

LOTC Disk Replication Communication

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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1 Introduction

This instruction concerns alarm handling.

1.1 Alarm Description

The alarm is raised when the control nodes have lost connection to each other for more than 20 minutes, and are no longer in redundant mode. The control node pair is in a non-redundant mode when the control nodes have no connection with each other.

The possible alarm causes and fault locations are explained in Table 1.

Table 1 Alarm Causes

Alarm Cause	Description	Fault Reason	Fault Location	Impact
Loss of connection between control nodes for more than 20 minutes	The control nodes have lost connection to each other for more than 20 minutes. The Linux® service Distributed Replicated Block Device (DRBD) is not in connected mode.	Network failure leading to communication problems between the control nodes	Network	Both controllers take the primary role and no data is transferred between the nodes
		Hardware failure on the secondary control node	Secondary control node	If one of the controller nodes is down, the cluster does not have a controller node to which it can fail over

Note: This alarm can appear as a result of a maintenance activity.

The alarm attributes are listed and explained in Table 2.

Table 2 Alarm Attributes

Attribute Name	Attribute Value
Major Type	193
Minor Type	3341942788
Source	ManagedElement=<node_name>,HostName=<hostname>,ERIC-LINUX_CONTROL-*
Specific Problem	LOTCDiskReplicationCommunication
Event Type	environmentalAlarm (6)
Probable Cause	x736UnspecifiedReason (418)



Table 2 Alarm Attributes

Attribute Name	Attribute Value
Additional Text	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disk not replicated for <value> minutes• Status unknown
Perceived Severity	major (4)

1.2 Prerequisites

This section provides information on the documents, tools, and conditions that apply to the procedure.

1.2.1 Documents

This instruction references the following document:

— [Data Collection Guideline](#)

1.2.2 Tools

No tools are required.

1.2.3 Conditions

Before starting this procedure, ensure that the following condition is met:

— A LOTC Disk Replication Communication alarm is raised.



2 Procedure

Do the following:

1. Log on to the host to access a Linux shell, for example:

```
ssh <user>@<hostname> -p 7022
```

The hostname is part of alarm attribute Source.

2. Is the alarm raised during initial installation or replacement of a control node?

Yes: Continue with the next step.

No: Proceed with Step 5.

3. Wait for DRBD connection to be established. Check if the following command results in output cs:Connected:

```
cat /proc/drbd
```

The following is an example output in a normal situation. The connection state (cs) is Connected. The alarm is cleared within 5 seconds.

```
version: 8.4.2 (api:1/proto:86-101)
GIT-hash: 7ad5f850d711223713d6dcadc3dd48860321070c build by root@lixia, 2012-09-19 16:40:30
0: cs:Connected ro:Primary/Secondary ds:UpToDate/UpToDate C r-----
   ns:438816 nr:0 dw:372 dr:440669 al:11 bm:40 lo:0 pe:0 ua:0 ap:0 ep:1 wo:f oo
```

The following is an example output in a faulty situation. The connection state (cs) is WfConnection (Waiting For Connection).

```
version: 8.4.2 (api:1/proto:86-101)
GIT-hash: 7ad5f850d711223713d6dcadc3dd48860321070c build by root@lixia, 2012-09-19 16:40:30
0: cs:WfConnection ro:Primary/Unknown ds:UpToDate/DUnknown C r-----
   ns:143396 nr:0 dw:448 dr:147057 al:17 bm:28 lo:0 pe:0 ua:0 ap:0 ep:1 wo:f oos:84
```

4. Does the output contain cs:Connected and is the alarm cleared?

Yes: Proceed with Step 15.

No: There can be a deployment issue. Perform data collection, refer to [Data Collection Guideline](#). Contact the IT organization responsible for the installation or replacement of the control node. Proceed with Step 15.

5. Identify the DRBD interfaces as follows:

- a. Get the name of the interface (eth<x>):

```
cat /etc/cluster/nodes/this/networks/internal/primary
/interface/name
```

The following is an example output:



```
eth0
```

- b. Get the IP address (<ip>):

```
cat /etc/cluster/nodes/this/networks/internal/primary/address
```

The following is an example output:

```
169.254.43.11
```

- c. Get the network mask (<netmask>):

```
cat /etc/cluster/nodes/this/networks/internal/primary/network/netmask
```

The following is an example output:

```
255.255.255.0
```

6. Check the log /var/log/messages for recent system log messages indicating DRBD interface-related issues, for example (to show the last 1000 lines in the log):

```
tail -1000 /var/log/messages
```

The following is an example output in a faulty situation:

```
Aug 26 12:17:52 SC-1 kernel: [ 277.720545] hrtimer: interrupt took 572013 ns
Aug 26 12:32:50 SC-1 kernel: [ 1175.612842] tipc: Resetting bearer <eth:eth0>
Aug 26 12:32:50 SC-1 dhcpcd: receive_packet failed on eth0: Network is down
Aug 26 12:32:50 SC-1 syslog-ng[1810]: I/O error occurred while writing; fd='6', error='Network =>
is unreachable (101)'
Aug 26 12:32:50 SC-1 syslog-ng[1810]: Connection broken; time_reopen='10'
Aug 26 12:32:59 SC-1 ntpd[2240]: sendto(192.0.2.10) (fd=23): Network is unreachable
Aug 26 12:33:00 SC-1 syslog-ng[1810]: Connection failed; error='Network is unreachable (101)'
Aug 26 12:33:00 SC-1 syslog-ng[1810]: Initiating connection failed, reconnecting; time_reopen='10'
Aug 26 12:33:10 SC-1 syslog-ng[1810]: Connection failed; error='Network is unreachable (101)'
Aug 26 12:33:10 SC-1 syslog-ng[1810]: Initiating connection failed, reconnecting; time_reopen='10'
Aug 26 12:33:20 SC-1 syslog-ng[1810]: Connection failed; error='Network is unreachable (101)'
Aug 26 12:33:20 SC-1 syslog-ng[1810]: Initiating connection failed, reconnecting; time_reopen='10'
```

Note: In this output, eth0 is the interface used by the DRBD.

7. Are there any issues with the network interface used for the DRBD?

Yes: Continue with the next step.

No: Proceed with Step 13.

8. Check the status of the interface used by the DRBD:

```
ifconfig
```

The following is an example output:



```
eth0
Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 00:50:56:92:02:38
inet addr:10.64.87.136 Bcast:10.64.87.191 Mask:255.255.255.192
inet6 addr: fe80::250:56ff:fe92:238/64 Scope:Link
UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
RX packets:3884520 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
TX packets:178358 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0 collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
RX bytes:333841297 (318.3 Mb) TX bytes:10087705 (9.6 Mb)
```

Note: The keywords UP and RUNNING in the output means that the DRBD interface is operational.

9. Is the DRBD interface operational?

Yes: With a high probability, there is a network issue. Perform data collection, refer to [Data Collection Guideline](#). Contact the network administrator. Proceed with Step 15.

No: Continue with the next step.

10. Try to bring up the interface used by the DRBD:

```
ifconfig <interface> <ip> netmask <mask>
```

Use the values collected in Step 5.

Example:

```
ifconfig eth0 169.254.43.11 netmask 255.255.255.0
```

11. Check the status of the interface used by the DRBD:

```
ifconfig
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The following is an example output:

```
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```

12. Is the DRBD interface operational and is the alarm cleared?

Yes: Proceed with Step 15.

No: Continue with the next step.

13. Perform data collection, refer to [Data Collection Guideline](#).

14. Consult the next level of maintenance support. Further actions are outside the scope of this instruction.

15. Job is completed.