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HP OSI Transport Services/9000 (C.13.00 for HPUX 11.31)

Introduction

HP OSI Transport Services/9000 (OTS/9000) is the OSI networking stack of HP-UX. It provides functions of OSI Layers 3 (Network), 4 (Transport), 5 (Session), 6 (Presentation) and ACSE/ROSE over X.25, FDDI and IEEE802.3 LAN interfaces. It also provides RFC1006 that allows users to run OSI Services over TCP connections. Applications can use OTS/9000 via Application Program Interfaces (APIs) to layers 4, 5, 6 and ACSE/ROSE application entities.

Audience

This edition of the HP OSI Transport Services/9000 Release Notes contains the current release notes for version C.13.00 for HP-UX 11.31.

If you are considering updating to OTS/9000 version C.13.00 from OTS/9000 version C.11.00, please read the release notes for version C.12.00.

If you are considering updating to OTS/9000 version C.13.00 from OTS/9000 version C.09.03 for HP-UX 11.00, please read the release notes for version C.11.00 and the release notes for version C.12.00.

If you are considering updating to OTS/9000 version C.13.00 from OTS/9000 version C.08.00, please read the release notes for version C.09.03, the release notes for version C.11.00 and the release notes for version C.12.00.

NOTE: The following release notes is also available online when the OTS/9000 product is installed. Please see /opt/ots/doc/README_C1300 for an ASCII version of the release notes.

The following information is for version C.13.00 of HP OTS/9000 .The information is applicable over Itanium as well as PA-RISC architectures.

What's new in this Version

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m HP}$ OSI Transport Services/9000 version C.13.00 contains the following new features and functionality.

Features

HP OTS/9000 version C.13.00 provides the additional features:

1. Support to multiple RK6 (RFC1006) NSAPs on a single system. The NSAP can be created dynamically or added statically by specifying in the ots subnets config file.

RK6 is used to configure OTS over TCP connections.

- 2. The number of LAN CLNS subnets is increased to eight from a previous limitation of five.
- 3. A flag OTSSTOP is added to the product. This feature can be controlled by turning 'on' or 'off' the OTSSTOP flag in the /etc/rc.config.d/ots. By default the flag is set to 'on'.

Benefits

Upgrading to HP OTS/9000 version C.13.00 provides the following benefits:

1. Support to multiple RK6 NSAPs on a single system.

When RK6 is able to listen on multiple ports, we can configure a new NSAP for each port and start applications using those NSAPs.

2. The support for number of LAN CLNS subnets is increased to eight.

It is now possible to configure up to eight CLNS LAN subnets with OTS.

- 3. The OTSSTOP flag when set to 'on' will invoke the OTSSTOP script when the system is shutting down. This feature can be controlled by turning 'on' or 'off' the OTSSTOP flag in the /etc/rc.config.d/ots.
 - 4. Support for HP-UX version 11.31. If you wish to upgrade to HP-UX version 11.31, you must also upgrade to HP OTS/9000 version C.13.00.
 - 5. Updated documentation set with HP OTS/9000 version C.13.00.

Fixes

Numerous fixes were incorporated into this release of HP OSI Transport Services/9000. See the section "Patches and Fixes in this Version" for more information.

Note

The Advanced Communication Controller card (ACC/X.25) if supported on HP-UX version 11.31, then it may be used with HP OTS/9000 version C.13.00.

Compatibility and Installation Requirements

Software Requirements

• HP-UX 11.31 operating system

If you are currently running an older version of HP-UX, you must

upgrade to HP-UX 11.31 before installing HP OSI Transport Services/9000 version C.13.00.

• HP 9000 networking link products such as HP LAN/9000, HP FDDI/9000 and HP X.25 products (High-Performance STREAMS-X25).

Hardware Requirements

- HP 9000 Servers or Itanium servers
- Install/update media hardware, such as:
- DDS tape drive
- CD-ROM drive
- Networking link adapters such as an HP LAN/9000 card

Disk Space Requirements

• 175 MB free disk space

Installation Instructions

A reboot is required for installing HP OTS/9000. The reboot is required to rebuild the HP-UX kernel with HP OTS/9000.

The "Installing and Administering HP OTS/9000" manual (HP Part Number 32070-90030) contains complete instructions for installing this product. See that document for detailed instructions.

Known Problems and Workarounds

1. When MC/Service Guard initiates a local LAN switchover for HP OTS/9000 from one LAN card to another and then switches back to the first LAN card within 120 seconds, some operations to the first LAN card may fail. This is because previous LAN card information is still in the ESH table.

Workaround:

If this happens, wait until after 120 seconds from the first switchover and try the switchover again.

2. In C.13.00 version of OTS, if a local LAN switchover occurs when OTS is running and OTS is then stopped, OTS configuration files would still contain a reference to the primary LAN interface. So a restart would cause OTS to come up with the primary LAN interface instead of the switched/secondary LAN interface.

The above problem may also happen if OTS is started subsequent to a

local LAN switchover.

Workaround:

A workaround is to verify that the interface configured for use in OTS is currently the functional LAN interface, before restarting OTS.

3. With RFC1006 subnet configured in ots_subnets, osiconfchk would report the following warning:

Line 28:

->snet socket size 4096

Warning: Unknown keyword. Line will be ignored. (CHK011) NOTE: This line cannot be corrected with osiconf. (CHK080)

Line 29:

->snet tcp nodelay 0

Warning: Unknown keyword. Line will be ignored. (CHK011) NOTE: This line cannot be corrected with osiconf. (CHK080)

Workaround:

These warnings may safely be ignored, without any serious consequences.

Fixes in this Version

HP OTS/9000 version C.13.00 incorporates several fixes.

The following section describes the new fixes available in this version:

1. CR JAGae56022

Symptom

osi.h is not C++ compliant.

Defect description

The header files provided by OTS are not ANSI C++ complaint.

Resolution

All the header files and libraries are changed to comply with ANSI C++.

2. CR JAGae81127

Symptom

osiadmin core dumping when viewing X.25 configuration.

Defect description

The buffer which is used to hold the list of arguments for a series of x25init command invocations was limited to 500 bytes, when more arguments were added to $X25_ARGS$ in /etc/rc.config.d/x25 file, it caused buffer overflow. Thus when the buffer is accessed by osiadmin, it dumps core.

Resolution

The buffer size is increased to max pipe size of 8Kb.

3.CR JAGae66284

Symptom

osiping is hanging when CLNI application is running.

Defect description

When one CLNI application is already running, executing osiping will result in a hang. osiping continues after the CLNI application is complete.

Resolution

Code has been modified appropriately to allow osiping to run when a CLNI application is already running.

4. CR JAGae87400

Symptom

When two or more osiping sessions are started concurrently, the one which was started first works and the others hang until the first finishes.

Defect description

osiping is developed based on CLNI APIs. osiping commands use the same NET-ID as a source. Since ECHO-REQUEST sources are same, STACK cannot differentiate between ECHO-RESPONSEs. So ECHO-RESPONSEs are directed to first started osiping.

Resolution

As osiping uses NET-ID as source, all the osiping's ECHO-RSP packets have the same destination NSAP. We can use the destination NSAP (i.e. source NSAP in ECHO-RSP) as an identity to differentiate the ECHO-RSP packets. This needs the following code changes,

- Need to have a place to store destination info in HccxcbT structure.
- Need to store destination info information before sending ECHO-REQ packet.
- While sending ECHO-RSP stack need to swap the source and destination info.

5. CR JAGae86551

Symptom

When second CR-TPDU containing option C7 (alternate transport class with value of class 0) is received within an existing network connection, the TPDU is rejected with cause 0x85.

Defect description

When the second TRANSPORT connection is received over the same X25 connection, the CR-TPDU has the Alternate Class option C7 coded to class 0. This second TRANSPORT connection is rejected by OTS

This second TRANSPORT connection is rejected by OTS with a DR-TPDU and reason protocol error(0x85).

Resolution

The code has been modified, to accept the second incoming CR-TPDU.

A new file otsapc.txt is provided to show how to use this feature and enable/disable the acceptance of the second CR-TPDU which has Alternate Class option C7 coded to class 0 using otsapc script.

6. CR JAGae66841

Symptom

Support for multiport listening for RFC 1006.

Defect description

With 2(or more) applications bound to 2(or more) different RFC1006 NSAPs, all the incoming connections are routed to the application instance which has been bound first whatever is the called NSAP.

Resolution

To support multiple RK6 static NSAPs(RK6 configured on multiple listening ports) changes have been made to osiconfchk, otstrans and osiamd modules. The port numbers can be entered in the ots_subnets config file. the translator has been modified to accept these multiple port numbers and put respective the yacc statements for opening a new RK6 stream in the /var/opt/ots/OTSconfig file.

7. CR JAGaf08309

Symptom

Adding "otsstop" to the ots rc shutdown scripts.

Defect description

After rebooting, if the client application uses the same source reference in the CR-TPDU that was already used for the previous connection, the server discards the CR-TPDU .

Resolution

Add 'stop' section to /sbin/init.d/ots script. Established a 'K' link (K620ots) to the above script from /sbin/rc1.d/ directory so that otsstop gets called during system shutdown.

8. CR JAGae94934

Symptom

otsstat: Can't getmsg (Resource temporarily unavailable).

Defect description

Repeated calls to otsstat results in failure and otsstat returns :

"Can't getmsg (Resource temporarily unavailable) registration failed".

Running otsstat again returns the correct information's.

Resolution

code is changed to handle the EAGAIN error message for getmsg() when there is no message on the stream or no resource available. if we get EAGAIN, getmsg() is called again.

9. CR JAGaf23443

Symptom

Need nettl log entry for DR-TPDU send because of duplicate SRC-REF.

Defect description

When in TRANSPORT Class 0, a DR-TPDU is sent because of an existing TRANSPORT connection sharing the same Source Reference the reason code is set to zero which is what is defined in the ISO TRANSPORT standard for TRANSPORT Class 0.

When troubleshooting such case it's difficult to find the reason of the DR-TPDU with reason 0.

Hence this request to have OTS writing an entry in nettl log to indicate a DR-TPDU is sent because of duplicate TRANSPORT SRC-REF.

Resolution

It is fixed in such a way that, if we receive duplicate CR-TPDU with the same source reference, we will get the following error message in the nettl log: "[4015] Processing Error trsmai2.c 577 [....] (96) tcrdup() DR-TPDU because of duplicate SRC-REF"

10. CR JAGaf19418

Symptom

Local LAN failover does not work with OTS (CLNS/LAN).

Defect description

When using OTS with Service Guard on a system running HPUX 11.23, local LAN switchover is not working for OTS. The standby interface is shown as DOWN by otsstat and no OSI traffic is going through.

Resolution

The code is modified appropriately and now otsstat shows the correct LAN interface name and status. This also results in OSI traffic going through.

11. CR JAGaf30507

Symptom

Memory leaking on 2KBytes bucket.

Defect description

The memory leak in 2K bucket size happens whenever incoming CP-PPDU with an invalid PSAP in pconid() is rejected.

Resolution

The code is modified in such a way that, memory leak is triggered because the unfreed message block allocated by LAN driver is now freed by OTS whenever invalid PSAP is encountered.

12. CR JAGaf37624

Symptom

kctune error with OTS9000 installed.

Defect description

With OTS9000 installed, kctune sends warning: WARNING: The file '/usr/conf/lib/ots_q4.o' is not a kernel code library. This file will not be used.

Resolution

Removed ots_q4.o file from /usr/conf/lib directory.

13. CR JAGaf40049

Symptom

Rose decoding problem cause association to be aborted.

Defect description

The customer OVDM application gets disconnected after an association has been established and while receiving a ROSE-INVOKE-IND.

Resolution

This problem has been fixed by changing the code.

14. CR JAGaf47118

Symptom

Wrong prototype for ses connect cf() in /opt/ots/include/osi.h

Defect description

The prototype declaration of ses_connect_cf () in /opt/ots/include/osi.h is wrong: argument "tokens_rq" is missing. It may have been copied from the ses_connect_cf () man page which also omits this argument in the arguments' list. It seems to be valid on 11.00 and 11.11 as well.

Resolution

The code is changed to accommodate the fix.

15. CR JAGaf51449

Symptom:

Error CF221 when configuring RFC1006 subnet in osiadmin/osiconf.

Defect description:

With OTS C.11.01 when using osiconf/osiadmin to add/delete/modify a RFC1006 subnet, the following error is reported:

(CF221)

Internal error: Unknown check type. ACTION: Verify that the file versions in /opt/ots/lib/osiconf are correct.

There is no problem when editing and validating ots subnets

manually.PHNE 28888 doesn't have this problem.

Resolution:

CHK_PORT_STRING is not defined in the 'switch' . Code is changed to handle the field type 'CHK PORT STRING' .

16. CR JAGaf54991

Symptom

OTS panic in hp lan stat () with clnp subset 0 and lsap 14

Defect description

The panic occurs when is OTS is started after setting clnp subset to ${\tt O}$ and ${\tt lsap}$ to ${\tt 14}$.

As the HPUX system must communicate through OTS with a remote ICL system, setting the lsap to 14 is mandatory for them.

There is no problem if the lsap is set to FE or 20.

Resolution

Code has been changed to accommodate the fix

17. CR JAGaf56695

Symptom

otsstat doesn't display 2nd CLNS subnet when snet_lsap values differ.

Defect description

When 2 CLNS subnets don't use the same snet_lsap value, only the first subnet is displayed by otsstat.

Resolution

Code has been changed to accommodate the fix

18. CR JAGaf77368

 ${\tt Symptom}$

OTS sends DR-TPDU for XTI application bound to 'TSAP+NSAP'

Defect Description

When the XTI server program is bound on TSAP+NSAP, the incoming CR-TPDU is rejected by a DR-TPDU with reason 0.

The following entry is logged by nettl:

[9600] High Access Method ERROR strosxtpi.c 4537 [....] (38) OsiTpiCONID() disconnect sent.

When the XTI server program is bound to TSAP only, all is working fine.

The XTI demo programs are failing as well. The problem only occurs with RFC1006 subnet.

Resolution

So the necessary code change is done to give a fix for this defect.

19. CR JAGaf66010

Symptom:

When we tried to configure more than 5 CLNS LAN subnets using osiadmin it was failing.

Defect description:

When we tried to configure more than 5 CLNS LAN subnets using osiadmin it was failing.

Resolution:

The Maximum LAN subnets limit is changed to 8.

20. CR JAGaf90599

Symptom:

Panic occurs in OTS code each time otsstop is used on a system running HP-UX 11.11 and PHNE 33030

Defect description:

Panic occurs in OTS code each time otsstop is used on a system running HP-UX 11.11 and PHNE 33030.

The OTS configuration has a single x25 subnet with 16 x25 ports but only the first 12 of them have X25 started.

Resolution:

The code has been altered to fix this defect.