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Introduction

This guide discusses the host attachment capabilities for the IBM XIV Storage System.

Purpose and Scope

You can configure the IBM XIV Storage System for the following adapter types and protocols:

- Fibre Channel adapters for support of Fibre Channel Protocol (FCP)
- Ethernet Adapter or iSCSI host bus adapter (HBA) for support of iSCSI over IP Ethernet networks

As explained in the *IBM XIV Product Overview* document, the IBM XIV Storage System has six Interface modules and three Host Interface modules that connect to them. Each Interface module contains four Fibre Channel ports. Each Host Interface module contains two iSCSI ports. These ports are used to attach to hosts.

Note: All host traffic is served through six Interface modules (numbers 4-9).

Although the IBM XIV Storage System distributes the traffic between I/O modules and Data modules, it is important to understand that it is the storage administrator's responsibility to ensure that host I/O operations are equitably distributed among the various Interface modules. This workload balance must be watched and reviewed over time when host traffic patterns change.

The host must be properly configured before it can perform I/O operations on the IBM XIV Storage System.

The Host Attachment Kit provides a set of tools that simplifies the host configuration and management.

Audience

This guide is intended for customers who want to connect the IBM XIV Storage System to a host. To use this guide, you must have a basic understanding of the Linux operating system and familiarity of the IBM XIV Storage System.



The Host Attachment Flow

The host attachment process consists of the following four phases:

- Preparing the IBM XIV Storage System for host connectivity
- Preparing the host
- Installing the Host Attachment Kit
- Configuring the host

Each phase can include several steps.





Related Documentation

All the host attachment related documents are available at the following URL:

http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/ibmxiv/r2/

Conventions Used in this Guide

XIV uses the following conventions for notes, warning and figures:

Code

These notices indicate referenced text from a source file, scripts and commands.

Code

Screen output

These notices indicate text from the standard output of the system, host or both.

Screen output

Warning

These notices indicate possible damage to programs, devices, or data. An attention notice is placed just before the instruction or situation in which damage could occur.



Pay attention

These notices provide important tips, guidance, or advice to help you avoid inconvenient or problem situations.

Pay attention

Before You Proceed

Before you proceed reading this document, you must have a workstation that is equipped with the IBM XIV Storage System management software: the XIV GUI and the XCLI. For additional assistance and more information on how to get, use and install the IBM XIV Storage System management software, refer to the *IBM XIV Product Overview*.

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Preparing the XIV Storage System

The first phase in connecting a host to the IBM XIV Storage System is to prepare the storage system.





Overview of XIV Physical Host Connectivity Features

The IBM XIV Storage System supports iSCSI and Fibre Channel protocols for communication with various host systems. The system includes a patch panel in the back of the rack for the physical connections (FC or iSCSI).

Hosts can attach to the Fibre Channel and iSCSI ports through an FC fabric or a Gigabit Ethernet switch. The following figures provide examples for connecting a host through either a storage-attached network (SAN) or an Ethernet Network to the IBM XIV Storage System:

- Fibre Channel connectivity
- iSCSI connectivity
- Mixed connectivity

Fibre Channel connectivity

In the following image, Fibre Channel cables connect between the Fibre Channel switch to the designated ports on the IBM XIV Storage System.



Image 1: Fibre Channel connectivity



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iSCSI connectivity

In the following image, iSCSI cables connect the iSCSI switch to the designated ports on the IBM XIV Storage System.

 Fibre Channel and iSCSI ports are located in two different locations on the patch panel of the IBM XIV Storage System.



Image 2: iSCSI connectivity

Mixed connectivity

You can also have a mix (or coexistence) of FC and iSCSI connections to attach various hosts. Do not use both FC and iSCSI connections for the same host.

It is possible to use FC and iSCSI connections concurrently and for attaching the same LUN. This capability is useful and solely recommended when migrating from a former storage system that only supports one of these protocols.



Preparing for iSCSI Connectivity

The IBM XIV Storage System acts as a Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) server for iSCSI connections. Packets are always routed through the Ethernet port from which the iSCSI connection was initiated.

The specification of a default gateway is required only if the attached hosts are not on the same layer-2 subnet.

The maximum transmission unit (MTU) configuration is required if your network supports an MTU that is larger than the standard one. The MTU default value is 1,536 bytes and the maximum value is 8,192 bytes. You must specify the largest possible MTU. If supported by the switches and routers, use up to 8,192 bytes.

iSCSI uses the Internet Protocol (IP) for communication. An iSCSI Qualified Name (IQN) is required for entities that take part in this communication (that is, the IBM XIV Storage System and any attached host).

The IQN uniquely identifies the different entities.

The IQN for the IBM XIV Storage System is configured when the system is delivered. You cannot change this value.

In the IBM XIV Storage System, each iSCSI port is defined as an IP interface with its own IP address. By default, there are six predefined iSCSI target ports on the IBM XIV Storage System to serve hosts through iSCSI.

Planning the Network Topology for iSCSI Connectivity

As shown in Image-2, the iSCSI connectivity makes the best usage of the available iSCSI connectors in the IBM XIV Storage System. With iSCSI connectivity, each Interface module is connected through two ports to two separate Ethernet switches, and each host is connected to the two switches. This configuration provides network architecture that is resilient to the failure of any individual network switch or Interface module.

This high availability configuration is the best practice for iSCSI connectivity. For the best performance, use a dedicated iSCSI network infrastructure. Aggregation of ports is not possible in this solution.

Managing the iSCSI Ports of the XIV Storage System

Initially, no iSCSI connections are configured in the IBM XIV Storage System.

The configuration process is simple but requires several steps (more steps than for the Fibre Channel connection setup). Also, the iSCSI protocol requires a working TCP/IP network.

This TCP/IP network includes the definition and availability of parameters, such as IP addresses, a network mask, and a gateway address to be provided by the network administrator. Additionally, the MTU can be specified.

An IQN is also required to uniquely identify the systems for iSCSI communication in the IP network and to play the role of an iSCSI initiator.



Setting an iSCSI Port from the XIV GUI

The following procedure guides you through setting up an iSCSI port using the IBM XIV GUI:

1. Log on to the IBM XIV GUI and select the IBM XIV Storage System you want to configure.



2. Move the mouse over the Hosts and Clusters icon and select **iSCSI Connectivity**.



The iSCSI Connectivity window opens.



3. Click **Define** at the top of the window.

Nan	10	Address	Netmask	Gateway	MTU	Module	Ports
iscsi_iface_2	N	10.15.51.8	255.128.0.0	10.0.1.4	4500	1:Module:8	1
ps3-iscsi1	13	10.15.51.7	255.128.0.0	0.0.0.0	4500	1:Module:7	1
		50	molo				

Define IP Interface – iSCSI window opens.

4. Enter the name, address, netmask, and default gateway in the appropriate fields.

The default MTU is 4500. All devices in a network must use the same MTU. If in doubt, set MTU to 1500 because 1500 is the default value for Gigabit Ethernet.

Important: Performance can be impacted if the MTU is not set correctly.

Name:	*
Address:	*
Netmask:	*
Default Gateway:	
MTU:	4500
Module:	* (1:Module:7 🗸 🗸
Port Number:	*1) 2)

Click **Define** to define the IP interface and iSCSI setup.
 The window closes and the new port is added to the iSCSI Connectivity window.

Setting an iSCSI port from the IBM XIV CLI (XCLI)

The following XCLI command creates a new IP interface for iSCSI:

ipinterface_create ipinterface=IPInterfaceName address=IPaddress netmask=NetworkMask [gateway=DefaultGateway] [mtu=MTU] module=ComponentId ports=P1[,P2]

See the *IBM XIV XCLI Reference Guide* for a complete discussion on this command, the parameters it receives and the output it yields.



Listing Current iSCSI Port Configuration

iSCSI ports can be easily identified and configured in the IBM XIV Storage System. Use either the GUI or the XCLI to display current settings.

Listing current iSCSI port configuration using the GUI

Log on to the XIV GUI, select the IBM XIV Storage System you want to configure and move the mouse over the Hosts and Clusters icon.

The iSCSI connectivity panel that is shown in the following figure can be used to either view or update the properties of iSCSI ports.

Nan	ne	Address	Netmask	Gateway	MTU	Module	Ports
iscsi_iface_2	N	10.15.51.8	255.128.0.0	10.0.1.4	4500	1:Module:8	1
ps3-iscsi1	13	10.15.51.7	255.128.0.0	0.0.00	4500	1:Module:7	1
		6-	molo				

Listing current iSCSI port configuration using XCLI

The following XCLI command displays configured network ports only:

```
ipinterface_list [ ipinterface=IPInterfaceName | address=IPAddress ]
```

Non-configured ports are not listed. To list them, use the XCLI to see all the iSCSI ports of an IBM XIV Storage System.

Listing all IP interfaces

To see a complete list of IP interfaces, including iSCSI, use the XCLI command **ipinterface_list_ports**. This command lists all Ethernet ports together with their configuration and status.

ipinterface_list_ports



Using CHAP Authentication with iSCSI Connectivity

Starting with microcode level 10.2, the IBM XIV Storage System supports industry-standard unidirectional iSCSI CHAP authentication. The iSCSI target of the IBM XIV Storage System can validate the identity of the iSCSI Initiator that attempts to login to the system.

The CHAP configuration in the IBM XIV Storage System is defined on a per-host basis. That is, there are no global configurations for CHAP that affect all the hosts that are connected to the system.

• By default, hosts are defined without CHAP authentication.

To set up CHAP authentication for a host, the storage administrator must configure the following two parameters:

- iscsi_chap_name : The username that the host must use for CHAP authentication. The username is a string of characters and numbers. It cannot be an empty string.
- iscsi_chap_secret : The password that the host must use for CHAP authentication. See <u>CHAP Name and Secret Parameter Guidelines</u> for more information about the password format.

For the iSCSI initiator to login with CHAP, both the iscsi_chap_name and iscsi_chap_secret parameters must be set. After both of these parameters are set, the host can only perform an iSCSI login to the IBM XIV Storage System if the login information is correct.

CHAP Name and Secret Parameter Guidelines

The following guidelines apply to the CHAP name and secret parameters:

- Both the iscsi_chap_name and iscsi_chap_secret parameters must either be specified or not specified. You cannot specify just one of them.
- The iscsi_chap_name and iscsi_chap_secret parameters must be unique. If they are not unique, an error message is displayed. However, the command does not fail.
- The secret must be between 96 bits and 128 bits. You can use one of the following methods to enter the secret:
 - Base64 requires that 0b is used as a prefix for the entry. Each subsequent character entered is treated as a 6 bit equivalent length.
 - Hex requires that 0x is used as a prefix for the entry. Each subsequent character entered is treated as a 4 bit equivalent length.
 - String requires that a prefix is not used (that is, it cannot be prefixed with 0b or 0x). Each character entered is treated as an 8 bit equivalent length.
- If the iscsi_chap_secret parameter does not conform to the required secret length (96 to 128 bits), the command fails.
- If you change the iscsi_chap_name or iscsi_chap_secret parameters , a warning message is displayed that says the changes will apply the next time the host is connected.



XCLI Commands for Configuring CHAP

Currently, you can only use the XCLI to configure CHAP. The following XCLI commands can be used to configure CHAP:

If you are defining a new host, use the following XCLI command to add CHAP parameters:

host_define host=[hostName] iscsi_chap_name=[chapName] iscsi_chap_secret=[chapSecret]

If the host already exists, use the following XCLI command to add CHAP parameters:

> host_update host=[hostName] iscsi_chap_name=[chapName] iscsi_chap_secret=[chapSecret]

If you no longer want to use CHAP authentication, use the following XCLI command to clear the CHAP parameters:

> host_update host=[hostName] iscsi_cha_name= iscsi_chap_secretPreparing for Fibre Channel Connectivity

This section focuses on Fibre Channel connectivity topics that apply to the IBM XIV Storage System in general.

Planning the Fibre Channel Topology

Hosts must be attached to the Fibre Channel ports through a Fibre Channel fabric. Several configurations are technically possible, and they vary in terms of their cost and the degree of flexibility, performance, and reliability that they provide.

To achieve a highly available and high performance solution, avoid a single point of failure in the connectivity solution by using as many connections as possible. However, to keep the cost of the solution in-line with the business requirement, less expensive, less desirable solutions can be justified.

The optimal high availability (HA) configuration is illustrated in Image-1 above.

In this configuration:

- Each host is equipped with dual HBAs. Each HBA (or HBA port) is connected to one or two FC switches.
- Each of the FC switches has a connection to a separate FC port of each of the six Interface Modules.
- There is no single point of failure:
 - o If a module fails, each host remains connected to the other five modules.
 - If an FC switch fails, each host remains connected to all modules through the second FC switch.
 - During an HBA port failure, the host can still connect over the other HBA port.



Zoning

Zoning is required when a SAN fabric is used to connect hosts to the IBM XIV Storage System. The concept is to isolate any single HBA for security and reliability reasons. Zoning allows for finer segmentation of the switched fabric. Zoning can be used to create a barrier between different environments. Only the members of the same zone can communicate within that zone, and all other attempts from the outside are rejected.

The following are examples of situations that can be avoided with proper zoning:

- HBAs from different vendors behave differently when they perform error recovery, which can impact other hosts connected to the same switch if they are not isolated through zoning.
- Any change in the SAN fabric, such as a change caused by a server restarting or a new product being added to the SAN, triggers a Registered State Change Notification (RSCN).

An RSCN requires that any device that can see the affected or new device to acknowledge the change while interrupting its own traffic flow.

Zoning helps to avoid these situations. The most secure zoning is to have zones that consist of a single initiator and single target.

In large implementations, this approach increases the zoning management effort.
 Therefore, a common way of zoning is to have a single initiator with multiple targets.

Follow these best practices recommendations:

- For general configurations, zone each host HBA to a single port from each of three Interface Modules, which provides six paths to dual HBA hosts.
- For high workload applications, consider zoning each HBA to one port from each of the six Interface Modules.

Do not configure more than 24 logical paths per host because this can impact overall stability. There is no advantage to configuring more than 24 logical paths.



Managing the Fibre Channel Ports

The Fibre Channel port has a unique name that is used for the following purposes:

- Setting up zoning
- Checking that the connection to this port was correctly set up

The unique name that identifies a Fibre Channel port is called the World Wide Port Name (WWPN).

Perform the following steps in the XIV GUI to view the WWPN

1. Select the main view of an IBM XIV Storage System, use the arrow at the bottom of the picture of the XIV Storage Array to reveal the patch panel.



2. Move the mouse cursor over a particular port to reveal the port details, including the WWPN. The following figures show examples of the detailed information that is displayed for two Fibre Channel ports in module 4:





To get the same information from XIV XCLI, use the following command:

_ fc_port_list [module=ComponentId | fcport=ComponentId]

- The WWPNs of an IBM XIV Storage System are static. The last two digits of the WWPN indicate from which module and port the WWPN came.
- In the default IBM XIV Storage System configuration, port number 4 of each interface module is configured as an initiator.



Preparing the Host

The second phase in connecting a host to the IBM XIV Storage System is to prepare the host.





Validating the System Requirements

Before installing the Host Attachment Kit on the host, verify that the installed operating system meets the system requirements as detailed in the *Release Notes* document of this version of the Host Attachment Kit.

The following sections will guide you through installing the fixes for the operating system, and for the iSCSI initiator software that is required for iSCSI connectivity.



Installing the Operating System on an XIV Volume (Boot From SAN)

Before you boot an operating system on the XIV volume, you must complete the following prerequisite tasks:

- 1. Get the WWN of the HBA
- 2. Configure the host and mapping a boot volume
- 3. Configure the host to boot from the XIV volume
- 4. Install the operating system
- The IBM XIV Storage System provides boot from SAN capabilities for hosts through Fibre Channel only (no iSCSI).

Getting the WWN of the HBA

Because there is no operating system installed on the host at this time, you must obtain the WWN of the host HBA ports directly by taking the HBA out of the host chassis and looking on its label, or by looking for that information with the BIOS configuration utility of the HBA.

This section demonstrates how to configure an IBM blade to boot from an XIV volume by using a two-port QLogic HBA. The following screenshots are an example of the configuration that is needed for a Fibre Channel HBA. While the configuration logic is the same for most HBAs, it can vary from this example.

To access the HBA configuration, restart the host and access the BIOS utility of the HBA. To access the BIOS utility of a QLogic HBA, press <CTRL-Q>.



After you press <CTRL-Q>, the following screen is displayed:



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QLogic Corporation QMI2472 PCI Fibre Channel ROM BIOS Version 1.24 Copyright (C) QLogic Corporation 1993-2006. All rights reserv www.qlogic.com	ed .
Press <ctrl-q> for Fast!UTIL ISP24xx Firmware Version 4.00.24</ctrl-q>	
BIOS for Adapter 1 is disabled	
<ctrl-q> Detected, Initialization in progress, Please wait</ctrl-q>	
Drive Letter C: is Moved to Drive Letter D: LOOP ID 1,,1 is Installed As Drive C: Device Device Adapter Port Lun Vendor Product Number Type Number ID ID 80 Disk 081200 1 IBM 2810XIV ROM BIOS Installed	Product Revision 10.0
-	

Next, the main window of the BIOS utility appears with a list of the HBA ports.

Adapter Type	=Select Hos Address	t Adap Slot	ter= Bus	Device	Fun	ction -
QM12472 QM12472	4000 4100	01 01	08 08	01 01	0	

For each HBA port in the list, perform the following actions:

- 1. Select an adapter in the list and press Enter. The Fast!UTIL Options menu is displayed.
- 2. Select Configuration Settings and press Enter.





3. Select Adapter Settings and press Enter.



4. Find the Adapter Port Name in the list of settings. The value that is shown for the Adapter Port Name is the WWN of the port.



Configuring the Host and Mapping a Boot Volume

Now that you have the WWNs of the HBA ports, you can complete the following tasks:

- Define the host in the IBM XIV Storage System
- Map a volume to the host for which you want to load the operating system

See <u>Configuring the Host in the XIV Storage System</u> in this guide for assistance on how to perform this step.



Configuring the Host to boot from a XIV Volume

Now that the IBM XIV Storage System is ready for the host to boot up from it, configure the host to boot from the volume you have just created.

The following step will show you how to configure a QLogic HBA to boot from an XIV volume.

You must enable at least two HBA ports to boot from an XIV volume. For each port, you must have at least two different paths to the boot volume. This ensures that you can still boot the host if a module fails. If only one path is enabled, the redhat setup manager (Anaconda) does not enable the multipath feature by default and the OS LUN is displayed as a single-path device (/dev/sdX) and not as multipath device (/dev/mpathX).

Press Escape to go back to the main screen where the list of HBA ports is displayed.



For each port listed, perform the following actions:

- 1. Select an adapter in the list and press Enter. The Fast!UTIL Options menu is displayed.
- 2. Select Configuration Settings and press Enter.



3. Use the keyboard arrows to select Selectable Boot Settings and press Enter.



- 4. Select **Selectable boot** and press Enter. This changes Selectable boot to the Enabled state.
- 5. Complete the list of the Boot Port Name, LUN with paths to the boot volume. You must configure at least two paths.
- 6. To configure a path, go down to an empty entry and press Enter.



Tip: Empty entries are filled with zeros.



7. Select an XIV target from the list that you have not previously selected and press **Enter**. You can differentiate from two entries by looking at the WWN.

0	IBM	2810XIV-LUN-0	10.0	50017380001A0190	0B1200
1	IBM	2810XIV-LUN-0	10.1	50017380002F0141	640001
		2810XIV-LUN-0		50017380002F0150	640002
		2810XIV-LUN-0		5001738000160171	640006
		2810XIV-LUN-0		5001738000160150	640007
		2810XIV-LUN-0		5001738000160140	640008
		2810XIV-LUN-0		5001738000160151	640009
		2810XIV-LUN-0		5001738000160161	64000A
		2810XIV-LUN-0	10.0	5001738000080191	64000B
		2810XIV-LUN-0	10.0	50017380000B0161	640000
		2810XIV-LUN-0	10.0	50017380000B0192	64000D
11		2810XIV-LUN-0	10.0	50017380000B0190	64000E
12		2810XIV-LUN-0	10.0	5001738000080162	640010
13		2810XIV-LUN-0		5001738000080141	640012
		2810XIV-LUN-0		50017380000B0140	640014
		2810XIV-LUN-0		50017380000B0143	640015

- The WWPNs of an IBM XIV Storage System are static. The last two digits of the WWPN indicate from which module and port the WWPN came. The digits before those indicate the machine serial number in hexadecimal base.
 - 8. Select the LUN that you want to boot from and press **Enter**. That is, the LUN that you mapped the boot volume in the previous section.

	JN Status	
E	Supported	
1	Supported	
	Not supported	
	Not supported	
	Not supported	
	Not supported	
	Not supported	
	Not supported	
	Not supported	
	Not supported	
1	0 Not supported	
1	1 Not supported	
1	2 Not supported	
1	3 Not supported	
	4 Not supported	
	5 Not supported	

The LUN is now listed inside the entry you chose.

Selectabl	e Boot:			abled	
(Primary)	Boot Port	Name,Lun:	<u>5</u> 00) 17380001A0190	1
	Boot Port	Name,Lun:	00	100000000000000,	0
	Boot Port	Name ,Lun :	00	1000000000000000,	
	Boot Port	Name,Lun:	00	, 00000000000000 ,	
	Press "C"	to clear a	Boot Port	t Name entry	

- 9. Repeat the last steps for boot entry and HBA port.
- 10. Press **Escape** to quit and save the configuration.



Installing the Operating System

A Make sure your operating system version supports booting from SAN. Refer to the *Release Notes* document for a list of supported operating systems.

Install your operating system as you would normally have, except for the following changes:

1. When you boot the host from the installation media, start the installation with multipathing support. This is done by adding the parameter mpath to the installation boot prompt.

The following screenshot provides an example on how to perform this step for Redhat 5.2.



- 2. Proceed with the installation process as you normally would, until you reach the **Partitioning Type** screen. Choose the device on which to install the operating system.
- 3. Choose the device named mapper/mpath0, which should be the XIV volume you selected in the previous section. Proceed normally with the installation.







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Installing Software Dependencies for the Host Attachment Kit

The Host Attachment Kit requires several operating system packages to be installed (for example, multipath and iSCSI support packages). For a list of dependencies and other operating system specific information, see the *Release Notes* document of this version of the Host Attachment Kit (See Related Documentation).



Installing the Host Attachment Kit

After the preparations are complete, you can start with the HAK installation.





Installing the Host Attachment Kit

- Before running the installer, make sure you have installed all the required OS packages as specified in the *Release Notes* document (See Related Documentation). The installation process fails if any of the required packages are missing.
 - 1. Obtain the XIV Host Attachment Kit archive and copy it to the host.
 - 2. Open a terminal to the host.
 - 3. Go to the directory that contains the Host Attachment Kit archive and extract the archive:

```
= # gunzip -c XIV_host_attach-1.5.*-*.tar.gz | tar xvf -
```

4. Go to the newly created directory and start the Host Attachment Kit installer. Issue the following commands to start the installer:

```
# cd XIV_host_attach-1.1.*-<platform>
# /bin/sh ./install.sh
Welcome to the XIV Host Attachment Kit installer.
Would you like to proceed and install the Host Attachment Kit? [Y/n]:
```

5. Enter y to confirm the installation process. The installer proceeds with the installation. The following is an example of the output that is displayed:

```
Please wait while the installer validates your existing configuration...

Please wait, the Host Attachment Bundle is being installed...

Installation successful.

Please refer to the Host Attachment Guide for information on how to

configure this host.
```

Installing the Host Attachment Kit does not configure the host for the IBM XIV Storage System. To configure the host, see the <u>Host Configuration</u> chapter of this document.



Upgrading the Host Attachment Kit

- 1. Obtain the XIV Host Attachment Kit archive and copy it to the host.
- 2. Open a terminal to the host.
- 3. Go the directory that contains the Host Attachment Kit archive and extract the archive:

```
= # gunzip -c XIV_host_attach-1.5.*-*.tar.gz | tar xvf -
```

4. Go to the newly created directory and start the Host Attachment Kit installer. Issue the following commands to start the installer:

```
# cd XIV_host_attach-1.5.*-<platform>
# /bin/sh ./install.sh
Welcome to the XIV Host Attachment Kit installer.
Would you like to proceed and install the Host Attachment Kit? [Y/n]:
```

5. Enter y to confirm the installation process. The installer proceeds with the installation.

The installer detects the existing Host Attachment Kit installation and offers an upgrade operation.

Please wait while the installer validates your existing configuration... NOTICE: Another version of Host Attachment Kit is already installed. The installer will replace the currently installed version. Would you like to replace the installed Host Attachment Kit? [Y/n]:

6. Enter y to confirm the upgrade process to complete the installation.

```
Please wait, the Host Attachment Bundle is being installed...
Installation successful.
Please refer to the Host Attachment Guide for information on how to
configure this host.
```

Installing the Host Attachment Kit does not configure the host for the IBM XIV Storage System. To verify that the host configuration is up-to-date, see the <u>Host Configuration</u> chapter of this document.



Host Configuration

The last phase in connecting a host to the IBM XIV Storage System is the configuration of the host.





Configuring the Host for Multipath I/O

The Host Attachment Kit provides an interactive command-line utility to configure and connect the host to the IBM XIV Storage System.

- 1. Open a terminal to the host and activate the Host Attachment Wizard:
- xiv_attach
- 2. If all the prerequisites are met and you are ready to configure and connect the host, enter yes.
- $^{=}$ Welcome to the XIV host attachment wizard, version 1.5
- This wizard will guide you through the process of attaching your host to the XIV system.

- The wizard will now validate host configuration for the XIV system.
- Press [Enter] to proceed
- 3. Choose a connectivity type.

Please choose a connectivity type, [f]c / [i]scsi :

- 4. If the host requires configuration the wizard, the following prompt appears. Confirm that you want to update the configuration:
- -----
- Please wait while the wizard validates your existing configuration...
- The wizard needs to configure the host for the XIV system.
- Do you want to proceed? [default: yes]: yes
 Please wait while the host is configured...
- 5. Based on the chosen connectivity type, the wizard offers to attach this host to new storage arrays.

In Fibre Channel connectivity, the attachment wizard displays the port WWNs of all Fibre Channel HBAs that you can zone. In iSCSI connectivity, the wizard asks if you want to discover new XIV storage arrays by entering their IP addresses and CHAP authentication details if they are predefined for the host in the IBM XIV Storage System. For more information about CHAP authentication with iSCSI, see the topic <u>Using CHAP</u> <u>Authentication with iSCSI Connectivity</u>.

You are then prompted to rescan for new storage devices. Enter yes to scan for new storage devices.

Would you like to rescan for new storage devices now? [default: yes]: yes
 Please wait while rescanning for storage devices...



The host attachment wizard scans for attached XIV storage arrays and displays a list of the attached systems.

-	The host is	s connected to the	following XIV stora	ge arrays:
=	Serial	Version	Host Defined	Host Name
-	MACHINE1	10.0	True	xiv-demo
	MACHINE2	10.1	False	

6. If the host is defined in all of the attached IBM XIV Storage Systems, you can press Enter and the Host Attachment Kit wizard ends.

```
    This host is defined on all attached XIV storage arrays
    Press [ENTER] to proceed.
    The XIV host attachment wizard successfully configured this host
```

7. If the host is not defined in all of the attached IBM XIV Storage Systems, the Host Attachment Kit wizard defines the host in the IBM XIV Storage Systems that were previously listed:

```
    Do you wish to define this host on these systems now? [default: yes ]: yes
    Please enter a name for this host [default: xiv-demo ]:
    Please enter a username for system MN00022 : [default: admin ]: admin
    Please enter the password of user admin for system MN00022:
    Connecting to the storage array...
    Press [ENTER] to proceed.
```

8. Proceed to the Managing XIV Volumes on the Host section.



Configuring the Host in the XIV Storage System

Before the host can see XIV volumes, it must be defined in the IBM XIV Storage System. Starting in version 1.5.0, the Host Attachment Kit wizard automatically defines the host in the IBM XIV Storage System. The following sections will guide you through manually defining a host in the IBM XIV Storage System by using the XIV GUI and XCLI commands.

Defining the Host manually

Defining a host from the XIV GUI

1. From the IBM XIV Storage System main GUI window, move the mouse cursor over the Hosts and Clusters icon and select **Host** from the pop-up menu.



The Hosts window opens with a list of hosts that are already defined. If nothing is displayed, no hosts are defined.

2. To add a new host or cluster, click the **Add Host** or in the menu bar.

	1055									
•••	Name	Туре	Cluster	Access						
•	mrwolf	default								
÷	new_host	default								
Đ	pro176	default								
•	vmware4-poc Sample	default								
÷	cluster1 Sample	default								

3. Enter a name for the host. If a cluster was created in the previous step, it is available from the cluster drop-down list.

To add a server to a cluster, select a cluster name.

In the following example, None is selected because a cluster is not being created for this example.

Name:	* abc host 1
Cluster	None

 Click Add. The host is added.



Defining a host using XCLI

The following XCLI commands can be used to list the existing hosts and define new ones:

Lists a specific host or all hosts:

minimize = host_list [host=HostName]

Define a new host to connect to the IBM XIV Storage System:

most_define host=HostName [cluster=ClusterName]

Adding Fibre Channel and iSCSI ports to a Host

Host access to LUNs is granted depending on the host adapter ID. For a Fibre Channel connection, the host adapter ID is the Fibre Channel HBA WWPN. For an iSCSI connection, the host adapter ID is the host or HBA IQN.

To add a WWPN or IQN to a host definition:

1. Right-click the host and select Add Port.

	Name		Type Cluster Ac				
abc_host_1		default					
🛨 mrwolf	Change Type	default					
🗉 new_host	Delete	default					
🛨 pro176	Rename	default					
vmware4-poc		default					
E cluster1	Add to Cluster Remove from Cluster	default					
	Add Port Map Volumes to this Host						
	View LUN Mappings Sample						

- 2. Select port type FC or iSCSI.
 - If you choose an FC port, proceed to Step 3.
 - If you choose an ISCSI port, skip Step 3 and proceed to Step 4.

D IT	
Port Type:	FC
Port Name:	ISCSI
	DC31



3. In this example, the FC host is defined first. If the host is correctly connected and has done a port login at least one time, the WWPN is shown in the drop-down list. Otherwise, you can manually enter the WWPN.

Heat Names	also beat 1
nost name:	abc host 1
Port Type:	FC 🗸
Port Name:	* 2101001B32329F04
	2101001B32329F04
	5001738000160173
	5001738000160153
	5001738000160183

If the host is connected to the IBM XIV Storage System by more than one HBA ports, follow the previous step to add the others HBA WWPNs. The IBM XIV Storage System does not care which FC port name is added first.

Proceed to Step 5.

4. In this example, there is also an iSCSI HBA installed in the host. In the Add port dialog, specify the port type as iSCSI and enter the IQN of the HBA as the iSCSI Name or port name.

nost name:	abc host 2
Port Type:	iSCSI 🗸
iSCSI Name	* ian.1994-05.com.redhat:8c1
ISCSI Name	* lian.1994-05.com.redhat:8



Mapping a volume to a Host

The final configuration step is to map the volume to the host.

From the Hosts configuration panel, right-click the host to which the volume is to be mapped and select **Map Volumes to this Host** from the context menu.

	Name		Type Cluster Access				
-	abc_host_1	d	lefault				
	2100001B3212A603	Change Tume					
-	abc_host_2	Delete	itt I				
	iqn.1994-05.com.redhat:8c1c785ba34	Bename					
-	mrwolf		— "ilt				
	1000000C95ECDE6	Add to Cluster					
-	new_host	Remove from Cluster	ult				
	2101001B3232A603	Add Port					
	iqn.1994-05.com.redhat:93bff94cf140	Map Volumes to this Host	1				
-	pro176	View LUN Mappings	ult				
	10000062B176970						
	vmware4-poc	d	lefault				
	210000E08B94279E	F	C				
	210100E08B94279E	F	C				

Perform the following steps to add a volume to a host definition:

1. Select an available volume from the left pane. The LUN ID to which the volume is to be mapped is displayed.

Wolume to LUN Mapping of Host Volumes	abc_host_1		LUNs			
Name	Size (GB)	LUN	Name	Size (GB)		
abc_vol_1	17	0		â		
abc_vol_2	17	1	abc_vol_1	17 🗸		
blade12_aix53	34	2				
blade12_aix531	34	3				
blade13_aix61	51	4				
vol_1	17	5				
	1.2	6				
		7				
		8				
		9				
		10				
		11				
		Map 12				
	<pre></pre>					
	-	14				

2. Click Map. The volume is immediately assigned.

Volumes			LUNs				
Name	Size (GB)		LUN	Name		Size (GB)	
abc_vol_2	17		0				
blade12_aix53	34		1	abc_vol_1		17	
blade12_aix531	34		2				
blade13_aix61	51		3				
vol_1	17		4				
			5				
			6				
			7				
			8				
			9				
			10				
			11				
		Map	12				
	C		13				
	_	GHIP	14				



Monitoring host connectivity

The IBM XIV Storage System has a real-time connectivity status overview that can be monitored either from the XIV GUI or from XCLI commands.

From the XIV GUI

1. Select **Hosts Connectivity** from the Hosts and Clusters menu to access the connectivity status.



2. The host connectivity window is displayed (from the XIV Storage System point of view).

_	Hosts Connectivity								
	Tools connectivy								
	Name	1:4	1:5	1:6					
•	abc_host_1								
	2100001B3212A603	1	Ø 1	1					
	abc_host_2								
	iqn.1994-05.com.redhat:8c1c785ba34								
	mrwolf								
	1000000C95ECDE6	⊘ 2	⊘ 1 ⊘ 2	1					
	new_host								
	2101001B3232A603	1	1	⊘ 1					
	iqn.1994-05.com.redhat:93bff94cf140								
	pro176								
	10000062B176970	⊘ 2	S 1 S 2	1					
	vmware4-poc								
	210000E08B94279E	⊘ 2	⊘ 1 ⊘ 2	1					
	210100E08B94279E								
	cluster1								
	cluster_node_1								
	2101001B3232BD03	1	⊘ 1	⊘ 1					
	cluster_node_2	mnlo							
	2101001B32325632		1	1					

From the XCLI

Monitoring host connectivity from the XCLI can be done with the following commands:

Lists FC and iSCSI-level connectivity to a pre-defined host:

```
host_connectivity_list [ host=HostName | fc_host_port=WWPN ] [
module=ComponentId | fcport=ComponentId ]
```

Lists the status and configuration of the system's FC ports:

```
fc_port_list [ module=ComponentId | fcport=ComponentId ]
```



Managing XIV Volumes on the Host

This section instructs you how to have the host discover new volumes (rescan) and how to list the volumes (xiv_devlist).

Discovering for new Fibre Channel Volumes

You can use the interactive Host Attachment Wizard to discover the XIV volumes that are mapped to this host.

- To discover XIV volumes properly and with multipathing abilities, the host must first be configured using either the interactive wizard or the xiv_fc_admin and xiv_iscsi_admin utilities.
 - 1. Open a terminal to the host and enter the **xiv_attach** command:
 - xiv_attach
 - 2. Enter **yes** to confirm you are ready to configure the host.
 - Welcome to the XIV host attachment wizard, version 1.5
 - This wizard will guide you through the process of attaching your host to the XIV
 - system. The wizard will now validate host configuration for the XIV system.
 - Press [Enter] to proceed
 - 3. The wizard will verify the host configuration. If you have already configured this host as described in previous tasks, enter **yes** to discover any new XIV Storage Device.

Please wait while the wizard validates your existing configuration... This host is already configured for the XIV system

4. Enter **fc** to discover Fibre channel devices.

```
Please choose a connectivity type, [f]c / [i]scsi: f
```

The WWPNs of the HBAs discovered by the wizard are printed, along with information to help identify each HBA. If iSCSI is available, the IQN and Initiator Alias are printed.

If you have not done so already, see the <u>Configuring the Host in the XIV Storage System</u> chapter to define the host and map volumes to it. Press Enter when you are ready to proceed.



5. Enter **yes** to rescan for devices.

Would you like to rescan for Fibre channel storage devices now? [default: yes]:

The host attachment wizard scans for attached XIV storage arrays and displays a list of the attached systems:

=	The host is	connected to the	following XIV sto	orage arrays:
	Serial	Version	Host Defined	Host Name
-	MACHINE1	10.0	True	xiv-demo

- 6. If the host is defined in all of the attached IBM XIV Storage Systems, the attachment wizard ends.
- 7. You can use the **xiv_devlist** utility to view the discovered devices on this host. See the <u>xiv_devlist</u> topic.



Discovering new iSCSI Volumes

It is possible to use the interactive Host Attachment Wizard to discover the XIV Storage volumes mapped to this host.

- To properly discover XIV volumes with multipathing abilities, the host must first be configured using either the interactive wizard or the xiv_fc_admin and xiv_iscsi_admin utilities.
- 1. Open a terminal to the host and enter the **xiv_attach** command:
- xiv_attach
- 2. Enter **yes** to confirm you are ready to configure the host.
- Welcome to the XIV host attachment wizard, version 1.5
- This wizard will guide you through the process of attaching your host to the XIV system.
- The wizard will now validate host configuration for the XIV system.
- Press [Enter] to proceed
- 3. The wizard will verify the host configuration. If you have already configured this host as described in previous tasks, enter **yes** to discover any new XIV storage device.
- Please wait while the wizard validates your existing configuration... This host is already configured for the XIV system
- 4. Enter iscsi to discover iSCSI devices.

Please choose a connectivity type, [f]c / [i]scsi: i

- 5. Enter yes to discover devices from a new target.
- 6. Enter yes to rescan for devices.
- Would you like to rescan for Fibre channel storage devices now? [default: yes]:

The host attachment wizard scans for attached XIV storage arrays, and displays a list of the attached systems:

	The host	is connected to the	following XIV	storage arrays:
=	Serial	Version	Host Define	d Host Name
-	MACHINE1	10.0	True	xiv-demo

- 7. If the host is defined in all of the attached XIV systems, the attachment wizard ends.
- You can use the xiv_devlist utility to view the discovered devices on this host. See the xiv_devlist topic.



Utilities

The Host attachment kit includes the following utilities:

- xiv_fc_admin
- xiv_iscsi_admin
- xiv_devlist
- xiv_diag

xiv_fc_admin and xiv_iscsi_admin

The xiv_fc_admin and xiv_iscsi_admin utilities provide a non-interactive command-line interface for performing administrative attachment tasks and querying Fibre Channel attachment related information.

Most actions that are provided by these utilities are available in the xiv_attach wizard.

Command-line usage Print usage information for the utility

```
-h -help:
```

The **-h** option prints a brief description of the command-line options for the utility.

Verify host configuration tasks

-v -verify:

For the xiv_fc_admin utility, the **-v** option lists all of the Fibre Channel related configuration tasks for the host along with their current state.

For the xiv_iscsi_admin utility, the **-v** option lists all of the iSCSI related configuration tasks for the host along with their current state.

The state of configuration tasks can be one of the following:

- **Ok** The configuration task is already applied on the host
- Not Ok The configuration of the host requires an update
- **Reboot** The configuration was updated but the host requires a reboot

Configure this host for attachment

-C -configure:

For the xiv_fc_admin utility, the -**C** option lists all of the Fibre Channel related configuration tasks for the host along with their current state.

For the xiv_iscsi_admin utility, the -**C** option lists all of the iSCSI related configuration tasks for the host along with their current state.

If a task is not configured, the utility performs the configuration task prior to listing it.

Rescan devices

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🗏 -R -rescan:

The **-R** option performs a rescan action for storage devices. The rescan action is not XIV specific and applies to all types of storage devices. Both iSCSI and Fibre Channel devices are rescanned by this option.

Define this host on a system

-D -define:

For the xiv_fc_admin utility, the -**D** option defines the host, along with all the HBA WWPN ports in an XIV Storage Array.

For the xiv_iscsi_admin utility, the -**D** option defines the host with its iSCSI Qualified Name in an XIV Storage Array.

The **-D** option requires additional command-line options that provide credentials to authenticate to the XIV Storage Array. See the Host Definition Options topic.

List attached XIV systems

🗏 -L - list:

The - L option lists all the XIV Storage Arrays that are detected from this host even if the host is not yet defined on them.

Both iSCSI and Fibre Channel connected arrays are listed by this option.

The following information is provided by the columns in the list:

- Serial The serial identification of the XIV Storage Array
- Version The major version of the XIV Storage Array
- Host Defined Indicates if the host is defined within the XIV Storage Array
- All Ports Defined Indicates if all of the host initiator ports are defined in the XIV Storage Array
- Host Name The name of the host as defined in the XIV Storage Array. This is available when the host is defined.

Print initiator ports of the relevant connectivity method

-P -print:

For the xiv_fc_admin utility, the **-P** option prints all the Fibre Channel related Initiator WWPNs in a formatted list.

For the xiv_iscsi_admin utility, prints all iSCSI Qualified Names.

Host Definition Options

The following options are only used with the **-D** option:

Username for XCLI

-u USERNAME, --user=USERNAME:

This option is required.

Password for XCLI

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-p PASSWORD, --pass=PASSWORD:

This option is required.

Hostname for this host

-H HOSTNAME, --hostname=HOSTNAME:

This option is optional. If you do not specify the -H option, the network host name is used.

Serial of machine

-S SERIAL, --serial=SERIAL:

This option is required. A list of the available XIV Storage Array Serial numbers can be obtained using the **-L** option.

iSCSI-specific Options

The following options are only available when using the xiv_iscsi_admin utility:

Discover a new iSCSI target

-c <ISCSI_INTERFACE_IP>, --connect=<ISCSI_INTERFACE_IP>:

Disconnect from an iSCSI target

-d <ISCSI_INTERFACE_IP>, --disconnect=<ISCSI_INTERFACE_IP>:

xiv_devlist

xiv_devlist is a utility that lists XIV volumes that are available to the host, providing the following information for each volume:

- Device
- Volume name
- XIV Host
- Size
- Paths
- XIV ID
- Vol

xiv_devlist lists XIV and non-XIV devices separately.

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Output example of xiv_devlist:

[root@localhost ~]# xiv_devlist XIV devices							
Device	Vol Name	XIV Host	Size	Paths	XIV ID	Vol ID	
mpath1 mpath0 mpath3 mpath2 mpath5 mpath4 mpath7 mpath6	my_ibm_vol my_ibm5 my_ibm9 my_ibm8 my_ibm-test3 my_ibm8 my_ibm15 my_ibm_14	<pre>my_ibm_linux my_ibm_linux my_ibm_linux my_ibm_linux my_ibnux2 my_ibm_linux my_ibnux2 my_ibnux2</pre>	17.2GB 17.2GB 17.2GB 17.2GB 17.2GB 17.2GB 240.5GB 240.5GB	2/2 2/2 2/2 2/2 4/4 2/2 4/4 4/4	MN0001A MN0001A MN0001A MN0001A MN00016 MN00016 MN00016	351 717 748 3491 187 747 245 244	
Non-XIV devices							
Device	Size Paths	S 					
sda	8.6GB 1/1						

xiv_diag

The Host Attachment Kit provides a diagnostic data collector utility xiv_diag. While the xiv xray utility gathers diagnostic utility from the XIV Storage System, the xiv_diag is a cross-platform utility that gathers diagnostic data from supported operating system.

The xiv_diag utility gathers information from the operating system and stores in a zip file, which can be sent to IBM-XIV support teams for review and analysis.

Running the xiv_diag is done by invoking the following command-line:

xiv_diag

Output example of xiv_diag

Here is an example of the output of a xiv_diag command:

```
xiv_diag
Please type in a directory in which to place the xiv_diag file [default:
    /tmp]:
    Creating xiv_diag zip file /tmp/xiv_diag-results_2009-5-17_15-7-45.zip
    ...
    INFO: Closing xiv_diag zip file /tmp/xiv_diag-results_2009-6-24_19-18-4.zip
    Deleting temporary directory...
    DONE
    INFO: Gathering is now complete.
    INFO: You can now send /tmp/xiv_diag-results_2009-6-24_19-18-4.zip to IBM-
    XIV for review.
    INFO: Exiting.
```



Additional Topics

XIV devices under /dev

The XIV disk devices are accessible through several locations under the /dev hierarchy:

- /dev/xiv/<machine/<vol>/mpath:

 a user-friendly hierarchy, based on the XIV machine id and volume id. The hierarchy represents each XIV volume in a constant device on all connected hosts. This is helpful in cluster environments.
 For example, /dev/xiv/by-machine/MN00022/7983/
- /dev/mapper/mpath*: Linux' native multipath device locations. For example, /dev/mapper/mpath1

Note: it is also possible to access the single-path devices, i.e. /dev/sdb and similar locations under /dev/xiv hierarchy. However, in most cases you should avoid accessing the storage through non-multipath devices.

Important: The /dev/xiv hierarchy replaced the dev/xiv-2810 hierarchy that was used in previous releases.

- Starting with version 1.5.0, /dev/xiv-2810 is not created on hosts that are being configured for the first time. Older hosts that are being upgraded from a version prior to 1.5.0 will still have the old hierarchy.
- Do not use /dev/xiv-2810 in new configurations.

Removing the Host Attachment Kit

Removing the Host Attachment Kit is done by invoking the Uninstall Wizard included in the kit:

Open a terminal to the Host and invoke the Uninstall Wizard of the Host Attachment Kit

/opt/xiv/host_attach/bin/uninstall

You will be prompted for confirmation in order to complete the removal process.

Troubleshooting

For troubleshooting of the installation phase of the Host Attachment Kit, see the Release Notes.

Attaching Clusters to the XIV Storage System

The following section will guide you through the process of attaching a multi-node cluster to a XIV Storage System.

Installing the Host Attachment Kit on the Cluster Nodes



Like in the single Host Attachment process, the first step is to install the Host Attachment Kit on the cluster nodes.

If you are creating a new cluster, you can install the Host Attachment Kit simultaneously.

If you are attaching an existing cluster to an IBM XIV Storage System, install the Host Attachment Kit on the cluster nodes in the following manner:

- 1. Install the Host Attachment Kit on the passive node or nodes and restart the server when you are prompted.
- 2. Fail-over the cluster groups and resources from active nodes to the passive nodes that you have just installed the Host Attachment Kit on.
- 3. Install the Host Attachment Kit on the remaining nodes.

The installation instructions for the Host Attachment Kit on cluster nodes are the same as described in the <u>Installing the Host Attachment Kit</u> section.



Managing Clusters in the XIV Storage System

In clustered environments, the defined hosts that take part in the cluster must be joined into a cluster within the XIV Storage System Management.

The following example demonstrates how to:

- Define a cluster with the XIV GUI and XCLI
- Add hosts into the cluster
- Map a volume to the cluster

Defining a Cluster with the XIV GUI

1. From the main XIV GUI window, hover with the mouse over the Hosts icon, and click the "Hosts" menu.

File View Tools Help 🔇 💿 📝 Configure System 🕘 Shutdown Sys	tem 🏥 View Targets	admin XIV ps3
		Patch Panel
Hard: 31731 of 78804 GB (40%) 🕲 IOPS 👥 0	Total Full Redur	ndancy

- 2. If the hosts are not yet defined in the IBM XIV Storage System, define them first. In this example we already have the hosts defined in the system.
- 3. To define a new cluster, click the **Add Cluster** icon on the top toolbar.

🚧 XIV Storag	je Manag	ement				
File Vie	ew Too	ıls Help 😔 🗐	Add Host 🙀 Add Cluster			admin XIV ps3
		Hosts				
			Name	Туре	Cluster	Access
	•	mrwolf		default		
	÷	new_host		default		
	•	pro176		default		
	•	vmware4-poc		default		



4. Enter a new for the new cluster, and click **OK**.



- 5. Right-click the host you want to add to the cluster, and choose **Add to Cluster**. **Add host to cluster** screen opens.
- 6. In this example, we add the host abc_host_1 to the cluster abc_cluster.

	Name	Type C	luster Acc		
abc_host_1		default			
2100001B3212A603	5	FC			
abc_host_2	Change Type	default	default		
ign.1994-05.com.redhat:8c1c7	Delete	ISCSI	ISCSI		
 mrwolf 	Rename	default			
1000000C95ECDE6	Add to Cluster	FC			
new_host	Remove from Cluster	default			
2101001B3232A603	Add Port	FC			
ign.1994-05.com.redhat:93bff9	Map Volumes to this Host	iSCSI default			
pro176	Manual International				
10000062B176970	View LUN Mappings	FC			
vmware4-poc	vmware4-poc				
210000E08B94279E		FC			
210100E08B94279E		FC			
abc_cluster		default			



7. On the Add host to cluster screen, select the cluster you want to join the host to from the Cluster Name drop-down list.

Select a cluster volume mapping option from the Cluster Mapping drop-down list.

The "Keep current Mapping" option is the default option, which means that the cluster volume mappings will not be changed because of this operation, and that all the mappings that were done to this host prior joining him to the cluster will be un-done.

The "Copy from Host" option means that the current volume mappings to the host will be copied to the cluster.



- 8. Repeat steps 5-6 for each host you want to join into the cluster.
- 9. The cluster is now configured. In this example, we have the hosts <code>abc_host_1</code> and <code>abc_host_2</code> joined into the cluster <code>abc_cluster</code>.



Defining a Cluster with the XCLI

• Creating a new cluster

cluster_create cluster=ClusterName

- Adding an existing host to a cluster
- cluster_add_host cluster=ClusterName host=HostName map=<cluster|host>
 - Listing existing clusters

```
cluster_list [ cluster=ClusterName ]
```



Mapping Volumes to Clusters

The IBM XIV Storage System differentiates between shared volumes and private volumes.

Shared volumes are volumes that are mapped to all the hosts in the cluster and are used by the clustered applications. These are the generally used volumes in a clustered environment.

Private volumes are mapped to a single host in the cluster and are required in scenarios where a single host requires exclusive access to a volume. For example, private volumes are used in environments that have boot volumes in the cluster. Each node in the cluster requires exclusive access to a boot volume so that other nodes in the cluster cannot corrupt the operating system on the boot volume. In these environments, map a designated private boot volume for each host and map the shared volumes to the cluster.

The following examples demonstrate the mapping of shared and private volumes to clusters:

Mapping shared volumes to a cluster

1. From the Hosts screen in the XIV GUI, right-click on the cluster and select **Map** Volumes to this Cluster.



Map the volumes that you want accessible to all nodes in the cluster. These volumes are referred to as shared volumes. In this example, 10 volumes (abc_vol01...10) are mapped as shared volumes to the cluster called abc_cluster.

Volume to LUN Mapping of	Cluster abc. cluster				
Volume	s			LUNs	
Name	Size (GB)		LUN	Name	Size (G
abc_vol_11	17 🚖		0		
abc_vol_12	17		1	abc_vol_01	
abc_vol_13	17		2	abc_vol_02	
abc_vol_14	17		3	abc_vol_03	
abc_vol_15	17		4	abc_vol_04	
abc_vol_16	17		5	abc_vol_05	
abc_vol_17	17		6	abc_vol_06	
abc_vol_18	17		7	abc_vol_07	
abc_vol_19	17		8	abc_vol_08	
abc_vol_20	17		9	abc_vol_09	
abc_vol_21	17		10	abc_vol_10	
abc_vol_22	17		11		
abc_vol_23	17	Map 🌩	12		
abc_vol_24	17	(An III and and	13		
abc_vol_25	17	(+ Onnap	14		
abc_vol_26	17		15		
abc_vol_27	17		16		
abc_vol_28	17		17		
abc_vol_29	17		18		
abc_vol_30	17		19		
aix53	34		20		
aix53_erez_important	34		21		
ha-win_fs1	103		22		
ha10_vol	103		23		
hp_11_31	34		24		
win_test_1	68		25		
win_test_2	68 -		26		



Mapping private volumes to each host

This example demonstrates how to map private volumes to each host in the cluster. In this example, a different private volume is mapped to each host in the cluster.

1. From the Hosts screen in the XIV GUI, right-click on a node that you want to map a private volume to, and select **Map Volumes to this Host**.

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	•	pro192	Rename	defau	ılt	
	÷	pro39	Add to Cluster	defau	ılt	
0	٠	pro44	Remove from Cluster	defau	ılt	
1	•	vincent	Move to Cluster	defau	lit	
-	•	vmware2-poc		defau	ılt	
	٠	vmware4-poc	Add Port	defau	ılt	
	-	abc_cluster	Map Volumes to this Host	defau	ılt	
	•	abc_host_1		defau	ilt abc_cluster	The second se
	•	abc_host_2		defau	ilt abc_cluster	
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2. Map the volumes that you want only this host to access. These volumes become the private volumes of this host.

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volume to	LON Mappin Vol	lumes	abc_cluster —		LUNs	
	Name	Size (GB)	LUN		Name	Size
abc_vol_12		17 🄶)		
abc_vol_13		17		1 abc_vol_01		
abc_vol_14		17		2 abc_vol_02		
abc_vol_15		17		3 abc_vol_03		
abc_vol_16		17		abc_vol_04		
abc_vol_17		17		5 abc_vol_05		
abc_vol_18		17		6 abc_vol_06		
abc_vol_19		17		7 abc_vol_07		
abc_vol_20		17		abc_vol_08		
abc_vol_21		17		abc_vol_09		
abc_vol_22		17	1) abc_vol_10		
abc_vol_23		17	1	1 abc_vol_11		
abc_vol_24		17	Map 🌩 1	2		
abc_vol_25		17	1	3		
abc_vol_26		17	Unmap 1	1		
abc_vol_27		17	1	5		
abc_vol_28		17	1	6		
abc_vol_29		17	1	7		
abc_vol_30		17	1	3		
aix53		34	1	•		
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ha-win_fs1		103	2	1		
ha10_vol		103	2	2		
hp_11_31		34	2	3		
win_test_1		68	2	1		
win_test_2		68	2	5		
win_test_3		68 -	2	5		
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After the mapping is done, all the shared volume mappings are grayed out and cannot be altered.



3. Map a private volume for the other hosts in the cluster.



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	ost abc_host_2 in Cluster abc_clus	ter	
Volumes			LUNs
Name 🔺	Size (GB)	LUN	Name Size
abc_vol_12	17	0	
abc_vol_13	17	1 abc_vol_01	
abc_vol_14	17	2 abc_vol_02	
abc_vol_15	17	3 abc_vol_03	
abc_vol_16	17	4 abc_vol_04	
abc_vol_17	17	5 abc_vol_05	
abc_vol_18	17	6 abc_vol_06	
abc_vol_19	17	7 abc_vol_07	
abc_vol_20	17	8 abc_vol_08	
abc_vol_21	17	9 abc_vol_09	
abc_vol_22	17	10 abc_vol_10	
abc_vol_23	17	11	
abc_vol_24	17	12	
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abc_vol_26	17	14	
abc_vol_27	17	15	
abc_vol_28	17	16	
abc_vol_29	17	17	
abc_vol_30	17	18	
aix53	34	19	
aix53_erez_important	34	20	
ha-win_fs1	103	21	
ha10_vol	103	22	
hp_11_31	34	23	
win_test_1	68	24	
win_test_2	68	25	
win_test_3	68 🗸	26	

You can see all the shared volumes on the mapping list to the right, but not the private volumes of the other hosts. In this example, 10 shared volumes are mapped to LUNS 1...10, and a private volume is mapped to another host and LUN11.



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	ost abc host 2 in Cluster abc cluster	
Volumes		LUNs
Name 🔺	Size (GB) LUN	Name Size (
abc_vol_12	17 📩 0	
abc_vol_13	17 1 abc_vo	I_01
abc_vol_14	17 2 abc_vo	I_02
abc_vol_15	17 3 abc_vo	1_03
abc_vol_16	17 4 abc_vo	I_04
abc_vol_17	17 5 abc_vo	1_05
abc_vol_18	17 6 abc_vo	1_06
abc_vol_19	17 7 abc_vo	I_07
abc_vol_20	17 8 abc_vo	1_08
abc_vol_21	17 9 abc_vo	1_09
abc_vol_22	17 10 abc_vo	l_10
abc_vol_23	17 11 abc_vo	I_12
abc_vol_24	17 Map 😥 12	
abc_vol_25	17 13	
abc_vol_26	17 14	
abc_vol_27	17 15	
abc_vol_28	17 16	
abc_vol_29	17 17	
abc_vol_30	17 18	
aix53	34 19	
aix53_erez_important	34 20	
ha-win_fs1	103 21	
ha10_vol	103 22	
hp_11_31	34 23	
win_test_1	68 24	
win_test_2	68 25	
win_test_3	68 - 26	

A different volume can be mapped as a private volume for this host at LUN 11.

When mapping private volumes to a host, the private mapping is listed in the cluster mapping list as **Private Mapping**.

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Volume t	o LUN Mappi V	ng of Cluster abc_cluster			LUNS	
	Name 🔺	Size (GB)		LUN	Name	Size (G
abc_vol_13		17		0		
abc_vol_14		17		1	abc_vol_01	
abc_vol_15		17		2	abc_vol_02	
abc_vol_16		17		3	abc_vol_03	
abc_vol_17		17		4	abc_vol_04	
abc_vol_18		17		5	abc_vol_05	
abc_vol_19		17		6	abc_vol_06	
abc_vol_20		17		7	abc_vol_07	
abc_vol_21		17		8	abc_vol_08	
abc_vol_22		17		9	abc_vol_09	
abc_vol_23		17		10	abc_vol_10	
abc_vol_24		17		11	Private Mapping	
abc_vol_25		17	Map	12		
abc_vol_26		17	(to Haman	13		
abc_vol_27		17	onnap	14		
abc_vol_28		17		15		
abc_vol_29		17		16		
abc_vol_30		17		17		
aix53		34		18		
aix53_erez_imp	ortant	34		19		
ha-win_fs1		103		20		
ha10_vol		103		21		
hp_11_31		34		22		
win_test_1		68		23		
win_test_2		68		24		
win_test_3		68		25		
				26		