OPENFABRICS ALLIANCE - FABRIC SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT PLATFORM (FSDP)

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WHAT IS THE FSDP?
The FSDP is a Hardware Matrix Test Cluster

The FSDP will have hardware from all RDMA IHVs

- InfiniBand – Mellanox only, but a broad selection of different models/speeds/capabilities (Also in plan custom OEM firmware included as additional variants)
- Omni-Path Architecture – Cornelis only
- RoCE – Mellanox, Cavium/QLogic/Marvell, Broadcom, potentially Huawei (subject to changes in current restrictions), Intel (future product)
- iWARP – Chelsio, Intel, Cavium/QLogic/Marvell

The FSDP will also include hardware related to RDMA technologies

- NVMe for NVMe over Fabrics testing
- NVDIMM for Remote Persistent Memory over RDMA testing
- GPUs for Peer-to-Peer DMA and GPU direct testing
## WHAT IS THE FSDP?

FSDP CI testing will be the third service committed to upstream quality

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| Intel runs the upstream kernel 0-day testing service | - Builds all kernel patches  
- Performs limited boot testing  
- Makes no attempt to ensure patches actually work |
| Google runs Syzkaller testing service | - Runs upstream kernels through syscall validation tests  
- Intentionally calls syscalls with known bad data  
- Limited support for syscall chains, common in RDMA |
| The OFA will be running the FSDP CI service | - Runs upstream kernels as well as upstream user space  
- Will focus on specific code (RDMA, Peer-2-Peer DMA, etc.)  
- Will ensure that code actually runs on the target hardware  
- Will utilize an upstream ecosystem to advance tests |
BROAD AUDIENCE WITH FLEXIBLE USAGE

Linux Upstream Maintainers
- Automatic, continuous testing of upstream software
- Centralized testing and tracking of multiple hardware vendors’ products
- Development of new software APIs upstream, e.g. GPUDirect

Hardware Vendors*
- On demand testing for IHVs (Mellanox, Intel, Chelsio, Cavium...)
- Access to a multi-vendor cluster for development/testing/validation
- Logo program, if desired

OS Distros**
- On demand testing for distros (Red Hat, SuSE, OFED, etc.)
- Access to a multi-vendor/multi-release cluster for e.g. release testing
- Logo program, if desired

ISVs, Applications, Middleware
- On demand testing of specific software
- Assist in software development

* served by original OFILP (OpenFabrics Logo Program)
** originally served by the “on-demand” testing program at NMC
WHAT DO YOU GET BY PARTICIPATING IN THE FSDP CI SERVICE?

Upstream kernel community rule:

“If you submit a patch, and it breaks something else, you are responsible for fixing your patch”

The Reality:

• Breakage often caught far too late (months after patch accepted)
• Many hours wasted figuring out which patch caused seemingly unrelated breakage

Proposed Solution:

• Upstream CI catches breakage before patches are officially integrated into upstream code base
• Author will still be working on patch, will be notified of breakage, can easily adapt to fix breakage
• Because fix happens in upstream, trickles down to all distros

Key Takeaways:

• Catch as many bugs introduced by others as possible, and have them fix their patches
• Even when the responsibility to fix the bug falls on your own hands, provides *months* more time to fix the bug compared to bugs discovered during distro testing
FSDP STRUCTURE

FSDP is a cluster managed by a beaker host (beaker-project.org)

- Beaker supports Fedora, Red Hat, and Ubuntu installs at the moment
- Looking for help to add additional OS support (requires that the OS support automated installs controlled by some sort of control file and a template to create the necessary control files)

Bare metal installs, avoid virtualization effects

Build server with long lived, NFS mountable shares

Direct ssh access to build server and client machines
FSDP STRUCTURE

Git repos for managing the cluster:

- git://github.com/OpenFabrics/fsdp_docs – General cluster documentation
- git://github.com/OpenFabrics/fsdp_setup – Post install setup scripts to configure clients to operate in cluster
- git://github.com/OpenFabrics/fsdp_build – Container definitions for use on build server to allow building for a specific environment
- git://github.com/OpenFabrics/fsdp_tests – Tests available to be run on the FSDP cluster (open for contributions by anyone, but will also be seeded from Red Hat’s internal RDMA related tests)

Possibly add containerized infrastructure in the future
**Support the Linux community through a Continuous Integration testing program**
- Synchronized to, and automatically triggered by, commits to specific git repos
- A local Continuous Kernel Integration Runner (CKI Runner) daemon patrols for upstream changes
- Driven by upstream maintainer requested test plans
- Results reported to an appropriate upstream mailing list

CKI daemon monitors for git commits and kicks off test sequence on changes
On-demand program allows for:
- Development, debug, testing, and design validation
- May utilize manually initiated automated test runs, or fully manual machine checkouts
- Checked out machines are an exclusive, dedicated resource for the member with remote ssh access
- Manually initiated test runs need not be OFA-defined test plans

Results are returned to the client.
Two possible types of Logos: Vendor Logo & Distro Logo

- Logo tests are run ‘on-demand’, driven by OFA’s test plan as defined by the FSDP Working Group
- Test plan is executed selectively
- Run against a defined hardware configuration
- Run against a specific distribution(s)

Logo is awarded to Vendor or Distro

Logo Certification includes:
- Test environment
- List of tests executed
- Pass/fail results

“Hardware family X is certified to work with RHEL x.x, SLES y.y”

or

“Our distribution supports the following hardware …”
STEPS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FSDP
## PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

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| **Promoter**      | • Can be sole chair of FSDP WG  
                   | • Can appoint a Director to the OFA Board, which then approves appointments to Working Group Chairs/Co-Chairs and Working Group charters |
| **Voting Member** | • Can act as Co-Chair for any Working Group and has a vote in Working Groups |
| **Non-Voting Member** | • Access to the FSDP cluster and allows the Organization to participate in all Working Groups, however, the Organization will have no vote in Working Groups |
| **Individual**    | • Free service provided to bona fide upstream developers |

- All members are members of the OFA and must abide by the OFA’s Intellectual Property Rights Policy
- Have access to the FSDP cluster and must abide by the FSDP Acceptable Use Policy
- Must submit an executed Membership Agreement to membership@openfabrics.org

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CALL TO ACTION

- Provide feedback about the Fabric Software Development Platform (FSDP) program
- Take the opportunity to influence FSDP proposal
- Serve community needs while driving advanced fabrics development and adoption

Pre-release Integration Testing

On-Demand Development and Testing Capability

Logo Testing

Alliance members

The open community

Vendors & OEMs

Join OFA and FSDP WG now!
JOIN THE FSDP WORKING GROUP

Oversees the cluster usage and activities

- Arbiter of Acceptable Use Policy violations
- Monitor for members that are wasting resources by checking machines out and then not using them
- Make sure that CI service keeps running smoothly

Logo Program

- Responsible for defining what tests must be passed for any given certification
- Responsible for maintaining the OFA automated test script that IHVs can run as part of a logo attempt
- Will review the results of test runs and approve/deny a logo test

Participation in FSDP WG is open to all, but...

- Chairmanship and voting rights are limited to OFA Voting Members and above
- Send subscribe <email-address> to fsdpwg-requests@lists.openfabrics.org
- fsdpwg@lists.openfabrics.org is the actual mailing list address
Contribute your specific hardware

• Prefer 2 of each major model line, or 2 of different models that have major internal architectural differences
• Include cables, optical 3m (except SFP56/28)
• If technology is specific to a given vendor (OPA – Intel, IB – Mellanox, etc.), provide switch too
• If vendor also has full systems that they would like to be included in the testing (e.g. Dell machines with custom RDMA firmware on Dell branded cards and Dell systems that have BIOSes that look for Dell specific subvendor IDs on PCI cards and act differently when found compared to generic RDMA devices), then full machine contributions are welcome

Ship hardware to UNH-IOL

• UNH-IOL
  Attn: OFA Lab C/O Lincoln Lavoie
  21 Madbury Road, Suite 100
  Durham, NH 03824
  USA

Provide an official contact

• Answer questions during hardware install
• Provide to UNH-IOL and FSDP WG
ONCE HARDWARE IS RECEIVED...

FSDP Working Group Phase 1 – During cluster build

- Get status updates
- Kickstart upstream test repo project
- Early Cluster Access

FSDP Working Group Phase 2 – Once cluster up and running

- Produce webinar series
- Produce FSDP usage tutorial
- Produce FSDP test creation tutorial
- Create Logo program test definitions
- Cluster Generally Available

FSDP Working Group Phase 3 – Maintenance phase

- Routine monitoring and maintenance
- Oversight
- Logo test review/approvals
THANK YOU
FABRIC SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT PLATFORM

• FSDP drives adoption of advanced fabrics aligned with our mission:
  “The mission of the OpenFabrics Alliance (OFA) is to accelerate the development and adoption of advanced fabrics for the benefit of the advanced networks ecosystem.”
• A modern cluster incorporating high performance network technologies to be used in the development, testing, and validation of software associated with client access to fabric services
• Logo certification program for IHVs and Software Distros
• A Service to the upstream RDMA communities and its own upstream testing community

Pre-release Integration Testing
On-Demand Development and Testing Capability
Logo Testing
Based on the following open source (or soon to be) tools developed by Red Hat

- CKI (Continuous Kernel Integration) Testing framework
  - https://gitlab.com/cki-project
- Beaker lab management software
  - https://beaker-project.org/