Pillar AxiomONE™ Path Manager 3.0

Installation Guide and Release Notes

for SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11
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Preface

Related Documentation

Refer to the following related documents:

- *Pillar Axiom Customer Release Notes*: Includes late-breaking important information about the installation and operation of the Pillar Axiom system.

- *Pillar Axiom Administrator’s Guide*: Provides detailed information on creating and managing storage resources.

- *AxiomONE CLI Reference Guide* (for AxiomONE CLI) or *CLI Reference Guide* (for pdscli): Provides detailed information about functions available in the Pillar Axiom command line interfaces (CLIs).

Access Documentation

Pillar Data Systems technical documentation (including installation, service, cabling, integration, and administration guides) are available from several sources.

**Pillar Axiom GUI**  After logging in to the AxiomONE Storage Services Manager on the Pilot, navigate to **Support > Documentation** and click on the document of interest.


After logging in to the website, click on **Documents** in the left navigation pane, and then click the appropriate category in the expanded list. Click on the document of interest.

**Product CD-ROM**  Insert the Technical Documentation CD-ROM that came with your Pillar Axiom Storage System into the CD player in a computer. Open the DocMenu PDF and click on the document of interest.
Tip: To search all technical documents on the CD-ROM, click the Search all PDFs icon in the top right corner. In the Search dialog, enter the word or phrase for which you would like to search.

Pillar Contacts

Table 1 Contacts at Pillar Data Systems

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>For help with...</th>
<th>Contact...</th>
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</table>
| Error messages, usage questions, and other support issues | US and Canada: 877-4PILLAR (1-877-474-5527)  
Europe: +800 PILLAR FS (+800 74 55 27 37)  
Asia Pacific: +1-408-518-4515  
South Africa: +0 800 980 400  
Have your system serial number ready.  
support@pillardata.com  
Pillar Customer Support (http://www.pillardata.com/about/customer-login) |
| Training (custom or packaged)                         | Training and Education (http://www.pillardata.com/support-education/training/) |
| Professional services and inquiries                   | globalsolutions@pillardata.com  
Global Solutions (http://www.pillardata.com/support/professional-services/) |
| Sales and general contact information                 | Company contacts (http://www.pillardata.com/company/contact)                 |
| Documentation improvements and resources              | docs@pillardata.com  
Technical documents (http://www.pillardata.com/techdocs) (Log in with your username and password, and select Documents.) |
# Typographical Conventions

**Table 2 Typography to mark certain content**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Convention</th>
<th>Meaning</th>
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| *italics*  | Within normal text, words in italics indicate:  
  - New terms and emphasized words.  
  - Command variables. |
| monospace  | Indicates one of the following, depending on the context:  
  - The name of a file or the path to the file.  
  - *Output* displayed by the system on the command line. |
| monospace  | *Input* provided by an administrator on the command line.  
  (bold) |
| >          | Indicates a menu item or a navigation path in a graphical user interface (GUI). For example, “Click *Storage* > *Clone LUNs*” means to click the *Clone LUNs* link on the *Storage* page in the graphical user interface (GUI). |
| ...        | Used within an expression of a navigation path or within a cascading menu structure. The ellipsis indicates that one or more steps have been omitted from the path or menu structure. For example, in the *Groups* > *Volume Groups* > *Actions* > ... > *Data Protection* > *Create* menu structure, the ... implies that one or more menu items have been omitted. |
Chapter 1 Introduction to AxiomONE Path Manager

About AxiomONE Path Manager

The information in this document is for system administrators who want to use the AxiomONE Path Manager (APM) for SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 (SLES 11) Service Pack 1 software on a SAN host running SLES 11 on x86 and x86–64 platforms.

This document describes how to install and configure the APM for SLES 11 software.

This APM release requires release 3.5 or higher of the Pillar Axiom software.

Note: If you are updating your Pillar Axiom software, complete that update before installing the APM software on the SAN host.

This release supports both Fibre Channel (FC) and iSCSI Slammers. You can connect your host to FC or iSCSI ports on Slammers, and you can connect your host through iSCSI-to-FC routers to FC ports on Slammers.

You can connect your host to switches in an FC fabric using 2, 4, or 8 Gb/s FC HBAs or 10 Gb/s FC over Ethernet (FCoE) converged network adapters (CNAs).
AxiomONE Path Manager 3.0 Features

AxiomONE Path Manager (APM) is defined as:

Optional software installed on a storage area network (SAN) host to manage multiple paths to the Pillar Axiom system.

APM performs the following primary functions:

- Routes I/O to Pillar Axiom LUNs using only the best available data paths.
- Shares traffic among the available paths and ensures that access to the LUNs is not interrupted if some paths fail.
- Automatically configures the host into the AxiomONE Storage Services Manager and updates the configuration if the host information changes.

The function described in the last bullet enables the AxiomONE Storage Services Manager to report information about APM running on the host, such as the number of working paths, and, in some environments, to configure features such as load balancing.

Each APM release provides different features, and the features provided for each platform may vary. The following table describes the specific features implemented in this release.

Table 3 APM 3.0 for SLES 11 features

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Feature</th>
<th>Benefit</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Automatic data path failover</td>
<td>Automatically switches to the most suitable paths available after a path failure or fail back.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Automatic recognition of SAN hosts by the AxiomONE Storage Services Manager</td>
<td>Sends a description of the host to each Pilot management controller on connected Pillar Axiom systems, allowing the AxiomONE Storage Services Manager to create a definition for the host. This definition includes such information as the WWNs for each of the host's Fibre Channel ports, and the version of APM running on the host.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Call-Home log collection</td>
<td>When a Pillar Axiom administrator uses the AxiomONE Storage Services Manager to collect system information (refer to the Pillar Axiom Administrator’s Guide for details), the Pillar Axiom system sends a request to each connected APM host. The APM hosts collect useful diagnostic information and send it to the Pillar Axiom system, where it</td>
</tr>
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</table>
Table 3 APM 3.0 for SLES 11 features (continued)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Feature</th>
<th>Benefit</th>
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</table>
|                                              | is bundled with any other requested information. The Pillar Axiom system can then transmit this information to the Pillar World Wide Customer Support Center. The information collected from each APM host includes:  
  ● Logs from the APM components.  
  ● Configuration and status information from the operating system.  
  ● System and error logs from the operating system. No customer data is transmitted. |
| Support for FC connections to FC Slammers    | Makes connections to Pillar Axiom storage arrays over high-speed FC network infrastructure. |
| Support for iSCSI connections to both FC and iSCSI Slammers | Makes connections to Pillar Axiom storage arrays over long distances using IP network infrastructure.  
  **Note:** iSCSI connections to FC Slammers require iSCSI-to-FC routers. |
| Support for FC clustering                    | Makes connections to clustered systems operating in an FC-based SAN using the SUSE Linux Enterprise High Availability Extension. |
| Support for Boot from SAN                    | Supports using a Pillar Axiom LUN on a Fibre Channel SAN as a boot disk. Booting from a Pillar Axiom LUN on an iSCSI SAN is not supported in this release. |
| FCoE CNAs                                     | Fibre Channel over Ethernet (FCoE) Converged Network Adapters (CNAs) are supported on the host. |
| Support for virtualization                   | APM supports the Xen or KVM hypervisor included in the SLES 11 distribution. |
| Support for static load balancing            | Both static and round-robin load balancing options are supported. |
| Combo LUNs                                   | Simultaneous LUN access to a host through both iSCSI and FC is supported. |
About Boot from SAN

AxiomONE Path Manager (APM) supports using a Pillar AxiomLUN on a Fibre Channel (FC) SAN as a boot disk.

Booting from a Pillar AxiomLUN on an iSCSI SAN is not supported in this release.

If you are using a Pillar AxiomLUN on an FC SAN as a boot disk, you must install the required Novell patches for SLES 11 SP1. See Required SLES 11 SP1 Patches.

A kernel upgrade from the default 2.6.32.12-0.7 kernel to the new 2.6.32.27-0.2 kernel is available. For boot from SAN systems, we recommend that you avoid upgrading the kernel, if possible.

**Important!** If you upgrade the SLES 11 kernel, you will need to follow additional instructions to modify your system settings and rebuild the new kernel for it to work with your boot from SAN system. Contact Novell Customer Support for these instructions.
About AxiomONE Path Manager and Clustering

The AxiomONE Path Manager (APM) for SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 (SLES 11) can be used in a clustered environment that uses Fibre Channel connections.

About AxiomONE Path Manager and Hypervisors

AxiomONE Path Manager (APM) supports the Xen or KVM hypervisor, open source virtual machine monitors included with the SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 (SLES 11) distribution, on both x86-32 and x86-64 platforms.

You can install APM on a SLES 11 host configured as a Xen or KVM hypervisor host. Guest operating systems can access multi-pathed Pillar Axiom LUNs that are mapped to the hypervisor host in the same way that these systems access other disks. For example, these LUNs can be used to hold file-based containers, which can then be exposed to the guest operating systems, or the guest operating systems can access the LUNs as persistent storage disks.

Guest operating systems can also use iSCSI software initiators to connect to Pillar Axiom systems and to access LUNs. In this case, APM maps the LUNs directly to the guest operating system. If the guest operating system has a version of APM that supports iSCSI, this version of APM can be installed on the guest and used to manage multiple iSCSI paths to the Pillar Axiom LUNs in the same way as APM would be used on a physical host.

AxiomONE Path Manager Architecture

AxiomONE Path Manager (APM) manages the Linux multipath framework and communicates with Pillar Axiom servers on a control path, which is separate from the data path. The Linux multipath framework manages the LUN data access paths themselves.

Figure 1: APM interaction with a Pillar Axiom server illustrates how the APM software installed on a storage area network (SAN) host interacts with a Pillar Axiom system. Refer to the table below to determine the significance of the lines and colors in the figure.

Table 4 Line and color key for APM interaction diagram

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Graphic element</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>______</td>
<td>Data path</td>
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<td>______</td>
<td>Control path</td>
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<td><img src="image" alt="Pillar-supplied" /></td>
<td>Pillar-supplied hardware and software</td>
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<td><img src="image" alt="Non-Pillar" /></td>
<td>Non-Pillar hardware and software</td>
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<td><img src="image" alt="SAN host kernel space" /></td>
<td>SAN host kernel space</td>
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<td><img src="image" alt="SAN host user space" /></td>
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Chapter 1 Introduction to AxiomONE Path Manager

Figure 1 APM interaction with a Pillar Axiom server

Legend

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Number</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>User</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>User application</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>SAN host</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>APM daemon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Control paths (all dashed lines)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Pillar Axiom administrator</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Pillar Axiom command line interface (CLI) or graphical user interface (GUI)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>Encrypted XML over TCP/IP</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>Network card</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>Linux multipath framework</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>iSCSI software initiator (iSCSI)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>TCP/IP driver (iSCSI)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>HBA driver (FC) or NIC driver (iSCSI)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14</td>
<td>HBA (FC) or NIC (iSCSI)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>SCSI over Fibre Channel (FC) or iSCSI over IP (iSCSI)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16</td>
<td>Data path (all solid lines)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17</td>
<td>Pillar Axiom server</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18</td>
<td>Brick storage enclosure pool</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
About the AxiomONE Path Manager Control Path

The AxiomONE Path Manager (APM) control path provides a path separate from the data path to manage multipathing and communication.

The APM software uses a daemon running in the background to control multipathing and communication. The APM daemon uses the control path to:

- Get information from the Pilot management controller, such as the load balancing algorithm for each LUN.
- Get Fibre Channel (FC) and Internet Small Computer System Interface (iSCSI) port information from the host bus adapter (HBA) and consolidated network adapter (CNA) drivers, and from the iSCSI Software Initiator.
- Configure the Linux multipath framework.
- Send information such as host attributes and statistics to the Pilot management controller, and collect logs from the host on request.

The APM daemon sends a description of the host to the Pilot on each connected Pillar Axiom system. This description creates a definition for the host in the AxiomONE Storage Services Manager. The definition includes any FC ports in the host, and the name of the host's iSCSI initiator, if iSCSI is configured. The graphical user interface (GUI) and command line interface (CLI) list the port World Wide Names (WWNs) of the FC ports in the host and the Internet Protocol (IP) addresses that are used to make iSCSI connections to the Pillar Axiom system.

To establish the control path to a Pillar Axiom host, that host must be able to connect to the Pillar Axiom system over the data path. The Slammer returns the IP address of its Pilot to the APM host over the data path as part of the connection sequence.

If you use iSCSI on the host to connect to a FC Slammer storage controller through an iSCSI-to-FC router, these connections are described as FC. The connections will appear to originate from the FC ports that are assigned on the switch to the host's iSCSI initiator. The WWNs of these ports are displayed as Fibre Channel HBA ports on the host. The HBA model associated with these ports is reported as iSCSI-FC router.
About the AxiomONE Path Manager Data Path

AxiomONE Path Manager (APM) uses the Linux multipath framework (device-mapper and multipath-tools) to provide paths for reading and writing data to LUNs on the Pillar Axiom system. APM includes plug-in modules for the Linux multipath-tools. These plug-ins enhance the functionality of the multipath framework when managing Pillar Axiom LUNs.

See Figure 1 for an illustration of how data flows from the host to the Pillar Axiom system.

The Linux multipath framework:

- Controls and manages all data paths to Pillar Axiom LUNs.
- Groups multiple data paths to a Pillar Axiom LUN and presents this group to the operating system as a single LUN or drive.
- Identifies and uses optimized data paths when possible. An optimized path provides the best performance and is the preferred path for data transfer.
- Determines which data paths to use.
- Handles data path failover.
- Manages data path errors.

About Multipathing and Device Mapper Automation

AxiomONE Path Manager (APM) uses the standard Linux 2.6 device-mapper functionality to provide multipathing services. APM consists of a daemon that monitors the state of the device-mapper and communicates with the Pillar Axiom software. APM presents the multipathed LUNs as virtual block devices in the Linux 2.6 device-mapper framework.

Note: You can use device-mapper and multipath-tools for many purposes other than managing multipathing for Pillar Axiom systems.

In addition, APM provides installation and start up scripts that automate several of the manual integration and configuration tasks usually required by device-mapper. The automation includes:

- Correcting functional deficiencies in the HBA driver installers.
• Bringing partitions on multipath devices online automatically.
• Reordering startup scripts for optimum operation.

Note: To determine how the Linux startup scripts have been altered, refer to the comments in the /etc/init.d/axiompmd file.
Supported SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 Distributions

AxiomONE Path Manager (APM) is supported on SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 (SLES 11) Service Pack 1 (SP1) platforms.

APM supports SLES 11 SP1 distributions for the following architectures:

- x86-32 (32-bit x86 platforms)
- x86-64 (64-bit AMD and Intel platforms)

To determine the hardware platform on which your distribution is running, run the following command:

```
# uname -i
```

Compare the output of this command with the information in the following table.

**Table 5 Supported hardware platforms**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Hardware platform</th>
<th>Output from <code>uname -i</code></th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>x86</td>
<td>i386</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AMD64/Intel EM64T</td>
<td>x86_64</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

To determine the Linux kernel installed on your system, run the following command:

```
# uname -r
```

Verify that the kernel identifier in the output of this command begins with the following value:

```
2.6.32.12-0.7
```
Required SLES 11 SP1 Patches

The following SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 (SLES 11) SP 1 patches, available as program temporary fix (PTF) packages from Novell Customer Support, are mandatory for running AxiomONE Path Manager (APM) 3.0 for SLES 11:

- kpartx-0.4.8-40.25.1.2523.3.PTF.665289.*.rpm
- multipath-tools-0.4.8-40.25.1.2523.3.PTF.665289.*.rpm

Note: * = x86_64 or i586, depending on your platform.

You will need a Novell support contract to obtain these patches, and you will need to request these specific PTF packages from Novell Customer Support.

- Use the zypper up command to install these patches.
- Use the zypper li to list all updates to the SLES 11 operating system, including any additional patches made available after publication of this Installation Guide.
Operating Limits

AxiomONE Path Manager (APM) provides access over multiple data paths to LUNs defined on a Pillar Axiom system. APM, the device-mapper, Linux, and the Pillar Axiom software limit the following aspects of this access.

Table 6 APM operating limits

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>APM capabilities</th>
<th>Maximum value</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Target Pillar Axiom systems</td>
<td>Eight for each SAN host</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Connect to SAN Slammer storage controllers</td>
<td>Four for each Pillar Axiom system</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Connect to LUNs</td>
<td>256</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Handle data paths</td>
<td>32 to each LUN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Handle FC HBA ports</td>
<td>32 for each SAN host</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The Linux device-mapper has a limitation of 1024 paths to all devices, including Pillar Axiom LUNs. If you use the maximum of 256 LUNs, you will have a maximum of four paths to each LUN.

Important! Not all combinations of the limits shown have been tested. Use care when operating a system that has been configured to run at or near these limits. The system may exhibit anomalies when all limits are exercised concurrently.
CHAPTER 2

Install AxiomONE Path Manager

Prepare to Install the AxiomONE Path Manager

To ensure a successful installation of AxiomONE Path Manager (APM), perform the following tasks in sequence:

1 Read AxiomONE Path Manager Release Notes.

2 Ensure that the Pillar Axiom system is running release 3.5 or higher of the Pillar Axiom software.

3 If you are using Fibre Channel (FC) connections, verify that your FC storage area network (SAN) components and host bus adapters (HBAs) are supported. See: Supported Fibre Channel SAN Hardware Components.

4 If you are using FC connections, confirm that your HBAs are installed according to our instructions.

See one of:
- Install Emulex Host Bus Adapters and Drivers
- Install QLogic Host Bus Adapters and Drivers
- Supported Brocade Host Bus Adapters and Drivers

5 If you are using Internet Small Computer System Interface (iSCSI) connections, verify that your network is configured for iSCSI multipathing, and that you have configured the iSCSI software initiator correctly.

See About Network Configuration for iSCSI Multipathing, Configure the iSCSI Initiator, and Start the iSCSI Software Initiator Service.

6 If you are using iSCSI connections, confirm that any iSCSI-to-FC routers and IP switches you have installed are supported.

See Supported iSCSI Routers and Switches.

7 Pre-Configure the SAN Host for Pillar Axiom Integration.

8 Verify Installation of the Device Mapper.
Supported SAN Protocols

AxiomONE Path Manager (APM) 3.0 supports Fibre Channel (FC) and software-based Internet Small Computer System Interface (iSCSI) connections to the Pillar Axiom system.

Supported Fibre Channel SAN Hardware Components

AxiomONE Path Manager (APM) supports a variety of Fibre Channel (FC) host bus adapters (HBAs), converged network adapters (CNAs), and storage area network (SAN) routers and switches.

Approved HBAs and switches that are compatible with the Pillar Axiom system are listed in:

- Supported Emulex Host Bus Adapters and Drivers
- Supported QLogic Host Bus Adapters and Drivers
- Supported Brocade Host Bus Adapters and Drivers
- Supported Fibre Channel and Fibre Channel over Ethernet Switches

Supported Fibre Channel Topologies

AxiomONE Path Manager (APM) supports the Point-to-Point (FC-P2P) and Switched Fabric (FC-SW) topologies. APM does not support Arbitrated Loop (FC-AL).

Maximum Queue Depth

The recommended maximum queue depth for all SAN hosts attached to a Pillar Axiom system is 64. This value is the maximum number of outstanding I/O requests to the Pillar Axiom system. Exceeding the maximum I/O queue depth may cause errors.
This value is typically set in the BIOS or similar firmware configuration of the HBA on the SAN host. Consult your HBA documentation for the setting that controls the maximum I/O queue depth for your HBA and for configuration instructions.

Supported Emulex Host Bus Adapters and Drivers

AxiomONE Path Manager (APM) supports the following Emulex Fibre Channel (FC) host bus adapters (HBAs) and HBA drivers:

- LP10000
- LP10000DC
- LP10000ExDC-E
- LP11000
- LP11002
- LPe11000
- LPe11002
- LPe11004
- LPe12000
- LPe12002
- LPe12004

APM also supports the following Emulex FC over Ethernet (FCoE) converged network adapter (CNA):

OCe10102–F

Note: This FCoE CNA can also be used concurrently as an Ethernet network interface controller (NIC).

Note: Refer to the Emulex website for requirements for the OCe10102–F FCoE CNA.

The above HBAs and CNA require the Emulex 0:8.3.5.25 driver and HBA API.

Recommended Settings for Emulex Host Bus Adapters

We recommend the following settings for Emulex host bus adapters (HBAs):

Table 7 Emulex HBA settings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>HBA settings</th>
<th>value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Max Queue Depth (lpfc_lun_queue_depth)</td>
<td>64</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 7 Emulex HBA settings (continued)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>HBA settings</th>
<th>value</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>lpfc_nodev_tmo</td>
<td>60</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>lpfc_devloss_tmo</td>
<td>60</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>lpfc_cr_count</td>
<td>60</td>
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</table>

Note: You can use the Emulex HBAnyware utility to set the parameters. Refer to the Emulex documentation for details. Download the HBAnyware utility and documentation from the Emulex website (http://www.emulex.com/downloads/emulex/cnas-and-hbas/drivers/linux/sles-11-spx-linux-oob-ent.html)

Install Emulex Host Bus Adapters and Drivers

To ensure compatibility between AxiomONE Path Manager (APM) and your Emulex host bus adapters (HBAs) or converged network adapters (CNAs), be sure to follow the instructions in this section for installing the supported Emulex HBAs and drivers.

1. Install Emulex HBAs and CNAs according to the instructions at the Emulex support download page (currently http://www.emulex.com/downloads).

2. Verify that you have the Emulex version 8.3.5.25 driver installed.
   To determine your driver version, run the following command:
   ```bash
   modinfo -F version lpfc
   ```
   If the driver version returned does not match the supported version, download the driver from the Emulex CNAs and HBAs page (http://www.emulex.com/downloads/emulex/cnas-and-hbas/drivers/linux/sles-11-spx-linux-oob-ent.html), and follow the Emulex instructions for installing the driver.

   Follow the Emulex instructions for installing the application kit.

4. Use the HBA management utility to set the HBA settings to the recommended values.
See Table 7: Emulex HBA settings.

5 If you have replaced the driver, or made any modifications to the driver configuration file, rebuild the kernel to ensure that any changes to the driver are picked up.

Use the following command:

```
# /sbin/mkinitrd
```

### Supported QLogic Host Bus Adapters and Drivers

The AxiomONE Path Manager (APM) software supports the following QLogic Fibre Channel (FC) host bus adapters (HBAs) on x86-32 and x86-64 platforms:

- QLA2310F, QLA2310FL
- QLA2340, QLA2340L
- QLA2342, QLA2342L
- QLA2344
- QLA2460
- QLA2462
- QLE2460
- QLE2462
- QLE2464
- QLE2560
- QLE2562
- QLE2564

APM also supports the following FC over Ethernet (FCoE) converged network adapters (CNAs):

- QLE8150
- QLE8152

**Note:** These FCoE CNAs can also be used concurrently as Ethernet network interface controllers (NICs).

The above HBAs and CNAs require QLogic driver version 8.03.01.06.11.1-k8 (comes with the Linux distribution) or later. In addition, the HBA API libraries for this driver are required. Download the SNIA API for Linux Drivers libraries from the QLogic [Driver Downloads/Documentation page](http://driverdownloads.qlogic.com/QLogicDriverDownloads_UI) for your hardware platform.
Recommended Settings for QLogic Host Bus Adapters

We recommend the following settings for QLogic host bus adapters (HBAs):

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>HBA setting</th>
<th>Recommended value</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Link Down Timeout</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Execution Throttle</td>
<td>64</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LUNs per Target</td>
<td>256</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Port Down Retry Count</td>
<td>45</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Max Queue Depth (ql2xmaxqdepth)</td>
<td>64</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Install QLogic Host Bus Adapters and Drivers

To ensure compatibility between AxiomONE Path Manager (APM) and your QLogic host bus adapters (HBAs), be sure to follow the instructions in this section for installing the supported QLogic HBAs and drivers.

1. Install QLogic HBAs according to the instructions at the QLogic support download page (currently http://support.qlogic.com/support).

2. Verify that you have the QLogic version driver installed.

   To determine your driver version, run the following command:
   
   ```bash
   modinfo -F version qla2xxx
   ```

   If the driver version returned does not match the supported version, download the SANSurfer Linux Driver Installer from the QLogic Driver Downloads/Documentation page (http://driverdownloads.qlogic.com/QLogicDriverDownloads_UI) for your hardware platform, and follow the QLogic instructions for installing the driver.

3. Download the QLogic HBA API libraries appropriate for your hardware platform, and follow the QLogic instructions for installing the libraries.

   The required HBA drivers are supplied as part of the SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 (SLES 11) operating system, but you must download
the latest SNIA API for Linux Drivers libraries, qlapi-v6.00build8-rel or later, from the QLogic Driver Downloads/Documentation page (http://driverdownloads.qlogic.com/QLogicDriverDownloads_UI) for your hardware platform. The HBA API libraries are required for the APM daemon to communicate with the Pillar Axiom system.

4 Download and install the SANSurfer CLI (optional).

If you have not already installed the SANSurfer CLI as part of the SANSurfer Linux Driver Installer package, download version 1.7.3 build 20 of the QLogic SANSurfer FC HBA CLI from the QLogic Driver Downloads/Documentation page (http://driverdownloads.qlogic.com/QLogicDriverDownloads_UI), and follow the QLogic installation instructions.

**Note:** If you use the SANSurfer CLI to change the settings in Steps 5 and 6, you will not need to rebuild the kernel for the changes to go into effect.

5 Set the HBA settings in the `/etc/modprobe.conf.local` configuration file to the recommended values.

See Table 8: QLogic HBA settings.

6 Disable QLogic’s multipathing to ensure recovery from path failures.

Ensure that the `/etc/modprobe.conf.local` file has the following settings:

```bash
options qla2xxx ql2xlogintimeout=60
qlport_down_retry=60 ql2xplogiabsentdevice=1
```

7 Rebuild the kernel to ensure that any changes to the driver are picked up.

Use the following command:

```
# /sbin/mkinitrd
```

**Note:** If you used the SANSurfer CLI to change these settings, it is not necessary to rebuild the kernel.

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**Supported Brocade Host Bus Adapters and Drivers**

AxiomONE Path Manager (APM) supports the following Brocade Fibre Channel (FC) host bus adapters (HBAs):

- 415
- 425
- 815
APM also supports the following Brocade FC over Ethernet (FCoE) converged network adapters (CNAs):

- 1010
- 1020

These HBAs and CNAs require the 2.3.0.0 driver, available from the Brocade website (http://www.brocade.com/sites/dotcom/services-support/drivers-downloads/CNA/Linux.page).

The Brocade FCoE CNAs also require boot code 2.3.0.0 from the multi-boot image.

**Note:** These FCoE CNAs can also be used concurrently as Ethernet network interface controllers (NICs).

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**Supported Fibre Channel and Fibre Channel over Ethernet Switches**

For a list of supported Fibre Channel (FC) and FC over Ethernet (FCoE) switches, choose one of:

- Call the Pillar World Wide Customer Support Center at the number listed in Pillar Contacts.
- Refer to the Pillar Axiom Support and Interoperability Guide, which can be found on the Technical Documents website (http://www.pillardata.com/techdocs).

**Note:** Refer to the switch vendor’s website for the most recent installation instructions, patches, and firmware.

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**Supported iSCSI Software and Hardware**

AxiomONE Path Manager (APM) for SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 (SLES 11) supports the following Internet Small Computer System Interface (iSCSI) software and hardware:

- The iSCSI software initiator included in the SLES 11 distribution.
- The iSCSI-to-Fibre Channel routing features of the Cisco MDS 9000 family of routers and switches.

**Note:** APM for does not support iSCSI host bus adapters (HBAs).
About Network Configuration for iSCSI Multipathing

You can reduce the impact of failures in your Internet Small Computer System Interface (iSCSI) network by ensuring that iSCSI connections are made through several network interface cards (NICs) on the host.

We recommend using the normal IP configuration facilities to route connections to different Slammer storage controller ports through different host NICs. For example, if the host has two NICs available for iSCSI connections to a Slammer, you can set up routing to send all traffic to one port on each Slammer control unit (CU) through one NIC, and traffic to the other port on each Slammer CU through the other NIC.

The best way to ensure that your iSCSI paths use different physical connections depends on factors such as the number of available NICs in the host and the existing configuration of your IP network. We recommend using normal IP routing configuration techniques such as subnet configuration and explicit route configuration to distribute connections over multiple NICs. You can also use NIC bonding to provide redundancy on Ethernet connections between the host and the switch.

About Subnet Configuration

Groups of host network interface cards (NICs) and Slammer ports can be configured into different subnets. Whenever the iSCSI initiator opens a connection to a Slammer port, that connection will automatically be routed through the host NIC in the same subnet as the Slammer port. For example, if a host has two NIC ports on the Internet Small Computer Systems Interface (iSCSI) network, one of the host NIC ports connected to one of the Slammer control unit (CU) ports could be placed in one subnet, and another host NIC port connected to the other Slammer CU port could be placed in a different subnet.

Configure Explicit Routing

If two or more NICs on the host are configured into the same subnet, you should explicitly configure Internet Protocol (IP) routing to route connections to different destination ports through different host NICs.

1. Create or edit the routing configuration file for each NIC, and add entries for each destination IP address that you want to route through this NIC.

   The name of the routing configuration file is `/etc/sysconfig/network-scripts/route-NIC`, where `NIC` is the name used by the OS for the NIC.
Add a line for each Slammer port for which access is to be routed through this NIC. The format of the line should be:

```
Slammer_port_IP_address via NIC_IP_address src NIC_IP_address
```

Example:
If the NIC eth0 has been configured with IP address 192.168.2.39, and you want to use this NIC to access Slammer ports 192.168.2.10 and 192.168.2.12, then you would create or edit the file `/etc/sysconfig/network-scripts/route-eth0` and add the following lines:

```
192.168.2.10 via 192.168.2.39 src 192.168.2.39
192.168.2.12 via 192.168.2.39 src 192.168.2.39
```

You can also use the `ip route add` command to temporarily set up routes from the command line by using lines of the form described above as parameters.

Example:
The following command sets up a route for the first Slammer port described above:

```
# ip route add 192.168.2.10 via 192.168.2.39 src 192.168.2.39
```

2 If the host has more than one NIC in a broadcast domain, you must modify the configuration to prevent a condition known as address resolution protocol (ARP) flux, which can prevent routing from operating correctly.

To prevent ARP flux, edit the file `/etc/sysctl.conf`, and modify or add entries for the following parameters:

```
net.ipv4.conf.all.arp_ignore=1
net.ipv4.conf.all.arp_announce=2
```

You can also temporarily prevent ARP flux by using lines of this form as parameters to `sysctl -w` commands.

Example:
The following commands temporarily prevent ARP flux:

```
# sysctl -w net.ipv4.conf.all.arp_ignore=1
# sysctl -w net.ipv4.conf.all.arp_announce=2
```

Changes to the configuration files will take effect after you reboot the host.

**About NIC Bonding**

Network interface card (NIC) bonding is another way to add redundancy to Ethernet networks.
With **NIC bonding**, also known as **channel bonding**, two or more NICs and their physical connections to the switches are logically bonded together and presented to the Internet Protocol (IP) as a single virtual NIC. If one of the physical connections fails, the traffic is transferred to another NIC without the IP layer or the layers above it knowing about the transfer.

This approach protects against low-level Ethernet failures, such as a faulty NIC or cable, between the host and its local IP switch. Because the redundancy is at a very low level in the protocol stack, the higher layers such as Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP), Internet Small Computer System Interface (iSCSI), and device-mapper are not aware that a transfer to a different NIC has taken place. To the IP protocol, the virtual bonded NIC appears as a single physical connection. To iSCSI, it appears as a single connection to each target port.

In short, the iSCSI, device-mapper, and APM layers are not aware of the physical path redundancy provided at the NIC bonding level and do not treat this redundancy as providing multiple paths to the Slammer storage controller. Multiple paths created by NIC bonding will not be reported as multiple paths by device-mapper or in the AxiomONE Storage Services Manager.

**Configure the iSCSI Initiator**

To support iSCSI connections, AxiomONE Path Manager (APM) for SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 (SLES 11) requires the open-iscsi-2.0.871-0.20.3 version of the iSCSI software initiator included in the SLES 11 distribution.

For complete installation and configuration instructions, refer to: `/usr/share/doc/iscsi-initiator-utils-*/README`. The following procedure is an overview of the instructions in the README file.

**Important!** You must ensure that each iSCSI initiator on the iSCSI SAN has a unique name, and set this host's initiator name in the `/etc/iscsi/initiatorname.iscsi` file.

1. Set up IP addresses and network parameters on Slammer iSCSI ports.
   This may include setting up Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol (CHAP) on your system.

2. Configure iSCSI accordingly.
   Example:
   If you are using CHAP to communicate with the Slammer iSCSI ports, you may need to modify the `/etc/iscsi/iscsid.conf` file accordingly.
3 Start the iSCSI initiator.
# service open-iscsi start

4 Discover the Slammer iSCSI target ports.
Examples:

- # iscsiadm -m discovery -t sendtargets -p 172.20.191.11:3260
- # iscsi_discovery 10.0.0.22

5 Discover the other ports, depending on the desired design (optional).

6 Restart the iscsi service to log in to the discovered target ports:
# service open-iscsi restart

7 Use chkconfig to configure the open-iscsi service to start up at various run levels.

See Start the iSCSI Initiator for instructions.

Start the iSCSI Software Initiator Service

After you have configured the iSCSI software initiator, set the iSCSI initiator to start at startup time and confirm that your Internet Small Computer System Interface (iSCSI) devices are visible.

1 Start the open-iscsi service.
Run the following command:
# service open-iscsi start

2 Configure the open-iscsi service to start at boot time.
Run the following commands:
# chkconfig --add open-iscsi

The first command checks that the scripts necessary to start and stop the service are available. The second command sets the service to start at the appropriate run levels.

3 Verify that the open-iscsi service is configured to start at boot time.
Run the following command:
# chkconfig --list open-iscsi
Result:
The following is a sample of the output of this command when the service is not configured to start at boot time:

```
open-iscsi 0:off 1:off 2:off 3:off 4:off 5:off 6:off
```

The following is a sample of the output of this command when the service is configured to start at boot time:

```
open-iscsi 0:off 1:off 2:on 3:on 4:on 5:on 6:off
```

### Supported iSCSI Routers and Switches

AxiomONE Path Manager (APM) supports the iSCSI-to-Fibre Channel routing features of the Cisco MDS 9000 family of multi-layer directors and fabric switches.

The iSCSI-to-Fibre Channel routing features enable a host to use Internet Small Computer System Interface (iSCSI) to access LUNs on Pillar Axiom Fibre Channel Slammer storage controllers. Pillar Data Systems tested this APM release on Cisco MDS SAN-OS Release 3.0 (2a). Refer to the Cisco documentation (http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/product/sn5000/mds9000/3_0/fmcfg/index.htm) for more information on these features.

In this release, Pillar Data Systems supports only the iSCSI-to-Fibre Channel routing capabilities provided by this Cisco switch.

The switch requires certain configuration steps to work with APM and the Pillar Axiom system as an iSCSI-to-Fibre Channel router. See Configure the iSCSI-to-Fibre Channel Router for configuration information.

### Configure the iSCSI-to-Fibre Channel Router

The iSCSI-to-Fibre Channel routing features of the Cisco MDS 9000 family of multi-layer directors and fabric switches require configuration to work with the AxiomONE Path Manager (APM) and the Pillar Axiom system.

For more information on these features, refer to the Cisco documentation (http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/product/sn5000/mds9000/3_0/fmcfg/index.htm).

1. Present the Pillar Axiom Slammer storage controller ports as Internet Small Computer System Interface (iSCSI) targets.

Choose **Dynamic Mapping** or **Static Mapping**. However, we recommend that you use dynamic mapping because the main Cisco features for static mapping...
requirements are supplied by APM and the AxiomONE Storage Services Manager.

2 Present the iSCSI hosts as virtual Fibre Channel hosts.

   The hosts must be presented in transparent initiator mode (not in proxy-initiator mode). When you assign World Wide Names (WWNs) for the iSCSI initiators, use the static mapping mechanism.

After you configure the switch, APM on the iSCSI hosts interacts with the Pillar Axiom systems in exactly the same way as when both hosts and Slammers use the same SAN protocol.

**Pre-Configure the SAN Host for Pillar Axiom Integration**

Before you install the AxiomONE Path Manager (APM) software, you need to prepare your storage area network (SAN) host connections with the Pillar Axiom system.

**Prerequisites:**

Verify that your system has:

- At least one SAN Slammer storage controller that has Fibre Channel (FC) or Internet Small Computer System Interface (iSCSI) ports.

- A Fibre Channel Protocol or iSCSI Protocol license.

- Supported host bus adapter (HBA) drivers and API libraries.

- Ethernet connections to the management ports on the Pilot management controller.

- A network configuration that allows an application on the SAN host to connect to TCP port 26004 on the Pilot.

   **Tip:** To check network connectivity, issue a simple `pdscli` or `axiomcli` request from the host to the Pillar Axiom system. Both `pdscli` and `axiomcli` use the same port and protocols as those used by APM. Refer to the *Pillar Axiom CLI Reference Guide* or *Pillar AxiomONE CLI Reference Guide* for details.

1 Verify that all FC and iSCSI components and software are installed on the SAN host according to the instructions in this guide.

2 Set up the physical connectivity and any required switch zoning for the SAN.
Proper setup is needed so all required host ports can access the Slammer ports on the Pillar Axiom server.

3 If you are using iSCSI connections, choose one or more of the following:
   - About Network Configuration for iSCSI Multipathing
   - Configure the iSCSI Initiator
   - Configure the iSCSI-to-Fibre Channel Router

4 Launch the AxiomONE Storage Services Manager and navigate to the Storage > SAN > Hosts page.

5 Verify the SAN connections.

Each host port should display individually as follows:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Column label</th>
<th>Port type</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Host Name:</td>
<td>Hostname Unknown</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>IQN (iSCSI Qualified Name)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Host Port:</td>
<td>WWN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>IP address</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Figure 2: Example host ports before APM installation for an illustration.

6 If the host is using only iSCSI to connect to Slammers, choose one of:
   - Install the `sg3_utils` packages.
   - Ensure that at least one LUN on the Pillar Axiom system is visible to the host.

The `sg3_utils-libs-*` and `sg3_utils-*` packages are required for automatic discovery of the Pillar Axiom system over iSCSI when no iSCSI LUNs are visible to the host. An alternative is to make a LUN visible to the host by either creating a global LUN or mapping one to the host iSCSI software initiator IQN.

Note: If you mapped a LUN to the initiator IQN, it will automatically be remapped to the host name after APM is installed. If the LUN is temporary, delete it after you install the software.
Verify Installation of the Device Mapper

The Linux 2.6 device-mapper, among other uses, maps a logical block device on the SAN host into a Pillar Axiom LUN. The AxiomONE Path Manager (APM) daemon monitors the device-mapper and uses it to provide multipathing.

APM requires device-mapper version 1.02.27-8.17.20 or later.

1 Verify that device-mapper is installed.

Run the following command:

```
# rpm -qa | grep device-mapper | grep -v multipath
```

Result:

If device-mapper is installed, this command returns the version of device-mapper and your operating system.

2 If device-mapper version 1.02.27-8.17.20 or later is not installed, install this version.

Install device-mapper from your Linux installation CDs or operating system vendor website.
Download and Install the AxiomONE Path Manager Software

The AxiomONE Path Manager (APM) installation for SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 (SLES 11) requires that you download the APM software package from the Pillar Support website, and install the software on your system.

1. Download the APM software.
2. Install the APM software.
3. Configure the Pillar Axiom software for LUN access.

To remove the APM software from your SAN host, see Remove AxiomONE Path Manager Software (Optional).

Download the AxiomONE Path Manager Software

The AxiomONE Path Manager (APM) 3.0 software consists of a single package: the APM daemon package. Unlike other APM for Linux releases, this release does not include a package containing an updated version of the multipath-tools component of device-mapper. The version of the multipath-tools component of device-mapper that is included in the SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 (SLES 11) distribution is required.

2. In the left navigation pane, click the Software Downloads > AxiomONE Path Manager link.
3. In the content pane, expand the AxiomONE Path Manager > Linux link.
4. Expand the APM 3.0 SLES 11 link.
5. Click the name of the APM package for your hardware platform (x86, or AMD64/Intel EM64T) to download.
6. Under Software Download Details, click the green arrow to begin the download.
7. Choose the Save option to download the package to your SAN host.
Install (or Update) the AxiomONE Path Manager Software

After you download the AxiomONE Path Manager (APM) software, you can install it on your host system.

Before you install the APM software, verify that your system meets the prerequisites outlined in Supported Fibre Channel SAN Hardware Components and Pre-Configure the SAN Host for Pillar Axiom Integration.

Important! Do not remove the multipath-tools component of device-mapper before you install APM. The multipath-tools component of device-mapper that is included in the SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 (SLES 11) distribution is required to run APM for SLES 11.

Two steps in the installation process enable you to keep your original multipath configuration file (/etc/multipath.conf) so that you can continue to use your specific configurations for managing devices other than APM-managed Pillar Axiom LUNs:

- Because the configuration file will be deleted, Step 1 asks you to save a copy of that file before you begin the APM installation or update task.
- Step 4 asks you to merge any changes you made to the original configuration file into the new file.

Tip: We strongly recommend that you follow these two steps when you have previously added or modified entries in /etc/multipath.conf.

1 If you previously configured multipath-tools on your system, save a copy of the current /etc/multipath.conf file.

   Saving a copy allows you to merge the changes into the new file that will be created.

2 Remove any previous versions of APM on your system using the following command:

   # rpm -e axiompm

3 Install the APM package using the following command:

   # rpm -ivh axiompm-version.rpm

   Note: In the command above, version is the name of the release version you downloaded.

   APM files and scripts are installed in the /opt/pillar directory.
4. Merge in any previous configuration data for `device-mapper` from the copy of the configuration file you saved in Step 1.

Merging those changes allows you to retain previous configuration settings to manage devices other than APM.

5. Restart the host.

After you install the software, follow the instructions in *Configure the Pillar Axiom System for LUN Access*. You must complete that task for the software to function correctly.
Configure the Pillar Axiom System for LUN Access

The LUN configuration procedure provides the storage area network (SAN) host with access to Pillar Axiom LUNs. Refer to the *Pillar Axiom Administrator’s Guide* for instructions on how to create LUNs.

Prerequisites:

- Pre-Configure the SAN Host for Pillar Axiom Integration.
- Install (or Update) the AxiomONE Path Manager Software.

1. In the AxiomONE Storage Services Manager, navigate to the Storage > SAN > Hosts page.

2. Verify that the individual entries for the host ports have been replaced with a single entry under the host name.

Examples:

**Figure 2 Example host ports before APM installation**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Host Name</th>
<th>Host Port</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>AxiomONE Path Manager</th>
<th>Number of LUNs</th>
<th>Host Port Status</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Hostname Unknown</td>
<td>10:00:00:00:00:00:00</td>
<td>FC</td>
<td>Not Registered</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Connected</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hostname Unknown</td>
<td>10:00:00:00:00:00:00</td>
<td>FC</td>
<td>Not Registered</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Connected</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hostname Unknown</td>
<td>10:00:00:00:00:00:00</td>
<td>FC</td>
<td>Not Registered</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Connected</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hostname Unknown</td>
<td>10:00:00:00:00:00:00</td>
<td>FC</td>
<td>Not Registered</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Connected</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Figure 3 Example host ports after APM installation**

<table>
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<th>Host Name</th>
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<th>Type</th>
<th>AxiomONE Path Manager</th>
<th>Number of LUNs</th>
<th>Host Port Status</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Hostname Unknown</td>
<td>10:00:00:00:00:00:00</td>
<td>FC</td>
<td>Communicating</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Connected</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hostname Unknown</td>
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Note: The Hosts page may display differently in your version of AxiomONE Storage Services Manager.

You will see one or more of the following AxiomONE Path Manager Status and Host Port Status messages on the Hosts page:

- **APM Status**: Communicating: The host control path is currently logged into the Pilot.

  **Note**: Communicating status is required for the APM control path to report path status, configure load balancing, and use the Pillar Axiom system to collect APM diagnostic logs.

- **APM Status**: Not Registered: A control path from an APM host with this name has never logged into the Pilot.

- **APM Status**: Not Communicating: The APM host control path has previously logged into the Pilot, but it is not currently logged in.

- **Host Port Status**: Connected: The host SAN connection is logged in to the SAN Slammer.

- **Host Port Status**: Not connected: The host SAN connection is not logged in to the SAN Slammer.

See the AxiomONE Storage Services Manager Help for information about the remaining fields on the Hosts page.

3 As needed, create new LUNs on the Pillar Axiom server for the SAN hosts.

**Note**: In a clustered environment, LUNs shared in a cluster should be mapped to all host nodes in the cluster.

4 As needed, set up mappings of the LUNs to the new host entries.

5 Follow the recommendations in SAN Dynamic Reconfiguration to make any changes visible to the SAN host.

6 Run the following commands to list the multipath devices (optional):

```bash
# /sbin/multipath -v3
# /sbin/multipath -ll
```

The first command (`multipath -v3`) populates the path information, and the second command (`multipath -ll`, lower-case letters L) lists the state of the paths.

7 In the AxiomONE Storage Services Manager, navigate to the Storage > SAN > Hosts page.

8 Click the name of the new host and, on the Host Information page, verify the APM software version.
9 Click the **LUN Connections** tab and verify that the host and LUN connections are as expected.

The column titled **LUN Name on Host** should show the Linux disk names that APM allocates to each LUN.

**Important!** With a few exceptions (such as when you partition and format the LUN on the SAN host), you should use only these Linux disk names to access and configure the LUNs on the host. Linux creates device names for each individual path to a LUN, but almost all configuration and administration tasks should be done using the `/dev/mapper` name shown in the AxiomONE Storage Services Manager.

10 If you plan to partition and format the LUN on the SAN host, see **Partition and Format the LUN Disk (Optional)**.
Partition and Format the LUN Disk (Optional)

Follow these instructions if you plan to use the Linux `fdisk` or `parted` utilities to partition and format the disk on which a LUN resides.

The `fdisk` utility cannot be used with devices listed in the `/dev/mapper` directory. Instead, use `fdisk` on one of the underlying paths, and then run the scripts to restart the `multipath-tools` and APM daemons to notify `device-mapper` that a `/dev/mapper` device has a new partition.

1. Identify one of the highest priority paths to the LUN using the output of the `multipath -ll` command.

   Example:
   In the output below, you could identify either the `/dev/sdd` or the `/dev/sdh` path:

   ![Multipath Output Example](image)

   2. Use `fdisk` to partition one of the highest priority paths identified in Step 1.

   3. Run the following command to restart the `device-mapper`:

   ```bash
   # /etc/init.d/multipathd restart
   ```

   4. Run the following command to restart the APM daemon:

   ```bash
   # /etc/init.d/axiompmd restart
   ```

   5. Verify that the new partitions are listed as:

   ```bash
   /dev/mapper/[LUN_partX]
   ```

   Where `LUN` is the LUN identifier, and `x` is the partition number used in Step 2.
Note: The sequence _part appears between the LUN identifier and the partition number.

Example:
In the example above, if only partition 1 were created with fdisk, it would appear as follows:

```
localhost$ ls -l /dev/mapper/2000b080002001395*
brw-rw---- 1 root disk 253, 2 Jul 7 12:02 2000b080002001395
brw-rw---- 1 root disk 253, 3 Jul 7 15:12 2000b080002001395_part1
```

6 Format the new partition.

Example:
To format the partition created in the example above, you might run the following command:

```
# mke2fs -j /dev/mapper/2000b080002001395_part1
```

7 Mount the filesystem.

For detailed information, refer to your Linux documentation.
About Load Balancing Configurations

AxiomONE Path Manager (APM) can be configured for static or round-robin load balancing. You can configure load balancing separately for each LUN.

In static load balancing, the software selects the best available path and all commands are sent over that path until the path is no longer operational or a better path becomes available. Then, a failover to another appropriate path is initiated.

In round-robin load balancing, commands are sent by turn over the best available paths. This ensures that LUN commands are evenly distributed over any path that is available to access the LUNs.

Load balancing allows the paths to share load in different ways:

- Balances access to a LUN across all optimized Slammer ports available for that LUN
- Balances access from a host across the host's HBA channels

To configure round-robin or static load balancing through the AxiomONE Storage Services Manager, refer to the *Pillar Axiom Administrator's Guide.*
About Path Selection

AxiomONE Path Manager (APM) supports access to LUNs using Internet Small Computer System Interface (iSCSI) and Fibre Channel (FC) protocol at the same time, as well as individually.

Paths to a LUN may have different performance characteristics. Paths to the Slammer control unit (CU) where the LUN resides are considered optimized paths; other paths to the LUN are considered non-optimized paths. When both FC and iSCSI access to a LUN are available, FC access generally performs better.

APM divides the paths to each LUN into four groups with different performance characteristics, in this order of precedence:

- First, FC optimized
- Next, iSCSI optimized
- Next, FC non-optimized
- Finally, iSCSI non-optimized

At any given time, the device-mapper framework only uses paths from the most preferred group that has paths available.

**Note:** When an active path fails, and I/O traffic is transferred to a different path, I/O performance will be reduced for a short time while the operating system recognizes the failure and makes the path transfer. If the failing path was optimized and the new path is non-optimized, I/O performance may remain lower than before since it is now using a lower-performance path. Within a few minutes of traffic being transferred to a non-optimized path, the Pillar Axiom system will reconfigure the LUNs to use an optimized path, if possible. I/O performance will improve.
Remove AxiomONE Path Manager Software (Optional)

When you uninstall AxiomONE Path Manager (APM), support for multiple paths to Pillar Axiom LUNs is removed.

Before you uninstall APM, if you do not want to access Pillar Axiom LUNs, we recommend that you disconnect the storage area network (SAN) host from the Pillar Axiom system.

Sometimes, the uninstall process may take longer than expected, and the process may appear to be hanging. Allow the process to run for at least an hour before attempting to restart the process.

1 Run the following command to remove APM:

   # rpm -e axiompm

After the APM software has been removed, the host appears not to be communicating in the AxiomONE Storage Services Manager, and the multipath behavior stops working.

**Important!** If you want to continue LUN access without multipathing, we recommend that you reconfigure the SAN so that only a single path exists from the host to each Pillar Axiom Slammer storage controller. You may need to reconfigure LUN mapping on the Pillar Axiom system to map the LUNs to the host port or iSCSI Qualified Name (IQN), and you may need to reconfigure the host to access the LUNs through new device names.
AxiomONE Path Manager Release Notes

New in this Release

AxiomONE Path Manager (APM) 3.0 supports:

- Fibre Channel (FC) over Ethernet (FCoE) connections from converged network adapters (CNAs) through a switch to an FC SAN.
- Brocade host bus adapters (HBAs).
- Both static and round-robin load balancing.
- The Xen and KVM hypervisors included in the SLES 11 distribution.
- Combo LUN access through both iSCSI and FC at the same time.
Known Pillar Axiom Issues

The following issues might be associated with the version of the Pillar Axiom software you are using.

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<td>When a Fibre Channel HBA is removed from a host running APM, it remains associated with that host. If the HBA is moved to a host that is either not running APM or on which APM is shown as not communicating with the Pillar Axiom Pilot, any LUNs mapped to the host will continue to be accessible through the HBA ports. The GUI and CLI will continue to report the HBA as being present in the original host. If the HBA is moved to a host where APM is running and communicating with the Pilot, its association and mappings for the old host will be removed, and the mappings for the new host will be applied.</td>
<td>This issue is fixed in release 4.0 of the Pillar Axiom software.</td>
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<td>If you use the GUI or CLI to change the default configured Slammer control unit (CU) of a LUN to the other CU on the Slammer, the Slammer port mask for the LUN will be reversed. For example, if CU0 Port 0 is enabled and Port 1 is excluded, and the LUN is moved to CU1, then CU1 Port 0 will become excluded and CU1 Port 1 will become enabled.</td>
<td>This issue is fixed in release 4.0.0 of the Pillar Axiom software. If the Pillar Axiom system is running a release earlier than 4.0.0, after you change the default configured Slammer CU for a LUN, be sure to update the LUN port mask to the required value.</td>
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<td>If an APM host uses iSCSI to connect to a Pillar Axiom system, and it uses an iSCSI initiator name that is the same as its host name, then the entry for that host in the AxiomONE Storage Services Manager will be continually deleted and recreated, causing the host</td>
<td>This issue is fixed in release 4.1 of the Pillar Axiom software. If the Pillar Axiom system is running a release earlier than 4.1, ensure that the iSCSI initiator names configured on hosts that use iSCSI to connect to a</td>
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<td>entry to disappear and reappear intermittently.</td>
<td>Pillar Axiom system are different from all host names used by APM hosts, including virtual machine hosts, connected to that Pillar Axiom system. The iSCSI standards require that iSCSI names follow particular formats, as specified in RFC 3720: (<a href="http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc3720#section-3.2.6">http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc3720#section-3.2.6</a>). If hosts are configured to use iSCSI initiator names that conform to these requirements, it is extremely unlikely that they will be the same as any host name.</td>
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<td>If all paths to a LUN's configured Slammer control unit (CU) fail, APM will re-route all traffic through the non-optimized paths to the LUN's alternate CU. In response, the Pillar Axiom system will initially log events indicating non-optimized access, then when this traffic continues it will temporarily move the LUN to the alternate CU. This process leaves the host using optimized paths to the LUN, but the LUN is resident on a CU other than its configured home. Normally, the system will attempt to move the LUN back to its configured CU from time to time, and if the paths to the other CU have recovered the traffic will transfer back and the system returns to its normal configured state. However, if the Pilot software is restarted while a LUN is in this temporary state, as might happen during a software update that includes the option to update the Pilot software, two problems occur: 1. The graphical user interface (GUI) and command line interface (CLI) wrongly report that the</td>
<td>This issue is fixed in release 4.0 of the Pillar Axiom software.</td>
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<td>the system does not attempt to move the LUN back to its configured</td>
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<td>CU. If subsequent path failures and recoveries cause traffic to be</td>
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<td>not move the LUN to the CU receiving the traffic. This means that</td>
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When a LUN is created on a Pillar Axiom system, its load balancing attribute is set to round-robin by default. If the LUN is then mapped to a host running APM, the load balancing attribute setting can change to static when APM on the host first communicates with the Pillar Axiom system after detecting the LUN. Instead, this attribute should be set to round-robin when the LUN is first created, and should change only if an administrator changes it using the GUI or CLI. This issue is fixed in Pillar Axiom software release 4.0. If the Pillar Axiom system is running a release earlier than 4.0, check that the load balancing attribute for the LUN is still set to the desired value after APM on the host has detected the LUN and its **LUN name on Host** has been reported in the GUI. If the setting has changed, change it back to the desired value, which can then be correctly saved.

If an iSCSI initiator is added to a SAN host that has authentication enabled, authentication will not be enabled for that initiator. Also, if an iSCSI initiator with authentication enabled on a previous SAN host is moved to another host with or without authentication enabled, the initiator will retain its original configuration. This issue is fixed in Pillar Axiom software release 4.0. If the Pillar Axiom system is running a release earlier than 4.0, disable then re-enable authentication for the host after iSCSI initiators are added to or moved between SAN hosts.
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<td>This issue is fixed in release 4.1 of the Pillar Axiom software.</td>
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<td>After recovery from a Slammer control unit (CU) failure, the Pillar Axiom system may become incapable of automatically moving LUNs between the CUs on that Slammer. When the system attempts to move the LUNs automatically in response to non-optimized access from a host, the attempts fail, and non-optimized access persists.</td>
<td>This issue is fixed in release 4.1 of the Pillar Axiom software.</td>
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<td>If the Pillar Axiom system is running a release earlier than 4.1, use the GUI or CLI to re-assign the LUNs to the CUs through which access is currently taking place. Alternatively, restart the Pillar Axiom system to restore optimized access.</td>
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<td>When an iSCSI initiator name is changed or removed on an APM host, the GUI and CLI may continue to associate the old name with the host.</td>
<td>This issue is fixed in release 4.2 of the Pillar Axiom software.</td>
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<td>If the Pillar Axiom system is running a release earlier than 4.2:</td>
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<tr>
<td>1 Stop the APM on the host.</td>
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<td>2 When the Pillar Axiom system reports the host as Not Connected, delete the host. This will preserve LUN mappings to the initiators.</td>
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<td>3 Restart the APM daemon.</td>
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<td>When a Pilot restart occurs on a Pillar Axiom system running release 4.0 (4.0.4 or later) or release 4.1 (4.1.0 or later) of the Pillar Axiom software, all LUNs on the system move from their current Slammer control unit (CU) to the other Slammer CU. As a result, the optimization of all paths to the LUNs changes.</td>
<td>This issue is fixed in release 4.1.4 of the Pillar Axiom software.</td>
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<td>Note: A non-disruptive upgrade to release 4.0 (4.0.4 or later) or release 4.1 (4.1.0 or later) of the Pillar Axiom software will cause a Pilot restart, which will trigger this problem.</td>
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<td>If the Pillar Axiom system is running a release earlier than 4.1.4, and if all relevant SAN hosts have paths to both CUs on the Slammers, and those paths are managed by an ALUA-aware path management system such as AxiomONE Path Manager, it should not be necessary to take any action. The LUNs will remain balanced across the CUs, and the path management software will ensure that only optimized paths to the LUNs are used. Be aware that traffic may be moved to alternate</td>
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<td>The load balancing configuration displayed in the GUI or CLI can be different from the load balancing setting that the Pillar Axiom system sends to APM on the SAN host. This happens because, occasionally in the course of updating its configuration records to describe the new host, the Pillar Axiom system creates duplicate internal records.</td>
<td>This issue is fixed in Release 4.2.3 and later of the Pillar Axiom software.</td>
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<td>A change in the number of reported iSCSI initiator IQNs can cause the loss of all SAN Zonings. If an APM host connects to the Pillar Axiom system using more than one iSCSI Initiator name, and is subsequently reconfigured to have fewer iSCSI Initiator names, some or all LUN mappings over iSCSI to that host may be lost. The AxiomONE Storage Services Manager will still show iSCSI mappings to the host, but these mappings will not be activated and the host will be unable to access the LUNs over some or all iSCSI connections.</td>
<td>This issue is fixed in Release 4.3 of the Pillar Axiom software. If the Pillar Axiom system is running a release earlier than 4.3, use the Axiom GUI or CLI to delete the mappings to the host for the affected LUNs, and then recreate the mappings.</td>
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<tr>
<td>In the GUI, LUN host connections in a disconnected state may display Protocol Disabled instead of Not Connected status in the View Connections screen.</td>
<td>This issue is fixed in release 4.3 of the Pillar Axiom software.</td>
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<td>When a LUN connection protocol has been disabled, the connection status for</td>
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<td>the LUN that appears in the Pillar Axiom GUI will be invalid.</td>
<td>If the Pillar Axiom system is using a release earlier than 4.0, ignore the protocol-specific connection status of any LUN for which that connection protocol has been disabled.</td>
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<td>If an iSCSI initiator is connected to port on a Slammer, and that Slammer is failed over, the LUN and Host GUI pages continue to show the connection status for the iSCSI initiator as Connected.</td>
<td>This issue will be fixed in a future release of the Pillar Axiom software.</td>
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<td>If more than 256 SAN LUNs are configured on a Pillar Axiom system, the AxiomONE Storage Services Manager may send invalid messages to the APM daemon running on SAN host systems. When this happens, the control path connection between APM and the Axiom will continually move between Communicating and Not Communicating states. This prevents features that depend on the APM control path (such as setting the load balancing algorithm) from working properly. The data path, which manages LUN access from the host, is not affected.</td>
<td>This issue will be fixed in a future release of the Pillar Axiom software.</td>
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**Known Operating System Issues**

The following operating system issues may have an impact on running APM on systems.

**Access to LUNs**

In most cases, you should only access LUNs through `device-mapper` or individual partition paths.

The Linux `device-mapper` creates paths of the form `/dev/mapper/2000b08003d001321` to represent multipath Pillar Axiom LUNs. Individual partitions on a LUN have names of the form `/dev/mapper/2000b08003d001321_part3`. With the exception of the situation described in Partition and Format the LUN Disk (Optional), you should access multipath LUNs and their partitions exclusively through these paths.

If a multipath partition is configured into `/etc/fstab`, omit the sixth field of its entry (`fs_passno`), or set it to 0 to prevent `fsck` from running automatically on the partition during a system boot. This is because `device-mapper` is not yet configured at the time `fsck` runs during boot, so the multipath devices are not accessible.

**Important!** Failure to disable `fs_passno` will cause host boot failure.

**SAN Dynamic Reconfiguration**

Linux does not automatically detect storage LUNs after a dynamic reconfiguration. Dynamic reconfiguration is the addition, deletion, growing, resizing, or cloning of one or more LUNs attached to a host.

Follow the instructions for dynamic reconfiguration in the Online Storage Reconfiguration Guide (http://docs.redhat.com/docs/en-US/Red_Hat_Enterprise_Linux/5/html/Online_Storage_Reconfiguration_Guide/). If you continue to have problems with dynamic reconfiguration, the following steps will help you handle exceptions.

Linux requires a series of steps, including a potential host reboot, when a LUN is dynamically reconfigured. After Linux detects the new LUNs, you must restart AxiomONE Path Manager (APM) to update the Pillar Axiom system with the new LUN status.
LUNs Added Dynamically

In most systems, a newly added LUN is immediately visible on the host without a rescan. However, due to inconsistent device driver behavior on some hosts, if the added LUN is not visible, a rescan usually makes it visible. A rescan normally involves an I/O reset.

If, after creating a new LUN on the Pillar Axiom system and assigning it to the host, running the rescan script does not bring up the LUNs. This may have happened because Linux incorrectly believes that the LUN number is already in use. To correct this situation, modify the host LUN number in the AxiomONE Storage Services Manager. Give it a new, unique value that falls within the range of permitted values. If necessary, rescan to add the LUN.

Both Emulex and QLogic provide rescan scripts that may help in dynamically configuring LUNs.

- The Emulex HBA driver for Linux enables you to dynamically add or delete LUNs and targets without unloading or reloading the lpfc module and without resetting the adapter. Use the Emulex lun_scan script in /usr/sbin. Refer to the Emulex Driver for Linux User Manual (http://www-dl.emulex.com/support/linux/82022/manual.pdf) for details.

- For QLogic HBAs, use the Dynamic Target and LUN Discovery script ql-dynamic-tgt-LUN-disc.sh, available from the QLogic Downloads page (http://driverdownloads.QLogic.com).

LUNs Deleted Dynamically

Deleting a LUN prevents the LUN from being visible from the host. This includes deleting LUN mapping and LUN masking. In general, LUN deletion disrupts normal function of the Linux multipath framework and must be planned.

If a LUN is deleted, it may appear as either a 2000000000000 entry or as the original LUID with Path down messages. These entries may persist until the host is rebooted.

To avoid disruption, you may blacklist the LUN. Refer to your Linux documentation.

The host usually picks up the deleted LUN, and it is deleted from the /dev/mapper table. However, this may not occur on all platforms consistently. If you want to view the device-mapper LUN mapping table, start the multipathd shell by running the following command:

```
# /sbin/multipathd -k
```

To delete a LUN, we recommend shutting down the host, deleting the LUN or LUN mapping from the Pillar Axiom system, and then restarting the host. If this procedure is not possible, you may want to run the following procedure.
Important! The following procedure will interrupt I/O and may require an immediate reboot of your host. In some cases, this may require a power cycle of the host to recover.

1. Copy the following and run it as a script:

```bash
#!/bin/bash
# Must be run as root
/etc/init.d/axiompmd stop
/sbin/multipath -F
/etc/init.d/multipathd stop
# RESCAN SCRIPT FROM QLOGIC / EMULEX
# Please modify the following line based on your rescan script location
/usr/bin/ql-dynamic-tgt-lun-disc.sh -s -r
/etc/init.d/multipathd start
/etc/init.d/axiompmd start
/sbin/multipath -v3 -ll
```

Tip: The rescan script might require your interaction.

2. Be prepared to reboot the host as soon as possible after deleting LUNs in case something goes wrong.

If a LUN that is visible to a Linux 2.6 host is deleted from the Pillar Axiom system, and the `/sbin/multipath -F` or `/sbin/multipath -f` command is run before rebooting the host, the device-mapper configuration map may become unusable and all access to LUNs may be lost due to a bug in the Linux device-mapper code. If this occurs, the only way to recover is to reboot the host.

After LUN deletion, you may see a message similar to the following while the Pillar Axiom system is restarting the daemon:

```
error calling out /sbin/scsi_id -g -u -s /block/sd*
```

This message indicates that entries for the deleted LUNs still exist in the device-mapper device table. Rebooting the host will flush these deleted path entries from the device table.

LUNs Resized Dynamically

When you resize a LUN, a host reboot is necessary due to the constraints in the Linux device-mapper. You must stop the iSCSI services before you reboot the host.

However, if you follow the procedures documented in the Online Storage Reconfiguration Guide (http://docs.redhat.com/docs/en-US/Red_Hat_Enterprise_Linux/5/html/Online_Storage_Reconfiguration_Guide/) to force your device drivers to recognize the resized LUN, the device-mapper may recognize the resized LUN without a host reboot. The ability to use the resized LUN is a function of the host filesystem.
Clone LUNs Added or Deleted Dynamically
The procedures for adding or deleting LUNs described above also apply for Clone LUNs.

Restore Paths After Path Failure
Due to a Linux limitation, SCSI device paths may be marked offline after path failure.

Multipath Failed Path Errors
The multipath command may return errors that indicate only that there are failed paths.

If paths are in a failed state, the multipath command returns the following error messages:

```
multipath -ll 2000b08005c001259
9:0:0:3: sg_io failed status 0x8 0x1 0x0 0x0
9:0:0:3: Unable to get INQUIRY vpd 1 page 0x0.
error calling out /sbin/scsi_id -g -u -s /block/sdaf
8:0:0:3: sg_io failed status 0x8 0x1 0x0 0x0
```

These error messages indicate only that there are failed paths in the multipath device map. The multipath device map shows paths that are failed and active, and sg_io failed refers to the fact that SCSI generic (sg) devices do not exist for iSCSI device paths that are failed. These errors indicate that the system is responding correctly.

You must fix the failed paths or, if these errors occur during failover testing, recognize that this is normal and expected Linux multipath behavior.

**Note:** The multipath command can be invoked automatically by the system at various times, so it is possible for messages like these to be seen whenever paths are in an unusual state, such as during dynamic reconfiguration.

Problems with More Than 1024 Paths
Due to an operating system limitation, mapping more than 1024 device paths to a host running SLES 11 SP1 causes unreliable results.
If more than 1024 device paths are mapped to the host, the `multipath -ll` command returns an empty result. To avoid this problem, do not map more than 1024 device paths to your host at one time using multipath.

A defect has been filed with the OS vendor.

**SLES 11 multipath-tools Takes Time to Recover Path Count**

After a number of paths have changed state (failed or returned) at about the same time, the SLES11 multipath-tools can take up to 15 minutes to recover.

During this time the `multipathd show maps topology` command times out, causing the Pillar Axiom GUI to display the wrong path count after a port has been disabled.

A defect has been filed with the OS vendor.

**Emulex HBAs Can Cause Core Dumps**

The Emulex host bus adapter (HBA) driver occasionally causes core dumps on a host during path failure on the host or the storage array.

Emulex HBA users should run the `zypper` command to install the latest SLES 11 updates, and verify that they are using the 8.3.5.25 or later driver with a firmware version of FV2.8A4 or later.

SUSE is working with Emulex on a permanent fix for this issue. Check with SUSE Customer Support for the status of this fix.
Mount iSCSI Filesystems

We recommend that iSCSI filesystems be auto-mounted with the _netdev option. If the iSCSI filesystem is manually mounted, it must be unmounted manually before a reboot to avoid hangs.

Filesystems installed on iSCSI devices cannot be automatically mounted at system reboot because the IP network is not yet configured at mount time. However, the driver provides a method to auto-mount these filesystems as soon as the iSCSI devices become available, after the IP network is configured.

To auto-mount a filesystem installed on an iSCSI device:

1. List the iSCSI partitions to be automatically mounted in /etc/fstab.
2. For each filesystem on each iSCSI device, enter the logical volume on which the filesystem resides.
   
   The mount points must exist for the filesystems to be mounted. For example, the following /etc/fstab entry will mount the iSCSI devices with partition p1 specified by the LUID 20000121390p1:

   ```
   #device  mount  FS      mount  backup  fsck
   #to  mount  point  type  options  frequency  pass
   LABEL=/  /  ext3  defaults  1  1
   LABEL=/boot  /boot  ext3  defaults  1  2
   /dev/mapper/20000121390p1  ext2  _netdev  0  0
   ```

3. Restart the system.

   Result:
   
   The netfs initialization script mounts all filesystems with the _netdev mount option. Run this initialization script after the networking and iSCSI scripts to ensure that the system is ready to mount these devices.

Due to variable network delays, targets may not always become available in the same order from one boot to the next. Thus, the order in which iSCSI devices are mounted may vary and may not match the order the devices are listed in /etc/fstab. You should not assume mounts of iSCSI devices will occur in any particular order.
**Incorrect Adapter Speed**

The AxiomONE Storage Services Manager may report the adapter speeds of Brocade and QLogic host adapter ports that are connected at speeds of 4 Gb/s or higher as Unknown.

This occurs because of a limitation in the current vendor HBA API implementation.
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