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This document contains late-breaking information about the installation and operation of the Sun StorEdge™ Traffic Manager software in the supported operating systems. Read this document before attempting to install or operate the Sun StorEdge Traffic Manager software.

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Support Matrix

A list of the hardware and software supported by Sun StorEdge Traffic Manager 3.1 software for the supported operating system is at the following URL:

http://www.sun.com/storage/san/multiplatform_support.html

Known Bugs and Work Around

The following bugs and work around occur in the supported operating systems.

IBM AIX

Bugtraq Identification 4882647

The current implementation of load balancing causes poor performance on the Sun StorEdge 99xx storage system.

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Bugtraq Identification 4924908

An error was received when attempting to put all paths for a HBA into admin mode.

When the user selects a path using the Sun StorEdge Traffic Manager software GUI, then selects the menu options to put all paths of an HBA into admin mode, sometimes a message is received to first select a path. The work around is to retry the command or restart the Sun StorEdge Traffic Manager software GUI and try again. Another option is to try the same action from the Sun StorEdge Traffic Manager software CLI.

Bugtraq Identification 4938946

Sun StorEdge Traffic Manager software GUI gets stuck in hourglass mouse pointer.

The Sun StorEdge Traffic Manager software GUI gets into a state where the busy/wait icon is displayed and never returns to the normal working icon. The Sun StorEdge Traffic Manager software GUI still works, so a work around is not needed. Restarting the Sun StorEdge Traffic Manager software GUI returns the icon to normal.

Bugtraq Identification 4940055

Unable to enable or disable auto failback with Sun StorEdge Traffic Manager software GUI.

When attempting to enable or disable auto failback from the Sun StorEdge Traffic Manager software GUI on IBM AIX 4.3.3, an internal error is displayed. User can enable or disable auto failback by using the Sun StorEdge Traffic Manager software CLI instead.

Bugtraq Identification 4940507

Activating preferred paths returns an error message.

This is a reporting issue in that the Sun StorEdge Traffic Manager software will indicate an error when an attempt is made to activate a path. No recovery is required because even though there is an error message, the path is activated. For example:

```
Activate all paths error
Failed attempting to activate all preferred path to LUN (LUN ID)
Path (path ID): the specified device was busy and could not accept
the request.
```

Bugtraq Identification 4940548

LUNs from multiple Sun StorEdge 3510 FC arrays are displayed via Sun StorEdge Traffic Manager under a single Sun StorEdge 3510 FC array.

This is a reporting issue in configurations containing multiple Sun StorEdge 3510 FC arrays attached to the same host running IBM AIX. All LUNs for all Sun StorEdge 3510 FC arrays will be displayed as a member of a single Sun StorEdge 3510 FC array. There is no way to recover from this reporting error.

Hewlett-Packard HP-UX

Note – In the Sun StorEdge Traffic Manager on HP-UX, LUN IDs greater than seven can only be used on the Sun StorEdge 99xx storage system. LUN numbers 0 through 7 can be used on all other storage supported by the Sun StorEdge Traffic Manager software.

Bugtraq Identification 4882651

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Bugtraq Identification 4913788

Sun Traffic Manager application software CLI command, `sstm -p unhealthypathname -[ade]`, reports an I/O error occurred during the operation.

If the user incorrectly enters a device name, the Sun StorEdge Traffic Manager software will indicate this as an I/O error rather than a user entry error. To recover from this error, check the device name entered and if it is incorrect, enter the device name correctly.

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Bugtraq Identification 4936920

Both the Sun Traffic Manager software CLI and the GUI report that a Sun StorEdge 6020 array disk capacity is zero.

This is a reporting issue wherein the Sun StorEdge Traffic Manager software incorrectly reports the capacity of a SE6120 LUN as zero. This error occurs when new SE6120 paths are discovered in the passive state and Sun StorEdge Traffic Manager software data is improperly updated upon future bus scans. A reboot is required to recover from the error state and correctly report the capacity of the LUN.

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This is a reporting issue in configurations containing multiple Sun StorEdge 3510 FC arrays attached to the same host running Hewlett-Packard HP-UX. All LUNs for all Sun StorEdge 3510 FC arrays will be displayed as a member of a single Sun StorEdge 3510 FC array. There is no way to recover from this reporting error.

Bugtraq Identification 4940629

The Sun StorEdge Traffic Manager software GUI sends a Path Already Active error message when an already active path is activated.

While putting many paths into admin mode and removing the paths from admin mode for a single HBA, the attempt to activate a passive path to a Sun StorEdge 6020 array results in an error, but the error message is for a path different than the one

specified in the activation attempt. For example, a message may be received, `pathx` is already active, but `pathx` is not the path selected for activation. Restarting the Sun StorEdge Traffic Manager software GUI fixes this situation.

Microsoft Windows NT, 2000 and 2003

Note – `naca` on Sun StorEdge 39xx and Sun StorEdge 6120 devices must be disabled to properly use Microsoft Windows Clustering.

Note – If `HBAnywhere` is installed on the Microsoft Windows server, you must rename the `RMServer.exe` file, found in the `HBAnywhere` install directory, and reboot the server to avoid system destabilization. Rename `RMServer.exe` to something that is not executable, for example, `RMServer.norun`.

Bugtraq Identification 4882630

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Bugtraq Identification 4926144

Path is down. Problems putting all paths from HBA into admin mode.

If the user selects a path that is down in the Sun StorEdge Traffic Manager software application GUI and selects the menu item to put all paths to that HBA into admin mode, they may receive a message telling them to first select a path. The work around is to select a path that is active and uses the same HBA, then select the menu item to put all paths into admin mode. Another choice is to perform this function from the Sun StorEdge Traffic Manager software CLI.

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