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Interoperability of Bloombase StoreSafe and ATTO Celerity Fibre-Channel Host Bus Adapter and ATTO FibreConnect Fibre-Channel Switch for Transparent Storage Area **Network (SAN) Encryption**

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Executive Summary

ATTO Celerity fibre-channel host bus adapters (FC-HBA) and ATTO FibreConnect fibre-channel switch are validated by Bloombase interopLab to run with Bloombase StoreSafe non-disruptive, agentless, application-transparent storage area network (SAN) encryption server. This document describes the steps carried out to test interoperability of ATTO Celerity Fibre-Channel HBAs with Bloombase StoreSafe Storage Encryption Server on OS running on x86-based commodity server appliance. Host system of Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 7 on HPE ProLiant DL380 Server with ATTO Celerity FC HBA is validated against Bloombase StoreSafe Storage Encryption appliance with Dell EMC SAN storage sub-system.

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Purpose and Scope

This document describes the steps necessary to test interoperability of ATTO Celerity FC HBA with Bloombase StoreSafe enterprise storage software appliance to secure sensitive corporate business data in a storage area network (SAN) accessible by HPE ProLiant DL380 Server. Specifically, we cover the following topics:

- Preparing Bloombase StoreSafe software appliance for encryption
- Preparing ATTO FibreConnect Fibre-Channel SAN Switch
- Preparing EMC SAN storage sub-system
- Interoperability testing on Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 7 on HPE ProLiant DL380 Server host system with ATTO Celerity FC HBA

Assumptions

This document describes interoperability testing of ATTO Celerity FC HBA powered Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 7 on HPE ProLiant DL380 Server with Bloombase StoreSafe Software Appliance on SAN storage sub-system. It is assumed that you are familiar with operation of storage systems and major operating systems including UNIX. It is also assumed that you possess basic UNIX administration skills. The examples provided may require modifications before they are run under your version of Unix.

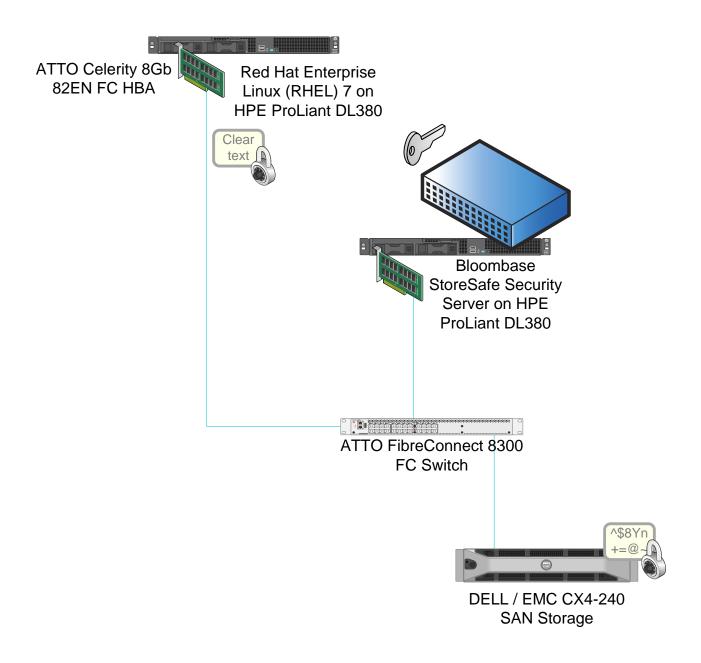
We assume you have basic knowledge of storage networking and information cryptography. For specific technical product information of Bloombase StoreSafe, please refer to our website at http://www.bloombase.com or Bloombase SupPortal http://supportal.bloombase.com

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Infrastructure

Setup

The validation testing environment is setup as in below figure:



Bloombase StoreSafe Storage Software Encryption Server Appliance

Server	HPE ProLiant DL380 Server	
Processors	2 x Intel Xeon E5-2640 series quad-core 2.6 GHz	
Memory	16 GB	
Storage Encryption Software	Bloombase StoreSafe Software Appliance v3.4	

Storage Host

Model	HPE ProLiant DL38o Server
Operating System	Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 7
Host Bus Adapter	ATTO Celerity 8Gb 82EN

Fibre-Channel Host Bus Adapter

Model	ATTO Celerity 8Gb 82EN
Speed	8 Gbps
Interface	PCI-E

SAN Switch

Model	ATTO FibreConnect 8000 Fibre-Channel Switch
Link Speed	8/4/2 Gbps auto-sensing

Storage Area Network (SAN)

SAN Storage	Dell / EMC CX4-240 SAN Storage
Link Speed	8/4/2 Gbps auto-sensing

Configuration Overview

ATTO Fibre-Channel Host Bus Adapter

ATTO FC-HBA

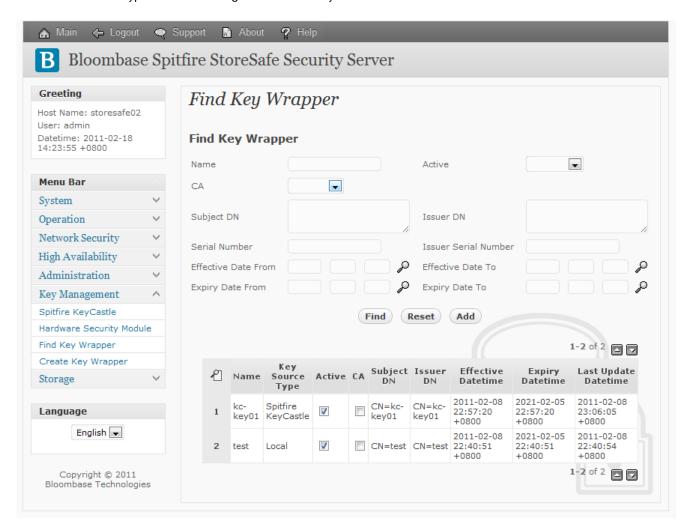
• ATTO Celebrity 8Gb 82EN

Is installed at HPE ProLiant DL₃80 Server running Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 7.



Bloombase StoreSafe Software Appliance

StoreSafe supports both file-based and block-based on-the-fly storage encryption. In this interoperability testing, fibre-channel SAN block-based encryption is validated against ATTO Celerity FC-HBA.



Encryption Key Configuration

Encryption key named 'key' is generated at bundled KeyCastle key life-cycle management tool

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Virtual SAN Configuration

Bloombase StoreSafe block-based virtual storage and physical storage settings are configured as follows.



Physical Storage Target Configuration

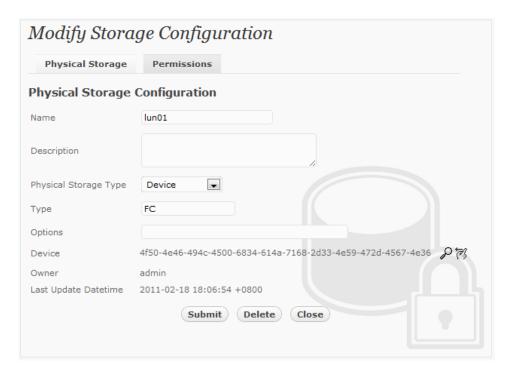
After zoning and LUN mask are properly configured at SAN switches, StoreSafe is able to mount to LUNs of SAN storages and are shown on 'List Storage Device' tool



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Physical storage target named 'luno1' is configured to map to the storage device to be secured by Bloombase StoreSafe encryption.

Bloombase StoreSafe secures SAN contents as virtual block devices. Volumes can be secured independently by specific cryptographic cipher, bit length, encryption key, etc.



Encrypted Virtual Storage Provisioning

Virtual storage named 'sano1' of type 'FC' is created to virtualize physical storage 'luno1' for transparent encryption protection over fibre-channel protocol. This virtual storage target acts as a virtual LUN which serves as storage proxy for storage host's transparent access.



Protection type is specified as 'Privacy' and the FC SAN LUN is secured using AES-XTS 256-bit encryption and encryption key 'key'.

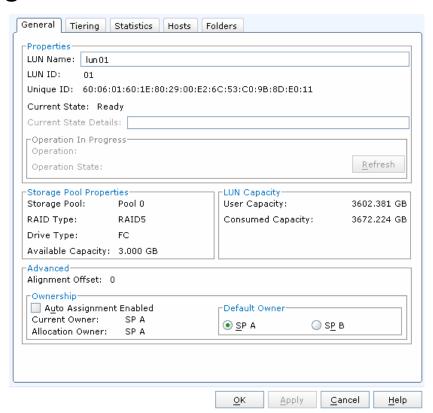


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Fiber-channel protocol access control relies mainly on LUN mask for host based access control, the WWN of host HBA on 'Host' of 'Host Access Control' section is configured as follows such that storage host, in this case, HPE ProLiant DL380 Server with ATTO Celerity HBA, can read/write in non-disruptive way automating encryption and un-encryption for authorized applications.



SAN Storage



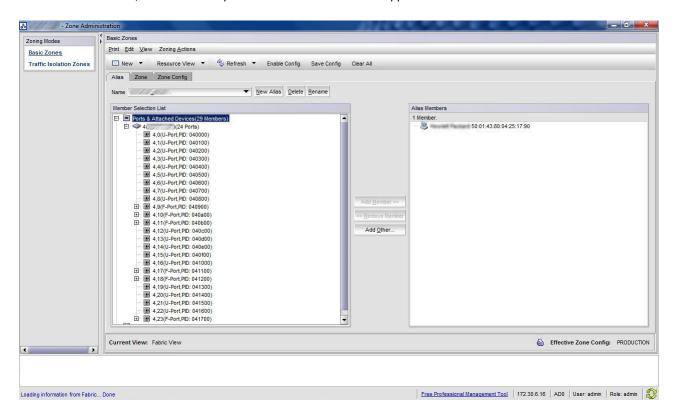
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A LUN is created at Dell / EMC CX4 SAN with below parameters

Name	Luno1
Capacity	3 TB
Redundancy	RAIDS

SAN Fabric

The virtual disks on Dell / EMC SAN are exposed to Bloombase StoreSafe appliance for access.



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Validation Tests

Test Scenarios

Validation Matrix

Validation tests span across models of ATTO Celerity FC-HBAs and SAN switches, Bloombase StoreSafe Security Server, appliance hardware platform, and host platform.

Test Condition	Candidate		
FC-HBA	ATTO Celerity 8Gb 82EN		
SAN Switch	ATTO FibreConnect 8300 Fibre-Channel Switch		
Storage System	Dell / EMC CX4-240 SAN storage		
Storage Encryption Appliance	Bloombase StoreSafe software appliance on x86-based HP ProLiant DL ₃ 80		
Host Server Hardware	HPE ProLiant DL ₃ 80 Server		

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Host Operating Systems		Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 7
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Raw Storage Device Tests

The following tests are carried out at storage host operating system with ATTO Celerity HBA to access encrypted SAN storage via Bloombase StoreSafe appliances directly

Test	Description
Write disk with zeros	Write zeros into encrypted storage target via Bloombase StoreSafe, platform equivalence of UNIX's dd if=/dev/zero of=/dev/sda
Read disk to null device	Read from encrypted storage target via Bloombase StoreSafe, platform equivalence of UNIX's dd if=/dev/sda of=/dev/null
Wipe disk with random data	Write random zeros and ones into encrypted storage target, platform equivalence of UNIX's dd if=/dev/urandom of=/dev/sda

File System Tests

The following tests are carried out at storage host with ATTO Celerity HBA to access encrypted SAN storage via Bloombase StoreSafe appliances via operating system file-systems

HFS Plus

Test	Description
Directory creation	Platform equivalence of UNIX's mkdir
Directory rename	Platform equivalence of UNIX's mv
Directory removal	Platform equivalence of UNIX's rm
Directory move	Platform equivalence of UNIX's mv
File creation	Platform equivalence of UNIX's echo XXX >
File rename	Platform equivalence of UNIX's mv

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File removal	Platform equivalence of UNIX's rm	
File move	Platform equivalence of UNIX's mv	
File append – by character	Platform equivalence of UNIX's echo XXX >>	
File append – by block	Platform equivalence of UNIX's echo XXX >>	
File parameters inquiry	Platform equivalence of UNIX's ls *X	
File permission configurations	Platform equivalence of UNIX's chmod	
	• Valid for UNIX-based storage host systems only (Linux, AIX, HPUX, Solaris)	
Softlink/Symbolic link removal	Platform equivalence of UNIX's rm	
	• Valid for UNIX-based storage host systems only (Linux, AIX, HPUX, Solaris)	
Softlink/Symbolic link move	Platform equivalence of UNIX's mv	
	• Valid for UNIX-based storage host systems only (Linux, AIX, HPUX, Solaris)	

Application Tests – Oracle Database Server

Test	Remarks	
Database creation	Version equivalence of CREATE DATABASE	
Schema creation	Version equivalence of CREATE TABLE	
Database record insert	Version equivalence of INSERT INTO	
Database record query	Version equivalence of SELECT * FROM	
Database record update	Version equivalence of UPDATE	
Database record delete	Version equivalence of DELETE FROM	
Index creation	Version equivalence of CREATE INDEX	
Tablespace alteration	Version equivalence of ALTER TABLESPACE	
Redo log creation	Automated by Oracle data server, verify by examining Oracle system log	

Redo log creation	Automated by Oracle data server, verify by examining Oracle system log
Archive log creation	Automated by Oracle data server, verify by examining Oracle system log

Result

Raw Storage Device Tests

Test	Validation Pass	Remarks
Write disk with zeros	✓	
Read disk to null device	✓	
Wipe disk with random data	✓	

File System Tests

Test	Validation Pass	Remarks
Directory creation	✓	
Directory rename	✓	
Directory removal	✓	
Directory move	✓	
File creation	✓	
File rename	✓	
File removal	✓	
File move	✓	
File append – by character	✓	
File append – by block	✓	
File parameters inquiry	✓	

File permission configurations	✓	
Softlink/Symbolic link removal	✓	
Softlink/Symbolic link move	✓	

Application Tests - Oracle Database

Test	Validation Pass	Remarks
Initialize disk	✓	
Filesystem partition	✓	
Directory creation	✓	
Directory rename	✓	
Directory removal	✓	
Directory move	✓	
File creation	✓	
File rename	✓	
File removal	✓	
File move	✓	
File append – by character	✓	
File append – by block	✓	
File parameters inquiry	✓	
File permission configurations	✓	
Softlink/Symbolic link removal	✓	
Softlink/Symbolic link move	✓	

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Conclusion

ATTO FC-HBAs

• ATTO Celerity 8Gb 82EN

and ATTO SAN switch

• ATTO FibreConnect 8300 Fibre-Channel switch

pass all Bloombase interopLab's interoperability tests with Bloombase StoreSafe enterprise storage encryption server

Bloombase Product	Operating System	ATTO FC-HBAs	SAN Switch
Bloombase StoreSafe	Red Hat Enterprise Linux	ATTO Celerity 8Gb 82EN	ATTO FibreConnect 8300 Fibre-
Software Appliance	(RHEL) 7		Channel switch

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Disclaimer

The tests described in this paper were conducted in the Bloombase InteropLab. Bloombase has not tested this configuration with all the combinations of hardware and software options available. There may be significant differences in your configuration that will change the procedures necessary to accomplish the objectives outlined in this paper. If you find that any of these procedures do not work in your environment, please contact us immediately.

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