



# **Intel<sup>®</sup> Omni-Path Fabric Software in Red Hat\* Enterprise Linux\* 8.0**

**Release Notes**

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## 1.0 Overview of the Release

These Release Notes are intended for Intel® Omni-Path Fabric software provided in box with the OS release. 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.

### 1.1 Audience

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

### 1.2 Document Versions

Intel® Omni-Path publications are available at the following URLs. For documents compatible with this release, refer to the V10.7 documents listed in the table below.

- Intel® Omni-Path Switches Installation, User, Reference Guides, and Release Notes  
<http://www.intel.com/omnipath/SwitchPublications>
- Intel® Omni-Path Software Installation, User, Reference Guides, and Release Notes (includes HFI documents)  
<http://www.intel.com/omnipath/FabricSoftwarePublications>

The following table lists the end user document versions supported by this release.

**Table 1. Supported Document Versions**

Title	Doc. Number	Revision
<i>Intel® Omni-Path Fabric Quick Start Guide</i>	J57479	4.0
<i>Intel® Omni-Path Fabric Setup Guide</i>	J27600	8.0
<i>Intel® Omni-Path Fabric Switches Hardware Installation Guide</i>	H76456	7.0
<i>Intel® Omni-Path Host Fabric Interface Installation Guide</i>	H76466	5.0
<i>Intel® Omni-Path Fabric Software Installation Guide</i>	H76467	9.0
<i>Intel® Omni-Path Fabric Switches GUI User Guide</i>	H76457	9.0
<i>Intel® Omni-Path Fabric Switches Command Line Interface Reference Guide</i>	H76458	9.0
<i>Intel® Omni-Path Fabric Suite FastFabric User Guide (Merged with: Intel® Omni-Path Fabric Suite FastFabric Command Line Interface Reference Guide)</i>	H76469	9.0
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Title	Doc. Number	Revision
Intel® Omni-Path Fabric Suite Fabric Manager User Guide	H76468	9.0
Intel® Omni-Path Fabric Suite Fabric Manager GUI User Guide	H76471	9.0
Intel® Omni-Path Fabric Host Software User Guide	H76470	9.0
Intel® Performance Scaled Messaging 2 (PSM2) Programmer's Guide	H76473	9.0
Intel® Omni-Path Fabric Performance Tuning User Guide	H93143	11.0
Intel® Omni-Path IP and LNet Router Design Guide (Old title: Intel® Omni-Path IP and Storage Router Design Guide)	H99668	6.0
Building Containers for Intel® Omni-Path Fabrics using Docker* and Singularity* Application Note	J57474	4.0
Intel® Omni-Path Management API Programmer's Guide	J68876	3.0
Configuring Non-Volatile Memory Express* (NVMe*) over Fabrics on Intel® Omni-Path Architecture Application Note	J78967	1.0
Intel® Omni-Path Fabric Software Release Notes	J95967	1.0
Intel® Omni-Path Fabric Manager GUI Release Notes	J95968	1.0
Intel® Omni-Path Fabric Switches Release Notes (includes managed and externally-managed switches)	J95964	1.0
Intel® Omni-Path Fabric Unified Extensible Firmware Interface (UEFI) Release Notes	J98868	1.0
Intel® Omni-Path Fabric Thermal Management Microchip (TMM) Release Notes	J98871	1.0
Intel® Omni-Path Fabric Firmware Tools Release Notes	J98870	1.0

### 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

Technical support for Intel® Omni-Path products is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Please contact Intel Customer Support or visit <http://www.intel.com/omnipath/support> for additional detail.

### 1.5 Packages in This Release

Intel® Omni-Path Software Packages
<b>Packages created by Intel</b>
opa-address-resolution-10.7.0.0.133-2.el8.x86_64
opa-basic-tools-10.7.0.0.133-2.el8.x86_64
opa-fastfabric-10.7.0.0.133-2.el8.x86_64
opa-fm-10.7.0.0.145-2.el8.x86_64
opa-libopamgt-10.7.0.0.133-2.el8.x86_64
<i>continued...</i>



Intel® Omni-Path Software Packages
libfabric-1.6.2-1.el8.x86_64
libpsm2-10.3.58-2.el8.x86_64
<b>Firmware binaries delivered by Intel</b>
8051 firmware version 1.27.0
SBus Master firmware version 0x10130001
PCIe SerDes firmware version 0x4755
Fabric SerDes firmware version 0x1055
<b>Packages used by Intel</b>
rdma-core-22-2.el8.x86_64 (libhfi1)
openmpi-3.1.2-5.el8.x86_64
mpitests-openmpi-5.4.2-4.el8.x86_64
mpitests-mvapich2-5.4.2-4.el8.x86_64
mvapich2-psm2-2.3-5.el8.x86_64
mpitests-mvapich2-psm2-5.4.2-4.el8.x86_64

### HFI Programmable Firmware

To download Intel programmable firmware for HFIs, refer to the following:

- [Unified Extensible Firmware Interface \(UEFI\)](#)
- [Thermal Management Module \(TMM\)](#)
- [Firmware Tools](#)

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#### NOTE

Refer to the [Intel® OPA Compatibility Matrix](#) on page 9 for the firmware versions compatible with this release.

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## 1.6 Supported Features

- The list of supported hardware is in [Table 3](#) on page 8.
- Product constraints are described in [Product Constraints](#) on page 11.
- UEFI, TMM, and Firmware Tools are standalone rpms.
- Active Optical Cables. For details, see the Cable Matrix at: <https://www.intel.com/content/www/us/en/products/network-io/high-performance-fabrics/omni-path-cables.html>
  - Support for active optical cables (AOC) on server platforms using integrated HFI for OPA (commonly known as "-F").
  - Support for Power Class 2 active optical cables (AOC). See [Product Constraints](#) on page 11 for more information.
- 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.
- Support for OpenFabrics Interfaces (OFI), a framework that includes libraries (including libfabric) and applications used to export fabric communication services to applications.
- Support for NVMe over Fabric Protocol
- 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.
- 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.

## 1.7 Supported MPI Libraries

The table below lists the different MPI libraries supported by Intel® Omni-Path Fabric Software. Note that the second column indicates whether the MPI library is included in the distribution.

Table 2. Supported MPI Libraries

MPI Implementation	Runs Over
Open MPI 2.1.2	PSM2
MVAPICH2-2.3B	PSM2

## 1.8 Intel Hardware

The following table lists the Intel hardware supported in this release.

### NOTE

The Intel® PSM2 implementation has a limit of four (4) HFIs.

Table 3. Supported Hardware

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 Processors	Skylake CPU-based servers
Intel® Xeon Phi™ x200 Product Family	Knights Landing CPU-based servers
Intel® Xeon Phi™ 72x5 Processor Family	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
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Hardware	Description
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
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

## 1.9 Intel® OPA Compatibility Matrix

The following component versions are compatible with Intel® Omni-Path software in RHEL\* 8.0.

**Table 4. Intel® OPA Compatibility Matrix**

UEFI	TMM	Managed Switch	Externally-Managed Switch	FM GUI
1.8.1.0.0	10.8.0.0.214	10.8.0.0.186	10.8.0.0.186	10.8.0.0.206
1.7.2.0.0	10.7.0.0.3	10.7.0.0.146	10.7.0.0.144	10.7.0.0.145
1.6.0.0.0	10.4.0.0.146	10.6.1.0.3	10.6.1.0.1	10.6.0.0.136

## 1.10 Installation Requirements

This section provides instructions and information on installing the software.

### 1.10.1 Installation Instructions

Perform the steps in this section to install the default Intel® Omni-Path Software configuration.

#### Assumptions

- You are logged in as root or with root privileges.
- You have a list of IPv4 addresses and netmasks for each IPoIB interface you are going to set up.
- RHEL\* packages are available in a yum repository.

#### References

- Refer to the *Intel® Omni-Path Fabric Software Installation Guide* for related software requirements and next steps.
- Refer to the *Intel® Omni-Path Fabric Switches Hardware Installation Guide* for related firmware requirements.



**Procedures**

Perform the following steps to install the default Intel® Omni-Path Software configuration using RHEL\* OS:

Step	Task/Prompt	Action
<b>Install OPA-Basic Software</b>		
1.	At the command prompt, enter the installation command for opa-basic-tools.	Type <b>yum install -y opa-basic-tools</b> and press <b>Enter</b> .
2.	At the command prompt, reboot the server.	Type <b>reboot</b> and press <b>Enter</b> .
3.	Check your link using opainfo.	Type <b>opainfo</b> and press <b>Enter</b> . Example output: <pre>hfil_0:1                               PortGID: 0xfe80000000000000:001175010163f931   PortState:      Active   LinkSpeed       Act: 25Gb           En: 25Gb   LinkWidth       Act: 4             En: 4   LinkWidthDnGrd ActTx: 4   Rx: 4     En: 3,4   LCRC            Act: 14-bit        En: 14-bit,16-bit, 48-bit          Mgmt: True   LID: 0x00000010-0x00000010       SM LID: 0x0000000c SL: 0   QSFP: AOC      ,      5m FINISAR CORP      P/N FCBN425QB1C05   Rev A   Xmit Data:           0 MB Pkts:              251   Recv Data:          0 MB Pkts:              251   Link Quality: 5 (Excellent)</pre>
4.	Install the rdma-core rpm.	Type <b>yum install -y rdma-core</b> and press <b>Enter</b> .
5.	On all compute nodes: install the PSM2 library.	Type <b>yum install -y libpsm2</b> and press <b>Enter</b> .
<b>Install Intel® Omni-Path Fabric Suite Components on the Management Node</b>		
6.	Install FastFabric.	Type <b>yum install -y opa-fastfabric</b> and press <b>Enter</b> .
7.	Install the opa-address-resolution rpm on all nodes.	Type <b>yum install -y opa-address-resolution</b> and press <b>Enter</b> .
8.	Install Fabric Manager.	Type <b>yum install -y opa-fm</b> and press <b>Enter</b> .
9.	Start the Fabric Manager.	Type <b>systemctl start opafm</b> and press <b>Enter</b> .
<b>Set up IPoIB IPV4 Configuration</b>		
10.	Manually edit or create the ifcfg-ibX file.	<i>Note:</i> Use the OS distribution-supplied instructions for setting up network interfaces. Type <b>cat /etc/network-scripts/ifcfg-ib0</b> and press <b>Enter</b> . Example output: <pre>DEVICE=ib0 BOOTPROTO=static IPADDR=10.228.200.173 BROADCAST=10.228.203.255 NETWORK=10.228.200.0 NETMASK=255.255.252.0 ONBOOT=yes CONNECTED_MODE=yes MTU=65520</pre>

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Step	Task/Prompt	Action
		<b>NOTE:</b> To configure datagram mode for AIP, change <code>CONNECTED_MODE=no</code> and remove (comment out) <code>MTU=</code> of the <code>ifcfg-ib0</code> file. Further details can be found in the <i>Intel® Omni-Path Fabric Performance Tuning User Guide</i> .
11.	Bring up the <code>ib0</code> interface.	Type <code>ifup ib0</code> and press <b>Enter</b> .
12.	Perform a test ping.	Type <code>ping &lt;remote IPoIB address&gt;</code> and press <b>Enter</b> . For example: <pre>ping 10.228.200.161 PING 10.228.200.161 (10.228.200.161) 56(84) bytes of data: 64 bytes from 10.228.200.161: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.863 ms</pre>
<b>End Task</b>		

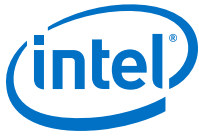
### 1.11 Product Constraints

- The minimum firmware version for Intel® Omni-Path Host Fabric Interface Silicon 100 Series Switch ASIC is 10.6.
- Power class 2 AOC are supported. You must use UEFI version 1.5 or newer for proper operation. Servers using integrated HFI (-F) requires a specific BIOS level to support power class 2 AOC; contact your BIOS vendor for more information.

### 1.12 Product Limitations

This release has the following product limitations:

- Performance Administration (PA) Failover should not be enabled with FMs running on differing software versions.  
 To disable PA failover, edit the `/etc/opa-fm/opa_fm.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.



## 2.0 Issues

This section lists the open issues in the Intel® Omni-Path Software.

### 2.1 Open Issues

The following table lists the open issues for this release.

**Table 5. Open Issues**

ID	Description	Workaround
STL-47095	Memory allocation errors with MVAPICH2-2.1/Verbs.	<p><i>Note:</i> To avoid this issue, use MPIs over PSM.</p> <p>If you are using MPIs over verbs, the following workaround is required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When running MVAPICH2 jobs with a large number of ranks (for example, &gt; 36 ranks but ≤ 72 ranks), you must set the following parameters in <code>/etc/security/limits.conf</code>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>hard memlock unlimited</li> <li>soft memlock unlimited</li> </ul> </li> <li>Also, you must increase the <code>lkey_table_size:LKEY</code> table size in bits (<math>2^n</math>, where <math>1 \leq n \leq 23</math>) from its default of 16 to 17. For instructions on setting module parameters, refer to the <i>Intel® Omni-Path Fabric Performance Tuning User Guide</i>, HFI1 Driver Module Parameters chapter.</li> </ul>
STL-46193	<p>On Intel® Xeon Phi™ systems, failure observed during software upgrade when rebuilding the boot image. Error message contains:</p> <p>Rebuilding boot image with <code>"/usr/bin/dracut -f"</code></p>	<p>Due to the extended processing time of the <code>dracut</code> command on the Intel® Xeon Phi™ platform, Intel recommends the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install and configure Intel® Xeon Phi™ systems separately.</li> <li>Change the <code>FF_TIMEOUT_MULT</code> value in <code>opafastfabric.conf</code> from 2 to 6 for Intel® Xeon Phi™ systems.</li> </ul>
STL-49732	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 <code>lspci</code> 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.
142330	MPI applications that leverage the PSM2 library's access to the HFI ASICs Memory Mapped IO and that access the MMIO directly (not via PSM2) can potentially cause an "unsupported opcode" error which some servers handle as a critical error.	<p>Disable upstream error reporting using the AER mask register.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For discrete HFI ASICs, use</li> </ul> <pre>setpci -d 8086:24f0 ECAP_AER +8.l=00100000:00100000</pre>

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ID	Description	Workaround
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For integrated HFIs, use</li> </ul> <pre data-bbox="917 367 1214 415">setpci -d 8086:24f1 ECAP_AER +8.1=00100000:00100000</pre>
143449	<p>PM will scroll LQI=0 and Integrity Exceeded Threshold logs when an additional VF with QoS enabled and a device group that is not "All".</p> <p><i>Note:</i> This issue does not occur when running against the default opafm.xml configuration file.</p>	<p>Set the &lt;ProcessVLCounters&gt; field in the opafm.xml configuration to 0 to stop scrolling of logs related to LQI.</p>
STL-46077	<p>For systems running on RHEL* 8, there is a known issue with irqbalance.</p>	<p>Contact Intel Customer Support for more information.</p>
STL-57327	<p>Due to a bug in the kernel debug file system, the HFI driver is not able to access many of its files in /sys/kernel/debug/hfi1*, resulting in limited HFI debugging capabilities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>opacapture will fail to gather data for analysis on customer systems.</li> <li>No port statistics will be available for analysis on a live host.</li> </ul>	<p>None.</p> <p><i>Note:</i> This will be fixed in the next kernel release. Refer to Red Hat* issue <a href="#">PR 1686755</a>.</p>
STL-59975	<p>RHEL* 8.0 pxeboot initrd.img file contains no Intel® OPA firmware and has incomplete InfiniBand drivers. Boot over fabric will fail and enter the dracut shell.</p>	<p>Refer to the <i>Intel® Omni-Path Fabric Software Installation Guide</i>, Section 5.5.2.2 (Install RHEL* over Intel® OP HFI) and add the following actions between step 10 and 11.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy infiniband drivers</li> </ol> <pre data-bbox="917 1039 1388 1081">cp -r /lib/modules/&lt;kver&gt;/kernel/drivers/infiniband/ lib/modules/&lt;kver&gt;/kernel/drivers/</pre> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>rebuild module dependencies</li> </ol> <pre data-bbox="917 1155 1193 1176">chroot \$(pwd) depmod -a -v</pre>