adapters and software releases that provide VXLAN hardware offload feature. For information on Emulex, VMware compatibility, software, additional product information and other documentation refer to the links below:

Emulex Downloads and Documentation: www.emulex.com/downloads

VMware Compatibility Guide: www.vmware.com/resources/compatibility/search.php

2.3 Additional requirements

1. DHCP server

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2. Multicast support, IGMP and PIM configured on switches and routers

3.0 Deploying Emulex OneConnect Adapters in ESXi 5.5 hosts

ESX Host and System Enablement

- 1. Install the OneConnect Ethernet adapter in an available PCIe 3.0 x8 slot
- 2. Power up the server
- 3. Enter the server's BIOS setup and make sure the virtualization technology, Intel® VT-d, is enabled on the server
- 4. Install VMware ESXi 5.5i Enterprise Plus on the server
- 5. Install VMware vCenter Server 5.5
- 6. Deploy Virtual Machines
- 7. If required, install latest version of Emulex driver and firmware

Note – For details on installing VMware vSphere 5.5 and other components refer to VMWare documentation: http://pubs.vmware.com/vsphere-55/index.jsp#com.vmware.vsphere.install.doc/GUID-BC044F6C-4733-4413-87E6-A00D3BDEDE58.html

3.1 VXLAN prerequisites

You can configure your environment using VMware vSphere Client or vSphere Web Client. During the initial VXLAN installation, you will have to login and configure settings in vShield manager. It is highly recommended to deploy a DHCP server in your physical network in so that your ESX host VTEP interfaces can request and receive an IP address. As a prerequisite to configuring VXLAN networking, you must first do the following:

1. Create Clusters

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- 2. Add ESX hosts to Clusters
- 3. Create a VMware vSphere Distributed Switch (VDS)
- 4. Configure VMware vShield Manager Appliance

4.0 Create cluster

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1. Login to your vCenter Server using VMware vSphere Web Client, on the left pane from vSphere Web Client Home, click on vCenter > vCenter Home

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Figure 3. VMware vSphere web client login screen.



Figure 4. VMware vSphere web client.



Figure 5. VMware vSphere web client.

2. From the Data Center, navigate to New Cluster located on drop-down window and left click to add new cluster.

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Figure 6. Adding a new cluster.

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3. Give the new cluster a name, for example, Cluster 1, which is shown in figure 7. When adding hosts to clusters, you need to determine your configuration preferences, e.g. name, location, DRS, etc. For more information on these configuration preferences, refer to VMware documentation. For this setup, we named it Cluster 1, and selected defaults as shown in Figure 7.

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Figure 7. Configuring new cluster.

4. After you configured your cluster, you can now add ESX hosts. To do this, right click on **New Cluster**, add your ESX hosts to the new cluster. For example, in figure 9, we added host 10.192.32.221 to Cluster 1.

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Figure 9. Adding ESX host to a cluster.

5.0 Create Virtual Distributed Switch (VDS)

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Figure 10. Configuring virtual distributed switch.

2. Right click on Data Center, in the drop-down window, left click New Distributed Switch.

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Figure 11. Configuring virtual distributed switch.

3. Enter a DVS switch name, as shown in figure 12. Click Next.

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Figure 12. Configuring virtual distributed switch.

4. Select Distributed Switch version for ESXi version 5.5 and later. Click Next.



Figure 13. Configuring virtual distributed switch.

5. Specify number of uplinks ports, resource allocation and enter port group name. Click Next.

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Figure 14. Configuring virtual distributed switch.

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Figure 15. Configuring virtual distributed switch.

6.0 Deploying VMware vShield Manager Appliance

VMware vShield Manager is part of the VMware vCloud Suite and is essential to configuring VXLAN. Installing vShield Manager is a multistep process, therefore, you must perform all the steps in sequence for a successful installation. The vShield Manager is a VM and packaged as an Open Virtualization Appliance (OVA) file, which allows you to use the VMware vSphere Client GUI to import the vShield Manager into a datastore and virtual machine inventory. It runs as a virtual appliance on any ESX host and can be downloaded from VMware. You need to refer to VMware support documentation regarding required licenses and additional information for configuring vCloud Networking and Security Manager Suite for your environment.

1. Obtain the VMware vCloud Suite from VMware https://my.vmware.com/web/vmware/downloads

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2. To install the vShield Manager Virtual Appliance, from the vSphere Web Client Home, click on Hosts and Clusters, right click on vCenter Server as show in figures 16A and 16B. TMEVCS is the vCenter Server used in the example.

Figure 16A. Deploying vShield Manager virtual appliance.



Figure 16B. Deploying vShield Manager virtual appliance.

3. From the vCenter Server drop-down window, click **Deploy OVF Template** to open wizard. Download the OVF packet from the internet or select a local OVF file. If the file is local, **Select Source** and click **Local File** radial button. Browse and locate the OVF file. After locating the file on your machine, click **Open**. Click **Next**.



Figure 16C. Deploying vShield Manager virtual appliance.



Figure 16D. Deploying vShield Manager virtual appliance.

4. Review OVF package details and configuration. Check Accept Extra Configuration Options, Click **Next**. Accept EULAs and click **Next** to continue. Refer to figures 16E and 16F below.



Figure 16E. Deploying vShield Manager virtual appliance.



Figure 16F. Deploying vShield Manager virtual appliance.

5. Specify a unique name for your vShield Manager appliance and select folder or data center location where you would like for it to reside. In figure 16H below we selected ESX Host 10.192.32.223 located in SJ-TME-Lab data center.

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Figure 16G. Deploying vShield Manager virtual appliance.



Figure 16H. Deploying vShield Manager virtual appliance.

6. Select storage location for vShield Manager Virtual Appliance and select your desired virtual disk format. In the example below, Thin Provision format is selected. Click **Next**.

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Figure 16 I. Deploying vShield Manager virtual appliance.

7. Configure network that the vShield Manager Appliance will use. The vShield Manager needs to communicate with all participating ESX hosts and vCenter Server on the network. The example in figure 16J VM Network destination is selected. Click **Next**.

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Figure 16J. Deploying vShield Manager virtual appliance.

8. To complete deployment, review selections then select Power on after deployment. Click Finish.

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Figure 16K. Deploying vShield Manager virtual appliance.

9. Check status of your vShield Manager OVF deployment under Recent Tasks located on the right pane in vSphere Web Client. Proceed to the next step after vShield Manager has completed OVF deployment.

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Figure 16L. Deploying vShield Manager virtual appliance.

10. From vSphere Web Client, right click vShield Manager Appliance. In the drop-down window select Open Console.

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Figure 17. Configuring vShield Manager virtual appliance.

- 12. Login to the vShield Manager Appliance using the following default credentials: Login: admin, Password: default.
- 13. Type **enable**, re-enter the default password.
- 14. During the initial setup, you will have to log out of the vShield Manager Appliance and log back in before you can proceed with setup. You will have to allow time for the vShield Manager to complete initializing.
- 15. Once you log back into vShield Manager, type **enable** and enter your **Password**. Type **Setup** to configure IP address, subnet mask, gateway, primary and secondary DNS. If available, enter your DNS domain search list. If no DNS domain list is available, only fully qualified hostnames will be resolved. Refer to figure 18 below.
- 16. Select "y" to save the new configuration. Logout and login back again to complete setup.

Figure 18. Configuring vShield Manager virtual appliance.

- 17. Open an internet browser and enter the vShield Manager Appliance URL/IP address you configured above. Login into the vShield Manager Appliance using the same default credentials: Login: admin, Password: default.
- 18. From Settings & Report folder located on left pane, click **Configuration** tab to configure Lookup Service URL, vCenter Server IP address, DNS servers IP address, NTP server and Syslog Server IP addresses. An example is illustrated in figure 20 below.

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Figure 19. Configuring vShield Manager virtual appliance.



Figure 20. Configuring vShield Manager virtual appliance.

19. You can also configure other settings such as Update software, add Users and define roles, check System Events and Audit Logs and view vShield Manager Tasks etc. At this point, you can also change the default password by clicking **Change Password**.

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Figure 21. Configuring vShield Manager virtual appliance.

7.0 Configuring VXLAN networking

- 1. To configure VXLAN segments, from the left pane on vShield Manager GUI, click **Data center** and click **Network Virtualization** tab. Refer to figure 21A SJ-TME-Lab datacenter below.
- 2. Under Network Virtualization click Preparation.

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Figure 21A. Configuring VXLAN networking.

- 3. Click **Edit**, and select all participating clusters to participate in VXLAN networking. You need to designate a distributed switch and assign a VLAN. Click **Next**. Refer to figures 21B, 21C and 21D below for an example of this.
- 4. Specify transport attributes such as teaming policy and MTU. The teaming policy options are Failover, Static EtherChannel and LACP v1, v2 and v3. Click **Finish**.

VXLAN introduces 50-byte overhead to the original frames. Therefore, the maximum transmission unit (MTU) in the transport network needs to be increased by 50 bytes. If the overlays use a 1500-byte MTU, the transport network needs to be configured to accommodate 1550-byte packets at a minimum. Jumbo-frame support in the transport network is required if the applications require larger frame sizes than 1500 bytes.





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Figure 21C. Configuring VXLAN networking.

5. After connectivity is established between hosts in Cluster 1 and Cluster 2, confirm that your setup is ready by the "Working" or "Normal" indication. If you see anything other than a good status, then you need to resolve the problem before proceeding.

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Figure 21D. Configuring VXLAN networking.

 Click Segment ID tab, click Edit tab to add a Segment ID pool and Multicast address range. Click OK. Enter Segment ID pool range and multicast address ranges as depicted in figures 21E and 21F below. The example below uses Segment ID Pool Range 5000 – 8000, and Multicast Address Range 225.1.1.1 – 225.1.1.5.

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Segment ID pool: 5000-8000	manayer.	
Multicast address range: 225.1.1.1-22	Segment ID pool: * 5000-8000	
	Multicast addresses: * 225.1.1.1-225.1.1.5	
	Ok Cancel	

Figure 21E. Configuring VXLAN networking.



7. Click **Network Scopes** tab, click + to add a Network Scope name and description. Select all Clusters that are available and ready to participate in the Network Scope. Click **OK**.

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Figure 21G. Configuring VXLAN networking.

- 8. Click Networks tab and Click +. Create your VXLAN Networks by entering a name, description for the Network Scope. Click OK.
- 9. At this point, you can create additional VXLAN networks same as above for your network scope requirement as shown in figure 21H below.

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Figure 21H. Configuring VXLAN networking.

 Now that you have configured your VXLAN networks, you can add an Ethernet adapter to your VMs and select a network connection. On your web client GUI, click on vCenter Home > Hosts and Clusters. Right click on a VM. From the drop-down window, click on Edit Settings... as shown in figure 22A below. Select New device > Network. Click Add.



Figure 22A. Adding VMs to VXLAN networks.

- 11. For the new network, select one of the virtual wires listed in the drop-down window as shown in figure 22B.
- 12. Select adapter type e.g. VMXNET3, click **OK** to complete setup. Refer to figure 22C below.

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▶ SCSI controller 0	LSI Logic SAS	
▶ ▶ CD/DVD drive 1 	Host Device 🗸 🗹 Connected	
Floppy drive 1	Client Device	
▶ 🛄 Video card	Specify custom settings	
WCI device		
 Other Devices 		
▶ Upgrade	Schedule VM Compatibility Upgrade	
👻 📷 New Network	Chariot_VM_Mgmnt	
Status	vxw-dvs-161-virtualwire-1-sid-5000-Ter	
Adapter Type	vxw-dvs-161-virtualwire-2-sid-5001-Ter	
MAC Address	vxw-dvs-161-virtualwire-3-sid-5002-Ter	
	vxw-vmknicPg-dvs-161-2000-8e9004bl -	
New device:	Metwork 💌 Add	
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Figure 22B. Adding VMs to VXLAN networks.

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SCSI controller 0	LSI Logic SAS	
OD/DVD drive 1	Host Device 🗸 🗹 Connected	
Floppy drive 1	Client Device	
Video card	Specify custom settings	
WMCI device		
 Other Devices 		
 Upgrade 	Schedule VM Compatibility Upgrade	
🖻 🎫 New Network	vxw-dvs-161-virtualwire-1-sid	
Status	Connect At Power On	
Port ID		
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MAC Address	Automatic 👻)
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Figure 22C. Adding VMs to VXLAN networks.

- 13. From Home, click on **Networking**, dvSwitch. Choose **Manage > Settings > Topology** to confirm your VXLAN setup. In Figure 22D, dvSwitch_VXLAN_Net virtual distributed switch is selected for this configuration example.
- 14. Figure 22D below, depicts dvSwitch1_VXLAN_Net virtual distributed switch and TMEVCS Topology. DvSwitch1_VXLAN-DVUplinks listed include vmnic6 and vmnic7 on Host 221 and vmnic6 and vmnic7 on Host 222, which are Emulex OneConnect OCe14000 network adapters used for uplinks to the physical network.



Figure 22D. VXLAN networking configuration.

8.0 Adding Physical Adapters for VXLAN Networking

 To add OCe14000 network adapters as physical adapters to your ESX host to participate in VXLAN networking, from Host and Clusters, select a Host e.g. Host 221 shown in 23A. Choose Manage, Networking, click on Add Host Networking icon under physical adapters:



Figure 23A. Adding OCe14000 physical adapters.

2. For connection type, select Physical Network Adapter. Click Next.



Figure 23B. Adding OCe14000 physical adapters.

3. For VXLAN traffic, select previously configured VDS switch. Click **OK**.

10.192.32.221 - Add Networkin	g			?
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3 Add physical network adapter 4 Ready to complete	Select an existing Select Sv Select as Select as network a	switch vitch standard or distributed switc adapters.	(x) to which to add physical	
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			Back Next	Finish Cancel

Figure 23C. Adding OCe14000 physical adapter.

4. Click + icon to add physical network adapter to an uplink port.

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 1 Select connection type 2 Select target device Add physical network 	Add physical network adapter Assign physical network adapters to the switch.		
 adapter 4 Ready to complete 	Uplink ports: Uplink Port Uplink Port dvUplink1 (no adapter) dvUplink2 (no adapter) dvUplink3 (no adapter) dvUplink4 (no adapter)	Select a physical network adapter from the lists to view its details.	
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Figure 23D. Adding OCe14000 physical adapter to uplink port.

5. Select Uplink dvUPlink1, vmnic6 is an OCe14000 adapter port. Click OK. Click Next.

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 1 Select connection type 2 Select target device 3 Add physical network adapter 4 Ready to complete 	Add physical network adapter Assign Physical Adapter to the Switch Image: Comparison of the Switch Uplink: dvUplink1 Network adapter: Image: Comparison of the Switch Image: Vmnic2 Image: Adapter Image: Vmnic3 Image: Adapter Image: Vmnic6 Image: Comparison of the Switch Image: Vmnic6 Image: Comparison of the Switch Image: Vmnic6 Image: Comparison of the Switch of the	apter from th	e lists to view	
	OK Cancel	ļ		
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Figure 23E. Adding OCe14000 physical adapter to uplink port.

6. Confirm and click **Finish** to complete setup.

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 1 Select connection type 2 Select type 	Ready to complete Review your settings selections befor	e finishing the wizard.		
 2 Select target device 3 Add physical network adapter 4 Ready to complete 	Distributed switch: Assigned adapters:	dvSwitch1_VXLAN_Net vmnic6		
			Back Next Finish Can	icel

Figure 23F. Adding OCe14000 physical adapter to uplink port.

Figure 23F. Adding OCe14000 physical adapter to uplink port.

9.0 Confirming Emulex OCe14000 VXLAN Offloads Enabled, Disabled

1. Typically, VXLAN offload is enabled by default in recent OCe14000 driver and firmware releases. However, if you need to confirm that the OCe14000 VXLAN offload is enabled, use a SSH client to log in to your ESX host. Confirm all vmnic interfaces for OCe14000 network adapters are valid using a web client or use **esxcli network nic list** command to show all adapters in the ESX host.

~ # esx	cli network nic	list							^
Name	PCI Device	Driver	Link	Speed	Duplex	MAC Address	MTU	Description	
	0000:006:00 0			1000		40:f2:e0:21:e1:ce	1500	Intel Corporation 1350 Gigabit Network Connection	
viuiic0	0000:006:00.0	igb	Πρ	1000	Full	40.f2.e9.21.a1.ch	1500	Intel Corporation 1350 Gigabit Network Connection	
vmnic2	0000:006:00.2	igh	Πρ	100	Full	40:f2:e9:21:a1:cc	1500	Intel Corporation 1350 Gigabit Network Connection	
vmnic3	0000:006:00.3	igh	Down	100	Half	40.f2.e9.21.a1.cd	1500	Intel Corporation 1350 Gigabit Network Connection	
vmnic4	0000:000:00.0	elvnet	Down		Half	40:f2:e9:18:20:a0	1500	Emuley Corporation OneConnect 10Gb NIC (be3)	
vmnic5	0000:00c:00.1	elwnet	Down		Half	40:f2:e9:18:20:a4	1500	Emulex Corporation OneConnect 10Gb NIC (be3)	
vmnic6	0000:090:00.1	elxnet	Up	10000	Full	00:90:fa:6c:02:e6	1600	Emulex Corporation Emulex OneConnect OCe14000 NIC	
vmnic7	0000:090:00.0	elxnet	Up	10000	Full	00:90:fa:6c:02:de	1500	Emulex Corporation Emulex OneConnect OCe14000 NIC	
vmnic8	0000:08b:00.0	elxnet	Down	0	Half	00:90:fa:6c:02:fe	1500	Emulex Corporation Emulex OneConnect OCe14000 NIC	
vmnic9	0000:08b:00.1	elxnet	Down	0	Half	00:90:fa:6c:03:06	1500	Emulex Corporation Emulex OneConnect OCe14000 NIC	
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Figure 24. Confirming OCe14000 VXLAN offloads enabled, disabled.

2. To confirm offload are enabled on each OCe14000 adapter, use the VMware VMkernel Sys info Shell (vsish) command: ~ # vsish –e get /net/pNics/vmnic6/stats | grep vxlan

3. Figure 25 illustrates use of vsish command to determine if VXLAN is enabled for OCe14000 adapters, vmnic6 and vmnic7 respectfully. If the offloads are enabled, you will see vxlan_offload: true status. Otherwise, if disabled you will see vxlan_offload: false status. However, unless it is disabled by choice the default mode is VXLAN enabled.

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~ # vsish -e get /net/pNics/vmnic6/stats grep vxlan	^
vxlan_offload: true	
vxlanUdpPort: 8472	
rxo0: vxlan_rx_pkts: 0	
rxo1: vxlan_rx_pkts: 0	
rxo2: vxlan_rx_pkts: 0	
rxo3: vxlan_rx_pkts: 0	
rxo4: vxlan_rx_pkts: 0	
rxo5: vxlan_rx_pkts: 0	
rxo6: vxlan_rx_pkts: 0	
rxo7: vxlan_rx_pkts: 0	
txo0: vxlan_tx_pkts: 0	
txo1: vxlan_tx_pkts: 0	
txo2: vxlan_tx_pkts: 0	
txo3: vxlan_tx_pkts: 0	
txo4: vxlan_tx_pkts: 0	
txo5: vxlan_tx_pkts: 0	
txo6: vxlan_tx_pkts: 0	
txo7: vxlan_tx_pkts: 0	
~ # vsish -e get /net/pNics/vmnic7/stats grep vxlan	
vxlan_offload: true	
vxlanUdpPort: 8472	
rxo0: vxlan_rx_pkts: 0	
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rxo2: vxlan_rx_pkts: 0	
rxo3: vxlan_rx_pkts: 0	
rxo4: vxlan_rx_pkts: 0	
rxo5: vxlan_rx_pkts: 0	
rxo6: vxlan_rx_pkts: 0	
rxo7: vxlan_rx_pkts: 0	
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Figure 25. Confirming OCe14000 VXLAN offloads enabled, disabled.

10.0 Conclusion

This paper provides the administrator with steps to configure Emulex OneConnect OCe14000 network adapters in a basic VXLAN network with clustered ESX hosts. VMware network virtualization solutions with Emulex network adapters can provide enterprises and cloud infrastructures with greater flexibility and control over their networks.

In addition, Emulex VNeX technology can increase network performance as well as reduce the burden of VXLAN packet processing by CPUs in ESX hosts. This provides ESX host more processing capability, improved CPU effectiveness and server power efficiency.

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