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About this guide

This guide describes how to troubleshoot problems you may encounter when using Data Protector. It contains general problems and proposed actions to solve them.

Note: This guide does not contain troubleshooting information that is specific to the Data Protector installation, integrations, zero downtime backup functionality, and disaster recovery. The related information is covered in the respective guides.

Intended audience

This guide is intended for backup administrators responsible for maintaining and backing up systems on the network.

Document conventions and symbols

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Convention	Element
Blue text: "Document conventions" (page 13)	Cross-reference links and e-mail addresses
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Bold text	 Keys that are pressed Text typed into a GUI element, such as a box GUI elements that are clicked or selected, such as menu and list items, buttons, tabs, and check boxes
Italic text	Text emphasis
Monospace text	 File and directory names System output Code Commands, their arguments, and argument values
Monospace, italic text	Code variablesCommand variables
Monospace, bold text	Emphasized monospace text

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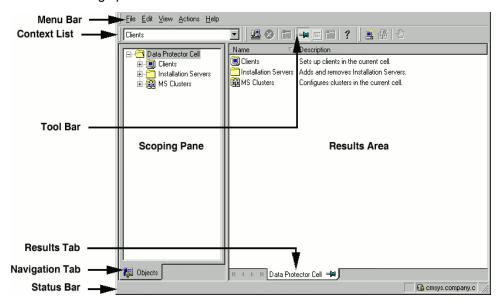
Note: Provides additional information.

Tip: Provides helpful hints and shortcuts.

Data Protector graphical user interface

Data Protector provides a cross-platform (Windows and UNIX) graphical user interface. For information about the Data Protector graphical user interface, see the HPE Data Protector Help.

Data Protector graphical user interface



General information

General information about Data Protector can be found at http://www.hp.com/go/dataprotector.

HPE technical support

For worldwide technical support information, see the HPE support website:

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Chapter 1: About Troubleshooting Data Protector

If you encounter problems when using Data Protector, you can often solve them yourself. This guide is intended to help you.

How to troubleshoot

To solve problems quickly and efficiently:

- 1. Make yourself familiar with the general troubleshooting information.
- 2. Check if your problem is described in the HPE Data Protector Help file or the troubleshooting sections of applicable guides:
 - To troubleshoot installation and upgrade, see the HPE Data Protector Installation Guide.
 - To troubleshoot application integration sessions, see the HPE Data Protector Integration Guide.
 - To troubleshoot zero downtime backup and instant recovery, see the HPE Data Protector Zero
 Downtime Backup Administrator's Guide and HPE Data Protector Zero Downtime Backup Integration
 Guide.
 - To troubleshoot disaster recovery, see the HPE Data Protector Disaster Recovery Guide.
- 3. If you cannot find a solution to your problem, report the problem to the HPE Customer Support Service.

Tip: For an overview and hints on performance aspects of Data Protector, see the *HPE Data Protector Help* index: "performance".

General checks

Before proceeding, ensure that:

- You are not running into known limitations that cannot currently be overcome. For specific information on Data Protector limitations and recommendations, as well as known Data Protector and non-Data Protector problems, see the HPE Data Protector Product Announcements, Software Notes, and References.
- Your problem is not related to third-party hardware or software. In this case, contact the respective vendor for support.
- You have the latest Data Protector patches installed. Patches can be obtained from: http://support.hp.com
 On how to check which Data Protector patches are installed on your system, see the HPE Data Protector Help index: "patches".
- You have appropriate operating system patches installed.

The required operating system patches are listed in the *HPE Data Protector Product Announcements*, *Software Notes*, *and References*.

- For application backups, the backup is not failing because the application is down.
- The debug logs or redo logs filesystem has not overflown.
- The application data filesystem has not overflown.
- The system is not running low on memory.

About Data Protector Log Files

If you encounter a problem using Data Protector, the information in the log files can help you determine the problem.

Location of log files

Most Data Protector log files are located in:

Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows Server 2008, Windows Server 2012: Data_ Protector_program_data\log

Other Windows systems: Data_Protector_home\log

HP-UX, **Solaris**, **and Linux systems**: /var/opt/omni/log and /var/opt/omni/server/log (the latter only on HP-UX and Linux systems)

Other UNIX systems and Mac OS X systems: /usr/omni/log

Format of log files

Most Data Protector log file entries are of the following format:

time_stamp process.PID.Thread_ID source_file_info Data Protector_version log_entry_
message

Example

03/16/2013 8:47:00 AM INET.3048.3036 ["inetnt/allow_deny.c /main/dp61/6":467] 9.07 b330 A request 0 (BDF) came from host computer.company.com (10.17.xx.xxx) which is not in AllowList: not proceeding with this request!

Contents of log files

The table below describes the Data Protector log files:

Data Protector log files

Log file	Description	
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debug.log	Contains unexpected conditions. While some can help you, the information is mainly used by the support organization.	
inet.log	Contains local security related events for the client, such as denied requests. On UNIX systems, it contains also all requests made to the Data Protector Inet service.	
enhincr.log	Contains information on enhanced incremental backup activities, for example, detailed error information for problems with the enhanced incremental backup repository.	
Ob2EventLog.txt	Contains Data Protector events and notifications. The Event Log represents a centralized Data Protector event depository.	
media.log	Each time a medium is used for backup, initialized, or imported, a new entry is created in this log file. The file can be used when recovering the IDB to find the medium with the IDB backup and to find out which media have been used after the last backup of the IDB.	
omnisv.log	Contains information on when Data Protector services were stopped and started.	
security.log	Contains security related events on the Cell Manager. Some events may be a result of normal operation and simply mean that an operation was attempted that is not allowed by a particular user. On the other hand, events can indicate that deliberate break-in attempts may be in progress.	
	Contains traces of the background purge of the IDB.	
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	time, and number of requests. The files reside in: Windows systems:Data_Protector_program_data\log\Server UNIX systems:/var/opt/omni/log/Server
upgrade.log	This log is created during upgrade and contains upgrade core part (UCP) and upgrade detail part (UDP) messages.
DPIDBsetup_ PID.log (UNIX systems specific)	This log is created during upgrade and contains traces of the upgrade process.
IS_install.log	Contains a trace of remote installation and resides on the Installation Server.
<pre>sap.log, oracle8.log, informix.log, sybase.log, db2.log</pre>	Application specific logs contain traces of integration calls between the application and Data Protector. The files reside on the application systems.

About Data Protector Telemetry Files

Data Protector gathers and collects the following high-level information for telemetrics:

- Host OS version
- Data Protector components and its versions
- Devices or Media Servers Are associated to a client in the Cell Manager. It includes the host name
 details where the device is attached, name of the device, library name, pool name where the media
 is placed, and device type.
- Schedules The schedule telemetry exposes information grouped by backup and session types. It
 represents the number of full and incremental backup processes scheduled every year by backup
 and session types.
- Capacity Based Licensing (CBL) CBL is leveraged to gather information on capacity. For more information, see the *HPE Data Protector Installation Guide*.
- License categories Lists the number of licenses available in Data Protector.

Note: The customer related internal information is gathered, but the Host information is masked or replaced with a character numeric format.

Once the telemetric data is collected, the data is uploaded to Support using the debug logs. For further information, see the Using the omnidle command from the CLI to process debug files or the HPE Data Protector Command Line Interface Reference.

Enabling telemetry files

You can enable the telemetry files from the Clients context or Internal Database context.

To enable telemetry files from the **Clients** context:

- 1. In the Scoping Pane, expand the **Clients** folder and select the client for which telemetry files are required.
- 2. Right-click on the selection and select the required operation: **Collect Debug Files** or **Calculate Debug Files Space**

The Debug File Collector - Options (Or) Debug File Space Calculation - Options page is displayed.

3. Select Telemetry files.

OR

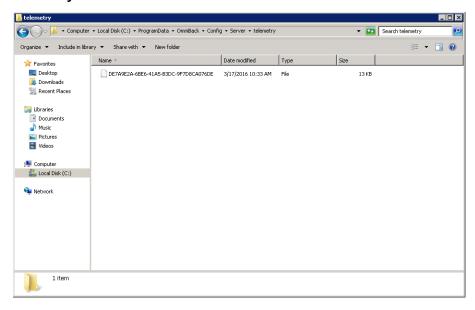
To enable telemetry files from the **Internal Database** context:

- 1. In the Scoping Pane, expand the **Sessions** folder and select the session for which telemetry files are required.
- Right-click on the selection and select Collect Debug Files operation.
 The Debug File Collector Options page is displayed.
- 3. Select Telemetry files.

The telemetry data files are stored in the following location (see Telemetry data files location):

Data_Protector_program_data/config/server/telemetry

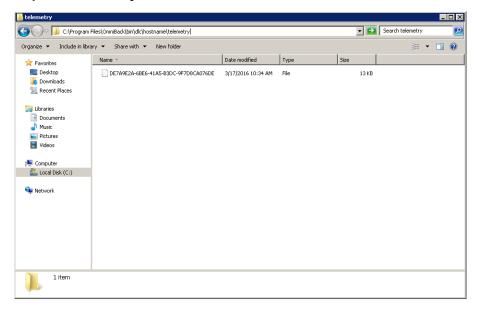
Telemetry data files location



The unpacked telemetry files are saved in the following location (see Unpacked telemetry files location):

dlc/<hostname>/telemetry

Unpacked telemetry files location



Note: The Cell Manager performance will not be impacted significantly during the collection of telemetry data.

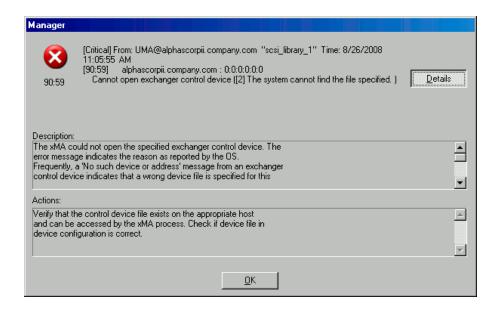
About Data Protector Error Messages

Many Data Protector error messages have troubleshooting information associated with them, providing detailed explanations of errors and suggestions for correcting problems. Such messages contain an error number that can be used to access this information.

Error messages in the Data Protector GUI

Some error messages in the session output provide the error number, presented as a clickable link. If you click the link, the error message dialog displays more information about the error. Click **Details** for a detailed description of the error and suggested actions.

Sample error message dialog



Error messages in the Data Protector CLI

If you receive an error message containing the error number in the Data Protector CLI, you can look up the error details in the troubleshooting file. This is a text file containing all Data Protector error messages, each of them with a description and possible actions.

The troubleshooting file is located on the Cell Manager:

Windows systems:Data Protector home\help\enu\Trouble.txt

UNIX systems:/opt/omni/gui/help/C/Trouble.txt

Example

MESSAGE:

[12:1051] Client security violation. Access denied.

DESCRIPTION:

The target host is secured and has been accessed by a host that is not on its list of cell authorities.

ACTTON:

- * Check and update the client's list of cell authorities.
- * In case your client has been locked out, edit the allow_hosts file manually.

About Data Protector Customization

Sometimes you can solve Data Protector issues by customizing its global or omnirc options.

Global options

Global options are a set of parameters, such as timeouts and limits, that define behavior of the entire Data Protector cell. They can be set on the Cell Manager.

Note: Most users should be able to operate the Data Protector without changing the global options.

Global options can be set in two ways:

- "Customizing the Data Protector Global Options" on page 26
- "Customizing Options By Editing The Global File" on page 27

Most often used global options

The following list includes the most often used global options. See the global options file for a complete description.

Global option	Description
MaxSessions	Specifies the maximum number of Data Protector sessions (of any type) that can concurrently run in the cell. Default: 1000.
MaxBSessions	Specifies the maximum number of Data Protector backup sessions that can concurrently run in the cell. Default: 100.
MaxMAperSM	Specifies the maximum number of Data Protector backup devices that can be concurrently used in one backup, object copy, object consolidation, or restore session. Default: 100.
MaxDAperMA	Specifies the maximum Disk Agent concurrency (device concurrency) for Data Protector backup, object copy, and object consolidations sessions. Default: 32.
DCDirAllocation	Determines the algorithm used for selecting the DC (Detail Catalog) directory for a new DC binary file: Fill in sequence, Balance size (default), Balance number.
	For more information on the DC directory selection algorithms, see the <i>HPE Data Protector Help</i> index: "maintenance of DCBF".
MediaView	Changes the fields and their order in the Media Management context.
InitOnLoosePolicy	Enables Data Protector to automatically initialize

	blank or unknown media if the loose media policy is used.
DailyMaintenanceTime	Determines the time after which the daily maintenance tasks can begin. Default: 12:00 (noon).
	For a list of daily maintenance tasks, see the <i>HPE Data Protector Help</i> index: "checks performed by Data Protector".
DailyCheckTime	Determines the time after which the daily check can begin. Default: 12:30 P.M You can also disable the daily check.
	For a list of daily check tasks, see the <i>HPE Data Protector Help</i> index: "checks performed by Data Protector".
SessionStatusWhenNoObjectToCopy and SessionStatusWhenNoObjectToConsolidate	Enable you to control the session status of object copy and object consolidation sessions if there are no objects to copy or to consolidate.
	If the value is set to:
	Ø (default), then the session will be marked as failed and a critical error will be displayed.
	1, then the session will be marked as successful and a warning will be displayed.
	2, then the session will be marked as successful and a normal message will be displayed.
SetInitialMediumProtection	Ensures that the new media is protected. The value must be set to 1 to prevent data loss during the backup or copy sessions of the unprotected media.

Omnirc options

The omnirc options are useful for troubleshooting or overriding other settings affecting the behavior of the Data Protector client only. However, use them only if your operating environment demands it. The Disk Agents and Media Agents use the values of these options.

The omnirc options can be set on each client in the file:

Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows Server 2008, Windows Server 2012: Data_ Protector_program_data\omnirc

Other Windows systems: Data_Protector_home\omnirc
HP-UX, Solaris, and Linux systems: /opt/omni/.omnirc

Other UNIX systems and Mac OS X systems: /usr/omni/.omnirc

How to use omnirc options?

To set omnirc options:

- Depending on the platform, copy the template omnirc.tmpl or .omnirc.TMPL to omnirc or .omnirc, respectively.
- 2. Edit the file omnirc or .omnirc. Uncomment the line of the desired option by removing the "#" mark, and set the desired value.
- 3. After setting the options:
 - When creating the omnirc file (either by copying or by using an editor), verify its permissions.
 On UNIX systems, permissions will be set according to your umask settings and may be such that some processes may be unable to read the file.
 - Set the permissions to 644 manually.
 - When changing the omnirc file, restart the Data Protector services/daemons on the Data
 Protector client where you modified the omnirc file. This is mandatory for the crs daemon on
 UNIX systems and recommended for Data Protector CRS and Inet services on Windows
 systems. Specifically on Windows, restarting is not required when adding or changing entries,
 only when removing entries (or renaming the file).

Note: When using special characters in option names in the omnirc file, take into account operating system specific limitations regarding supported characters for setting environment variables. For example, on UNIX systems, variables cannot contain any of the following characters: Space Tab /: *" <>|.

On how to set omnirc options during disaster recovery, see the *HPE Data Protector Disaster Recovery Guide*.

Most often used omnirc options

The following list includes the most often used omnirc options. See the omnirc file for a complete description.

Omnirc option	Description
OB2_SSH_ENABLED	To enable secure remote installation using secure shell (SSH), set this option to 1 on the Installation Server. The default value is \emptyset (not set).
OB2_SHOW_BTRFS_MOUNTS	To backup the explicitly mounted volumes, you need to export the omnirc variable (OB2_SHOW_BTRFS_MOUNTS) that will force inet to send all volumes back. The OB2_SHOW_BTRFS_MOUNTS variable needs to be set to 1.
OB2_ENCRYPT_PVT_KEY	To use encrypted private keys for secure remote installation, set this option to 1 on the Installation Server. The default value is 0 (not set).
OB2_ENCRYPT_MEDIUM_ STRICT	Enables you to control whether to strictly use drive-based encryption in backup, object consolidation, object copy, and automated media copy

	sessions. The option is only considered when the GUI option Drive- based encryption is selected for the current session.
	If the value is set to 1, then:
	if the selected tape drive does not support encryption, the session will be aborted by default.
	 if the selected tape drive supports encryption, but the medium in it does not support encryption, a mount request will be issued (in case of a standalone tape drive) or the next available medium will be checked for encryption support first and eventually a mount request will be issued if no media with encryption support are found (in case of a tape library).
	 if the selected tape drive and the medium in it both support encryption, the data writing operation will be performed in an encrypted mode.
	If the value is set to 0, then:
	if the selected tape drive does not support encryption, the data writing operation will be performed in an unencrypted mode.
	 if the selected tape drive supports encryption, but the medium in it does not support encryption, the data writing operation will be performed in an unencrypted mode.
	 if the selected tape drive and the medium in it both support encryption, the data writing operation will be performed in an encrypted mode.
OB2_ENCRYPT_FORCE_ FORMAT	Enables you to control the formatting behavior when using Data Protector drive-based encryption.
	If the value is set to:
	Ø (default), a formatting operation aborts.
	1, a formatting operation is forced.
OB2_AES_ COMPATIBILITY_MODE	Data restored from AES encrypted backups created using Data Protector versions (DP 7.03_108, 8.14, 8.14_209, 8.14_210, 9.03, and 9.04) is not useful. Correcting this requires a manual intervention.
	To restore AES-256 software encrypted backups created using Data Protector versions (DP 7.03_108, 8.14, 8.14_209, 8.14_210, 9.03, and 9.04), set this option to 1 in the omnirc file on the client that needs to be restored.
	To restore AES-256 software encrypted backups created using other Data Protector versions, set this option to 0 (or) remove this option from the omnirc file, and restart the inet daemon on that specific client.
OB2BLKPADDING_n	Specifies the number of empty blocks written to media at the initialization time. When copying media, this helps to prevent the target media from running out of space before all data is copied.

OB2DEVSLEEP	Changes the sleep time between each retry while loading a device.
OB2ENCODE	Enables you to always use data encoding, regardless of how the backup options are set in the backup specification.
OB20EXECOFF	Enables you to restrict or disable any object pre- and post-exec scripts defined in backup specifications for a specific client.
OB2REXECOFF	Enables you to disable any remote session pre- and post-exec scripts for a specific client.
OB2CHECKCHANGETIME	Defines when to use the "last inode change" time for incremental
(UNIX systems specific)	backups.
OB2INCRDIFFTIME	Specifies an "incremental latency" period that is enforced when checking the "last inode change" time with incremental backups. This option takes effect only when the OB2CHECKCHANGETIME option is set to 2.
(UNIX systems specific)	
OB2RECONNECT_ACK	Defines how long Data Protector should wait for a message of acknowledgment (default: 1200 seconds). If the agent does not get an acknowledgment in this time, it assumes that the socket connection is no longer valid.
OB2RECONNECT_RETRY	Defines how long a Data Protector Disk Agent or Media Agent should try to reconnect after a connection failure. Default: 600 seconds.
OB2SHMEM_IPCGLOBAL	This option should be set to 1 on HP-UX clients that have both the Disk Agent and a Media Agent installed in case the following error occurs during backup:
	Cannot allocate/attach shared memory (IPC Cannot Allocate Shared Memory Segment)
	System error: [13] Permission denied) => aborting
OB2VXDIRECT	Enables direct reading (without cache) for Advanced VxFS filesystems, which improves performance.
OB2_CLP_MAX_ENTRIES	Sets the number of entries the Windows NTFS Change Log Provider
(Windows systems specific)	can hold in memory. The amount of memory that the Change Log Provider uses depends on the filename length of all entries. Minimum: 15 000 entries (this represents approximately 25 MB of RAM). Default: 100 000 entries (approximately 120 MB of RAM). If the number is changed to a smaller value so that not all entries can be kept in memory, the backup time may increase.
OB2_CLP_CREATE_EI_ REPOSITORY (Windows systems specific)	Specifies whether the Windows NTFS Change Log Provider creates the Enhanced Incremental Repository the first time it runs. Set this option to 1 to create the Enhanced Incremental Repository. Default: 0 (not created). With this option set, the backup time increases, since the Enhanced Incremental Repository is always updated. However, this enables a fallback to a conventional enhanced incremental backup.

OB2_ENHINC_SQLITE_ MAX_ROWS	Specifies the maximum number of rows in the enhanced incremental backup database (SQLite on Windows, HP-UX, and Linux systems) that can be stored in the internal memory cache. If the backup consists of a large number (millions) of directories, this option is used to improve the Disk Agent performance by increasing the maximum number of rows stored in the cache.
OB2SANCONFSCSITIMEOUT (Windows systems specific)	Sets the timeout for sanconf related operations. It must be set on all clients affected by sanconf before running the command. Default: 20 seconds.
OB2PORTRANGE	Limits the range of port numbers that Data Protector uses when allocating listen ports dynamically. This option is typically set to enable the administration of a cell through a firewall. Note that the firewall needs to be configured separately and that the specified range does not affect the Inet listen port.
OB2PORTRANGESPEC	Limits the range of port numbers that specific Data Protector processes use. Note that the firewall needs to be configured separately and that the specified range does not affect the Inet listen port. For examples of port range configuration, see the HPE Data Protector Help index: "firewall support".
OB2HSMBACKUPALL	To backup files with offline attribute, set this option to 1. The default value is 0 (not set) and therefore, the backup process skips all files with offline attribute. After you enable this option to 1, the Disk Agent checks for all files with offline attribute on Storage Optimizer, and performs the backup operation. In case of a file with a reparse point, only a stub backup is performed on Windows operating systems. Storage Optimizer creates soft links in case of Linux operating systems. In case of files with offline attribute that do not have a reparse point, it depends on the Hierarchical Storage Management (HSM) product whether a data re-call and re-hydration is performed before backing up. This can cause high I/O traffic and system overload. For more information, see HSM product documentation. Note: Reparse point refers to the location from where the external files are considered.

Customizing the Data Protector Global Options

In the Data Protector global options file, you can modify values of global options or add new ones.

Prerequisites

• Your user account must be a member of a Data Protector Admin user group.

Setting the global options using GUI

Steps

To set global options using the GUI:

- 1. In the Context List, click Internal Database.
- In the Scoping Pane, under Internal Database, click Global Options.
 In Results area, the Data Protector Global Options table is displayed, consisting of six columns:
 - Group represents the contextual section the option belongs to.
 - In use indicates the status of an option. Selected options are active, while the empty check box indicates the inactive options that are commented out in the global options file.
 - Name
 - Origin indicates the file which the option is loaded from.
 - Value represents the value to which the option is currently set.
 - Description informs you how to use the option.
- 3. To modify an option in the Results Pane, in the Value column click on the value you want to change, click the Edit icon and enter a new one. Click **Save** to save the option.

To add an option, click the Add icon , fill in the dialog box with option parameters and click Add.

4. At the top of the Results Pane, click the Save icon

You can also modify multiple rows before saving.

To change the table appearance, use the filters in the table headings.

In case anything goes wrong during the saving process, a copy of the original global options file named global.old is made in the global options folder.

Customizing Options By Editing The Global File

Besides using the GUI, you can edit the global file in a text editor to set the Data Protector global options.

Caution: HPE recommends using the GUI to set the global options, as it ensures validation of changes upon saving and reduces the chance of issues arising from the out-of-range or invalid settings, accidental deletions, typographical or spelling errors.

Steps

- 1. Open any text editor
- 2. In the text editor, open the global file, located in the default Data Protector server configuration directory, in the options subdirectory.
- 3. To activate an option, remove the # mark in front of its name and set it to the desired value.
- 4. Save the file in the Unicode format.

Chapter 2: Troubleshooting Networking and Communication

Hostname resolution problems

An important aspect of the TCP/IP configuration process is the setup of a hostname resolution mechanism.

For successful communication, host A needs to resolve host B by its fully qualified domain name (FQDN). Resolving a host means that host A can interpret the FQDN of host B and determine its IP address.

Hostname resolution must be provided at least for the following:

- Each client must be able to resolve the address of the Cell Manager and the clients with Media Agents.
- The Cell Manager must be able to resolve the names of all clients in the cell.
- The MoM Server, if used, must additionally be able to resolve the names of all Cell Managers in the MoM environment.

Checking the TCP/IP setup

Once you have the TCP/IP protocol installed, you can use the ping and ipconfig (Windows systems) or ifconfig (UNIX systems) utilities to verify the TCP/IP configuration.

Note that on some systems the ping command cannot be used for IPv6 addresses, the ping6 command should be used instead.

Testing DNS resolution

Test DNS resolution among hosts by running:

omnicheck -dns

This will check all DNS connections needed for normal Data Protector operation.

For more information on the command, see the omnicheck man page or the HPE Data Protector Command Line Interface Reference.

Connected system presents itself as client X

Problem

The response to the omnicheck command is:

client_1 connects to client_2, but connected system presents itself as client_3

The hosts file on client_1 is not correctly configured or the hostname of client_2 does not match its DNS name.

Action

Consult your network administrator. Depending on how your environment is configured to perform name resolution, the problem needs to be resolved either in your DNS configuration or the hosts file on the affected clients, located in:

Windows systems:%SystemRoot%\system32\drivers\etc

UNIX systems:/etc

Client A failed to connect to client B

Problem

The response to the omnicheck command is:

client_1 failed to connect to client_2

The hosts file on client_1 is not correctly configured or client_2 is unreachable (for example disconnected).

Action

Configure the hosts file correctly or connect the disconnected system.

Cannot connect to client X

Problem

The response to the omnicheck command is:

client_1 cannot connect to client_2

This means that the packet has been sent, but not received because of a timeout.

Action

Check for network problems on the remote host and resolve them.

Checking time settings in the cell

Problem

Data Protector uses timestamps extensively for communication between various cell components (Cell Manager, clients). If the system clocks on the Cell Manager and clients differ significantly,

such as weeks or even months (for example, if you changed settings for testing purposes, the system clock was not updated after a restore of a virtual machine and so on), unexpected results may occur, including communication errors, failures to search or restore backups, and similar.

Action

Check the system time settings and make sure that the system clocks do not differ significantly.

Note that if the clock on the client is not synchronized with the clock on the Cell Manager, the certificate may become invalid, thus resulting in failed authentication. For example, when the clock on the Cell Manager is ahead of the clock on the client, the certificate created during installation is not yet valid for the client attempting to connect to it.

Recovering from power outages

The IDB is not reachable after a system recovery

Problem

The database is capable to recover into a consistent state after such unexpected events as power outages, severe operating system or hardware failures, and so on. However, the first access to the database (after the system recovery) might fail with an internal error. This is a temporary problem which occurs only once.

Action

Reaccess the database.

Data Protector sessions are actually not running but remain marked as In Progress

Problem

In the Internal Database context of the Data Protector GUI, the session status of one or more Data Protector sessions that are actually not running remains marked as In Progress.

Action

- Close the Data Protector GUI.
- 2. Execute the omnidbutil -clear command to set the status of all sessions that are actually not running but are marked as In Progress to Failed.
- 3. Restart the Data Protector GUI.

The hpdp-idb-cp service fails to start

Problem

The hpdp-idb-cp service does not start.

Action

- 1. Stop the Data Protector services.
- 2. Delete the following file:

Windows systems: Data_Protector_program_data\log\hpdp-idb-cp.pid

UNIX systems: /var/opt/omni/log/pgbouncer.pid

Restart the Data Protector services.

Novell Open Enterprise Server (OES) problems

TSA login denied

Problem

The following message is displayed:

From: VRDA@computer.company.com

"/media/nss/NSS_VOLUME_5"

TSA: Cannot connect to Target Service (login denied).

Action

Run the HPLOGIN utility /usr/omni/bin/hplogin with the correct user credentials.

Other problems

Client fails with "Connection reset by peer"

Problem

On Windows systems, default configuration parameters of the TCP/IP protocol may cause problems with connectivity. This may happen due to a high network or computer use, unreliable network, or especially when connecting to a different operating system. The following error is reported:

[10054] Connection reset by peer.

Action

You can configure the TCP/IP protocol to use 8 instead of the default 5 retransmissions. It is better not to use higher values because each increment doubles the timeout. The setting applies to all network connections, not only to connections used by Data Protector.

If the Cell Manager is running on a Windows system, apply the change on the Cell Manager system first. If the problem persists or if the Cell Manager is running on a UNIX system, apply the change to the problematic Windows clients.

- 1. Add the DWORD parameter TcpMaxDataRetransmissions and set its value to 0x00000008(8) under the following registry key:
 - HKEY LOCAL MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet \Services\Tcpip\Parameters
- 2. Restart the system.

Caution: Making a mistake when editing the registry may cause your system to become unstable or even unusable.

Client fails with "The client is not a member of any cell"

Problem

When performing a Data Protector operation on a client and the Cell Manager information is not found on the client, the operation fails with the following error:

The Client is not a member of any cell.

Action

- If the client is listed in the Clients context of the Data Protector GUI:
 - a. In the Clients context, expand Clients, right-click the client, and click Delete.
 - b. A dialog asks you if you also want to uninstall Data Protector from the client. Click No.
 - c. Right-click Clients and click Import Client.
 - d. Specify the client and click Finish.
- If the client is not listed in the Clients context:
 - a. In the Clients context, right-click **Clients** and click **Import Client**.
 - b. Specify the client and click **Finish**.

Excessive logging to the inet.log file

Problem

If clients are not secured and the Cell Manager is configured in the HPE Serviceguard environment or has multiple names or IP addresses, the inet.log file may contain many entries of the following

type:

A request 3 (vbda.exe) came from host computer.company.com which is not a cell manager of this client.

This happens because a client that is not secured recognizes only the primary hostname of the Cell Manager. Requests from any other client are allowed, but are logged to the inet.log file.

Action

Secure the client. Requests from the clients listed in the allow_hosts file will not be logged to inet.log. Requests from other clients will be denied.

If this workaround is for any reason not possible in your environment, you can secure the clients and specify * as an IP address range for the systems you want to allow access. This means that your clients will accept requests from all systems (any IP address) and will practically not be secured, but you will resolve the excessive logging issue.

All possible hostnames for the Cell Manager nodes should be listed in the allow_hosts file on each client that is being secured. This enables access to the client also in case of a failover. If you accidentally lock out a client, you can manually edit the allow_hosts file on that client.

StoreonceSoftware device fails with "StoreOnce device offline"

Problem

If the Encrypted Control Communication is already enabled with the StoreOnceSoftware (SOS) service, and the default hpdpcert.pem is used, the upgrade to Data Protector 9.07 completes and SOS does not accept any further connections.

Action

To ensure that SOS connections are accepted after the upgrade to Data Protector 9.07 completes, see the HPEData Protector 9.05 Installation Guide (Chapter 6: Maintaining the installation > Security considerations > Managing encrypted control communication).

Encrypted control communication

Using Media Agent installed on a MoM Cell Manager fails

Problem

In a MoM environment with CMMDB configured and with encrypted control communication enabled,

using the Media Agent that is installed on one of the Cell Managers in order to backup a client from a different cell could fail with the following error message:

[Major] From: BSM@cmcomputer.company.com "BackupSpec" Time: 14.04.2015 08:39:36 [61:4006] Could not connect to inet in order to start BMA@macomputer.company.com "Device".[Critical] From: BSM@cmcomputer.company.com "BackupSpec" Time: 14.04.2015 08:39:36 None of the Disk Agents completed successfully. Session has failed.

Action

Use the Media Agent, which has not been installed on the Cell Manager host

or

Remove encrypted control communication exception on the problematic Cell Manager / Media Agent host for the Cell Manager where the Media Agent host is being used.

Enabling encrypted communication in MoM fails

Problem

When enabling encrypted control communication in a whole MoM environment, for some cells, encrypted control communication gets enabled only on the Cell Managers, but it fails to be enabled on corresponding clients.

This may happen if the Universal Standard Time (UST) on a problematic Cell Manager is not the same as the UST on the MoM server. Consequently, the newly-generated certificates may not be valid yet and the certificates cannot be generated for the remaining clients.

Action

- 1. Ensure that the UST is the same on all Cell Managers and clients in the MoM environment.
- 2. Remove encrypted control communication on the problematic Cell Managers. See the "Disabling encrypted communication manually" section in the *HPE Data Protector Installation Guide*.
- 3. Enable encrypted communication in a MoM environment once again.

Disabling encrypted communication in a cell fails

Problem

When disabling encrypted communication in a whole cell, for some clients and the Cell Manager, encrypted control communication remains enabled.

Encrypted control communication cannot be disabled on the Cell Manager, if there is a client in the cell on which encrypted communication is still enabled. There are several reasons why encrypted communication fails to be disabled on clients:

- · The client is offline.
- The client has not been upgraded to Data Protector 9.03 or higher version.
- The encrypted control communication between the Cell Manager and client is broken (For example, the certificate on the client has expired).

Action

The following are the two solutions:

- 1. Delete the problematic clients from the cell and disable encrypted communication on the Cell Manager using the standard functionality.
- Alternatively, disable encrypted communication on the problematic clients and the Cell Manager
 as described in the "Disabling encrypted communication manually" section in the HPE Data
 Protector Installation Guide.

Disabling encrypted communication in a non-Microsoft cluster fails

Problem

When disabling encrypted control communication in a cell with a non-Microsoft cluster (for example, the Cell Manger is configured in HPE Serviceguard cluster), on some nodes, encrypted communication remains enabled, and on some, it is disabled.

Encrypted control communication cannot be disabled on the Cell Manager, if there is a client in the cell on which encrypted communication is still enabled. Now, the problem is if the Cell Manager is configured in a cluster. Since, Data Protector is not able to detect properly which systems are part of the non-Microsoft cluster, it may happen that encrypted communication gets disabled on passive nodes, but on the active node (current Cell Manager), encrypted communication remains enabled.

Alternatively, you could encounter the same problem, if one of the cluster nodes is down.

Action

- 1. Enable encrypted communication on all nodes that are part of the cluster, including the cluster virtual server to reach a consistent state.
- 2. Follow the procedure described in the "Disabling encrypted communication when the Cell Manager is cluster-aware" section in the *HPE Data Protector Installation Guide*.
- 3. Alternatively, see the "Disabling encrypted communication manually" section in the *HPE Data Protector Installation Guide*.

Encrypted communication is not working

Problem

After enabling encrypted control communication in a cell, communication between the Cell Manager and the clients is not working properly. The problem may manifest in different ways. For example, you may not be able to browse files on clients when creating backup specifications.

The reason may be that the Universal Standard Time (UST) on the Cell Manager is not the same as the UST on clients. Even a two-minute difference can create a problem. As a result, the newly-generated certificates may not be valid yet.

Action

- 1. Ensure that the Cell Manager and clients have the same UST.
- 2. Wait a few minutes. The number or minutes depends on the time gap that you had.
- 3. If the problem still exists, disable encrypted communication as described in the "Disabling encrypted communication manually" section in the *HPE Data Protector Installation Guide*.
- 4. Enable encrypted communication once again.

Installation session could fail with error message

Problem

If encrypted control communication is enabled when using the Installation Server installed on the Cell Manager host for an installation session on a different Cell Manager, then the installation session could fail with the following error message:

Cannot start session ErrorNo <3040>
Error Text <Secure communication protocol negotiation error when trying to establish a connection. Check the validity of certificates and their configuration.>

Action

Use the Installation Server, which has not been installed on the Cell Manager host

or

Remove encrypted control communication exception on the problematic Cell Manager / Installation Server host for the Cell Manager where the Installation Server is being used.

Cannot connect to the client after enabling encrypted control communication on the client

Problem

After enabling encrypted control communication on the client, you are unable to connect to the client and when you run -omnirsh client.company.com INFO, then you get the following error message:

[Critical] From: OMNIRSH@cellserver.company.com "cli" Time: 4/9/2015 4:18:25 PM

Cannot connect to host: Secure communication protocol negotiation error when trying to establish a connection. Check the validity of certificates and their configuration.

Action

Check the validity of the certificate on the client system. If the certificate has just been generated and the time on the client is set incorrectly, then it is possible that the certificate is not yet valid.

The validity and expiry of the certificates should be tracked. The certificates that are no longer (or not yet) valid will not work.

With openssl you can check the validity dates of the certificates. For example:

ProgramData\OmniBack\Config\Server\certificates> openss1 x509 -in <hostname>_
cert.pem -subject -dates -noout

subject= /C=US/ST=CA/O=HEWLETT-PACKARD/CN=<hostname>
notBefore=Apr 8 10:55:13 2015 GMT
notAfter=Apr 5 10:55:13 2025 GMT

With openssI you can also check if the certificate will expire in the near future. For example, openssI can indicate if the certificate will expire in a day:

ProgramData\OmniBack\Config\Server\certificates> openss1 x509 -in <hostname>_
cert.pem -checkend 86400

The certificate will not expire.

CRS connection fails after enabling encrypted communication on the Cell Manager

Problem

After enabling encrypted control communication on the Cell Manager, the CRS connection fails. The Cell Manager services are running, but the CRS connection fails.

Action

Use OpenSSL to check if the certificate trust is valid.

Ensuring that certificates on the host Cell Manager are correct.

- 1. After enabling encryption on the host Cell Manager, if the connections from it do not work, ensure that the certificates on the host Cell Manager are correct. Go to:
- **Windows**: <Data_Protector_program_data>\Config\client\certificates
- **Unix**: /etc/opt/omni/client/certificates
- 2. Run openssl verify -verbose -CAfile CM1_cacert.pem <host Cell Manager>_cert.pem.
- 3. If there is a problem with the certificates, remove the file

and then enable the encryption again. You can do this by executing omnicc -encryption -enable <host Cell Manager> -recreate_cert.

Ensuring that the certificate trust is established for proper connection between two hosts that are part of the same Cell Manager

For proper connection between two hosts that are not part of the same Cell Manager, the certificate trust must be set up correctly. You can do so by executing openssl verify -verbose -CAfile trusted_cert.pem host_cert.pem. Both the host certificates must verify against each other to ensure that proper trust is enabled.

Ensuring that the certificate trust is established for proper connection between two hosts that are part of different Cell Managers

Execute the following commands to ensure that proper trust is enabled:

- openssl verify -verbose -CAfile <Cell Manager 1>_cacert.pem host1_cert.pem
- openssl verify -verbose -CAfile <Cell Manager 2>_cacert.pem host1_cert.pem
- openssl verify -verbose -CAfile <Cell Manager 2>_cacert.pem host2_cert.pem
- openssl verify -verbose -CAfile <Cell Manager 1>_cacert.pem host2_cert.pem

Chapter 3: Troubleshooting Data Protector Services and Daemons

Introduction

The Data Protector services (Windows systems) and daemons (UNIX systems) run on the Cell Manager. Run the omnisv -status command to check whether services/daemons are running.

If the Data Protector services/daemons seem to be stopped or have not been installed on the target Data Protector client, make sure that you do not have a name resolution problem.

A list of Data Protector processes

The following table shows which processes run while Data Protector is idle or performing some basic operations, such as a backup, a restore, or a media management session.

		Always	Backup	Restore	Media management
	Windows	omniinet.exe	bsm.exe	rsm.exe	msm.exe
		mmd.exe			
		crs.exe			
		kms.exe			
		hpdp-idb			
		hpdp-idb-cp			
		hpdp-as			
	UNIX	mmd	bsm	rsm	msm
		crs			
		kms			
		hpdp-idb (postgres)			
		hpdp-idb-cp (pgbouncer)			
Cell Manager		hpdp-as (standalone.sh)			

Disk Agent client	Windows	omniinet.exe	vbda.exe	vrda.exe	
	UNIX		vbda	vrda	
Media Agent client	Windows	omniinet.exe	bma.exe	ma.exe	mma.exe
	UNIX		bma	rma	mma

Problems starting Data Protector services on Windows

You do not have permission to start the services

Problem

The following error displays:

Could not start the ServiceName on SystemName.

Access is denied.

Action

The system administrator should grant you the permission to start, stop, and modify services on the system that you administer.

Changed service account properties

Problem

If the service account does not have the permission to start the service or if the service account properties (for example, the password) have been changed, the following error displays:

The Data Protector Inet service failed to start due to the following error:

The service did not start due to a logon failure.

Action

In the **Windows Control Panel > Administrative Tools > Services**, modify the service parameters.

If the problem persists, contact your system administrator to set up the account with appropriate permissions. The account should be a member of the Admin group and should have the Log on as a service user right.

A specific service has not been found

Problem

The location of the service is registered in the ImagePath registry key. If the executable does not exist in the location specified under this key, the following error displays:

Could not start the *ServiceName* on *SystemName*. The system can not find the file specified!

Action

Reinstall Data Protector on the Cell Manager, preserving the IDB.

MMD fails upon starting the CRS service

Problem

If the Data Protector CRS service fails to start and mmd.exe invokes a Dr. Watson diagnosis, the database log files are probably corrupted.

Action

- 1. Delete the mmd.ctx file from the default Data Protector Internal Database directory.
- 2. Restart the services using the omnisv -stop and omnisv -start command.

Problems starting Data Protector daemons on UNIX

The following daemons run on the UNIX Cell Manager:

- In the directory /opt/omni/lbin:
 - Data Protector CRS daemon: crs
 - Data Protector IDB daemons: hpdp-idb (postgres), hpdp-idb-cp (pgbouncer), hpdp-as (standalone.sh)
 - Data Protector Media Management daemon: mmd

Normally, these daemons are started automatically during the system startup.

The Data Protector Inet process (/opt/omni/lbin/inet) is started by the system inet daemon when an application tries to connect to the Data Protector port (by default 5555).

To manually stop, start, or check the status of the Data Protector daemons, log on to the Cell Manager as root and from the /opt/omni/sbin directory, run:

- omnisv -stop
- omnisv -start
- omnisv -status

Data Protector Cell Manager daemon could not be started

Problem

The output of the omnisv -start command is:

Could not start the Cell Manager daemon.

Action

See the omni_start.log file for details. The file resides at the default Data Protector temporary files directory.

Ensure that the following configuration files exist:

- /etc/opt/omni/server/options/global
- /etc/opt/omni/server/options/users/UserList
- /etc/opt/omni/server/options/ClassSpec

The hpdp-idb service fails to start, reporting shared memory deficiency

Problem

On HP-UX systems, the hpdp-idb service fails to start and the following error is logged to the PostgreSQL log file ($\sqrt{\frac{pq}{pg}}\log$):

FATAL: could not create shared memory segment: Not enough space

DETAIL: Failed system call was shmget(key=7112001, size=2473459712, 03600).

The issue appears because the hpdp-idb service cannot obtain the requested amount of shared memory due to memory fragmentation on the system.

Action

Restart the system to defragment the memory.

MMD fails upon starting the CRS service

Problem

The Data Protector CRS service fails to start and the following error is displayed:

[Critical] From: CRS@computer.company.com "" Time: 03/04/13 11:47:24 Unable to start MMD: Unknown internal error..

The database log files are probably corrupted.

Action

- 1. Delete the mmd.ctx file from the default Data Protector Internal Database directory.
- 2. Restart the services using the omnisv -stop and omnisv -start command.

Other problems with Data Protector processes

Data Protector performance on UNIX is impacted if Name Server Caching is disabled

Problem

Data Protector performance on UNIX systems can be negatively affected if the Name Server Caching (nscd) daemon is disabled.

UNIX and Windows systems do not have a default name server cache. Data Protector operations create many DNS requests which may be impacted if the Name Server Caching (nscd) daemon is disabled.

Action

- Ensure that the Name Server Caching (nscd) daemon is enabled and configured.
 The configuration of nscd varies by platform. For more information, see your platform's documentation.
- 2. Check the DNS settings and ensure that the DNS search order is correctly configured with the local domain first in the etc/resolv.conf file.
- 3. Restart the services using the omnisv -stop and omnisv -start command.

When performing a backup, the backup session stops after a certain period of time and the BSM stops responding

Problem

This issue may be caused by firewall closing an inactive connection.

Action

Ensure that the connection remains active so that the firewall does not close it. Set the following omnirc options:

OB2IPCKEEPALIVETIME=number_of_seconds
OB2IPCKEEPALIVEINTERVAL=number_of_seconds

OB2IPCKEEPALIVETIME specifies how long the connection may remain inactive before the first keepalive packet is sent and OB2IPCKEEPALIVEINTERVAL specifies the interval for sending successive keep-alive packets if no acknowledgment is received. The options must be set on the Cell Manager system.

Chapter 4: Troubleshooting User Interface

Graphical user interface problems

Data Protector graphical user interface problems are usually a result of services not running or not installed, or problems with network communication.

Connectivity and accessibility problems

No permission to access the Cell Manager

Problem

The following message displays:

Your Data Protector administrator set your user rights so that you do not have access to any Data Protector functionality.

Contact your Data Protector administrator for details.

Action

Contact the Data Protector administrator to add you as a user and give you appropriate user rights in the cell.

On how to configure user groups, see the HPE Data Protector Help index: "user groups".

Connection to a remote system refused

Problem

On Windows, the response of the telnet hostname 5555 command is Connection refused.

Action

- If the Data Protector Inet service is not running on the remote system, run the omnisv -start command to start it.
- If Data Protector is not installed on the remote system, install it.

Inet is not responding on the Cell Manager

Problem

The following message displays:

Cannot access the system (inet is not responding). The Cell Manager host is not reachable, is not up and running, or has no Data Protector software installed and configured on it.

Action

If the problem is not communication between the systems, check the installation using telnet.

Some components may not have been installed (properly). Check the installation steps in the *HPE Data Protector Installation Guide*.

If the installation is correct, run the omnisv -status command to check whether the services on the Cell Manager are running properly.

Unable to start the filesystem browse agent

Problem

The following error occurs when a Data Protector user with sufficient privileges tries to save the backup specification and start the backup:

Unable to start filesystem browse agent

Action

The Data Protector user must have the impersonation details configured properly in Inet.

Command-line interface problems

Data Protector commands cannot be invoked

Problem

After you attempt to invoke a Data Protector command in the Command Prompt or Terminal window, the command-line interpreter reports that the command cannot be found.

Action

Extend the value of the PATH environment variable in your operating system configuration with the

paths to the command locations. This action enables you to invoke the Data Protector commands from any directory. If the value has not been extended, the commands can only be invoked from their locations, listed in the omniintro reference page in the *HPE Data Protector Command Line Interface Reference* and the omniintro man page.

Chapter 5: Troubleshooting Devices and Media

Backup devices are subject to specific Data Protector licenses. For details, see the *HPE Data Protector Product Announcements*, *Software Notes*, *and References*.

Problems involving device SCSI addresses are explained in detail in *Appendix B* of the *HPE Data Protector Installation Guide*.

General device and media problems

Free pool media is not automatically reformatted when data formats are incompatible

Problem

Backup or restore session aborts with the following warning:

[Warning] From: BSM@cell_manager.com "xtest" Time: 4.4.2014 11:45:41

[60:1023] Medium "200011ac:533e6a06:0134:0001" labeled "[MTV341L4] MTV341L4"

of data format NDMP - Hitachi is not compatible with device "EML-Tape1" of dataformat OB2 - Generic.

Action

The backup or restore session might abort, if the user has a media pool for standard filesystem backups, a separate pool for NDMP backups and both share a common free pool.

Set the global parameter CheckNDMPDataFormatType to 1.

Insufficient StoreOnce Fibre Channel devices on the Media Agent client

Problem

If a Media Agent lacks sufficient number of StoreOnce Fibre Channel (FC) devices, the following error message appears while backing up a high number of objects or while running several concurrent sessions:

|Major| From: BMA@abc.com "DEV_FC_gw2 [GW 23117:0:6931224894398172655]" Time: <DATE>

|90:54| \\abcd\FC/75232e10_5322f96a_445f_01b1

Cannot open device (StoreOnce error: StoreOnce device offline, network error occurred or secure communication failed while contacting the StoreOnce device)

Action

Increase the number of available FC devices on the Media Agent client. For example, if a Media Agent connected to FC has only 16 StoreOnce FC devices available and if you need to concurrently backup 200 objects, then you should increase the available FC devices to 200 or more, as Data Protector requires 200 connections.

To increase the available FC devices on the Media Agent client:

- 1. Open the HPE B6200 StoreOnce Backup System application.
- 2. Expand HPE StoreOnce, and then expand StoreOnce Catalyst.
- 3. In the Fibre Channel Settings tab, scroll down to the Devices section and click Edit.
- 4. Set the desired value for the **Devices per Initiator Port** field (for each port).

In Windows, you can verify the available number of StoreOnce FC devices in the Device Manger window. Note that the number of devices visible on the Media Agent client is equal to the sum of the Device per Initiator Port value for all FC ports.

Cannot access exchanger control device on Windows

Problem

Data Protector uses the SCSI mini-port driver to control backup drives and libraries. Data Protector may fail to manage devices if other device drivers are loaded on the same system. When device operations such as media formatting or scanning are started, the following error displays:

Cannot access exchanger control device

Action

On the system where the devices are located, list all physical devices configured on the system:

Data_Protector_home\bin\devbra -dev

If any of the SCSI addresses have the status value CLAIMED, they are used by another device driver.

Disable the Windows robotics driver.

For instructions, see the HPE Data Protector Help index: "robotics drivers".

SCSI device remains locked and session fails

Problem

SCSI drive or robotic control remains locked due to an incomplete SCSI reserve or release operation.

The following message is displayed:

Cannot open device

If there is a Media Agent failure, the reserved device cannot be released again. Data Protector may fail to unlock the SCSI drive or robotic control and the subsequent session cannot use it.

Action

Ensure that no other application is using this device. To unlock the SCSI drive or SCSI robotic control, the device has to be power cycled.

Device open problem

Problem

When trying to use a DDS device, the following error displays:

Cannot open device (not owner)

Action

Check whether you are using a medium that is incompatible with the Media Recognition System. Media used with DDS drives must comply with the Media Recognition System.

Using unsupported SCSI HBAs/FC HBAs on Windows

Problem

The system fails due to the usage of unsupported SCSI HBAs/FC HBAs with backup devices.

Typically, the problem occurs when the SCSI device was accessed by more than one Media Agent at the same time or when the length of the transferred data defined by the devices block size was larger than the length supported by the SCSI HBA/FC HBA.

Action

You can change the block size of the device.

For instructions, see the *HPE Data Protector Help*: "setting advanced options for devices and media".

For information on supported SCSI HBAs/FC HBAs, see the *HPE Data Protector Product Announcements*, *Software Notes*, *and References*.

Library reconfiguration failure

Problem

Configuration errors are reported during modification of an existing library configuration using the sanconf command after the device list file has been altered. The library configuration remains only partially created.

Action

You can recover the previous library configuration if you reuse the file with a list of hosts in your SAN environment and scan the hosts with sanconf again.

1. Scan the hosts in the cell:

```
sanconf -list devices mySAN.txt -hostsfile hosts.txt
```

2. Configure your library using the saved configuration file:

```
sanconf -configure mySAN.txt -library LibrarySerialNumberLibraryName
[RoboticControlHostName] [DeviceTypeNumber] -hostsfile hosts.txt
```

The previous successful library configuration is automatically recovered.

If you add, remove, or modify the library later and configuration with the sanconf command fails, you can repeat the above procedure to restore the successful configuration.

An encrypted medium is marked as poor after a read or write operation

Problem

During a read or write operation on a medium that was written to using drive-based encryption, the session fails and the medium is automatically marked as poor.

The following error displays:

Cannot read from device ([5] I/O error)

This happens if a read or write operation was performed on a platform that does not support drive-based encryption. The medium quality is not affected. For an up-to-date list of supported platforms, see the latest support matrices at http://support.openview.hp.com/selfsolve/manuals.

Action

To correct the media condition status, reset the media condition by using the omnimm -reset_poor_medium option.

For details, see the omnimm man page or the HPE Data Protector Command Line Interface Reference.

Creating null devices using Data Protector GUI and CLI

Problem

In operating systems such as UNIX, a null device is a special file that removes all the data written to

it. Hence data is not available to any process that reads from this file and results in end-of-file immediately. However, the report for this write operation is shown as successful.

For troubleshooting purposes, if no actual data output is needed, null devices can be created upon request by HPE support. This document provides information on creating null devices using the Data Protector GUI and CLI.

Action

Caution: Null devices should be created and used as a temporary solution, and removed after successfully completing the troubleshooting operation. Otherwise, if used accidentally for production backups, this process results in immediate data loss.

Complete the following steps in Data Protector GUI:

- 1. In the Context List, click Devices & Media.
- 2. In the Scoping Pane, right-click **Devices** and then click **Add Device** to open the wizard.
- 3. In the **Device Name** text box, enter the name of the device.
- 4. In the **Description** text box, enter a description (optional).
- 5. In the **Device Type** list, select the Standalone device type.
- 6. Click Next.
- 7. Specify the name null and click **Add**.
- 8. Click Next.
- 9. In the **Media Type** list, retain the default values.
- 10. For the **Default Media Pool**, retain the default values.
- 11. Click Finish to exit the wizard.

The name of the device is displayed in the list of configured devices. You can scan the device to verify the configuration.

12. After creating a null device using the Data Protector GUI, export the configuration of the specified backup device to an ASCII file. You can export the configuration using the following CLI command:

omnidownload -device BackupDevice [-file FileName]

For example, omnidownload -device ThisIsNULLDevice -file NULL.dev

Creating null devices using CLI

Null devices that are created using the Data Protector GUI can be replicated on another system using the CLI.

The omnidownload command enables you to display information about backup devices or to download the configuration of the specified backup device to an ASCII file. This command downloads information about a backup device and a library from the Data Protector Internal Database (IDB). This command is available on systems that have the Data Protector User Interface component installed.

Used together with the omniupload utility, this command enables you to create and maintain backup devices using the Command-Line Interface.

The omniupload utility, uploads a backup device file to the Data Protector Internal Database (IDB).

Information on Data Protector backup devices is stored in the IDB. To configure a backup device, information on this device must be downloaded into a file. This is done using the omnidownload command. The file is then modified and uploaded back to the IDB.

For details, see the HPE Data Protector Command Line Interface Reference.

Complete the following steps:

1. After creating a file device using the Data Protector GUI, use the following command to list the available devices:

```
omnidownload -list devices
```

This command displays information about the Data Protector backup devices. The report includes the following information for each device: device name, client, device type, and pool.

2. Download or export the configuration of the created backup device to an ASCII file using the following CLI command:

```
omnidownload -device BackupDevice [-file FileName]
```

For example: omnidownload -device ThisIsNULLDevice -file NULL.dev

This command updates the ASCII file or text file with all the backup device configuration details.

For example:

```
NAME "ThisIsNULLDevice"

DESCRIPTION " "

HOST dppvt5140.company.com

POLICY Standalone

TYPE File

POOL "Default File"

ENCRCAPABLE

DRIVES
"null"

DEVSERIAL ""

RESTOREDEVICEPOOL NO

COPYDEVICEPOOL NO
```

Note: Ensure that the value specified for HOST is a regular client in the Cell Manager. If you export the device on one cell manager and import it to a new or different Cell Manager, then you must change the HOST name to the new media agent host, which is part of the new Cell Manager.

3. If a new or different Cell Manager is being used, then modify the hostname in the ASCII or text file and then upload the ASCII file to the system using the following command:

omniupload -create_device FileName

For example: omniupload -create_device NULL.dev

Various media problems

Problem

Various media problems.

Action

Use the Medium Quality Statistics functionality to detect problems with media while they are still in their early stages.

Before each medium is ejected from a drive, Data Protector uses the SCSI log sense command to query medium read and write statistical information. The information is written to the media.log file.

The medium quality statistics feature is disabled by default. To enable it, set the global option 0b2TapeStatistics to 1.

For instructions, see "Global options" on page 21.

If you receive media related errors during read or write operations, or if the medium is marked as poor, you can check the media.log file for media errors statistics.

Media.log contains the following error statistics, where n is the number of errors:

Error statistics	Description
errsubdel=n	errors corrected with substantial delays
errposdel=n	errors corrected with possible delays
total=n	total number of re-writes
toterrcorr=n	total number of errors corrected and recovered while writing
totcorralgproc=n	total number of times correction algorithm processed
totb=n	total bytes processed (write)
totuncorrerr=n	total number of uncorrected errors (write)

If a parameter has the value -1, the device does not support this statistics parameter. If all parameters have the value -1, either an error occurred during the tape quality statistics processing or the device does not support medium quality statistics.

For total bytes processed, statistical results are reported in bytes for most devices. However, LTO and DDS devices report data sets and groups, respectively, and not bytes.

Examples

Here are a few examples from the media.log file for different device types.

DLT/SDLT devices

Log sense write report for DLT/SDLT devices - total bytes processed.

Media ID from tape= 0fa003bd:3e00dbb4:2310:0001; Medium Label= DLT10; Logical drive= dlt1; Errors corrected no delay= 0; Errors corrected delay= 0; Total= 13639; Total errors corrected= 13639; Total correction algorithm processed= 0; Total bytes processed= 46774780560; Total uncorrected errors= 0

46774780560 bytes of native data after compression were processed (a full DLT8000 tape).

LTO devices

Log sense write report for LTO devices - total data sets processed.

Media ID from tape=0fa003bd:3e0057e6:05b7:0001; Medium Label= ULT2; Logical drive=ultrium1; Errors corrected no delay= 0; Errors corrected delay= 0; Total= 0; Total errors corrected= 0; Total correction algorithm processed= 0; Total bytes processed= 47246; Total uncorrected errors= 0

One data set is 404352 bytes. To calculate the amount of total bytes processed, use the following formula:

47246 data sets * 404352 bytes = 19104014592 bytes after compression (a full tape)

DDS devices

Log sense write report for DDS devices - total groups processed.

Media ID from tape= 0fa0049f:3df881e9:41f3:0001; Medium Label= Default DDS_5; Logical drive= DDS; Errors corrected no delay= -1; Errors corrected delay= -1; Total= -1; Total errors corrected= 0; Total correction algorithm processed= 154; Total bytes processed= 2244; Total uncorrected errors= 0

DDS1/2: One group is 126632 bytes.

DDS3/4: One group is 384296 bytes.

To calculate the amount of total bytes processed, use the following formula:

2244 groups * 126632 bytes = 284162208 bytes after compression (a 359 MB backup on DDS2)

359 MB of data was backed up, resulting in 271 MB of native data on tape.

Medium header sanity check errors

Problem

By default, Data Protector performs a medium header sanity check before a medium is ejected from a drive.

In case the medium header sanity check detects any header consistency errors on the medium, an error message is displayed. All objects on this medium are marked as failed, and the status of sessions that include objects from this medium, are also changed.

If the medium header is corrupt, all objects on the affected medium are marked as failed and the medium is marked as poor.

Action

Export the medium from the IDB and restart the failed session using a different medium.

Problems with device serial number

Problem

When performing any operation involving the problematic backup device (such as backup, restore, format, scan, and so on) or robotics, the following error displays:

Device DeviceName could not be opened (Serial number has changed).

The error is reported when the device path points to a device with a different serial number than the number stored in the IDB. This can happen in the following cases:

- You misconfigured the device (for example, using the omniupload command, or if you configured an incorrect device file).
- You replaced the physical device without updating the corresponding logical device (reloading the new serial number).
- You physically replaced a SCSI tape drive located in a SCSI library. Either the option
 Automatically discover changed SCSI address is not enabled or the omnirc option
 OB2MADETECTDRIVESWAP is set to 0.
- A path in a multipath device is misconfigured.

Action

- 1. In the Data Protector GUI, switch to the Devices & Media context.
- 2. In the Scoping Pane, expand **Devices**, right click the problematic device, and click **Properties**.
- 3. Click the Control tab and enable the **Automatically discover changed SCSI address** option.
- 4. Click **Reload** to update the device serial number in the IDB.
 - In case of a physically replaced SCSI tape drive located in a SCSI library, make sure that the omnirc option <code>OB2MADETECTDRIVESWAP</code> is set to 1 (Default). You do not need to reload the device

serial number.

Cannot restore or copy corrupt data

Problem

By default, CRC values are always checked when available on a tape and data found corrupt by CRC mismatch is never restored or copied. However, in certain situations, you may still want to restore or copy such data.

Action

Temporarily set the omnirc option OB2CRCCHECK on the Media Agent host to 0. After the recovery of corrupt objects (data) revert the setting to the default value (1).

Common hardware-related problems

Problem

Common hardware-related problems.

Action

Check the SCSI communication between the system and the device, such as adapters or SCSI cables and their length. Try running an OS-provided command, such as tar, to verify that the system and the device are communicating.

ADIC/GRAU DAS and STK ACS libraries problems

ADIC/GRAU DAS library installation failed

Problem

ADIC/GRAU DAS library installation failed.

Action

- 1. Install a Media Agent on the client controlling the GRAU robotics (PC/robot).
- 2. Install a Media Agent on the clients where a drive is connected (PC/drive).
- 3. Copy aci.dll + winrpc.dll + ezrpcw32.dll to %SystemRoot%\system32 and Data

Protector_home\bin directory.

- 4. Create the aci directory on PC/robot.
- 5. Copy dasadmin.exe, portmapper, and portinst to the aci directory.
- 6. Start portinst to install portmapper (only on PC/robot).
- 7. Install the mmd patch on the Cell Manager.
- 8. Restart the system.
- 9. In Windows **Control Panel > Administrative Tools > Services**, check if portmapper and both rpc services are running.
- 10. On the OS/2 system within the GRAU library, edit the file /das/etc/config. Add a client called OMNIBACK containing the IP address of the PC/robot.

You cannot see any drives

Problem

You cannot see any drives.

Action

Run the following commands from PC/robot:

- 1. dasadmin listd
- 2. dasadmin all DLT7000 UP AMUCLIENT
- 3. dasadmin mount VOLSER (then push the UNLOAD button on the drive)
- 4. dasadmin dismount VOLSER or dasadmin dismount -d DRIVENAME)

Where:

- AMUCLIENT = OMNIBACK
- VOLSER is for example 001565
- DRIVENAME is for example DLT7001
- · all stands for allocate

If you are not successful with these commands (communication to DAS Server (OS/2)), try running these commands on the OS/2 system from the /das/bin/ directory.

When running these commands from the OS/2 system, use AMUCLIENT = AMUCLIENT.

1. Log in to the AMU client. Common logins are:

```
user: Administrator pwd: administrator
```

user: Supervisor pwd: supervisor

2. It may be necessary to set the media type:

set ACI MEDIA TYPE set ACI MEDIA TYPE=DECDLT

- 3. Restart the library:
 - a. Shut down OS/2 and then switch off the robotics.

b. Restart OS/2 and when OS/2 is ready, the AMU log will display that the robotics is not ready. Switch on the robotics.

GRAU CAPs are not configured properly

Problem

GRAU CAPs are not configured properly.

Action

You can only move media from the CAP to a slot and then to a drive using the devices robotics. Use the import and export commands, for example:

import CAP: I01

import CAP range: I01-I03

export CAP: E01

export CAP range: E01-E03

The library operations fail

Problem

The library operations fail.

Action

Use the following syntax when using the Data Protectoruma utility to manage the GRAU and STK library drives:

uma -pol POLNUMBER -ioctl LIBRARYNAME -type MEDIATYPE

where POLNUMBER is 8 for GRAU and 9 for STK.

For example: uma -pol 8 -ioctl grauamu

The default media type is DLT.

Cloud device problems

Communication errors with the Cloud

Problem

The Cloud device encounters errors in communication with the Cloud object store. The Cloud device will retry the operations if errors are encountered.

When communication errors occur, the following error displays:

Error in communication with cloud [ERROR], retrying

Action

The default retry count for the Cloud is 5.

Set the omnirc option OB2_CLOUDDEV_MAXRETRIES on the Media Agent host to higher than 5.

Unable to configure Cloud device with Data Protector 9.00

Problem

The Cloud device encounters problems during configuration when attempting to configure with Data Protector 9.00 or earlier.

Action

Cloud devices are not supported by earlier versions of Data Protector.

Ensure that all Cell Managers, GUI servers, Installation Servers, and Media Agents are updated to the General Release Patch or later.

Chapter 6: Troubleshooting Backup and Restore Sessions

Restore of Storage Optimizer stubs reports error

Full backups are performed instead of incrementals

You specified an incremental backup, but a full backup is performed. There are several possible reasons for this behavior:

No previous full backup

Problem

Before performing an incremental backup of an object, Data Protector requires a full backup as a base for comparison to determine which files have changed and consequently need to be included in the incremental backup. If a protected full backup is not available, a full backup is performed.

Action

Ensure that a protected full backup of the object exists.

The description has changed

Problem

A backup object is defined by the client, mount point, and description. If any of these three values changes, Data Protector considers it as a new backup object and performs a full backup instead of an incremental.

Action

Use the same description for full and incremental backups.

Trees have changed

Problem

A protected full backup already exists but with different trees than the incremental backup. There are two

possible reasons for this:

- You have changed the trees in the backup specification of the protected full backup.
- You have created multiple backup specifications with the same backup object but different trees specified for the backup object.

Action

If you have multiple backup specifications with the same backup object, change the (automatically generated) universal description of the backup object. Data Protector will consider them as new objects and a full backup will be run. After a full backup is performed, incremental backups will be possible.

The backup owner is different

Problem

If your backups are configured to run as private, the user starting the backup is the owner of the data. For example, if user A performs a full backup and user B tries to start an incremental backup, the incremental backup will be performed as a full backup. This is because the data for user A is private and cannot be used as a base for user Bs incremental backup.

Action

Specify backup ownership in the advanced backup specification options. The backup owner should be in the Admin user group. This user will become the owner of all backups based on this backup specification, regardless of who actually starts the backup session.

For instructions, see the HPE Data Protector Help index: "setting backup options".

Enhanced incremental is not performed after the upgrade

Problem

This problem may occur on Windows, HP-UX, and Linux systems. If you upgraded Data Protector from version A.06.11, the old enhanced incremental backup repository cannot be used with the new product version anymore. Therefore, a full backup is performed. During a the full backup, a new enhanced incremental backup repository is created at the following location:

Windows systems: Data_Protector_home \enhincedb

UNIX systems:/var/opt/omni/enhincrdb

Action

Run the full backup. The new enhanced incremental backup repository will be created and you will be able to perform enhanced incremental backups.

A ZDB filesystem backup with Enhanced Incremental backup results in a full backup

Problem

A ZDB filesystem backup with the **Enhanced incremental backup** option enabled will result in full backup, if the ZDB is configured to add the **session ID** directory to the mount path.

Action

Use **Hostname** option for directories to be added to the mount path under **Backup system** option section. Ensure that mount path is free before the next session by using **Automatically dismount filesystems at destination mountpoints** option or be sure that **Leave the backup system enabled** is not selected.

Data Protector fails to start a session

Interactive session fails to start

Problem

Every time a backup is started, the permission to start a backup session is required and checked for the user who is currently running Data Protector. If the user does not have this permission, the session cannot be started.

Action

Make sure the user is in a user group with appropriate user rights.

On how to configure user groups, see the HPE Data Protector Help index: "user groups".

Scheduled sessions no longer run

Problem

Scheduled sessions no longer run since the Data Protector system account, which is supposed to start scheduled sessions, is not in the Admin user group on the Cell Manager.

This account is added to the Data Protector Admin group on the Cell Manager at installation time. If this is modified and the permission for this account is removed, or if the service account changes, scheduled sessions no longer run.

Action

Add the Data Protector account to the Admin user group on the Cell Manager.

Session fails with status No licenses available

Problem

A backup session is started only after Data Protector has checked the available licenses. If no licenses are available, the session fails and Data Protector issues the session status No licenses available.

Action

Obtain information on available licenses by running:

omnicc -check_licenses -detail

Request new licenses and apply them. For licensing details, see the *HPE Data Protector Installation Guide*.

Scheduled backups do not start (UNIX systems specific)

Problem

On a UNIX system, scheduled backups do not start.

Action

Run the crontab -1 command to check whether the omnitrig program is included in the crontab file. If the following line does not display, the omnitrig entry was automatically added by Data Protector:

0,15,30,45 * * * * /opt/omni/sbin/omnitrig

Stop and start the Data Protector daemons by running omnisv -stop and omnisv -start.

Mount request is issued although media are in the device

During a backup session, Data Protector issues a mount request, although media are available in the backup device. There are several possible reasons for this:

The media in the device are in a media pool that has the Non Appendable policy

Problem

Although there is still available space on the media, the media will not be used because of the Non Appendable policy of the pool.

Action

Modify the media pool policy to Appendable to enable the appending of backups until the media are full

The media in the device are not formatted

Problem

By default, media are not formatted automatically. If no formatted media are available, a mount request is issued.

Action

Format the media.

For instructions, see the HPE Data Protector Help index: "formatting media".

The media in the device are different from those in the preallocation list

Problem

The media in the device are formatted but are different from those in the preallocation list of the backup specification, and the media pool specified has the Strict policy.

If you use a preallocation list of media in combination with the Strict media policy, the exact media specified in the preallocation list need to be available in the device when a backup is started.

Action

- To use media available in the device in combination with the preallocation list, modify the media pool policy to Loose.
- To use any available media in the device, remove the preallocation list from the backup specification. Do this by changing backup device options in the backup specification.

Mount request is issued for a file library

File library device disk full

Problem

When using a file library device, you may receive a mount request with the following message:

There is no disk space available for file library File Library Device. Add some new disk space to this library.

Action

Create more space on the disk where the file library is located:

- Free some space on the disk where the files are being backed up.
- · Add more disks to the system where the file library device resides.

File name problems

File names or session messages are not displayed correctly in the Data Protector GUI

Problem

Some file names or session messages containing non-ASCII characters are displayed incorrectly. This happens when an inappropriate character encoding is used to display file names and session messages in the Data Protector GUI.

Action

Specify the appropriate encoding. From the View menu, select **Encoding** and select the appropriate coded character set.

Cluster problems

IDB services are not synchronized

Problem

On UNIX systems, when performing a restore of the IDB to a different location in an HPE Serviceguard environment and one or more cluster nodes are offline, the IDB services are not synchronized for all nodes after the session completes.

Action

To synchronize the location of the IDB data files for all nodes in a cluster environment, execute the omnidbutil -sync_srv command on the active cluster node.

An incremental filesystem backup of a cluster shared volume using the Windows NTFS Change Log Provider falls back to a full backup after a cluster failover

Problem

When performing an incremental filesystem backup of a cluster shared volume that has the option **Use native Filesystem Change Log Provider if available** selected in a backup specification, a full backup is performed instead and the following error message is displayed:

[Major] From: VBDA@Host Name "F:" Time: Date Time

The Change Log Provider could not use the Directory Database. This session will use the normal file system traversal.

Action

To make sure that incremental backups are correctly performed, create a symbolic link of the Change Log Provider database to a separate cluster shared volume as follows:

- Select a shared disk to which you can direct the Change Log Provider database for shared volumes. In case of the Data Protector cluster Cell Manager, you can choose the Data Protector shared disk.
- 2. Create a directory on the shared disk, for example: E:\Omniback\clp.
- 3. Go to the directory *Data_Protector_home*\clp and create a symbolic link to the created directory.

For example, to back up a shared disk J, execute

mklink /D J E:\Omniback\clp\J

where E:\Omniback\clp\J is a symbolic link created for a shared disk J, and E is a cluster shared volume accessible from the other cluster nodes.

Create the Change Log Provider database link for the shared volume on all cluster nodes on which incremental backups are performed after a cluster failover.

Restore problems if the Cell Manager is configured in a cluster

Problem

A backup with a cluster-aware Data Protector Cell Manager was performed with the Restart backup of all objects backup option enabled. A failover occurred during the backup and the backup session was restarted on another cluster node and successfully finished. When trying to restore from the last backup, the following error is reported although the session finished successfully:

You have selected a version that was not successfully completed. If you restore from such a backup, some or all the files may not be restored correctly.

If the system times on the Cell Manager cluster nodes are not synchronized, it is possible that the failed backup has a newer timestamp than the restarted backup. When selecting data for restore, the last backup version is selected by default, resulting in a restore from the failed backup.

Action

To restore from the last successful backup, select the correct backup version for restore.

To prevent such errors, it is recommended to configure a time server on your network. This will ensure automatic synchronization of the system times on your Cell Manager cluster nodes.

Backup of CONFIGURATION object of a Microsoft Cluster Server node fails

Problem

On a Windows Server 2008 or Windows Server 2012 system, backup of the CONFIGURATION object on a cluster node fails with the following error:

[Minor] From: VBDA@computer.company.com "CONFIGURATION:" Time: Date Time

[81:141] \Registry\0.Cluster

Cannot export configuration object: (Details unknown.) = backup incomplete

Action

Restart the Data Protector Inet service under the user account that is used to run Cluster Service, and restart the backup.

IDB restore on HP-UX and Linux Cell Managers

The IDB restore could fail on HP-UX and Linux cell managers. There are several possible reasons for this behavior and are outlined in this section.

IDB restore on a different cell manager could fail

Problem

IDB restore on a different cell manager could fail with the message:

Recovery of the Internal Database failed.

Action

Change the user ID and group ID of the Operating System user on the cell manager where restore fails to match the user ID and group ID of the Operating System user on the cell manager where IDB backup was taken.

IDB restore fails at the end of a restore process

Problem

IDB restore fails at the end of restore process with the message:

cannot execute omnidbutil -clear command

Action

This could happen under the following circumstances in a HP-UX cell manager: When restoring to a different cell manager or on the same cell manager, but postgres passwords have changed after the backup session was restored or after a fresh cell manager installation.

Note: In a Linux environment, restore will complete successfully. This is because Linux mostly uses Operating System authentication on databases in contrast to HP-UX, which uses password authorization and in this case passwords files are not restored correctly. However the workaround should be applied in the Linux environment too, to have the correct password files.

Steps

- 1. Restore only the configuration files to another location <restore-conf> up to the point in time you are planning to restore whole IDB.
- 2. Restore the whole IDB but don't choose to restore DCBFs or else restore the whole DCBFs to the original location.
- 3. Save a backup of /etc/otp/omni/server/idb/idb.config to idb.config.bkp
- 4. Perform file copies from the <restore-conf> location to the original location:

Problem

- a. cp <restore-conf>/etc/opt/omni/server/idb/idb.config
 /etc/opt/omni/server/idb/idb.config
- b. cp <restore-conf>/etc/opt/omni/server/idb/ulist
 /etc/opt/omni/server/idb/ulist
- c. cp <restore-conf>/etc/opt/omni/server/AppServer/standalone.xml /etc/opt/omni/server/AppServer/standalone.xml
- 5. Modify the following fields in idb.config to point to the correct location (correct locations are stored in idb.config.bkp)
 - a. PGDATA_PG='/space/restore1/pg';
 - b. PGDATA_IDB='/space/restore1/idb';
 - c. PGDATA_JCE='/space/restore1/jce';
 - d. PGWALPATH='/space/restore1/pg/pg_xlog_archive';
- 6. Stop and start Data Protectorservices.
 - a. run omnisv stop (this could take a while)
 - b. run omnisv start
 - c. run omnidbutil -clear

After completing a restore operation, connecting from the Data Protector GUI to the cell manager fails

Problem

After completing a restore operation and after applying the workaround provided for the following issues:

IDB restore on a different cell manager could fail, and IDB restore fails at the end of a restore process,

connecting from the GUI to the cell manager fails with the error:

A server error has occurred. Reported error message: couldn't connect to host.

Action

- 1. Take a backup of /etc/opt/omni/server/AppServer/standalone.xml file
- Replace all keystore and truststore passwords in /etc/opt/omni/server/AppServer/standalone.xml with ones stored in /etc/opt/omni/client/components/webservice.properties

Other problems

Restore of Storage Optimizer stubs reports error

Problem

The Data Protector fails to restore the Storage Optimizer stubs even when the target file already exists on the system, and it reports the following error:

"File cannot be replaced"

Action

This issue may occur if you recently opened the existing file. You can perform one of the following actions:

- a) Restore the file to another location
- b) Wait until Storage Optimizer releases the file, and then retry
- c) Rename the existing file

Backup protection expiration

Problem

When scheduling backups, you have set the same protection period for full and incremental backups, which means that incremental backups are protected for the same duration as the relevant full backup. Consequently, your data will actually only be protected until the full backup expires. You cannot restore incremental backups that are based on expired full backups.

Action

Configure the protection for your full backups so that they are protected for longer than your incremental backups.

The time difference between the protection for the full backup and the incremental backup should be the amount of time between the full backup and the last incremental backup before the next full backup.

For example, if you run incremental backups Monday through Friday and full backups on Saturday, you should set the protection of the full backup to at least 6 days more than for the incremental backups. This will keep your full backup protected and available until your last incremental backup expires.

Enhanced incremental backup fails because of a large number of files

Problem

On HP-UX systems, enhanced incremental backup fails when a large number of files is being backed up.

Action

To enable that a Disk Agent accesses more memory for the enhanced incremental backup, set the tunable kernel parameter maxdsiz as follows:

HP-UX 11.11 systems:

kmtune set maxdsiz=2147483648

kmtune set maxdsiz_64bit=2147483648

HP-UX 11.23/11.31 systems:

kctune set maxdsiz=2147483648

kctune set maxdsiz_64bit=2147483648

Intermittent connection refused error

Problem

The backup session aborts with a critical error:

Cannot connect to Media Agent on system computer.company.com, port 40005 (IPC Cannot Connect System error: [10061] Connection refused)

This problem may occur if a Media Agent is running on a non-server edition of Windows and the Disk Agent concurrency is set to more than 5. Due to the TCP/IP implementation on non-server editions of Windows operating systems, the operating system can accept only 5 incoming connections simultaneously.

Action

Set the Disk Agent concurrency to 5 or less.

It is recommended to use server editions of Windows for systems involved in intensive backup operations, such as the Cell Manager, Media Agent clients, application agent clients, file servers, and so forth.

Unexpected mounted filesystems detected when restoring a disk image

Problem

When restoring a disk image, you get a message that the disk image being restored is a mounted filesystem and will not be restored:

Object is a mounted filesystem = not restored.

This happens when an application on the disk image leaves some patterns on the disk image. The patterns confuse the system call that verifies whether the filesystem on the disk image is mounted or not, so the system call reports that there is a mounted filesystem on the disk image.

Action

Before you start a restore, erase the disk image on the Data Protector client with the disk image being restored:

prealloc null_file 65536
dd if=null_file of=device_file

where device file is a device file for the disk image being restored.

Problems with application database restores

Problem

When trying to restore a database, it fails with one of the following messages:

- Cannot connect to target database
- Cannot create restore set

A poorly configured DNS environment could cause problems with database applications. The problem is as follows:

When backing up a database, the agent that starts on the client where the database is located logs the client name to the database as *computer.company.com*.

At restore time, the Restore Session Manager tries to restore to *computer.company.com*, but it cannot because it knows this client only as *computer*. The client name cannot be expanded to the full name because the DNS is improperly configured.

This situation can also be the other way around, where DNS is configured on the Cell Manager and not on the Application Client.

Action

Set up the TCP/IP protocol and configure DNS properly. For information, see Appendix B in the HPE Data Protector Installation Guide.

Backup failure on HP-UX

Problem

The following error occurs during the backup:

Cannot allocate/attach shared memory (IPC Cannot Allocate Shared Memory Segment)

System error: [13] Permission denied) = aborting

Action

Set the OB2SHMEM_IPCGLOBAL omnirc option to 1 on HP-UX clients that have both, the Disk Agent and a Media Agent installed, or have one of the supported integration and a Media Agent installed.

Asynchronous reading does not improve backup performance

Problem

With the **Asynchronous reading** (Windows specific) option selected in the backup specification, there is no backup performance improvement, or there may even be performance degradation.

Action

- 1. Check if the omnirc option OB2DAASYNC is set to 0. Either set the option to 1 to always use asynchronous reading, or comment out the option and use the **Asynchronous reading** option in the backup specification.
- 2. Consider if asynchronous reading is suitable for your backup environment. In general, asynchronous reading is suitable for files larger than 1 MB. Additionally, you can try to fine-tune the omnirc option <code>OB2DAASYNC_SECTORS</code>. As a rule, the size of your files (in bytes) should be 2-3 times larger than the value of the option.

Backup of the IIS configuration object fails on Windows systems

Problem

On a Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows Server 2008, or Windows Server 2012 system, while backing up the IIS configuration object, Data Protector reports the following error:

[Minor]

From: VBDA@computer.company.com "CONFIGURATION:" Time: Date & Time [81:141]

\IISDatabase Cannot export configuration object: (Details unknown.) = backup incomplete.

Action

Install the **IIS 6 Metabase Compatibility** component under **IIS 6 Management Compatibility** and restart the backup.

Restore of a subtree from a volume with hard links present fails

Problem

Restore of a subtree from a volume with hard links present fails with the following error message:

Lost connection to Filesystem restore DA named "" incomplete.

Action

Set the global option RepositionWithinRestoredObject to 0 if you are restoring trees with hard links.

Although setting this option to 0 may make the restores slightly slower, it is needed whenever restoring hard links. By default, this option is set to 1.

On Mac OS X, backup sessions fail due to insufficient amount of shared memory

Problem

On Mac OS X, if you increase the device block size, the backup session may fail with the following error message:

[80:1003] Cannot allocate/attach shared memory (IPC Cannot Create Shared Memory Segment System error: [12] Cannot allocate memory) => aborting.

Action

Increase the kernel parameter kern.sysv.shmmax (maximum size of a shared memory segment) to a larger value. HPE recommends to set the parameter to 32 MB.

Backup of the system reserved partition that is mirrored may fail

Problem

When trying to backup a system reserved partition and multiple full volume objects, the backup may fail with either of the following error messages:

Fallback to legacy filesystem backup was not allowed. Aborting the backup. Not a valid mount point => aborting.

Note: The problem occurs only if the VSS option is enabled, and the system reserved partition is mirrored.

Action

Set the omnirc variable OB2_DISABLE_REGLIST_FOR_FULL_VOLUME to 1, and restart the backup.

Interrupted file backup or file cannot be found

Problem

When trying to backup a system reserved partition and multiple full volume objects, the backup fails with either of the following error message:

- Cannot read <number> bytes at offset <number>(:1): ([21] The device is not ready.).
- Cannot open: ([2] The system cannot find the file specified.) => not backed up.

Note: The problem occurs only if the VSS option is enabled and if the system reserved partition does not have enough space to hold multiple snapshots.

Action

Set the omnirc variable OB2_DISABLE_REGLIST_FOR_FULL_VOLUME to 1 and restart the backup. If the error persists, see the following Microsoft webpage for information on how to resolve this problem:

http://support.microsoft.com/kb/2930294

Advanced Scheduler fails when trying to schedule backups

Problem

Advanced Scheduler fails when trying to schedule backups with different timings.

Action

This may be happening because of Java services. Perform the following steps:

- 1. Close the Data Protector GUI.
- 2. Execute omnisv stop.
- 3. End the Java Services from the Task Manager.
- 4. Execute omnisv start.
- 5. Start the Data Protector GUI.
- 6. Start the Advanced Scheduler.

A ZDB filesystem backup of a windows deduplicated volume without the data deduplication feature fails

Problem

A ZDB filesystem backup of a Windows deduplicated volume on a Windows backup host, without installing the data deduplication feature, fails with the following error message:

```
[Warning] From: VBDA@computer.company.com "<volume label>" Time: <Date Time> [81:77] <Path name>
```

Cannot open: ([1920] The file cannot be accessed by the system.) => not backed up.

Action

- 1. Install the Windows data deduplication feature on the backup host.
- 2. Ensure that there are no data deduplication jobs during the ZDB backup by:
 - Scheduling data deduplication jobs before or after the ZDB backup process.
 - Implementing pre-exec scripts that will stop data deduplication jobs before the backup and post-exec scripts that will start them after the backup.

Chapter 7: Troubleshooting Object Operations Sessions

Object copy problems

Fewer objects are copied than expected

Problem

With post-backup or scheduled object copy, the number of objects that match the selected filters is higher than the number of objects that are actually copied.

The following message is displayed:

Too many objects match specified filters.

Action

- Tighten the criteria for object version selection.
- Increase the maximum number of objects copied in a session by setting the global option CopyAutomatedMaxObjects.

Not all objects in the selected library are copied

Problem

With post-backup or scheduled object copy, some objects that reside on media in the selected library are not copied. This happens if an object does not have a complete media set in the selected library.

Action

Insert the missing media into the selected library, or select the library that has a complete media set for these objects.

Mount request for additional media is issued

Problem

In an interactive object copy session from the Media starting point, you selected a specific medium. A mount request for additional media is issued. This happens if an object residing on the medium spans to another medium.

Action

Insert the required medium into the device and confirm the mount request.

When creating an object copy, the protection end time is prolonged

Problem

When creating an object copy, the protection end time is not inherited from the original object. The protection length is copied, but the start time is set at the object copy creation time and not at the object creation time. This results in a longer protection then for the original. The more time passes between the original backup and the object copy session, the bigger the difference between the protection end times.

For example, if the object was created on September 5, with the protection set to 14 days, the protection will expire on September 19. If the object copy session was started on September 10, the object copy protection will expire on September 24.

In some cases, such behavior is not desirable and the protection end time must be preserved.

Action

Set the global option CopyDataProtectionEndtimeEqualToBackup to 1 to ensure that the object copy protection end time is equal to backup object protection end time. By default, the option is set to 0. Increase the maximum number of allowed files.

Replicating session with multiple objects stops responding

Problem

When replicating a session onto another device, the session stops responding. The session output provides the following information:

[Normal] From: BMA@company.com "d2d1_1_gw1 [GW 26177:1:15198446278003495809]" Time: 3/21/2013 9:13:06 AM

COMPLETED Media Agent "d2d1_1_gw1 [GW 26177:1:15198446278003495809]"

The problem is known to occur in a dual IP stack network configurations with HP-UX Media Agent.

Action

When configuring a dual IP stack network, add a separate entry for IPv6 localhost addresses to the /etc/hosts file on the Media Agent client.

For example, you have the following entry in your hosts file:

::1 localhost loopback

To resolve the issue, add the following line for IPv6 addresses:

::1 ipv6-localhost ipv6-loopback

Replication session on Data Domain Boost devices is unable to respond to Abort operation during retry period

Problem

When replicating a session from one Data Domain Boost backup device to another when the device does not have enough available streams, the replication session is unable to respond to Abort operations during the retry period.

Action

The problem is known to occur when the omnirc DP_DDBOOST_SLEEP_SECOND_FOR_STREAM_LIMIT is set to 0, which is not supported.

This variable defines how many seconds the replication session will wait before beginning another retry when the Data Domain Boost device does not have enough available streams. If the interval is too large or is set to 0, the session will be unable to respond to Abort operations.

The default for DP_DDBOOST_SLEEP_SECOND_FOR_STREAM_LIMIT is 60 seconds.

See the omning file for a complete description of DP DDBOOST SLEEP SECOND FOR STREAM LIMIT.

Object consolidation problems

Object consolidation of many points in time opens too many files

Problem

If you start an object consolidation operation with many points in time, Data Protector reads all media necessary to complete the operation. This opens all files at the same time. When Data Protector opens more files than the number allowed by your operating system, a message similar to the following one is displayed:

|Major| From: RMA@computer.company.com "AFL1_ConsolidateConc2_bs128" Time: time /omni/temp/Cons_Media/AFL1/

0a1109ab54417fab351d15500c6.fd

Cannot open device ([24] Too many open files)

Action

Increase the maximum number of allowed files.

HP-UX systems:

- 1. Set the maximum number of open files using the System Administration Manager (SAM):
 - a. Select **Kernel Configuration > Configurable parameters** and then, **Actions > Modify Configurable Parameter**.
 - b. Enter the new maxfiles_lim and maxfiles values in the formula/value field.
- 2. Restart your computer after applying the new values.

Solaris systems:

1. Set the maximum number of open files by editing the /etc/system file. Add the following lines:

```
set rlim_fd_cur=value
set rlim fd max=value
```

2. Restart your computer after applying the new values.

Object consolidation to B2D devices fails in the second attempt

Problem

After the first object consolidation, if you perform an incremental backup and then perform the second object consolidation, the operation fails.

Action

To ensure that the second consolidation succeeds, perform a full backup after the first object consolidation. Thereafter, perform an incremental backup, which can be consolidated later.

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You can find a list of IDB directories in the omniintro reference page of the HPE Data Protector Command Line Interface Reference.

Problems due to missing directories

Cannot open database/file or database network communication error

Problem

If one or several IDB data files or directories are missing, the following errors are displayed when Data Protector tries to access the IDB:

- Cannot open database/file
- Database network communication error

Action

Reinstall the IDB data files and directories:

- 1. Reinstall Data Protector.
- 2. Restart the Cell Manager.

Cannot access the Cell Manager

Problem

When the Data Protector GUI tries to connect to the Cell Manager, the following error message is displayed if the Data Protector temporary directory is missing:

Cannot access the Cell Manager system. (inet is not responding) The Cell Manager host is not reachable or is not up and running or has no Data Protector software installed and configured on it.

Action

- 1. On the Cell Manager, close the Data Protector GUI.
- 2. Initiate the maintenance mode:

omnisv -maintenance

3. Manually create the directory tmp in:

Windows systems:Data_Protector_program_data

UNIX systems:/var/opt/omni

4. Quit the maintenance mode:

omnisv -maintenance -stop

5. Restart the Data Protector GUI.

Problems during backup or import

IDB backup failure reports incorrect archive log file name format

Problem

After upgrading to the latest Data Protector 9.07 patch, the IDB backup fails with the following message: "The archive log filename format is incorrect."

Action

Perform the following steps:

- 1. Run omnisv stop.
- 2. Manually change the path of the IDB location in the registry key HKEY_LOCAL_
 MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\services\hpdp-idb\ImagePath to point to the new restored IDB location, because after upgrading, the path in the registry points to the old IDB location.
- 3. Run omnisv start.
- 4. Run omnidbutil -set schema crc.

Note: Every IDB schema has an associated CRC file. After changing the IDB location (as mentioned in Step 2), you must modify the CRC file to match the schema of the new IDB location. The last step creates the CRC file that matches the new IDB schema.

File names are not logged to the IDB during backup

Problem

When performing backups using Data Protector, file names are not logged to the IDB if:

You have selected the No Log option for backup.

• The DCBF part of the IDB is running out of space, or the disk where the IDB is located is running low on disk space. An error in the session output informs you about this.

Action

- Check if you have selected the No Log option for backup.
- Check the session messages of the backup session for warnings and errors.

The BSM or RSM is terminated during the IDB backup or import

Problem

If the BSM or RSM get terminated during the IDB backup or import session, the following error is displayed:

IPC Read Error System Error: [10054] Connection reset by peer

In the Internal Database context of the Data Protector GUI, the session status is still marked as In Progress but the session is actually not running.

Action

- 1. Close the Data Protector GUI.
- 2. Execute the omnidbutil -clear command to set the status of all sessions that are actually not running but are marked as In Progress to Failed.
- 3. Execute the omnidbutil -show_locked_devs command to see if any devices and media are locked by Data Protector.
- 4. If there are, execute the omnidbutil -free_locked_devs to unlock them.
- 5. Restart the Data Protector GUI.

The MMD is terminated during the IDB backup or import

Problem

If the media management daemon (MMD) is terminated during the IDB backup or import session, the following errors are displayed:

- Lost connection to MMD
- IPC Read Error System Error: [10054] Connection reset by peer

If the MMD services/processes are not running:

• The output of the omnisv -status command indicated that the MMD service/process is down.

· You notice the following:

Windows systems: In the Windows Task Manager, the Data Protector MMD process (mmd.exe) is not displayed.

UNIX systems: When listing the Data Protector processes using the ps -ef | grep omni command, the Data Protector MMD process (/opt/omni/lbin/mmd) is not displayed.

Action

- 1. Close the Data Protector GUI.
- 2. Execute the omnisv -stop command to stop the Data Protector services/processes.
- 3. Execute the omnisv -start command to start the Data Protector services/processes.
- 4. Execute the omnisv -status command to check if all the services/processes are running.

The DC binary files are corrupted or missing

Problem

When browsing backed up objects in the Restore context of the Data Protector GUI, the following error displays:

Open of Detail Catalog Binary File failed

- The omnidbcheck -bf command reports that one or several DC binary files are missing or are of
 incorrect size, or the omnidbcheck -dc command reports that one or several DC binary files are
 corrupted.
- The debug.log file on the Cell Manager contains one or several entries on Data Protector not being able to open a DC binary file.

Action

Recreate DC binary files by importing catalog from media.

For instructions, see the HPE Data Protector Help index: "minor IDB corruptions in DCBF".

The Internal Database backup fails

Problem

The session for backing up the Data Protector Internal Database fails with the following error:

[Critical] From: OB2BAR_POSTGRES_BAR@computer.company.com "DPIDB" Time: 4/2/2013 4:05:20 PM

Error while running the PSQL script

[Normal] From: BSM@computer.company.com "idb" Time: 4/2/2013 4:05:20 PM

OB2BAR application on "computer.company.com" disconnected.

[Critical] From: BSM@computer.company.com "idb" Time: 4/2/2013 4:05:20 PM

failed.

If the Data Protector Inet service is running under a domain user account, the problem is most probably caused by insufficient Security Policy privileges for that account.

Action

Grant the Windows domain user account that is used for the Data Protector Inet service the following Windows operating system Security Policy privileges, and restart the session afterwards:

None of the Disk Agents completed successfully. Session has

- Impersonate a client after authentication
- Replace a process level token

For more information, see the HPE Data Protector Help index: "Inet user impersonation".

Performance problems

Browsing for restore is slow

Problem

When browsing object versions and single files for restore in the Data Protector GUI, it takes a long time before the information is read from the IDB and displayed. This happens because the number of object versions of the selected object in the IDB is too large.

Action

Set the time interval for browsing object versions for restore:

- For a specific restore, set the **Search interval** option in the Source page.
- Globally, for all subsequent restores:
 - a. In the File menu, click **Preferences**.
 - b. Click the **Restore** tab.
 - c. Set the Search interval option and click OK.

Problems with the IDB growth

The IDB is running out of space

Problem

A part of the IDB is running out of space. The IDB Space Low notification is issued.

Action

Extend the IDB size.

The DCBF part of the IDB is growing too fast

Problem

In the Client Statistics report, the **Data Written [GB]** or the **# Files** figures are considerably larger for some systems.

Action

To reduce the size of the DCBF part of the IDB, purge the DCBF for all media with expired catalog protection in the IDB, by running the omnidbutil -purge -dcbf command on the Cell Manager. Be sure that no Data Protector sessions are running during the purge session.

To reduce the growth of the DCBF part of the IDB, change the Logging level to Log Directories.

Other problems

Interprocess communication problem because Database Session Manager is not running

Problem

While the Data Protector GUI is accessing the IDB, if the Database Session Manager process on the Cell Manager dies or is terminated, the following error displays:

Interprocess communication problem

On the Cell Manager, you notice the following:

Windows systems: In the Windows Task Manager, the Data Protector process dbsm.exe is not displayed.

UNIX systems: When listing the Data Protector processes using the ps -ef | grep omni command, /opt/omni/lbin/dbsm is not displayed.

Action

Restart the Data Protector GUI.

MMDB and CDB are not synchronized

Problem

In a MoM environment, the MMDB and CDB may be out of sync as a result of the CMMDB restore.

Action

On the system with the CMMDB installed, execute:

omnidbutil -cdbsync CellManagerHostname

If the CMMDB was changed, execute the command for each Cell Manager in this MoM cell by specifying each Cell Manager in the cell as the *CellManagerHostname* argument.

IDB is corrupted

Problem

Any of the following messages can be displayed:

- Database is corrupted.
- Interprocess communication problem.
- Cannot open Database/File.
- Error Details Unknown.

Action

Recover the IDB.

Merging of a MMDB into the CMMDB fails

Problem

After executing the omnidbutil -mergemmdb command, merging of a MMDB into the CMMDB fails with the following error:

Could not establish connection.

Action

Before using the omnidbutil -mergemmdb, a remote database connection needs to be enabled. To enable establishing a connection, modify the configuration file and restart the services:

- 1. On MoM client, navigate to the pg subdirectory of the defaultData Protector Internal Database directory.
- 2. Open the pg hba.conf file in text editor and add the following line:

host hpdpidb hpdpidb_app MoM_Server_IP_Address/32 trust

3. Restart the services on MoM client:

omnisv -stop
omnisv -start

During IDB restore the session completes with errors

Problem

Backup the IDB to a standalone device . When doing IDB restore, the session completes with errors.

After completing upgrade, files for the patch are added in the following location:

C:\ProgramData\OmniBack\Config\Server\install

For example patch_CC

This is backed up by IDB backup. However, when you try to restore that file (overwrite) you get "Access denied" error.

Action

If restoring Data Protectorconfiguration files to original location do the following:

- Go to <dp_data>\Config\Server\install\ and identify following files: patch_CC, patch_CORE, patch_CS, patch_DA, patch_DOC, patch_MA, patch_NETAPP, patch_ SMISA, patch_VEPA
- 2. For all these files, deselect the hidden flag option.
- 3. Perform IDB restore.
- 4. Set hidden flag again for the files mentioned earlier.

Note: This problem only exists on Windows CMs thus workaround is applicable only for Windows. The same workaround applies if files are restored to another location and these files already exist on those locations.

Chapter 9: Troubleshooting Reporting and Notifications

Reporting and notification problems

Data Protector GUI stops responding when the send method is e-mail on Windows

Problem

If you use Microsoft Outlook XP with the latest security patch installed, the following problem appears: when you add a report to a report group specifying e-mail as a send method, and then try to start the report group, the GUI stops responding. The same happens if you configure a notification and select the e-mail send method.

The cause of the problem is that Outlook requires user interaction before sending an e-mail notification. This feature cannot be disabled since it is a part of the Outlook security policy.

Action

- If an SMTP server is available on your network, specify E-mail (SMTP) as the send method. This method is the recommended e-mail send method.
- Use the Data Protector CLI to start reports:

omnirpt -report licensing -email email address

When a warning asking whether you allow sending e-mail on your behalf appears, click **Yes** to receive the report.

For more information on how to customize security settings, see the HPE Data Protector Product Announcements, Software Notes, and References.

SNMP send method fails

Problem

When sending a report as an SNMP trap, the report does not reach the destination.

Action

Use the SNMP trap send method only for reports that do not exceed the maximum size of the configured SNMP trap.

Chapter 10: Troubleshooting HPE Data Protector Help

Introduction

The HPE Data Protector Help consists of two parts:

- Help topics provide conceptual information, step-by-step procedures, and examples.
- Context-sensitive Help is the dynamic, context-sensitive part of the Help, explaining screens and options in the Data Protector GUI. It is displayed by the Data Protector GUI component called Help Navigator.

The Help is available in two formats: Microsoft HTML Help and WebHelp. Current preferences for the Help viewer in the Data Protector GUI determine which format is used.

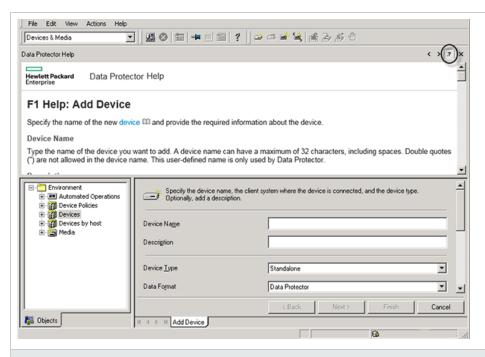
Troubleshooting Help

The Help Navigator contents do not change in parallel with the Data Protector windows

Problem

The Help Navigator contents do not change in parallel with the Data Protector windows.

Help Navigator contents do not change



Action

- If you use the Microsoft HTML Help viewer for viewing the *HPE Data Protector Help* in the HTML Help format (default selection), ensure that the button shown in the figure "Troubleshooting HPE Data Protector Help" on the previous page is selected.
- If you use the system default web browser for viewing the HPE Data Protector Help in the WebHelp
 format, go to File menu, click Preferences and select the Enable context-sensitive Help Navigator
 option. Then restart the Help Navigator.

Chapter 11: Before Calling Support

Before Calling Your Support Representative

If you cannot solve your problem, report it. Before contacting the HPE Customer Support Service, ensure that:

- You have performed the general checks.
 See "General checks" on page 14.
- You have also checked if your problem is described in the troubleshooting sections of applicable user guides.
- You have collected the relevant data about the problem you will send to the HPE Customer Support
 Service: a description of your problem, including the session output (or equivalent output, depending on the
 type of problem), and a description of your environment.

The HPE Customer Support Service will then provide you with further instructions. You might be asked to:

- 1. Run Data Protector in the debug mode.
- 2. Prepare the generated data for sending to the HPE Customer Support Service.

These procedures are described in the following sections. Note that you only need to perform these procedures when the HPE Customer Support Service requests this.

About Debugging

Collect debugs only when the support organization requires them to resolve a technical issue. When Data Protector runs in the debug mode, it creates debug information that consumes a large amount of disk space. Consult the support organization about the required detail level and environmental conditions for debugging.

Enabling debugging

You can start Data Protector in the debug mode in different ways. For debugging options, see "Debug syntax" on page 96.

When Data Protector runs in the debug mode, debug information is generated for every action. For example, if you start a backup session in the debug mode, Disk Agents deliver output on each client backed up in this backup specification.

Note: To enable debugging of network share backup and restore sessions on Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows Server 2008, and Windows Server 2012 systems, write permissions for the operating system account running such sessions must be assigned to the folder <code>Data_Protector_program data\tmp</code>.

Using the Data Protector GUI

In the File menu, click **Preferences**, and then click the **Debug** tab. Specify the debug options and restart the GUI. The GUI will restart in the debug mode.

Using the OB2DBG variable

The cell server omnirc file

Run debugs on the cell server or on a specific client.

OB2DBG=1-200 MA.txt "BMA@computer1.company.com,UMA@computer2.company.com"

The client omnirc file

When a program starts it will always verify is a omnirc variable is set locally. Run debugs only locally on the client.

OB2DBG=1-200 bma.txt "BMA,UMA"

Using the OB2OPTS variable

Debugging parameters for Data Protector integrations can be set using the OB20PTS environment variable. You will be instructed how to set this variable by your Support Representative.

To change the default location of debug files on a per-system basis, use the omnirc option OB2DBGDIR.

Using the scheduler

To debug scheduled sessions, edit the schedule file, located in:

Windows systems: Data_Protector_program_data\Config\server\Schedules or Data_Protector_program_data\Config\server\Barschedules

UNIX systems: /etc/opt/omni/server/schedules or /etc/opt/omni/server/barschedules

Add debugging parameters in the first line of the file.

Note: Before you edit the file, make a copy of it, as the changes have to be reverted when debugging is no longer desired.

Example

```
-debug 1-200 sch.txt
-full
-only 2010
-day 14 -month Dec
-at 22:00
```

Debug syntax

Almost all Data Protector commands can be started with an additional -debug parameter that has the following syntax:

-debug 1-200[,C:n][,T:s][,U] XYZ Progname[@hostname]

where:

- 1-200 is the debug range. Specify the range 1-200 unless instructed otherwise. Specify optional parameters as a part of the range parameter, separated by commas:
 - C:n limits the size of debug file to n kilobytes. The minimum value is 4 (4 kB) and the default value is 1024 (1 MB). For more information, see "Limiting the maximum size of debugs" on page 98.
 - T:s is the timestamp resolution, where the default value is 1000.
 On some platforms, millisecond resolution might not be available.
 - U is the Unicode flag. If it is specified, the debug files on Windows are written in the Unicode format.
- XYZ is the debug postfix, for example DBG 01.txt.
- host is a list of clients where debugging is turned on.

Use this option to run the debugging only on the clients specified. Delimit multiple clients by spaces. Enclose the list in quotes, for example: "computer1.company.com computer2.company.com".

Compressing the log files

You can choose to compress the debug log files by specifying the gz option after the range, (1-200,gz). This will create logs in a compressed format and not in plain text format. The logs will be created with the .gz extension, and you can use any commercial tool to extract the log files.

Limitations

- This feature is supported only on CM platforms.
- On the Windows VEPA session, the CDpSessionLogerSingelton and the Lotus components ignore
 the gz flag and will not create the compressed logs.
- This feature will not work with combinations of circular debugging.
- The debug log archive is not usable during an abnormal termination.

Debug Options

Range: 1-200 is the debug range. Specify an extended range when instructed. Specify optional
parameters as a part of the range parameter, separated by commas. When setting a large range the
debug files will be large. Make sure there is enough space in the debug files repository. The range

can be split. The separator can be a "," or a "space" within a double quoted string. For instance, -debug "1-99 104-140" debug.txt can be used.

- **Circular debugs**: C:n limits the size of debug files to *n* kilobytes. The minimum value is 4 (4kB) and the default value is 1024 (1 MB).
- Timestamp in seconds and milliseconds: T:s is the timestamp resolution, accepted values are 0,1 and 1000, where the default value is 1, 1000 means the resolution is one millisecond and 0 means timestamps are turned off.
- **Debug files in Unicode format**: U is the Unicode flag. If it is specified, the debug files on Windows are written in the Unicode format.
- **Postfix**: XYZ is the debug postfix, for example *My_debug.txt*.

Note: The postfix can be used to redirect the debug files to another directory. The destination directory must exist and the permissions to the full path need to be correct for the process writing the debugs. For example, <DirPath>/My_debug.txt.

• **Program and hostname**: *select* is a list of clients where debugging is turned on. Use this option to run the debugging only on the clients specified. Delimit multiple clients by spaces. Enclose the list in quotes. For example, progname[@hostname] [;progname@[@hostname]].

Necessary debug files

General debugs

In most cases general debugs are 1-200 range. The full debugs can be large, specific with DA and MA debug files.

Veagent debug log files

If a problem is related to the VEAgent backup host the following general setting is recommended. From the GUI Preferences Debug tab, execute -debug 1-199.

If the problem is within the VEAgent, the unwanted BMA debugs will be very large. In order to limit the debugs the following is recommended.

Create a VEAgent backup host omnirc file or add the following line:

OB2DBG=1-199,240 VM.txt "VEPA_BAR, VEPALIB_VMWARE_EXECUTION_THREAD, VEPALIB_VMWARE, VEPALIB_VMWARE THREAD"

The range 1-199 is sufficient; the 240 range is adding the omni_cell content in the vepa_bar debug file. If networking details are needed use the following range 0-199,240-270.

VMware VDDK log files

For versions 6.21, 7.01 and 8.0, when the vmware integration fails the vddk log files could reveal more information on the root case. To enable, on the VEagent backup host, go to

C:\ProgramData\OmniBack\Config\client. Or on linux, /etc/opt/omni/client. Edit the file vepa_vddk.config, and change the LogLevel to the highest, 6.

VMware Trivia transport logs

To enable TRIVIA debugs you must update *vepa_vddk.config* file. This file is under /etc/opt/omni/client or C:\ProgramData\OmniBack\Config\client on the Vepa backup host.

Edit the file with log level 6. To collect the trivia output from VMware you should enable debugs for the VEAgent. The transport logs are interlaced with the executed commands in the VEPALIB_VMWARE_EXECUTION_THREAD file.

VMware log files

The Management agent (hostd), VirtualCenter Agent Service (vpxa), and VirtualCenter (vpxd) logs are automatically rotated and maintained to manage their growth. Information in the logs can be lost if the logs are rotated too quickly. For more information, see http://kb.vmware.com/kb/1001457.

VMware ESX(i) log files

The esx(i) host has log files of all activities performed, e.g. snapshot creation, removal ...etc. The log files are text files starting with hostd and are zipped once full. hostd.log is the active log file. The files are located physical on datastore (e.g. /var/log ->/scratch/log->/vmfs/volumes/4e265cdb-6b91f4b2-bc38-e4115b13545a/log).

vCenter Server trivia log files

Enabling trivia level logging is normally done by navigating to Administration > vCenter Server Settings > Logging Options > Trivia.

Vepa_bar localdump in case of crash on Windows

See http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/bb787181%28v=vs.85%29.aspx. Edit the registry, and add *vepa_bar.exe* under LocalDumps.

Media Agent debugs

For Media Agent specific problems, the following general guidelines can be applied:

- 1-200 for most common cases
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- 1-300 for SHMIPC
- 1-350 for consolidation
- 1-505 for memory tracking

Limiting the maximum size of debugs

Data Protector can run in a special debug mode called circular debugging. In this mode, debug messages are added until the size of the debug file reaches a preset size (*n*). The counter is then reset and the oldest debug messages are overwritten. This limits the debug file size, but does not affect the latest records.

Using this mode is recommended only if the problem occurs near the end of the session or if Data Protector aborts or finishes soon after the problem has occurred.

With circular debugging turned on, an estimate of the maximum required disk space is as follows:

System	Maximum disk space required
Media Agent client	2*n [kB] for each running Media Agent in a backup or restore session
Disk Agent client	2*n [kB] for each mount point in a backup or restore session

Cell Manager	2*n [kB]
Integration client	2*n [kB] * Parallelism

For Inet and CRS debugging, the upper limit cannot be reliably determined because separate debug files are produced for various actions.

Names and locations of debug files

The debug postfix option is used for creating debug files in the default Data Protector temporary files directory:

On Windows systems: Data_Protector_program_data\tmp

On Windows 2003 systems: Data_Protector_home \tmp

UNIX systems: /tmp
The files are named

OB2DBG_DID__Program_Host_PID_XYZ

where:

- DID (debugging ID) is the process ID of the first process that accepts the debugging parameters. This is the ID of the debugging session and is used by all further processes.
- *Program* is the code name of the Data Protector program writing the debug file.
- Host is the client where the debug file is created.
- PID is the process ID.
- XYZ is the postfix as specified in the -debug parameter.

Once the backup or restore session ID SID is determined, it is added to the file name:

Processes that add the SID are BMA/RMA, xBDA/xRDA, and other processes started by the session, but not by the BSM/RSM itself.

Note: The session ID helps you identify sets of debug files. Other debug files may belong to the same session and you may need to provide them as well.

A ctrace.log file is generated on the Cell Manager, containing information where (on which clients) debug files are generated and which debug prefixes are used. Note that this file does not contain a complete list of all generated files.

To change the default location of debug files on a per-system basis, use the omnirc option OB2DBGDIR.

Debugging Inet

Note: If you enable Inet debugs, all integrations will generate debug files.

Windows systems:

Launch the Windows Service Control Manager with the following startup parameters:

-debug 1-200 POSTFIX

UNIX systems:

Edit the /etc/inetd.conf file:

1. Change the line:

```
omni stream tcp nowait root /opt/omni/lbin/inet inet -log
/var/opt/omni/log/inet.log
to
omni stream tcp nowait root /opt/omni/lbin/inet inet -log
/var/opt/omni/log/inet.log -debug 1-200 DBG_01.txt
```

2. Save the file and run the /etc/inetd -c command to apply the changes.

Debugging the CRS

Windows systems:

<Data Protector bin>\crs -redebug <range> <postfix> <select>

UNIX systems:

<Data Protector lbin>/crs -redebug <range> <postfix> <select>

Caution: Do not stop the CRS from Windows Service Control Manager, as this will cause the Data Protector cluster group to failover.

HPE Serviceguard/Symantec Veritas Cluster Server Environment:

- 1. To start the debugging: crs -debug <ranges> <postfix> [<select>], or put OB2DBG to the omnirc file before starting the CRS.
- 2. To stop the debugging: /opt/omni/lbin/crs -redebug
- 3. To restart the debugging: crs -redebug <ranges> <postfix> [<select>]

Debugging Advanced Scheduler and Missed Job Executions

To debug Advanced Scheduler and Missed Job Executions, view the Application Server Logs.

Open server.log and review the output for more information, error codes and error messages.

For more information, see Location of log files.

Preparing the Generated Data to Be Sent to the HPE Customer Support Service

The HPE Customer Support Service might ask you to gather and send them data they need to resolve a technical issue. Since Data Protector operates in large network environments, the data might sometimes be difficult to gather. The Data Protector omnidlc command is a tool for collecting and packing log, debug, and getinfo files. Use this command if this is requested by the HPE Customer Support Service.

The omnidlc command can be run from the Data Protector CLI or from the Data Protector GUI. Both methods are described in this section.

Note: The omnidle command cannot be used to collect the Data Protector installation execution traces. For details of how to create and collect these, see the *HPE Data Protector Installation Guide*.

About the omnidle command

After Data Protector debug data has been generated, the omnidlc command can be used to collect Data Protector debug, log, and getinfo files from the Data Protector cell (by default, from every client). The command transfers the data from selected clients to the Cell Manager where it is then packed.

The command can also selectively collect the data, for example, only log files from a certain client, or only debug files that were created during a particular Data Protector session.

Note: When object consolidation is scheduled as part of a post-backup session, backup and consolidation sessions get different session IDs. However, the debug ID is the same for both backup and consolidation. In this case, if you run the omnidlc command and specify the consolidation session ID using the -session parameter, debugs will be collected for both backup and consolidation.

Limitations

- The command can only be run on Cell Managers.
- In a MoM environment, you can only collect data for each Data Protector cell separately by running the command from the respective Cell Manager.
- If you moved debug files from the default directory, specify the new location using the -debug_loc Directory1 option. Otherwise, debug files will not be collected.
- When a debug and log file collector is used on HP OpenVMS, the following applies:
 - The OpenVMS ODS-2 disk structure file name can contain the maximum of 39 characters.
 - As OpenVMS systems do not have the get_info utility, the get_info.out file is blank and is not collected.

 The omnidlc command run with the -session option does not collect the debug files produced during specified session, because session names are not part of the OpenVMS debug filename. Instead, all available logs are collected.

Using the omnidle command from the CLI to process debug files

The omnidle command syntax

```
omnidlc {-session SessionID | -did DebugID | -postfix String | -no_filter} [-hosts
List] [-pack Filename | -depot [Directory] | -space | -delete_dbg | -telemetry_
files] [-no_logs] [-no_getinfo] [-no_compress] [-no_config] [-no_debugs] | [-debug_
loc Directory1 [Directory2]...] [-verbose] [-add_info [-any | Host] Path]
omnidlc -localpack [Filename]
omnidlc -unpack [Filename]
omnidlc -uncompress Filename
omnidlc [-hosts List] -del_ctracelog
omnidlc [-module]
```

The options are explained in the following sections.

Limiting the scope of collected data

To limit the scope of collected data, use the following omnidlc command options:

```
{-session SessionID | -did DebugID | -postfix String | -no_filter} [-hosts List] [-no_getinfo] [-no_config] [-no_logs] [-no_debugs] [-debug_loc Directory1 [Directory2]...]
```

You can combine the following features:

- To collect data only from the selected clients, use the -hosts List option. Specify the names of the clients, separated by spaces.
 - In a cluster environment, use the -hosts option, specifying the cluster nodes. If this option is not used, the data is collected from the active node only.
- To exclude the getinfo, the configuration information, log, or debug log files from the collected data, use the -no_getinfo, -no_config, -no_logs, or -no_debugs option, respectively. Note that -no_getinfo is not applicable for HP OpenVMS systems.
- To collect the debug files only from a specific session, use the -session SessionID option. Note that on OpenVMS, all available logs are collected.
- To collect the debug files matching a specific debug ID, use the -did DebugID option.
- To collect the debug files matching a specific postfix, use the -postfix String option.
- To collect all debug files, use the -no_filter option.
- To collect debug files not only from the default debug files directory but also from other directories,

use the -debug_loc <code>Directory1[Directory2]...</code> option. Note that the subdirectories are excluded from the search. If a specified directory does not exist on a particular client, the directory is ignored.

Segmentation of data

If a file to be sent to the Cell Manager is larger than 2 GB, the file is split into 2 GB-sized chunks. An extension ranging from s001 to s999 is appended to each chunk. A second extension (.gz) is added if the files are compressed.

On the Cell Manager side, if the size of all collected compressed or uncompressed files exceeds 2 GB, the collected files are packed in 2 GB-sized packages with an extension ranging from s001 to s999.

Disabling compression of the collected data

By default, the collected data is compressed before it is sent to the Cell Manager. To disable the compression, use the -no compress option.

Saving packed data

By default, the data is sent over the network to the Cell Manager, where it is packed and saved in the current directory as the file dlc.pck.

The packed file includes a generated directory structure that includes the hostnames, paths, and the collected files of the clients involved.

Limitations

- The size of the resulting packed file cannot exceed 2 GB. In such a case, do not pack the data. Use the -pack *Filename* option to pack and save the data:
- With a different file name. Specify the Filename as a file name.
- In a different directory and with a different file name. Specify the Filename as a full pathname.

Saving unpacked data

To leave the data unpacked and save it, use the -depot [Directory] option. The files are collected within the dlc subdirectory. If the Directory is not specified, the files are saved on the Cell Manager within the dlc directory in the default Data Protector temporary files directory.

The directories for the packed or unpacked files are generated as follows:

- ./dlc/client_1/tmp/debug_files
- ./dlc/client_1/log/log_files
- ./dlc/client_1/getinfo/get_info.txt
- ./dlc/client 2/tmp/debug files
- ./dlc/client_2/log/log_files
- ./dlc/client_2/getinfo/get_info.txt

. . .

Estimating the required space

To display the amount of disk space required on the Cell Manager to gather the data, use the -space option.

Deleting debug files on clients

To delete the collected data on the clients, use the <code>-delete_dbg</code> option. Note that only debug files are deleted; getinfo and log files are not deleted. On HP OpenVMS, if run together with the <code>-session</code> option, the <code>omnidlc</code> command does not delete any debugs from the debug files directory.

Packing telemetry files on the Cell Manager

To collect and pack telemetry files on the Cell Manager, use the -telemetry_files option. Note that the telemetry files cannot be created when the -depot option is used.

Deleting information about debug files

To delete ctrace.log files containing the information where (on which clients) debug logs are generated and which debug prefixes are used, use the -del_ctracelog option. Note that if used together with the -hosts *List* option, the command deletes ctrace.log files on specified clients only. Otherwise, ctrace.log files on all clients in a cell are deleted.

Note: Use this option for ctrace.log files cleanup. Note that if this file is deleted, the debug log collector will only get debugs from the default dlc residing in the default Data Protectortemporary files directory and not from other debug directories you specified.

Problems and workarounds

Debug log collection fails

Problem

During the debug log collection operation, omnidle is unable to connect to a client. The following error is displayed:

Collection from client1.company.com started.

Error: Data retrieval from client1.company.com failed.

Warning: Collection from client1.company.com incomplete.

The problem occurs when a Cell Manager name specified in the configuration file on a client does not match the name of the Cell Manager that requested the debug log collection.

Action

Add the Cell Manager hostname to the omnidlc_hosts file located in the default Data Protector client configuration directory.

Additional operations

• To pack unpacked data, compressed or uncompressed, that was sent to the Cell Manager (using the -depot option), use the -localpack [Filename] option.

This option packs the directory structure of the current directory (must be the directory containing the dlc directory generated by the -depot option). If the *Filename* argument is not specified, the file dlc.pck is created in the current directory.

This option is equivalent to the -pack option, but should be used only if the data was collected using the -depot option.

• To get the additional information (for example, screenshots, pictures and the like) from a specified directory on client, use the -add_info [-any | Host] Path option.

The -any option is used when the directory path is the same for all clients.

• To unpack data, use the -unpack [Filename] option.

If the Filename argument is not specified, the dlc.pck file from the current directory is unpacked. The data is always unpacked to the dlc directory in the current directory.

Use this option when the collected data was packed on the Cell Manager either using the -pack or -localpack option.

- To uncompress a compressed single file, use the -uncompress *Filename* option. Packed data must be unpacked first.
- To enable verbose output, use the -verbose option.

Using the Data Protector GUI to process debug files

During debug sessions, the following types of files can be generated: debug, log, and getinfo

The following debug file operations can be performed in the Data Protector GUI:

"Invoking debug file operations" on the next page

Debug file operations can be started from different locations within the Data Protector GUI.

"Collecting debug files" on the next page

Debug files are collected from client systems and stored on the Cell Manager.

"Calculating debug files space" on page 107

The space required on the Cell Manager for the collected files is calculated.

• "Deleting debug files" on page 108

Debug files are deleted from the client systems.

They can be invoked from the Internal Database context or the Clients context.

The GUI operations use various options of the omnidlc command. Additional operations can be performed on collected files by using the omnidlc command directly in the command line interface. For further information, see "Using the omnidlc command from the CLI to process debug files" on page 102 or the HPE Data Protector Command Line Interface Reference.

When performing any of the operations in the following sections, the omnidle syntax used can be seen in a **Results** window.

Invoking debug file operations

To access debug file operations from the Clients context:

- 1. In the Scoping Pane, expand the **Clients** folder and select the client for which debug file operations are required.
- 2. Select the operation to perform:
 - Right-click on the selection and select the required operation: Collect Debug Files, Calculate Debug Files Space or Delete Debug Files.

or

From the menu bar, select Actions -> Debug Files and then Collect, Check Space or Delete

To access debug file operations from the **Internal Database** context:

- 1. In the Scoping Pane, expand the **Sessions** folder and select the session for which debug file operations are required.
- 2. Select the operation to perform:
 - Right-click on the selection and select the required operation: Collect Debug Files, Calculate Debug Files Space, or Delete Debug Files.

or

• From the menu bar, select Actions -> Debug Files and then Collect, Check Space, or Delete.

In each case, selecting an operation starts a wizard that guides you through the required steps.

Collecting debug files

To collect debug files:

- 1. Start the Debug File Collector wizard as described in "Invoking debug file operations" above.
 - If you started from the Internal Database context by selecting a session, the session will be preselected in the Filter section of the wizard Clients page and the clients involved in the session will be selected.
 - If you started from the Client context, the clients that you selected there will be pre-selected in the wizard Clients page.
- 2. In the Clients page, to limit the clients involved:
 - a. Select only the client(s) from which you want to collect files. If clients were pre-selected, you can de-select any of them.
 - b. Click Next.
- 3. In the Directories page:
 - a. Enter any other directories that should be checked for debug files in addition to the default debug files directory and click **Add**.

- b. In the directory tree, select any other directories whose contents you want collected (the contents of sub-directories are not collected).
- c. Click Next.
- 4. In the Options and Operation page:
 - a. De-select any debug collection options you don't want to use. For information on the omnidle options, see the HPE Data Protector Command Line Interface Reference.
 - b. You can specify multiple filter options for collecting the debug logs. The following filter options are available:
 - Session ID: The backup session for which the debug files were produced.
 - Debug ID: The debug session for which debug files were produced.
 - · Postfix: The debug filename.
 - Module/s: The modules for which you need the debug logs. You can enter multiple modules, each separated by a comma. Example: BSM,BDSM,VBDA.
 - c. Select the operation to be used for storing the debug files on the Cell Manager:
 - Create Depot stores the files (not packed) in the default Data Protector temporary files directory, within a dlc subdirectory.
 - To specify an alternative location, enter an existing directory in **Target Path**. If you want to use the default location, make sure that the text box is clear.
 - Using this option allows you to review the collected files and remove any of them before sending the information to support. You can subsequently create a pack file using the CLI command omnidlc -localpack [Filename] (for more information, see the HPE Data Protector Command Line Interface Reference.
 - Create Pack File creates a pack file containing the collected files.
 Specify the full path for the file in Target Path.
 - d. Click Finish.

Calculating debug files space

You can calculate the total space required on the Cell Manager for a debug file collection before actually performing the collection, by entering all the required collection information in the Debug File Space Calculation wizard. After the calculation has been performed, you have the option to start the collection using the specified criteria.

To calculate the total space required on the Cell Manager for a debug files collection:

- 1. Start the Debug File Space Calculation wizard as described in "Invoking debug file operations" on the previous page.
- 2. In the Clients page, to limit the clients involved:
 - a. Select only the client(s) from which you want to collect files. If clients were pre-selected, you can de-select any of them.
 - b. In **Filters**, select the filter criteria: **SessionID**, **DebugID**, **Postfix**, or **No filter**, and enter the required identifier. If **No filter** is selected, all debug files on the selected client(s) will be collected. If a session was pre-selected for you, you cannot change this.
 - c. Click Next.

- 3. In the Directories page:
 - a. Enter any other directories that should be checked for debug files in addition to the default debug files directory and click **Add**.
 - b. In the directory tree, select any other directories whose contents you want collected (the contents of sub-directories are not collected).
 - c. Click Next.
- 4. In the Options page:
 - a. De-select any debug collection options you don't want to use. For information on the omnidle options, see the HPE Data Protector Command Line Interface Reference.
 - b. Click Next.

The results of the check are displayed in the **Results** tab.

After the calculation, a dialog box appears asking if you want to start the debug file collection.

To start debug file collection using the options selected for the space calculation:

· Click Yes.

The default operation behavior (Create Pack file) will be used on the Cell Manager. See "Collecting debug files" on page 106.

Deleting debug files

To delete debug files from clients:

- Start the Delete Debug Files wizard as described in "Invoking debug file operations" on page 106.
- 2. In the Clients page, to limit which files are deleted:
 - a. Select only the client(s) from which to delete files.
 - b. In **Filters**, select the filter criteria: **SessionID**, **DebugID**, **Postfix** or **No filter** and enter the required identifier.
 - If No filter is selected, all debug files on the selected client(s) will be deleted.
 - c. Click Next.
- 3. In the Directories page:
 - Enter any other directories from which debug files should be deleted, in addition to the default debug files directory, and click Add.
 - b. Click Finish.

Examples of Using the omnidle Command

- To collect and compress all debug, log, and getinfo files from the cell and pack them in the dlc.pck file in the current directory on the Cell Manager, using verbose output, run: omnidlc -no filter -verbose
- 2. To collect only log and debug files from the clients client1.company.com and client2.company.com to the directory c:\depot on the Cell Manager, without compressing and packing the files, run:

```
omnidlc -no_filter -hosts client1.company.com client2.company.com -depot
c:\depot -no getinfo -no compress
```

3. To collect log, debug, and getinfo files from the client client1.company.com, compress and pack them to the file c:\pack\pack.pck on the Cell Manager, run:

```
omnidlc -hosts client1.company.com -pack c:\pack\pack.pck
```

4. To collect log, debug, and getinfo files from the default location and debug files from the additional directories, C:\tmp and /temp/debugs, from the clients client1.company.com and client2.company.com, and to compress and pack the files on the Cell Manager, run: omnidlc -hosts client1.company.com client2.company.com -debug_loc C:\tmp /tmp/debugs

5. To delete all debug files for the session with the ID 2012/02/16-11, run:

```
omnidlc -session 2012/02/16-11 -delete_dbg
```

6. To display disk space needed on the Cell Manager for the uncompressed debug files with the debug ID 2351 from the client client.company.com, run:

```
omnidlc -did 2351 -hosts client.company.com -space -no_getinfo -no_logs -no_compress
```

7. To pack the additional file located in the C:\debug directory on the client client1.company.com together with debug log files for the session with the ID 2012/02/12-24, run:

```
omnidlc -session 2012/02/12-24 -add_info -host client1.company.com C:\debug
```

8. To pack the directory structure in the current directory (must be the directory containing the dlc directory generated by the -depot option) to the dlc.pck file in the same directory, run:

```
omnidlc -localpack
```

9. To collect and pack telemetry files in C:\tmp\dlc.dlc on the Cell Manager cellmanager.company.com, run:

```
omnidlc -no_filter -hosts cellmanager.company.com -no_compress -no_logs -no_
config -no_getinfo -no_verbose -telemetry_files -pack C:\tmp\dlc.dlc
```

 To unpack the dlc.pck file to the dlc directory of the current directory, run: omnidlc -unpack

Processing Debug Files using the Data Protector GUI

During debug sessions, the following types of files can be generated: debug, log, and getinfo.

The following debug file operations can be performed in the Data Protector GUI:

- "Invoking debug file operations" on the next page
 Debug file operations can be started from different locations within the Data Protector GUI.
- "Collecting debug files" on the next page
 Debug files are collected from client systems and stored on the Cell Manager.

"Calculating debug files space" on page 111

The space required on the Cell Manager for the collected files is calculated.

• "Deleting debug files" on page 112

Debug files are deleted from the client systems.

They can be invoked from the Internal Database context or the Clients context.

The GUI operations use various options of the omnidlc command. Additional operations can be performed on collected files by using the omnidlc command directly in the command line interface. For further information, see "Using the omnidlc command from the CLI to process debug files" on page 102 or the HPE Data Protector Command Line Interface Reference.

When performing any of the operations in the following sections, the omnidle syntax used can be seen in a **Results** window.

Invoking debug file operations

To access debug file operations from the Internal Database context:

- 1. In the Scoping Pane, expand the **Sessions** folder and select the session for which debug file operations are required.
- 2. Select the operation to perform:
 - Right-click on the selection and select the required operation: Collect Debug Files, Calculate Debug Files Space or Delete Debug Files.

or

• From the menu bar, select Actions -> Debug Files and then Collect, Check Space or Delete.

To access debug file operations from the Clients context:

- 1. In the Scoping Pane, expand the **Clients** folder and select the client for which debug file operations are required.
- 2. Select the operation to perform:
 - Right-click on the selection and select the required operation: Collect Debug Files, Calculate Debug Files Space or Delete Debug Files.

or

• From the menu bar, select Actions -> Debug Files and then Collect, Check Space or Delete.

In each case, selecting an operation starts a Wizard that guides you through the required steps.

Collecting debug files

- 1. Start the Debug File Collector wizard as described in "Invoking debug file operations" above.
 - If you started from the Internal Database context by selecting a session, the session will be preselected in the Filter section of the wizard Clients page and the clients involved in the session will be selected.
 - If you started from the Client context, the clients that you selected there will be pre-selected in the wizard Clients panel.

- 2. In the Clients page, to limit the clients involved:
 - a. Select only the client(s) from which you want to collect files. If clients were pre-selected, you can de-select any of them.
 - b. In Filters, select the filter criteria: SessionID, DebugID, Postfix or No filter and enter the required identifier. If No filter is selected, all debug files on the selected client(s) will be collected. If a session ID was pre-selected for you, you cannot change this.
 - c. Click Next.
- 3. In the Directories page:
 - a. Enter any other directories that should be checked for debug files in addition to the default debug files directory and click **Add**.
 - b. In the directory tree, select any other directories whose contents you want collected (the contents of sub-directories are not collected).
 - c. Click Next.
- 4. In the Options and Operation page:
 - a. De-select any debug collection options you don't want to use. When first opened, the selections match the standard defaults used by the omnidlc command. For information on these, see the HPE Data Protector Command Line Interface Reference.
 - b. Select the operation to be used for storing the debug files on the Cell Manager:
 - Create Depot stores files (not packed) in the default Data Protector temporary files directory within a dlc subdirectory.
 - To specify an alternative location, enter an existing directory in **Target Path**. If you want to use the default location, make sure that the text box is clear.
 - Using this option allows you to review the collected files and remove any of them before sending the information to support. You can subsequently create a pack file using the CLI command omnidle -localpack [filename] (for more information on this, see the HPE Data Protector Command Line Interface Reference.
 - Create Pack File creates a pack file containing the collected files.
 Specify the full path for the file in Target Path.
 - c. Click Finish.

Calculating debug files space

You can calculate the total space required on the Cell Manager for a debug file collection before actually performing the collection, by entering all the required collection information in the Debug File Space Calculation wizard. After the calculation has been performed, you have the option to start the collection using the specified criteria.

To calculate the total space required on the Cell Manager for a debug files collection:

- 1. Start the Debug File Space Calculation wizard as described in "Invoking debug file operations" on the previous page.
- 2. In the Clients page, to limit the clients involved:
 - a. Select only the client(s) from which you want to collect files. If clients were pre-selected, you can de-select any of them.

- b. In Filters, select the filter criteria: SessionID, DebugID, Postfix or No filter and enter the required identifier. If No filter is selected, all debug files on the selected client(s) will be collected. If a session was pre-selected for you, you cannot change this.
- c. Click Next.
- 3. In the Directories page:
 - a. Enter any other directories that should be checked for debug files in addition to the default debug files directory and click **Add**.
 - b. In the directory tree, select any other directories whose contents you want collected (the contents of sub-directories are not collected).
 - c. Click Next.
- 4. In the Options page:
 - a. De-select any debug collection options you don't want to use. When first opened, the selections match the standard defaults used by the omnidlc command. For information on these, see the HPE Data Protector Command Line Interface Reference.
 - b. Click Next.

The results of the check are displayed in the **Results** tab.

After the calculation, a dialog box appears asking if you want to start the debug file collection.

To start debug file collection using the options selected for the space calculation:

· Click Yes.

The default operation behavior (Create Pack file) will be used on the Cell Manager. See "Collecting debug files" on page 110.

Deleting debug files

To delete debug files from clients:

- 1. Start the Delete Debug Files wizard as described in "Invoking debug file operations" on page 110.
- 2. In the Clients page, to limit which files are deleted:
 - a. Select only the client(s) from which to delete files.
 - b. In **Filters**, select the filter criteria: **SessionID**, **DebugID**, **Postfix** or **No filter** and enter the required identifier.
 - If **No filter** is selected, all debug files on the selected client(s) will be deleted.
 - c. Click Next.
- 3. In the Directories page:
 - a. Enter any other directories from which debug files should be deleted, in addition to the default debug files directory, and click **Add**.
 - b. Click Finish.

Example of Collecting Data to Be Sent to the HPE Customer Support Service

To collect debug, log, and getinfo files for problems occurring during backup sessions involving one client and the Cell Manager:

- 1. Reduce the error environment as much as possible:
 - Create a backup specification that contains just one or a few files or directories.
 - Include only one failing client in the debug run.
- 2. Create an info text file that contains the following:
 - Hardware identification of the Cell Manager, Media Agent, and Disk Agent clients. For example, HPE-9000 T-600 Series; Vectra XA.
 - The SCSI controller's name, for example, onboard_type/Adaptec xxx/... for Windows Media Agent clients.
 - Topology information obtained from the omnicellinfo -cell command output.
 - The output of the devbra -dev command if you have issues with backup devices.
- 3. Discuss the technical issue with the support organization and request the following information:
 - Debug level (For example, 1-200. This is a command option needed later.).
 - Debug scope (For example, client only, Cell Manager only, every system.).
- 4. Exit all user interfaces and stop all other backup activities in the cell.
- To collect Inet or CRS debugs as well, restart the Inet or CRS service on the Cell Manager in the debug mode.
- 6. On the Cell Manager, start the GUI in the debug mode:

```
manager -debug 1-200 error_run.txt
```

You can define the postfix of the debug file names created by substituting the error_run text with your preference.

- 7. Reproduce the problem using Data Protector.
- 8. Exit all user interfaces to guit the debug mode.

If you collected Inet and CRS debugs as well, restart the Data Protector services on the Cell Manager without the debug option.

9. On the Cell Manager, run:

```
omnidlc -postfix error run.txt
```

The command compresses the log, getinfo, and debug files with the error_run.txt postfix on the client and sends them over the network to the Cell Manager, where they are packed and saved in the dlc.pck file in the current directory.

- 10. E-mail the packed files (dlc.pck) to the support organization.
- 11. Delete the created debug files (with the error_run.txt postfix) on the client by running the following command on the Cell Manager:

omnidlc -postfix error_run.txt -delete_dbg

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