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Introduction

HP-UX 11.0 Support Plus delivers diagnostics and HP-UX system patches. These patches enable new hardware and fix known defects. In some cases, a patch may deliver new software functionality. Each Support Plus release is cumulative, and completely replaces any previous Support Plus release for the same HP-UX version. This document provides pointers for more information and describes known problems with the release.

The Support Plus CD includes the following patch bundles and software:

- Hardware Enablement (HWE) patch bundle provides
 patches required for new systems and for add-on hardware
 supported on HP-UX 11.0. The bundle includes patches that
 may match or supersede patches found in other HP-UX
 patch bundles.
- Quality Pack (QPK) patch bundle includes all stable, defect fix patches for Core HP-UX, graphics, and key networking drivers. As of September 2001, the former General Release (GR) patch bundle has been consolidated with the QPK bundle. See the "Bundle Changes for September 2001" on page 14.

- Diagnostics (OnlineDiag) bundle includes Support Tool Manager (STM) for online diagnostics, Off-line Diagnostics Environment (ODE), Event Management Services (EMS) hardware monitors, Predictive Support (for servers only), and EMS Kernel Resource Monitor.
- Instant Capacity on Demand (iCOD) bundles include the Purchase product (in the B9073AA iCOD-purchase bundle) and the Pay-Per-Use product (in the T1322AA iCOD-utility bundle).

Notes

- Support Plus does *not* create a new HP-UX release. Support Plus provides you with patches to apply to your HP-UX release. You cannot use Support Plus to install a new OS.
- Code examples and path names in this document assume that the Support Plus CD is mounted to the /cdrom directory.

Known Problems in This Release

This section contains critical, last-minute information about patches on the Support Plus CD:

- PV sparing in latest LVM patches may not engage
- Workstation firmware patches not working with Ignite-UX
- PHCO_23876 (HP-UX 11.00 SAM/ObAM patch) does not support new drivers
- PHCO_23966 (HP-UX 11.00 SD patch) removes .supported_bits dependency
- Process Resource Manager may core dump on startup with libc patch loaded

For more detail on patches and diagnostics, see the readme file for the product. For the latest information, see the Support Plus web site:

http://software.hp.com/SUPPORT_PLUS

PV sparing in latest LVM patches may not engage

With PHKL_24268, the LVM feature known as "disk sparing" may not engage. Specifically, sparing happens correctly if a disk begins returning errors, but if a disk becomes unresponsive, LVM waits forever for it to come back instead of using a spare. Disk sparing requires installation of the optional MirrorDisk/UX product. Customers without MirrorDisk/UX, or those with MirrorDisk/UX but not using spare disks, are not affected.

This problem will not cause a system panic or hang, nor will it cause LVM data to become unavailable that otherwise would have been available. However, a system administrator must intervene manually or the system is vulnerable to a second failure. When disk sparing works correctly, the system is only vulnerable to a second failure for a brief time, measured in minutes, while LVM copies data from a mirror to the spare.

The HWE1100 and QPK1100 bundles will continue to provide PHKL_24268 for the support of the current HP disk arrays and other critical fixes for LVM.

PHKL_24268 is found in these bundles:

Mar. 2002 HWE1100 and QPK1100

Dec. 2001 HWE1100

Sep. 2001 XSWHWCR1100

Workstation firmware patches not working with Ignite-UX

PHSS_22901, PHSS_21385, and PHSS_24105 (HP-UX 11.00 B-, C-, and J-Class firmware patches) fail to update the system firmware correctly when they are included in an OS archive (also known as a golden or system image). Ignite-UX uses the archive to load a system. During the Ignite-UX session, an error similar to the following is generated:

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ERROR: Cannot find the utility: lifcp
ERROR: The script: "/var/adm/sw/proucts/PHSS_24105
    /pfiles/iux postload" failed, exit code was 1.
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The behavior is due to the omission of the directory /usr/bin in the PATH variable defined in the iux_postload script. Please note that the patch does install correctly using swinstall(1M). The behavior only occurs when the patch is included in an OS archive installed by Ignite-UX. The behavior is corrected in PHSS_25982, which is released.

Because the behavior does not have a negative effect on the system (it simply does not update the system firmware) it is not necessary to remove PHSS_22901, PHSS_23185, or PHSS_24105 from systems on which they are installed. However, in order to avoid this behavior, HP does recommend that PHSS_25982 be

installed on systems that will be used to create an OS archive, which may be loaded on other systems with Ignite-UX.

PHSS 24105 is found in these bundles:

Sep 2001 QPK1100 and XSWHWCR1100

Dec 2001 QPK1100 and HWE1100

Mar 2002 OPK1100 and HWE1100

PHSS 23185 is found in this bundle:

Jun 2001 XSWGR1100 and XSWHWCR1100

PHSS_22901 is found in this bundle:

Mar 2001 XSWHWCR1100

PHCO_23876 (HP-UX 11.00 SAM/ObAM patch) does not support new drivers

The current HP-UX 11.00 cumulative SAM/ObAM patch (PHCO_23876) cannot configure the new graphics (gvid) driver and Ultra160 SCSI driver (c8xx) that were introduced in the March 2002 release of the HWE1100 bundle. A future HP-UX 11.00 SAM/ObAM patch will add these new drivers to the Kernel Configuration tool supported by SAM.

PHCO_23876 is found in these bundles:

March 2002: HWE1100 and QPK1100

December 2001: HWE1100 and QPK1100

September 2001: XSWHWCR1100 and QPK1100

PHCO_23966 (HP-UX 11.00 SD patch) removes .supported_bits dependency

The HP-UX 11.00 Software Distributor (SD) patch (starting with PHCO_22526) has removed the need to update the

.supported_bits file with the latest model strings for new HP systems. The HP-UX 11.00 SD patch now uses the same mechanism as HP-UX 11.11 SD to select the 64-bit filesets for most of the newer HP systems. With this improvement, HP has no need to supersede PHCO_23169 (cumulative 64-bit hardware enablement patch) that delivers the .supported_bits file.

PHCO_23966 is found in these bundles:

March 2002: HWE1100 and QPK1100

December 2001: HWE1100 and QPK1100

September 2001: XSWHWCR1100 and QPK1100

Process Resource Manager may core dump on startup with libc patch loaded

If you use Process Resource Manager (PRM) version 1.08 or 1.08.2, /opt/prm/bin/prm3d may core dump at startup if either PHCO_23770 or PHCO_24148 (libc cumulative patches) are loaded and PRM is running. The following message displays:

Assertion failed:!isLocked_,filedaemon.cc, line232

To solve the problem, load PRM 2.0 (or later) from the September 2001 (or later) Application Release (AR) media. If you do not experience the core dump at startup, you will probably not encounter problems. while PRM is running.

PHCO_23770 is found in these bundles:

September 2001 QPK1100 and XSWHWCR1100

December 2001 QPK1100

 $PHCO_24148$ is found in these bundles:

December 2001 XSWHWCR1100

March 2002 QPK1100 and XSWHWCR1100

General Notes

The notes apply to all Support Plus releases for HP-UX 11.0. Check your system against this information with each release.

Load the OnlineDiag Bundle

If you remove or do not install the OnlineDiag bundle, some products with dependencies on OnlineDiag will not function correctly.

To ensure the reliability of your computer system, HP strongly recommends that you load the OnlineDiag bundle.

- Each Support Plus release provides the latest tools and hardware monitors. You need them for the Predictive Support product in the OnlineDiag bundle on Support Plus media.
- These tools give you multiple protection against hardware failures.
- The Support Tools make it much easier to troubleshoot and fix hardware failures if they occur.

For the latest updates, see the web site:

http://docs.hp.com/hpux/onlinedocs/diag/st/st_read.htm

Bundle Changes for December 2001

In the December 2001 release, the HP-UX 11.0 Hardware Enablement (HWE) bundle replaces the HP-UX 11.0 Hardware/Critical (HWCR) bundle. The HWE bundle provides the minimal number of patches for supporting new and legacy hardware using the HP-UX 11.0 OS. Critical patches found previously in the HWCR bundle are available in the Quality Pack bundle.

Bundle Changes for September 2001

Also, in the September HP-UX 11.0 release, the updated Quality Pack (QPK) bundle replaced the General Release (GR) patch bundle. HP has eliminated separate patch bundles on the HP-UX 11.0 Support Plus CD for servers versus workstations.

For the most current information, see the Support Plus web site:

http://software.hp.com/SUPPORT_PLUS

If you have immediate questions or concerns regarding these changes, please send e-mail to the following:

supportplus@hp.com

Getting Installation Instructions

For detailed installation instructions, see the *Support Plus User Guide*, which is on the Support Plus CD in both Portable Document Format (PDF) and Postscript (PS) format:

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/cdrom/USRGUIDE.PDF
/cdrom/USRGUIDE.PS
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The Support Plus User Guide includes information about:

- Deciding which bundle you need
- Setting up access to Support Plus depots
- Installing the patch bundles
- Using bootable offline diagnostics and utilities
- Additional information about help and documentation resources

Also included on each Support Plus CD:

- Bundle readme files in text and HTML format with hyperlinks to the patch text files, located at the same directory level as each bundle.
- Patch text files for all patches on the CD, located in the

/cdrom/TEXT_FILES directory.

- Diagnostics readme files and other information in PDF files in the /cdrom/DIAGNOSTICS directory.
- Detailed technical reference for patch operations: /cdrom/PATCH_TUTORIAL.PDF

Refer to the Support Plus web site for the most current information about Support Plus in this release:

http://software.hp.com/SUPPORT_PLUS

Mounting the Support Plus CD

- 1. On your system, open a terminal window and log in as root.
- 2. Insert the Support Plus CD into the drive.
- 3. If necessary, define a new directory as the mount point for the CD drive. To define /cdrom as the mount point, enter:

 mkdir /cdrom
- 4. If necessary, identify the drive device file:

ioscan -fnC disk

This command lists all recognized CD drives and their associated device files. The file name will be something similar to /dev/dsk/clt2d0.

- 5. Mount the CD drive to the mount-point directory:
 - mount -r /dev/dsk/c1t2d0 /cdrom
- 6. You can now access the CD via the mount-point directory. For example:
 - ls /cdrom

Downloading Patches and Getting Help

To download individual patches not included in this release or media, or to get technical support and other patch management services, see the HP IT Resource Center (ITRC) web site:

http://itrc.hp.com

Use the ITRC to do the following:

- Find and download patches quickly and accurately.
- Access customized support tools quickly.
- Make informed decisions with proactive information.
- Access a rich, knowledge database to solve problems quickly.
- Submit hardware and software calls online.
- Get one-stop access to software updates for your support entitlements.



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