
Subject: Re: i2o hardware hangs (ASR-2010S)
Posted by [Markus Lidel](#) on Mon, 07 Aug 2006 14:33:20 GMT
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Hello,

Salyzyn, Mark wrote:

> 64 bit (address and datapath) works in the driver I have provided,
> although we have heard of some SM motherboards that work with these ZCR
> cards that have broken bridges. The interference issue required both
> drivers to register the address range, the sources I have provided
> perform the registration, you may have to check with Markus to see if
> the version of the i2o driver utilizes the same.
> It was decided by the community to deprecate the dpt_i2o driver in the
> 2.6 kernel, it still remains but any bugfixes are rejected unless they
> are minor. Adaptec is committed to supporting the dpt_i2o driver for OEM
> customers. Markus has taken efforts to incorporate the dpt_i2o features,
> 64 bit etc, in the i2o driver. I do hope he has incorporated a timeout
> and recovery mechanism, it is not dpt_i2o specific. I look forward to
> his comments.

At the moment there is no recovery mechanism in case of a timeout in the I2O driver. I think it could be a little bit problematic to reset the controller in case a timeout occur, because all open operations are lost in this case. But i agree that at least an error message should be logged to inform the user something is going wrong.

>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Vasily Averin [mailto:vvs@sw.ru]
>> Sent: Monday, August 07, 2006 4:05 AM
>> To: Salyzyn, Mark
>> Cc: Markus Lidel; devel@openvz.org
>> Subject: Re: i2o hardware hangs (ASR-2010S)

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>> Hello Mark,

>>

>> thank you for your assistance.

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>> Salyzyn, Mark wrote:

>>> Markus, when the commands time out, do you perform a reset
>> iop sequence?

>>> I thought you added the BlinkLED code detection that is in
>> the dpt_i2o

>>> driver, if not, we should make sure it is there so that we
>> get a report

>>> in the console and an accompanying reset. Vasily, you
>> console log did

>>> not report anything at the time of failure, I would have
>> expected some
>>> timeout reports.
>> Unfortunately console logs does not have any errors or
>> timeout reports.
>> If you wish, I can send you console logs directly.
>>
>> However as far as I understand i2o layer does not have any
>> sort of timeout/error
>> handlers (I hope Markus correct me if I'm err), and it would
>> be great if this
>> feature will be appear in the future.
>>
>>> If it will help, Vasily, contact me for the latest dpt_i2o driver as
>>> that is the driver I am most familiar with; it may be of interest to
>>> determine if the problem duplicates with the dpt_i2o driver. Keep in
>>> mind that the i2o driver is a block driver, dpt_i2o is a
>> scsi driver.
>>
>> Unfortunately we do not know how we can reproduce this issue.
>> Currently it
>> occurs on the production nodes only and customers are very
>> against of any
>> experiments on these nodes.
>>
>> Therefore it is not to easy to switch from i2o layer to your
>> dpt_i2o driver.
>>
>> Currently we have not dpt_i2o driver in our kernels. The most
>> important reasons are:
>> - this driver did have some problems on 64-bit kernels (but
>> it is resolved
>> already, I'm I right?).
>> - it is not included into 2.6-based Red Hat distributiouns.
>> - it did not worked when I've tried to compile it into kernel.
>> - when I've tried to build it as module, I've discovered that
>> it conflicts with
>> i2o drivers: initscripts on the some distributions (FC4?)
>> have tried to load
>> both of these modules (one from initrd, second -- when
>> detects according PCIID)
>> and it hangs the node. I've not found any working combination
>> and therefore
>> we've decided to not include dpt_i2o driver into our 2.6 kernels.
>>
>> However, Mark, I'm ready to check your new driver on our
>> internal testnodes, and
>> if last issue (modules conflicts) is fixed I'll try to

>> include your driver into
>> our kernels.
>>
>> Thank you,
>> Vasily Averin
>>
>>> Sincerely -- Mark Salzyn
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>>>> -----Original Message-----
>>>> From: linux-scsi-owner@vger.kernel.org
>>>> [mailto:linux-scsi-owner@vger.kernel.org] On Behalf Of Vasily Averin
>>>> Sent: Friday, August 04, 2006 7:50 AM
>>>> To: linux-scsi@vger.kernel.org; Markus Lidel
>>>> Cc: devel@openvz.org
>>>> Subject: i2o hardware hangs (ASR-2010S)
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>>>> Hello Markus,
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>>>> We experience problems with I2O hardware on 2.6 kernels,
>>>> probably this can help
>>>> you or maybe you even know the answer. Can you please, take a look?
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>>>> After migration to 2.6 kernels our customers began to claim
>>>> that i2o-based
>>>> nodes hang. We have investigated these claims and discovered
>>>> that i2o disks on
>>>> theses nodes stopped the processing of any IO requests.
>>>> Please, note, it is not
>>>> a single issue, it happens from time to time.
>>>>
>>>> Our kernel-space watchdog module has produced the following
>>>> output to serial console
>>>>
>>>> Jul 31 07:38:37
>>>> (80,0) i2o/hda r(77135616 1632632476 15538880) w(69903626
>>>> 1034743472 407332291)
>>>> Jul 31 07:39:38
>>>> (80,0) i2o/hda r(77148190 1633252850 15543968) w(69906364
>>>> 1034764548 407338084)
>>>> (80,0) i2o/hda r(77157038 1633672916 15546672) w(69912375
>>>> 1034808048 407351490)
>>>> (80,0) i2o/hda r(77169933 1634285356 15550897) w(69916317
>>>> 1034845588 407364374)
>>>> (80,0) i2o/hda r(77178290 1634941276 15555039) w(69919031
>>>> 1034865212 407369386)
>>>> (80,0) i2o/hda r(77192170 1635427776 15559925) w(69922676
>>>> 1034892406 407377617)

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>>>> (80,0) i2o/hda r(77216478 1635774384 15570783) w(69927294
>>>> 1034921708 407385382)
>>>> (80,0) i2o/hda r(77221642 1635925752 15572389) w(69927966
>>>> 1034928376 407387163)
>>>> (80,0) i2o/hda r(77221642 1635925752 15572389) w(69927966
>>>> 1034928378 407387163)
>>>> (80,0) i2o/hda r(77221642 1635925752 15572389) w(69927966
>>>> 1034928384 407387164)
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>>>> 1034928390 407387164)
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>>>> where r(reads, read_sectors, read_merges) w(writes,
>>>> write_sectors, write_merges)
>>>>
>>>> Magic keys works, according to showProcess processors are in
>>>> idle, ShowTraces
>>>> shows a few thousand processes in D-state, but we can not
>>>> find any deadlocks, it
>>>> looks like the processes waits until I/O finished.
>>>> Unfortunately i2o layer has
>>>> no any error handlers and there is no any chance that the
>>>> node will return
>>>> >from this coma.
>>>> Described incident has occurred after ~2 weeks uptime. It was
>>>> Supermicro X5DP8
>>>> motherboard /8Gb memory /Adaptec ASR-2010S I2O Zero Channel. Kernel
>>>> 2.6.8-022stab078.9-enterprise, sources/configs are accessible
>>>> on openvz.org.
>>>>
>>>> In the bootlogs I've found mtrr message. As far as I know you
>>>> have fixed this
>>>> issue, however I'm not sure that it can leads to described hang.
>>>>
>>>> I2O Core - (C) Copyright 1999 Red Hat Software
>>>> i2o: max_drivers=4
>>>> i2o: Checking for PCI I2O controllers...

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>>>> ACPI: PCI interrupt 0000:06:01.0[A] -> GSI 72 (level, low) -> IRQ 72
>>>> i2o: I2O controller found on bus 6 at 8.
>>>> i2o: PCI I2O controller
>>>>   BAR0 at 0xF8400000 size=1048576
>>>>   BAR1 at 0xFB000000 size=16777216
>>>> mtrr: type mismatch for fb000000,1000000 old: uncachable new:
>>>> write-combining
>>>> i2o: could not enable write combining MTRR
>>>> iop0: Installed at IRQ 72
>>>> iop0: Activating I2O controller...
>>>> iop0: This may take a few minutes if there are many devices
>>>> iop0: HRT has 1 entries of 16 bytes each.
>>>> Adapter 00000012: TID 0000:[HPC*]:PCI 1: Bus 1 Device 22 Function 0
>>>> iop0: Controller added
>>>> I2O Block Storage OSM v0.9
>>>> (c) Copyright 1999-2001 Red Hat Software.
>>>> block-osm: registered device at major 80
>>>> block-osm: New device detected (TID: 211)
>>>> Using anticipatory io scheduler
>>>> i2o/hda: i2o/hda1 i2o/hda2 < i2o/hda5 i2o/hda6 >
>>>>
>>>> # cat /proc/mtrr
>>>> reg00: base=0xf8000000 (3968MB), size= 128MB: uncachable, count=1
>>>> reg01: base=0x00000000 ( 0MB), size=8192MB: write-back, count=1
>>>> reg02: base=0x200000000 (8192MB), size= 128MB: write-back, count=1
>>>> reg03: base=0xf7f80000 (3967MB), size= 512KB: uncachable, count=1
>>>>
>>>> I would repeat, it is not a single fault, we have received
>>>> similar claims once
>>>> and again. For some time we believed that it was due some
>>>> hardware faults,
>>>> however some doubts are cast upon it. The same nodes worked
>>>> well long time ago
>>>> without any troubles under 2.4-based kernels with dpt_i2o
>>>> driver and we have not
>>>> observed any of i2o hardware troubles so frequently.
>>>>
>>>> Is it possible that our kernel (based on 2.6.8.1 mainstream)
>>>> have some bugs in
>>>> i2o drivers? However we're using driver sources taken from
>>>> RHEL4U2 kernel, and I
>>>> cannot find any similar claims from RHEL4 customers.
>>>>
>>>> Is it possible than we have some other related kernels bugs?
>>>> In this case why we
>>>> have such kind of issues only on i2o-based nodes?
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>>>> Could you please give me some hints which allow me to

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>>>> continue investigation of
>>>> this issue. If you have any suggestions I'll check them next time.
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>>>> Thank you,
>>>> Vasily Averin
>>>>
>>>> SWsoft Virtuozzo/OpenVZ Linux kernel team

Best regards,

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