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Announcements

Continentalclusters is a Hewlett-Packard high availability solution that provides disaster tolerant clustering over long distances. Version A.04.01 of Continentalclusters, which contains enhancements and defect fixes, is being released with the following product numbers:

- T2346BA license, media and documentation for HP-UX 11i v1 (11.11) and 11i v2

Version A.04.01 of Continentalclusters requires the HP-UX 11i v1 (11.11) or HP-UX 11i v2 operating systems. Continentalclusters version A.04.00 or later will not automatically include the separately purchased products Metrocluster XP/CA and Metrocluster EMC/SRDF.

Since Continentalclusters configurations may be complex to configure and maintain, it is strongly recommended that you use Hewlett-Packard's high availability consulting services to ensure a smooth installation and rollout. Please contact your HP representative to inquire about high availability consulting. In addition, you should work with your HP representative to ensure that you have the latest firmware revisions for disk drives, disk controllers, LAN controllers, and other hardware.

Starting with version A.04.00, Continentalclusters recovery supports Oracle 9i RAC instances. Table 1-1 shows the Oracle RAC support compatibility for Continentalclusters version A.04.01.

Table 1-1 Metrocluster Version Requirements for Continentalclusters Oracle RAC Support

Continentalcluster Version	Metrocluster CA XP Version	HP-UX Version
A.04.01	A.04.20 or later	11i v1 (11.11)
	A.04.21 or later	11i v2

What's In this Version

Continentalclusters employs semi-automatic failover of Serviceguard packages from one cluster to another following a cluster event that indicates serious disruption of service on one of the clusters. The product consists of a set of configuration, management commands, and a set of daemons that monitors and sends notification of cluster events

The A.04.01 version contains the following enhancements:

- Support for HP Integrity ServerS on HP-UX 11i v2

The Continentalclusters product has the following basic features:

- Continentalclusters works with any type of data replication. A set of guidelines for integrating your data replication technology can be found in chapter 4 of the *Designing Disaster Tolerant High Availability Clusters* manual on <http://www.docs.hp.com>.

ContinentalCluster provides a pre-integrated data replication solution using HP StorageWorks Continuous Access XP or the EMC/SRDF with the separately purchased products Metrocluster XP/CA and Metrocluster EMC/SRDF. Instead of using the pre-integrated data replication solution a customer-selected data replication solution can be chosen by following the integration guidelines.

- A two-data center basic configuration, consisting of one primary cluster and one recovery cluster. Failover of a specific package occurs in one direction from the primary cluster to the recovery cluster. Each data center can serve as both primary and recovery cluster for different packages. In the cascading failover configuration, the primary cluster can be a metropolitan cluster using EMC/SRDF or XP/CA.
- Logical data replication is also possible using the Oracle Standby Database. Template files and additional information are included in the Oracle Standby Database portion of the separately purchased Enterprise Cluster Master Toolkit product. Other customer-selected logical data replication solutions can be implemented as well.
- Cluster monitoring is carried out over WAN connections. You can use any WAN connection; however, some data replication methods may require high speed connections such as T1, T3, E3/ES or ATM leased lines or switched lines.

NOTE

Continentalclusters can co-exist with the Advanced Tape Services (ATS) feature of Serviceguard. However, an ATS package must not be configured as a Continentalclusters package. With ATS, a single tape drive (or set of tape drives) is shared between two nodes within a cluster of up to four nodes. All of the tape drives are located within a single data center. If the power were to be lost, the tape drives would not be accessible even if the package were to be failed over to the other data center with a Continentalclusters package. Therefore, using ATS in a Continentalclusters package does not make any sense.

Compatibility Information and Installation Requirements

The same version of Continentalclusters must be installed on all nodes in both clusters of the configuration. All the participating clusters in one continental cluster need to run the same operating system (either all run on 11i v1 (11.11) or all run on 11i v2 for Continentalclusters version A.04.01). To use Continentalclusters, the following hardware and software must be installed and configured on all nodes.

Hardware Requirements

Host System Hardware Requirements

For HP-UX 11i v1 (11.11):

- HP 9000 server

For HP-UX 11i v2:

- HP Integrity Servers

If you are doing data replication with XP series disk arrays there are both hardware and software requirements. For more information on the hardware and software requirements for Metrocluster/CA refer to the *Metrocluster with Continuous Access XP* release notes, which can be found on <http://www.docs.hp.com>.

If you are doing data replication with EMC Symmetrix disk arrays, there are both hardware and software requirements. For more information on the hardware and software requirements for Metrocluster/SRDF refer to the *Metrocluster with EMC/SRDF* release notes, which can be found on <http://www.docs.hp.com>.

Software Requirements

There are both HP software and disk array management software requirements.

HP Software Requirements

For HP-UX 11i v1 (11.11):

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- Serviceguard version A.11.14 or later, or Serviceguard OPS Edition A.11.14, or Serviceguard Extension for RAC version A.11.15 or later.

For HP-UX 11i v2:

- Serviceguard version A.11.15 or later, or Serviceguard Extension for RAC version A.11.15 or later.

Patch requirements are:

- The kernel patch (PHCO_29109) must be installed on HP-UX 11i v1 (11.11).
- Patches for Serviceguard and Cluster Object Manger for your version are required.
- In addition to the preceding patches, all HP-UX patches required by Serviceguard are also required in a Continentalclusters configuration.

NOTE

This list is subject to change without notice. Contact your HP support representative for latest information.

Bastille Sercurity Set up

HP-UX 11i v2 Operating Environment includes Bastille and HP-UX IPFilter products that allow customers to allow control of their systems security environment. Continentalclusters has the same set up requiremnts as Serviceguard and Event Monitoring Service products.

For the Bastille security setup requirements for Serviceguard, all mandatory HP-UX IP filter rules apply. In addition, the rules for remote command execution and cluster object manager (COM) must include all participating Continentalcluster nodes for <clusternodes> as designated in section “*Remote Failover*” of Chapter 8 in the *Using HP-UX IPFilter with Serviceguard* user’s guide.

For the Bastille security setup requirements for Event Monitoring Service, refer to the *Event Monitoring Service* release notes.

Installing Continentalclusters

Continentalclusters can be installed while the system is running in multi-user mode.

1. Run `swinstall (1m)` to install Continentalclusters from a SD depot. Select the following filesset:

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Continentalclusters files are placed in the following directories:

- `/usr/lbin`
 - `/usr/sbin`
 - `/etc/opt/resmon`
 - `/etc/cmconcl`
 - `/opt/cmconcl`
 - `/opt/cmom`
2. If you are using physical data replication with the XP series or the EMC Symmetrix, purchase Metrocluster/CA or Metrocluster/SRDF and install either the HP StorageWorks Disk Array XP Raid Manager software (available as a set of cpio files with the XP system) or the EMC Symmetrix SymCLI software (HP product number S7534A) on all nodes.
 3. If you are using the Oracle Standby database for logical data replication, purchase the Enterprise Cluster Master toolkit product, and consult your HP representative for more information about installing the template files.

NOTE

Installation of Continentalclusters version A.04.01 does not check the existence of the dependent Serviceguard or Serviceguard OPS Edition or Seviceguard Extension for RAC. Make sure standard Serviceguard or Serviceguard OPS Edition or Seviceguard Extension for RAC is installed or selected at the time of installation of Continentalclusters.

Upgrading from Earlier Versions...

If you are upgrading a continental cluster from an earlier version, you need to do the following:

1. Delete the old Continentalclusters configuration:

```
# cmdeleteconcl
```

2. Upgrade new version of Continentalclusters.

3. Re-apply the Continentalclusters configuration using the original configuration file:

```
# cmapplyconcl -C cmcon1.config
```

Refer to Chapter 4 of the *Designing Disaster Tolerant High Availability Clusters* manual for information on editing configuration files and issuing the configuration commands.

Compatibility Issues

Configuration with a metropolitan cluster as the primary cluster is supported in the cascading failover configuration using Metrocluster with EMC SRDF and XP CA. For details on using EMC SRDF refer to Chapter 6 of the *Designing Disaster Tolerant High Availability Clusters* manual. For details on using XP CA contact your HP representative.

What Manuals are Available for this Version

For information about configuring packages, refer to the following manual, which is shipped with Continentalclusters version number A.04.01. In addition, more updated versions may be available on <http://docs.hp.com>. Also, be sure to review the README file that accompanies the software you are using.

See the following manuals for more information:

- *Designing Disaster Tolerant High Availability Clusters* (B7660-90014)

If you are using the XP disk array with Continuous Access XP for data replication, refer to the following:

- *HP StorageWorks Disk Array XP Business Copy User's Guide* (B7906-90900)
- *HP StorageWorks Disk Array XP Continuous Access User's Guide* (B7905-90900)
- *HP StorageWorks Disk Array XP Familiarization Guide* (A5701-90900)
- *HP StorageWorks Disk Array XP Operating System Configuration Guide* (A5701-90910)
- *HP StorageWorks Disk Array XP Raid Manager User's Guide* (B7910-90900)
- *HP StorageWorks Disk Array XP Remote Control User's Guide* (A7911-90900)

If you are using EMC SRDF for data replication, refer to the following:

- *SymCLI Product Guide* (EMC # 200-999-624)
- *SymCLI Advanced Functions* (EMC # 200-999-625)

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- *High Availability Environment Product Guide Rev C* (EMC # 200-999-566)
- *Business Continuanace Environment Guide* (EMC # 200-999-623)

Before attempting to use VxVM storage with Continentalclusters, please refer to the following documents for your version of VERITAS software:

- *VERITAS Volume Manager Administrator's Guide*. This contains a glossary of VERITAS terminology.
- *VERITAS Volume Manager Storage Administrator Administrator's Guide*
- *VERITAS Volume Manager Reference Guide*
- *VERITAS Volume Manager Migration Guide*
- *VERITAS Volume Manager for HP-UX Release Notes*

The August 1999 HP World presentation “*Disaster-Tolerant Highly Available Cluster Architectures*” and other documentation on Continentalclusters is available from <http://docs.hp.com/hpux/ha>.

Further Information

Support information, including current information on patches and known problems, is available from Hewlett-Packard IT center:

<http://itrc.hp.com> (Americas and Asia Pacific)

<http://europe.itrc.hp.com> (Europe)

The most recent versions of user's guides and white papers are available on Hewlett-Packard's high availability documentation web page:

<http://docs.hp.com/hpux/ha>

Patches and Fixes in this Version

The following list are for patches required or recommended for version A.04.01 of Continentalclusters. This list is subject to change without notice. For the most current information contact your HP support representative.

Patch requirements are:

- The kernal patch (PHCO_29109) must be installed on HP-UX 11i v1 (11.11).
- Patches for Serviceguard and Cluster Object Manger for your version are required.
- In addition to the preceding patches, all HP-UX patches required by Serviceguard are also required in a Continentalclusters configuration.

NOTE

Patches can be superseded or withdrawn at any time. Be sure to check the status of any patch before downloading it.

An updated list of patches is available on the Hewlett Packard IT Resource Center:

<http://itrc.hp.com> (Americas and Asia Pacific)

<http://europe.itrc.hp.com> (Europe)

Patches and Fixes in this Version

Fixes

The following defects have been fixed in Version A.04.01 of Continentalclusters.

Defect Number Problem and Resolution

SR 8606164901

(JAGae72094) *Problem:* Command cmswitchconcl is missing from the product.

Resolution: The installation script was modified to create the command.

Known Problems and Workarounds

The following describes known problems with the Continentalclusters and workarounds for them. This is subject to change without notice. For the most current information contact your HP support representative.

More recent information on known problems and workarounds may be available on the Hewlett Packard IT Resource Center:

<http://itrc.hp.com> (Americas and Asia Pacific)

<http://europe.itrc.hp.com> (Europe)

misleading recovery message

- *What is the problem?*

In Serviceguard 11.15 environment, the message, “The id of the user requesting the connection is not available in the authentication session” may occur when running `cmrecovercl`.

- *What is the workaround?*

This message is only an auditing message and can be ignored.

no space allowed in file `/etc/opt/cmom/cmomhosts` directive order setup

- *What is the problem?*

The directive order of `order deny,allow` or `order allow,deny` specified in `/etc/opt/cmom/cmomhosts` does not allow any space between “`deny,allow`” or “`allow,deny`”. If the file is not setup properly, nodes that are running monitor packages will not be able to obtain information from other nodes about the cluster status.

- *What is the workaround?*

After Continentalclusters configuration, before the first startup of the monitor package, make sure that the file `/etc/opt/cmom/cmomhosts` on all of the participating nodes contain the correct directive order specification.

Persistent cmomd Processes

What is the problem? If the node where the monitor process (`cmclsenryd`) is running goes down and then comes back up (as in a power failure), the `cmomd` process will remain on one or more nodes in the cluster that is being monitored. In these circumstances, the `cmomd` process will continue on the system until terminated by a user. This can become a significant problem if a monitoring node is powered off and on several times, leaving several `cmomd` processes on the monitored cluster, using system process table space as well as other system resources.

What is the workaround? After a failure of the monitoring node, kill the unused `cmomd` processes.

Provider File Renaming

What is the problem? If the provider file, which is named `/opt/cmom/providers/cmprovider.omp` by default, is copied to a backup file by adding a prefix to the name (for example, “`bk_cmprovider.omp`”), then Serviceguard will not be able to tell which file is the correct one.

What is the workaround? Do not rename the provider file to a different name by adding a prefix. As an alternative, you can store copies or alternate versions of the file in a different directory.

Applications hang when all PV links are down

What is the problem? When all PV links to a disk array used by a primary or recovery package are down, the package applications accessing that array will hang indefinitely. The applications will not detect an error and cannot be killed. Even running `cmhaltpkg` will not stop the application.

What is the workaround? The default behavior of LVM is to retry access forever following a failure. There are a number of ways to recover from this application hang problem:

- Reboot the node. The package will then move to another node in the cluster.
- Fix the problem so that one or more PV Links is restored. The application will then continue normally.

- It is also possible to change the default LVM behavior so that it will not retry forever. There is an `lvchange` option that will establish a timeout value which will cause LVM to return an error to the application if the access to the array has failed and the timeout period has expired. The command uses the following format:

```
lvchange -t <seconds> /dev/<vgname>/<lvname>
```

This command must be run from one host, on all logical volumes in the package volume groups. A starting timeout value of 60 seconds is suggested; the timeout must *not* be set to less than 60 seconds.

Once the `lvchange -t` command is run on a host, all other hosts will automatically inherit the new timeout value for the logical volumes. You can view the current timeout value by running the `lvdisplay` command and checking the value listed for “IO Timeout (Seconds)”. If the value is displayed as “default,” then LVM will use the default behavior and retry forever.

Software Availability in Native Languages

Continentalclusters is not available in native language versions.