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Posted by [vaverin](#) on Fri, 04 Aug 2006 11:49:30 GMT

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Unfortunately console logs does not have any errors or timeout reports.  
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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.
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Posted by [Markus Lidel](#) on Mon, 07 Aug 2006 09:23:16 GMT  
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Posted by [mark\\_salyzyn](#) on Mon, 07 Aug 2006 11:44:41 GMT

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>>> 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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>>> iop0: Controller added
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>>> 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 >
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>>> SWsoft Virtuozzo/OpenVZ Linux kernel team

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Best regards,

Markus Lidel

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Subject: RE: i2o hardware hangs (ASR-2010S)

Posted by [mark\\_salyzyn](#) on Mon, 07 Aug 2006 16:06:35 GMT

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The dpt\_i2o driver has the advantage of all the requests tracked by the scsi subsystem, returning them as scsi queue full to be retried. Adpt\_fail\_posted\_scbs is small miracle of simplicity. The i2o driver will have to maintain it's own queue of commands to add this functionality (!)

Vasily, it will necessarily be up to you as to whether you switch to dpt\_i2o to get the hardening you require today, or work out a deal with Markus to add timeout/reset functionality to the i2o driver. If you wish to attack this issue on your own and provide a patch to Markus, I am here to provide technical advice about the DPT/Adaptec I2O cards, but must admit a basic ignorance to Markus' driver sources and architecture.

My recommendations for the i2o driver reset procedure is to use a rolling timeout, every new command completion resets the global timer. This will allow starved or long commands to process. Once the timer hits 3 minutes for RAID (Block or SCSI) targets that have multiple inheritances, 30 seconds for SCSI DASD targets, or some insmod tunable, it resets the adapter. I recommend that when we hit ten seconds, or some insmod tunable, that we call a card specific health check routine. I do not recommend health check polling because we have noticed a reduction in Adapter performance in some systems and generic i2o cards would require a command to check, so that is why I tie it to the ten seconds past last completion. For the DPT/Adaptec series of adapters, it checks

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Sincerely -- Mark Salyzyn

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> From: Markus Lidel [mailto:Markus.Lidel@shadowconnect.com]

> Sent: Monday, August 07, 2006 10:33 AM

> To: Salyzyn, Mark

> Cc: Vasily Averin; devel@openvz.org

> Subject: Re: i2o hardware hangs (ASR-2010S)

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> Hello,

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> 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.

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> 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.  
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> >> -----Original Message-----  
> >> From: Vasily Averin [mailto:vvs@sw.ru]  
> >> Sent: Monday, August 07, 2006 4:05 AM  
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> >> 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.  
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> >> timeout reports.  
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> >> handlers (I hope Markus correct me if I'm err), and it would  
> >> be great if this  
> >> feature will be appear in the future.  
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> > 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.



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> >> 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.  
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> >> Therefore it is not to easy to switch from i2o layer to your  
> >> dpt\_i2o driver.  
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> >> - 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.  
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> >> it conflicts with  
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> >>>> Function 0

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Subject: Re: i2o hardware hangs (ASR-2010S)  
Posted by [vaverin](#) on Tue, 08 Aug 2006 08:12:04 GMT  
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Markus Lidel wrote:

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Markus, Mark,

thank you, I've found your patches in  
[http://bugzilla.kernel.org/show\\_bug.cgi?id=4940](http://bugzilla.kernel.org/show_bug.cgi?id=4940)

Thank you,  
Vasily Averin

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Subject: Re: i2o hardware hangs (ASR-2010S)  
Posted by [vaverin](#) on Tue, 08 Aug 2006 09:47:57 GMT  
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Salyzyn, Mark wrote:

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- > dpt\_i2o to get the hardening you require today, or work out a deal with
- > Markus to add timeout/reset functionality to the i2o driver.

Of course, you are right. Currently our customers have had 2 alternatives:

- be tolerate to these hangs
- if they can't bear it -- replace i2o hardware

Therefore first at all I'm going to add third possible alternative, dpt\_i2o driver.

Mark, could you please send me latest version of your driver directly? Or can I probably take it from mainstream?

The next task is help Markus in i2o error/reset handler implementation.

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- > need to be placed offline.

Sorry, I do not have your big experience in scsi and do not know nothing in i2o. However are you sure than 3 min is enough for timeout? As far as I know some scsi commands (for example rewind on tapes) can last during a very long time.

Also I have some other questions but currently I'm not felt that I'm ready for this discussion.

Thank you,  
Vasily Averin

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Subject: RE: i2o hardware hangs (ASR-2010S)

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>>>Sincerely -- Mark Salyzyn  
>>>  
>>>>-----Original Message-----  
>>>>From: Vasily Averin [mailto:vvs@sw.ru]  
>>>>Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2006 5:48 AM  
>>>>To: Salyzyn, Mark  
>>>>Cc: Markus Lidel; devel@openvz.org  
>>>>Subject: Re: i2o hardware hangs (ASR-2010S)  
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>>>>Mark,  
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>>>>Salyzyn, Mark wrote:  
>>>>>Vasily, it will necessarily be up to you as to whether you  
>>switch to  
>>>>>dpt\_i2o to get the hardening you require today, or work out  
>>>>a deal with  
>>>>>Markus to add timeout/reset functionality to the i2o driver.  
>>>>Of course, you are right. Currently our customers have bad 2  
>>>>alternatives:  
>>>>- be tolerate to these hangs  
>>>>- if they can't bear it -- replace i2o hardware  
>>>>  
>>>>Therefore first at all I'm going to add third possible  
>>>>alternative, dpt\_i2o driver.  
>>>>  
>>>>Mark, could you please send me latest version of your driver  
>>>>directly? Or can I  
>>>>probably take it from mainstream?  
>>>>  
>>>>The next task is help Markus in i2o error/reset handler  
>>>>implementation.  
>>>>  
>>>>>My recommendations for the i2o driver reset procedure is to use a  
>>>>>rolling timeout, every new command completion resets the  
>>>>global timer.  
>>>>>This will allow starved or long commands to process. Once  
>>>>the timer hits  
>>>>>3 minutes for RAID (Block or SCSI) targets that have multiple  
>>>>>inheritances, 30 seconds for SCSI DASD targets, or some  
>>>>insmod tunable,  
>>>>>it resets the adapter. I recommend that when we hit ten  
>>>>seconds, or some



>>>>insmod tunable, that we call a card specific health check  
 >>>>routine. I do  
 >>>>not recommend health check polling because we have noticed  
 >>>>a reduction  
 >>>>in Adapter performance in some systems and generic i2o cards would  
 >>>>require a command to check, so that is why I tie it to the  
 >>>>ten seconds  
 >>>>past last completion. For the DPT/Adaptec series of  
 >>>>adapters, it checks  
 >>>>the BlinkLED status (code fragment in dpt\_i2o driver at  
 >>>>adpt\_read\_blink\_led), and if set, immediately record the  
 >>>>fact and resets  
 >>>>the adapter. For cards other than the DPT/Adaptec series, I  
 >>>>recommend a  
 >>>>short timeout Get Status request to see if the Firmware is in a run  
 >>>>state and is responsive to this simple command. The reset  
 >>>>code will need  
 >>>>to retry all commands itself, I do not believe the block  
 >>>>system has an  
 >>>>error status that can be used for it to retry the commands.  
 >>>>If the Reset  
 >>>>loop in the reset adapter code is unresponsive, then the  
 >>>>known targets  
 >>>>need to be placed offline.  
 >>>>Sorry, I do not have your big experience in scsi and do not  
 >>>>know nothing in i2o.  
 >>>>However are you sure than 3 min is enough for timeout? As far  
 >>>>as I know some  
 >>>>scsi commands (for example rewind on tapes) can last during a  
 >>>>very long time.  
 >>>>  
 >>>>Also I have some other questions but currently I'm not fell  
 >>>>that I'm ready for  
 >>>>this discussion.  
 >>>>  
 >>>>Thank you,  
 >>>> Vasily Averin  
 >>>>  
 >>>>SWsoft Virtuozzo/OpenVZ Linux kernel team

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--- ./dpt_i2o.c.d2o2 2006-08-16 06:21:25.000000000 +0400
+++ ./dpt_i2o.c 2006-08-16 06:22:16.000000000 +0400
@@ -4532,17 +4532,17 @@ static int __init dpt_init(void)
 #endif

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    error = pci_register_driver(&dpt_pci_driver);
-#if ((LINUX_VERSION_CODE < KERNEL_VERSION(2,5,0)) &&

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defined(SCSI_HAS_SCSI_IN_DETECTION))
+
+   if (error < 0 || hba_count == 0) {
+ pci_unregister_driver(&dpt_pci_driver);
+ #if ((LINUX_VERSION_CODE < KERNEL_VERSION(2,5,0)) &&
defined(SCSI_HAS_SCSI_IN_DETECTION))
+   scsi_unregister_module(MODULE_SCSI_HA,&driver_template);
+ #endif
+ #ifdef REBOOT_NOTIFIER
+ unregister_reboot_notifier(&adpt_reboot_notifier);
+ #endif
+   return (error < 0) ? error : -ENODEV;
+ }
- #else
- if (error < 0)
- return error;
- if (hba_count == 0)
- return -ENODEV;
- #endif
/* In INIT state, Activate IOPs */
for (pHba = hba_chain; pHba; pHba = pHba->next) {
// Activate does get status , init outbound, and get hrt

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Subject: RE: i2o hardware hangs (ASR-2010S)  
Posted by [Dale Bohl](#) on Mon, 11 Dec 2006 22:08:43 GMT  
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Subject: Re: RE: i2o hardware hangs (ASR-2010S)  
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Dale,

I would say that the troubles with i2o hardware went away after i2o layer update. I've backported i2o sources from 2.6.17 mainline kernel and it seems it works well, we do not have any new customers complains now.

You can find the patch in our 2.6.8-022stab078.21 kernel sources:

<http://openvz.org/news/updates/kernel-022stab078.21>

\* linux-2.6.8-i2o-1.325.patch:

Patch from Vasily (vvs@):

updates i2o layer, backported from to 2.6.17 linux mainstream kernel

Thank you,

Vasily Averin

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