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1.0 Overview of the Release

1.1 Introduction

This document provides a brief overview of the changes introduced into the Intel[®] Omni-Path Software by this release. References to more detailed information are provided where necessary. The information contained in this document is intended as supplemental information only; it should be used in conjunction with the documentation provided for each component.

These Release Notes list the features supported in this software release, open issues, and issues that were resolved during release development.

1.2 Audience

The information provided in this document is intended for installers, software support engineers, service personnel, and system administrators.

1.3 Software License Agreement

This software is provided under license agreements and may contain third-party software under separate third-party licensing. Please refer to the license files provided with the software for specific details.

1.4 If You Need Help

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1.5 Enhancements and Features in this Release

The following enhancements and features are new in the 10.6 release:

- Additional operating systems supported. See Table 1-2 for details.
- Additional hardware. See Table 1-5 for details.
- Compatibility with Intel[®] HPC Orchestrator.
- Topology-aware job scheduling, which is enabled by the opamgt library and allows developers to write code that interfaces to the SA/PA. New features in this release include: Switch Cost Record query and Asynchronous Trap subscriptions. See the Intel[®] Omni-Path Architecture Management API Programmer's Guide for details.
- Sandia* OpenSHMEM over Open Fabrics Interface (OFI).
- The openmpi_gcc_hfi-X.X.X version includes support for Open Fabrics Interface (OFI) libfabric. See the Intel[®] Omni-Path Fabric Host Software User Guide for details.
- Product Constraints described in Section 1.16.



1.6 Supported Features

- The list of supported operating systems is in Table 1-2.
- The list of supported hardware is in Table 1-5.
- Active Optical Cables (AOC). For details, see the Cable Matrix at: http://www.intel.com/content/www/us/en/high-performance-computing-fabrics/omni-path-cables.html
- Support for the Enhanced Hypercube Routing Engine is outside the scope of Intel[®] OPA support. However, Intel partners may offer such support as part of their solutions. In addition there is an open source community who may be able to answer specific questions and provide guidance with respect to the Enhanced Hypercube Routing Engine.
- Support for Accelerated RDMA, also called Token ID (TID) RDMA, which is a Verbs protocol extension. See Section 1.19 for details.
- Support for active optical cables (AOC) on server platforms using integrated HFI for OPA (commonly known as "-F").
- Support for GPUDirect* RDMA, which is a technology that enables a direct path for data exchange between a graphics processing unit (GPU) and a third-party peer device using standard features of PCI Express.
- Support for OpenFabrics Interfaces (OFI), a framework that includes libraries (including libfabric) and applications used to export fabric communication services to applications.
- Updated Accelerated RDMA support to include RHEL* 6.7. See Section 1.19 for details.
- Signed Kernel Modules, as required to support UEFI Secure Boot
- Support for NVMe over Fabric Protocol
- Support for IBM* Platform MPI and IBM* Spectrum MPI. See Table 1-3 for details.
- Virtual Fabric creation has been enhanced to better support advanced topologies, including the ability to place multicast traffic on a separate SL from unicast traffic. For details, see the *Intel® Omni-Path Fabric Suite Fabric Manager User Guide*, section 2.
- In Release 10.4, changes were made to the installation path for all Intel[®] Omni-Path Software files. See Section 1.15.3 for details and user action.
- Legacy BIOS Boot Mode Enhancements to support boot over fabric, custom board descriptions, and pre-boot platform configuration data for AOC support.
- Multi-endpoint functionality. See the Intel[®] Performance Scaled Messaging 2 (PSM2) Programmer's Guide for details.
- SNMP MIB support. See the Intel[®] Omni-Path Fabric Switches Release Notes for details.
- Support for Power Class 2 active optical cables (AOC). See Product Constraints for more information.

1.7 Deprecated Feature

In a future release, the INSTALL script will be modified to remove the following options:

- rebuild Intel[®] OPA-specific OFA Delta user modules
- rebuild gasnet
- rebuild openshmem
- rebuild verbs MPIs



· rebuild uefi

If you need information on how to build Intel[®] OPA-specific OFA delta user modules, contact Intel Customer Support for details.

Release Packages 1.8

There are two Intel[®] Omni-Path Fabric Software packages:

- · Basic for compute nodes
- IFS for management nodes

The Basic package includes:

- Software that installs the following packages to the distribution OpenFabrics Alliance* (OFA):
 - libibumad is based on the RHEL* or SLES* release package. It contains Intel patches that support Intel[®] Omni-Path Architecture (Intel[®] OPA) technology.
 - ibacm is the latest upstream code applied with RHEL* patches.
 - hfi1-firmware, hfi1-psm, hfi1-diagtools-sw, libhfi1verbs
 - Open MPI and MVAPICH2. See Section 1.12 for details.
 - mpitests
 - mpi-selector
 - GASnet
 - openSHMEM
 - Sandia* OpenSHMEM
 - srptools (includes the latest upstream code)
 - Firmware files listed in Table 1-1.
- compat-rdma which delivers kernel changes based on the OFA version. The components installed are the hfi1 driver and Intel-enhanced versions of other kernel packages. See the Building Lustre* Servers with Intel[®] Omni-Path Architecture Application Note for details.
- Firmware installation tools, including hfi1_eprom and TMM update tools.

The IFS package includes the Basic package plus:

- Fabric Manager, which allows comprehensive control of administrative functions using a mature Subnet Manager. Fabric Manager simplifies subnet, fabric, and individual component management, easing the deployment and optimization of large fabrics.
- Fabric Suite FastFabric Toolset, which enables rapid, error-free installation and configuration of Intel[®] OPA host software and management software tools, as well as simplified installation, configuration, validation, and optimization of HPC fabrics. For details, refer to the Fabric Suite FastFabric documentation.



1.9 Firmware Files

This release of the Intel[®] Omni-Path Software contains the firmware files listed in Table 1-1. Intel provides UEFI firmware for discrete Intel[®] Omni-Path HFI cards and includes a platform file specific to Intel[®] Omni-Path HFI cards.

Table 1-1. Firmware Files

| Description | File Name | Version |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| HFI1 UEFI Option ROM | HfiPcieGen3_1.6.0.0.0.efi | 1.6.0.0.0 |
| UEFI UNDI Loader | HfiPcieGen3Loader_1.6.0.0.0.rom | 1.6.0.0.0 |
| HFI1 SMBus Microcontroller Firmware (Thermal Monitor) | hfi1_smbus.fw | 10.4.0.0.146 |
| Intel [®] Omni-Path HFI platform file Note: If you have a non-Intel HFI, contact the manufacturer's support team for details. | hfi1_platform.dat | HFI_TYPE1 v1.0.1.0 |

1.10 Operating Systems

This release of the Intel[®] Omni-Path Software supports the operating systems listed in Table 1-2.

Table 1-2.Supported Operating Systems

| Operating System | Update/ SP | Kernel Version |
|--|----------------|---|
| Red Hat* Enterprise Linux* (RHEL*) 6.7 X86_64 | Update 7 | 2.6.32-573.el6.x86_64 2.6.32-573.45.2.el6.x86_64 2.6.32-573.48.1.el6.x86_64 |
| CentOS* 6.7 X86_64 | Update 7 | 2.6.32-573.el6.x86_64 2.6.32-573.45.2.el6.x86_64 2.6.32-573.48.1.el6.x86_64 |
| Red Hat* Enterprise Linux* (RHEL*) 7.3 X86_64 | N/A | 3.10.0-514.el7.x86_64 |
| Red Hat* Enterprise Linux* (RHEL*) 7.4 X86_64 | N/A | 3.10.0-693.el7.x86_64 |
| CentOS* 7.3 X86_64 | N/A | 3.10.0-514.el7.x86_64 x86_64 |
| CentOS* 7.4 X86_64 | N/A | 3.10.0-693.el7.x86_64 |
| Scientific Linux* 7.3 X86_64 | N/A | 3.10.0-514.el7.x86_64 |
| Scientific Linux* 7.4 X86_64 | N/A | 3.10.0-693.el7.x86_64 |
| SUSE* Linux* Enterprise Server (SLES*) 12.2 X86_64 | Service Pack 2 | 4.4.21-69-default |
| SUSE* Linux* Enterprise Server (SLES*) 12.3 X86_64 | Service Pack 3 | 4.4.73-5-default |

- *Note:* The Intel[®] Xeon Phi[™] Processor x200 product family (Knights Landing CPU-based servers) supports the following operating systems: RHEL* 7.3, CentOS* 7.3, and SLES* 12 SP2.
- Note: The next generation Intel[®] Xeon Phi[™] (codename Knights Mill) supports the following operating systems: RHEL* 7.4, CentOS* 7.4, and SLES* 12 SP3.
- *Note:* PSM2 GPUDirect* RDMA is supported on RHEL* 7.3, RHEL* 7.4, and SLES* 12 SP2.



1.11 Parallel File Systems

The following parallel file systems have been tested with this release of the ${\rm Intel}^{\circledast}$ Omni-Path Software:

- Intel[®] Enterprise Edition for Lustre^{*} software v3.1
 - RHEL* versions supported by Intel[®] Omni-Path Software.
- IBM* Spectrum Scale version 4.2.1.0
 - RHEL* versions supported by Intel[®] Omni-Path Software.

Refer to the Intel[®] Omni-Path Fabric Performance Tuning User Guide for details on optimizing parallel file system performance with Intel[®] Omni-Path Software.

1.12 MPI Libraries

1.12.1 Supported MPI Libraries

The table below lists the different MPI libraries supported by Intel[®] Omni-Path Fabric Software with the corresponding version, fabric support, and compiler used. Note that the second column indicates whether the MPI library is included in the Intel[®] Omni-Path Software package or not.

Table 1-3.Supported MPI Libraries

| MPI Implementation | Included in Basic package? | Runs Over | Compiled With |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Open MPI 1.10.4 | Yes | Verbs | GCC |
| | Yes | PSM2 | GCC, Intel |
| Open MPI 1.10.4-cuda | No | Verbs | N/A |
| Open MPT 1. 10.4-cuda | Yes | PSM2 | GCC, Intel |
| MVAPICH2-2.2 | Yes | Verbs | GCC |
| MVAPICH2-2.2 | Yes | PSM2 | GCC, Intel |
| Intel [®] MPI Library 2017 Update 3 | No | Verbs | N/A |
| inter mer Library 2017 opuate 3 | No | PSM2 | N/A |
| IBM* Platform* MPI version 9.1.4.3 | No | Verbs | N/A |
| TDW PIdtofff WPI version 9.1.4.3 | No | PSM2 | N/A |
| IBM* Spectrum* MPI version 10.1.1.0 | No | Verbs | N/A |
| | No | PSM2 | N/A |



1.12.2 Compiler Versions and Distributions

The MPI libraries listed in the preceding table that are included in the release and built with PSM2 support were built with the following compiler versions:

Table 1-4. Compiler Versions and Distributions

| Compiler | OS Distribution | Compiler Version |
|-------------|-----------------|--|
| (GNU) gcc | RHEL* 7.3 | gcc version 4.8.5 20150623 (Red Hat* 4.8.5-11) (GCC) |
| (GNU) gcc | RHEL* 7.4 | gcc version 4.8.5 20150623 (Red Hat 4.8.5-16) (GCC) |
| (GNU) gcc | SLES* 12 SP 2 | gcc version 4.8.5 (SUSE* Linux*) |
| (GNU) gcc | SLES* 12 SP 3 | gcc version 4.8.5 (SUSE* Linux*) |
| (Intel) icc | RHEL* 7.3 | icc (ICC) 2017.0.4.196, icc version 18.0.0 (gcc version 4.8.5 compatibility) |
| (Intel) icc | RHEL* 7.4 | icc (ICC) 2017.0.4.196, icc version 18.0.0 (gcc version 4.8.5 compatibility) |
| (Intel) icc | SLES* 12 SP 2 | icc (ICC) 2017.0.4.196, icc version 18.0.0 (gcc version 4.8.5 compatibility) |
| (Intel) icc | SLES* 12 SP 3 | icc (ICC) 2017.0.4.196, icc version 18.0.0 (gcc version 4.8.5 compatibility) |

Note: Refer to the *Intel[®] Omni-Path Fabric Host Software User Guide* for setup information when using Open MPI with the SLURM PMI launcher and PSM2.

1.13 Intel Hardware

Table 1-5 lists the Intel hardware supported in this release. The table does not include OEM-specific hardware, such as custom adapters and switches.

Note: The Intel[®] PSM2 implementation has a limit of four (4) HFIs.

Table 1-5.Supported Hardware (Sheet 1 of 2)

| Hardware | Description |
|---|--|
| Intel [®] Xeon [®] Processor E5-2600 v3 product family | Haswell CPU-based servers |
| Intel [®] Xeon [®] Processor E5-2600 v4 product family | Broadwell CPU-based servers |
| Intel [®] Xeon [®] Scalable Processor | Skylake CPU-based servers |
| Intel [®] Xeon Phi [™] Processor x200 product family | Knights Landing CPU-based servers |
| Next generation Intel [®] Xeon Phi [™] Processor (codename Knights Mill) | Knights Mill CPU-based servers |
| Intel [®] Omni-Path Host Fabric Interface 100HFA016 (x16) | Single Port Host Fabric Interface (HFI) |
| Intel [®] Omni-Path Host Fabric Interface 100HFA018 (x8) | Single Port Host Fabric Interface (HFI) |
| Intel [®] Omni-Path Switch 100SWE48Q | Managed 48-port Edge Switch |
| Intel [®] Omni-Path Switch 100SWE48U | Externally-managed 48-port Edge Switch |
| Intel [®] Omni-Path Switch 100SWE48UFH | Externally-managed 48-port Edge Switch, hot-swap power and fans |
| Intel [®] Omni-Path Switch 100SWE48QFH | Managed 48-port Edge Switch, hot-swap power and fans |
| Intel [®] Omni-Path Switch 100SWE24Q | Managed 24-port Edge Switch |

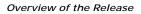




Table 1-5. Supported Hardware (Sheet 2 of 2)

| Hardware | Description |
|---|--|
| Intel [®] Omni-Path Switch 100SWE24U | Externally-managed 24-port Edge Switch |
| Intel [®] Omni-Path Director Class Switch 100SWD24 | Director Class Switch 100 Series, up to 768 ports |
| Intel [®] Omni-Path Director Class Switch 100SWD06 | Director Class Switch 100 Series, up to 192 ports |

Note:

For RHEL* 6.7 and CentOS* 6.7, only the following processors are supported:

- Intel[®] Xeon[®] Processor E5-2600 v3 product family
- Intel[®] Xeon[®] Processor E5-2600 v4 product family



1.14 Documentation Versions

Table 1-6 lists the end user document versions supported by this release.

Table 1-6. Supported Documentation Versions

| Title | Doc. Number | Revision |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Key: Shading indicates the URL to use for accessing the particular document. | | |
| Intel [®] Omni-Path Switches Installation, User, and Reference Guides: http://www.interview.com/www.com/www.com/www.interview.com/www.co | ntel.com/omnipath/Swi | tchPublications |
| Intel [®] Omni-Path Software Installation, User, and Reference Guides (includes HFI http://www.intel.com/omnipath/FabricSoftwarePublications | documents): | |
| Drivers and Software (including Release Notes): http://www.intel.com/omnipath/E | ownloads | |
| Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric Quick Start Guide | J57479 | 3.0 |
| Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric Setup Guide (Old title: Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric Staging Guide) | J27600 | 7.0 |
| Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric Switches Hardware Installation Guide | H76456 | 6.0 |
| Intel [®] Omni-Path Host Fabric Interface Installation Guide | H76466 | 5.0 |
| Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric Software Installation Guide | H76467 | 8.0 |
| Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric Switches GUI User Guide | H76457 | 8.0 |
| Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric Switches Command Line Interface Reference Guide | H76458 | 8.0 |
| Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric Suite FastFabric User Guide (Merged with: Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric Suite FastFabric Command Line Interface Reference Guide) | H76469 | 8.0 |
| Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric Suite Fabric Manager User Guide | H76468 | 8.0 |
| Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric Suite Fabric Manager GUI User Guide | H76471 | 8.0 |
| Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric Host Software User Guide | H76470 | 8.0 |
| Intel [®] Performance Scaled Messaging 2 (PSM2) Programmer's Guide | H76473 | 8.0 |
| Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric Performance Tuning User Guide | H93143 | 10.0 |
| Intel [®] Omni-Path IP and Storage Router Design Guide | H99668 | 5.0 |
| Building Lustre * Servers with Intel $^{\circledast}$ Omni-Path Architecture Application Note | J10040 | 1.0 |
| Building Containers for Intel $^{\circledast}$ Omni-Path Fabrics using Docker * and Singularity * Application Note | J57474 | 4.0 |
| Intel [®] Omni-Path Architecture Management API Programmer's Guide | J68876 | 2.0 |
| Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric Software Release Notes | J82662 | 1.0 |
| Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric Manager GUI Release Notes | J82663 | 1.0 |
| Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric Switches Release Notes (includes managed and externally- managed switches) | J82661 | 1.0 |

For details on which document to use for a particular task, see Table 3-1 on page 23.

1.15 Installation Requirements

1.15.1 Software and Firmware Requirements

Table 1-2 lists the operating systems supported by this release. Refer to the *Intel[®] Omni-Path Fabric Software Installation Guide* for the required packages.



1.15.2 Installation Instructions

There are two Intel[®] Omni-Path Fabric Software packages:

- IntelOPA-IFS.<distro>-x86_64.<version>.tgz for the management node.
- IntelOPA-Basic.<distro>-x86_64.<version>.tgz for compute nodes.

The packages in the tgz file are RPMs. Installing individual RPMs is not supported in the 10.6 release.

Refer to the *Intel[®] Omni-Path Fabric Software Installation Guide* for related software requirements and complete installation procedures. Refer to the *Intel[®] Omni-Path Fabric Hardware Installation Guide* for related firmware requirements.

1.15.3 Installation Path Changes in Release 10.4 (and later)

If you are upgrading an Intel[®] Omni-Path Fabric Software installation (Release 10.3 or earlier), Intel recommends that you perform the following steps before upgrading, due to changes in installation paths for RPMs and configuration files.

Run ./INSTALL -u to uninstall existing packages.

Run ./INSTALL -a to complete the installation.

Pre-existing configuration files are automatically saved by the RPM as .rpmsave files. (RPM will notify you about these files during removal.) If you want to keep these configuration files, you should move them to their new locations. A mapping of old configuration file locations to new locations is shown in the following table.

| Old Location (Release 10.3 and earlier) | New Location (Release 10.4 and later) |
|--|--|
| /etc/sysconfig/opafm.xml | /etc/opa-fm/opafm.xml |
| /etc/sysconfig/allhosts | /etc/opa/allhosts |
| /etc/sysconfig/chassis | /etc/opa/chassis |
| /etc/sysconfig/esm_chasis | /etc/opa/esm_chassis |
| /etc/sysconfig/hosts | /etc/opa/hosts |
| /etc/sysconfig/opafastfabric.conf | /etc/opa/opafastfabric.conf |
| /etc/sysconfig/opaff.xml | /etc/opa/opaff.xml |
| /etc/sysconfig/opamon.conf | /etc/opa/opamon.conf |
| /etc/sysconfig/ports | /etc/opa/ports |
| /etc/sysconfig/switches | /etc/opa/switches |

1.16 Product Constraints

- Power class 2 AOC are supported and require the same level firmware on both ends of the cable. Specifically, 10.6 host software and 1.6 level UEFI are required for proper operation. Integrated HFI (-F) requires a specific BIOS level to support power class 2 AOC; contact your BIOS vendor for more information.
- On certain systems with more than 1 HFI, the ports can come up in an unexpected way. This can lead to the wrong HFI being associated with ib0 or ib1. To ensure ports come up in the expected order each time, use the module parameter hfil port_reorder=1 and if you are loading the driver during initramfs boot, then ensure that you rebuild initramfs.



1.17 Product Limitations

This release has the following product limitations:

- The embedded version of the Fabric Manager supports a maximum of 100 HFI ports involving less than 20 switch ASICs. Calculate the number of switch ASICs in your fabric as follows:
 - 1 ASIC per Intel[®] Omni-Path Edge Switch 100 Series
 - 2 ASICs per Intel[®] Omni-Path Director Class Switch 100 Series Leaf module
 - 2 ASICs per Intel[®] Omni-Path Director Class Switch 100 Series Spine module
- Performance Administration (PA) Failover should not be enabled with FMs running on differing software versions.
 To disable PA failover, edit the /etc/sysconfig/opafm.xml file and in the <Pm> section, change <ImageUpdateInterval> to 0.
- Enabling UEFI Optimized Boot on some platforms can prevent the HFI UEFI driver from loading during boot. To prevent this, do not enable UEFI Optimized Boot.

1.18 RHEL* 6.7 and CentOS* 6.7 Support

1.18.1 RHEL* 6.7 and CentOS* 6.7 Limitations

RHEL* 6.7 and CentOS* 6.7 are supported in this release with the following limitations:

- Processor support:
 - Intel[®] Xeon[®] Processor E5-2600 v3 product family
 - Intel[®] Xeon[®] Processor E5-2600 v4 product family
- File system support:
 - GPFS
 - NFS
 - Intel[®] Enterprise Edition for Lustre* software
 - *Note:* For Intel[®] Enterprise Edition 3.0 Clients (support RHEL* 6.7) and Intel[®] Enterprise Edition 3.1 Servers (support RHEL* 7.3): You cannot upgrade your Clients beyond version 3.0 until you move to a newer RHEL* version.
- MVAPICH2 and Open MPI have been compiled for PSM2 to support the following versions of the compilers:

| Compiler | Linux* Distribution | Compiler Version |
|-------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| (GNU) gcc | RHEL* 6.7 CentOS* 6.7 | gcc (GCC) 4.4.7 |
| (Intel) icc | RHEL* 6.7 CentOS* 6.7 | icc (ICC) 15.0.1 |

- Performance is within 2%-5% of RHEL* 7.4 performance for the following features:
 - PSM bandwidth
 - MPI latency
 - Verbs bandwidth



1.18.2 RHEL* 6.7 and CentOS* 6.7 Installation Prerequisites

Starting in Release 10.5, refer to the *Intel[®] Omni-Path Fabric Software Installation Guide*, OS RPMs Installation Prerequisites section for the detailed list.

1.18.3 RHEL* 6.7: Building Lustre* Kernel Modules for Intel[®] Omni-Path Support

The Intel[®] Enterprise Edition for Lustre* kernel modules are dependent on InfiniBand* core modules. In order for them to load properly in a system where the OPA stack is installed, they must have been compiled against Module.symvers. The IFS package installs Module.symvers, which is generated while building InfiniBand* core and Intel[®] Omni-Path kernel modules. This file contains symbol information that can be used to build higher-level kernel modules such as Lustre* that are dependent on InfiniBand* core or Intel[®] Omni-Path kernel modules.

It is installed in: /lib/modules/<kernel_ver>/include-ifs-kernel/Module.symvers

Build Lustre* modules using the following command: # KBUILD_EXTRA_SYMBOLS="/lib/modules/<kernel_ver>/ include-ifs-kernel/Module.symvers" rpmbuild -rebuild -without servers <pathtomyrpm>

1.19 Accelerated RDMA Information

Accelerated RDMA is a Verbs protocol extension to improve the performance of RDMA write and RDMA read operations on $Intel^{\mathbb{R}}$ Omni-Path hardware.

This extension improves the efficiency of large message transfers to provide performance benefits for storage protocols and other Verbs-based protocols. The benefits include increased achievable bandwidth with reduced CPU utilization. The Token ID (TID) RDMA protocol accelerates the OpenFabrics Alliance* (OFA) Verbs API with no changes required to API consumers. The acceleration technique is performed by the host driver and the application running over the OFA Verbs API does not need to make any code change.

Accelerated RDMA is off by default.

To enable it, add cap_mask=0x4c09a01cbba to the /etc/modprobe.d/hfil.conf file. Instructions on how to do this are in the *Intel[®] Omni-Path Fabric Performance Tuning User Guide*, "Setting HFI1 Driver Parameters" section.

Note: Accelerated RDMA must be enabled on all nodes to function. Mixing of enabled and disabled nodes will not show performance benefits.



2.0 Issues

2.1 Introduction

This section lists the resolved and open issues in the Intel[®] Omni-Path Software.

2.2 Resolved Issues

Table 2-1 lists issues that are resolved in this release.

Table 2-1. Issues resolved in this release (Sheet 1 of 2)

| ID | Description | Resolved in Release |
|------------------|---|---------------------|
| 133633 | OpenMPI and MVAPICH2 compiles fail to link properly when using the Intel compilers. This issue is caused by a bug in Intel Compiler 2015. | 10.6 |
| 134904 | Legacy PXE boot using iPXE while the HFI UEFI driver is loaded may cause a hang. | 10.6 |
| 136419 137106 | When running SLES* 12.2 with inbox OPA drivers installed, the state may not change from "Offline" to "Physical Linkup (Init)" as expected. When running SLES* 12.3 with inbox OPA drivers, this issue does not occur. | 10.6 |
| 137409 | When using DHCP from an Intel [®] OPA HFI, the DHCP client-identifier field (option 61) must be used to set up DHCP static leases. However, what is sent in the DHCP discover packet is different for PXE boot attempts versus a DHCP boot attempt. The DHCP client-identifier can be explicitly specified in DHCP client configuration or NetworkManager scripts. | 10.6 |
| 138909 | Installation fails due to a build error in IntelOPA-Tests, which is caused by a version mismatch between the ICC libraries in the IFS package and the ICC libraries available in the system. | 10.6 |
| 139397 | IPoIB traffic stalls during reboot testing. | 10.6 |
| 139660 | Following a boot it is possible, although rare, that the IPoIB interface will fail to come up. Hosts attempting to ping this host will get no response. | 10.6 |
| 139692 | On SLES* 12 SP2, when installing the Release 10.5 software with this command: rpm -i hfidiags-0.8-66.x86_64.rpm The following error is returned: error: Failed dependencies: libreadline.so.7()(64bit) is needed by hfidiags-0.8-66.x86_64 | 10.6 |
| 139834 | When using the FastFabric TUI to run "Perform Single Host Verification", the test hangs during operation. | 10.6 |
| 140073 | Error message when running MPI tests: Unable to initialize PSM2 CUDA support In Release 10.5, if IFS is installed with CUDA* support, then the NVIDIA* CUDA* Toolkit is also required to be installed in order to run any MPI application using PSM2 transport. Release 10.5 IFS installations without CUDA* support do not require NVIDIA* CUDA* Toolkit to be installed. | 10.6 |
| 140151 | On RHEL* 6.7, during IFS 10.5 installation, warning messages were displayed about the /etc/sysconfig/irgbalance file. This issue has been resolved. | 10.6 |



Table 2-1. I ssues resolved in this release (Sheet 2 of 2)

| ID | Description | Resolved in Release |
|--------|--|---------------------|
| 140208 | The node description of a node may change after rebooting. This issue has been seen on RHEL* and SLES* distributions and requires restart of the rdma-ndd service. | 10.6 |
| 140229 | In Release 10.6, the opaswitchadmin tool was updated to address a condition that was seen during firmware upgrade of a large number of switches. | 10.6 |
| 140281 | On SLES* 12 SP2, during IFS 10.5 installation, a warning message about IRQBALANCE_ARGS was displayed. This issue has been resolved. | 10.6 |
| 140527 | In Release 10.6, an installation issue caused by a dependency on libuuid-devel has been resolved. | 10.6 |
| 140909 | In Release 10.6, the filepath for bios_images was updated from: /opt/opa/bios_images to /usr/share/opa/bios_images | 10.6 |

Table 2-2 lists issues that are resolved in prior releases.

Table 2-2. I ssues resolved in prior releases (Sheet 1 of 3)

| ID | Description | |
|--------|---|------|
| 132160 | In Release 10.5, the Open MPI pre-compiled packages were built with a dependency on numactl being available at runtime. | |
| 133380 | In Release 10.5, the PM has been updated allowing you to change the weight and threshold of PA categories. This enables you to recalculate values using already stored port data. Also, PA query time, memory usage, and disk space usage will decrease with the new PM History version. To change thresholds and weights, edit the opafm.xml file and restart the FM. Note: The FM no longer supports the previous short term history (STH) file after this change. The old files do not need to be removed as they will age out normally. | |
| 133596 | When running the install script and installing all available packages, the installer may return a prereq not installed error. | 10.5 |
| 134409 | In links exhibiting a high error rate, a rare PortRcvError is possible, resulting in a link down event. Such links should retrain and return to operation without user interaction. In cases where the Link Quality is less than or equal to 3, the interconnect in the link should be evaluated for possible replacement to prevent future PortRcvErrors from occurring. | |
| 135259 | In links exhibiting a high error rate, a rare PortRcvError is possible, resulting in a link down event. Such links should retrain and return to operation without user interaction. In cases where the Link Quality is less than or equal to 3, the interconnect in the link should be evaluated for possible replacement to prevent future PortRcvErrors from occurring. | |
| 135360 | On a system running RHEL* 7.2 or 7.3, if two kmem_cache_creates() occur with the same name, a kernel panic may result when the caches are deleted. The kernel panic is caused by hfi1_user_sdma_free_queues. | |
| 135929 | 9 Intel [®] Omni-Path Boot nodes occasionally dropped from fabric when switching master SM from one 1 node to another. | |
| 135963 | Cannot install IFS software on RHEL* 7.3 using the command: ./INSTALL -vv -a | |
| 136049 | The expected width of a card is not showing up correctly in opaverifyhosts. | |
| 136436 | On SLES* 12.2, node_desc is not populated with the host name when system is booted up. | |
| 136437 | When using RHEL* 7.2, the default generic PXE boot image does not work due to missing driver and firmware files. | |
| 136567 | The Intel [®] OPA software does not support SSH passphrases. In earlier releases, if a passphrase was created, an error message was displayed to remove the passphrase and proceed. In Release 10.5, when SSH keys are created, the passphrase is automatically left empty. | |





| ID | Description | |
|--------|---|------|
| 136727 | Initialization of PSM2 library fails with the following error message: Error: PSM is in the finalized state | |
| 136821 | When performing boot over fabric, links may take up to 6 minutes to become active. | 10.5 |
| 136901 | Occasionally, nodes may be dropped by the Fabric Manager while they are in a pre-boot mode. This can occur when the node has multiple HFIs on a single socket. | 10.5 |
| 136971 | When using the Accelerated RDMA feature (TID RDMA), certain Verbs Multi-PPN tests may cause error messages. | 10.5 |
| 136996 | In Release 10.5, the opaconfig tool has been moved into a new top level RPM. | 10.5 |
| 137054 | Pinging an Intel [®] OPA UEFI permanent IP address from a DHCP server fails on subsequent reboots unless the corresponding network interface has first been initialized in the UEFI network stack. | 10.5 |
| 137123 | In Release 10.5, the Fabric Manager is not compatible with older versions of the FM GUI. You must use the same version of both Fabric Manager and FM GUI. | 10.5 |
| 137364 | The node description of a node may change after rebooting. This issue has been seen on RHEL* and SLES* and requires manual enabling and starting of the rdma-ndd service. | 10.5 |
| 137372 | Packets may be stuck in kernel when attempting writes to file system via IPoIB interface. | 10.5 |
| 137499 | HFI links may occasionally take several minutes to reach link up. | 10.5 |
| 137577 | opatmmtool does not provide a correct error message if it is run on a system that does not have a TMM. | 10.5 |
| 137616 | When booting in legacy BIOS boot mode on RHEL* 7.x and SLES* 12.x, the following message is present in the kernel: Request for unknown module key 'Intel Corporation: Intel(R) Omni-Path HFI UEFI: 719ebaa125172ba69ad01b850b7458f85c89bb07' err -11 | |
| 137744 | In Release 10.4.2 and earlier, the values for MinInitial and MinTail were reported in flits by the opareport, opasmaquery, and opasaquery tools. | |
| 137791 | In Release 10.5, changes to settings in the Preemption section of the FM configuration file are only updated on HFI or switch ports when the port is bounced. See the <i>Intel[®] Omni-Path Fabric Suite Fabric Manager User Guide</i> for details. | |
| 137869 | When using GPUDirect* RDMA, you must run .INSTALL using the -G option. In Release 10.4, the INSTALL script did not pass the -G argument to remote hosts. | 10.5 |
| 138047 | The Open MPI implementation for MPI_Wtime() may change when using different CPU frequency drivers (intel_pstate vs acpi_freq) and turbo status of the CPU. Release 10.5 includes patches for Open MPI 1.10.x that resolve this issue. | |
| 138108 | In Release 10.5, PKey handling for Active VFs was changed. To avoid disruptions when upgrading from a prior release, you must ensure that all Active VFs have explicit PKeys defined in the opafm.xml configuration file. To find PKeys that are currently assigned to each Active VF, type opareport -o vfinfo and press Enter. Using this information, manually edit the <virtualfabric> section of the opafm.xml file for each VF in the list to insert the following: <pkey>pkey_number></pkey></virtualfabric> | |
| 138171 | During execution of an opacapture command, the core file may not be properly copied. This can occur on systems running the SLES* operating system when the following message appears during the capture: /usr/lib/opa-fm/bin/fm_capture: line 148: [: too many arguments If a core file exists in the default directory, that core file will be copied. | |
| 138183 | In Release 10.4, additional fields were added to the opareport -o snapshot -r XML output format that were not present in Release 10.3. Therefore, Release 10.3 snapshot files reported a "Mandatory Tag Not Found" parser error using Release 10.4 Fabric Manager tools. The resolution was to regenerate any such snapshot files using the opareport tool in Release 10.4. | |

Table 2-2. Issues resolved in prior releases (Sheet 2 of 3)



| Table 2-2. | Issues resolved in prior releases (Sheet 3 of 3) |
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| ID | Description | |
|--------|--|--|
| 138188 | Coexistence feature with Intel [®] True Scale HCA cards does not function on servers running RHEL* 7.3 OS. | |
| 138460 | When upgrading from Release 10.3 and earlier to Release 10.4 or newer, the allhost path include statement was not updated with the new path which is: /etc/opa/allhosts1This issue is resolved in Release 10.5.1 | |
| 139073 | An internal I2C error may result in a Director leaf reinitializing (momentarily going off-line), which may disrupt fabric operation. In Release 10.5, the switch firmware now handles I2C errors such that leaf operation is not impacted. | |
| 139407 | Shell history overflow caused by Intel [®] OPA commands run by scripts. In Release 10.5, commands run by fastfabric opahostadmin will now be omitted from the shell history. | |
| 139797 | Switch port connected to HFI stuck in LinkTearDown state. | |
| 139931 | Clarified Section 1.16, "Product Limitations" on page 12: The embedded version of the Fabric Manager supports a maximum of 100 HFI ports involving less than 20 switch ASICs. Calculate the number of switch ASICs in your fabric as follows: • 1 ASIC per Intel [®] Omni-Path Edge Switch 100 Series • 2 ASICs per Intel [®] Omni-Path Director Class Switch 100 Series Leaf module • 2 ASICs per Intel [®] Omni-Path Director Class Switch 100 Series Spine module | |
| 140199 | In some scenarios involving device reboot, down links, fabrics with spare ports or fabrics with DCS; that the SM may skip setting some important SMA attributes. This can result in ports which are Active but unable to pass data, resulting in errors and failures from assorted applications depending on which nodes are communicating with each other. | |



2.3 Open Issues

Table 2-3 lists the open issues for this release.

Table 2-3.Open Issues (Sheet 1 of 4)

| ID | Description | Workaround |
|--------|--|--|
| 129563 | Memory allocation errors with MVAPICH2-2.1/Verbs. | When running MVAPICH2 jobs with a large number of ranks (for example, between 36 and 72 ranks), you must set the following parameters in /etc/security/limits.conf: * hard memlock unlimited * soft memlock unlimited Also, you must increase the lkey_table_size: LKEY table size in bits (2^n, 1 <= n <= 23) from its default of 16 to 17. For instructions on setting module parameters, refer to Appendix A in the Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric Performance Tuning User Guide. |
| 131745 | When running OpenMPI 1.10.0 on SLES* 12 with large number of ranks per node (over 40), it may happen that the ORTE daemon (orted) "hangs" during the finalization of job. This is an issue in Open MPI with the version of glibc used in SLES* 12. It is being researched by the Open MPI community in issue: https://github.com/open- mpi/ompi/issues/1136 | Stopping and resuming the "hung" orted process allows the job to finish normally. To find the hung process, run the ps and find a node with several job zombie processes. In that same node, identify the orted process ID and send a stop signal (kill -19 <pid>) and a continue signal (kill -18 <pid>).</pid></pid> |
| 132207 | Kernel crash caused by the ib_srpt module. | Install this kernel patch: https://git.kernel.org/cgit/linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux.gi t/commit/?id=51093254bf879bc9ce96590400a87897c749 8463 |
| 133604 | Bonding driver shows incorrect hardware address of IPoIB interfaces. | This workaround applies to RHEL* 7.3 (and earlier) and SLES* 12 SP3 (and earlier) distributions: Use the opainfo command to retrieve the PortGUID and ip addr show ib0 to get the correct 20-byte hardware address of OPA network interface. |
| 134471 | The HFI UEFI driver cannot boot via PXE using Grub 2. | Contact Intel Customer Support for assistance. |
| 134494 | Open MPI uses srand() family functions at MPI_Init() time. Therefore, if the user sets srand() before calling MPI_Init(), the values will be altered. | a) Fixed in Open MPI 2.0.1.b) Call srand() functions family after calling MPI_Init(). |
| 134819 | In KNL-F EFI shell, the command ifconfig -1 does not correctly display the IP address after being assigned via DHCP. | Launch a newer version of the EFI shell from the embedded shell. |
| 135028 | NVMe over Fabric Protocol is only supported on Intel [®] OPA with Linux* kernel 4.5 and later versions. | To use NVMe functionality on Intel $^{\textcircled{B}}$ OPA, you must patch the kernel. |
| 135084 | In rare circumstances, the HFI may not appear in the PCI config space after a power cycle. | Reboot or power cycle the platform. |
| 135390 | <pre>Very old HFI adapters may be programmed with an obsolete version of the AOC platform configuration file. In these cases, errors such as the following may be observed: [26.903186] hfil 0000:d5:00.0: hfil_0: parse_platform_config:Bad config file [26.903186] hfil 0000:d5:00.0: hfil_0: parse_platform_config:File claims to be larger than read size [27.351555] hfil 0000:d5:00.0: hfil_0: tune_serdes: Unknown port type</pre> | Update the platform configuration file on the HFI to the current version. For details, see the <i>Intel[®] Omni-Path Fabric Software Installation Guide</i> , Upgrade the HFI UEFI Firmware section. |

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| ID | Description | Workaround |
|--------|--|---|
| 135830 | On Intel [®] Xeon Phi [™] systems, failure observed during software upgrade when rebuilding the boot image. Error message contains: Rebuilding boot image with "/usr/bin/dracut -f" | Due to the extended processing time of the dracut command on the Intel[®] Xeon Phi[™] platform, Intel recommends the following: Install and configure Intel[®] Xeon Phi[™] systems separately. Change the FF_TIMEOUT_MULT value in opafastfabric.conf from 2 to 6 for Intel[®] Xeon Phi[™] systems. |
| 135975 | After performing an OPA software configuration update, switches will show the new settings when queried by opaswitchadmin tools, however, individual ports will continue to operate using the previous settings, including LinkWidth enable. | Perform one of the following:Reboot the switch to apply the new settings.Bounce the affected port(s). |
| 136160 | On some Intel [®] Xeon Phi [™] with integrated Intel [®] Omni- Path fabric platforms, the second integrated HFI is discovered first and is subsequently identified as the first HFI device. As a result, when issuing Intel [®] Omni-Path commands, the second HFI appears first in the results. In Linux* and various Intel [®] Omni-Path tools, the HFI reporting order may be the opposite of the order appearing on the Intel [®] Xeon Phi [™] with integrated Intel [®] Omni-Path fabric cable/faceplate. | You can identify the second integrated HFI by inspecting the Node GUID or Port GUID/Port GID reported by opainfo or other commands such as hfil_control -i. Note that bit 39 of the PortGUID, the most significant bit, is set for the second HFI, and is clear for the first HFI. Keep in mind that when issuing various Intel [®] Omni-Path CLI commands targeted at a specific HFI using the -h option, -h 1 correlates to the device that is listed as hfil_0. As a result, the issued command affects the second HFI instance in cases where the second HFI port instance appears first. By default, ports are ordered as enumerated by the kernel. There is a new module parameter called port_reorder. When set, the HFI1 ports on the same ASIC will be enumerated in increasing order. To enable this feature, use the command: modprobe hfi1 port_reorder=1 |
| 136432 | Certain perftest tools such as ib_write_bw do not work on RHEL* 7.3 when using the RDMA CM with UD QPs. | Roll back the perftest package to the level found in RHEL* 7.2, which is perftest-2.4. Then install this package on RHEL* 7.3. |
| 136500 | RDMA perftests can hang on start on a client side when RDMA CM (-R option) is used. | Intel recommends that you use the same version of perftests across your fabric. Obtain the latest perftests version from the upstream repository. |
| 136728 | If hundreds of links are bouncing while the FM is sweeping, the FM sweep time may be significantly extended. This can result in unexpected delays in FM responsiveness to fabric changes or host reboots. (The issue is that active links bounce between the time FM discovers one side of the link versus the other side of the link.) In Release 10.3.1, a change was made to improve the FM responsiveness in large fabrics of >1000 nodes when numerous links bounce (or hosts are rebooted) at once. In Release 10.6, a new configuration value is present in the FM configuration that determines how much time will be allotted to timeouts before abandoning a sweep. If you are upgrading from a previous version of the FM and retaining a configuration file that does not include this new parameter, the value will be set too low and cause sweeps to abandon after only a single timeout is witnessed. | If you are using a configuration file from a release prior to 10.6, ensure the following value is present in the <sm> section of the opafm.xml file: <cumulativetimeoutlimit>300outLimit></cumulativetimeoutlimit></sm> |
| 136822 | The Intel UEFI driver contained in the server BIOS must be executed for proper support of Active Optical Cables (AOC) in an integrated HFI environment. Some BIOS do not execute the UEFI in Legacy BIOS Boot mode, and there are BIOS configuration settings that may prevent the UEFI from executing in any mode. | Avoid the use of Legacy BIOS boot mode if your platform does not execute the HFI driver in that mode. Avoid BIOS settings or other configuration settings that do not execute the HFI driver during boot. |



| ID | Description | Workaround |
|--------|--|--|
| 137212 | The RHEL* 6.7 base version of the perftest package includes a ib_send_lat utility that may cause a segmentation fault when run with the -z option. | Run the utility without using the -z option. Alternatively, install and run perftest-3.0. |
| 137951 | In the HFI BIOS screen for Advanced NIC Configuration, a warning message about incorrect custom P_Key value is not completely displayed. | The valid range for custom P_Key value is 0x8001 to 0xFFFE. |
| 139550 | Infrequently, an AOC may exhibit an unexpectedly high local link integrity error rate after the link comes up, relative to the error rate on previous link up occasions. This can be determined by observing a link quality of <5. These links may eventually experience a link width downgrade. | Bounce the link. |
| 139613 | The Subsystem Vendor and Subsystem Device ID in the PCI configuration space of Intel [®] Omni-Path discrete HFI cards may not indicate the correct OEM vendor and device. As a result, the lspci command may show incorrect Subsystem Vendor and Device ID information. This issue affects Intel server boards for Intel [®] Xeon [®] Processor v3 and v4 Product Family configured in Legacy OS boot mode. | Reconfigure the system from Legacy OS boot mode to UEFI boot mode. |
| 139743 | While running uperf test, timeouts on ib0 Transmit Queue may be seen. | None. |
| 139924 | For RHEL* and SLES*, the ibacmp provided in the OS distribution uses incorrect address information when joining multicast groups. This causes name resolution to fail. The dsap provided in the OS distribution works correctly. | Do not use the OS distribution ibacmp. |
| 139981 | When Accelerated RDMA (TID RDMA) is enabled, GPFS file system can hang. | None. |
| 139995 | When installing Intel [®] Omni-Path Software on a clean system (with no prior versions installed), the following error message may be displayed: cat: //etc/opa/version_delta: No such file or directory | This message can be safely ignored. The installer is looking for an IFS version file before it has been created on the system. The installation is not impacted. |
| 140310 | On RHEL* 7.3, if an ipofabric interface name is non- standard, the ifcfg file is not read correctly. For example, if you are using the ipofabric interface name opa_ib0, and the connected mode and MTU size is specified in the ifcfg-opa_ib0 file, when you bring up the interface with ifup, the settings do not take effect. | You must manually enter: echo connected > /sys/class/net/opa_ib0/mode for the settings to take effect. |
| 140691 | When running opaswitchadmin against multiple externally-managed switches simultaneously, it sends schedule requests in parallel to those hosts. It is possible that some hosts may intermittently fail due to timeouts at high levels of parallelism. | The number of hosts that are queried in parallel can be limited by setting the FF_MAX_PARALLEL value in /etc/opa/opafastfabric.conf. Results may vary by fabric. Intel recommends reducing this to 2. |
| 140707 | When using the Upgrade option in the INSTALL script TUI, a message is displayed stating that "Up To Date" items will be reinstalled. However, the opa.log file does not indicate these items were reinstalled. | None. |
| 140881 | In rare cases when an LNI failure occurs, the link will not come up after manually disabling and re-enabling the link. | Reload the driver. |

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| ID | Description | Workaround |
|--------|---|---|
| 140911 | In Release 10.6, the OFI verbs provider does not support FI_EP_RDM End Point type. This End Point type is needed for Open MPI OFI support. Therefore, Open MPI OFI support will not run over the verbs provider. | If needed to run Open MPI over verbs, use the native verbs support Open MPI build included in IFS. |
| 141142 | Issues loading the HFI driver with GPUDirect* RDMA CUDA support. | Perform the following steps: Rebuild the ifs-kernel-updates SRPM using the INSTALL script option. This creates ifs-kernel-updates-devel-xxx-xcuda.x86_64.rpm and kmod-ifs-kernel-updates-kmp-default-xxx.x86_64.rpm(SLES) in the IntelOPA-IFS.xxx/IntelOPA-OFED_DELTA.xxx/RPMS/xx/directory. Remove existing ifs-kernel-updates-xxx-cuda rpms in the IntelOPA-IFS.xxx/IntelOPA-OFED_DELTA.xxx/ RPMS/xx/CUDA/ directory. Move those RPMs to the IntelOPA-IFS.xxx/IntelOPA-OFED_DELTA.xxx/IntelOPA-OFED_DELTA.xxx/RPMS/xx/CUDA/ directory. Run INSTALL with the -G option and it installs the newly built rpms. |
| 141420 | When Accelerated RDMA is enabled, the kdeth_qp module parameter cannot be changed. | None. |



3.0 Related Information

3.1 Documentation

Intel[®] Omni-Path deliverables are available at the following URLs:

- Intel[®] Omni-Path Switches Installation, User, and Reference Guides
 www.intel.com/omnipath/SwitchPublications
- Intel[®] Omni-Path Fabric Software Installation, User, and Reference Guides
 www.intel.com/omnipath/FabricSoftwarePublications
- Drivers and Software (including Release Notes)
 www.intel.com/omnipath/downloads

Use the tasks listed in this table to find the corresponding Intel[®] Omni-Path document.

Table 3-1. Intel[®] Omni-Path Documentation Library (Sheet 1 of 3)

| Task | Document Title | Description |
|--|--|--|
| Key: Shading indicates the l | JRL to use for accessing the particular do | cument. |
| Intel [®] Omni-Path 9 | Switches Installation, User, and Reference | Guides: http://www.intel.com/omnipath/SwitchPublications |
| Intel[®] Omni-Path S http://www.intel.com | Software Installation, User, and Reference om/omnipath/FabricSoftwarePublications | Guides (includes HFI documents): |
| Drivers and Software | are (including Release Notes): http://www | .intel.com/omnipath/Downloads |
| Using the Intel [®] OPA documentation set | Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric Quick Start Guide | A roadmap to Intel's comprehensive library of publications describing all aspects of the product family. It outlines the most basic steps for getting your Intel [®] Omni-Path Architecture (Intel [®] OPA) cluster installed and operational. |
| Setting up an Intel [®] OPA cluster | New title : Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric Setup Guide (Old title: Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric Staging Guide) | Provides a high level overview of the steps required to stage a customer-based installation of the Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric. Procedures and key reference documents, such as Intel [®] Omni-Path user guides and installation guides are provided to clarify the process. Additional commands and BKMs are defined to facilitate the installation process and troubleshooting. |
| Installing hardware | Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric Switches Hardware Installation Guide | Describes the hardware installation and initial configuration tasks for the Intel [®] Omni-Path Switches 100 Series. This includes: Intel [®] Omni-Path Edge Switches 100 Series, 24 and 48-port configurable Edge switches, and Intel [®] Omni-Path Director Class Switches 100 Series. |
| - | Intel® Omni-Path Host Fabric Interface Installation Guide | Contains instructions for installing the HFI in an Intel [®] OPA cluster. A cluster is defined as a collection of nodes, each attached to a fabric through the Intel interconnect. The Intel [®] HFI utilizes Intel [®] Omni-Path switches and cabling. |



| Task | Document Title | Description |
|---|--|--|
| Installing host software Installing HFI firmware Installing switch firmware (externally- managed switches) | Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric Software Installation Guide | Describes using a Text User Interface (TUI) to guide you through the installation process. You have the option of using command line interface (CLI) commands to perform the installation or install using the Linux* distribution software. |
| Managing a switch using Chassis Viewer GUI Installing switch firmware (managed switches) | Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric Switches GUI User Guide | Describes the Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric Chassis Viewer graphical user interface (GUI). It provides task-oriented procedures for configuring and managing the Intel [®] Omni-Path Switch family. Help: GUI Online Help. |
| Managing a switch using the CLI Installing switch firmware (managed switches) | Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric Switches Command Line Interface Reference Guide | Describes the command line interface (CLI) task information for the Intel [®] Omni-Path Switch family. Help: -help for each CLI. |
| Managing a fabric using FastFabric | Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric Suite FastFabric User Guide (Merged with: Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric Suite FastFabric Command Line Interface Reference Guide) | Provides instructions for using the set of fabric management tools designed to simplify and optimize common fabric management tasks. The management tools consist of TUI menus and command line interface (CLI) commands. Help: -help and man pages for each CLI. Also, all host CLI commands can be accessed as console help in the Fabric Manager GUI. |
| Managing a fabric | Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric Suite Fabric Manager User Guide | The Fabric Manager uses a well defined management protocol to communicate with management agents in every Intel [®] Omni-Path Host Fabric Interface (HFI) and switch. Through these interfaces the Fabric Manager is able to discover, configure, and monitor the fabric. |
| using Fabric Manager | Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric Suite Fabric Manager GUI User Guide | Provides an intuitive, scalable dashboard and set of analysis tools for graphically monitoring fabric status and configuration. It is a user-friendly alternative to traditional command-line tools for day-to-day monitoring of fabric health. Help: Fabric Manager GUI Online Help. |
| Configuring and administering Intel [®] HFI and IPoIB driver Running MPI applications on Intel [®] OPA | Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric Host Software User Guide | Describes how to set up and administer the Host Fabric Interface (HFI) after the software has been installed. The audience for this document includes both cluster administrators and Message-Passing Interface (MPI) application programmers, who have different but overlapping interests in the details of the technology. |
| Writing and running middleware that uses Intel [®] OPA | Intel [®] Performance Scaled Messaging 2 (PSM2) Programmer's Guide | Provides a reference for programmers working with the Intel [®] PSM2 Application Programming Interface (API). The Performance Scaled Messaging 2 API (PSM2 API) is a low-level user-level communications interface. |
| Optimizing system performance | Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric Performance Tuning User Guide | Describes BIOS settings and parameters that have been shown to ensure best performance, or make performance more consistent, on Intel [®] Omni-Path Architecture. If you are interested in benchmarking the performance of your system, these tips may help you obtain better performance. |
| Designing an IP or storage router on Intel [®] OPA | Intel [®] Omni-Path IP and Storage Router Design Guide | Describes how to install, configure, and administer an IPoIB router solution (Linux* IP or LNet) for inter-operating between Intel [®] Omni-Path and a legacy InfiniBand* fabric. |
| Building a Lustre* Server using Intel [®] OPA | Building Lustre* Servers with Intel [®] Omni-Path Architecture Application Note | Describes the steps to build and test a Lustre* system (MGS, MDT, MDS, OSS, OST, client) from the HPDD master branch on a x86_64, RHEL*/CentOS* 7.1 machine. |
| Building Containers for Intel [®] OPA Fabrics | Building Containers for Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabrics using Docker* and Singularity* Application Note | Provides basic information for building and running Docker* and Singularity* containers on Linux*-based computer platforms that incorporate Intel [®] Omni-Path networking technology. |



Table 3-1. Intel[®] Omni-Path Documentation Library (Sheet 3 of 3)

| Task | Document Title | Description | |
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| Writing management applications that interface with Intel [®] OPA | Intel [®] Omni-Path Architecture Management API Programmer's Guide | Contains a reference for programmers working with the Intel [®] Omni-Path Architecture Management (Intel OPAMGT) Application Programming Interface (API). The Intel OPAMGT API is a C-API permitting in-band and out-of-band queries of the FM's Subnet Administrator and Performance Administrator. | |
| Learning about new | Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric Software Release Notes | | |
| release features, open issues, and | Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric Manager GUI Release Notes | | |
| resolved issues for a particular release | Intel [®] Omni-Path Fabric Switches Release Notes (includes managed and externally-managed switches) | | |