Shared Storage for DIGITAL UNIX Using UltraSCSI Hubs



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DIGITAL UNIX Shared Storage Configuration Components

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The shared storage configuration consists of:

- Up to four Compaq AlphaServer systems running:
 - DIGITAL UNIX 4.0B, Patch Kit 6 (DUV40BAS00006-19971216) or newer
 - HSZ70 Solution Software Kit for DIGITAL UNIX
- STORAGEWORKS RAID Array (RA) 7000 or STORAGEWORKS Enterprise Storage Array (ESA) 10000 with a single or dual-redundant HSZ70 controllers using HSOF V7.0 or newer firmware, up to two pairs of controllers.

OR

STORAGEWORKS RAID Array (RA) 450 with a single or dual-redundant HSZ50 controllers using HSOF V5.2 or newer firmware, but only in clustered configurations. Non-clustered homogeneous and heterogeneous configurations are not supported by the RA450 subsystem as it does not support exclusive storage unit access.

NOTES

- The RA450 subsystem only supports SCSI IDs 0-7.
 Devices requiring SCSI IDs 8-15 cannot be used in a configuration without causing substantial RA450 SCSI bus problems.
- The RA450 SCSI bus transfer rate is limited to Fast-10 (20 MB/sec, 10 MHz).
- UltraSCSI Hub, DWZZH-03, with three differential ports

NOTE

The DWZZH-21 3-port UltraSCSI hub, with 2 single-ended ports and 1 differential port, is for special OEM applications only. It is not supported in shared storage configurations.

OR

UltraSCSI Hub, DWZZH-05, with five differential ports and fair arbitration

Configuration Set-up Procedures

NOTE

Please refer to the *DWZZH 16-Bit UltraSCSI Hub User's Guide* before proceeding with the following configuration set-up procedures.

The following describes the set-up procedures for a shared storage configuration, which includes a non-clustered standalone DIGITAL UNIX host. These procedures apply to homogeneous (same operating system) and heterogeneous (different operating systems) configurations. The differences required by a DIGITAL UNIX cluster are described following the procedures.

Before connecting the host systems to the storage subsystem via the Hub, complete the following:

Host Adapters:

- 1. Verify the host adapters are internally terminated; i.e., the host terminators are securely installed on the host adapter board.
- 2. Set each host bus adapter to a unique SCSI ID.

NOTE

For a 5-port hub with fair arbitration enabled, the host adapter SCSI IDs **must** be set to 3, 2, 1 and 0. At the time of this writing, DIGITAL UNIX only supports narrow SCSI addressing. For further information on adapter SCSI ID settings, consult the *DWZZH 16-Bit UltraSCSI Hub User's Guide*.

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- 3. Set the SCSI bus transfer speed to either Fast-20 or UltraSCSI.
- 4. Disable SCSI Bus Reset. Most hosts will issue one or more Bus Resets during boot and possibly during shutdown. These Bus Resets will interrupt any SCSI operation being performed by other hosts, but they may not cause data loss or corruption. The hosts will retry the SCSI operation and may report a warning or error from the "unexpected" Bus Reset. The actual warning or error reported is dependent on the operating system of that host. Disabling SCSI Bus Reset on the adapter will prohibit it from issuing its own Bus Resets. This reduces the impact a booting host has on other hosts.

NOTE

Please refer to the specific host adapter's configuration guide for detailed information on setting the SCSI bus parameters.

Storage Controller:

NOTE

The following controller function settings are modified using either STORAGEWORKS Command Console (SWCC) or Command Line Interface (CLI).

1. Set the HOST_FUNCTION mode to "A" for all controller target IDs (storagesets) that will be used by the DIGITAL UNIX host system. For example, if you are using the HSZ70 Command Line Interface, enter:

SET THIS_CONTROLLER HOST_FUNCTION=(4,A)

This sets the HSZ70 controller SCSI target ID 4 to HOST_FUNCTION mode A.

2. Restrict the access to the storage units used by the DIGITAL UNIX server (HSZ70 controller only). The access to the storage unit is made exclusive to a specific host initiator SCSI ID. For example, if you are using the HSZ70 Command Line Interface, enter:

SET D400 ACCESS_ID=3

This restricts access to storage unit D400 to the host with SCSI ID 3.

NOTE

Exclusive storage unit access is **not** supported by the RA450 subsystem (HSZ50 controller).

For further instructions on setting up the storage controllers, refer to:

- HSZ70; HSZ70 Array Controller, HSOF Version 7.0, Configuration Manual
- HSZ50; HSZ50 Array Controller, HSOF 5.1, Configuration Manual

UltraSCSI Hub:

1. Place the UltraSCSI hub in either a STORAGEWORKS BA356 storage shelf or pedestal, or in the lower right-hand device slots of the BA370 shelf within the RA7000 or ESA10000. Installation in a BA356 shelf is the preferred approach.

CAUTION

Do not exceed 25 meters maximum length per bus segment when installing the UltraSCSI hub.

- 2. Cable the host port of the storage controller to a port of the UltraSCSI hub. When using fair arbitration on a 5-port hub, the top port is designated as the storage controller port.
- 3. Cable the host adapters to the other ports of the UltraSCSI hub.

NOTE

For a 5-port hub with fair arbitration enabled, the correct adapters must be cabled to the correct ports. In a narrow SCSI addressing configuration, it is necessary to connect the jumper pins on the back of the 5-port hub. For further information on 5-port hub settings, refer to the *DWZZH 16-Bit UltraSCSI Hub User's Guide*.

Clustering:

DIGITAL UNIX clusters with UltraSCSI hubs are configured with:

- All host servers running DIGITAL UNIX 4.0B ASE/TruCluster 1.4A, Patch Kit TCR14Ahsz70-bl8er.tar or newer.
- KZPSA-BB host bus adapters only. At the time of this writing, the KZPBA-CB host bus adapter is not supported in a DIGITAL UNIX cluster.
- A cluster having exclusive use of the SCSI bus. A cluster is not supported with additional nonclustered hosts nor with additional clusters on the same UltraSCSI hub.
- HSZ70 controllers (RA7000 or ESA10000) set up as described above, but without restricted
 access to the storage units. If access has been restricted, reset the storage units for access by all
 hosts. For example, if you are using the HSZ70 Command Line Interface, enter:

SET D400 ACCESS_ID=ALL

This allows access to storage unit D400 by all hosts, as required in a cluster environment.

NOTE

See your host server's "Supported Options List" for more information concerning cluster-supported adapters.

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Example Configurations:

NOTE The host adapters shown in the following diagrams are configured with internal termination.

Figure 1 Example 3-Port UltraSCSI Hub Configuration Layout

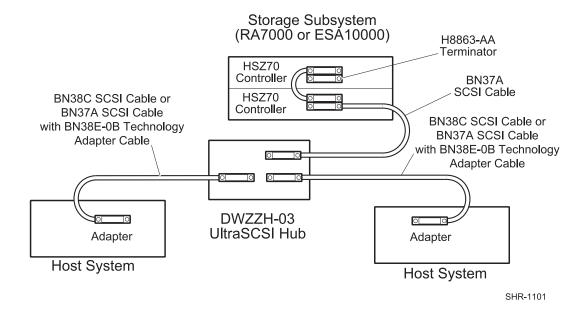
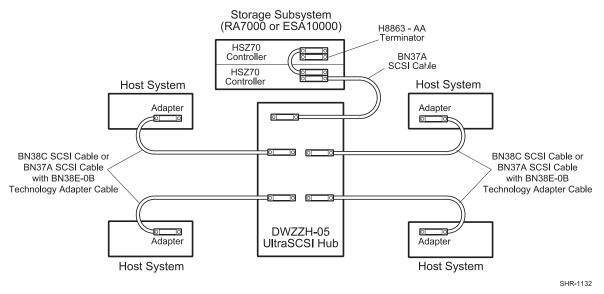


Figure 2 Example 5-Port UltraSCSI Hub Configuration Layout



The host adapters can be connected to the UltraSCSI hubs using two interchangeable cabling options:

- BN38C VHDCI-to-HD68 SCSI cables
- BN37A VHDCI-to-VHDCI SCSI cables coupled with BN38E-0B VHDCI-to-HD68 technology adapter cables

The BN38C cables are recommended. See the *UltraSCSI Configuration Guidelines* for a complete list of the available cables.

Configuration Parts List:

Required Components (Minimum) for 3-Port UltraSCSI Hub

3-Port Hub:	Part Name	Part #	Quantity
	Storage Subsystem: RA7000 or ESA10000		
	HSZ70 Controller, HSOF V7.0 firmware or newer	DS-HSZ70-AH	1 to 4
	VHDCI UltraSCSI Tri-Link	H8861-AA	1 to 4
	VHDCI UltraSCSI Differential Terminator	H8863-AA	1
	RA450		
	HSZ70 Controller, HSOF V5.2 firmware or newer	HSZ50-xx	1 or 2
	HD68 SCSI-3 Tri-Link	H885-AA	1 or 2
	HD68 SCSI-3 Differential Terminator	H879-AA	1
	Host Adapters (Wide Differential):		1 or 2
	HD68 UltraSCSI, firmware version 5.53 or newer (non-cluster configuration only)	KZPBA-CB	
	HD68 SCSI, firmware version A11 or newer	KZPSA-BB	
	UltraSCSI Hub (3 Differential Ports)	DS-DWZZH-03	1
	UltraSCSI Cables: RA7000 or ESA10000		
	VHDCI UltraSCSI, to connect the HSZ70 controller with the UltraSCSI Hub	BN37A-xx	1
	VHDCI to HD68 UltraSCSI, to connect the Adapters with the UltraSCSI Hub	BN38C-xx	2
	OR		
	VHDCI UltraSCSI	BN37A-xx	3
	VHDCI to HD68 UltraSCSI Technology Adapter Cable	BN38E-0B	2
	See the <i>UltraSCSI Configuration Guidelines</i> for a complete list of the available cables		

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Required Components (Minimum) for 3-Port UltraSCSI Hub (continued)

3-Port Hub:	Part Name	Part #	Quantity
	UltraSCSI Cables: RA450		
	VHDCI-to-HD68 UltraSCSI	BN38C-xx	3
	OR		
	VHDCI UltraSCSI	BN37A-xx	3
	VHDCI to HD68 UltraSCSI Technology Adapter Cable	BN38E-0B	3
	See the <i>UltraSCSI Configuration Guidelines</i> for a complete list of the available cables		
	STORAGEWORKS shelf with dual power supplies, for the UltraSCSI Hub.	DS-BA356-xx	1

Required Components (Minimum) for 5-Port UltraSCSI Hub

5-Port Hub:	Part Name	Part #	Quantity
	Storage Subsystem: RA7000 or ESA 10000		
	HSZ70 Controller, HSOF V7.0 firmware or newer	DS-HSZ70-AH	1 to 4
	VHDCI UltraSCSI Tri-Link	H8861-AA	1 to 4
	VHDCI UltraSCSI Differential Terminator	H8863-AA	1
	RA450		
	HSZ50 Controller, HSOF V5.2 firmware or newer	HSZ50-xx	1 or 2
	HD68 SCSI-3 Tri-Link	H885-AA	1 or 2
	HD68 SCSI-3 Differential Terminator	H879-AA	1
	Host Adapters (Wide Differential):		1 to 4
	HD68 UltraSCSI, firmware version 5.53 or newer (non-cluster configuration only)	KZPBA-CB	
	HD68 SCSI, firmware version A11 or newer	KZPSA-BB	
	UltraSCSI Hub (5 Differential Ports)	DS-DWZZH-05	1
	UltraSCSI Cables: RA7000 or ESA10000		
	VHDCI UltraSCSI, to connect the HSZ70 controller with the UltraSCSI Hub	BN37A-xx	1
	VHDCI to HD68 UltraSCSI, to connect the Adapters with the UltraSCSI Hub	BN38C-xx	4
	OR		
	VHDCI UltraSCSI	BN37A-xx	5
	VHDCI to HD68 UltraSCSI Technology Adapter Cable	BN38E-0B	4
	See the <i>UltraSCSI Configuration Guidelines</i> for a complete list of the available cables		

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Required Components (Minimum) for 5-Port UltraSCSI Hub (continued)

5-Port Hub:	Part Name	Part #	Quantity
	UltraSCSI Cables: RA450		
	VHDCI-to-HD68 UltraSCSI	BN38C-xx	5
	OR		
	VHDCI UltraSCSI	BN37A-xx	5
	VHDCI-to-HD68 UltraSCSI Technology Adapter Cable	BN38E-0B	5
	See the <i>UltraSCSI Configuration Guidelines</i> for a complete list of the available cables		
	STORAGEWORKS shelf with dual power supplies, for the UltraSCSI Hub.	DS-BA356-xx	1

Configuration References

The following documents provide further information for the configuration of the components utilized in shared storage configurations:

Topic	Document Title	Order Number
DIGITAL UNIX	Getting Started, HSZ70 Solution Software V7.0A for DIGITAL UNIX, Installation Guide	AA-R60KC-TE
DIGITAL UNIX	Release Notes RAID Array 7000/Enterprise Storage Array 10000 for OpenVMS	AA-R60LC-TE
RA7000 / ESA10000 (HSZ70 Controller)	RA7000 and ESA10000 Storage Subsystems, User's Guide	EK-SMCPP-UG
HSZ70 Controller	HSZ70 Array Controller, HSOF Version 7.0, Configuration Manual	EK-HSZ70-CG
RAID Array 450 (HSZ50 Controller)	HSZ50 Array Controller, HSOF 5.1, Configuration Manual	EK-HSZ50-CG
STORAGEWORKS Command Console	Command Console Version 2.0, User's Guide	AA-R60EA-TE
UltraSCSI	UltraSCSI Configuration Guidelines	EK-ULTRA-CG
UltraSCSI Hub	DWZZH 16-Bit UltraSCSI Hub, User's Guide	EK-DWZZH-UG
Shared Storage	Shared Storage Solutions Using UltraSCSI Hubs	EK-SMA21-AN

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