

Emulex[®] HBA Manager Application for Linux

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Purpose and Contact Information

These release notes describe the supported operating systems, new features, resolved issues, known issues, and technical tips associated with this release of the Emulex[®] HBA Manager application for Linux.

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NOTE: The Emulex OneCommand[™] Manager application has been renamed as the Emulex HBA Manager application. However, the following items within the application continue to use OneCommand:

- Kit names
- Script names
- Directory names
- Command names

Supported Operating Systems

This release supports the following operating systems:

- RHEL 7.7
- RHEL 7.8
- RHEL 7.9
- RHEL 8.1
- RHEL 8.2
- RHEL 8.3
- RHEL 8.4
- SLES 12 SP4
- SLES 12 SP5
- SLES 15 SP1
- SLES 15 SP2
- SLES 15 SP3

New Features

Support is added for the following operating systems:

- RHEL 8.4
- SLES 15 SP3

Resolved Issues

1. Management mode 5 (Strictly Local Management with Daemons Disabled) no longer fails during a silent installation.

Known Issues

1. Revision A of the FOIT AFCT-57F3TMZ-ELX (16GFC longwave optic transceiver) does not support D_Port (also called ClearLink®) for Brocade® switches and MDS for Cisco switches.
2. Neither Revision A nor Revision B of the FOIT AFCT-57F3TMZ-ELX (16GFC longwave optic transceiver) or AFCT-57G5MZ-ELX (32GFC longwave optic transceiver) supports D_Port for Brocade switches.
3. The Emulex HBA Manager application does not display updated driver parameters after a batch update.

Workaround

None.

4. Launching **Help > Contents** from the Emulex HBA Manager GUI in a Firefox browser results in an unresponsive page, and the help contents are not seen.

Workaround

Turn off the strict cross-origin policy (enabled by default) in the Firefox configuration by performing the following steps:

- a. Open a new tab and enter `about:config` in the address bar.
 - b. Search for the **strict_origin_policy** preference.
 - c. Toggle the **security.fileuri.strict_origin_policy** value to **false** (off).
 - d. Close the browser.
5. The online help in the 12.8.xxx.x release of the Emulex HBA Manager GUI is not up to date. Refer to the *Emulex HBA Manager Application User Guide* release 12.8 for up-to-date information about the following topics:
 - The correct illustration for adding a host
 - The instructions for installing the Emulex HBA Manager application without invoking a daemon
 - The description for the Function Summary area of the **Host Information** tab
 - The instructions for performing an immediate authentication
 - The procedures for managing firmware logging
 6. Updating the NVMe BFS installation from RHEL 8.1 to a later RHEL 8.x release requires the `rhel8u1_upgrade.sh` script, which ensures that the NVMe BFS setup is maintained through the update process.

The `rhel8u1_upgrade.sh` script is packaged in the `nvme-fc-dm--1.rhel8.tar.gz` kit inside the `elx-nvme-fc-dm-<build>-n.tar.gz` preinstallation kit. For more information about the preinstallation kit, refer to the *Emulex Boot for the Fibre Channel and NVMe over FC Protocols User Guide*.

Before you run the script, you must configure the `yum` repository for the new operating system. You can update the operating system at any time after you have run the script.

Technical Tips

1. If you change the volatile WWN on an LPe16000-series adapter, a reboot is required.
2. The Emulex HBA Manager application does not display the OS device name for LUNs that are attached to vPorts. In the **LUN Information** tab, under **Mapping Information**, the **OS Device Name** field displays **N/A** instead of the device name. All other information on the **LUN Information** tab is displayed correctly.
3. Creating Secure Management users and groups after the Emulex HBA Manager application is installed in Secure Management mode causes the GUI to fail.

If the Secure Management users and groups are created after the Emulex HBA Manager application has been installed in Secure Management mode, when you attempt to start the Emulex HBA Manager application GUI as a member of this group, the application does not run. The operating system displays the following error message:

```
-Bash: /usr/sbin/OneCommand Manager/OneCommand Manager: Permission denied
```

Workaround

Perform one of the following procedures:

- Create the users and groups before you install the Emulex HBA Manager application in Secure Management mode.
 - Uninstall and reinstall the Emulex HBA Manager application.
4. Secure Management mode on Linux systems requires Pluggable Authentication Module (PAM) authentication configuration on the host machine.

In Secure Management mode, a user is authenticated on the machine during the Emulex HBA Manager application GUI startup. The PAM interface manages this authentication.

Workaround

Configure the `/etc/pam.d/passwd` file authentication section or its earlier equivalent.

NOTE: Refer to the *Emulex HBA Manager Application User Guide* for additional information about Secure Management mode.

5. When you install the Emulex HBA Manager application on a guest operating system, answers to the installer prompts are ignored. When you install the Emulex HBA Manager application on a guest operating system, you are presented with management mode options (local only, full-management, read-only, and so on). Answers to these questions are ignored; all installations on guest operating systems are set to local only, read-only, and remote management.
6. Interference can occur with the Emulex HBA Manager application's ability to permanently change WWNs. Some newer adapters on some newer systems use techniques in the BIOS code at boot time to configure the adapter, such as the adapter WWN. In such cases, this might interfere with the Emulex HBA Manager application's ability to make permanent (nonvolatile) changes to the adapter's WWN.
7. On some RHEL systems, uninstalling the Red Hat `libhbaapi` RPM deletes entries in the `/etc/hba.conf` `hbaapi` configuration file, thereby disabling the Emulex HBA Manager `hbaapi` layer.

Workaround

Reinstall the Emulex HBA Manager application.

8. A permanent driver parameter change fails if the system is rebooted too soon. When you make permanent driver parameter changes using the Emulex HBA Manager application, the application automatically makes the required entry in the `/etc/modprobe.conf` or equivalent file. Because the driver loads so early in the Linux machine boot sequence, the new contents of the `/etc/modprobe.conf` file must be reinserted into the Linux system `initrd` file (using the `mkinitrd` utility) for the driver to pick up the new driver parameter value on the

next boot. Failure to generate a new `initrd` file prevents the driver from retrieving the new driver parameter value on subsequent driver loads (machine boots). The Emulex HBA Manager application automatically does this for you (re-creates `initrd` using the `mkinit` function); however, it can take as long as 45 to 60 seconds after the driver parameter is changed for a complete `initrd` rebuild. If you reboot the machine immediately after the driver parameter change is made, the automatic re-creation of the `initrd` file by the Emulex HBA Manager application might fail to complete. In these cases, this failure causes the driver to not obtain the new driver parameter value upon subsequent reboots.

Workaround

Wait a minimum of 45 to 60 seconds after making the driver parameter change before rebooting the machine.

9. Newly added LUNs on a storage array might not appear on the host machine Linux operating system or the Emulex HBA Manager application.

Workaround

Do one of the following:

- Run the following script from the command shell:

```
/usr/sbin/lpfc/lun_scan all
```
- Reboot the host machine after the LUN has been added at the target array.

10. A set link speed issue occurs after an SFP hot swap.

LPe16000-series adapters do not support an SFP hot swap if the replacement SFP is not the same model as the original SFP. Two consequences occur in the Emulex HBA Manager application:

- The **Port Attributes** tab in the Emulex HBA Manager application or the Emulex HBA Manager `PortAttributes` CLI command might display incorrect data for the **Supported Link Speeds** attribute. This issue is cosmetic.
- Boot from SAN Management might be unable to set the Boot Code Link Speed parameter to 16Gb/s.

Workaround

After changing the SFP, either reset the LPe16000 port or reboot the server.

11. A dump command on a boot from SAN adapter might cause a system panic.

When the Emulex HBA Manager application performs a dump of an adapter that is booting from a SAN and has no failover support, the operating system crashes when the adapter is taken offline to perform the boot and write the dump file to the host file system. The file system is unavailable because the adapter was taken offline.

Workaround

Before performing a dump of an adapter, ensure that the desired adapter is not a boot from SAN adapter. Alternatively, provide failover support so when the adapter is taken offline to perform the dump, the boot from SAN connection is maintained by the failover.

12. The `elxhbmgrd` daemon can take up to 30 seconds to stop.

The behavior of the `elxhbmgrd` daemon is linked with the maximum timeout that the Linux kernel associates with the block BSG driver interface commands and with the Emulex HBA Manager application register for events function.

13. When using an Internet Explorer 11 browser, navigating to the **Index** or **Search** pages in the online help results in those pages being blank.

Workaround

Click **Contents** and refresh the browser, or load the help URL in a different browser.

14. When using Secure Management, if you belong to the `ocmadmin` group, you might be unable to change settings for remote adapters.

Workaround

Switch to Full Management when changing the settings on a remote adapter.

15. If the CLI (HBACMD) is used to perform a firmware download to a local adapter, and the Emulex HBA Manager GUI is running while that firmware download is occurring, the Emulex HBA Manager GUI might experience problems displaying information on various display tabs after the download completes. The value displayed for most of the fields on the affected tabs or dialogs is N/A.

Workaround

Perform one of the following procedures:

- Perform the firmware download using the Emulex HBA Manager GUI instead of HBACMD.
 - After a firmware download has been performed by using HBACMD, if N/A is shown for most of the Emulex HBA Manager GUI display fields, exit the GUI, and then restart it. The fields are displayed correctly after performing this action.
 - Ensure that the Emulex HBA Manager GUI is stopped or is not running prior to performing a firmware download using HBACMD.
16. To view online help using the Google Chrome browser, you must disable Chrome's security check using the `--allow-file-access-from-files` option:
- a. Create a copy of the Chrome shortcut on the desktop, and rename it to RH Chrome L.
 - b. Right-click the new **Chrome** icon and select **Properties**.
 - c. Add the `--allow-file-access-from-files` text to the end of the path appearing in the target. You must leave a space between the original string and the tag that you are adding.
 - d. Click **OK** to save your settings. Close any open instances of Chrome.
 - e. To open a local copy of the online help, either use the new shortcut to open Chrome, and then press **Ctrl+Open** and browse to the start page, or open Chrome with the new shortcut, and then right-click the start page and click **Open With > Google Chrome**.
17. The Emulex HBA Manager application GUI might not appear to display the adapter's next boot configuration for all available ports when a remote management console is being used; for example, integrated Lights Out (iLO), integrated Dell Remote Access Controller (iDRAC), and Interactive Media Manager (IMM).
- The size of the screen provided by these management modules might not be big enough for the Emulex HBA Manager application window to fully display all the GUI components and information under the **Adapter Configuration** tab. Readjust the size of the Emulex HBA Manager application GUI window for all of the GUI scroll bars under the **Adapter Configuration** tab to become visible. You can also decrease the width of the **Discovery-Tree** panel.
18. LPe31000-series and LPe32000-series adapters might experience a link-down condition after running a cable link diagnostics test when they are connected to Brocade switches running FOS versions prior to v8.1.2.

Workaround

Manually reset the switch port using the `portdporttest --exit` command.

19. Dynamic D_Port is enabled by default and cannot be simultaneously enabled with FA-PWWN or DH-CHAP.

Workaround

Disable Dynamic D_Port before enabling FA-PWWN or DH-CHAP.

20. Dynamic D_Port cannot coexist with the trunking feature on LPe35000-series adapters. If trunking is enabled, the firmware automatically disables Dynamic D_Port.

21. On SLES 12 SP4, initiating a firmware dump might result in an error message similar to the following:

```
error: Invalid argument [arc/elx_lpe_35000_pci_device.app:TriggerFWDumps:510]
Consider adding "iomem-relaxed" to grub cfg kernel commandline.
[0x1000000090fa9483a2], [host8] [0000:01:00.0] Failed to trigger firmware dump.
```

If this message appears, do the following:

a. Add the following kernel command line to the host grub configuration file:

```
iomem=relaxed
```

b. Reboot the host.

c. Repeat the process to initiate a firmware dump.

22. Resetting or disabling HBA ports turns off beaconing.

Workaround

Enable beaconing after resetting or disabling HBA ports.

23. Loopback tests attempt to run without a loopback connector on trunked ports if the loopback connector was removed after running a previous loopback test.

Workaround

Ensure that a loopback connector is installed on the trunked port before running loopback tests.

24. Enabling and disabling an FA-PWWN might cause an adapter port's WWPN to change. The Emulex HBA Manager application discovery tree might not display the port's newly assigned WWPN.

Workaround

Stop and restart the Emulex HBA Manager application services and daemons when prompted by the Emulex HBA Manager application.

25. Brocade switches that use Fabric OS® (FOS) version 8.2.1B and earlier might encounter the following issues with DH-CHAP authentication:

- You might not be able to configure the secret pair between the switch and the HBA.
- When authentication is enabled on the switch, and authentication is disabled on the HBA, the switch disables the port, but it does not issue the expected status messages.
- The Brocade switch authenticates the HBA port when authentication is disabled on the switch or when a frame is dropped.

26. On Linux hosts that are running kernel version 4.15 or earlier, an incorrect port speed can be reported by the Emulex HBA Manager GUI and CLI if trunking is enabled on the adapter.

Workaround

None.

27. The Emulex HBA Manager GUI cannot be used to set a hash priority to a single value on an HBA port.

Workaround

Use the CLI to set a hash priority to a single value on the HBA port. Ensure that the same hash priority value is set on the switch or authentication will fail.

28. Boot from SAN is not supported if FC-SP-2 authentication (DH-CHAP) is enabled.

29. On Linux passthrough-only systems, the HBACMD `listhba` command might be slow to respond when adapters are attached to VMs.

Workaround

None.

30. Using the Brocade `Portdportttest` command with the `stop` option causes the HBA to stop responding when running D_Port from the switch. Disabling a port while running D_Port tests from the switch can cause the switch port to get stuck in D_Port mode.

Workaround

Do not stop D_Port tests while they are running from the switch. Do not disable a port while D_Port tests are running from the switch.

If the HBA stops responding, remove the D_Port configuration from the switch port using the `portdisable p#`; `portcfgdport --disable p#`; `portenable p#` commands. Refer to the Brocade switch documentation for more information.

If the switch port is stuck in D_Port mode, use the `Portdportttest --exit` command to clear the configuration.

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