

XC[™] Series DataWarp[™] Installation and Administration Guide (CLE 6.0.UP01) S-2564 Rev C

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1 About the DataWarp Installation and Administration Guide

Scope and Audience

XC[™] Series DataWarp[™] Installation and Administration Guide (S-2564) covers DataWarp installation, configuration and administrative concepts and tasks for Cray XC[™] series systems installed with DataWarp SSD cards. It is intended for experienced system administrators.

IMPORTANT: Due to the deprecation of Static DataWarp and the introduction of the CLE 6.0 configuration management system (CMS), the DataWarp installation procedure is greatly simplified. Therefore, this document supersedes the *DataWarp Installation Guide* (S-2547), which is no longer published.

Release Information

 XC^{TM} Series DataWarpTM Installation and Administration Guide supports the 6.0.UP01 release of the Cray Linux Environment (CLE). Significant changes have occurred since the release of CLE 5.2.UP04, including:

- Completely new installation procedures
- introduction of transparent caching and compute node swap
- Additional new procedures to:
 - over-provision Intel P3608 SSDs
 - flash Fusion IO SSD firmware
 - modify advanced configuration settings
 - configure SSD protection settings
 - backup and restore DataWarp state data
 - o remove a node from a storage pool
 - o change a node's pool
 - replace a DataWarp SSD
 - recover from a backwards-incompatible upgrade
 - recover from database corruption
- removal of command reference pages (i.e., dwcli(8)) now available as online man pages
- removal of all references to Static DataWarp

Revision Information

(June 2016) Initial release.

- (July 2016) Rev A: added a note to the installation procedure in the event that CLE patch set 6.0.UP01.PS28 is installed prior to the initial installation/configuration of DataWarp as it introduces a new configuration setting. For further information, see Field Notice #6103a.
- (September 2016) Rev B: use systemd commands rather than deprecated sysvint commands to start/stop services.
- (October 2016) Rev C:
 - back out Rev B change; sysvint commands should still be used as systemd commands not fully supported by DataWarp
 - o correct the over-provisioning value for Intel P3608 devices

Typographic Conventions

Monospace Indicates program code, reserved words, library functions, command-line prompts,

screen output, file/path names, key strokes (e.g., Enter and Alt-Ctrl-F), and

other software constructs.

Monospaced Bold Indicates commands that must be entered on a command line or in response to an

interactive prompt.

Oblique or Italics Indicates user-supplied values in commands or syntax definitions.

Proportional Bold Indicates a graphical user interface window or element.

\ (backslash) At the end of a command line, indicates the Linux[®] shell line continuation character

(lines joined by a backslash are parsed as a single line). Do not type anything after

the backslash or the continuation feature will not work correctly.

smaller font size

Some screenshot and code examples require more characters than are able to fit on a line of a PDF file, resulting in the code wrapping to a new line. To prevent wrapping, some examples are displayed with a smaller font to preserve the file formatting.

Command Prompt Conventions

hostname in command prompts

Hostnames in command prompts indicate where the command must be run.

hostname#	Run the command on this hostname.
smw#	Run the command on the SMW.
cmc#	Run the command on the CMC.
boot#	Run the command on the boot node.
sdb#	Run the command on the SDB node.
login#	Run the command on any login node.

smw1# smw2#	For a system configured with the SMW failover feature there are two SMWs—one in an active role and the other in a passive role. The SMW that is active at the start of a procedure is <i>smw1</i> . The SMW that is passive is <i>smw2</i> .
smwactive# smwpassive#	In some scenarios, the active SMW is <i>smw1</i> at the start of a procedure—then the procedure requires a failover to the other SMW. In this case, the documentation will continue to refer to the formerly active SMW as <i>smw1</i> , even though <i>smw2</i> is now the active SMW. If further clarification is needed in a procedure, the active SMW will be called <i>smwpassive</i> .

in command prompts

account name The account that must run the command is also indicated in the prompt.

smw# cmc# boot# sdb# login# hostname#	The root or super-user account always has the # character at the end of the prompt.
crayadm@smw> crayadm@login>	Any non-root account is indicated with account@hostname.
user@hostname>	A user account that is neither root nor crayadm is referred to as user.

command chroot

If the chroot command is used, the prompt changes to indicate that it is inside a chroot'd prompt inside environment on the hostname.

```
smw# chroot /path/to/chroot
chroot-smw#
```

in command prompt

directory path Sometimes the current path can be so long that including it in the prompt does not add clarity to the command example. Most of the time, the command can be executed from any directory. When it matters which directory the command is invoked within, the cd command is used to change into the directory, and the directory is referenced with a period (.) to indicate the current directory.

For example, here are actual prompts as they appear on the system:

```
smw:~ # cd /etc
smw:/etc# cd /var/tmp
smw:/var/tmp# ls ./file
smw:/var/tmp# su - crayadm
crayadm@smw:~> cd /usr/bin
crayadm@smw:/usr/bin> ./command
```

And here are the same prompts as they would appear in examples in this publication:

```
smw# cd /etc
smw# cd /var/tmp
smw# ls ./file
smw# su - crayadm
crayadm@smw> cd /usr/bin
crayadm@smw> ./command
```

Related Documents

Although this publication is all that is necessary for installing SMW and CLE software, the following publications contain additional information that may be helpful.

- **1.** XC[™] Series Software Installation and Configuration Guide
- 2. XC™ Series Configurator User Guide
- 3. XC™ Series DataWarp™ User Guide

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2 Initial DataWarp Service (DWS) Installation

Prerequisites

- A Cray XC series system running CLE 6.0.UP01 with one or more nodes with SSD hardware
- Identification of the nodes (cname) with SSD hardware
- Identification of the DataWarp API gateway nodes (cname), i.e., the nodes on which dwrest will run (must be login and/or MOM nodes)

Additional Requirement

A parallel file system (PFS) must be mounted in the same location on all compute nodes as well as all service nodes identified as managed_nodes within this procedure. In other words, the mount points must look the same on compute and SSD-endowed service nodes. More than one PFS is allowed.

This requirement can be implemented before or after the installation of DataWarp.

About this task

This procedure invokes the system configurator to initially configure the DataWarp service (DWS) and other services required by DataWarp. Note that this procedure does not cover how to use cfgset or the configurator, which is invoked by cfgset. For details, see the cfgset (8) man page, the XC^{TM} Series System Administration Guide, and the XC^{TM} Series Configurator User Guide.

The configurator guides the user through the configuration process with explanations, options, and prompts. The majority of this dialog is not displayed in the steps below, only prompts and example responses are displayed.

TIP: The configurator uses index numbering to identify configuration items. This numbering may vary; the value used in the examples may not be correct for all systems. The user must search the listing displayed on the screen to determine the correct index number for the service/setting being configured.

Procedure

1. Invoke the configurator to configure the **cray_dws** service.

```
smw# cfgset update -m interactive -s cray dws p0 example
Service Configuration Menu (Config Set: p\overline{0} example, type: cle)
                     [ status: disabled ] [ validation: skipped ]
  Selected
               #
                      Settings
                                                                            Value/Status (level=basic)
                         service
                              scheduler node
                                                                            [ unconfigured, default=sdb ]
                   2)
                             managed nodes
                                                                            [ unconfigured, default=(none) ]
                   3)
                                                                            [ unconfigured, default=(none) ]
                              api_gateway_nodes
                              api_gateway_nodes
external_api_gateway_hostnames
dwrest_cacheroot_whitelist
allow dws cli from_computes

[ unconfigured, default=(none) ]
[ unconfigured, default=/lus/scratch ]
[ unconfigured, default=False ]
                   4)
                   5)
```

```
...
Cray dws Menu [default: save & exit - Q] $
```

IMPORTANT: If the list of settings includes <code>dwrest_cachemount_whitelist</code>, this indicates that CLE patch set 6.0.UP01.PS28 has been installed. Refer to Cray Field Notice (FN) #6103a for details. Otherwise, refer to FN #6103a after completing this procedure and consider installing the patch.

a. Enable the service.

```
Cray dws Menu [default: save & exit - Q] $ E
```

b. Set **scheduler_node**.

scheduler_node is the cname or role name of a service node that acts as the scheduler - the node that runs dwsd. Unless otherwise instructed by Cray support personnel, this is the sdb node, the default setting. This is a required setting.

```
Cray dws Menu [default: save & exit - Q] $ 1
Cray dws Menu [default: configure - C] $ C
cray_dws.settings.service.data.scheduler_node
[<cr>=set 'sdb', <new value>, ?=help, @=less] $ <cr>
```

c. Set managed_nodes.

managed_nodes is a list of nodes that have SSD hardware to be managed by DataWarp. They are also known as DataWarp server nodes. Enter nodes one per line, by cname. managed_nodes cannot be set by accepting the default; a non-empty list is required. If no nodes are entered, DataWarp fails.

```
Cray dws Menu [default: save & exit - Q] $ 2
Cray dws Menu [default: configure - C] $ C
cray_dws.settings.service.data.managed_node
[<cr>=set 0 entries, +=add an entry, ?=help, @=less] $ +
Add managed_nodes (Ctrl-d to exit) $ c0-0c0s7n2
Add managed_nodes (Ctrl-d to exit) $ c0-0c0s0n2
Add managed_nodes (Ctrl-d to exit) $ <Ctrl-d>
cray_dws.settings.service.data.managed_nodes
[<cr>=set 2 entries, +=add an entry, ?=help, @=less] $ <cr>
```

d. Set api_gateway_hostnames.

api_gateway_nodes is a list of login and scheduler MOM nodes on which dwrest, nginx, and gunicorn run. These nodes must be able to resolve UID and GID. Enter nodes one per line, by cname. api_gateway_nodes cannot be set by accepting the default; a non-empty list is required. If no nodes are entered, DataWarp fails.

IMPORTANT: Although multiple gateway nodes are allowed, Cray recommends configuring only one API gateway node unless otherwise directed by Cray support. Improperly configured API gateway nodes can significantly degrade performance.

```
Cray dws Menu [default: save & exit - Q] $ 3
Cray dws Menu [default: configure - C] $ C
cray_dws.settings.service.data.api_gateway_nodes
[<cr>=set 0 entries, +=add an entry, ?=help, @=less] $ +
Add api_gateway_nodes (Ctrl-d to exit) $ c0-0c0s1n1
Add api_gateway_nodes (Ctrl-d to exit) $ <Ctrl-d>
cray_dws.settings.service.data.api_gateway_nodes
[<cr>=set 1 entries, +=add an entry, ?=help, @=less] $ <cr>
```

e. Set **external_api_gateway_hostnames** to the default value none, because this feature is not yet fully functional. This is a required setting.

```
Cray dws Menu [default: save & exit - Q] $ 4
Cray dws Menu [default: configure - C] $ C
cray_dws.settings.service.data.external_api_gateway_hostnames
[<cr>=set 0 entries, +=add an entry, ?=help, @=less] $ <cr>
```

f. Set dwrest_cacheroot_whitelist.

dwrest_cacheroot_whitelist is a list of parallel file system (PFS) paths on which users are allowed to mount cache file systems. For example, if dwrest_cacheroot_whitelist is set as /lus/scratch, a user can mount the cache file system /lus/scratch/seymour. The PFS paths must be set up on all DataWarp service nodes for cache configurations to function. Each file system path specified and any subdirectories are considered valid.

IMPORTANT: This is a required setting and the default value (/lus/scratch) must be changed unless /lus/scratch actually exists on the PFS and is the desired location. A non-existent path causes failures for cache configurations.

```
Cray dws Menu [default: save & exit - Q] $ 5
Cray dws Menu [default: configure - C] $ C
       Default:
                                    Current:
         1) /lus/scratch
                                        1) /lus/scratch
cray dws.settings.service.data.dwrest_cacheroot_whitelist
[\langle cr \rangle = set 1 entries, +=add an entry, \overline{?} = help, @=\overline{less}] $ 1*
Modify dwrest cacheroot whitelist:/lus/scratch (Ctrl-d to exit) $ /pfs/path/scratch
|--- Information
| *
      Entry 1 modified successfully.
cray dws.settings.service.data.dwrest cacheroot whitelist
[<cr>=set 1 entries, +=add an entry, ?=help, @=less] $ +
Add dwrest_cacheroot_whitelist (Ctrl-d to exit) $ /pfs/path/scratch2
Add dwrest_cacheroot_whitelist (Ctrl-d to exit) $ Ctrl-d
cray dws.settings.service.data.dwrest cacheroot whitelist
[<cr>=set 2 entries, +=add an entry, ?=help, @=less] $ <cr>
```

g. Set allow_dws_cli_from_computes.

allow_dws_cli_from_computes determines whether commands such as dwstat and dwcli are executable on compute nodes. This is a required setting and is false by default, because scaling problems can occur if large numbers of compute nodes access the dwrest gateway simultaneously.

```
Cray dws Menu [default: save & exit - Q] $ 6
Cray dws Menu [default: configure - C] $ C
cray dws.settings.service.data.allow dws cli from computes
[<cr>=set 'false', <new value>, ?=help, @=less] $ <cr>
Service Configuration Menu (Config Set: p0 example, type: cle)
 cray_dws [ status: enabled ] [ validation: valid ]
 Selected # Settings
                                                    Value/Status (level=basic)
                  service
             1)
                   scheduler node
             2)
                   managed_nodes
                                                   c0-0c0s7n2, c0-0c0s0n2
                                                c0-0c0s1n1
             3) api_gateway_nodes
```

h. Save the settings and exit the configurator session.

```
Cray dws Menu [default: save & exit - Q] $ Q
```

2. Invoke the configurator to configure the **cray_persistent_data** service for DataWarp.

a. Enable the service only if status: disabled is displayed.

```
Cray Persistent Data Menu [default: save & exit - Q] $ E
```

b. Add a section to mounts for DataWarp.

```
Cray Persistent Data Menu [default: save & exit - Q] $ 1
Cray Persistent Data Menu [default: save & exit - Q] $ C
cray persistent_data.settings.mounts
[<cr>=set 4 entries, +=add an entry, ?=help, @=less] $ +
cray persistent_data.settings.mounts.data.mount_point
[<cr>=set '', <new value>, ?=help, @=less] $ /var/opt/cray/dws
cray persistent_data.settings.mounts.data./var/opt/cray/dws.clients
[<cr>=set 0 entries, +=add an entry, ?=help, @=less] $ +
Add clients (Ctrl-d to exit) $ service
Add clients (Ctrl-d to exit) $ <Ctrl-d>
cray persistent_data.settings.mounts.data./var/opt/cray/dws.clients
[<cr>=set 1 entries, +=add an entry, ?=help, @=less] $ <cr>
cray_persistent_data.settings.mounts
[<cr>=set 5 entries, +=add an entry, ?=help, @=less] $ <cr>
```

···

c. Save and exit the configurator.

```
Cray Persistent Data Menu [default: save & exit - Q] $ Q
```

The configurator takes the supplied values and ensures that they become part of the config set being created or updated.

3. Determine if the cray munge service is enabled.

The cray_munge service defines munge attributes for creating and validating credentials. No DWS-specific settings are necessary; enabling cray munge is sufficient.

```
smw# cfgset search --service-status p0 example | grep cray munge
```

- a. If cray munge.enabled: True is displayed, proceed to step 4 on page 12.
- b. If cray_munge.enabled: False is displayed, invoke the configurator and enable cray_munge.

```
smw# cfgset update -m interactive -s cray_munge p0_example
Service Configuration Menu (Config Set: p0_example, type: cle)

cray_munge    [ status: disabled ] [ validation: valid ]

...

Cray Munge Menu [default: save & exit - Q] $ E

Service Configuration Menu (Config Set: p0_example, type: cle)

cray_munge    [ status: enabled ] [ validation: valid ]

...
```

c. Save the settings and exit the configurator session.

```
Munge Menu [default: save & exit - Q] $ Q
```

4. Determine if the cray_ipforward service is enabled.

The cray_ipforward service enables IP forwarding between the service nodes and the SMW. It is enabled by default but may become disabled. No DWS-specific settings are necessary.

```
smw# cfgset search --service-status p0_example | grep cray_ipforward
```

- a. If cray ipforward.enabled: True is displayed, proceed to step 5 on page 13.
- b. If cray_ipforward.enabled: False is displayed, determine if the cray_ipforward settings are inherited.

Because the <code>cray_ipforward</code> service has both a global and CLE template, it can be configured to inherit settings from the global config set. Therefore, it is first necessary to determine in which template it must be enabled.

```
smw# cfgset validate p0_example | grep cray_ipforward
```

c. If 'cray_ipforward': not enabled is displayed, invoke the configurator for the cray_ipforward service within the CLE template, and enable the service.

```
smw# cfgset update -m interactive -s cray_ipforward p0_example
Service Configuration Menu (Config Set: p0_example, type: cle)

cray_ipforward [ status: disabled ] [ validation: valid ]

Cray IP Forwarding Menu [default: save & exit - Q] $ E

Service Configuration Menu (Config Set: p0_example, type: cle)

cray_ipforward [ status: enabled ] [ validation: valid ]

...
```

1. Save the settings and exit the configurator session.

```
Cray IP Forwarding Menu [default: save & exit - Q] $ Q
```

- **2.** Proceed to step **5** on page **13**.
- d. If 'cray_ipforward': inherits global config set values is displayed, invoke the configurator for the cray ipforward service within the global template, and enable the service.

```
smw# cfgset update -m interactive -s cray_ipforward global
Service Configuration Menu (Config Set: global, type: global)

cray_ipforward [ status: disabled ] [ validation: valid ]

...

Cray IP Forwarding Menu [default: save & exit - Q] $ E

Service Configuration Menu (Config Set: global, type: global)

cray_ipforward [ status: enabled ] [ validation: valid ]

...
```

e. Save the settings and exit the configurator session.

```
Cray IP Forwarding Menu [default: save & exit - Q] $ Q
```

5. Validate the global and CLE config sets. Correct any discrepancies before proceeding.

```
smw# cfgset validate global
...
INFO - ConfigSet 'global' is valid.
smw# cfgset validate p0_example
...
INFO - ConfigSet 'p0_example' is valid.
```

- **6.** (Systems with Fusion IO SSD cards) Complete the *Create a New Service Node Image for Fusion IO SSDs* on page 13 procedure, if not already done, **before** rebooting the system in order to avoid a second reboot.
- 7. Reboot the system following the typical procedure in order to activate all DataWarp requirements.
 DWS is now enabled as part of CLE. Post boot configuration procedures are necessary to complete the DWS setup.

2.1 Create a New Service Node Image for Fusion IO SSDs

Prerequisites

- A Cray XC series system running CLE 6.0.UP01 with one or more Fusion IO (Sandisk) SSD cards installed
 - Fusion ioScale2 SSD cards are not supported
- Identification of the nodes (cname) with SSD hardware

About this task

Sites with Fusion IO (Sandisk) SSD cards must integrate the driver software into the service node image.

Procedure

Create a new image recipe for FIO service nodes and add a subrecipe of a service node image to it.

Note that the font size is decreased in some examples below, because some line lengths are too wide for a PDF page. Unfortunately, some lines are so incredibly long that they still need to be continued on another line.

TIP: Use recipe list to display current recipe names.

```
Smw# recipe create fio-service_cle_6.0up01_sles_12_x86-64_ari
smw# recipe update --add-recipe service_cle_6.0up01_sles_12_x86-64_ari fio-service_cle_6.0up01_sles_12_x86-64_ari
smw# recipe update --add-coll datawarp-xtra_cle_6.0up01_sles_12 fio-service_cle_6.0up01_sles_12_x86-64_ari
smw# recipe update --add-repo \
passthrough-common_cle_6.0up01_sles_12_x86-64 fio-service_cle_6.0up01_sles_12_x86-64_ari
smw# recipe update --add-repo common_cle_6.0up01_sles_12_x86-64_ari fio-service_cle_6.0up01_sles_12_x86-64_ari
```

2. Edit the cray_image_groups.yaml file to add the image recipe and destination to the end of the default group.

smw# vi /var/opt/cray/imps/config/sets/global/config/cray_image_groups.yaml

Add:

```
- recipe: "fio-service_cle_6.0up01_sles_12_x86-64_ari"
    dest: "fio-service{note}_cle_{cle_release}-build{cle_build}{patch}_sles_12-created{date}.cpio"
    nims_group: "fio-service"

fio-service:
    - recipe: "fio-service_cle_6.0up01_sles_12_x86-64_ari"
    dest: "fio-service{note}_cle_{cle_release}-build{cle_build}{patch}_sles_12-created{date}.cpio"
    nims_group: "fio-service"
```

For example:

```
cray_image_groups:
    default:
        - recipe: "compute_cle_6.0up01_sles_12_x86-64_ari"
            dest: "{compute{note}_cle_{cle_release}-build{cle_build}{patch}_sles_12-created{date}.cpio"
            nims_group: "compute"
            - recipe: "login_cle_6.0up01_sles_12_x86-64_ari"
            dest: "login{note}_cle_{cle_release}-build{cle_build}{patch}_sles_12-created{date}.cpio"
            nims_group: "login"
            - recipe: "service_cle_6.0up01_sles_12_x86-64_ari"
            dest: "service{note}_cle_{cle_release}-build{cle_build}{patch}_sles_12-created{date}.cpio"
            nims_group: "service"
            - recipe: "fio-service_cle_6.0up01_sles_12_x86-64_ari"
            dest: "fio-service{note}_cle_{cle_release}-build{cle_build}{patch}_sles_12-created{date}.cpio"
            nims_group: "fio-service"

fio-service:
            - recipe: "fio-service_cle_6.0up01_sles_12_x86-64_ari"
            dest: "fio-service{note}_cle_{cle_release}-build{cle_build}{patch}_sles_12-created{date}.cpio"
            nims_group: "fio-service"
```

3. Create the new group, and add the nodes to the group.

```
smw# cnode update -G service -g fio-service cname1,cname2,...
```

4. Build the updated image and update the node mappings.

```
smw# imgbuilder -g fio-service --map
```

5. Verify that the image is correctly assigned to the DataWarp nodes.

```
smw# cnode list cname1, cname2, ...
```

If the image is correctly assigned, proceed to the next step; otherwise, execute the following command to instruct NIMS to use the new image.

```
smw# cnode update -p p0_example --filter group=fio-service -i image_file
```

Where *image* file is the full path to the image, including the cpio file extension.

- **6.** Complete the procedure: *Initial DataWarp Service (DWS) Installation* on page 8, if not already done, **before** rebooting the system in order to avoid a second reboot.
- 7. Reboot the system following the typical procedure in order to activate all DataWarp requirements.

DWS is now enabled as part of CLE. Post boot configuration procedures are necessary to define a functional DWS state.

3 About DataWarp

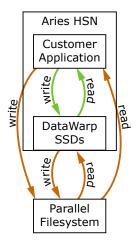
Cray DataWarp provides an intermediate layer of high bandwidth, file-based storage to applications running on compute nodes. It is comprised of commercial SSD hardware and software, Linux community software, and Cray system hardware and software. DataWarp storage is located on server nodes connected to the Cray system's high speed network (HSN). I/O operations to this storage completes faster than I/O to the attached parallel file system (PFS), allowing the application to resume computation more quickly and resulting in improved application performance. DataWarp storage is transparently available to applications via standard POSIX I/O operations and can be configured in multiple ways for different purposes. DataWarp capacity and bandwidth are dynamically allocated to jobs on request and can be scaled up by adding DataWarp server nodes to the system.

Each DataWarp server node can be configured either for use by the DataWarp infrastructure or for a site specific purpose such as a Hadoop Distributed File System (HDFS).

IMPORTANT: Keep in mind that DataWarp is focused on performance and not long-term storage. SSDs can and do fail.

The following diagram is a high level view of how applications interact with DataWarp. SSDs on the Cray high-speed network enable compute node applications to quickly read and write data to the SSDs, and the DataWarp file system handles staging data to and from a parallel filesystem.

Figure 1. DataWarp Overview



DataWarp Use Cases

There are four basic use cases for DataWarp:

Parallel File System (PFS) cache DataWarp can be used to cache data between an application and the PFS. This allows PFS I/O to be overlapped with an application's computation. In this release there are two ways to use DataWarp to influence data movement (staging) between DataWarp and the PFS. The first requires a job and/or application to explicitly make a request and have the DataWarp Service (DWS) carry out the operation. In the second way, data movement occurs implicitly (i.e., read-

ahead and write-behind) and no explicit requests are required. Examples of PFS cache use cases include:

- Checkpoint/Restart: Writing periodic checkpoint files is a common fault tolerance practice
 for long running applications. Checkpoint files written to DataWarp benefit from the high
 bandwidth. These checkpoints either reside in DataWarp for fast restart in the event of a
 compute node failure or are copied to the PFS to support restart in the event of a system
 failure.
- **Periodic output**: Output produced periodically by an application (e.g., time series data) is written to DataWarp faster than to the PFS. Then as the application resumes computation, the data is copied from DataWarp to the PFS asynchronously.
- Application libraries: Some applications reference a large number of libraries from every rank (e.g., Python applications). Those libraries are copied from the PFS to DataWarp once and then directly accessed by all ranks of the application.

Application scratch

DataWarp can provide storage that functions like a /tmp file system for each compute node in a job. This data typically does not touch the PFS, but it can also be configured as PFS cache. Applications that use out-of-core algorithms, such as geographic information systems, can use DataWarp scratch storage to improve performance.

Shared storage

DataWarp storage can be shared by multiple jobs over a configurable period of time. The jobs may or may not be related and may run concurrently or serially. The shared data may be available before a job begins, extend after a job completes, and encompass multiple jobs. Shared data use cases include:

- **Shared input**: A read-only file or database (e.g., a bioinformatics database) used as input by multiple analysis jobs is copied from PFS to DataWarp and shared.
- Ensemble analysis: This is often a special case of the above shared input for a set of similar runs with different parameters on the same inputs, but can also allow for some minor modification of the input data across the runs in a set. Many simulation stategies use ensembles.
- In-transit analysis: This is when the results of one job are passed as the input of a subsequent job (typically using job dependencies). The data can reside only on DataWarp storage and may never touch the PFS. This includes various types of workflows that go through a sequence of processing steps, transforming the input data along the way for each step. This can also be used for processing of intermediate results while an application is running; for example, visualization or analysis of partial results.

Compute node swap

When configured as swap space, DataWarp allows applications to over-commit compute node memory. This is often needed by pre- and post-processing jobs with large memory requirements that would otherwise be killed.

3.1 Overview of the DataWarp Process

The following figure provides visual representation of the DataWarp process.

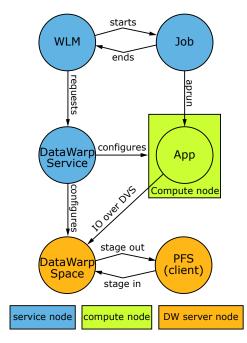


Figure 2. DataWarp Component Interaction - bird's eye view

- 1. A user submits a job to a workload manager. Within the job submission, the user must specify: the amount of DataWarp storage required, how the storage is to be configured, and whether files are to be staged from the parallel file system (PFS) to DataWarp or from DataWarp to the PFS.
- 2. The workload manager (WLM) provides queued access to DataWarp by first querying the DataWarp service for the total aggregate capacity. The requested capacity is used as a job scheduling constraint. When sufficient DataWarp capacity is available and other WLM requirements are satisfied, the workload manager requests the needed capacity and passes along other user-supplied configuration and staging requests.
- **3.** The DataWarp service dynamically assigns the storage and initiates the stage in process.
- **4.** After this completes, the workload manager acquires other resources needed for the batch job, such as compute nodes.
- **5.** After the compute nodes are assigned, the workload manager and DataWarp service work together to make the configured DataWarp accessible to the job's compute nodes. This occurs prior to execution of the batch job script.
- **6.** The batch job runs and any subsequent applications can interact with DataWarp as needed (e.g., stage additional files, read/write data).
- 7. When the batch job ends, the workload manager stages out files, if requested, and performs cleanup. First, the workload manager releases the compute resources and requests that the DataWarp service (DWS) make the previously accessible DataWarp configuration inaccessible to the compute nodes. Next, the workload manager requests that additional files, if any, are staged out. When this completes, the workload manager tells the DataWarp service that the DataWarp storage is no longer needed.

The following diagram includes extra details regarding the interaction between a WLM and the DWS as well as the location of the various DWS daemons.

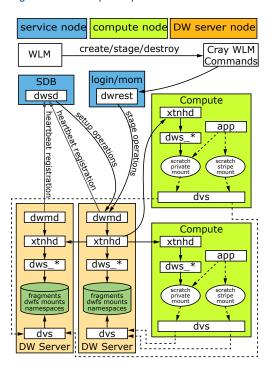


Figure 3. DataWarp Component Interaction - detailed view

3.2 DataWarp Concepts

For basic definitions, refer to *Terminology* on page 69.

Instances

DataWarp storage is assigned dynamically when requested, and that storage is referred to as an <code>instance</code>. The space is allocated on one or more DataWarp server nodes and is dedicated to the instance for the lifetime of the instance. A DataWarp instance has a lifetime that is specified when the instance is created, either <code>job instance</code> or <code>persistent instance</code>. A job instance is relevant to all previously described use cases except the shared data use case.

- **Job instance**: The lifetime of a job instance, as it sounds, is the lifetime of the job that created it, and is accessible only by the job that created it.
- Persistent instance: The lifetime of a persistent instance is not tied to the lifetime of any single job and is terminated by command. Access can be requested by any job, but file access is authenticated and authorized based on the POSIX file permissions of the individual files. Jobs request access to an existing persistent instance using a persistent instance name. A persistent instance is relevant only to the shared data use case.

IMPORTANT: New DataWarp software releases may require the re-creation of persistent instances.

When either type of instance is destroyed, DataWarp ensures that data needing to be written to the parallel file system (PFS) is written before releasing the space for reuse. In the case of a job instance, this can delay the completion of the job.

Application I/O

The DataWarp service (DWS) dynamically configures access to a DataWarp instance for all compute nodes assigned to a job using the instance. Application I/O is forwarded from compute nodes to the instance's DataWarp server nodes using the Cray Data Virtualization Service (DVS), which provides POSIX based file system access to the DataWarp storage.

A DataWarp instance is configured as scratch, cache, or swap. For scratch instances, all data staging between the instance and the PFS is explicitly requested using the DataWarp job script staging commands or the application C library API (libdatawarp). For cache instances, all data staging between the cache instance and the PFS occurs implicitly. For swap instances, each compute node has access to a unique swap instance that is distributed across all server nodes.

Scratch Configuration I/O

A scratch configuration is accessed in one or more of the following ways:

- Striped: In striped access mode individual files are striped across multiple DataWarp server nodes
 (aggregating both capacity and bandwidth per file) and are accessible by all compute nodes using the
 instance.
- **Private**: In private access mode individual files are also striped across multiple DataWarp server nodes (also aggregating both capacity and bandwidth *per file*), but the files are accessible only to the compute node that created them (e.g., /tmp). Private access is not supported for persistent instances, because a persistent instance is usable by multiple jobs with different numbers of compute nodes.
- Load balanced: (deferred implementation) In load balanced access mode individual files are replicated (read only) on multiple DataWarp server nodes (aggregating bandwidth but not capacity per instance) and compute nodes choose one of the replicas to use. Load balanced mode is useful when the files are not large enough to stripe across a sufficient number of nodes.

There is a separate file namespace for every scratch instance (job and persistent) and access mode (striped, private, loadbalanced) except persistent/private is not supported. The file path prefix for each is provided to the job via environment variables; see the XC^{TM} Series DataWarp User Guide.

The following diagram shows a scratch private and scratch stripe mount point on each of three compute (client) nodes in a DataWarp installation configured with default settings for CLE 6.0.UP01; where tree represents which node manages metadata for the namespace, and data represents where file data may be stored. For scratch private, each compute node reads and writes to its own namespace that spans all allocated DataWarp server nodes, giving any one private namespace access to all space in an instance. For scratch stripe, each compute node reads and writes to a common namespace, and that namespace spans all three DataWarp nodes.

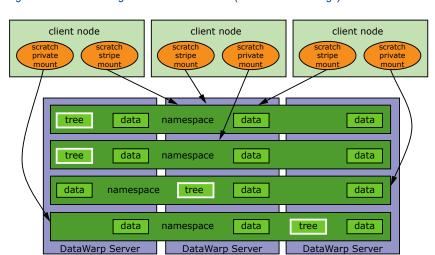
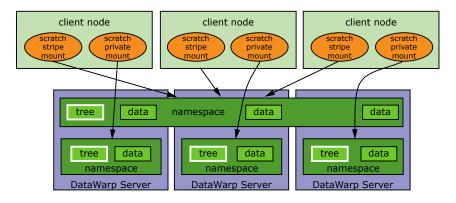


Figure 4. Scratch Configuration Access Modes (with Default Settings)

The following diagram shows a scratch private and scratch stripe mount point on each of three compute (client) nodes in a DataWarp installation where the scratch private access type is configured to not behave in a striped manner (scratch_private_stripe=no in the dwsd.yaml configuration file). That is, every client node that activates a scratch private configuration has its own unique namespace on only one server, which is restricted to one fragment's worth of space. This is the default for CLE 5.2.UP04 and CLE 6.0.UP00 DataWarp. For scratch stripe, each compute node reads and writes to a common namespace, and that namespace spans all three DataWarp nodes. As in the previous diagram, tree represents which node manages metadata for the namespace, and data represents where file data may be stored.

Figure 5. Scratch Configuration Access Modes (with scratch private stripe=no)



Cache Configuration I/O

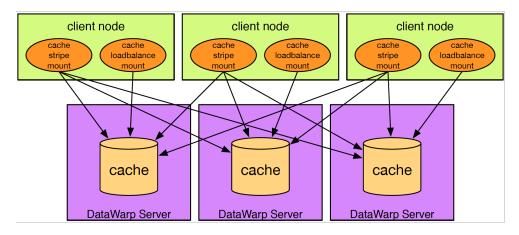
A cache configuration is accessed in one or more of the following ways:

- **Striped**: in striped access mode all read/write activity performed by all compute nodes is striped over all DataWarp server nodes.
- Load balanced (read only): in load balanced access mode, individual files are replicated on multiple DataWarp server nodes (aggregating bandwidth but not capacity *per instance*), and compute nodes choose one of the replicas to use. Load balanced mode is useful when the files are not large enough to stripe across a sufficient number of nodes or when data is only read, not written.

There is only one namespace within a cache configuration; that namespace is essentially the user-provided PFS path. Private access it is not supported for cached instances because all files are visible in the PFS.

The following diagram shows a cache stripe and cache loadbalance mount point on each of three compute (client) nodes.

Figure 6. Cache Configuration Access Modes

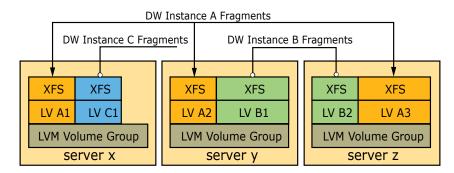


3.3 Instances and Fragments - a Detailed Look

The DataWarp Service (DWS) provides user access to subsets of storage space that exist between an arbitrary file system path (typically that of a parallel file system (PFS)) and a client (typically a compute node in a batch job). Storage space typically exists on multiple server nodes. On each server node, LVM combines block devices and presents them to the DWS as a Logical Volume Manager (LVM) volume group. All of the LVM volume groups on all of the server nodes compose the aggregate storage space. A specific subset of the storage space is called a DataWarp *instance*, and typically spans multiple server nodes. Each piece of a DataWarp instance (as it exists on each server node) is called a DataWarp instance fragment. A DataWarp instance fragment is implemented as an LVM logical volume.

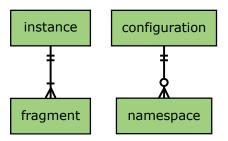
The following figure is an example of three DataWarp instances. DataWarp instance A consists of fragments that map to LVM logical volumes A1, A2, and A3 on servers x, y, z, respectively. DataWarp Instance B consists of fragments that map to LVM logical volumes y and z, respectively. DataWarp Instance C consists of a single fragment that maps to LVM logical volume C1 on server x.

Figure 7. Instances-Fragments LVM Mapping



The following diagram uses Crow's foot notation to illustrate the relationship between an instance-fragment and a configuration-namespace. One instance has one or more fragments; a fragment can belong to only one instance. A configuration has 0 or more namespaces; a namespace can belong to only one configuration.

Figure 8. Instance-Fragment and Configuration-Namespace Relationships



3.4 Storage Pools

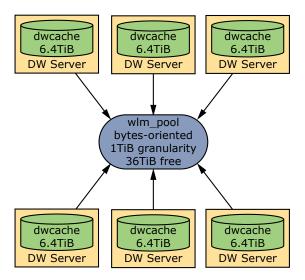
A storage pool groups nodes with storage together such that requests for space made against the pool are fulfilled from the nodes associated with the pool with a common allocation granularity. Pools have either byte or node allocation granularity ($pool_AG$). This release of DataWarp only supports byte allocation granularity. There are tradeoffs in picking allocation granularities too small or too large.

All pools must meet the following requirements:

- The byte-oriented allocation granularity for a pool must be at least 16MiB.
- Each node's volume group (dwcache, configured in *Initialize an SSD* on page 31) has a Physical Extent size (PE_size) and Physical Volume count (PV_count). The default PE_size is 4MiB, and PV_count is equal to the number of Physical Volumes specified during volume group creation. The DataWarp service (DWS) places the following restriction on nodes associated with a pool:
 - A node can only be associated with a storage pool if the node's granularity (PE_size * PV_count) is a factor of the pool's allocation granularity (pool_AG). The dwstat nodes command lists the node's granularity in the gran column.

The following diagram shows six different DataWarp nodes belonging to a storage pool wlm_pool with a 1TiB allocation granularity. Each DataWarp node has 6.4TiB of space, which means that 0.4TiB are wasted per node because only 6 allocation granularities fit on any one node.

Figure 9. Storage Pool Example



For an in depth look at pools, see Create a Storage Pool on page 35.

3.5 Registrations

A configuration represents a way to use the DataWarp space. Configurations are used in one of two ways:

- configurations are activated
- data is staged into or out of configurations

When either of these actions are performed, the action must supply a DataWarp session identifier in addition to other action-specific data such as a mount point. The session identifier is required because the DataWarp Service (DWS) keeps track of whether a configuration is used and which sessions used it. Then, when requested to remove either the configuration or session, the DWS cleans things up correctly.

The first time a configuration is used by a session, the DWS automatically creates a *registration* entry that binds together the session and configuration. The registration is automatically requested to be removed when either the linked configuration or session is requested to be removed. The actions performed at registration removal time depend on the type of configuration linked with the registration and the value of the registration's wait attribute. By default, wait=true, resulting in the execution of some configuration-specific actions prior to the complete removal of the registration.

DWS carries out the following operations for a registration based on the type of configuration with which it is linked:

scratch

- **1.** Files marked for stage out by a user application (using libdatawarp) in a batch job with the DW_STAGE_AT_JOB_END stage type are transitioned to being immediately staged out.
- 2. All existing stage out activity, including the stage out from the previous step, is allowed to fully complete.

cache:

- 1. All existing dirty data in the configuration is written out to the PFS.
- **swap**: no additional operations are carried out at registration removal time.

If the above processes are interrupted, e.g., a DataWarp server node crashes, the DWS attempts to restore everything associated with the node and restart the process after the node reboots. This includes restoring any logical volumes or mount points that are associated with the configuration.

There are times when the previous behavior is not desired. Consider either of the following:

- A DWS or underlying software bug exists that prevents the restoration of the DataWarp state on a crashed server node
- Hardware fails such that data on the SSD is permanently lost

In situations like this, set wait=false for the registration in order to tell the DWS to abort the normal cleanup process. For example, the following registration is in the process of being destroyed but cannot finish because a linked SSD has failed:

```
user@login> dwstat registrations
reg state sess conf wait
2 D---- 5 11 true
```

Instruct the DWS to abort the normal registration removal tasks by setting the wait=false with the following dwcli command:

```
user@login> dwcli update registration --id 2 --no-wait
```



WARNING: Use of -no-wait can lead to data loss because some data may not have been staged out to the PFS.

Workload Manager (WLM) Interaction with Registrations

Registration removal blocks batch job removal because the registration belongs to a session, which in turn belongs to a batch job. Each WLM provides its own way to force the removal of a batch job. Each of the DataWarp-integrated WLMs have been modified to automatically set the wait attribute of registrations to false when the WLM-specific job removal force option is used. It is only necessary to set wait=false using dwcli for registrations without a corresponding WLM batch job to force remove.

3.6 DataWarp Configuration Files and Advanced Settings

There are four DataWarp configuration files:

- 1. The scheduler daemon (dwsd) configuration file: sdb:/etc/opt/cray/dws/dwsd.yaml
- 2. The manager daemon (dwmd) configuration file: sdb:/etc/opt/cray/dws/dwmd.yaml
- 3. The DataWarp RESTful service (dwrest) configuration file: api-gw:/etc/opt/cray/dws/dwrest.yaml
- 4. The dwrest Gunicorn instance configuration file: api-gw:/etc/opt/cray/dws/dwrestgun.conf

Each file contains options that define limits, determine actions for different situations, and specify how to handle various requests. These options are considered *advanced* settings, and they are set with default values that are acceptable for most initial DataWarp configurations. Cray recommends not modifying the default values until there is a good understanding of the site's configuration and workload.

IMPORTANT: Do not directly modify any DataWarp configuration files (dwsd.yaml, dwmd.yaml, dwrest.yaml, dwrestgun.conf) as changes do not persist over a reboot. Modify the settings within

these files using the system configurator only; this ensures that the changes become part of the system config set.

At some point, an administrator very familiar with the site's configuration and usage history may want to modify one or more options to achieve a particular goal. For example, to allow the scheduler (dwsd) to grab more space than requested when processing instance create requests, the equalize_fragments option can be enabled using the system configurator. Before modifying any advanced setting, it is extremely important to understand the purpose of the setting, the format used to assign its value, and the impact of changing its value.

The configuration files contain descriptions for each setting. For example, the equalize_fragments setting is defined in dwsd.yaml as:

```
# Specifies whether the scheduler will attempt to create instances that are
# comprised of equal size fragments. By default the scheduler will only pick
# as much space (roundup to pool granularity) as was requested at instance
# creation request time. With this option, the scheduler will allot more space
# to instances in attempt to make all fragments within the instance be of equal
# size. This can cause problems for workload managers but can provide for
# significantly improved performance to applications using DataWarp.
# equalize_fragments: no
```

In addition to the descriptions provided within the configuration files, certain topics within XC^{TM} Series DataWarpTM Installation and Administration Guide contain more information about some advanced settings, and Cray support personnel are also an available resource.

Configuration File Formats

Within the YAML configuration files, options are set using the format: option: *value*. For example, the expire grace option in dwsd.yaml is as follows:

```
# The length of time to allow an expired resource to linger before the scheduler
# automatically requests its destruction.
#
# expire_grace: 3600
```

Within the dwrestgun.conf file, options are set using the format: option=value. For example, loglevel accepts a quotation mark delimited text value, and timeout requires an integer value:

```
# the default logging level
loglevel = "info"
# Default timeout for a request, 10 minutes by default
timeout=600
```



CAUTION:

Advanced DataWarp settings must be modified with extreme care. The default values as released are acceptable for most installations. Sites that modify advanced settings are at risk of degrading DataWarp performance, decreasing SSD lifetime, and possibly other unknown outcomes. It is the administrator's responsibility to understand the purpose of any advanced settings changed, the formatting required, and the impact these changes may have.

Options incorrectly spelled or formatted are added but ignored, and the current value is not modified.

4 Post-boot Configuration

About this task

After the system boots, DataWarp requires further manual configuration. The steps required are:

Procedure

- 1. Over-provision all Intel P3608 cards.
- 2. Flash the firmware for all Fusion IO cards.
- **3.** Initialize SSDs for use with the DataWarp service (DWS).
- Create storage pools.
- Assign nodes with space to a storage pool.

IMPORTANT: Repeat these steps for each SSD-endowed node that DWS manages. i.e., those defined as managed nodes during the DataWarp installation.

6. Verify the configuration.

4.1 Over-provision an Intel P3608 SSD

Prerequisites

- A Cray XC series system with one or more Intel P3608 SSD cards installed
- Ability to log in as root

About this task

This procedure is only valid for Intel P3608 SSDs.



WARNING: This procedure destroys any existing data on the SSDs.

Over-provisioning determines the size of the device available to the Logical Volume Manager (LVM) commands and needs to occur prior to executing any LVM commands. Typically, over-provisioning is done when the SSD cards are first installed.

TIP: Throughout these procedures, units of bytes are described using the binary prefixes defined by the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC). For further information, see *Prefixes for Binary and Decimal Multiples* on page 71.

Procedure

1. Log in to an Intel P3608 SSD-endowed node as root.

This example uses nid00350.

2. Remove any existing configuration.

TIP: Numerous methods exist for creating configurations on an SSD; these instructions may not capture all possible cleanup techniques.

a. Unmount file systems (if any).

b. Remove logical volumes (if any).

```
nid00350# lvdisplay
 --- Logical volume ---
 LV Path
                       /dev/dwcache/s98i94f104o0
                       s98i94f104o0
 LV Name
 VG Name
                       dwcache
 LV UUID
                      910tio-RJXq-puYV-s3UL-yDM1-RoQl-HugeTM
 LV Write Access read/write
 LV Creation host, time nid00350, 2016-02-22 13:29:11 -0500
             available
 LV Status
 # open
 LV Size
                       3.64 TiB
 Current LE
                      953864
 Segments
                      2
 Allocation
                      inherit
 Read ahead sectors
                     auto
 - currently set to
                      1024
 Block device
                       253:0
nid00350# lvremove /dev/dwcache
```

c. Remove volume groups (if any).

```
nid00350# vgs

VG  #PV #LV #SN Attr  VSize VFree
dwcache  4  0  0 wz--n- 7.28t 7.28t

nid00350# vgremove dwcache
Volume group "dwcache" successfully removed
```

d. Remove physical volumes (if any).

```
/dev/nvme3n1 lvm2 a-- 1.82t 1.82t

nid00350# pvremove /dev/nvme0n1 /dev/nvme1n1 /dev/nvme2n1 /dev/nvme3n1

Labels on physical volume "/dev/nvme0n1" successfully wiped

Labels on physical volume "/dev/nvme1n1" successfully wiped

Labels on physical volume "/dev/nvme2n1" successfully wiped

Labels on physical volume "/dev/nvme3n1" successfully wiped
```

e. Remove partitions for each device removed in the previous step (if any).



WARNING: This operation destroys any existing data on an SSD. Back up any existing data before proceeding.

```
nid00350# dd if=/dev/zero of=phys_vol bs=512 count=1

nid00350# dd if=/dev/zero of=/dev/nvme0n1 bs=512 count=1

nid00350# dd if=/dev/zero of=/dev/nvme1n1 bs=512 count=1

nid00350# dd if=/dev/zero of=/dev/nvme2n1 bs=512 count=1

nid00350# dd if=/dev/zero of=/dev/nvme3n1 bs=512 count=1
```

3. Reconfigure the device.

```
nid00350# module load linux-nvme-ctl
nid00350# nvme set-feature device -n 1 -f 0XC1 -v 3125623327
set-feature:193(Unknown), value:00000000
```

4. Confirm the change. Note that 0xba4d3a1f = 3125623327.

```
nid00350# nvme get-feature device -n 1 -f 0XC1 --sel=0 get-feature:193(Unknown), value:0xba4d3a1f
```

- **5.** Repeat for all devices; for example: /dev/nvme0 and /dev/nvme1 on the first card and /dev/nvme2 and /dev/nvme3 on the second card (if installed).
- **6.** Return to the SMW, and warm boot the node.

```
crayadm@smw> xtnmi cname
crayadm@smw> sleep 60
crayadm@smw> xtbootsys --reboot -r "warmboot for Intel SSD node" cname
```

7. Confirm that SIZE = 1600319143936 for all volumes.

```
nid00350# lsblk -b
NAME
      MAJ:MIN RM
                         SIZE RO TYPE MOUNTPOINT
        7:0 0
                        196608 0 loop /var/opt/cray/imps-distribution/squash/
loop0
loop1
        7:1
              0
                         65536 0 loop /var/opt/cray/imps-distribution/squash/
nvmeOn1 259:0 0 1600319143936 0 disk
nvme1n1 259:1
              0 1600319143936 0 disk
nvme2n1 259:2 0 1600319143936 0 disk
nvme3n1 259:3 0 1600319143936 0 disk
```

Contact Cray service personnel if SIZE is incorrect.

4.2 Update Fusion ioMemory Firmware

Prerequisites

- A Cray XC series system with one or more nodes with Fusion IO SSD hardware
- Initial installation of DataWarp is complete
- Identification of the nodes with Fusion IO SSD hardware

About this task

After the Fusion ioMemory VSL software is integrated in the FIO service node image (during the initial DataWarp installation), it is necessary to ensure that the Fusion ioMemory device firmware is up-to-date.



WARNING:

- It is extremely important that the power not be turned off during a firmware upgrade, as this could cause device failure
- Do not use this utility to downgrade the Fusion ioMemory device to an earlier version of the firmware. Doing so may result in data loss and void your warranty.

For further details, see Fusion ioMemory™ VSL® 4.2.1 User Guide for Linux.

Procedure

1. Log in to a node with Fusion IO SSD hardware installed and determine the firmware status.

If the firmware needs to be updated, running the "fio-status -a" command displays the following message, "The firmware on this device is not compatible with the currently installed version of the driver," and the device will not attach.

```
nid00078# fio-status -a

Found 1 VSL driver package:
    4.2.1 build 1137 Driver: loaded

Found 1 ioMemory device in this system
...

The firmware on this device is not compatible with the currently installed version of the driver
...

There are active errors or warnings on this device! Read below for details.
...

This means the firmware needs to be updated.
```

- 2. Skip the remainder of this procedure if the firmware is compatible with the driver.
- 3. Determine the location of the fio-firmware-fusion file.

```
nid00078# rpm -q --list fio-firmware-fusion
/usr/share/doc/fio-firmware/copyright
/usr/share/fio/firmware/fusion_4.2.1-20150611.fff
```

4. Update the firmware.

```
nid00078# fio-update-iodrive firmware-path
```

For example:

- **5.** Repeat the previous steps for all nodes with Fusion IO SSD hardware.
- **6.** Warm boot the node(s).

```
crayadm@smw> xtnmi cname
crayadm@smw> sleep 60
crayadm@smw> xtbootsys --reboot -r "warmboot for Fusion IO SSD node" cname
```

7. Log in to the node(s) and verify that the firmware update is recognized.

```
nid00078# fio-status -a
```

If no error messages are displayed, the node is ready for initialization. Otherwise, contact Cray service personnel.

4.3 Initialize an SSD

Prerequisites

- root privileges
- Intel P3608 SSDs must be over-provisioned
- Up-to-date firmware on Fusion IO SSDs

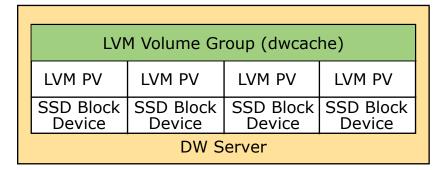
About this task

During the DataWarp installation process, the system administrator defines SSD-endowed nodes whose space the DataWarp service (DWS) will manage. This step ensures that the DataWarp manager daemon, dwmd, is started at boot time on these nodes. It **does not** prepare the SSDs for use with the DWS; this is performed manually using the following instructions.

After CLE boots, the following one-time manual device configuration must be performed for each node specified in the managed nodes setting for the cray dws service.

The diagram below shows how the Logical Volume Manager (LVM) volume group dwcache is constructed on each DW node. In this diagram, four SSD block devices have been converted to LVM physical devices with the pvcreate command. These four LVM physical volumes were combined into the LVM volume group dwcache with the vqcreate command.

Figure 10. LVM Volume Group



TIP: Throughout these procedures, units of bytes are described using the binary prefixes defined by the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC). For further information, see *Prefixes for Binary and Decimal Multiples* on page 71.

Procedure

1. Log in to an SSD-endowed node as root.

This example uses nid00350.

2. Identify the SSD block devices.

NVMe SSDs:

```
nid00350# lsblk
NAME
       MAJ:MIN RM
                    SIZE RO MOUNTPOINT
loop0
         7:0
                0
                         196608 0 loop /var/opt/cray/imps-distribution/squash/
loop1
         7:1
                0
                          65536 0 loop /var/opt/cray/imps-distribution/squash/
nvme0n1 259:0
                0 1600319143936 0 disk
nvme1n1 259:1
                0 1600319143936 0
                                   disk
nvme2n1 259:2
                0 1600319143936 0
                                   disk
nvme3n1 259:3
                0 1600319143936 0
                                   disk
```

Fusion IO SSDs:

```
nid00350# lsblk
       MAJ:MIN RM
                     SIZE RO TYPE MOUNTPOINT
NAME
fioa
        254:0
                 0
                     2.9T 0 disk
                     2.9T 0 disk
fiob
        254:1
                 0
                 0 196608  0 /var/opt/cray/impsdistribution/squash/
loop0
          7:0
          7:1
                 0 65536 0 /var/opt/cray/impsdistribution/squash/
loop1
```

- **3.** (Intel P3608 SSDs only) Proceed to step **5** on page 34 as the following step was completed during the over-provisioning procedure.
- **4.** (All non-Intel P3608 SSDs) Remove any existing configuration.

TIP: Numerous methods exist for creating configurations on an SSD; these instructions may not capture all possible cleanup techniques.

a. Unmount file systems (if any).

b. Remove logical volumes (if any).

```
nid00350# lvdisplay
 --- Logical volume ---
 LV Path
                       /dev/dwcache/s98i94f104o0
 LV Name
                       s98i94f104o0
 VG Name
                       dwcache
                      910tio-RJXq-puYV-s3UL-yDM1-RoQl-HugeTM
 LV UUID
 LV Write Access read/write
 LV Creation host, time nid00350, 2016-02-22 13:29:11 -0500
             available
 LV Status
 # open
                       Λ
                       2.92 TiB
 LV Size
 Current LE
                      953864
 Segments
 Allocation
                      inherit
 Read ahead sectors
                     auto
 - currently set to
                       1024
                       253:0
 Block device
nid00350# lvremove /dev/dwcache
```

c. Remove volume groups (if any).

```
nid00350# vgs
VG #PV #LV #SN Attr VSize VFree
dwcache 2 0 0 wz--n- 2.92t 2.92t
nid00350# vgremove dwcache
Volume group "dwcache" successfully removed
```

d. Remove physical volumes (if any).

```
nid00350# pvs

PV VG Fmt Attr PSize PFree

/dev/fioa lvm2 a-- 1.46t 1.46t

/dev/fiob lvm2 a-- 1.46t 1.46t

nid00350# pvremove /dev/fioa /dev/fiob

Labels on physical volume "/dev/fioa" successfully wiped

Labels on physical volume "/dev/fiob" successfully wiped
```

e. Remove partitions for each device removed in the previous step (if any).



WARNING: This operation destroys any existing data on an SSD. Back up any existing data before proceeding.

```
nid00350# dd if=/dev/zero of=phys_vol bs=512 count=1
nid00350# dd if=/dev/zero of=/dev/fioa bs=512 count=1
nid00350# dd if=/dev/zero of=/dev/fiob bs=512 count=1
```

5. Initialize each physical device for later use by LVM. Note that Cray currently sells systems with 1, 2, or 4 physical devices on a node.



WARNING: This operation destroys any existing data on an SSD. Back up any existing data before proceeding.

```
nid00350# pvcreate phys vol [phys vol...]
```

NVMe SSDs:

```
nid00350# pvcreate /dev/nvme0n1 /dev/nvme1n1 /dev/nvme2n1 /dev/nvme3n1
Physical volume "/dev/nvme0n1" successfully created
Physical volume "/dev/nvme1n1" successfully created
Physical volume "/dev/nvme2n1" successfully created
Physical volume "/dev/nvme3n1" successfully created
```

FIO SSDs:

```
nid00350# pvcreate /dev/fioa /dev/fiob
Physical volume "/dev/fioa" successfully created
Physical volume "/dev/fiob" successfully created
```

6. Create an LVM volume group called dwcache that uses these physical devices.

Requirements for the LVM physical volumes specified are:

- Any number of physical devices may be specified.
- Each physical volume specified must be the exact same size.
 - To verify physical volume size, execute the command: pvs --units b and examine the PSize column of the output.

TIP: If sizes differ between physical volumes, it is likely that either an over-provisioning step was forgotten or there is mixed hardware on the node. Address this issue before proceeding.

```
nid00350# vgcreate dwcache phys_vol [phys_vol...]
```

NVMe SSDs:

```
nid00350# vgcreate dwcache /dev/nvme0n1 /dev/nvme1n1 /dev/nvme2n1 /dev/nvme3n1 Volume group "dwcache" successfully created
```

FIO SSDs:

```
nid00350# vgcreate dwcache /dev/fioa /dev/fiob
Volume group "dwcache" successfully created
```

7. Restart the dwmd service.

For example:

```
nid00350# service dwmd stop
nid00350# service dwmd restart
```

8. Verify that DWS recognizes the node with storage.

NVMe SSDs:

4.4 Create a Storage Pool

A storage pool groups nodes with storage together such that requests for space made against the pool are fulfilled from the nodes associated with the pool with a common allocation granularity. Pools have either byte or node allocation granularity ($pool_AG$). This release of DataWarp only supports byte allocation granularity. There are tradeoffs in picking allocation granularities too small or too large.

Choosing a pool allocation granularity equal to the capacity of each node prevents sharing of nodes across usages of DataWarp. However, application performance is more deterministic as bandwidth is dedicated and unrelated usages of DataWarp are less likely to perturb each other. Further, requests for a small amount of capacity will be placed on only one server node.

Picking a small pool allocation granularity allows for higher utilization of DataWarp resources and potentially greatly increased performance, but at the cost of less deterministic and potentially worse performance. With a small pool allocation granularity, each usage of DataWarp capacity is more likely to be spread out over more or all DataWarp servers. If only one application is actively performing I/O to DataWarp, then it gets all of the bandwidth provided by all of the servers. Multiple applications performing I/O concurrently to the same DataWarp servers will share the available bandwidth. Finally, even requests for a small amount of capacity are more likely to be placed on multiple server nodes.

Considerations When Determining Pool Allocation Granularity

Determining an optimal pool allocation granularity for a system is a function of several factors, including the number of SSD nodes, the number of SSD cards per node, the size of the SSDs, as well as software requirements, limitations, and bugs. Therefore, the best value is site specific and likely to change over time.

All pools must meet the following requirements:

- The byte-oriented allocation granularity for a pool must be at least 16MiB.
- Each node's volume group (dwcache, configured in *Initialize an SSD* on page 31) has a Physical Extent size (PE_size) and Physical Volume count (PV_count). The default PE_size is 4MiB, and PV_count is equal to the number of Physical Volumes specified during volume group creation. The DataWarp service (DWS) places the following restriction on nodes associated with a pool:
 - A node can only be associated with a storage pool if the node's granularity (PE_size* PV_count) is a
 factor of the pool's allocation granularity (pool_AG). The dwstat nodes command lists the node's
 granularity in the gran column.

Ideally, a pool's allocation granularity is defined as a factor of the aggregate space of each node within the pool; otherwise, some space is not usable and, therefore, is wasted. For example, if a node contributes 6.4TiB of capacity, but the pool allocation granularity is 1TiB, then 0.4TiB of capacity is wasted per node.

With this release of DataWarp, valid pool granularities are those that meet the above requirements. For most installations, this means that the pool allocation granularity must be a multiple of 16MiB. Choosing such a pool allocation granularity will result in a functioning, but perhaps non-optimal, DataWarp environment.

How DataWarp Interacts with Pool Allocation Granularity

The default behavior of DataWarp leads to space allocation imbalances that can lead to poor performance. A request for space through DataWarp is called an instance. When DataWarp processes an instance create request, the request is fulfilled by carving out some capacity from one or more nodes. Each piece of the instance is called a fragment. If even one fragment of an instance is sized differently from other fragments in the instance, the result can be greatly reduced performance. By default, DataWarp creates fragments such that only as much space as was requested, rounded up to the nearest multiple of the pool allocation granularity, is taken to satisfy the request. This frequently leads to at least one instance fragment being sized differently from all other fragments. The DataWarp scheduler daemon option equalize_fragments in dwsd.yaml adjusts scheduler behavior to attempt to avoid the situation. With equalize_fragments, the scheduler is given the freedom to grab more space than requested when processing instance create requests. The option is off by default, because not every Workload Manager functions correctly with it on. See *Modify DWS Advanced Settings* on page 41 for details on enabling equalize fragments.

Certain usages of DataWarp have limitations where having too small of a pool allocation granularity can lead to situations where not all capacity requested is accessible by that usage. For scratch usages of DataWarp, any instance consisting of more than 4096 allocation granularities is not guaranteed to have all of its space usable by the scratch usage. The scratch usage is still functional, but not as much data may be able to be written to it as expected. Requesting more space than is strictly necessary helps to alleviate the problem. If having the guarantee is important, the <code>dwpoolhelp</code> command can suggest pool allocation granularity values for a particular system that provide the guarantee.

The dwpoolhelp command

The <code>dwpoolhelp</code> command is only needed for DataWarp configurations of type scratch when the administrator wants to guarantee that all of the requested space is usable for scratch usages. <code>dwpoolhelp</code> calculates and displays pool allocation granularity values for a range of node granularity units along with waste per node and waste per pool values in bytes.

```
== Optimal pool granularities per granules per node ==
Gran / node
                Pool granularity
                                   Waste per node
                                                         Waste per pool
                   1599992758272
                                           4194304
                                                                 8388608
          2
                     799987990528
                                          20971520
                                                                41943040
          3
                     533330919424
                                           4194304
                                                                 8388608
          4
                     399985606656
                                          54525952
                                                               109051904
          5
                     319991840768
                                          37748736
                                                                75497472
```

As mentioned earlier, the best pool allocation granularity value is site specific; therefore, when using dwpoolhelp, there are no set guidelines for choosing the best value. In general, the goal is to pick a pool allocation granularity value that minimizes the Waste per pool value, although this might not be the case if smaller pool granularity is important. Example 2: Create a storage pool using dwpoolhelp to first determine allocation granularity on page 37 shows the dwpoolhelp output sorted by amount of waste per node. See the dwpoolhelp(8) man page for further details.

Recommendations

Taken together, Cray recommends the following:

- For performance reasons, create pools that only contain nodes with homogeneous SSD hardware.
- If possible, turn on the equalize_fragments dwsd.yaml option. See *Modify DWS Advanced Settings* on page 41.
- Use the smallest possible pool allocation granularity, which is typically 16MiB.
- If having the guarantee of being able to access all requested space for scratch usages of DataWarp is important, use the dwpoolhelp command to pick an alternative pool allocation granularity. Note that dwpoolhelp assumes a homogeneous system and is not likely to calculate pool allocation granularity values that will provide optimal performance for systems with more than one type of SSD installed.
 - Do not use dwpoolhelp for pools with only one node. Single node pools should always use a pool
 granularity value of 16MiB or the node granularity (gran column in dwstat nodes -b), whichever is
 greater.

Example 1: Create a storage pool with allocation granularity = 16MiB.

As a DataWarp administrator logged on to a CLE service node:

Example 2: Create a storage pool using dwpoolhelp to first determine allocation granularity

IMPORTANT: Note that this is for example purposes only; optimal pool allocation granularity is site specific.

As a DataWarp administrator logged on to a CLE service node:

```
# Determine node capacity and allocation granularity
crayadm@login> dwstat -b nodes
node pool online drain
nid00028 - true false
                                            capacity insts activs
                                  gran
                  true false 8388608 4000795590656
                                                      0
                                                                0
nid00029
                  true false 8388608 4000795590656
                                                                0
nid00089
                  true false 8388608 4000795590656
                                                         0
                                                                0
nid00090
                  true false 8388608 4000795590656
# Use the above information with the dwpoolhelp command
crayadm@login> dwpoolhelp -n 4 -g 8388608 -c 4000795590656
== Starting Values =
Number of nodes: 4
Node capacity: 4000795590656
Allocation granularity on nodes: 8388608
Using 16777216 bytes for actual allocation granularity on nodes to satisfy XFS requirements
== Calculating maximum granules per node ==
Max number of granules in an instance while still being able to access all capacity is 4096
floor(max stripes / nodes) -> floor(4096 / 4) = 1024Maximum granules per node: 409
```

```
== Optimal pool granularities per granules per node ==
Gran / node Pool granularity Waste per node Waste per pool
              4000795590656
         1
                                                                0
         2
                 2000397795328
                                            0
                                                                0
         3
                 1333587345408
                                     33554432
                                                        134217728
                1000190509056
                                     33554432
                                                        134217728
                  800155762688
                                     16777216
                                                        67108864
         5
# Too much output to weed through, sort on 'Waste per pool'
crayadm@login> dwpoolhelp -n 4 -g 8388608 -c 4000795590656 | egrep '^ |Gran' | sort -bg --
kev=3
Gran / node
              Pool granularity Waste per node
                                                    Waste per pool
              4000795590656
         1
         2
                 2000397795328
                                            0
                                                                0
       185
                  21625831424
                                     16777216
                                                         67108864
        37
                  108129157120
                                    16777216
                                                         67108864
         5
                  800155762688
                                     16777216
                                                         67108864
       108
                   37044092928
                                      33554432
                                                         134217728
# Create a pool with 185 granularities per node
crayadm@login> dwcli create pool --name wlm_pool2 --granularity 21625831424
created pool id wlm pool2
# verify the pool was created
crayadm@login> dwstat pools
    pool unit quantity free
                                gran
wlm pool bytes
                     0 0
                               16MiB
wlm pool2 bytes
                     0
                          0 20.1GiB
```

4.5 Assign a Node to a Storage Pool

Prerequisites

- At least one storage pool exists
- At least one SSD is initialized for use with the DataWarp service (DWS)
- DataWarp administrator privileges

About this task

Follow this procedure to associate an SSD-endowed node with an existing storage pool.

Procedure

- 1. Log in to a booted CLE service node as a DWS administrator.
- 2. Load the DataWarp Service module.

```
crayadm@login> module load dws
```

3. Associate an SSD-endowed node with a storage pool.

```
crayadm@login> dwcli update node --name hostname --pool pool_name
```

For example, to associate a node (hostname nid00349) with a storage pool called wlm pool:

```
crayadm@login> dwcli update node --name nid00349 --pool wlm pool
```

The association may fail. If it does, ensure that the pool exists (dwstat pools) and that the node's granularity (dwstat nodes -b) is a factor of the pool's granularity (dwstat pools -b).

4. Verify the node is associated with the pool.

```
crayadm@login> dwstat pools nodes
   pool units quantity free gran
wlm_pool bytes 3.64TiB 3.64TiB 910GiB

node pool online drain gran capacity insts activs
nid00349 wlm pool true false 8MiB 3.64TiB 0 0
```

4.6 Verify the DataWarp Configuration

Prerequisites

- At least one SSD node is assigned to a storage pool
- DataWarp administrator privileges

About this task

There are a few ways to verify that the DataWarp configuration is as desired.

Procedure

1. Log in to a booted service node and load the DataWarp Service (DWS) module.

```
crayadm@login> module load dws
```

2. Request status information about DataWarp resources.

```
crayadm@login> dwstat pools nodes
   pool units quantity
                       free
                                gran
               4.0TiB 3.38TiB 128GiB
wlm pool bytes
          pool online drain gran
                                   capacity insts activs
nid00065 wlm pool true false 16MiB
                                   1TiB
                                               1
                                                0
                                                        0
nid00066 wlm pool true false 16MiB
                                       1TiB
nid00069 wlm pool true false 16MiB
                                                0
                                                        0
                                      1TiB
nid00070 wlm_pool true false 16MiB
                                      1TiB
                                                0
                                                        0
nid00004
                  true false 16MiB
                                    3.64TiB
                                                0
                                                        0
nid00005
              - true false 16MiB 3.64TiB
                                                        0
```

- **3.** Check the following combinations for each row.
 - If **pool** is and **capacity** ≠ 0: This is a server node that has not yet been associated with a storage pool. See *Assign a Node to a Storage Pool* on page 38.

- If **pool** is and **capacity** is 0: This is a non-server node (e.g., client/compute) and does not need to be associated with a storage pool.
- If **pool** is *something* and **capacity** ≠ 0: This is a server node that belongs to the pool called <something>.
- If **pool** is *something* and **capacity** is 0: This is a non-server node that belongs to a pool. Since the non-server node contributes no space to the pool, this association is not necessary but harmless.

This completes the process to configure DataWarp with DWS. Refer to the site-specific workload manager (WLM) documentation for further configuration steps to integrate the WLM with Cray DataWarp.

5 DataWarp Administrator Tasks

5.1 Modify DWS Advanced Settings

Prerequisites

Ability to log in to the SMW as root

About this task

This procedure describes how to modify DataWarp advanced settings using the system configurator. Cray recommends that DataWarp administrators have a thorough understanding of these settings before modifying them. DataWarp Configuration Files and Advanced Settings on page 25 provides an overview of the advanced settings and the configuration files in which they are defined. The configuration files include a description of each setting, and various topics within the XC^{TM} Series DataWarp Installation and Administration Guide provide additional information for certain advanced settings.



CAUTION:

Advanced DataWarp settings must be modified with extreme care. The default values as released are acceptable for most installations. Sites that modify advanced settings are at risk of degrading DataWarp performance, decreasing SSD lifetime, and possibly other unknown outcomes. It is the administrator's responsibility to understand the purpose of any advanced settings changed, the formatting required, and the impact these changes may have.

Options incorrectly spelled or formatted are added but ignored, and the current value is not modified.

Procedure

1. Invoke the configurator to access the advanced DataWarp settings.

The configurator displays the basic settings, as defined during the initial installation, as well as **some** of the advanced DataWarp settings. All advanced DataWarp settings are modifiable whether or not they are displayed by the configurator. Any advanced settings that have been modified through the configurator are displayed, and some settings that are currently set to their default values are also displayed.

```
c0-0c0s1n1
          api_gateway_nodes
 4)
          external_api_gateway_hostnames
                                                  (none)
 5)
          dwrest cacheroot whitelist
                                                  /lus/scratch
 6)
          allow_dws_cli_from_computes
 7)
          lvm_issue_discards
        dwmd
 8)
          dwmd conf
                                                  iscsi initiator cred path:
                                                  /etc/opt/cray/dws/iscsi target secret,
                                                  iscsi_target_cred_path:
                                                  /etc/opt/cray/dws/iscsi_initiator_secret,
                                                  capmc os cacert:
                                                  /etc/pki/trust/anchors/certificate authority.pem
        dwsd
                                                 log_mask: 0x7, instance_optimization_default: bandwidth, scratch_limit_action: 0x3 \,
 9)
          dwsd_conf
        dwrest
10)
          dwrest conf
                                                 port: 2015
        dwrestgun
11)
                                                 max requests=1024
          dwrestgun conf
```

- **2.** Proceed based on the setting to be modified:
 - To modify a displayed setting, proceed to step 3 on page 42.
 - To modify a non-displayed setting, proceed to step 4 on page 43.
 - To reset a displayed setting to its default value, proceed to step 5 on page 43.
- 3. Modify a displayed setting:

This example changes the value of instance optimization default within the dwsd settings.

a. Select dwsd.

TIP: The configurator uses index numbering to identify configuration items. This numbering may vary; the value used in the examples may not be correct for all systems. The user must search the listing displayed on the screen to determine the correct index number for the service/setting being configured.

b. Choose to change the entry for instance_optimization_default, enter the new value, and then set the entries.

Use the format $\#^*$ to indicate which entry to change, where # is the index number for instance optimization default.

The configurator displays all cray_dws basic and visible advanced settings (as in step 1), including the new value for instance optimization default.

- c. Continue to modify advanced settings if desired; otherwise, proceed to step 6 on page 44.
- **4.** Modify a non-displayed setting:

This example enables the equalize fragments option that is defined in the dwsd settings.

a. Select dwsd conf.

b. Choose to add entries.

```
cray_dws.settings.dwsd.data.dwsd_conf
[<cr>=set 3 entries, +=add an entry, ?=help, @=less] $ +
```

c. Enter the setting(s).

TIP: Use the format: <code>option: value</code> to set a value for <code>dwsd_conf</code>, <code>dwmd_conf</code>, and <code>dwsrest_conf</code> options. Use the format: <code>option=value</code> for <code>dwrestgun_conf</code> options, with text values delimited by quotation marks.

The configurator displays all cray_dws basic and visible advanced settings (as in step 1), including the new value for equalize fragments.

- d. Continue to modify advanced settings if desired; otherwise, proceed to step 6 on page 44.
- 5. Reset a displayed setting to its default value:

This example resets equalize fragments to its default value.

a. Select dwsd conf.

b. Remove the equalize fragments setting.

Use the format #- to remove a setting, thereby resetting it to its default value.

```
cray_dws.settings.dwsd.data.dwsd_conf
[<cr>=set 4 entries, +=add an entry, ?=help, @=less] $ 4-
|--- Information
        Entry 'equalize fragments: yes' removed successfully. Press <cr> to set.
cray_dws.settings.dwsd.data.dwsd_conf
[<cr>=set 3 entries, +=add an entry, ?=help, @=less] $ <cr>
Service Configuration Menu (Config Set: p0 example, type: cle)
  cray dws
                   [ status: enabled ] [ validation: valid ]
  Selected
                        Settings
                                                               Value/Status (level=advanced)
                       service
                          scheduler node
                 1)
                                                               sdb
                 2)
                                                               c0-0c0s7n2, c0-0c0s0n2
                          managed nodes
                 3)
                          api_gateway_nodes
                                                                c0-0c0s1n1
                 4)
                          external_api_gateway_hostnames
                                                                (none)
                          dwrest_cacheroot_whitelist
allow_dws_cli_from_computes
                 5)
                                                                /lus/scratch
                                                               False
                 6)
                          lvm_issue_discards
                        dwmd
                 8)
                          dwmd_conf
                                                               iscsi initiator cred path:
                                                                /etc/opt/cray/dws/iscsi_target_secret,
iscsi target cred path:
                                                                /etc/opt/cray/dws/iscsi initiator secret,
                                                                capmc os cacert:
                                                                /etc/pki/trust/anchors/certificate authority.pem
                        dwsd
                          dwsd conf
                                                                log mask: 0x7, instance optimization default:
                                                               bandwidth, scratch_limit_action: 0x3
                        dwrest
                10)
                                                               port: 2015
                         dwrest conf
                        dwrestgun
                11)
                          dwrestgun_conf
                                                               max requests=2048
```

- c. Continue to modify advanced settings if desired; otherwise, proceed to the next step.
- **6.** Save and exit the configurator.

```
Cray dws Menu [default: save & exit - Q] $ Q
```

- Activate the changes on all appropriate nodes. Proceed based on the configuration files modified.
 - dwsd conf: execute the following commands on the scheduler node.

```
sdb# /etc/init.d/cray-ansible start
sdb# systemctl reload dwsd
```

dwmd conf: execute the following commands on all DataWarp managed nodes.

```
nid# /etc/init.d/cray-ansible start
nid# systemctl reload dwmd
```

dwrest conf or dwrestgun conf: execute the following commands on the API gateway node.

```
api-gw# /etc/init.d/cray-ansible start
api-gw# systemctl reload dwrest
api-gw# systemctl reload nginx
```

5.2 Configure SSD Protection Settings

Prerequisites

- Ability to log in as root
- Read Modify DWS Advanced Settings on page 41

About this task

The possibility exists for a user program to unintentionally cause excessive activity to SSDs, and thereby diminish the lifetime of the devices. To mitigate this issue, DataWarp includes both administrator-defined configuration options and user-specified job script command options that help the DataWarp service (DWS) detect when a program's behavior is anomalous and then react based on configuration settings.

This procedure describes how to modify the administrator-defined SSD protection settings using the system configurator. For user-defined settings, see the XC^{TM} Series DataWarp TM User Guide.

IMPORTANT: Do not directly modify any DataWarp configuration files (dwsd.yaml, dwmd.yaml, dwrest.yaml, dwrestgun.conf) as changes do not persist over a reboot. Modify the settings within these files using the system configurator only; this ensures that the changes become part of the system config set.

Protection Settings within the dwsd Configuration File

The DataWarp scheduler daemon (dwsd) configuration file (sdb:/etc/opt/cray/dws/dwsd.yaml) contains options for the following DataWarp SSD protection features:

- Action upon error
- Write tracking
- File creation limits
- File size limits

The configurable SSD protection options are:

cache limit action

The action to take when one of the cache limits is exceeded; this action applies to all limits. Default: 0x3

0x1: log only

0x2: error on file system operations

0x3: log and error

cache_max_file_size_default

The maximum size (bytes) of any one file that may exist in a cache configuration. In other words, the maximum byte offset for a file that may be read from or written to. When the threshold is exceeded, a message displays on the system console and an error is reported

back to the file system operation that triggered the limit. A value of 0 means no limit. User requests may override this value. Default: 0

cache_max_file_size_max

The maximum value a user may request when overriding

cache max file size default. The value of 0 means there is no max. Default: 0

instance write window length default

The default number of seconds used when calculating the simple moving average of writes to an instance. Note that the configurations using the instance must provide support for this (e.g., does not apply to swap). A value of 0 means the write window limit is not used.

Default: 86400

instance_write_window_length_max

The maximum value a user may request when overriding

instance_write_window_length_default. A value of 0 means there is no maximum.
Default: 0

instance_write_window_length_min

The minimum value a user may request when overriding

instance_write_window_length_default. A value of 0 means there is no minimum.
Default: 0

instance_write_window_multiplier_default

The default multiplier to use against an instance size to determine the maximum number of bytes written portion of the moving average calculation for purposes of detecting anomalous write behavior. The multiplier must be an integer of 0 or more. A value of 0 means the write window limit is not used. For example, if the multiplier is 10, the instance size is 2 TiB, and the write window is 86400, then 20 TiB may be written to the instance in any 24 hour sliding window. Default: 10

instance write window multiplier max

The maximum value a user may request when overriding

instance_write_window_multiplier_default. A value of 0 means there is no
maximum. Default: 0

scratch limit action

The action to take when one of the scratch limits is exceeded; this action applies to all limits. Default: 0x3

0x1: log only

0x2: error on file system operations

0x3: log and error

scratch namespace max files default

The maximum number of files that may be created in a scratch configuration namespace. When the threshold is exceeded, a message displays on the system console and no new files can be created in the namespace. A value of 0 means no limit. User requests may override this value. Default: 0

scratch_namespace_max_files_max

The maximum value a user may request when overriding scratch namespace max files default. A value of 0 means no limit. Default: 0

scratch_namespace_max_file_size_default

The maximum size (bytes) of any one file that may exist in a scratch configuration namespace. When the threshold is exceeded, a message displays on the system console and an error is reported back to the file system operation that triggered the limit. A value of 0 means no limit. User requests may override this value. Default: 0

```
scratch namespace max file size max
```

The maximum value a user may request when overriding scratch_namespace_max_file_size_default. The value of 0 means there is no maximum. Default: 0

The administrator selects default values, min/max user limits, and the action taken when a limit is exceeded. The options within /etc/opt/cray/dws/dwsd.yaml are considered *advanced* options and must be modified with extreme caution. This procedure describes how to modify these advanced settings using the system configurator.



CAUTION:

Advanced DataWarp settings must be modified with extreme care. The default values as released are acceptable for most installations. Sites that modify advanced settings are at risk of degrading DataWarp performance, decreasing SSD lifetime, and possibly other unknown outcomes. It is the administrator's responsibility to understand the purpose of any advanced settings changed, the formatting required, and the impact these changes may have.

Options incorrectly spelled or formatted are added but ignored, and the current value is not modified.

For further details, see *Modify DWS Advanced Settings* on page 41.

Procedure

- **1.** Invoke a configurator session to modify cray dws advanced settings.
- 2. Select dwsd conf.

TIP: The configurator uses index numbering to identify configuration items. This numbering may vary; the value used in the examples may not be correct for all systems. The user must search the listing displayed on the screen to determine the correct index number for the service/setting being configured.

Only a sampling of the dwsd conf settings are displayed, although all settings are modifiable.

3. Modify one or more settings.

This example demonstrates how to modify the scratch_namespace_max_files_default and scratch namespace max files max settings.

```
cray_dws.settings.dwsd.data.dwsd conf
[<cr>=set 3 entries, +=add an entry, ?=help, @=less] $ +
Add dwsd conf (Ctrl-d to exit) $ scratch_namespace_max_files_default: 10000
Add dwsd_conf (Ctrl-d to exit) $ scratch_namespace_max_files_max: 30000
Add dwsd conf (Ctrl-d to exit) $<Ctrl-d>
cray dws.settings.dwsd.data.dwsd conf
     =set 3 entries, +=add an entry, ?=help, @=less] $ +
Add dwsd_conf (Ctrl-d to exit) $ scratch_namespace_max_files_default: 10000 Add dwsd_conf (Ctrl-d to exit) $ scratch_namespace_max_files_max: 30000 Add dwsd_conf (Ctrl-d to exit) $
                dwsd conf -- dwsd Config
        Internal dwsd settings. Change with extreme caution. See
         /etc/opt/cray/dws/dwsd.yaml for variables and syntax.
        Default:
                                                                     Current:
             1) log mask: 0x7
                                                                         1) log mask: 0x7
             2) instance_optimization_default: bandwidth
3) scratch_limit_action: 0x3
                                                                         2) instance_optimization_default: bandwidth
                                                                         3) scratch_limit_action: 0x3
                                                                         4) scratch_namespace_max_files_default: 10000 5) scratch_namespace_max_files_max: 30000
cray_dws.settings.dwsd.data.dwsd_conf
[<cr>=set 5 entries, +=add an entry, ?=help, @=less] $ <cr>
# Complete cray_dws displayed here with new settings included
Cray dws Menu [default: save & exit - Q] $ Q
INFO -
INFO - ConfigSet 'p0' has been updated.
INFO - Run 'cfgset search -s cray_dws --level advanced p0' to review the current settings.
```

Validate the config set.

```
smw# cfgset validate p0
...
INFO - ConfigSet p0' is valid.
```

Correct any discrepancies before proceeding.

5. Log in to the sdb node and activate the config set changes.

```
sdb# /etc/init.d/cray-ansible start
sdb# systemctl reload dwsd
```

5.3 Back Up and Restore DataWarp State Data

The DataWarp scheduler daemon, dwsd, relies on specific node and pool information for correct operation. This information is stored in a state database and should be backed up periodically to minimize any potential impact of events that may cause loss of this information (e.g., drive failure or backwards incompatible DWS upgrade). Cray recommends creating a DataWarp backup cron job or including it as part of a periodic maintenance checklist. Additionally, it is important to create a backup of the DataWarp configuration data at the following times:

- after initial installation and configuration of DataWarp
- after configuration changes
- prior to system upgrades

Note that the dws module must be loaded to use the backup and restore commands.

sdb# module load dws

Back Up

Two commands are available to back up the configuration data from the dwsd database, dwcli config backup and dwbackup. Any DataWarp administrator (e.g., root, crayadm) can run dwcli config backup when the dwrest service is running. This is slightly less restrictive and may be preferable to dwbackup, which must be run by root from the node on which dwsd runs (typically sdb).

The dwbackup command reads data from sdb:/var/opt/cray/dws/dwsd.db, whereas the dwcli config backup command reads data through the RESTful API (i.e., through dwrest). Both commands output the node and pool properties to stdout, and neither command backs up any user data.

The dwbackup command is normally used after an upgrade if the state database configuration information was not backed up using either command prior to the upgrade. This is because the upgrade may include a backwards incompatible change to the database. In this case, DataWarp fails to come up properly and dwrest fails to run, which prevents the use of dwcli config backup.

Example 1: Run dwbackup with default option settings

As root on to the sdb node:

Example 2: Use dwbackup to create a backup file

As root on the sdb node:

```
sdb# dwbackup > /persistent/storage/my_dws_backup.json
```

Example 3: Use dwcli config backup to create a backup file

As a DataWarp administrator on a login node:

crayadm@login> dwcli config backup > /persistent/storage/my dws backup.json

Restore

Any DataWarp administrator can run dwcli config restore to restore a DataWarp configuration as captured in a backup created by either backup command.

Example 4: Restore a saved configuration

```
crayadm@sdb> dwcli config restore < /persistent/storage/my dws backup.json</pre>
```

For further information, see the dwcli(8) and dwbackup(8) man pages.

5.4 Drain a Storage Node

About this task

After an administrator assigns a node to a pool, any capacity on the node may be used when satisfying instance requests. There are times when a site does not want to allow new instances to be placed on a node and also does not want to disassociate the node from a pool. The drain attribute on a node controls this behavior. If a node is in a drain state, the DataWarp service (DWS) will not place new instances on the node and will also remove that node's free capacity contribution to a pool. The dwstat nodes pools command displays this information.

Procedure

1. Check the node and pool information.

2. Drain the storage node.

```
crayadm@sdb> dwcli update node --name hostname --drain
```

where hostname is the hostname of the node to be drained

For example:

3. (Optional) If shutting down a node after draining it, wait for existing instances to be removed from the node. The dwstat nodes command displays the number of instances present in the inst column; 0 indicates no instances are present. In a healthy system, instances are removed over time as batch jobs complete. If it takes longer than expected, or to clean up the node more quickly, identify the fragments (pieces of instances) on the node by consulting the node column output of the dwstat fragments command and then finding the corresponding instance by looking at the inst column output:

```
crayadm@sdb> dwstat fragments
frag state inst capacity node
102 CA-- 47 745.19GiB nid00022
```

4. (Optional) Remove that instance.

```
crayadm@sdb> dwcli rm instance --id 47
```

Persistent DataWarp instances, which have a lifetime that may span multiple batch jobs, must also be removed, either through a WLM-specific command or with dwcli.

5. When the node is fit for being used by the DWS again, unset the drain, thereby allowing the DWS to place new instances on the node.

5.5 Remove a Node From a Storage Pool

Prerequisites

DataWarp administrator privileges

About this task

If a node no longer exists or is no longer a DataWarp server node, it should be removed from the pool to which it is assigned.

Procedure

1. Log in to a CLE service node as a DataWarp administrator and load the dws module.

```
crayadm@login> module load dws
```

2. Verify node names.

```
crayadm@login> dwstat pools nodes
   pool units quantity free gran
wlm_pool bytes 4.0TiB 4.0TiB 128GiB
```

```
node pool online drain gran capacity insts activs
nid00065 wlm_pool true false 16MiB 1TiB 0
nid00066 wlm pool true false 16MiB
                                       1TiB
                                                0
                                                         0
nid00069 wlm pool true false 16MiB
                                       1TiB
                                                0
                                                         0
nid00070 wlm_pool true false 16MiB 1TiB
nid00004 - true false 16MiB 3.64TiB
                                                         0
                                                 0
                                                         0
             - true false 16MiB 3.64TiB
nid00005
```

3. Remove the desired node from its pool.

```
crayadm@login> dwcli update node --name hostname --rm-pool
```

For example:

```
crayadm@login> dwcli update node --name nid00066 --rm-pool
```

The node is no longer assigned to the pool: wlm pool, decreasing the pool's storage capacity.

5.6 Change a Node's Pool

Prerequisites

DataWarp administrator privileges

About this task

Changing a node's pool involves reassigning it to a different pool; there is no need to remove it from its original pool.

Procedure

1. Log in to a CLE service node as a DataWarp administrator and load the dws module.

```
crayadm@login> module load dws
```

2. Verify pool and node names.

```
crayadm@login> dwstat pools nodes
   pool units quantity free gran
pvt_pool bytes 3.64TiB 3.64TiB 16GiB
wlm pool bytes 4.0TiB 4.0TiB 128GiB
```

```
pool online drain gran capacity insts activs
   node
nid00004 pvt pool true false 16MiB 3.64TiB
                                             0
                                                       0
nid00065 wlm pool true false 16MiB
                                      1TiB
                                                0
                                                       0
nid00066 wlm pool true false 16MiB
                                      1TiB
                                                0
                                                       0
nid00069 wlm_pool true false 16MiB
                                                0
                                                       0
                                      1TiB
nid00070 wlm pool true false 16MiB
                                                0
                                                       0
                                      1TiB
            - true false 16MiB
nid00005
                                    3.64TiB
                                                0
                                                       0
```

3. Reassign the desired node to the desired pool.

```
crayadm@login> dwcli update node --name hostname --pool pool_name
```

To reassign node nid00066 to pool pvt pool:

```
crayadm@login> dwcli update node --name nid00066 --pool pvt_pool
```

Node nid00066 is assigned to the pool: pvt_pool; resulting in increased storage capacity for pvt_pool and decreased capacity for wlm_pool.

```
crayadm@login> dwstat pools nodes
   pool units quantity
                      free
                               gran
pvt pool bytes 4.64TiB 4.64TiB
                              16GiB
wlm pool bytes 3.0TiB 3.0TiB 128GiB
   node
          pool online drain gran capacity insts activs
nid00004 pvt pool true false 16MiB 3.64TiB 0
                                                      0
nid00066 pvt_pool true false 16MiB
                                    1TiB
                                               0
                                                       0
                                               0
                                                       0
nid00065 wlm pool true false 16MiB
                                      1TiB
                                                       0
                                      1TiB
                                               0
nid00069 wlm pool true false 16MiB
                                                       0
                                               0
nid00070 wlm pool true false 16MiB
                                     1TiB
                                               0
                                                       0
nid00005
        - true false 16MiB 3.64TiB
```

5.7 Replace a Blown Fuse

After a workload manager sends DataWarp requests to the DataWarp service (DWS), the DWS begins preparing the SSDs and compute nodes for the corresponding batch job. When things are working well, this process is quick and does not require admin intervention. The dwstat command reports CA--- or CA-- in the state column for all objects associated with the batch job.

If the DWS encounters difficulty creating or destroying an object, it retries a configurable number of times but eventually stops trying. To convey that the retry threshold has been exceeded, the DWS borrows terminology from another domain and reports that the object's *fuse* is blown. The <code>dwstat</code> command reports this as an <code>F</code> in the 3rd hyphen position of the <code>state</code> column. For example, <code>C-F--</code> as in the following <code>dwstat</code> <code>activations</code> output:

```
crayadm@sdb> module load dws
crayadm@sdb> dwstat activations
activ state sess conf nodes
    2 C-F-- 5 11 1
```

When dwstat reports that an object's fuse is blown, it likely indicates a serious error that needs investigating. Clues as to what broke and why may be found in the Lightweight Log Manager (LLM) log file for dwmd, found at smw:/var/opt/cray/log/p#-current/dws/dwmd-date. In this log file, each session/instance/configuration/registration/activation is abbreviated as sid/iid/cid/rid/aid; therefore, information for the

resource with the blown fuse is searchable by ID. For example, if a fuse is blown on configuration 16, grep the log for cid:16:

```
crayadm@smw> cd /var/opt/cray/log/p3-current/dws
crayadm@smw> grep -A 4 cid:16 dwmd-20160520
2016-05-20 12:39:41 (11964): <76> [os-172-30-196-191]: (cid:16,sid:32,stoken:987333) dws_realm_member
ERROR:Invalid host found nid12345 in [u'nid12345']
2016-05-20 12:39:41 (11964): <76> [os-172-30-196-191]: (cid:16,sid:32,stoken:987333) dws_realm_member
ERROR:realm_member_create2 2 failed: gen_host_list_file failed for dwfs2_id=2 realm_id=2
2016-05-20 12:39:41 (11964): <76> [os-172-30-196-191]: Traceback (most recent call last):
2016-05-20 12:39:41 (11964): <76> [os-172-30-196-191]: File "/opt/cray/dws/1.3-1.0000.67025.34.35.tcp/lib/dws_realm_member.py", line 223, in realm_member_create2
2016-05-20 12:39:41 (11964): <76> [os-172-30-196-191]: % (dwfs_id, realm_id))
2016-05-20 12:39:41 (11964): <76> [os-172-30-196-191]: RuntimeError: gen_host_list_file failed for dwfs2_id=2 realm_id=2
```

Alternatively, if the batch job experiencing the failure is known, grep the same dwmd log file for the batch job ID. For example:

```
crayadm@smw> cd /var/opt/cray/log/p3-current/dws
crayadm@smw> grep -A 4 stoken:987333 dwmd-20160520
2016-05-20 12:39:41 (11964): <76> [os-172-30-196-191]: (cid:16,sid:32,stoken:987333) dws_realm_member
ERROR:Invalid host found nid12345 in [u'nid12345']
2016-05-20 12:39:41 (11964): <76> [os-172-30-196-191]: (cid:16,sid:32,stoken:987333) dws_realm_member
ERROR:realm_member_create2 2 failed: gen_host_list_file failed for dwfs2_id=2 realm_id=2
2016-05-20 12:39:41 (11964): <76> [os-172-30-196-191]: Traceback (most recent call last):
2016-05-20 12:39:41 (11964): <76> [os-172-30-196-191]: File "/opt/cray/dws/1.3-1.0000.67025.34.35.tcp/
lib/dws_realm_member.py", line 223, in realm_member_create2
2016-05-20 12:39:41 (11964): <76> [os-172-30-196-191]: % (dwfs_id, realm_id))
2016-05-20 12:39:41 (11964): <76> [os-172-30-196-191]: RuntimeError: gen_host_list_file failed for
dwfs2_id=2 realm_id=2
...
```

When the issue is understood and resolved, use the dwcli command to replace the blown fuse associated with the object, and thereby inform DWS to retry the operations associated with the failed object. For example, continuing with the above failed activation:

```
crayadm@sdb> dwcli update activation --id 2 --replace-fuse
```

Use dwstat to find the status of the object again. Fuses are replaceable as many times as necessary.

For further information, see the dwstat(1) and dwcli(8) man pages.

5.8 Enable the Node Health Checker DataWarp Plugin (if Necessary)

Prerequisites

Ability to log in as root

About this task

The Node Health Checker (NHC) DataWarp plugin is enabled by default at system installation but may become disabled. This procedure describes how to verify that the DataWarp plugin is enabled and, if not, walks through the steps to enable it.

When enabled, NHC is automatically invoked upon the termination of every application. It performs specified tests to determine if compute nodes allocated to the application are healthy enough to support running subsequent applications. The DataWarp plugin is a script to check that any reservation-affiliated DataWarp mount points have

been removed; it can only detect a problem once the last reservation on a node completes. The behavior of NHC after a job has terminated is determined through settings in the configurator.

The configurator guides the user through the configuration process with explanations, options, and prompts. The majority of this dialog is not displayed in the steps below, only prompts and example responses are displayed.

TIP: The configurator uses index numbering to identify configuration items. This numbering may vary; the value used in the examples may not be correct for all systems. The user must search the listing displayed on the screen to determine the correct index number for the service/setting being configured.

For further information about NHC, see the intro_NHC(8) man page and XC™ Series System Administration Guide.

Procedure

1. Determine if Plugin DataWarp is enabled in the cray node health service of the CLE config set.

```
smw# cfgset search -s cray node health -1 advanced -t DataWarp p0 example
```

a. Exit this procedure if the DataWarp plugin is enabled.

b. Continue with this procedure if the DataWarp plugin is not enabled.

```
# No matches found in the configuration data for the given search terms.

INFO - Matches may be hidden by level/state/service filtering.

INFO - See 'cfgset search -h' for filtering options.
```

2. Invoke the configurator for the cray node health service.

```
smw# cfqset update -m interactive -1 advanced -s cray node health p0 example
Service Configuration Menu (Config Set: p0 example, type: cle)
   cray node health
                      [ status: enabled ] [ validation: valid ]
 Selected
              #
                      Settings
                                                              Value/Status
                                                          (level=advanced)
              27)
                      memory plugins
                         desc: Default Memory
                                                              [ OK ]
              28)
                      plugins
                         desc: Default Alps
                                                              [ OK ]
                         desc: Plugin DVS Requests
                                                              [ OK ]
```

```
desc: Default Application
                                                                  [ OK ]
                          desc: Default Reservation
                                                                  [ OK ]
                          desc: Plugin Nvidia
                                                                  [ OK ]
                          desc: Plugin ugni
                                                                  [ OK ]
                          desc: Xeon Phi Plugin App Test
                                                                 [ OK
                          desc: Xeon Phi Plugin Reservation
                                                                 [ OK ]
                          desc: Xeon Phi Plugin Memory
                                                                 [ OK ]
                          desc: Xeon Phi Plugin Alps
                                                                 [ OK ]
                          desc: Plugin Sigcont
                                                                 [ OK ]
                          desc: Plugin Hugepage Check
                                                                 [ OK ]
Node Health Service Menu [default: save & exit - Q] $
```

3. Select the **plugins** setting using the index numbering.

TIP: The configurator uses index numbering to identify configuration items. This numbering may vary; the value used in the examples may not be correct for all systems. The user must search the listing displayed on the screen to determine the correct index number for the service/setting being configured.

```
Node Health Service Menu [default: save & exit - Q] $ 28
```

4. Configure **plugins**.

```
Node Health Service Menu [default: configure - C] $ C
```

- 5. Add an entry.
 - a. Enter +.

```
cray_node_health.settings.plugins
[<cr>=set 12 entries, +=add an entry, ?=help, @=less] $ +
```

b. Set desc to Plugin DataWarp.

```
cray_node_health.settings.plugins.data.desc
[<cr>=set '', <new value>, ?=help, @=less] $ Plugin DataWarp
```

c. Set name to Plugin.

```
cray_node_health.settings.plugins.data.Plugin DataWarp.name
[<cr>=set 'Plugin', <new value>, ?=help, @=less] $ <cr>
```

d. Set enabled to true.

```
cray_node_health.settings.plugins.data.Plugin DataWarp.enabled
[<cr>=set 'false', <new value>, ?=help, @=less] $ true
```

e. Set command to datawarp.sh -v.

```
cray_node_health.settings.plugins.data.Plugin DataWarp.command
[<cr>=set '', <new value>, ?=help, @=less] $ datawarp.sh -v
```

f. Set action to Admindown.

```
cray_node_health.settings.plugins.data.Plugin DataWarp.command
[<cr>=set '', <new value>, ?=help, @=less] $ Admindown
```

g. Set warntime to 30.

```
cray_node_health.settings.plugins.data.Plugin DataWarp.warntime
[<cr>=set '0', <new value>, ?=help, @=less] $ 30
```

h. Set timeout to 360.

```
cray_node_health.settings.plugins.data.Plugin DataWarp.timeout
[<cr>=set '0', <new value>, ?=help, @=less] $ 360
```

i. Set **restartdelay** to 65.

```
cray_node_health.settings.plugins.data.Plugin DataWarp.restartdelay
[<cr>=set '0', <new value>, ?=help, @=less] $ 65
```

i. Set **uid** to 0.

```
cray_node_health.settings.plugins.data.Plugin DataWarp.uid
[<cr>=set '0', <new value>, ?=help, @=less] $ 0
```

k. Set qid to 0.

```
cray_node_health.settings.plugins.data.Plugin DataWarp.gid
[<cr>=set '0', <new value>, ?=help, @=less] $ 0
```

I. Set sets to Reservation.

```
cray_node_health.settings.plugins.data.Plugin DataWarp.sets
[<cr>=set 'Application', <new value>, ?=help, @=less] $ Reservation
```

m. Accept the settings.

```
cray node health.settings.plugins
[<cr>=set 13 entries, +=add an entry, ?=help, @=less] $ <cr>
. . .
               28)
                       plugins
                          desc: Default Alps
                                                                 [ OK ]
                          desc: Plugin DVS Requests desc: Default Application
                                                                 [ OK ]
                                                                 [ OK ]
                          desc: Default Reservation
                                                                 [ OK ]
                          desc: Plugin Nvidia
                                                                 [ OK ]
                          desc: Plugin ugni
                                                                 [ OK ]
                          desc: Xeon Phi Plugin App Test
                                                                [ OK ]
                          desc: Xeon Phi Plugin Reservation
                                                                [ OK ]
                          desc: Xeon Phi Plugin Memory
                                                                 [ OK ]
                          desc: Xeon Phi Plugin Alps
                                                                 [ OK ]
                          desc: Plugin Sigcont
                                                                 [ OK ]
                          desc: Plugin Hugepage Check
                                                                 [ OK ]
                          desc: Plugin DataWarp
                                                                 [ OK ]
```

n. Save the changes and exit the configurator.

```
INFO - Locally cloning ConfigSet 'p0_example' to 'p0_example-autosave-2016-04-08T17:19:29'.

INFO - Successfully cloned to ConfigSet 'p0_example-autosave-2016-04-08T17:19:29'.

INFO - Removed ConfigSet 'p0_example-autosave-2016-04-06T17:09:08'.

INFO - ConfigSet 'p0_example' has been updated.

INFO - Run 'cfgset search -s cray_node_health --level advanced p0_example' to review the current settings.
```

6. Verify the settings.

Correct any discrepancies before proceeding.

7. Reboot the system.

5.9 Deconfigure DataWarp

Prerequisites

- root privileges
- The system is not running

About this task

Follow this procedure to remove the DataWarp configuration from a system.

Procedure

1. Invoke the configurator in interactive mode to update the CLE config set.

```
smw# cfgset update -m interactive -s cray_dws p0_example
```

2. Disable the service by entering E.

```
Cray dws Menu [default: save & exit - Q] $ E
```

3. Save and exit the configurator.

```
Cray dws Menu [default: save & exit - Q] $ Q
```

- **4.** Reboot the system.
- **5.** Log in to an SSD-endowed node as root.

This example uses nid00349.

- 6. Remove the data.
 - a. Remove the Logical Volume Manager (LVM) volume group.

```
nid00349# vgremove dwcache
```

A confirmation prompt may appear:

```
Do you really want to remove volume group "dwcache" containing 1 logical volumes? [y/n]:
```

- b. Answer yes.
- c. Identify the SSD block devices.

d. Remove LVM ownership of devices. Specify all SSD block devices on the node.

```
nid00349:# pvremove /dev/nvme0n1 /dev/nvme1n1 /dev/nvme2n1 /dev/nvme3n1
Labels on physical volume "/dev/nvme0n1" successfully wiped
Labels on physical volume "/dev/nvme1n1" successfully wiped
Labels on physical volume "/dev/nvme2n1" successfully wiped
Labels on physical volume "/dev/nvme3n1" successfully wiped
```

7. Repeat steps 5 on page 59 through 6 on page 59 for all SSD nodes listed in managed nodes.

DataWarp is deconfigured.

5.10 Prepare to Replace a DataWarp SSD

Prerequisites

- DataWarp administrator privileges
- Knowledge of the configuration of the blade on which the failing SSD is located

About this task

SSDs may require replacement due to hardware failure or low remaining endurance. Before replacing an SSD, the DataWarp service (DWS) is instructed to temporarily stop using it for future usages, and any existing usages are cleaned up. After the SSD is replaced, it is initialized and DWS is informed that the new hardware is available for use.

IMPORTANT: SSD replacement involves powering down a blade and physically removing it from a cabinet. Because a blade consists of more than one node, SSD replacement likely impacts more than just the SSD-endowed node. If the other nodes on the blade are used by DataWarp, which is the typical configuration, then DataWarp is told to stop using them as well. If the other nodes on the blade are not used by DataWarp, they are shut down gracefully in accordance with their respective software.

This procedure covers three node types:

- 1. Failing DWS-managed SSD nodes
- 2. Healthy DWS-managed nodes on the same blade as a failing SSD
- 3. Nodes not managed by DWS on the same blade as a failing SSD

Procedure

1. Log in to the sdb node and load the dws module.

```
crayadm@sdb> module load dws
```

2. Drain the failing SSD node. This prevents the creation of new instances on the node and also removes the node's free capacity contribution from the pool.

```
crayadm@sdb> dwcli update node --name hostname --drain
```

Throughout these examples, nid00350 is the failing SSD node and nid00349 is located on the same blade.

```
crayadm@sdb> dwcli update node --name nid00350 --drain
```

3. WAIT for all existing instances to be removed from the node.

```
crayadm@sdb> watch -n 10 dwstat nodes
```

a. If no instances or activations remain, proceed to step 4 on page 61.

b. Determine the IDs of any persistent instances and remove them.

This example shows that the site needs to wait or take action for one instance on nid00350.

```
crayadm@sdb> watch -n 10 dwstat nodes
Every 10.0s: dwstat nodes
```

WAIT for the instance to be removed. An instance that cannot be removed is likely blocked by a reservation trying to copy data back out to the parallel file system (PFS). In which case, the reservation may need to be set to -no-wait. For further information, see *Registrations* on page 24.

4. Log in to the failing SSD node as root.

This example uses nid00350.

5. Display and remove the logical volume(s).

TIP: Use -f to force removal.

```
nid00350# lvdisplay
 --- Logical volume ---
 LV Path
                       /dev/dwcache/s98i94f104o0
 LV Name
                       s98i94f104o0
 VG Name
                      dwcache
 LV UUID
                      910tio-RJXq-puYV-s3UL-yDM1-RoQl-HugeTM
 LV Write Access read/write
 LV Creation host, time nid00350, 2016-02-22 13:29:11 -0500
 LV Status
                       available
 # open
 LV Size
                       3.64 TiB
 Current LE
                      953864
 Segments
 Allocation
                      inherit
 Read ahead sectors
                      auto
 - currently set to
                       1024
 Block device
                       253:0
nid00350# lvremove /dev/dwcache
```

6. Display and remove the volume group(s).

```
nid00350# vgs

VG  #PV #LV #SN Attr  VSize VFree
dwcache  2  0  0 wz--n- 3.64t 3.64t
nid00350# vgremove dwcache
Volume group "dwcache" successfully removed
```

7. Display and remove the physical volume(s).

```
/dev/nvme2n1 lvm2 a-- 1.46t 1.26t
/dev/nvme3n1 lvm2 a-- 1.46t 1.26t

nid00350# pvremove /dev/nvme0n1 /dev/nvme1n1 /dev/nvme2n1 /dev/nvme3n1
Labels on physical volume "/dev/nvme1n1" successfully wiped
Labels on physical volume "/dev/nvme0n1" successfully wiped
Labels on physical volume "/dev/nvme1n1" successfully wiped
Labels on physical volume "/dev/nvme1n1" successfully wiped
```

The failing SSD is disabled and ready for replacement; however, the other node(s) on the blade must first be quiesced. Repeat the previous steps if there are multiple failing nodes.

- 8. Quiesce the non-failing nodes that share the blade with the failing SSD. Proceed based on node type:
 - DWS-managed SSD nodes: drain the nodes and remove all instances. Do not remove logical volumes, volume groups, physical volumes or labels.

```
dwcli update node --name nid00349 --drain
```

- Nodes not managed by DWS: refer to the software-specific documentation
- 9. Follow appropriate hardware procedures to power down the blade and replace the SSD node.

Further software configuration is required after the SSD node is physically replaced, see *Complete the Replacement of an SSD Node* on page 62.

5.11 Complete the Replacement of an SSD Node

Prerequisites

- DataWarp administrator privileges
- Completion of Prepare to Replace a DataWarp SSD on page 59

About this task

SSDs may require replacement due to hardware failure or low remaining endurance. After replacing an SSD, a one-time manual device configuration that defines the Logical Volume Manager (LVM) structure is done, and then the DataWarp service (DWS) is informed that the new hardware is available for use.

IMPORTANT: SSD replacement involves power cycling the blade on which the new SSD is located. Because a blade consists of more than one node, SSD replacement likely impacts more than just the SSD-endowed node. If the other nodes on the blade are used by DataWarp, which is the typical configuration, then DataWarp is told to enable them as well. If the other nodes on the blade are not used by DataWarp, they are enabled in accordance with their respective software.

This procedure covers three node types:

- 1. Newly-replaced SSD nodes for DataWarp
- 2. DWS-managed nodes on the same blade as a newly-replaced node
- 3. Nodes not managed by DWS on the same blade as a newly-replaced node

Procedure

- **1.** Power up the blade and boot the nodes according to standard procedure.
- 2. Over-provision the new SSD if it is an Intel P3608; see Over-provision an Intel P3608 SSD on page 27.
- **3.** Verify that the new SSD has the proper PCle generation and width:
 - Intel P3608:
 - On-board PLX switch trains as Gen3 and x8 width
 - Each card has two x4 SSD devices connected by the PLX switch
 - Samsung SM1725 trains as Gen3 and x8 width
 - SX300 (ioMemory3) trains as Gen2 and x4 width
 - Fusion ioScale2 cards are not supported with CLE 6.0/SMW 8.0 and beyond

```
smw# xtcheckhss --nocolor --detail=f --pci
               Node Slot
                                                                                          Name Target Gen Trained Gen Target Width Trained Width

      c0-0c0s3n1
      0 Intel_P3600_Series_SSD
      Gen3

      c0-0c0s3n1
      0 Intel_P3600_Series_SSD
      Gen3

      c0-0c0s3n1
      0 PLX_switch
      Gen3

      c0-0c0s3n1
      1 Intel_P3600_Series_SSD
      Gen3

      c0-0c0s3n1
      1 Intel_P3600_Series_SSD
      Gen3

      c0-0c0s3n1
      1 PLX_switch
      Gen3

      c0-0c0s3n1
      1 Gen3

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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        x8
```

- 4. Initialize the new SSD to define the LVM structure, see *Initialize an SSD* on page 31.
- **5.** Set --no-drain for the new SSD node.

```
crayadm@sdb> dwcli update node --name hostname --no-drain
```

In this example, nid00350 is the new SSD node and nid00349 is a DWS-managed node located on the same blade.

The new SSD is enabled and its storage is added to the pool; however, the other nodes on the blade must also be enabled. Repeat the previous steps if there are multiple new DataWarp nodes.

- **6.** Enable the nodes that share the blade with the new SSD. Proceed based on node type:
 - DWS-managed SSD nodes: set the nodes to un-drain.

```
dwcli update node --name nid00349 --no-drain
```

Nodes not managed by DWS: refer to the software-specific documentation.

This completes the process of replacing a DataWarp SSD node.

6 Troubleshooting

6.1 Where are the Log Files?

The DataWarp scheduler daemon (dwsd), manager daemon (dwmd), and RESTful service (dwrest) write to local log files as well as to log files managed by the Lightweight Log Manager (LLM). logrotate manages the following local log files on the specified nodes:

- API gateway:/var/opt/cray/dws/log/dwmd.log, gunicorn.log
- API gateway:/var/log/nginx/access.log, error.log
- Scheduler node:/var/opt/cray/dws/log/dwsd.log
- Managed nodes:/var/opt/cray/dws/log/dwmd.log

By default, logrotate runs as a daily cron job. For further information, see the logrotate (8) and cron (8) man pages.

The following LLM-managed log files are located on the SMW at /var/opt/cray/log/p#-bootsession/dws:

- dwmd-date: multiple daemons (one for every managed node) log to this file
- dwsd-date: one daemon logs to this file
- dwrest-date: multiple daemons (one for every API gateway) can log to this file

For further information about LLM, see the intro LLM(8) man page.

6.2 Old Nodes in dwstat Output

The DataWarp Service (DWS) learns about node existence from two sources:

- 1. Heartbeat registrations between the dwsd process and the dwmd processes
- 2. Hostnames provided by workload managers as users are granted access to compute nodes as part of their batch jobs

The dwsd process on the sdb node stores the DWS state in its state file and controls the information displayed by dwstat nodes. On dwsd process restart, dwsd removes a node from its state file if the node meets the following criteria:

- 1. the node is not in a pool
- there are no instances on the node

- **3.** there are no activations on the node
- 4. the node does not belong to a session

If a node lingers in the dwstat nodes output longer than expected, verify the above criterion are met, and then restart the dwsd process on the sdb node: service dwsd restart.

6.3 Dispatch Requests

The DataWarp scheduler daemon, <code>dwsd</code>, is designed to dispatch requests to the <code>dwmd</code> processes as soon as there is work for the <code>dwmd</code> processes to perform. If the <code>dwsd</code> gets confused or has a bug, it may fail to dispatch a request at the appropriate time. If this is suspected, <code>send SIGUSR1</code> to the <code>dwsd</code> process on the sdb node, forcing it to look for tasks to perform.

```
sdb# kill -USR1 $(</var/opt/cray/dws/dwsd.pid)
sdb# tail -6 /var/opt/cray/dws/log/dwsd.log
2015-09-17 15:24:05 ======== Event on fd 4
2015-09-17 15:24:05 Caught signal User defined signal 1
2015-09-17 15:24:05 Alerting the task manager to wake up
2015-09-17 15:24:05 ========= Event on fd 7
2015-09-17 15:24:05 Finding tasks to spawn
2015-09-17 15:24:05 Nothing can be done right now
```

More likely than not, the dwsd cannot yet perform the action in question. Check if any nodes are not online (dwstat nodes) and if all prerequisites to the action are met. For example, the dwsd will not dispatch a request to create a configuration until after the corresponding instance has been created.

6.4 Recover After a Backwards-incompatible Upgrade

Prerequisites

• DataWarp administrator privileges (e.g., root, crayadm)

About this task

The DataWarp scheduler daemon, <code>dwsd</code>, relies on specific node and pool information, stored in state files, for correct operation. Occasionally, a DataWarp software upgrade may modify these state files such that the DataWarp service (DWS) is not backwards compatible with any state created by a previous DataWarp release. If this occurs, DataWarp does not come up correctly, and:

- The dwcli and dwstat commands fail and report a connection error to the dwsd daemon
- Messages similar to the following appear in both:

```
o sdb:/var/opt/cray/dws/log/dwsd.log
o smw:/var/opt/cray/log/p#-timestamp/dws/dwsd-timestamp
```

```
2015-11-13 15:51:07 State file is at v0.0
2015-11-13 15:51:07 ADMIN ALERT -> This version of dwsd expects state file v1.0, you have v0.0.
2015-11-13 15:51:07 ADMIN ALERT -> This version of dwsd is incompatible with the existing state
```

```
file located at /var/opt/cray/dws/dwsd.db. If you roll back to an older version of the DWS as well as underlying dependencies like DVS and kdwfs, you may be able to retrieve any existing data stored in your DataWarp instances. Otherwise, to get DWS working again, you can back up some DWS state (like pools) with the dwbackup tool and then later restore that state with the dwcli config restore tool. See the DataWarp man pages and other documentation for further details.

2015-11-13 15:51:07 src/dwsd/context.c:dwsd_context_init():356 -> Unable to initialize sqlite 2015-11-13 15:51:07 Daemon ran for 2 seconds

2015-11-13 15:51:07 src/dwsd/dwsd.c:main():66 -> Context initialization failed.
```

This procedure describes the steps to back up some DataWarp state (if not done prior to the software upgrade), remove the incompatible dwsd.db file, and restore the backed up state to an upgraded state file.

Procedure

1. Log in to the sdb node as root, and back up the DataWarp state if it was not backed up just prior to the software upgrade.

```
sdb# module load dws
sdb# dwbackup > /persistent/storage/my_dws_backup.json
```

2. Stop the dwsd service.

```
sdb# service dwsd stop
```

3. Move the existing DataWarp state file.

```
sdb# mv /var/opt/cray/dws/dwsd.db /var/opt/cray/dws/dwsd.db.old-$(date "+%Y%m%d%H%M%S")
```

4. Start the dwsd service.

```
sdb# service dwsd start
```

5. Wait 600 seconds, or restart dwmd on all SSD-endowed nodes.

```
sdb# module load pdsh
sdb# pdsh -w dwnode1,dwnode2,... 'kill -USR1 $(</var/opt/cray/dws/dwmd.pid)'
```

Where *dwnode#* is the hostname of any DataWarp server node.

6. Restore the backed up state to the upgraded state file.

```
sdb# dwcli config restore </persistent/storage/my-dw-backup.json
```

6.5 Stage In or Out Fails When Transferring a Large Number of Files

The stage in and stage out operations associated with DataWarp scratch configurations have default timeout settings that are configured in both the NGINX webserver and the dwrest application runner, Gunicorn. If the staging of a large number of files fails, the default settings may need increasing. The following symptoms may indicate that timeouts have been hit:

- Stage in of a directory generates error 404 and job becomes JobHeldAdmin
- HTTP 500 errors appear in the NGINX logs (API gateway: /var/log/nginx/access.log, error.log)
- WLM user receives a stage in or out failure after dwrest is forcibly restarted

The default timeout settings (in seconds) are as follows:

- NGINX proxy_read_timeout: 645
- dwrestgun timeout: 600

The disparity between the timeouts is due to a 30 second grace period with a 15 second buffer when data is actively transferred back to clients.

TIP: Maintain at least a 30 second buffer for the NGINX timeout when modifying these default values.

These default values routinely allow for 3,000 to 10,000 files to stage in or out each minute with the transfer of 100,000 files typically not triggering the timeout. This is a general heuristic, and Cray recommends adjusting these timeouts based on both the worst-case anticipated load and stage in/out performance measurements from the system.

Modify the Default Settings

The following is an overview of the procedure to modify the NGINX and dwrest timeout settings.

Create a site-local Ansible play in smw:/var/opt/cray/imps/config/sets/configset/ansible to
modify the default timeout setting for NGINX, a third-party package not directly affected by the Cray system
configurator. Set numsecs as desired.

```
# Datawarp site local play.
 name: Datawarp site local
 hosts: localhost
 vars:
   run_after:
    early
    - dws
  tasks:
    - name: fixup dwrest.conf
      lineinfile: >
        dest=/etc/nginx/conf.d/dwrest.conf
        regexp="^#?\s*proxy read timeout="
                              proxy_read_timeout=numsecs"
        line="
      when: not ansible_local.cray_system.in_init and
            ansible_local.cray_system.hostid in cray_dws.settings.service.data.api_gateway_nodes
     name: restart nginx
      service: name=nginx state=restarted
      when: not ansible_local.cray_system.in_init and
            ansible_local.cray_system.hostid in cray_dws.settings.service.data.api_gateway_nodes
```

2. Follow the procedure in *Modify DWS Advanced Settings* on page 41 to modify the default dwrestgun setting: timeout and to activate the changes and run the Ansible play.

IMPORTANT: Use the format timeout=secs if defining it for the first time; that is, if it is a non-displayed setting (as explained in the procedure).

7 Diagnostics

7.1 SEC Notification when 90% of SSD Life Expectancy is Reached

When a DataWarp SSD reaches 90% of its life expectancy, a message is written to the console log file. If enabled, the Simple Event Correlator (SEC) monitors system log files for significant events such as this and sends a notification (either by email, IRC, writing to a file, or some user-configurable combination of all three) that this has happened. The notification for nearing the end of life of an SSD is as follows:

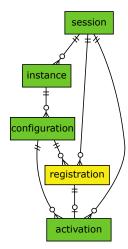
```
Mon 8/17/2015 3:17 PM
SEC: 15:17 sitename-systemname: Low SSD Life Remaining 8% c3-0c0s2n1 PCIe slot
Please contact your Cray support personnel or sales representative for SSD card
replacements.
 12 hours -- skip repeats period, applies on a per SSD basis.
 System:
            sitename-systemname, sn9000
           Low ioMemory SSD Life Remaining (8%) c3-0c0s2n1 PCIe faceplate slot:
Event:
Unknown (only one slot is populated in this node)
           15:17:04 in logged string.
Mon Aug 17 15:17:05 2015 -- Time when SEC observed the logged string.
 Entire line in log file:
 /var/opt/cray/log/p0-20150817t070336/console-20150817
 2015-08-17T15:17:04.871808-05:00 c3-0c0s2n1 PCIe slot#:-1,Name:ioMemory
SX300-3200, SN:1416G0636, Size:3200GB, Remaining life: 8%, Temperature:41(c)
 SEC rule file:
 /opt/cray/sec/default/rules/aries/h ssd remaining life.sr
Note:
 The skip repeats period is a period during which any repeats of this event
type that occur will not be reported by SEC. It begins when the first message
that triggered this email was observed by SEC.
```

For detailed information about configuring SEC, see the Configure Cray SEC Software publication.

8 Terminology

The following diagram shows the relationship between the majority of the DataWarp service terminology using Crow's foot notation. A session can have 0 or more instances, and an instance must belong to only one session. An instance can have 0 or more configurations, but a configuration must belong to only one instance. A registration belongs to only one configuration and only one session. Sessions and configurations can have 0 or more registrations. An activation must belong to only one configuration, registration and session. A configuration can have 0 or more activations. A registration is used by 0 or no activations. A session can have 0 or more activations.

Figure 11. DataWarp Component Relationships



Activation An object that represents making a DataWarp configuration available to one or more client

nodes, e.g., creating a mount point.

Client Node A compute node on which a configuration is activated; that is, where a DVS client mount

point is created. Client nodes have direct network connectivity to all DataWarp server nodes.

At least one parallel file system (PFS) is mounted on a client node.

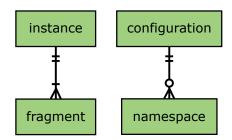
Configuration A configuration represents a way to use the DataWarp space.

Fragment A piece of an instance as it exists on a DataWarp service node.

The following diagram uses Crow's foot notation to illustrate the relationship between an instance-fragment and a configuration-namespace. One instance has one or more fragments; a fragment can belong to only one instance. A configuration has 0 or more namespaces; a namespace can belong to only one configuration.

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Figure 12. Instance/Fragment ↔ Configuration/Namespace Relationship



Instance A specific subset of the storage space comprised of DataWarp fragments, where no two

fragments exist on the same node. An instance is essentially raw space until there exists at least one DataWarp instance configuration that specifies how the space is to be used and

accessed.

DataWarp Service The DataWarp Service (DWS) manages access and configuration of DataWarp instances in

response to requests from a workload manager (WLM) or a user.

Fragment A piece of an instance as it exists on a DataWarp service node

Job Instance A DataWarp instance whose lifetime matches that of a batch job and is only accessible to

the batch job because the public attribute is not set.

Namespace A piece of a scratch configuration; think of it as a folder on a file system.

Node A DataWarp service node (with SSDs) or a compute node (without SSDs). Nodes with space

are server nodes; nodes without space are client nodes.

Persistent Instance A DataWarp instance whose lifetime matches that of possibly multiple batch jobs and may

be accessed by multiple user simultaneously because the public attribute is set.

Pool Groups server nodes together so that requests for capacity (instance requests) refer to a

pool rather than a bunch of nodes. Each pool has an overall quantity (maximum configured space), a granularity of allocation, and a unit type. The units are either bytes or nodes (currently only bytes are supported). Nodes that host storage capacity belong to at most one

pool.

Registration A known usage of a configuration by a session.

Server Node An IO service blade that contains two SSDs and has network connectivity to the PFS.

Session An intagible object (i.e., not visible to the application, job, or user) used to track interactions

with the DWS; typically maps to a batch job.

9 Prefixes for Binary and Decimal Multiples

Multiples of bytes						
SI decimal prefixes				IEC binary prefixes		
Name	Symbol	Standard SI	Binary Usage	Name	Symbol	Value
kilobyte	kB	10 ³	2 ¹⁰	kibibyte	KiB	2 ¹⁰
megabyte	MB	10 ⁶	2 ²⁰	mebibyte	MiB	2 ²⁰
gigabyte	GB	10 ⁹	2 ³⁰	gibibyte	GiB	2 ³⁰
terabyte	ТВ	10 ¹²	2 ⁴⁰	tebibyte	TiB	2 ⁴⁰
petabyte	PB	10 ¹⁵	2 ⁵⁰	pebibyte	PiB	2 ⁵⁰
exabyte	EB	10 ¹⁸	2 ⁶⁰	exbibyte	EiB	2 ⁶⁰
zettabyte	ZB	10 ²¹	2 ⁷⁰	zebibyte	ZiB	2 ⁷⁰
yottabyte	YB	10 ²⁴	2 ⁸⁰	yobibyte	YiB	2 ⁸⁰

For a detailed explanation, including a historical perspective, see http://physics.nist.gov/cuu/Units/binary.html.