

**HPE Data Collection Daemon (DCD)
Release Notes
VMware ESXi
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About this document

This document provides details of the currently supported features, enhancement, installation, patches, bugs fixed across releases (if any), known problems, issues, their workarounds, policy details, and documentation details for Data Collection Daemon (DCD) on VMWare ESXi.

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Open source tools

jsoncpp version 1.8.4: <https://github.com/open-source-parsers/jsoncpp>

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Introduction

This document discusses the most recent product information on Data Collection Daemon (DCD) which is supported on HPE Superdome Flex server running VMware ESXi host operating system.

Data Collection Daemon (DCD) is an agentless service for HPE Mission Critical Superdome Flex Servers. DCD proactively monitors the health of hardware components that are visible to running operating system instance and reports any errors to management firmware running on Rack Management Controller (RMC) of Superdome Flex. The management service running on RMC processes the data and serves it out of band to client applications.

Features Supported

This version of DCD includes the following major features on VMware ESXi:

- DCD collects inventory data for below listed components:
 - 1) ESXi Hypervisor
 - 2) SAS/SATA Controller - MegaRAID 9361-4i Controller
 - 3) Physical Drives - Superdome Base Chassis Drives (Internal Only)
 - 4) RAID volumes (Logical drives) hosted by MegaRAID 9361-4i Controller
 - 5) Ethernet devices – Intel adapters, Broadcom adapters and Mellanox adapters
 - 6) Fibre Channel Devices – Broadcom adapter and Marvell adapter
- DCD proactively monitors the health of the MegaRAID 9361-4i Controller, attached drives, RAID volumes, Ethernet devices and Fibre channel devices and forwards state change events to RMC.
- Logging is supported in DCD to log messages at different logging levels.
- DCD can push the inventory to RMC immediately upon request from RMC.
- A command line utility “dcdCli” is provided to test the DCD Event Infrastructure.

For more details on supported cards and drives, please refer to HPE Superdome Flex and HPE Superdome Flex 280 Documentation. For more details on supported inventory and events, please refer to README which is part of DCD documents in the /opt/hpe/dcd/ folder on product installation.

Enhancements and Defect Fixes

The following changes were introduced in DCD version 3.1.3.0:

- Fixed the issue of DCD_OS_LAST_SHUTDOWN_CRITICAL event being logged even for normal reboots. (Only for VMware ESXi 6.5 and 6.7. For VMware ESXi 7.0, this issue was fixed as part of DCD version 3.0.7.0.)
- Added support to report the Manufacturer attribute for all resource types in the system inventory data.
- Added support to report RAID battery related events in CAE for MegaRAID SAS 9361-4i controller.
- Fixed an issue where the VolumeType attribute for a RAID 10 logical drive (managed by MegaRAID 9361-4i controller) was being reported as empty string (instead of “RAID10”).
- Fixed handling of RAID volume consistency check related events for MegaRAID 9361-4i controller so that they are reported correctly to RMC.
- Fixed an issue where Part Number and Model attribute is not reported for all the ports of following Ethernet device:
 - HPE Ethernet 10Gb 2-port 562SFP+ Adapter.
- Updated part number table for new SSD drives.

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- Fixed an issue where invalid Physical Location information was being reported when multiple transport protocols are enabled on the same Fibre Channel adapter.

Prerequisites

- For VMware ESXi 7.0 and VMware ESXi 7.0 U1, DCD needs following version of QLogic Driver, to get the QLogic Fibre channel device inventory and events.

- 1) QLogic driver version: qlnativefc-4.1.9.0-1OEM.700.1.0.15525992

The QLogic driver can be downloaded from the following location:

https://my.vmware.com/en/group/vmware/downloads/details?downloadGroup=DT-ESXI_70-MARVELL-QLNATIVEFC-4190&productId=974

- For VMware ESXi 6.5 and 6.7, DCD needs following version of LSI MegaRAID Driver, to get the MegaRAID inventory and events.

- 1) VMware ESXi 6.5 LSI MegaRAID driver version: 7.709.10.00-1OEM.650.0.0.4598673

- 2) VMware ESXi 6.7 LSI MegaRAID driver version: 7.709.10.00-1OEM.670.0.0.8169922

LSI MegaRAID driver can be downloaded from the following location:

<https://www.vmware.com/resources/compatibility/detail.php?deviceCategory=io&productid=43866>

Note: These driver resolves a LSI MegaRAID thread hang issue, which caused DCD to stop sending inventory and events to RMC.

Supported Hardware and Software

DCD runs on all hardware models of HPE Superdome Flex Systems.

Supported Firmware:

- On HPE Superdome Flex, DCD requires firmware version 2.5.x or later.
- To enable all features introduced in this version of DCD, it is required to upgrade to HPE Superdome Flex firmware version 3.x.

Supported Operating Systems: DCD version 3.0.7.0 or later is supported on HPE Superdome Flex server with the following Operating Systems:

- VMware ESXi 7.0 U1
- VMware ESXi 7.0

DCD version 2.3 or earlier and DCD version 3.1.3.0 is supported on HPE Superdome Flex server with the following Operating Systems:

- VMware ESXi 6.5
- VMware ESXi 6.7

Installation / Upgrade

Download the DCD component for VMware ESXi 7.0 from the following location:

<http://vibsdepot.hpe.com/superdome/sdflex/dcd/jan2021>

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Download the DCD offline bundle for VMware ESXi 6.5 and 6.7 from the following location:

<http://vibsdepot.hpe.com/superdome/sdflex/dcd/dec2020/>

DCD can be installed from the above location using any of the following command:

```
# esxcli software vib install -v <absolute-path-to-DCD-vib> --no-sig-check
# esxcli software vib install -d <absolute-path-to-DCD-zip> --no-sig-check
```

To upgrade the DCD from older vib package to newer one please use any of the following command:

```
# esxcli software vib update -v <absolute-path-to-DCD-vib> --no-sig-check
# esxcli software vib update -d <absolute-path-to-DCD-zip> --no-sig-check
```

To verify if DCD is installed please follow below commands on all VMware ESXi distributions:

- o You can use “`esxcli software vib list | grep -i dcd`” to verify if DCD is installed.

For VMware ESXi 7.0 use following commands to check the status of DCD:

- o To check the list of files delivered by DCD, you can use the following command:

```
# ls -l /opt/hpedcd
```

- o DCD service details and status can be checked using the following command:

```
# /etc/init.d/hpedcd status
```

- o DCD service can be started and stopped using the following commands:

```
# To start the service: /etc/init.d/hpedcd start
```

```
# To stop the service: /etc/init.d/hpedcd stop
```

For VMware ESXi 6.5 and ESXi 6.7, DCD service details and status can be checked using the following command:

```
# /opt/hpe/dcd/scripts/dcd_service.sh status
```

Known Problems and Workarounds

- 1) In DCD inventory and events for RAID volumes, the “DeviceName” parameter is an empty value. This is a known behavior.
- 2) DCD will not process logical volume deletion if they are deleted using “storcli delete all” command.
- 3) For Emulex FC cards, DCD may not generate the correct Physical Location if Emulex FC driver is not upgraded to latest version.
- 4) On VMware ESXi 7.0 only, upon DCD un-installation the files present under “/opt/hpedcd/vital” directory will not be removed even after a reboot.
- 5) DCD may report the Manufacturer attribute for a SATA physical drive as “ATA” in the system inventory data. This is a known behavior, and will be addressed in a future release.

Troubleshooting

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- If DCD service does not start after successful installation, please check the syslog (`/var/log/syslog.log`) for any indication of failures. Use the following command to check if the DCD daemon process is running:

```
ps -TCcjstv | egrep -w "(WID|dcdExecutive) "
```

- The “`dcdCli`” command line utility enables customers to trigger test event from DCD. Test event help validate DCD's ability to monitor and generate events for supported hardware. The DCD test event feature can be used as follows:

```
dcdCli [-h][-t <Event-ID> | --test-event <Event-ID>]
```

Example of sending DCD test event:

```
[root@ch-080:/opt/hpedcd/bin] dcdCli -t 708
dcdCli: Test Event sent to RMC. Please check logs for details.
[root@ch-080:/opt/hpedcd/bin]
```

- For further details about troubleshooting DCD please refer to README.

Support Information

You can report defects related to Data Collection Daemon (DCD) by contacting your local Hewlett Packard Enterprise representative.

Enhancements and Defect Fixes In Previous Releases

The following changes were introduced in DCD version 3.0.7.0:

- Added support for VMWare ESXi 7.0.
- Added support to inventory and monitor the following Ethernet devices:
 - 1) HPE Ethernet 1Gb 4-port 366T Adapter
 - 2) HPE Ethernet 10Gb 2-port 521T Adapter
- Added support to inventory and monitor the following Fibre channel devices:
 - 1) HPE SN1200E 16Gb 2p FC HBA
 - 2) HPE SN1100Q 16Gb 2p FC HBA
 - 3) HPE SN1610E 32Gb 2p FC HBA
 - 4) HPE SN1610Q 32Gb 2p FC HBA
- Added support for HPE Superdome Flex 280 servers. DCD now reports physical location information for the following types of devices on these servers:
 - 1) Embedded I/O devices
 - 2) PCIe add-on I/O cards
- Fixed the issue of `DCD_OS_LAST_SHUTDOWN_CRITICAL` event being logged even for normal reboots. (Only for VMware ESXi 7.0)
- Fixed the issue of “show chassis info” reporting missing disks as available in FRU inventory for MegaRAID 9361-4i controller.
- Corrected DCD behavior to generate `DCD_VOLUME_ERROR` event when a non-redundant physical drive of a degraded RAID 1 / RAID 5 / RAID 6 volume (hosted by LSI MegaRAID 9361-4i) fails or goes offline.
- Fixed the issue of `TotalFreeSystemMemoryGiB` and `TotalSystemMemoryGiB` attributes being populated as 0 (zero) in system inventory data on certain systems due to `esxtop` command being

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denied memory for execution.

The following changes were introduced in DCD version 2.3-0:

- Updated part number table for new SSD models.

The following changes were introduced in DCD version 2.1.0.0:

- Added PartNumber field for LSI MegaRAID 9361-4i in DCD Inventory JSON.
- Modified PartNumber field in DCD Inventory JSON for physical disk drives controllers to use the Spare Part Number.
- Updated part number information reported for specific models of HPE Ethernet adapters.
- Fixed the issue of DCD IPv4Addresses field not being Redfish-compliant when no IPv4 address is configured on the managed server.
- Fixed issue of RAID10 logical volume (configured on LSI MegaRAID 9361-4i) incorrectly showing volume type as "RAID01" in the inventory string.
- Fixed the issue of physical location field for Ethernet device, Drives and Storage Controller being displayed as FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF in inventory and events.
- Integrated with newer version of storelib libstorelib.so.07.1203.0100.0000.

The following changes were introduced in DCD version 2.0.0.0:

- Added support to inventory and monitor Ethernet devices.
- Added support for VMWare ESXi 6.7.

The following changes were introduced in DCD version 1.2.5:

- Added support for two or more MegaRAID 9361-4i controllers per partition.
- Integrated with newer version of storelib libstorelib.so.07.0309.0100.0800.
- Fixed issue of DCD events not being generated if the inventory-refresh happens at a time when a stream of events from MegaRAID 9361-4i are being processed by DCD.
- Fixed issue of missing inventory on a partition where it takes DCD a long time (several minutes or more) to inventory the partition's hardware configuration.