



# **Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite FastFabric**

**User Guide**

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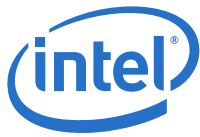
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## 1.0 Introduction

The Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite FastFabric (FF) Toolset is designed to both simplify and expedite common True Scale cluster management tasks. FastFabric can assist in generic management tasks as well as Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite Software installation, upgrade, configuration and verification tasks.

### 1.1 Intended Audience

This manual is intended to provide network administrators and other qualified personnel a reference for installation, configuration and administration task information for the FF Toolset.

### 1.2 Overview

FastFabric includes both a Textual User Interface (TUI) menu system and command line tools. The TUI presents the menus in a typical order of execution for a new fabric installation to simplify the installation for new users. All operations available in the TUI can also be accomplished using the command line. The command line tools are designed to permit customer-specific scripts to invoke the command line tools. For information on the command line tools refer to *Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite FastFabric Command Line Interface Reference Guide*

FastFabric has the following key capabilities:

- Accelerates initial fabric installation
- Performs chassis and switch configuration
- Verifies host management network connectivity
- Verifies host OS levels
- Sets up host and chassis ssh keys
- Performs initial True Scale software installation
- Configures Internet Protocol over InfiniBand\* (IPoIB) IP addresses
- Performs True Scale driver upgrades or the installation of additional True Scale drivers
- Verifies key fabric installation matrixes:
  - Components in fabric
  - Link error counters
  - Link widths and speeds
  - InfiniBand\* and PCI bus bandwidth
  - InfiniBand\* end-to-end latency
  - IPoIB connectivity
  - Subnet Agent (SA) visibility of all nodes
  - InfiniBand\* connectivity of all switches and nodes
  - Aids in diagnosis of fabric problems
  - Fabric error isolation
  - Fabric topology analysis and verification
  - Fabric route analysis
- Aids in ongoing fabric status and configuration monitoring:

- Fabric Performance, Error and congestion monitoring
  - Automated fabric health checks and configuration baseline compare
  - Automated chassis health checks and configuration baseline compare
  - Automated Subnet Management (SM) health checks and configuration baseline compare
- Provides tools to accelerate common host administration tasks
- Executes commands across many hosts
- Copies files to and from many hosts
- Edits host-specific files across many hosts
- Provides tools to accelerate common chassis and switch administration tasks:
  - Manages firmware levels on switches and chassis
  - Executes commands across many chassis
  - Administers switches
- Assists in the initial benchmarking and tuning of High Performance Computing (HPC) fabrics.

## 1.3 Supported Languages

English only.

## 1.4 Additional Information

This section lists additional Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite and OFED+ Host Software related information that will help you use it appropriately.

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### 1.4.2 Related Materials

- *Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite FastFabric Command Line Interface Reference Guide*
- *Intel® True Scale Fabric Software Installation Guide*
- *Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite Fabric Manager User Guide*
- *Intel® True Scale Fabric OFED+ Host Software User Guide*
- *Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite Software Release Notes*
- *Intel® True Scale Fabric OFED+ Host Software Release Notes*

### 1.4.3 Documentation Conventions

This guide uses the following documentation conventions:

- **Note:** provides additional information.
- **Caution:** indicates the presence of a hazard that has the potential of causing damage to data or equipment.



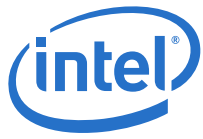


- **Warning:** indicates the presence of a hazard that has the potential of causing personal injury.
- Text in **blue** font indicates a hyperlink (jump) to a figure, table, section in this guide, or links to Web sites. For example:
  - **Table 9** lists problems related to the user interface and remote agent.
  - Refer to the “**Installation Checklist**” on page 3-6.
  - For more information, visit [www.Intel.com](http://www.Intel.com).
- Text in **bold** font indicates user interface elements such as a menu items, buttons, check boxes, or column headings. For example:
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  - Under **Notification Options**, select the **Warning Alarms** check box.
- Text in **Courier** font indicates a file name, directory path, or command line text. For example:
  - To return to the root directory from anywhere in the file structure:  
Type `cd /root` and press ENTER.
  - Enter the following command: `sh ./install.bin`
- Key names and key strokes are indicated with UPPERCASE:
  - Press CTRL+P.
  - Press the UP ARROW key.
- Text in *italics* indicates terms, emphasis, variables, or document titles. For example:
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  - What are *shortcut keys*?
  - To enter the date type *mm/dd/yyyy* (where *mm* is the month, *dd* is the day, and *yyyy* is the year).
- Topic titles between quotation marks identify related topics either within this manual or in the online help, which is also referred to as *the help system* throughout this document.

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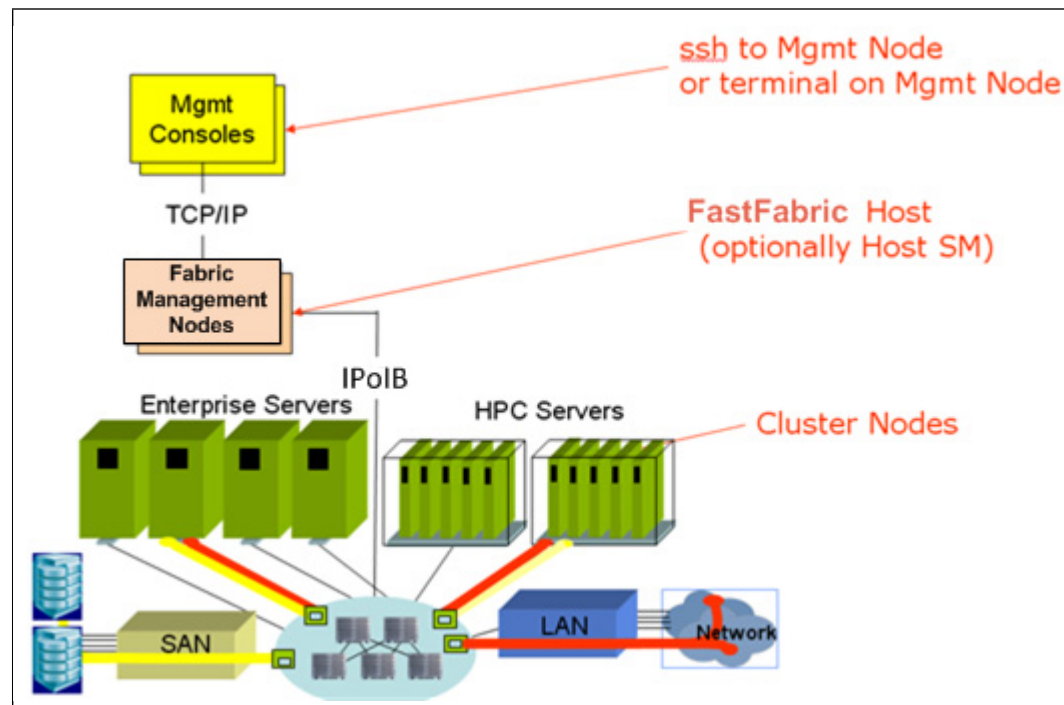




## 2.0 FastFabric Architecture

FastFabric is typically installed on one or more Fabric Management Nodes. The Fabric Management Node must be connected to the rest of the cluster through the True Scale Fabric and a management network. The management network may be the primary Internet Protocol over InfiniBand\* (IPoIB) network or Ethernet. The management network will be used for FastFabric host setup and administration tasks. It may also be used for other aspects of server administration or operation. Refer to [Figure 1](#) for a high-level block diagram of the FastFabric architecture.

**Figure 1. FastFabric Architecture**



Depending on cluster size and design, the Fabric Management node may also be used as the master node for starting Message Passing Interface (MPI) jobs. It may also be used to run a Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite Fabric Manager and other management software. Refer to the *Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite Fabric Manager User Guide* for details and what combinations are valid.

**Note:** When IPoIB is used as the management network, FastFabric will not be able to install host software or configure IPoIB. However in this configuration, FastFabric is able to support host software upgrades, verification and all its other features.

If remote access to FastFabric is desired, set up remote access to the Fabric Management Node using ssh, telnet, X-Windows, VNC or any other mechanism which will allow the remote user to access a Linux\* Command Line shell. Typically FastFabric is used only by cluster administrators.

## 2.1 How FastFabric Works

FastFabric consists of a variety of tools to administer hosts, chassis and externally managed switches. Depending on the tool, the method of accessing and administering the target devices may differ.



Table 1 describes the access methods that FastFabric uses:

**Table 1. FastFabric Methods**

Method	Examples
Inband access through IPoIB	Fabric Performance, Error and congestion monitoring. Fabric topology reports, SA database queries, fabric error and link speed analysis, tools for externally managed switches, etc.
Login through a management network	Host setup and installation, tools for internally managed chassis, etc.
MPI job startup (can be inband or through a management network)	Verify MPI performance, running sample MPI benchmarks.

Tools which log in to other hosts will do so in a password-less manner using ssh or telnet (configurable). Tools which log in to internally managed chassis can use ssh or telnet (configurable). Chassis tools can prompt for a single password for all chassis, use password-less ssh, or can be preconfigured with the password. These approaches permit the tools to operate with minimal user interaction and for this reason reduce the time to perform operations against many hosts or chassis.

After initial installation, FastFabric can be configured to use IPoIB instead of the management network.

*Note:* IPoIB can not be used to reconfigure IPoIB or install new hosts.





## 3.0 FastFabric TUI Menu

### 3.1 FastFabric TUI Menu Overview

FastFabric is easiest to use from the textual user interface (TUI) menu system. The menu system provides a way to perform all common tasks and presents common options. Additional less common options are available directly, using the Command Line Tools, documented in the *Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite FastFabric Command Line Interface Reference Guide*.

The following sections discuss the menu system. The majority of menu items directly invoke various FastFabric command tools. As such the section on each menu item will indicate what command tool it invokes and a summary of the operation performed. For further details about the given command tool, Refer to the relevant section in the *Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite FastFabric Command Line Interface Reference Guide*.

Some of the menu items are only applicable when Linux\* is being used. They will be marked with **(Linux)**. Similarly some of the menu items are only applicable when OFED+ Host Software, the Intel packaging of the OFED software, is being used on the hosts and will be marked with **(Host)**. All menu items which are applicable only when Intel® Switches or Chassis are being used will be marked with **(Switch)**. All remaining menu items are generally applicable to all environments and will not be marked or be marked with **(All)**.

**Note:** Some of the Linux\* menu items may be applicable to other Unix-like operating systems. These may be used to enable the use of non-True Scale Fabric specific FastFabric tools (such as `cmdall`) against the given hosts.

#### 3.1.1 TUI Menu Usage

The TUI menus are set up for ease of use. The submenus typically present operations in the typical order they would be used during an installation. Typing the keys corresponding to menu items (**0-9**, **a-d**) will toggle the **Skip/Perform** selection for the given item. More than one item may be selected. Once the desired set of items have been selected, typing **P** performs the operations that were selected. To unselect all items, type **N**. Typing **X** or pressing **ESC** will exit this menu and return to the Main Menu.

If more than one item is selected, the items will be performed in the order shown in the menu. This is the typical order desired during fabric setup. If it's desired to perform items in a different order, select a single item and type **P** to perform the operation by itself. Then repeat for the next operation to be performed. An opportunity will be presented after each item is selected to abort, as follows:

```
Hit any key to continue (or ESC to abort)...
```

If **ESC** is pressed, the sequence of operations will be aborted and return to the previous menu. Any other key will result in the next selected menu item being performed. This prompt is also shown after the last selected item completes permitting an opportunity to review the results before the screen is cleared to display the menu.

At the top of each FastFabric menu, the directory and file listing the components to operate on is shown. For example:

```
Host List: /etc/sysconfig/iba/hosts
```

On each FastFabric menu, item **0** will permit a different file to be selected and will permit the editing of the file (using the editor selected by the `EDITOR` environment variable). In addition it will also permit review and editing of the `fastfabric.conf`

file. The `fastfabric.conf` file guides the overall configuration of FastFabric and describes cluster specific attributes of how FastFabric will operate. It is discussed in greater detail in [Appendix A, "FastFabric Configuration Files"](#).

During the execution of each menu selection, the actual FastFabric command line tool being used will be shown. This can be used as an educational aid to learn the command line tools.

## 3.2 Intel IB Software Main Menu

The **Intel IB Software** main menu is the top level menu for the Intel IB Software. It can be activated using the `iba config` command. This menu is not part of the FastFabric TUI. However, since it is one way of getting to the FastFabric Main Menu it will be summarized here. [Figure 2](#) is a example of the **Intel IB Software** main menu.

**Figure 2. Intel IB Software Main Menu (Example)**

```

Intel IB VERSION Software

1) Show Installed Software
2) Reconfigure OFED IP over IB
3) Reconfigure Driver Autostart
4) Update HCA Firmware
5) Generate Supporting Information for Problem Report
6) FastFabric (Host/Chassis/Switch Setup/Admin)
7) Uninstall Software

X) Exit

```

### 3.2.1 Menu Items Description

Selecting items **1** through **7** will display the given submenu. Typing **X** will exit the menu system. The submenus are described below.

#### 3.2.1.1 Show Installed Software

Menu item **Show Installed Software** when selected displays the **Intel IB Installed Software** list and shows what is **Installed** and **Not Installed**.

#### 3.2.1.2 Reconfigure OFED IP over IB

Menu item **Reconfigure OFED IP over IB** when selected proceeds through the reconfiguration of the OFED IPoIB configuration.

#### 3.2.1.3 Reconfigure Driver Autostart

Menu item **Reconfigure Driver Autostart** when selected proceeds through the reconfiguration of the drivers autostart configuration.



#### 3.2.1.4 Update HCA Firmware

Menu item **Update HCA Firmware** when selected proceeds through updating the HCA Firmware.

#### 3.2.1.5 Generate Supporting Information for Problem Report

Menu item **Generate Supporting Information for Problem Report** when selected proceeds through the process of generating a report and saving it to a user specified file.

#### 3.2.1.6 FastFabric (Host/Chassis/Switch Setup/Admin)

Menu item **FastFabric (Host/Chassis/Switch Setup/Admin)** when selected displays the **Intel FastFabric IB Tools** menu. Refer to the ["FastFabric Main Menu"](#) section.

#### 3.2.1.7 Uninstall Software

Menu item **Uninstall Software** when selected proceeds to the **Intel IB Install Menu**.

### 3.3 FastFabric Main Menu

The FastFabric main menu is the starting point to manage the fabric using the TUI. Selecting **6** from the above menu or executing the `fastfabric` command at a prompt, displays the **Intel FastFabric IB Tools** menu ([Figure 3](#))

**Figure 3. Intel FastFabric IB Tools Menu (Example)**

```
Intel FastFabric IB Tools

Version: VERSION

1) Chassis Setup/Admin
2) Externally Managed Switch Setup/Admin
3) Host Setup
4) Host Verification/Admin
5) Fabric Monitoring

X) Exit
```

#### 3.3.1 Menu Items Description

Selecting items **1** through **5** will display the given submenu. Typing **X** will exit the menu system. The submenus are described below.

##### 3.3.1.1 Chassis Setup/Admin

Menu item **Chassis Setup/Admin** when selected displays the **FastFabric IB Chassis Setup/Admin Menu**. Refer to ["FastFabric IB Chassis Setup/Admin Menu"](#) on [page 18](#) for detailed information.



### 3.3.1.2 Externally Managed Switch Setup/Admin

Menu item **Externally Managed Switch Setup/Admin** when selected displays the **FastFabric IB Switch Setup/Admin Menu**. Refer to “FastFabric IB Switch Setup/Admin Menu” on page 25 for detailed information.

### 3.3.1.3 Host Setup

Menu item **Host Setup** when selected displays the **FastFabric IB Host Setup Menu**. Refer to “FastFabric IB Host Setup” on page 30 for detailed information.

### 3.3.1.4 Host Verification/Admin

Menu item **Host Verification/Admin** when selected displays the **FastFabric IB Host Verification/Admin Menu**. Refer to “FastFabric IB Host Verification/Admin Menu” on page 34 for detailed information.

### 3.3.1.5 Fabric Monitoring

Menu item **Fabric Monitoring** when selected displays the **FastFabric IB Fabric Monitoring Menu**. Refer to “Fabric Monitoring” on page 40 for detailed information.

## 3.4 FastFabric IB Chassis Setup/Admin Menu

This menu is focused on initial setup and administration of Intel® 12000 internally-managed switches. Pressing the keys corresponding to menu items (**0-9**) will toggle the **Skip/Perform** selection for the given item. More than one item may be selected. Once the desired set of items have been selected, type **P** to perform the operation(s). To unselect all items, type **N**. Typing **X** or pressing **ESC** will exit this menu and return to the Main Menu.

Selecting **1** from the **Intel FastFabric IB Tools** menu (Figure 3), displays the **FastFabric IB Chassis Setup/Admin Menu** (Figure 4)





**Figure 4. FastFabric IB Chassis Setup/Admin Menu**

```
FastFabric IB Chassis Setup/Admin Menu

Chassis File: /etc/sysconfig/iba/chassis

Setup:

0) Edit Config and Select/Edit Chassis File [ Skip ]
1) Verify Chassis via Ethernet ping [ Skip ]
2) Update Chassis Firmware [ Skip ]
3) Setup Chassis Basic Configuration [ Skip ]
4) Setup Password-less ssh/scp [ Skip ]
5) Reboot Chassis [ Skip ]
6) Configure Chassis Fabric Manager [ Skip ]
7) Get Basic Chassis Configuration [ Skip ]

Admin:

8) Check IB Fabric status [ Skip ]
9) Control Chassis Fabric Manager [ Skip ]
a) Generate all Chassis Problem Report Info [ Skip ]
b) Run a command on all chassis [ Skip ]

Review:

c) View iba_chassis_admin result files [ Skip ]

P) Perform the selected actions N) Select None
X) Return to Previous Menu (or ESC)
```

### 3.4.1 Menu Items Description

Selecting items **0** through **c** will change the item from **Skip** to **Perform**. To unselect all items, type **N**. Typing **X** or pressing **ESC** will exit this menu system. The items are described below.

#### 3.4.1.1 Edit the Configuration and Select/Edit Chassis File

**(Switch)** The **Edit Config and Select/Edit Chassis File** selection permits the chassis, ports and fastfabric.conf files to be edited. The chassis file selected and created by the menu should list the internally managed Intel® switching chassis which are to be operated on. After editing the files, an opportunity is given to edit them again or continue forward. The first file to review and edit is the FastFabric configuration file, /etc/sysconfig/fastfabric.conf:

```
About to: vi /etc/sysconfig/fastfabric.conf
```



Hit any key to continue (or ESC to abort)...

The next file to review is the FastFabric ports file, `/etc/sysconfig/iba/ports`:

About to: `vi /etc/sysconfig/iba/ports`

Hit any key to continue (or ESC to abort)...

The next file to review is the chassis file, It first ask the user to select the chassis file to use and gives a default. If a different chassis file needs to be edited the user would need to type in the file location and name. If not pressing **Enter** selects the default chassis file:

Select Chassis File to Use/Edit [`/etc/sysconfig/iba/chassis`]:

About to: `vi /etc/sysconfig/iba/chassis`

Hit any key to continue (or ESC to abort)...

After exiting the vi editor, the TUI will ask if you want to edit the chassis file again. Answer **n** to continue forward and return to the **FastFabric IB Chassis Setup/Admin Menu**.

Refer to [“FastFabric Configuration File” on page 57](#) for more details about the format of the FastFabric configuration file. Refer to [“Port List File” on page 73](#) for more details about the format of the FastFabric ports file. Refer to [“Chassis List Files” on page 69](#) for more details about the format of the chassis list file and about the `iba_gen_chassis` command which can help generate the chassis file.

### 3.4.1.2 Verify Chassis via Ethernet ping

**(Switch)** The **Verify Chassis via Ethernet ping** selection runs the `pingall -C -p -F` command to verify the existence of each selected chassis listed in the `chassis` file using a ping over the management network.

### 3.4.1.3 Update Chassis Firmware

**(Switch)** The **Update Chassis Firmware** selection runs the `iba chassis admin update` command to permit the chassis firmware version to be verified and updated as needed.

**Note:** Refer to the relevant chassis firmware release notes to ensure any prerequisites for the upgrade to the new firmware level have been met prior to performing the upgrade using FastFabric.

Prompts will guide the user through the options:

- **run** – Ensures given firmware is in primary image and running. As needed push firmware to each chassis, select it for use and/or if its not the presently running firmware, reboot the chassis
- **select** – Ensures given firmware is in primary image. As needed push firmware to each chassis and/or select it for use on next reboot
- **push** – Ensures given firmware is in primary or alternate image. As needed push firmware to each chassis but do not change selected nor running firmware

Additional options prompted for:

- selection of firmware files or directory containing `.pkg` files
- parallel vs serial update



- chassis password (default is to have password in `fastfabric.conf` or to use password-less ssh)

If any chassis fails to be updated, use the **View iba\_chassis\_admin results files** option to review the result files from the update. Refer to [“View iba\\_chassis\\_admin results files” on page 25](#)

Refer to *Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite FastFabric Command Line Interface Reference Guide* for more details on `iba_chassis_admin update` command.

### 3.4.1.4 Set up Chassis Basic Configuration

**(Switch)** The **Setup Chassis Basic Configuration** runs the `iba_chassis_admin configure` command which prompts for chassis configuration settings and then configures all the selected chassis accordingly. The following aspects of chassis configuration may be set:

- Syslog Server IP Address, and Facility code
- NTP Server IP Address
- Time zone and Daylight Savings Time (DST)
- Maximum MTU size, VL Capability and Link Layer Credit Distribution
- Link Width Supported
- IB Node Description (configured to match chassis ethernet name)  
The IB node description must be a string consisting of the characters A-Z, a-z, 0-9, and underscore. No spaces are allowed in the node description string, and it may not begin with a digit.,
- IB Node Description format (concise format or verbose format)
- Disable chassis auto clear of port counters

**Note:** It is required to set the chassis IP address using the chassis serial port CLI during initial chassis installation and setup.

### 3.4.1.5 Set up Password-less ssh/scp

**(Switch)** The **Setup Password-less ssh/scp** selection runs the `setup_ssh -C` command. This sets up secure password-less SSH such that the Fabric Management Node can securely login to all the other chassis as admin through the management network without requiring a password.

Password-less SSH avoids the need to enter the chassis password for each FastFabric chassis operation. It also avoids the need to put the chassis password in `/etc/sysconfig/fastfabric.conf`. Once password-less ssh is set up, the password in the chassis may be changed without impacting the ability to use password-less ssh.

As part of this operation, the user will be prompted:

Would you like to override the default Chassis password? [n]:

If `y` is answered, the user will be prompted for the current password to use to login into each chassis. Otherwise the password specified in `/etc/sysconfig/fastfabric.conf` will be used.

### 3.4.1.6 Reboot Chassis

**(Switch)** The **Reboot Chassis** selection runs the `iba_chassis admin reboot` command to reboot each chassis listed in the `/etc/sysconfig/iba/chassis` file that was created in an earlier step. It also ensures that they are rebooted (as verified using ping over the management network).

### 3.4.1.7 Configure Chassis Fabric Manager

**(Switch)** The **Configure Chassis Fabric Manager** selection assists in configuring the Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite Fabric Manager (FM) for any Intel® 12000 chassis with appropriate license keys. This operation will be skipped for other chassis models.

Prompts first guide the user through selection or generation of a `ifs_fm.xml` file. When `generate` is selected, the `config_generate` command is used to guide the user through selecting FM configuration options. Refer to the *Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite Fabric Manager User Guide* for more information about `config_generate`.

Prompts guide the user through selecting the config update options:

- `run` – Ensures given FM configuration is on the chassis and running. As needed push FM configuration to each chassis. It will unconditionally restart the FM on master Management Modules (MM), it will make sure it is not running on slave MMs.
- `runall` – Ensures given FM configuration is on the chassis and running. As needed push FM configuration to each chassis. It will unconditionally restart the FM on master and slave MMs
- `push` – Ensures given FM configuration is on the chassis. As needed push FM configuration to each chassis.

Prompts will also guide the user through selecting the FM autostart options:

- `enable` – Enables FM start on master MM upon chassis boot/reboot, disabled FM autostart on any slave MMs in selected chassis.
- `enableall` – Enables FM start on master and any slave MMs in selected chassis upon boot/reboot.
- `disable` – Disables FM start on master and any slave MMs in selected chassis upon boot/reboot.

Additional options prompted for:

- parallel vs serial update
- prompting for chassis password (default is to have password in `fastfabric.conf` or to use password-less ssh)

If any chassis fails to be updated, use the **View iba\_chassis\_admin results files** option to review the result files from the update. Refer to [“View iba\\_chassis\\_admin results files” on page 25](#)

Refer to *Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite FastFabric Command Line Interface Reference Guide* for more details.

### 3.4.1.8 Get Basic Chassis Configuration

**(Switch)** The **Get Basic Chassis Configuration** retrieves basic information from the chassis such as syslog, NTP configuration, time zone information, MTU Capability, VL Capability, VL Credit Distribution, Link Width and node description. The following is an example of the information retrieved:



```
TEST SUITE getconfig CASE (getconfig.i12k71f.getconfig) get i12k71f
i12k71f:
    Syslog Configuration      : Syslog host set to: 192.168.2.15 port 514 facility 22
    NTP                      : Configured to use NTP server: 10.32.2.3
    time zone                : Current time zone offset is: -5
    MTU Capability           : 2048 Bytes
    VL Capability            : 2 VLs
    VL Credit Distribution   : 4
    LinkWidth Support       : 4X
    Node Description        : i12k71f
    Auto clear status       : Auto clear is disabled
```

PASSED

### 3.4.1.9 Check IB Fabric status

**(Switch or All): Check IB Fabric Status** allows the state and error counts of all ports to be checked and reviewed.

Once the prompts shown below have been answered the `/sbin/iba_linkanalysis` command is used.

```
Would you like to perform fabric error analysis? [y]:
Clear error counters after generating report? [n]:
Would you like to perform fabric link speed error analysis? [y]:
Check for links configured to run slower than supported? [n]:
Check for links connected with mismatched speed potential? [n]:
```

**(All):** The answer to `Would you like to perform fabric error analysis` selects whether `iba_report -o errors` should be run. If the user answers `y`, the `Clear error counters after processing report` question is asked. If the user answers `y`, the `-C` option will also be used on `iba_report` to clear the port error counters after doing the error analysis.

**(All):** The answer to `Would you like to perform fabric link speed error analysis` indicates whether `iba_report -o slowlinks` should be run. If the user answers `y` to this question, the `Check for links configured to run slower than supported` question is asked. If the user answers `y`, the `-o misconfiglinks` option will also be used for `iba_report`. Additionally, if the user answers `y` to the `Would you like to perform fabric link speed error analysis` question, the `Check for links connected with mismatched speed potential` question will also be asked. If the user answers `y`, the `-o misconnlinks` option is also be used for `iba_report`.



Answering `y` to all but the last 2 questions is recommended (these are the defaults for each prompt). This checks all the ports in the fabric for any links that have high error rates or are running at a lower speed than expected. Any identified links should be diagnosed and corrected.

**Note:** If the fabric is homogeneous and all links are expected to be running at full speed, answer `y` to the last two questions as well.

**(Switch):** If the user responds `n` to all of the prompts, the `showallports -C` command is run to allow the state and symbol error counts of all chassis ports to be manually reviewed.

### 3.4.1.10 Control Chassis Fabric Manager

**(Switch)** The **Control Chassis Fabric Manager** selection will assist in controlling the FM for any Intel® 12000 chassis with appropriate license keys. This operation will be skipped for other chassis models.

Prompts will guide the user through selecting the control options:

- `restart` – Unconditionally restart the FM on master MMs, it will make sure it is not running on slave MMs.
- `restartall` – Unconditionally restart the FM on master and slave MMs
- `run` – make sure FM is running on master Management Modules (MM), it will make sure it is not running on slave MMs.
- `runall` – make sure FM is running on master and slave MMs
- `stop` – Stop FM on master and slave MMs.

Prompts will also guide the user through selecting the FM autostart options:

- `enable` – Enables FM start on master MM upon chassis boot/reboot, disabled FM autostart on any slave MMs in selected chassis.
- `enableall` – Enables FM start on master and any slave MMs in selected chassis upon boot/reboot.
- `disable` – Disables FM start on master and any slave MMs in selected chassis upon boot/reboot.

Additional options prompted for:

- parallel vs serial operation
- chassis password (default is to have password in `fastfabric.conf` configuration file or to use password-less ssh)

If any chassis fails the operation, use the `View iba_chassis_admin_result files` option to review the result files from the update. Refer to the *Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite FastFabric Command Line Interface Reference Guide* for more details.

### 3.4.1.11 Generate all Chassis Problem Report Information

**(Switch)** The **Generate all Chassis Problem Report Info** selection will run the `captureall -C` command to collect configuration and status information from all selected chassis and generate a single `*.tgz` file that can be sent to the Support Representative.



#### 3.4.1.12 Run a command on all chassis

**(Switch)** The **Run a command on all chassis** selection will run the `cmdall -C` command. A Chassis CLI command may be specified to be executed against all selected chassis.

#### 3.4.1.13 View iba\_chassis\_admin results files

**(All)** The **View iba\_chassis\_admin results files** selection permits viewing of the `test.log` and `test.res` files which reflect the results from `iba chassis admin` runs (such as for updating Chassis Firmware or rebooting all chassis per menu items above). The user is also given the option to remove these files after viewing them.

If not removed, subsequent runs of `iba chassis admin`, `iba host admin` or `iba switch admin` from within the current directory will continue to append to these files.

### 3.5 FastFabric IB Switch Setup/Admin Menu

This menu is focused on administration of Intel® 12200 externally managed switches. Pressing the keys corresponding to menu items **(0-8)** will toggle the **Skip/Perform** selection for the given item. More than one item may be selected. Once the desired set of items have been selected, type **P** to perform the operation(s). To unselect all items, type **N**. Typing **X** or pressing **ESC** will exit this menu and return to the Main Menu.

Selecting **2** from the **Intel FastFabric IB Tools** menu (Figure 3), displays the **FastFabric IB Switch Setup/Admin Menu** (Figure 5)

**Figure 5. FastFabric IB Switch Setup/Admin Menu**

```
FastFabric IB Switch Setup/Admin Menu

Externally Managed Switch File: /etc/sysconfig/iba/ibnodes

Setup:

0) Edit Config and Select/Edit Switch File      [ Skip ]
1) Generate or Update Switch File                [ Skip ]
2) Test for Switch Presence                     [ Skip ]
3) Verify Switch Firmware                      [ Skip ]
4) Update Switch Firmware                      [ Skip ]
5) Setup Switch Basic Configuration             [ Skip ]
6) Reboot Switch                              [ Skip ]
7) Report Switch Firmware & Hardware Info      [ Skip ]
8) Get Basic Switch configuration              [ Skip ]

Admin:

9) Report Switch VPD Information                [ Skip ]
a) Generate all Switch Problem Report Info    [ Skip ]

Review:

b) View iba_switch_admin result files         [ Skip ]

P) Perform the selected actions                N) Select None
X) Return to Previous Menu (or ESC)
```

### 3.5.1 Menu Items Description

Selecting items **0** through **9** or **a** will change the item from **Skip** to **Perform**. To unselect all items, type **N**. Typing **X** or pressing **ESC** will exit this menu system. The items are described below.

#### 3.5.1.1 Edit Config and Select/Edit Switch File

**(Switch)** The **Edit Config and Select/Edit Switch File** selection will permit the `fastfabric.conf`, `ports`, and `ibnodes` files to be edited. The `fastfabric.conf` file controls the default operation of the FastFabric Tools. The values specified in the `fastfabric.conf` specify the defaults that will be used for all FastFabric operations performed using this o access the fabric(s) being used. Existing environment variables will override the values in this `ports` file. The `ibnodes` file selected and created using this menu should list Externally Managed 12000 Switches that are to be used. After editing the three files, an opportunity is given to edit them again or continue forward.





Do you want to edit/review/change the files? [y]:

The default will repeat the editing process, answer `n` to continue forward.

Refer to *Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite FastFabric Command Line Interface Reference Guide* for more details about the format of the `ibnodes` and `ports` file, and about the `iba_gen_ibnodes` command which can help generate the `ibnodes` file.

### 3.5.1.2 Generate or Update Switch File

**(Switch)** The **Generate or Update Switch File** selection will generate or update the `/etc/sysconfig/iba/ibnodes` file that can be based on the `/etc/sysconfig/iba/topology.%P.xml` file(s) if the following prompt is answered `y`.

Do you want to update switch names based on

`/etc/sysconfig/iba/topology.%P.xml` file(s)? [y]

### 3.5.1.3 Test for Switch Presence

**(Switch)** The **Test for Switch Presence** selection will run the `iba_switch_admin ping` command to test for the presence of the selected switches in the fabric.

### 3.5.1.4 Verify Switch Firmware

**(Switch)** The **Verify Switch Firmware** selection will run the `iba_switch_admin fwverify` command to verify the integrity of the present firmware in the switch. If this operation fails, prior to any switch reboots or power-offs of the switch, perform **Update Switch Firmware** to correct the firmware in the switch.

### 3.5.1.5 Update Switch Firmware

**(Switch)** The **Update Switch Firmware** selection will run the `iba_switch_admin upgrade` command to permit the switch firmware version to be updated and the switch node name to be set.

**Note:** Refer to the relevant switch firmware release notes to ensure any prerequisites for the upgrade to the new firmware level have been met prior to performing the upgrade using FastFabric.

Prompts will guide the user through options:

- Selection of firmware files or directory containing `.emfw` files

**Note:** Ensure that the only `.emfw` file that is in the directory is the one you are using for the update.

- Reboot switch after update (needed to run new firmware)
- Parallel versus serial update
- Prompt for switch password

**Note:** Since the fabric itself is used to update externally managed switches, updating multiple switches with the reboot option may disrupt parallel update operations. If there are no selected externally managed switches in the path from the Fabric Management Node to any other externally managed switch, parallel operations may be used. For example, if an Fabric Management node is connected directly to a core switch and the externally managed switches are only at the edges. If in doubt, do not use parallel update. Be aware that non-parallel operation for a fabric with many externally managed switches could take a significant amount of time. Another alternative is to perform the update in



parallel without a reboot and then perform the reboot separately using the **Reboot Switch** menu selection. To control the order of the rebooting of externally managed switches by FastFabric, Refer to the discussion of the **distance** value in ["Externally Managed Switch List File" on page 71](#).

If information fails to be reported for any switches, use the **View iba\_switch\_admin result files** option to review the result files from the update. Refer to ["View iba\\_switch\\_admin result files" on page 30](#)

Refer to *Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite FastFabric Command Line Interface Reference Guide* for more details.

### 3.5.1.6 Setup Switch Basic Configuration

**(Switch)** The **Setup Switch Basic Configuration** selection will run the `iba_switch_admin configure` command which will prompt for switch configuration settings and then configure all the selected Intel® 12200 switches accordingly. The following aspects of switch configuration may be set:

- Maximum MTU size
- VL Capability
- Link Layer Credit Distribution
- Link Width Supported
- Link Speed Supported
- IB Node Description

*Note:* Normally, the IB Node Description is updated as part of a firmware upgrade; however, the user is given the option to update the node description outside of an upgrade procedure.

*Note:* This only operates on Intel® 12200 series switches.

### 3.5.1.7 Reboot Switch

**(Switch)** The **Reboot Switch** selection will run the `iba_switch_admin reboot` command to reboot all the switches listed in the `/etc/sysconfig/iba/ibnodes` file that was created in a previous step.

### 3.5.1.8 Report Switch Firmware & Hardware Information

**(Switch)** The **Report Switch Firmware & Hardware Info** selection will run the `iba_switch_admin info` command to provide a summary of the present state for all the selected switches.

The information reported by this option includes:

- Firmware Version
- Hardware Version
- Hardware Part Number
- Switch Capability (SDR, DDR, or QDR)
- Present Fan Status
- Present status of both power supplies (in some models the second power supply is optional)



If information fails to be reported for any switches, use the **View iba\_switch\_admin result files** option to review the result files from the update. Refer to [“View iba\\_switch\\_admin result files” on page 30](#)

Refer to *Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite FastFabric Command Line Interface Reference Guide* for more details.

### 3.5.1.9 Get Basic Switch configuration

**(Switch)** The **Get Basic Switch configuration** selection will run the `iba_switch_admin -S -L /etc/sysconfig/iba/ibnodes getconfig` command to retrieve basic information from externally managed switch such as: MTU, VL Cap, Credit Distribution, Link Width, Link Speed and node description.

The following files are produced from this selection:

- test.res – appended with summary results of run
- test.log – appended with detailed results of run
- save\_tmp/ – contains a directory per failed operation with detailed logs
- test\_tmp\*/ – intermediate result files while operation is running

The files are saved to the current working directory from which the command(s) were executed.

### 3.5.1.10 Report Switch VPD Information

**(Switch)** The **Report Switch VPD Information** selection will run the `iba_switch_admin hwvpd` command to provide the Virtual Product Data (VPD) for all the selected switches. This information can be useful for inventory and asset control as well as to provide details about the product to customer support.

The information reported by this option includes:

- Serial Number
- Part Number
- Model Number
- Hardware Version
- Manufacturer
- Product description
- Manufacturer ID code
- Manufacture date
- Manufacture time of day

If information fails to be reported for any switches, use the **View iba\_switch\_admin result files** option to review the result files from the update. Refer to [“View iba\\_switch\\_admin result files” on page 30](#)

Refer to *Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite FastFabric Command Line Interface Reference Guide* for more details.

### 3.5.1.11 Generate All Switch Problem Report Info

**(Switch)** The **Generate all Switch Problem Report Info** selection menu item runs the `captureall -n -S -p` command to collect configuration and status information from all selected switches, then generates a single \*.tgz file that can be sent to Technical Support.



### 3.5.1.12 View iba\_switch\_admin result files

**(All)** The **View iba\_switch\_admin result files** selection permits viewing of the `test.log` and `test.res` files that reflect the results from `iba_switch_admin` runs (such as those for updating Switch Firmware or rebooting all switches per menu items above). The user is also given the option to remove these files after viewing them.

If not removed, subsequent runs of `iba_chassis_admin`, `iba_host_admin` or `iba_switch_admin` from within the current directory will continue to append to these files.

## 3.6 FastFabric IB Host Setup

This menu is focused on initial host setup and installation of Fabric software on all the hosts. Pressing the keys corresponding to menu items (0-9, a-d) will toggle the `Skip/Perform` selection for the given item. More than one item may be selected. Once the desired set of items have been selected, type **P** to perform the operation(s). To unselect all items, type **N**. Typing **X** or pressing **ESC** will exit this menu and return to the Main Menu.

Selecting **3** from the **Intel FastFabric IB Tools** menu (Figure 3), displays the **FastFabric IB Host Setup Menu** (Figure 6)

**Figure 6. FastFabric IB Host Setup Menu**

```

FastFabric IB Host Setup Menu

Host File: /etc/sysconfig/iba/hosts

Setup:

0) Edit Config and Select/Edit Host File      [ Skip ]
1) Verify hosts pingable                      [ Skip ]
2) Setup Password-less ssh/scp                [ Skip ]
3) Copy /etc/hosts to all hosts               [ Skip ]
4) Show uname -a for all hosts                [ Skip ]
5) Install/Upgrade IB Software                [ Skip ]
6) Configure IPoIB IP Address                 [ Skip ]
7) Build Test Apps and Copy to Hosts          [ Skip ]
8) Reboot Hosts                              [ Skip ]

Admin:

9) Refresh ssh Known Hosts                    [ Skip ]
a) Rebuild MPI Library and Tools              [ Skip ]
b) Run a command on all hosts                 [ Skip ]
c) Copy a file to all hosts                   [ Skip ]

Review:

d) View iba_host_admin result files           [ Skip ]

P) Perform the selected actions                N) Select None
X) Return to Previous Menu (or ESC)

```

### 3.6.1 Menu Items Description

Selecting items **0** through **9** and **a** through **d** will change the item from **Skip** to **Perform**. To unselect all items, type **N**. Typing **X** or pressing **ESC** will exit this menu system. The items are described below.

#### 3.6.1.1 Edit Configuration and Select/Edit Hosts File

**(All)** The **Edit Configuration and Select/Edit Hosts File** selection will permit the hosts and fastfabric.conf files to be edited. The hosts file selected and created using this menu should not list the FastFabric host itself. After editing the two files, an opportunity is given to edit them again or continue forward.

Selected Host File: /etc/sysconfig/iba/hosts



Do you want to edit/review/change the files? [y]:

The default will repeat the editing process, answer `n` to continue forward.

Refer to *Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite FastFabric Command Line Interface Reference Guide* for more details about the format of the hosts file.

### 3.6.1.2 Verify Hosts Pingable

**(All)** The **Verify hosts pingable** selection will run the `pingall` command. All the hosts listed will be pinged through the Management Network.

### 3.6.1.3 Setup Password-less ssh/scp

**(Linux)** The **Setup Password-less ssh/scp** selection will run the `setup_ssh -s -S -i ""` command. This will setup secure password-less SSH such that the Fabric Management Node can securely login to all the other hosts as root through the management network without requiring a password. The user will be prompted for the present password of the hosts, the same password will be used to login to all selected hosts. Once password-less ssh is setup, the password in the hosts may be changed without impacting the ability to use password-less ssh.

Password-less SSH is required by FastFabric, MPI test applications and most versions of MPI (including QuickSilver MPI, OFED openmpi, OFED mvapich, and OFED mvapich2).

### 3.6.1.4 Copy /etc/hosts to all hosts

**(Linux)** The **Copy /etc/hosts to all hosts** selection will run the `scpall /etc/hosts /etc/hosts` command to copy the `/etc/hosts` file on this host to all the other selected hosts. This is not necessary when using a DNS server to resolve hostnames for the cluster.

### 3.6.1.5 Show uname -a for all hosts

**(Linux)** The **Show uname -a for all hosts** selection run the `cmdall "uname -a"` command to show the OS version on all the hosts. Review the results carefully to verify all the hosts have the expected OS version. In typical clusters all hosts will be running the same OS and kernel version.

### 3.6.1.6 Install/Upgrade IB Software

**(Host)** The **Install/Upgrade IB Software** selection will run the `iba_host_admin load` or `iba_host_admin update` command to install the IntelIB software on all the hosts. By default it will look in the current directory for the `FF_PRODUCT.VERSION.tgz` file. If it is not found in the current directory, it will prompt for input of a directory name where this file can be found.

Prompts will guide the user through options:

- `upgrade` - updates all servers with new release. Only components previously installed are upgraded. Will fail for any hosts which have no IntelIB software currently installed
- `initial install/load` - uninstalls any existing IntelIB software and installs the given release based on `fastfabric.conf` installation options specified.

After the install is completed, the hosts will still need to be rebooted to bring up the new drivers. This can be performed using **Reboot Hosts** option (refer to ["Reboot Hosts" on page 33](#)).



If any hosts fail to be updated, use the **View iba\_host\_admin result files** option (refer to “[View iba\\_host\\_admin result files](#)” on page 34) to review the result files from the update. For more details, Refer to the *Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite FastFabric Command Line Interface Reference Guide*.

**Note:** When using the IntelIB packaging of OFED, the entire True Scale Fabric stack may be installed using FastFabric, which is the recommended approach. When using other packagings of OFED, FastFabric may be used to install the Intel® True Scale Fabric OFED+ Host Software (`IntelIB-Basic.DISTRO.VERSION.tgz`) on the remaining hosts. To do so, the DISTRO is the OS on the node and VERSION must be the desired OFED+ release level.

**Note:** The Intel® True Scale Fabric OFED+ Host Software selected for installation must be appropriate for the OS version and distribution installed on the destination hosts.

### 3.6.1.7 Configure IPoIB IP Address

**(Host)** The **Configure IPoIB IP Address** selection will run the `iba_host_admin configipoib` command to create the `ifcfg-ib0` files on each host. The file will be created with a statically assigned IPv4 address. The IPoIB IP address for each host will be determined by the resolver (Linux host command). If not found using the resolver, `/etc/hosts` on the given host will be checked.

### 3.6.1.8 Build MPI Test Applications and Copy to Hosts

**(Host)** The **Build MPI Test Apps and Copy to Hosts** selection will build the MPI sample benchmarks on the Fabric Management Node and copy the resulting object files to all the hosts. This is in preparation for execution of MPI performance tests and benchmarks in a later step.

**Note:** This option is available for the IntelIB packaging of OFED, but is not presently available for other packagings of OFED.

### 3.6.1.9 Reboot Hosts

**(Linux)** The **Reboot Hosts** selection will run the `iba_host_admin reboot` command to reboot all the selected hosts and ensure they go down and come back up (as verified using ping over the management network). When the hosts come back up, they will be running the software installed.

### 3.6.1.10 Refresh ssh Known Hosts

**(Linux)** The **Refresh ssh Known Hosts** selection will run the `setup_ssh -U ""` command to refresh the ssh known hosts list on this server for the Management Network. This may be used to update security for this host if hosts are replaced, reinstalled, renamed, or repaired.

### 3.6.1.11 Rebuild MPI Library and Tools

**(Host)** The **Rebuild MPI Library and Tools** selection will rebuild the MPI Library itself and related tools (such as `mpirun`). This will be performed using the `do_build` tool supplied with the MPI Source. When rebuilding MPI, `do_build` will prompt the user for selection of which MPI (`openmpi`, `mvapich` or `mvapich2`) to rebuild and provide choices as to which available compiler to use. Refer to the *Intel® True Scale Fabric OFED+ Host Software User Guide* for more information.

**Note:** This option is available for the IntelIB packaging of OFED, but is not presently available for other packagings of OFED.



### 3.6.1.12 Run a command on all hosts

**(Linux)** The **Run a command on all hosts** selection will run the `cmdall` command. A Linux shell command (or sequence of commands separated by semicolons) may be specified to be executed against all selected hosts.

### 3.6.1.13 Copy a file to all hosts

**(Linux)** The **Copy a file to all hosts** selection will run the `scpall` command. A file on the local host may be specified to be copied to all selected hosts.

### 3.6.1.14 View iba\_host\_admin result files

**(All)** The **View iba\_host\_admin result files** selection permits viewing of the `test.log` and `test.res` files that reflect the results from `iba_host_admin` runs (such as for installing software or rebooting all hosts per menu items [“Install/Upgrade IB Software” on page 32](#) and [“Reboot Hosts” on page 33](#)). The user is also given the option to remove these files after viewing them.

If not removed, subsequent runs of `iba_chassis_admin`, `iba_host_admin` or `iba_switch_admin` from within the current directory will continue to append to these files.

## 3.7 FastFabric IB Host Verification/Admin Menu

The **FastFabric IB Host Verification/Admin Menu** is focused on verifying hosts and the fabric as well as administration of all the hosts. Pressing the keys corresponding to menu items (**0-9, a-b**) will toggle the **Skip/Perform** selection for the given item. More than one item may be selected. Once the desired set of items have been selected, type **P** to perform the operation(s). To unselect all items, type **N**. Typing **X** or pressing **ESC** will exit this menu and return to the Main Menu.

Selecting **4** from the **Intel FastFabric IB Tools** menu ([Figure 3](#)), displays the **FastFabric IB Host Verification/Admin Menu** ([Figure 7](#))



**Figure 7. FastFabric IB Host Verification/Admin Menu**

```

FastFabric IB Host Verification/Admin Menu

Host File: /etc/sysconfig/iba/allhosts

Validation:

0) Edit Config and Select/Edit Host File      [ Skip ]
1) Summary of Fabric Components              [ Skip ]
2) Verify hosts pingable, sshable and active [ Skip ]
3) Perform Single Host verification          [ Skip ]
4) Verify IB Fabric status and topology      [ Skip ]
5) Verify Hosts see each other              [ Skip ]
6) Verify Hosts ping via IPoIB              [ Skip ]
7) Refresh ssh Known Hosts                  [ Skip ]
8) Check MPI Performance                    [ Skip ]
9) Check Overall Fabric Health               [ Skip ]
a) Start or Stop Bit Error Rate Cable Test  [ Skip ]

Admin:

b) Generate all Hosts Problem Report Info    [ Skip ]
c) Run a command on all hosts                [ Skip ]

Review:

d) View iba_host_admin result files          [ Skip ]

P) Perform the selected actions              N) Select None

X) Return to Previous Menu (or ESC)

```

### 3.7.1 Menu Items Description

Selecting items **0** through **9** and **a** through **b** will change the item from **Skip** to **Perform**. To unselect all items, type **N**. Typing **X** or pressing **ESC** will exit this menu system. The items are described below.

#### 3.7.1.1 Edit Config and Select/Edit Hosts File

**(All)** The **Edit Config and Select/Edit Hosts File** selection will permit the `allhosts`, `ports`, and `fastfabric.conf` files to be edited. The `allhosts` file selected and created using this menu should list the FastFabric host itself. After editing the two files, an opportunity is given to edit them again or continue forward.

Selected Host File: `/etc/sysconfig/iba/allhosts`



Do you want to edit/review/change the files? [y]:

The default will repeat the editing process, enter `n` to continue forward.

Refer to *Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite FastFabric Command Line Interface Reference Guide* for more details about the format of the `allhosts` and `ports` files.

### 3.7.1.2 Summary of Fabric Components

**(All)** The **Summary of Fabric Components** selection will run the `fabric info` command to provide a brief summary of the counts of components in the fabric including how many switch chips, hosts, and links are in the fabric. It will also indicate if any 1x links were found (that could indicate a poorly seated or bad cable). Review the results against the expected configuration of the cluster.

*Note:* The link count includes some internal links within the switch boxes. This means that the count displayed will be greater than the actual number of cables.

### 3.7.1.3 Verify Hosts pingable, sshable and active

**(All)** The **Verify Hosts pingable, sshable and active** selection will run the `pingall` command. All the hosts listed will be pinged through the Management Network.

### 3.7.1.4 Perform Single Host verification

**(All)** The **Perform Single Host verification** selection will look at the `/etc/sysconfig/iba/allhosts` file and perform verification the hosts in the file.

### 3.7.1.5 Verify IB Fabric status and topology

**(Host or All):** The **Verify IB Fabric status and topology** selection allows the state and error counts of all ports to be checked and reviewed.

Based on the answers to the prompts shown below either the `showallports` or the `iba_report` command will be used.

Would you like to perform fabric error analysis? [y]:

Clear error counters after generating report? [n]:

Would you like to perform fabric link speed error analysis? [y]:

Check for links configured to run slower than supported? [n]:

Check for links connected with mismatched speed potential? [n]:

Would you like to verify fabric topology? [y]:

Verify all aspects of topology (links, nodes, SMs)? [y]:

Include unexpected devices in punchlist? [y]:

Enter filename for results [/root/linkanalysis.res]:

**(All):** The answer to `Would you like to perform fabric error analysis` selects whether `iba_report -o` errors should be run. If the user enters `y`, the `Clear error counters after generating report` question is asked. If the user enters `y`, the `-C` option will also be used on `iba_report` to clear the error counters after doing the error analysis.



**(All):** The answer to Would you like to perform fabric link speed error analysis indicates when `iba_report -o slowlinks` should be run. If the user enters `y` to this question, the Check for links configured to run slower than supported question is asked. If the user enters `y`, the `-o misconfiglinks` option will also be used for `iba_report`. Additionally, if the user enters `y` to the Would you like to perform fabric link speed error analysis question, the Check for links connected with mismatched speed potential question will also be asked. If the user enters `y`, the `-o misconnlinks` option is also be used for `iba_report`.

Entering the defaults for each prompt is recommended. This checks all the ports in the fabric for any links that have high error rates or are running at a lower speed than expected. Any identified links should be diagnosed and corrected.

**(Host):** If the user enters `n` to all of the prompts, the `showallports` command is run to allow the state and symbol error counts of all host ports to be manually reviewed. Selection of this option requires that Intel® True Scale Fabric OFED+ Host Software be installed on all hosts being checked.

### 3.7.1.6 Verify Hosts see each other

**(Host)** The **Verify Hosts see each other selection** will run the `iba_host_admin sacache` command to verify that each host can see all the others through queries to the Subnet Administrator. For the OFED+ stack this also verifies the Distributed SA on each host has been fully populated.

**Note:** This operation requires that the hosts being queried be specified by a resolvable TCP/IP host name. This operation will FAIL if the selected hosts are specified by IP address. Refer to the *Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite FastFabric Command Line Interface Reference Guide*, "Selection of Hosts" section for more information.

### 3.7.1.7 Verify Hosts ping via IPoIB

**(Host)** The **Verify Hosts ping via IPoIB selection** will run the `iba_host_admin ipoibping` command to verify that IPoIB is properly configured and running on all the hosts. This is accomplished through the Fabric management node pinging each host using IPoIB.

### 3.7.1.8 Refresh ssh Known Hosts

**(Linux)** The **Refresh ssh Known Hosts selection** will run the `setup ssh -U` command to refresh the ssh known hosts list on this server for the IPoIB and Management Networks. This may be used to update security for this host if hosts are replaced, reinstalled, renamed, or repaired.

### 3.7.1.9 Check MPI Performance

**(Host)** The **Check MPI Performance selection** will do a quick check of PCI and MPI performance using end to end latency and bandwidth tests.

**Note:** This option is available for the IntelIB packaging of OFED, but is not presently available for other packagings of OFED.

Based on the answer to the prompt shown below either the `iba_host_admin mpiperfdeviation` or the `iba_host_admin mpiperf` command will be used.

Test Latency and Bandwidth deviation between all hosts? [y]:



Answering `y` is recommended, this will run the `iba_host_admin mpiperfdeviation` command to do pairwise analysis of latency and bandwidth for the selected hosts and report pairs outside an acceptable tolerance range. By default performance is compared relative to other hosts in the fabric (with the assumption that all hosts selected for a given run should have comparable performance). Failing hosts will be clearly indicated.

Answering `n` will run the `iba_host_admin mpiperf` command. This displays the MPI latency and bandwidth between pairs of hosts (1-2, 3-4, 5-6, etc). The numbers reported should be checked against the practical PCI speeds in the Performance Impact table in the *Intel® True Scale Fabric Software Installation Guide*. If any pairs are not in the expected performance range, it should be considered a failure for those pairs of hosts.

For either test, If any hosts fail, carefully examine the failing hosts to verify the HCA models, PCI slot used, BIOS settings and any motherboard jumpers related to devices on PCI buses or slot speeds. Also verify the HCA and riser cards are properly seated.

The results of either test are also written to the `test.res` file which may be viewed using the **View iba\_host\_admin result files** selection. Refer to [“View iba\\_host\\_admin result files” on page 39](#).

Refer to the *Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite FastFabric Command Line Interface Reference Guide* for more details.

The bandwidth reported should also be checked against the practical PCI speeds in the Performance Impact section. If all pairs are not in the expected performance range, carefully examine all hosts to verify the HCA models, PCI slot used, BIOS settings and any motherboard jumpers related to devices on PCI buses or slot speeds.

### 3.7.1.10 Check Overall Fabric Health

**(Host)** The **Check Overall Fabric Health** selection will run the `all_analysis` command to check the overall fabric health.

The user will be prompted:

```
Baseline present configuration? [n]:
```

If the user enters `y`, a new baseline will be created using the present fabric configuration. If the user enters `n`, the present fabric state is checked against the baseline and the general health of the fabric is also checked.

### 3.7.1.11 Start or Stop Bit Error Rate Cable Test

**(Host)** The **Start or Stop Bit Error Rate Cable Test** selection will ask the following questions:

```
Stop or cleanup any already running Cable Test? [y]:
```

```
Stop HCA-Switch Cable Test? [y]:
```

```
Stop ISL Cable Test? [y]:
```

```
Start Cable Test? [y]:
```

```
Clear error counters? [y]:
```

```
Force Clear of hardware error counters too? [y]:
```

```
Start HCA-Switch Cable Test? [y]:
```



Number of Processes per host: [3]:

Start ISL Cable Test? [y]:

Answering all of the above questions using their defaults will run the following command:

```
/sbin/iba_cabletest -A -n 3 -f '/etc/sysconfig/iba/allhosts' stop_ca stop_isl
start_ca start_isl
```

### 3.7.1.12 Generate all Hosts Problem Report Info

**(Host)** The **Generate all Hosts Problem Report Info** selection will run the `captureall` command to collect configuration and status information from all hosts and generate a single `*.tgz` file which can be sent to the Support Representative.

Based on the answer to the prompt shown below, various levels of detail about the fabric can be included in the capture.

Capture detail level (1=Normal, 2-Fabric, 3-Fabric+FDB, 4-Analysis):

The Details levels are:

- 1-Normal - Obtains local information from each host
- 2-Fabric - In addition to "Normal", also obtains basic fabric information by queries to the SM and fabric error analysis using `iba_report`.
- 3-Fabric+FDB - In addition to "Fabric", also obtains all the switch forwarding tables and InfiniBand multicast membership lists from the SM.
- 4-Analysis - In addition to "Fabric+FDB", also obtains `all_analysis` results. If `all_analysis` has not yet been run, it is run as part of the capture.

**Note:** Detail levels 2-4 can be used when fabric operational problems occur. If the problem is most likely node specific, detail level 1 should be sufficient. Detail levels 2-4 require an operational FM. Typically your support representative will request a given detail level. If a given detail level takes excessively long or fails to be gathered, try a lower detail level.

For detail levels 2-4, the additional information is only gathered on the node running the `captureall` command. The information is gathered for every fabric specified in the `/etc/sysconfig/iba/ports` file.

### 3.7.1.13 Run a command on all hosts

**(Linux)** The **Run a command on all hosts** selection will run the `cmdall` command. A Linux shell command (or sequence of commands separated by semicolons) may be specified to be executed against all selected hosts.

### 3.7.1.14 View iba\_host\_admin result files

**(All)** The **View iba\_host\_admin result files** selection permits viewing of the `test.log` and `test.res` files which reflect the results from `iba_host_admin` runs (such as those for installing software or rebooting all hosts per menu items above). The user is also given the option to remove these files after viewing them.

If not removed, subsequent runs of `iba_chassis_admin`, `iba_host_admin` or `iba_switch_admin` from within the current directory will continue to append to these files.



## 3.8 Fabric Monitoring

The Fabric Monitoring menu is focused on monitoring the performance of the fabric. Pressing the key corresponding to menu item (**0**) will toggle the **Skip/Perform** selection for the given item. More than one item may be selected. Once the desired set of items have been selected, type **P** to perform the operation(s). To unselect all items, type **N**. Typing **X** or pressing **ESC** will exit this menu and return to the Main Menu.

Selecting **5** from the **Intel FastFabric IB Tools** menu (Figure 3), displays the **FastFabric IB Fabric Monitoring Menu** (Figure 3.8.1)

**Figure 8. FastFabric IB Fabric Monitoring Menu**

FastFabric IB Fabric Monitoring Menu	
0) Fabric Performance Monitoring	[Skip]
P) Perform the selected actions	N) Select None
X) Return to Previous Menu (or ESC)	

### 3.8.1 Menu Items Description

Selecting item **0** will change the item from **skip** to **perform**. Selecting **N** will unselect all items and **X** will exit the menu system. The item is described below.

#### 3.8.1.1 Fabric Performance Monitoring

**(All)** The **Fabric Performance Monitoring** selection initiates `iba_top`. for full details about `iba_top` refer to [Section 4.0, "iba\\_top Fabric Performance Monitor" on page 41](#)

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## 4.0 iba\_top Fabric Performance Monitor

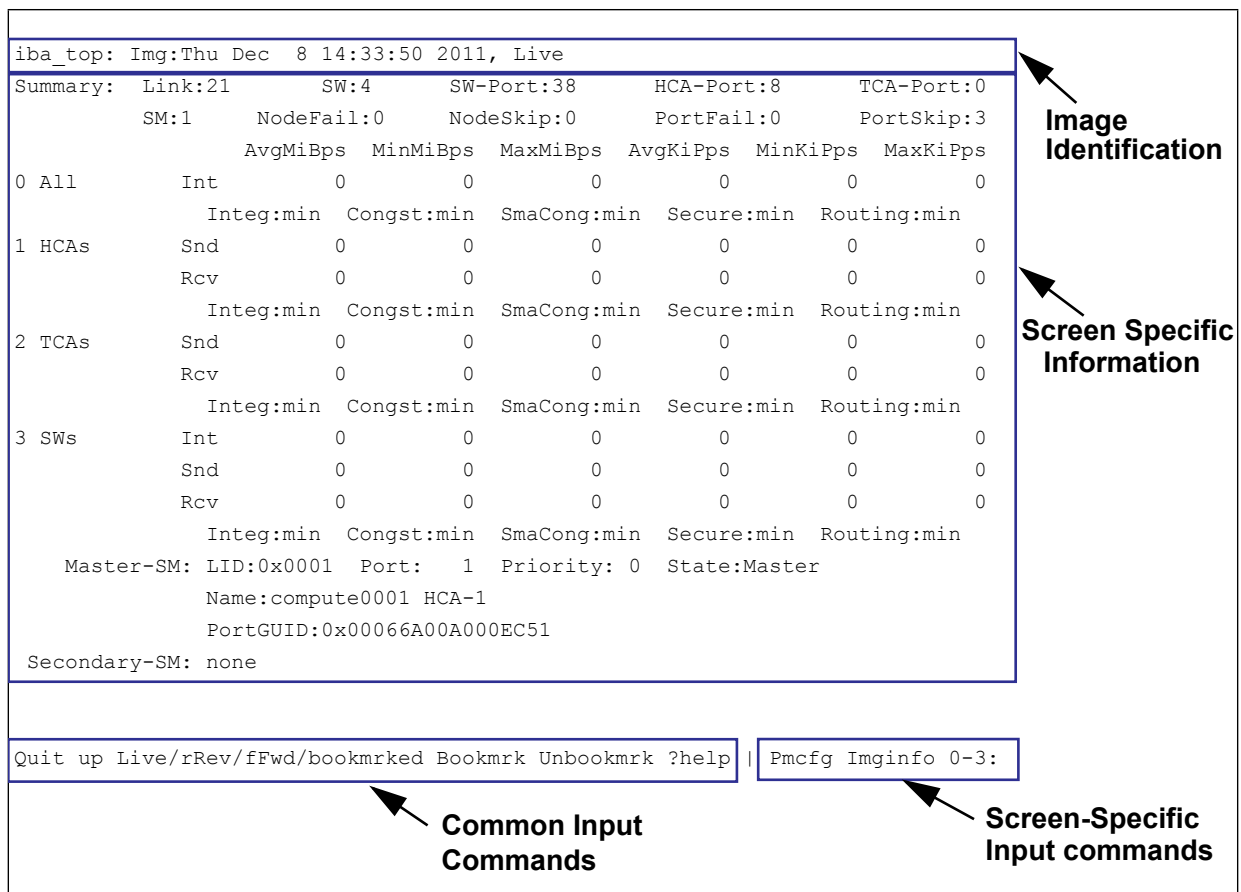
### 4.1 Introduction

iba\_top is a command line tool which displays performance, congestion, and error information about a fabric. Fabric information is divided into two areas - performance and error statistics, which are the main starting points for analyzing fabric traffic. Performance (bandwidth utilization) can identify over-utilized areas (bottle necks) and under-utilized areas (potentially misconfigured); errors can identify problems in fabric hardware or configuration, as well as congestion and other performance situations.

### 4.2 iba\_top TUI

The iba\_top TUI screen layout and options consist of four areas in the layout. Image Identification, Screen Specific Information, Common Input Commands, and Screen Specific Input Commands. Figure 9 shows the top level (summary screen which is being used as an example to show the screen layout. The section following the figure explains each of the areas and the common commands that are available on each screen.

**Figure 9. iba\_top TUI Screen Layout**



### 4.2.1 Image Identification

The first display line of `iba_top` shows the timestamp for the PM sweep (image) being displayed and the type of image (Live, Hist, Bkmk). If a Live image is not being displayed, the current time ('Now:') is also shown.

### 4.2.2 Screen Specific Information

The information and layout of this area of the screen will vary depending on which screen is selected. The information and the layout of this section will be discussed for each specific screen in the following sections.

### 4.2.3 Command Entry

The last display line of `iba_top` is a prompt showing available input commands. The left section of commands are available in every screen and perform the same action in each screen. The right section are screen-specific. Commands are case insensitive except as noted by \*; the ENTER key must be pressed after a command. Note that a help command, `?`, is available at every screen and provides information about the screen contents and input commands.

#### 4.2.3.1 Common Input Commands

The following input commands are available in every screen:

```
Q: Quit program;
u*: Up to previous screen;
L: Select Live image;
R: Navigate reverse 1 (r*) or 5 (R*) sweeps;
F: Navigate forward 1 (f*) or 5 (F*) sweeps;
b*: Select (previously) Bookmarked image;
B*: Bookmark currently selected image;
U*: Unbookmark Bookmarked image;
?: Help
```

#### 4.2.3.2 Screen-Specific Input Commands

The screen-specific input commands will be discussed with each screen description in the following sections.

### 4.2.4 Access to Live and Recent PM Historical Data

`iba_top` allows the user to access statistics from sequential PM sweeps (the PM keeps a history of previous sweep images) and queries the PM at a user-specified interval (10 seconds by default). When `iba_top` queries for statistics for the most recent PM sweep it is in "Live" mode. In Live mode the data will change, at the `iba_top` interval rate, as `iba_top` queries new PM sweeps. At each screen (summary or detail) the data being displayed is refreshed for the current PM sweep. A PM sweep can be in "frozen" mode. The data in a frozen sweep will not change, allowing the statistics to be examined in summary and detail screens. Two user actions result in a sweep being frozen.



The first is when the user "Bookmarks" a sweep. A Bookmarked sweep will remain frozen until the user explicitly "Unbookmarks" it; iba\_top allows one sweep at a time to be bookmarked. The second action is when the user moves (navigates) iba\_top's focus to another sweep within the history of sweeps maintained by the PM. For the duration of iba\_top's focus on such a sweep it will remain frozen. Navigation can occur from Live mode or when displaying a Bookmarked image; during navigation iba\_top is in "Historic" mode. Navigation can be performed backward or forward, 1 or 5 sweeps at a time.

## 4.3 iba\_top TUI Screens

Additional screens, described in the following paragraphs, are available to display detailed information about: PM configuration, PM sweep (image) configuration, performance statistics, error statistics, port group configuration, and port statistics (port counters). The screens can be navigated in a hierarchical manner to examine the state of a fabric.

### 4.3.1 Summary Screen

The top level (summary) screen of iba\_top shows basic fabric configuration information as well as performance and error information. An example of the iba\_top summary screen is shown in Figure 10.

**Figure 10. iba\_top Summary Screen**

iba_top: Img:Thu Dec 8 14:37:01 2011, Live							
Summary: Link:21 SW:4 SW-Port:38 HCA-Port:8 TCA-Port:0							
SM:1 NodeFail:0 NodeSkip:0 PortFail:0 PortSkip:3							
		AvgMiBps	MinMiBps	MaxMiBps	AvgKiPps	MinKiPps	MaxKiPps
0 All	Int	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Integ:min	Congst:min	SmaCong:min	Secure:min	Routing:min		
1 HCAs	Snd	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Rcv	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Integ:min	Congst:min	SmaCong:min	Secure:min	Routing:min		
2 TCAs	Snd	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Rcv	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Integ:min	Congst:min	SmaCong:min	Secure:min	Routing:min		
3 SWs	Int	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Snd	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Rcv	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Integ:min	Congst:min	SmaCong:min	Secure:min	Routing:min		
Master-SM: LID:0x0001 Port: 1 Priority: 0 State:Master							
Name:compute0001 HCA-1							
PortGUID:0x00066A00A000EC51							
Secondary-SM: none							
Quit up Live/rRev/fFwd/bookmrked Bookmrk Unbookmrk ?help   Pmcfg Imginfo 0-3:							

**Fabric Configuration Information**

**Performance and Error Status for Each Port Group**

**SM Configuration Information**

#### 4.3.1.1 Fabric configuration information

Fabric configuration information includes numbers of links, switches, SMs, and ports, as well as details about the master and secondary (if present) SMs.

#### 4.3.1.2 Performance and Error Statistics for Each Port Group

Fabric performance and error statistics are presented based on four groupings of ports: All (all ports in the fabric), HCAs, TCAs and SWs. These groups provide a natural subdivision of the ports in a fabric for analysis. For more information about Groups and the operation of the PM, refer to the *Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite Fabric Manager User Guide*.

For each port group, average, minimum and maximum MBps (megabytes per second), and Kpps (kilopackets per second) are shown, as well as a status indicator for each of five error categories.

##### 4.3.1.2.1 Performance Statistics

Performance statistics for each port group are further divided into up to three subgroups - Internal, Send and Receive - based on whether a port's neighbor port is in its group. If a port's neighbor port is in its group, all performance statistics are contained in the Internal subgroup. If a port's neighbor is not in its group, statistics for data leaving the port (group) are contained in the Send subgroup and statistics for data entering the port are contained in the Receive subgroup.

##### 4.3.1.2.2 All Group

In the All group all ports are Internal since, by definition, the neighbor port must be in the All group.

##### 4.3.1.2.3 HCAs and TCAs Groups

In the HCAs and TCAs groups all neighbor ports are outside the group so statistics are contained in the Send and Receive subgroups.

##### 4.3.1.2.4 SWs group

In the SWs group neighbor ports are either outside the group (HCA or TCA) or inside the group (another switch) so statistics are contained in all three subgroups.

##### 4.3.1.2.5 Error Categories

The five error categories are:

- Integ – Integrity
- Congst – Congestion
- SmaCong – SMA Congestion
- Secure – Security
- Routing – Routing

These error categories are each based on one or more port error counters. Each error category's status indicator is shown at one of five values/colors: minimum/green, Low/blue, Moderate/cyan, Warning/yellow or OVER/red based on the error value as compared to a threshold value.

#### 4.3.1.3 Screen-Specific Input Commands

The summary screen accepts the following input commands:

P: PM Configuration screen;

I: Image Information screen

0-3: Select Port Group - All (0), HCAs (1), TCAs (2), SWS (3);

### 4.3.2 Additional Screens

After looking at the summary screen a user can decide which area of the fabric (performance or error) and which group of ports most warrants investigation, and can then drill down into that area.

### 4.3.3 PM Configuration Screen

The PM Configuration screen (Figure 11) displays information as provided by the PM (refer to the *Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite Fabric Manager User Guide*). The Sweep Interval parameter is separate from the iba\_top interval. Normally the iba\_top interval should be set to a value greater than or equal to Sweep Interval. The PM configuration screen shows the results for image information (total images, freeze images, freeze lease time), error thresholds, integrity weights, PM memory footprint, PMA MADs retry/timeout, and sweep information. The PM Config screen has no screen-specific input commands.

**Figure 11. PM Configuration Screen**

```

iba_top: Img:Thu Dec 8 16:25:38 2011, Live
PM Config:
Sweep Interval:10 sec PM Flags(0x7D):
  EhcaPmaAvoid Pma64Enable PmaCaVendorEnable PmaSwVendorEnable
  PmaCaVendor2Enable PmaSwVendor2Enable
Max Clients:3
Total Images:10      Freeze Images:5      Freeze Lease:60      seconds
Err Thresholds: Integrity:100
                  Congestion:100          SmaCongest:100
                  Security:10             Routing:100
Integrity Wts: Symbol Err:1              Link Recovery:30
                  Port Rcv Err:1          Link Downed:30
                  Loc Link Integ:30       Excess Bfr Ovrn:30
Congest Wts: Tx Discard:1000      Tx Congest %:0      Tx Ineffic %:1
                  Tx Wait Congest %:0    Tx Wait Ineffic %:1
PM Memory Size:6 MiB (6694140 bytes)
PMA MADs: MaxAttempts: 3      MinRespTimeout: 35      RespTimeout: 250
Sweep: MaxParallelNodes: 10   PmaBatchSize: 2      ErrorClear: 2

Quit up Live/rRev/fFwd/bookmrked Bookmrk Unbookmrk ?help |

```

### 4.3.4 Image Information Screen

The Image Information screen (Figure 12) displays image information as provided by the PM. Sweep start and duration, numbers of ports in each group, node and port information for the sweep, and SM information is shown. The Image Information screen has no screen-specific input commands.

**Figure 12. Image Information Screen**

```

iba_top: Img:Tue Apr 13 15:01:53 2010, Live
Image Info:
  Sweep Start:Tue Apr 13 15:01:53 2010
  Sweep Duration:0.016 Seconds

  Num SW-Ports:38      HCA-Ports:8      TCA-Ports:0      RTR-Ports:0
  Num SWs:4           Num Links:21      Num SMs:1

  Num Fail Nodes:0      Fail Ports:0      Unexpected Clear Ports:0
  Num Skip Nodes:0      Skip Ports:3

  Master-SM: LID:0x0001 Port: 1 Priority: 0 State:Master
                Name:admin1 HCA-1
                PortGUID:0x00066A00A000EC5B
  Secondary-SM: none

Quit up Live/rRev/fFwd/bookmrked Bookmrk Unbookmrk ?help |

```

### 4.3.5 Group Information Select Screen

The Group Information Select screen (Figure 13) allows the user to select the type of group information to display for the group selected in the summary screen. The following input commands are accepted and lead to the corresponding screen.

- W: Performance (Bandwidth Utilization) statistics
- E: Error statistics
- C: Group configuration (port list)

**Figure 13. Group Information Screen**

```

iba_top: Img:Thu Dec  8 16:31:09 2011, Live
Group Info Select:All  NumIntPorts:43  NumExtPorts:0
  Group BW Summary (W)
  Group Err Summary (E)
  Group Config (C)

Quit up Live/rRev/fFwd/bookmrked Bookmrk Unbookmrk ?help | W E C:

```

### 4.3.6 Bandwidth Statistics Screen

The Bandwidth Statistics screen (Figure 14) displays, for each valid performance data subgroup (Internal, Send, Receive), the total, average, minimum and maximum MBps and Kpps. For each subgroup ten performance 'buckets', from 0+% to 90+% in 10% increments, count the number of ports whose 'MBps compared to link speed' value corresponds to that bucket. This provides an indication of how the data rate of the group compares to its potential.

**Figure 14. Bandwidth Statistics Screen**

```

iba_top: Img:Thu Dec  8 16:34:41 2011, Live
Group BW Stats:HCAs  Criteria:Util-High  Number:10

```

Snd	TotMiBps	AvgMiBps	MinMiBps	MaxMiBps	TotKiPps	AvgKiPps	MinKiPps	MaxKiPps
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Buckt	0+%	10+%	20+%	30+%	40+%	50+%	60+%	70+%	80+%	90+%
	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Rcv	TotMiBps	AvgMiBps	MinMiBps	MaxMiBps	TotKiPps	AvgKiPps	MinKiPps	MaxKiPps
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Buckt	0+%	10+%	20+%	30+%	40+%	50+%	60+%	70+%	80+%	90+%
	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

```

Quit up Live/rRev/fFwd/bookmrked Bookmrk Unbookmrk ?help | cC N0-n Detail:

```

The Bandwidth Statistics screen accepts input commands which specify parameters to be used in a group focus query, which will provide a list of ports (in the port group) sorted according to a specified performance criterion. The second line of the Bandwidth Statistics screen displays the group name, and the currently selected focus criterion and number of ports for a group focus query. The **D** command causes the group focus query to be performed and displayed in a Group Focus screen. The following input commands are accepted in the Bandwidth Statistics screen.

**C:** Select group focus criterion forward (c\*) or reverse (C\*):

Util-High: Bandwidth Utilization (highest first)

UtlPkt-Hi: Packet Utilization (highest first)

Util-Low: Bandwidth Utilization (lowest first)

**Nn:** Number of entries n in group focus list

**D:** Display detail group focus list

### 4.3.7 Error Statistics Screen

The Error Statistics screen (Figure 15) displays error statistics for a port group and are divided into up to two subgroups, Internal or External, based on whether a port's neighbor port is in its group (Internal) or not (External). In the All group all ports are Internal. In the HCAs and TCAs groups all ports are External. In the SWs group ports are Internal and External.

**Figure 15. Error Statistics Screen**

iba_top: Img:Thu Dec 8 16:37:52 2011, Live						
Group Err Stats:All Criteria:Integ Number:10						
Int	Max	0+%	25+%	50+%	75+%	100+%
Integrity	0	43	0	0	0	0
Congestion	0	43	0	0	0	0
SmaCongest	0	43	0	0	0	0
Security	0	43	0	0	0	0
Routing	0	43	0	0	0	0
Congest %: 0.0 Discard: 0 Ineffic %: 0.0 Adapt Rt:0						
Ext	Max	0+%	25+%	50+%	75+%	100+%
Integrity	0	43	0	0	0	0
Congestion	0	43	0	0	0	0
SmaCongest	0	43	0	0	0	0
Security	0	43	0	0	0	0
Routing	0	43	0	0	0	0
Congest %: 0.0 Discard: 0 Ineffic %: 0.0 Adapt Rt:0						
Quit up Live/rRev/fFwd/bookmrked Bookmrk Unbookmrk ?help   cC N0-n Detail:						

The five error categories are each based on one or more port error counters. The integrity and congestion error values are calculated by using a weighted sum. The weights for each and the threshold value for each error category can be seen in the PM



Configuration screen (Refer to [Figure 11](#)). For more details about how the values for each error category is composed, refer to the *Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite Fabric Manager User Guide*.

Integrity:

Symbol Errors

Link Error Recovery Count

Link Downed Count

Port Receive Errors

Local Link Integrity Errors

Excessive Buffer Overrun Errors (neighbor port)

Congestion:

Port Transmit Discards (neighbor port)

Port Transmit Congestion (neighbor port)

Port Transmit Wait (neighbor port)

SmaCongestion:

VL15 Dropped Errors

Security:

Port Receive Constraint Errors

Port Transmit Constraint Errors (neighbor port)

Routing:

Port Receive Switch Relay Errors

For each error subgroup five error 'buckets', from 0+% to 100+% in 25% increments, count the number of ports whose 'error compared to error threshold' value corresponds to that bucket. This provides an indication of how error rates compare to their thresholds.

In addition, to aid analysis of congestion, the raw values for maximum Congestion, Transmit Discards, Inefficiency, and number of Adaptive Routing adjustments are shown.

The Error Statistics screen accepts input commands which specify parameters to be used in a group focus query, which will provide a list of ports sorted according to a specified error criterion. The second line of the Error Statistics screen displays the group name, and the currently selected focus criterion and number of ports for a group focus query. The `D` command causes the group focus query to be performed and displayed in a Group Focus screen. The following input commands are accepted in the Error Statistics screen.



C: Select group focus criterion forward (c\*) or reverse (C\*):

Integrity errors (highest first)

Congestion errors (highest first)

SmaCongestion errors (highest first)

Security errors (highest first)

Routing errors (highest first)

Adaptive routing (highest first)

Nn: Number of entries n in group focus list

D: Display detail group focus list

### 4.3.8 Group Configuration Screen

The Group Configuration screen ([Figure 16](#)) displays a list of the ports in a group, including the LID, port number, port GUID and NodeDesc of each. The second line of the screen displays the group name and the number of ports returned in the group config query. If more ports exist than will fit on a screen, the list can be scrolled forward and backward. An index value, shown with each port, can be used to select the port and show the port's counters in a Port Stats screen. The Group Configuration screen accepts the following input commands.

S: Scroll forward (s\*) or backward (S\*) through port list

Pn: Select port index value n



**Figure 16. Group Configuration Screen**

```

iba_top: Img:Wed Sep 21 12:51:58 2011, Live
Group Config:All NumPorts:43
Ix LIDx Port  Node GUID 0x  NodeDesc
0 0001 1  00066A009800EC5B admin1 HCA-1
1 0002 1  00066A00070014DC i9k066 L02
2 0002 2  00066A00070014DC i9k066 L02
3 0002 7  00066A00070014DC i9k066 L02
4 0002 8  00066A00070014DC i9k066 L02
5 0002 9  00066A00070014DC i9k066 L02
6 0002 11 00066A00070014DC i9k066 L02
7 0002 13 00066A00070014DC i9k066 L02
8 0002 14 00066A00070014DC i9k066 L02
9 0002 15 00066A00070014DC i9k066 L02
10 0002 16 00066A00070014DC i9k066 L02
11 0002 17 00066A00070014DC i9k066 L02
12 0002 18 00066A00070014DC i9k066 L02
13 0002 19 00066A00070014DC i9k066 L02
14 0002 20 00066A00070014DC i9k066 L02
15 0002 21 00066A00070014DC i9k066 L02
16 0002 22 00066A00070014DC i9k066 L02
17 0002 23 00066A00070014DC i9k066 L02
18 0002 24 00066A00070014DC i9k066 L02
Quit up Live/rRev/fFwd/bookmrked Bookmrk Unbookmrk ?help | sS P0-n:

```

### 4.3.9 Group Focus Screen

The Group Focus screen ([Figure 17](#)) displays a list of the ports the user has selected to focus on within a group, including the LID, port number, focus criterion, port GUID and NodeDesc of each. If the port has a neighbor port, the same information is displayed for the neighbor. The second line of the screen displays the group name, the number of ports selected by in the combination of group, criteria and requested ports, and the number of ports requested in the group focus query. If more ports exist than will fit on a screen, the list can be scrolled forward and backward. Like the Bandwidth Statistics and Error Statistics screens which precede this screen, the focus criterion and number of requested focus ports can be changed to modify the focus port list. An index value, shown with each port, can be used to select the port and show the port's counters in a Port Stats screen. The Group Focus screen accepts the following input commands.

```

S: Scroll forward (s*) or backward (S*) through port list

C: Select group focus criteria forward (c*) or reverse (C*):

    Bandwidth Utilization (highest first)

    Packet Utilization (highest first)

    Bandwidth Utilization (lowest first)

    Integrity errors (highest first)

    Congestion errors (highest first)

```

SmaCongestion errors (highest first)

Security errors (highest first)

Routing errors (highest first)

Adaptive Routing (highest first)

Nn: Number of entries n in group focus list

Pn: Select port index value n

**Figure 17. Group Focus Screen**

```
iba_top: Img:Wed Sep 21 13:01:21 2011, Live
Group Focus:All GrpNumPorts:43 NumPorts:3 Number:3
Ix Integrity LIDx Port Node GUID 0x NodeDesc
0 0 0001 1 00066A009800EC5B admin1 HCA-1
<-> 0 0002 1 00066A00070014DC i9k066 L02
1 0 0002 2 00066A00070014DC i9k066 L02
<-> 0 0003 1 00066A009800EC51 compute0001 HCA-1
2 0 000C 1 00066A0098007B5E compute0004 HCA-1
<-> 0 0007 24 00066A00D9000108 i9k108

Quit up Live/rRev/fFwd/bookmrked Bookmrk Unbookmrk ?help | sS cC N0-n P0-n:
```

#### 4.3.10 Port Statistics Screen

The Port Statistics screen ([Figure 18](#)) displays a port's counters (performance and error). Error counters are grouped according to the error category to which they belong. A trailing asterisk ('\*') on the counter name indicates the count will be used in computing Error Category information for the neighbor port. When the Port Statistics screen is entered from the Group Focus screen, port neighbor and link information is available. When the Port Statistics screen is entered from the Group Configuration screen this information is not available. The second line of the Port Statistics screen displays the group name, and LID and port number of the port, as well as link rate and MTU (if available). The third line of the screen displays the NodeDesc and Node GUID of the port. The fourth line of the screen displays the NodeDesc, LID and port number of the neighbor port (if available). The Port Statistics screen accepts the following input command (when neighbor information is available).

N: Switch between statistics for port and port's neighbor

**Figure 18. Port Statistics Screen**

```

iba_top: Img:Thu Dec  8 16:53:27 2011, Live
Port Stats:All LID:0x2 PortNum:15 Rate: 20g MTU:2048
NodeDesc:i9k066 L02 NodeGUID:0x00066A00070014DC
Neighbor:i9k066 S1A LID:0x8 PortNum:20
Xmit: Data:0          MiB (0          Quads) Pkts:0
Recv: Data:0          MiB (15840      Quads) Pkts:220

Integrity:              SmaCongest:
Symbol:0                VL15 Dropped:0
Link Recovery:0
Link Downed:0
Port Rcv:0              Security:
Loc Lnk Integrity:0     Port Rcv Constrain:0
Excess Bfr Overrun*:0   Port Xmt Constrain*:0

Congestion:              Routing:
Port Xmt Discards*:0    Port Rcv Sw Relay:0
Port Xmt Congest*:0     ( 0.0%)
Congest Inefficiency*: 0.0%

Port Rcv Rmt Phy:0      Port Adapt Route:0
                        Port Check Rate:2000 per sec

Quit up Live/rRev/fFwd/bookmrked Bookmrk Unbookmrk ?help | Neighbor

```

### 4.3.11 Command Line Options

The following command line options are available for `iba_top`:

#### 4.3.11.1 Usage:

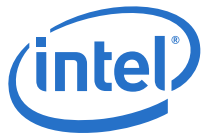
```
iba_top [-v][-q] [-h hca] [-p port] [-i seconds]
```

or

```
iba_top --help
```

#### 4.3.11.2 Options

- help – Produce full help text
- v/--verbose *level* – Verbose output level (additive):
  - 1 – Screen
  - 4 – STDERR (`iba_top`)
  - 16 – STDERR PaClient
- q/--quiet – Disable progress reports
- h/--hca *hca* – HCA to send by, default is 1st HCA
- p/--port *port* – Port to send by, default is 1st active port
- i/--interval *seconds* – Obtain performance stats over interval seconds





## 5.0 Configuration of IPoIB Name Mapping

The FastFabric tools support the concept of a management network and an IPoIB network. For some clusters the management network will be a low speed network such as 10/100 Ethernet. For other clusters IPoIB may serve double duty as the host management network.

**Note:** When using IPoIB as the management network, the initial installation of Fabric software cannot be done using FastFabric.

The various FastFabric tools will translate from host names provided to and from IPoIB names as needed. This permits the host names given to be either management network or IPoIB network names. The default configuration file assumes that IPoIB host names are formed by adding a `-ib` suffix to the management network name. If a different suffix is desired, `FF_IPoIB_SUFFIX` can be changed. If IPoIB is also being used as the management network, `FF_IPoIB_SUFFIX` can be set to an empty string `""`.

The translation is driven by the following functions within `fastfabric.conf`:

`ff_host_basename` - given a management network or IPoIB hostname, translate to management network name, should match `hostname -s`

`ff_host_basename_to_ipoib` - given a management network name, translate to IPoIB hostname

More complex mappings can be specified by implementing alternate algorithms for these functions.

**Note:** When managing a cluster where the IPoIB settings on the compute nodes are incompatible with the Fabric Management node (for example when a 4K MTU is used on the compute nodes and a 2K MTU is used on the Fabric Management Nodes), it is recommended not to run IPoIB on the Fabric management nodes.







## Appendix A FastFabric Configuration Files

Table 2 list the configuration files that are used by FastFabric. The description in the table also list the following sections that have detailed descriptions of each file. For a given release refer to the files with `-sample` at the end of the file name for a sample file with the defaults of the given release.

**Table 2. FastFabric Configuration Files**

Configuration File	Description
<code>/etc/sysconfig/fastfabric.conf</code>	Overall configuration file. Refer to <a href="#">FastFabric Configuration File</a> .
<code>/etc/sysconfig/iba/iba_mon.conf</code>	Error thresholds. Refer to <a href="#">Port Statistics Thresholds Configuration File</a> .
<code>/etc/sysconfig/iba/iba_mon.si.conf</code>	Error thresholds related to Signal Integrity. Refer to <a href="#">Signal Integrity Thresholds Configuration File</a> .
<code>/etc/sysconfig/iba/allhosts</code>	List of all hosts managed by FastFabric including the localhost. Refer to <a href="#">Host List Files</a> .
<code>/etc/sysconfig/iba/hosts</code>	List of all hosts managed by FastFabric except the localhost. Refer to <a href="#">Host List Files</a> .
<code>/etc/sysconfig/iba/chassis</code>	List of all chassis managed by FastFabric. Refer to <a href="#">Chassis List Files</a> .
<code>/etc/sysconfig/iba/esm_chassis</code>	List of all chassis running an embedded SM which are to be monitored using <code>esm_analysis</code> . Refer to <a href="#">Chassis List Files</a> .
<code>/etc/sysconfig/iba/ibnodes</code>	List of all externally managed switches managed by FastFabric. Refer to <a href="#">Externally Managed Switch List File</a> .
<code>/etc/sysconfig/iba/ports</code>	List of local HCA ports (for example subnets) to be used for fabric health analysis. Refer to <a href="#">Port List File</a> .
<code>/etc/sysconfig/iba/topology.0:0.xml</code>	Fabric topology input file used by <code>iba_reports</code> and fabric health tools. Refer to <a href="#">Fabric Topology Input File</a> .

### A.1 FastFabric Configuration File

The FastFabric tools support a configuration file `/etc/sysconfig/fastfabric.conf`. This file can be used to provide default settings for most of the FastFabric command line options. The configuration file is a bash shell script which will be included by each tool. As such the file should be implemented such that environment variables defined before the configuration file is executed will not be altered. The sample displayed below makes use of the bash syntax such that only uninitialized variables are overwritten by the configuration file:

```
var= "${var:-value}"
```

An example of a sample file is provided, and matches the internal defaults of the FastFabric tools. For a given release refer to `/etc/sysconfig/fastfabric.conf-sample` for a sample file with the defaults of the given release. If `fastfabric.conf` does not assign a value to a given configuration variable, the default value will be used.

**Note:** Do not edit `/etc/sysconfig/fastfabric.conf-sample`.

The use of various configuration variables are discussed in the Environment Variables section for each command.

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
# [ICS VERSION STRING: @(#) ./fastfabric/ib_tools/defaults x_x_x_x_x [MM/DD/YY  
hh:mm]
```



```
# This is a bash sourced config file which defines variables used in
# FastFabric tools.  Command line arguments will override these settings.
# Assignments should be scripted such that this file does not override
# exported environment settings, as shown in the defaults below

if [ "$CONFIG_DIR" = "" ]
then
    if [ -d /etc/sysconfig ]
    then
        CONFIG_DIR=/etc/sysconfig
    else
        CONFIG_DIR=/etc
    fi
    export CONFIG_DIR
fi

# Override default location for HOSTS_FILE
export HOSTS_FILE=${HOSTS_FILE:-$CONFIG_DIR/iba/hosts}

# Override default location for CHASSIS_FILE
export CHASSIS_FILE=${CHASSIS_FILE:-$CONFIG_DIR/iba/chassis}

# Override default location for ESM_CHASSIS_FILE
export ESM_CHASSIS_FILE=${ESM_CHASSIS_FILE:-$CONFIG_DIR/iba/esm_chassis}

# Override default location for IBNODES_FILE
export IBNODES_FILE=${IBNODES_FILE:-$CONFIG_DIR/iba/ibnodes}

# Override default location for PORTS_FILE
export PORTS_FILE=${PORTS_FILE:-$CONFIG_DIR/iba/ports}

# Default suffix for IPoIB host names
# the special value "NONE" is used to indicate a value of ""
# this value can be used in ff_host_basename_to_ipoib and ff_host_basename
```





```
# below to convert between IPoIB and Ethernet hostnames
export FF_IPoIB_SUFFIX=${FF_IPoIB_SUFFIX:--ib}

# Alternatively a IPoIB prefix can be provided, commented out
# examples in ff_host_basename and ff_host_basename can be enabled if desired
export FF_IPoIB_PREFIX=${FF_IPoIB_PREFIX:-ic-}

# Default management host
export MGMT_HOST=${MGMT_HOST:-localhost}

# The shell functions below are only defined if no existing function/command
# with given name, hence allowing use of shell functions or creation of a
# command for this operation

# shell Function to convert a basic hostname into an IPoIB hostname
# if FF_IPoIB_SUFFIX is "", this should return $1 unmodified
# such that commands can be used with -i "" to skip IPoIB operations
# (special value of NONE will be converted to "" before this is called)
if ! type ff_host_basename_to_ipoib >/dev/null 2>/dev/null
then
    function ff_host_basename_to_ipoib()
    {
        # $1 = hostname provided
        echo "$1$FF_IPoIB_SUFFIX"

        # comment out line above and uncomment line below if using prefixes
        #echo "$FF_IPoIB_PREFIX$1"
    }
fi

# shell Function to convert a hostname into a basic hostname
# (eg. remove IPoIB suffix, etc) should match result of "hostname -s" on host
# if FF_IPoIB_SUFFIX is "", this should return $1 unmodified
# such that commands can be used with -i "" to skip IPoIB operations
# (special value of NONE will be converted to "" before this is called)
```



```
if ! type ff_host_basename >/dev/null 2>/dev/null
then
    function ff_host_basename()
    {
        # $1 = hostname provided (could be ethernet or IPoIB name)
        echo "$1"|sed -e "s/$FF_IPOIB_SUFFIX\$//"
        # comment out line above and uncomment line below if using prefixes
        #echo "$1"|sed -e "s/^$FF_IPOIB_PREFIX//"
    }
fi

# IP netmask for IPoIB subnet [-m option]
# if "" default will be determined based on class of IP address [A, B, C]
export FF_IPOIB_NETMASK=${FF_IPOIB_NETMASK:-}

# Maximum parallel processes for ibtest and -p option on other commands
# set to 1 to avoid parallel execution
export FF_MAX_PARALLEL=${FF_MAX_PARALLEL:-20}

# If the systems are slow for some reason, this can be used to provide a
# multiplier for all timeouts in ibtest, iba_host_admin, iba_chassis_admin,
# iba_switch_admin
export FF_TIMEOUT_MULT=${FF_TIMEOUT_MULT:-2}

# where to put result files from FastFabric runs of
# ibtest, iba_host_admin, iba_chassis_admin, iba_switch_admin
#export FF_RESULT_DIR=${FF_RESULT_DIR:-.}
export FF_RESULT_DIR=${FF_RESULT_DIR:-$HOME}

# Intel IB product to install during iba_host_admin load and upgrade
export FF_PRODUCT=${FF_PRODUCT:-IntelIB-Basic.`cat
/etc/sysconfig/iba/osid_wrapper`}

# Intel IB product version to install during iba_host_admin load and upgrade
```



```

export FF_PRODUCT_VERSION=${FF_PRODUCT_VERSION:-`cat
/etc/sysconfig/iba/version_wrapper 2>/dev/null`}

# Intel IB packages to install during iba_host_admin load [-P option]
#export FF_PACKAGES=${FF_PACKAGES:-iba ipoib verbs_mpi}
#export FF_PACKAGES=${FF_PACKAGES:-iba ipoib psm_mpi}
export FF_PACKAGES=${FF_PACKAGES:-iba ipoib mpi}

# Additional INSTALL options during iba_host_admin load [-I option]
#export FF_INSTALL_OPTIONS=${FF_INSTALL_OPTIONS:- -D iba_mon -D s20tune -E dist_sa}
export FF_INSTALL_OPTIONS=${FF_INSTALL_OPTIONS:- -D iba_mon -D s20tune}

# Additional INSTALL options during iba_host_admin upgrade [-U option]
#export FF_UPGRADE_OPTIONS=${FF_UPGRADE_OPTIONS:- -D iba_mon -D s20tune -E dist_sa}
export FF_UPGRADE_OPTIONS=${FF_UPGRADE_OPTIONS:- -D iba_mon -D s20tune}

# where to upload server specific files to during uploadall, captureall
# [-d option]
export UPLOADS_DIR=${UPLOADS_DIR:-./uploads}

# where to download server specific files from during downloadall
# [-d option]
export DOWNLOADS_DIR=${DOWNLOADS_DIR:-./downloads}

# where to save history and baselines for cluster analysis and health checks
# [-d option]
export FF_ANALYSIS_DIR=${FF_ANALYSIS_DIR:-/var/opt/iba/analysis}

# topology input file(s) to use for fabric_analysis, all_analysis and
# iba_reports operations. The %P marker will be replaced with the
# local HCA port/fabric selection string (for example 0:0 or 1:2) for
# the fabric being selected (see PORTS_FILE for more information)
# if this file is not found, or the value of this parameter is "NONE"
# no topology input file will be used

```



```
export FF_TOPOLOGY_FILE=${FF_TOPOLOGY_FILE:-$CONFIG_DIR/iba/topology.%P.xml}

# How to login to host systems during iba_host_admin
# can be ssh, rsh or telnet
# Note: at present cmdall and scpall always assume password-less ssh/scp
# Note: check_rsh always assumes password-less rsh/rcp
# Note: arguments (-s) to setup_ssh select ssh setup via rsh/rcp or ssh/scp
export FF_LOGIN_METHOD=${FF_LOGIN_METHOD:-ssh}

# initial user name (cannot be root if CFG_LOGIN_METHOD=telnet)
export FF_USERNAME=${FF_USERNAME:-root}

# password for FF_USERNAME (not needed if password-less ssh/rsh configured)
export FF_PASSWORD=${FF_PASSWORD:-}

# if FF_USERNAME is not root, what is the root password needed when
# suing to root
export FF_ROOTPASS=${FF_ROOTPASS:=}

# How to login to chassis
# can be ssh or telnet
export FF_CHASSIS_LOGIN_METHOD=${FF_CHASSIS_LOGIN_METHOD:-ssh}

# password for admin (not needed if password-less ssh configured)
export FF_CHASSIS_ADMIN_PASSWORD=${FF_CHASSIS_ADMIN_PASSWORD:-adminpass}

#base device number for IPoIB devices - IPoIB devices in the systems will
# be named "ib($FF_IPOIB_BASE_DEV_NUM) ib($FF_IPOIB_BASE_DEV_NUM+1) ..."
# On Silverstorm stack it will be "ib1 ib2 ...."
# On OFED stack it will be "ib0 ib1 ..."
export FF_IPOIB_BASE_DEV_NUM=${FF_IPOIB_BASE_DEV_NUM:-0}

# shell Function to return the base IPoIB device number for this stack type.
# For Silverstorm stack installations this function should return 1, for
```



```
# OFED stack installations this should return 0.

if ! type ff_ipoib_base_dev_num >/dev/null 2>/dev/null
then
    function ff_ipoib_base_dev_num()
    {
        # No arguments to this function

        # $host is supplied as an arguemnt when this function is called
        # but it is ignored here. This is a hack to limit the number of
        # changes required.

        echo "$FF_IPOIB_BASE_DEV_NUM"
    }
fi

# options for iba_report during fabric_analysis health check
# alternative would be to use "-i seconds" instead of -C
# depending on fabric design, more strict link speed checks, such as
# -o slowconflinks or -o slowconnlincs may be appropriate
export FF_FABRIC_HEALTH=${FF_FABRIC_HEALTH:- -s -C -o errors -o slowlinks}

# list of CLI commands to issue during chassis_analysis
export FF_CHASSIS_CMDS=${FF_CHASSIS_CMDS:-showInventory fwVersion showIBNodeDesc
ismShowPStatThresh ismChassisSet12x timeZoneConf timeDSTConf snmpCommunityConf
snmpTargetAddr showChassisIpAddr showDefaultRoute}

# other possible additions (if running newer chassis FW which supports these)
# ismIslSet12x, ismIslSetSpeed

# single CLI command to issue to check overall health during chassis_analysis
# hwCheck is preferred, but is not supported on older chassis FW
export FF_CHASSIS_HEALTH=${FF_CHASSIS_HEALTH:-hwCheck}
#export FF_CHASSIS_HEALTH=${FF_CHASSIS_HEALTH:-fruInfo}

# list of CLI commands to issue during esm_analysis
export FF_ESM_CMDS=${FF_ESM_CMDS:-smShowSMParms smShowDefBcGroup}

# list of analysis to perform during all_analysis
```



```
# pick appropriate type of SM to analyze

#export FF_ALL_ANALYSIS=${FF_ALL_ANALYSIS:-fabric chassis hostsm esm}
export FF_ALL_ANALYSIS=${FF_ALL_ANALYSIS:-fabric chassis}

# command to perform text files for baseline vs latest snapshot during
# fabric health analysis commands

#export FF_DIFF_CMD=${FF_DIFF_CMD:-diff}
export FF_DIFF_CMD=${FF_DIFF_CMD:-diff -C 1}

# location to find fastfabric mpi_apps for use by assorted fastfabric tools
# As needed they can be copied to a global filesystem and adjust this variable
# This MUST be a absolute path which exists on all nodes
export FF_MPI_APPS_DIR=${FF_MPI_APPS_DIR:-/opt/iba/src/mpi_apps}

# env variables to set within each rank of MPI runs done by fastfabric directly
# alternatively the /opt/iba/src/mpi_apps/ofed.*.param files can be edited
# with appropriate values.
# example of PSM selection of vFabric by PKEY/SL
#export FF_MPI_ENV=${FF_MPI_ENV:-PSM_PKEY=0xffff IPATH_SL=0 PSM_MTU=2048}
# example of PSM selection of path and vFabric by query to dist_sa
#export FF_MPI_ENV=${FF_MPI_ENV:-PSM_PATH_REC=opp
PSM_IB_SERVICE_ID=0x1000117500000000}
# example of PSM selection of path and vFabric by default query to dist_sa
#export FF_MPI_ENV=${FF_MPI_ENV:-PSM_PATH_REC=opp}
export FF_MPI_ENV=${FF_MPI_ENV:-}

# configuration of arguments for MPI performance deviation testing
# via /opt/iba/src/mpi_apps/deviation/deviation
# The defaults should work for most fabrics. This can be made stricter
# and/or specific to the fabric by using arguments such as -h hostname
# -bwthres and -latthres. See run_deviation or the user's guide for more
# information.
#export FF_DEVIATION_ARGS=${FF_DEVIATION_ARGS:--bwtol 20 -lattol 50 -c -v}
#export FF_DEVIATION_ARGS=${FF_DEVIATION_ARGS:--bwtol 20 -lattol 50 -c -h hostname}
```



```
export FF_DEVIATION_ARGS=${FF_DEVIATION_ARGS:--bwtol 20 -lattol 50 -c}

# input to iba_host_admin configipoib indicating which mode to
# use for IP configuration of ipoib interface, valid values are one of
# static, dhcp , auto
export FF_IPOIB_CONFIG=${FF_IPOIB_CONFIG:-static}

#Serialize output of operations running in parallel
export FF_SERIALIZE_OUTPUT=${FF_SERIALIZE_OUTPUT:-yes}
```

## A.2 Port Statistics Thresholds Configuration File

The `/etc/sysconfig/iba/iba_mon.conf` configuration file defines port statistics thresholds for use by `iba_report`, `fabric_analysis`, `all_analysis` and `iba_mon`.

This file lists a threshold for each port statistic. If the threshold for a given statistic is not defined or is set to 0, the given statistic will not be checked.

An example of a sample file is provided, and matches the internal defaults of the FastFabric tools. For a given release refer to `/etc/sysconfig/iba/iba_mon.conf-sample` for a sample file with the defaults of the given release

**Note:** Do not edit `/etc/sysconfig/iba/iba_mon.conf-sample`.

```
# This file controls the iba_mon Port Counter monitoring Thresholds.

# [ICS VERSION STRING: @(#) ./config/iba_mon.conf x_x_x_x_x [MM/DD/YY hh:mm]

#

# Error Counters are specified in absolute number of errors over Interval.

# All Data Movement thresholds are specified in terms of average data/second

# over the monitoring interval.

#

# Setting a threshold to 0 disables monitoring of the given counter

#

# Output is generated when a threshold is exceeded.

#

# Counters for which a non-zero threshold is specified will be cleared by

# iba_mon and may impact any remote Performance Managers which are monitoring

# the given Counter
```



```
Interval                10 # monitoring interval in seconds

SyslogFacility           local6# syslog facility code, or disable

Threshold               Greater# how compare counter to threshold
                        # alternative value is Equal

# Normal Data Movement

PortXmitData             0# as MB/second
PortRcvData              0# as MB/second
PortXmitPkts             0# as packets/second
PortRcvPkts              0# as packets/second

# Error Counters

SymbolErrorCounter       100
LinkErrorRecoveryCounter 3
LinkDownedCounter        3
PortRcvErrors            100
PortRcvRemotePhysicalErrors 0# side effect of errors elsewhere, ignore
#PortRcvSwitchRelayErrors 100# known Anafa2 issue, incorrectly increments
PortXmitDiscards         100
PortXmitConstraintErrors 10
PortRcvConstraintErrors  10
LocalLinkIntegrityErrors 3
ExcessiveBufferOverrunErrors 3
#VL15Dropped            100 # expected to optimize SM sweep time
```

**Note:** When this file is used by `iba_mon`, the thresholds represent counts per “Interval”. However, when used by `iba_report` or fabric health tools, the counts are absolute values and are applied against the counters as found in the system

## A.3 Signal Integrity Thresholds Configuration File

The `/etc/sysconfig/iba/iba_mon.si.conf` configuration file defines port counter signal integrity thresholds.





This file allows analysis for any non-zero error counters related to Signal Integrity (bad cables, etc) and can be used by adding the `-c` option to `iba_report`, `iba_extract_error` and other related fastfabric tools.

An example of a sample file is provided, and matches the internal defaults of the FastFabric tools.

**Note:** Do not edit `/etc/sysconfig/iba/iba_mon.conf-sample`.

```
# This file controls the iba_mon Port Counter monitoring Thresholds.
```

```
# [ICS VERSION STRING: @(#) ./config/iba_mon.si.conf x_x_x_x_x [MM/DD/YY
hh:mm]
```

```
# This is a variation of the default iba_mon.conf file. This file only
# checks error counters related to Signal Integrity. Thresholds are set
# such that any and all non-zero counters will be visible. This can be
# useful when using iba_report -o errors, iba_extract_error, and other
# related tools. For many FastFabric tools this filename can be specified by
# the -c option.
```

```
#
# Error Counters are specified in absolute number of errors over Interval.
# All Data Movement thresholds are specified in terms of average data/second
# over the monitoring interval.
#
# Setting a threshold to 0 disables monitoring of the given counter
#
# Output is generated when a threshold is exceeded.
#
# Counters for which a non-zero threshold is specified will be cleared by
# iba_mon and may impact any remote Performance Managers which are monitoring
# the given Counter
```

Interval seconds	10	# monitoring interval in
---------------------	----	--------------------------

SyslogFacility local6# syslog facility code, or disable



SymbolErrorCounter	1
LinkErrorRecoveryCounter	1
LinkDownedCounter	1
PortRcvErrors	1
PortRcvRemotePhysicalErrors	0# side effect of errors elsewhere, ignore
PortRcvSwitchRelayErrors	0# not related to SI
PortXmitDiscards	0# not related to SI
PortXmitConstraintErrors	0# not related to SI
PortRcvConstraintErrors	0# not related to SI
LocalLinkIntegrityErrors	1
ExcessiveBufferOverrunErrors	1# can be side effect of SI
VL15Dropped	0 # expected to optimize SM sweep time

```
# [ICS VERSION STRING: @(#) ./fastfabric/ib_tools/allhosts x_x_x_x [MM/DD/YY
hh:mm]

# This file lists the TCP/IP names of ALL the hosts in the cluster.
```



```
# THIS SHOULD INCLUDE THE NODE RUNNING FASTFABRIC
#
# If Ethernet is being used for the management network, specify
# the hostname corresponding to the ethernet IP address.
# This file will be used by FastFabric to indicate which hosts should be
# operated on by various fastfabric menus and CLI commands.

include /etc/sysconfig/iba/hosts

# add line below with TCP/IP name of FastFabric host (eg. this host)
```

Each line of the host list file may specify a single host, a comment or another host list file to include.

Hosts may be specified by IP address or a resolvable TCP/IP hostname. Typically hostnames are used for readability. Also, some FastFabric tools will translate the supplied host names to IPoIB hostnames, in which case names are generally easier to translate than numeric IP addresses. Typically management network host names are specified. However, if desired, IPoIB hostnames or IP addresses may be used. This can accelerate large file transfers and other operations.

Files to be included may be specified using an `include` directive followed by a file name. File names specified should generally be absolute path names. If relative path names are used, they will be searched for within the current directory then `/etc/sysconfig/iba`.

Comments may be placed on any line by using a `#` to precede the comment. On lines with hosts or include directives, the `#` must be white-space separated from any preceding host name, IP address or included file name.

## A.5 Chassis List Files

The `/etc/sysconfig/iba/chassis` and `/etc/sysconfig/iba/esm_chassis` files are used to specify the Intel® chassis that FastFabric will operate against for many operations.

If desired alternate filenames may be specified in `fastfabric.conf`, using environment variables or on the command line. Refer to *Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite FastFabric Command Line Interface Reference Guide* for more information.

The following is a sample chassis file:

```
# [ICS VERSION STRING: @(#) ./fastfabric/ib_tools/chassis x_x_x_x_x [MM/DD/YY hh:mm]
# This file lists the TCP/IP names of the Intel 9000 and 12000
# Internally Managed Switches in the cluster.
#
# If Ethernet is being used for the management network, specify
# the name corresponding to the ethernet IP address of the chassis.
```



```
# This file will be used by FastFabric to indicate which chassis should be
# operated on by various fastfabric menus and CLI commands.
```

Each line of the chassis list file may specify a single chassis, a comment or another chassis list file to include.

Chassis may be specified by chassis management network IP address or a resolvable TCP/IP name. Typically, names are used for readability.

Files to be included may be specified using an `include` directive followed by a file name. File names specified should generally be absolute path names. If relative path names are used, they will be searched for within the current directory then `/etc/sysconfig/iba`.

Comments may be placed on any line by using a `#` to precede the comment. On lines with chassis or include directives, the `#` must be white-space separated from any preceding name, IP address or included filename.

The `iba_gen_chassis` command can be used to help locate chassis in the fabric and generate a chassis file.

### A.5.1 Selection of slots within a chassis

Normally, operations are performed against the management card in the chassis. For operations such as `cmdall`, the command is executed against the management interface for the given chassis. For more sophisticated operations, such as firmware update, a directory with firmware for each chassis card type can be supplied and all cards in the chassis will be updated with the appropriate firmware from that directory.

However, in some cases it may be desirable to perform operations against a specific subset of cards within the chassis. In this case the chassis IP address, name within a chassis list or a chassis file can be augmented with a list of slot numbers to operate on. This is done in the form:

```
chassis:slot1,slot2,...
```

For example:

```
i9k229:0
```

```
i9k229:0,1,5
```

```
192.168.0.5:0,1,5
```

**Note:** There must be no spaces within the chassis name and/or slot list.

This format is used by `cmdall` and chassis firmware update. This format may be used anywhere a chassis name or IP address is valid, such as the `-H` option, the `CHASSIS` environment variable or chassis list files. The slot number specified is ignored on some operations (such as `pingall`). Only slots containing management cards, EVICs and FVICs may be specified with this format. For all 9000 series chassis, slot 0 is always an alias for the presently active management card for the chassis. For the remainder of slot usages in the chassis, the `chassisQuery` command can be executed against a given chassis to identify which slots have management, EVIC or FVIC cards.

**Note:** For any operation, care should be taken that a given chassis is listed only once with all relevant slots as part of that single specification. This is important so that parallel operations do not cause conflicting concurrent operations against a given chassis.



## A.6 Externally Managed Switch List File

The `/etc/sysconfig/iba/ibnodes` file is used to specify the externally-managed Intel® switches that FastFabric will operate against for many operations.

Alternate file names may be specified in `fastfabric.conf`, using environment variables or on the command line. Refer to *Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite FastFabric Command Line Interface Reference Guide* for more information.

The following is a sample `ibnodes` file:

```
# [ICS VERSION STRING: @(#) ./fastfabric/ib_tools/ibnodes x_x_x_x_x [MM/DD/YY hh:mm]
# This file lists all the Intel 9000 and 12000 Externally Managed Switches
#
# specify one line per switch of the form guid,nodeDesc,distance
#   guid - node guid of the switch
#   nodeDesc - optional node description which should be programmed into
#               the switch by FastFabric. It is recommended to supply a unique
#               nodeDesc for each switch to simplify management of the cluster.
#   distance - optional relative distance of the switch from the FastFabric node
#               this is used by reboot operations to first operate on switches furthest
#               from the FastFabric node.
#               Nodes without a distance specified will be treated as furthest.
# For fabrics with multiple IB subnets, the local hca and port to use may be
# specified as: guid:hca:port,nodeDesc,distance.
# See the FastFabric Manual for more info
#
# The iba_gen_ibnodes tool can be used to query the SM and generate a list
# Externally Managed switches in the proper form for this file.
#
# for example:
# 0x00066a00e300299f,SwitchA1,2
```

Each line of the switch list file may specify a single switch, a comment, or another switch list file to include.

Switches can be specified by node GUID optionally followed by a colon and the `hca:port`, optionally followed by a comma and the IB Node Description (nodename) to be assigned to the switch, and optionally followed by the distance value indicating the relative distance from the FastFabric node for each switch.

The `iba_gen_ibnodes` can be used to help locate externally managed switches in the fabric and generate an `ibnodes` file. The `iba_gen_ibnodes` tool will by default provide the proper distance value relative to the FastFabric node from which it was run. This capability requires use of IBTA standard TraceRecord queries which are not



supported by openSM, but can be supplied by the Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite Fabric Manager (FM). Alternatively the `iba_gen ibnodes -R` option can suppress generation of this field. Refer to the *Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite FastFabric Command Line Interface Reference Guide* for more information.

In a typical pure fat tree topology with externally managed switches as edge switches and internally managed switches as core switches, the user can also easily manually specify proper distance by simply specifying 1 for the distance value of the switch next to the FastFabric node. Note that in such a topology all other switches are an equal length from the FastFabric node and a missing distance value will cause them to be treated as having a distance value which is larger than any other found in the file. Therefore the other switches would be rebooted first and the FastFabric node's switch would be rebooted last.

The GUID will be used to select the switch and on firmware update operations, the node description will be written to the switch such that other FastFabric tools (such as `iba_aquery` and `iba_report`) can provide a more easily readable name for the switch. The node description can also be updated as part of switch basic configuration.

The `hca:port` may be used to specify which local port (subnet) to use to access the switch. If this is omitted, all local ports specified will be checked for the switch and the first port found to be able to access the switch will be used to access it. Refer to the *Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite FastFabric Command Line Interface Reference Guide* for more information about how to specify and `hca:port` value.

Files to be included may be specified using an `include` directive followed by a file name. File names specified should generally be absolute path names. If relative path names are used, they will be searched for within the current directory then `/etc/sysconfig/iba`.

Comments may be placed on any line. By using a `#` to precede the comment. On lines with chassis or include directives, the `#` must be white-space separated from any preceding GUID, name or included file name.

Intel recommends that a unique node description be specified for each switch. This name should follow typical naming rules and use the characters a-z, A-Z, 0-9, and underscore. No spaces are allowed in the node description. Additionally, names should not start with a digit.

For externally-managed switches, the node GUID can be found on a label on the bottom of the switch. Alternately the node GUIDs for switches in the fabric can be found using a command such as:

```
iba_saquery -t sw -o nodeguid
```

**Note:**

The preceding command will report all switch node GUIDs, including those of internally-managed chassis such as the Intel® 12000. GUIDs for internally-managed chassis cannot be specified for use in the `ibnodes` file.

FastFabric is topology aware when updating externally managed switch firmware or resetting the switches. Switches furthest from the FastFabric node are updated or reset first and then each switch, working toward the FastFabric node. This way switches that are rebooted are not in the path between the FastFabric node and others that are being rebooted.

The ordering is controlled by an optional **distance** field in the `ibnodes` file or the `ibnodes` provided on the command line. The **distance** field indicates the relative distance from the FastFabric node for each switch. Any `ibnodes` file entries which do not specify a distance value are treated as having a value larger than any others in the file. The `ibnodes` file contains any one of the following formats per line:



- nodeguid
- nodeguid,,distance
- nodeguid:hca:port
- nodeguid:hca:port,,distance
- nodeguid,nodename
- nodeguid,nodename,distance
- nodeguid:hca:port,nodename
- nodeguid:hca:port,nodename,distance

The `iba_gen_ibnodes` tool by default, provides the proper distance value relative to the FastFabric node on which it ran. This capability requires the use of IBTA standard TraceRecord queries which are not supported by openSM, but can be supplied by FM. Alternatively, the `iba_gen_ibnodes -R` option can suppress generation of this field.

In a typical pure fat tree topology with externally managed switches as edge switches and internally managed switches as core switches, the user can also manually specify proper distance by simply specifying 1 for the distance value of the switch next to the FastFabric node. Note that in such a topology all other switches are an equal length from the FastFabric node and a missing hops value will cause them to be treated as having a distance value which is larger than any other found in the file. Therefore, the other switches would be rebooted first and the FastFabric node's switch would be rebooted last.

## A.7 Port List File

The `/etc/sysconfig/iba/ports` file is used to specify the local HCA ports (i.e., subnets) that FastFabric will use for assorted commands (such as `iba_reports`, `fabric_info`, `iba_switch_admin`, `fabric_analysis`, `all_analysis`) for fabric access.

Alternate filenames may be specified in `fastfabric.conf`, using environment variables or on the command line. Refer to the *Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite FastFabric Command Line Interface Reference Guide* for more information.

The following is a sample port list file:

```
# [ICS VERSION STRING: @(#) ./fastfabric/ib_tools/ports x_x_x_x_x [MM/DD/YY hh:mm]

# This file defines the local HCA ports to use to access the fabric(s)

#

# specify one line per HCA port of the form hca:port such as:

#      0:0 = 1st active port in system
#      0:y = port y within system
#      x:0 = 1st active port on HCA x
#      x:y = HCA x, port y

# The first HCA in the system is 1. The first port on an HCA is 1.

0:0
```



Each line of the port list file may specify a single port, a comment or another port list file to include.

Ports are specified as `hca:port`. No spaces are permitted. The first Host Channel Adapter is 1 and the first port is 1. The special value 0 for Host Channel Adapter or port has special meaning. The allowed formats are shown in the previous sample.

Files to be included may be specified using an `include` directive followed by a file name. File names specified should generally be absolute path names. If relative path names are used, they will be searched for within the current directory then `/etc/sysconfig/iba`.

Comments may be placed on any line. By using a `#` to precede the comment. On lines with a port or include directive, the `#` must be white-space separated from any preceding port or included file name.

## A.8 Fabric Topology Input File

The `/etc/sysconfig/iba/topology.0:0.xml` file is used to specify the expected fabric topology and augmented fabric information (such as cable labels, types, lengths, SM details, node details, link details, etc). If present this file will be used by assorted FastFabric commands (such as `iba reports`, `fabric analysis`, `all analysis`). Refer to the *Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite FastFabric Command Line Interface Reference Guide* for more information on how to create a topology file describing the fabric.

If desired, alternate filenames may be specified in `fastfabric.conf`, using environment variables or on the command line. Refer to the *Intel® True Scale Fabric Suite FastFabric Command Line Interface Reference Guide* for more information.

The XML format of topology input can appear as follows (the example below is purposely brief and omits many links, nodes, and SMs):

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>

<Report>

<LinkSummary>

<Link>

<Rate>20g</Rate>

<MTU>2048</MTU>

<Internal>0</Internal>

<LinkDetails>Bender to Switch</LinkDetails>

<Cable>

<CableLength>11m</CableLength>

<CableLabel>S4567</CableLabel>

<CableDetails>gore cable model 456</CableDetails>

</Cable>

<Port>

<NodeGUID>0x0002c9020020e004</NodeGUID>
```





```

<PortGUID>0x0002c9020020e005</PortGUID>

<PortNum>1</PortNum>

<NodeType>CA</NodeType>

<NodeDesc>bender HCA-1</NodeDesc>

<PortDetails>bender primary port</PortDetails>

</Port>

<Port>

<NodeGUID>0x00066a0007000df6</NodeGUID>

<PortNum>1</PortNum>

<NodeType>SW</NodeType>

<NodeDesc>i9k159 Leaf 4, Chip A</NodeDesc>

</Port>

</Link>

<Link>

<Rate>20g</Rate>

<MTU>2048</MTU>

<Internal>0</Internal>

<Port>

<NodeGUID>0x0002c9020025a678</NodeGUID>

<PortGUID>0x0002c9020025a679</PortGUID>

<PortNum>1</PortNum>

<NodeType>CA</NodeType>

<NodeDesc>mindy2 HCA-1</NodeDesc>

</Port>

<Port>

<NodeGUID>0x00066a0007000e6d</NodeGUID>

<PortNum>4</PortNum>

<NodeType>SW</NodeType>

<NodeDesc>i9k159 Leaf 5, Chip A</NodeDesc>

</Port>

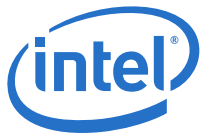
</Link>

</LinkSummary>

<Nodes>

<CAs>

```



```
<Node id="0x0002c9020025a678">
  <NodeGUID>0x0002c9020025a678</NodeGUID>
  <NodeDesc>mindy2 HCA-1</NodeDesc>
  <NodeDetails>mindy2 only HCA</NodeDetails>
</Node>

</CAs>

<Switches>

  <Node id="0x00066a000600025a">
    <NodeGUID>0x00066a000600025a</NodeGUID>
    <NodeDesc>i9k159 Spine 1, Chip A</NodeDesc>
    <NodeDetails>core switch</NodeDetails>
  </Node>

</Switches>

<SMs>

  <SM id="0x0002c9020025a678:1">
    <NodeGUID>0x0002c9020025a678</NodeGUID>
    <NodeDesc>mindy2 HCA-1</NodeDesc>
    <PortNum>1</PortNum>
    <PortGUID>0x0002c9020025a679</PortGUID>
    <NodeType>CA</NodeType>
    <NodeType_Int>1</NodeType_Int>
    <SMDetails>mindy2 SM</SMDetails>
  </SM>

</SMs>

</Nodes>

</Report>
```



