

# SUSE Linux Enterprise Server (SLES) 12 SP2 Driver User Manual

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SLES 12 SP2

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| Revision    | Date              | Description                       |
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| SLES 12 SP2 | December 12, 2016 | Initial version of this document. |

# 1 Firmware Burning

1. Identify the adapter card's PSID.

```
# mstflint -d 81:00.0 q
Image type:          FS2
FW Version:          2.36.5000
FW Release Date:    26.1.2016
Rom Info:            type=PXE version=3.4.718 devid=4103
Device ID:           4103
Description:         Node                Port1                Port2
Sys image
GUIDs:               e41d2d0300b3f590 e41d2d0300b3f591 e41d2d0300b3f592
e41d2d0300b3f593
MACs:                e41d2db3f591      e41d2db3f592
VSD:
PSID:                MT_1090111019
```

2. Download the firmware BIN file from the Mellanox website that matches your card's PSID:

[www.mellanox.com](http://www.mellanox.com) → [Support/Education](#) → [Support Downloader](#)

3. Burn the firmware.

```
# mstflint -d <lspci-device-id> -i <image-file> b
```

4. Reboot your machine after the firmware burning is completed.

## 2 Port Type Management

### 2.1 ConnectX-4 Port Type Management/VPI Cards Configuration

ConnectX®-4 ports can be individually configured to work as InfiniBand or Ethernet ports. By default both ConnectX®-4 VPI ports are initialized as InfiniBand ports. If you wish to change the port type, use the `mstflint` tool after the driver is loaded.

1. Install `mstflint` tools: `Zypper install mstflint`.
2. Check the PCI address.

```
lspci | grep Mellanox
00:06.0 Infiniband controller: Mellanox Technologies MT27520 Family
[ConnectX-3 Pro]
```

3. Use `mstconfig` to change the link type as desired IB – for InfiniBand, ETH – for Ethernet.

```
mstconfig -d <device pci> s LINK_TYPE_P1/2=<ETH|IB|VPI>
```

Example:

```
mstconfig -d 82:00.1 s LINK_TYPE_P1=ETH
```

4. Reboot your machine.

### 3 Modules Loading and Unloading

➤ *To load and unload the modules, use the commands below:*

- Loading the driver: `modprobe <module name>`

```
modprobe mlx4_en
```

- Unloading the driver: `modprobe -r <module name>`

```
modprobe -r mlx4_en
```



## 4 Important Packages and Their Installation

### **libibverbs: InfiniBand verbs library**

|                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| <code>libibverbs-devel</code>        | Development files for the libibverbs library        |
| <code>libibverbs-devel-static</code> | Static libibverbs library                           |
| <code>libibverbs-runtime</code>      | Tools for the InfiniBand Verbs library and manpages |
| <code>libibverbs1</code>             | InfiniBand verbs library                            |
| <code>libibverbs1-32bit</code>       | InfiniBand verbs library                            |

### **librdmacm: RDMA cm library**

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| <code>librdmacm-devel</code>  | Development files for the librdmacm library          |
| <code>librdmacm-tools</code>  | Tools and example programs using the RDMA cm library |
| <code>librdmacm1</code>       | RDMA cm runtime library                              |
| <code>librdmacm1-32bit</code> | RDMA cm runtime library                              |

### **libibcm: Userspace InfiniBand Connection Management API**

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <code>libibcm-devel</code>        | Development files for the libibcm library        |
| <code>libibcm-devel-static</code> | Libibcm static library                           |
| <code>libibcm1</code>             | InfiniBand Connection Management runtime library |
| <code>libibcm1-32bit</code>       | InfiniBand Connection Management runtime library |

### **libibmad: Low layer InfiniBand diagnostic and management programs**

|                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| <code>libibmad-devel</code>        | Development files for the libibmad library |
| <code>libibmad-devel-static</code> | Static libibmad library                    |
| <code>libibmad5</code>             | Libibamd runtime library                   |
| <code>libibmad5-32bit</code>       | Libibamd runtime library                   |

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### **libmlx4: Mellanox ConnectX InfiniBand HCA User space Driver**

|                                   |
|-----------------------------------|
| <code>libmlx4-rdmav2</code>       |
| <code>libmlx4-rdmav2-32bit</code> |

### **libmlx5: Mellanox Connect-IB InfiniBand HCA User space Driver**

|                                   |
|-----------------------------------|
| <code>libmlx5-rdmav2</code>       |
| <code>libmlx5-rdmav2-32bit</code> |

### **opensm: InfiniBand Subnet Manager**

|                                  |                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <code>opensm</code>              | InfiniBand Subnet Manager    |
| <code>opensm-devel</code>        | Development files for OpenSM |
| <code>opensm-devel-static</code> | Static libraries for OpenSM  |

opensm-libs3                               OpenSM runtime libraries  
opensm-libs3-32bit                       OpenSM runtime libraries

**ibutils: OpenIB Mellanox InfiniBand Diagnostic Tools**

ibutils

**infiniband-diags: OpenFabrics Alliance InfiniBand Diagnostic Tools**

infiniband-diags                        OpenFabrics Alliance InfiniBand Diagnostic Tools  
infiniband-diags-devel                OpenIB InfiniBand Diagnostic Tools SDK  
infiniband-diags-devel-static        Development package OpenIB InfiniBand Diagnostic Tools

**srptools: Tools for SRP/IB**

srptools

**perftest: IB Performance tests**

perftest

**mstflint: Mellanox Firmware Burning and Diagnostics Tools**

mstflint                                 Mellanox Firmware Burning and Diagnostics Tools  
mstflint-devel                         SDK to access flash on Mellanox HCAs/NICs

➤ ***To install the packages above run:***

```
#zypper -n install libibverbs* librdmacm* libibcm* libibmad* libibumad*  
libmlx4* libmlx5* opensm ibutils infiniband-diags srptools perftest mstflint
```

## 5 SR-IOV Configuration

### 5.1 Setting up SR-IOV in ConnectX-3/ConnectX-3 Pro

1. Download mstflint tools: `zypper install mstflint`
2. Check the device's PCI.

```
lspci | grep mellanox
```

3. Check if SR-IOV is enabled in the firmware.

```
mstconfig -d <device pci> q
```

Example:

```
# mstconfig -d 81:00.0 q

Device #1:
-----

Device type:      ConnectX3Pro
PCI device:      81:00.0

Configurations:                                     Current
SRIOV_EN                                               True(1)
NUM_OF_VFS                                             0
LINK_TYPE_P1                                           VPI(3)
LINK_TYPE_P2                                           VPI(3)
LOG_BAR_SIZE                                           3
BOOT_PKEY_P1                                           0
BOOT_PKEY_P2                                           0
BOOT_OPTION_ROM_EN_P1                                 True(1)
BOOT_VLAN_EN_P1                                       False(0)
BOOT_RETRY_CNT_P1                                     0
LEGACY_BOOT_PROTOCOL_P1                              PXE(1)
BOOT_VLAN_P1                                          1
BOOT_OPTION_ROM_EN_P2                                 True(1)
BOOT_VLAN_EN_P2                                       False(0)
BOOT_RETRY_CNT_P2                                     0
LEGACY_BOOT_PROTOCOL_P2                              PXE(1)
BOOT_VLAN_P2                                          1
IP_VER_P1                                             IPv4(0)
IP_VER_P2                                             IPv4(0)...
```

4. Check SRIOV\_EN and NUM\_OF\_VFS configurations.
5. Enable SR-IOV:

```
mstconfig -d <device pci> s SRIOV_EN=<False|True>
```

6. Configure the needed number of VFs

```
mstconfig -d <device pci> s NUM_OF_VFS=<NUM>
```



**NOTE:** This file will be generated only if IOMMU is set in the grub.conf file (by adding "intel\_iommu=on" to /boot/grub/grub.conf file).

7. **[mlx4 devices only]** Edit the file /etc/modprobe.d/mlx4.conf:

```
options mlx4_core num_vfs=[needed num of VFs] port_type_array=[1/2 for
IB/ETH],[ 1/2 for IB/ETH]
```

Example:

```
options mlx4_core num_vfs=8 port_type_array=1,1
```

8. **[mlx5 devices only]** Write to the sysfs file the number of needed VFs.

```
echo [num_vfs] > /sys/class/infiniband/mlx5_0/device/sriov_numvfs
```

Example:

```
echo 8 > /sys/class/infiniband/mlx5_0/device/sriov_numvfs
```

9. Reboot the driver.

10. Load the driver and verify that the VFs were created.

```
lspci | grep mellanox
```

Example:

```
dev-r-vrt-214:~ # lspci | grep nox
82:00.0 Ethernet controller: Mellanox Technologies MT27700 Family
[ConnectX-4]
82:00.1 Ethernet controller: Mellanox Technologies MT27700 Family
[ConnectX-4]
82:00.2 Ethernet controller: Mellanox Technologies MT27700 Family
[ConnectX-4 Virtual Function]
82:00.3 Ethernet controller: Mellanox Technologies MT27700 Family
[ConnectX-4 Virtual Function]
82:00.4 Ethernet controller: Mellanox Technologies MT27700 Family
[ConnectX-4 Virtual Function]
82:00.5 Ethernet controller: Mellanox Technologies MT27700 Family
[ConnectX-4 Virtual Function]
```

For further information, refer to section [Setting Up SR-IOV MLNX\\_OFED User Manual](#).

## 6 Default RoCE Mode Setting

1. Create a directory for the mlx4/mlx5 device.

```
mkdir -p /sys/kernel/config/rdma_cm/mlx4_0/
```

2. Validate what is the used RoCE mode in the default\_roce\_mode configs file.

```
# cat /sys/kernel/config/rdma_cm/mlx4_0/ports/1/default_roce_mode  
IB/RoCE v1
```

3. Change the default RoCE mode,

- For RoCE v1: IB/RoCE v1
- For RoCE v2: RoCE v2

```
# echo "RoCE v2" >  
/sys/kernel/config/rdma_cm/mlx4_0/ports/1/default_roce_mode  
# cat /sys/kernel/config/rdma_cm/mlx4_0/ports/1/default_roce_mode  
RoCE v2
```

```
# echo "IB/RoCE v1" >  
/sys/kernel/config/rdma_cm/mlx4_0/ports/1/default_roce_mode  
# cat /sys/kernel/config/rdma_cm/mlx4_0/ports/1/default_roce_mode  
IB/RoCE v1
```