



Brocade ClearLink and Marvell StorFusion D_Port Test with Marvell QLogic Fibre Channel Adapters

Products Affected

Marvell QLogic® Model	Description
2600 Series	16Gb Fibre Channel Adapters
2700 Series	32Gb Fibre Channel Adapters

1 Introduction

This application note provides instructions to system administrators for using the Brocade® ClearLink diagnostic port (D_Port) test feature on Marvell® QLogic® StorFusion™-enabled Fibre Channel Host Bus Adapters and Brocade switches. The D_Port test allows a SAN administrator to quickly verify and validate all physical connections between hosts and switches, including cabling, SFPs, and latency.

The D_Port integrated test uses both Brocade ClearLink and Marvell StorFusion technology. When enabled, the D_Port feature tests and measures electrical and optical loopback, link traffic, round-trip link latency, and the estimated cable distance and buffers required.

2 Prerequisites

Before you begin, ensure that the following components are installed:

- Brocade 16/32Gb Fibre Channel switch with a Fabric Vision® license enabled and Fabric OS® (FOS) 7.3 or later
- Marvell QLogic 2600/2700 Series Fibre Channel Host Bus Adapters with firmware version 8.2.1 or later installed in the server and connected to one or more Brocade switches
- 16Gbps optics on both sides of the connection
- Access to a remote desktop or Telnet session

3 Validating Ports with D_Port Test

To validate the functionality and latency of a port, access the Brocade switch from a remote desktop or Telnet session and issue the `switchshow` and various `port` commands. To perform the diagnostics, follow these steps:

1. [Log in to the Brocade switch.](#)
2. [Choose the ports to test.](#)
3. [Disable the Fibre Channel port \(F_Port\) and enable the D_Port.](#)
4. [Run the D_Port test.](#)
5. [Disable D_Port and re-enable F_Port.](#)

3.1 Port Validation Details

1. Log in to the Brocade switch.

To access the Brocade switch and use the `switchshow` command to view ports and status, follow these steps:

- a. Open a remote desktop or Telnet session.
- b. Enter the Brocade switch IP address.
- c. Log in and enter the username and password.
- d. At the command prompt, issue the `switchshow` command, and then press the ENTER key.

The `switchshow` command output shows the status of all ports on the switch. For example:

```
SW6505_SW1_bottom:admin> switchshow
```

```
switchName:      SW6505_SW1_bottom
switchType:      118.1
switchState:     Online
switchMode:      Native
switchRole:      Principal
switchDomain:    1
switchId:        fffc01
switchWwn:       10:00:00:27:f8:c8:65:1b
zoning:          ON (Zone2Config)
switchBeacon:    OFF
```

Index	Port	Address	Media	Speed	State	Proto		
0	0	010000	id	N16	No_Light	FC		
1	1	010100	id	N16	No_Light	FC		
2	2	010200	id	N16	No_Light	FC		
3	3	010300	id	N16	No_Light	FC		
4	4	010400	--	N16	No_Module	FC		
5	5	010500	--	N16	No_Module	FC		
6	6	010600	--	N16	No_Module	FC		
7	7	010700	--	N16	No_Module	FC		
8	8	010800	id	N16	No_Light	FC		
9	9	010900	id	N16	Online	FC	F-Port	50:01:43:80:23:1c:4e:2e
10	10	010a00	id	N4	Online	FC	F-Port	24:70:00:c0:ff:d7:81:73
11	11	010b00	id	N8	No_Light	FC		

```
12 12 010b00 -- N16 No_Module FC
. . .
```

2. Choose the ports to test.

Write down the port numbers that you want to test.

3. Disable the Fibre Channel port (F_Port) and enable the D_Port.

To run a D_Port test, the F_Port must be disabled and then re-enabled as a D_Port as follows:

- a. At the command prompt, issue the `portdisable x` command (where `x` indicates the port number), and then press ENTER.
- b. Issue the `portcfgdport --enable x` command, and then press ENTER.
- c. Issue the `portenable x` command, and then press ENTER.

For example:

```
SW6505_SW1_bottom:admin>
SW6505_SW1_bottom:admin> portdisable 9
SW6505_SW1_bottom:admin> portcfgdport --enable 9
```

Caution: D_Port functionality is only available on 16G-capable platforms with 16Gb FC SFPs, 10Gb FC SFPs, 8Gb LWL/ELWL FC SFPs, QSFPs or QSFP+.

```
SW6505_SW1_bottom:admin> portenable 9
SW6505_SW1_bottom:admin> _
```

- d. To verify that the D_Port is enabled, issue the `switchshow` command, and then press ENTER. For example:

```
SW6505_SW1_bottom:admin> switchshow
switchName:      SW6505_SW1_bottom
switchType:      118.1
switchState:     Online
switchMode:      Native
switchRole:      Principal
switchDomain:    1
switchId:        fffc01
switchWwn:       10:00:00:27:f8:c8:65:1b
zoning:          ON (Zone2Config)
switchBeacon:    OFF
```

Index	Port	Address	Media	Speed	State	Proto	
0	0	010000	id	N16	No_Light	FC	
1	1	010100	id	N16	No_Light	FC	
2	2	010200	id	N16	No_Light	FC	
3	3	010300	id	N16	No_Light	FC	
4	4	010400	--	N16	No_Module	FC	
5	5	010500	--	N16	No_Module	FC	
6	6	010600	--	N16	No_Module	FC	
7	7	010700	--	N16	No_Module	FC	
8	8	010800	id	N16	No_Light	FC	
9	9	010900	id	N16	Online	FC	D-Port F-Port 50:01:43:80:23:1c:4e:2e
10	10	010a00	id	N4	Online	FC	F-Port 24:70:00:c0:ff:d7:81:73
11	11	010b00	id	N8	No_Light	FC	

```
12 12 010c00 -- N16 No_Module FC
. . .
```

- e. To configure additional ports, repeat the preceding steps.

4. Run the D_Port test.

- a. At the command prompt, issue the `portdporttest --show x` command (where `x` indicates the port number), and then press ENTER.

The following example shows the results of the D_Port test.

```
SW6505_SW1_bottom:admin> portdporttest --show 9
D-Port Information
=====
Port: 9
Remote WWPN: 50:01:43:80:23:1c:4e:2e
Mode: Automatic
No. of test frames: 1 Million
Test frame size: 1024 Bytes
FEC (enabled/option/active): Yes/No/No
CR (enabled/option/active): Yes/No/No
Start time: Thu Jan 21 21:45:00 2016
End time: Thu Jan 21 21:45:42 2016
Status: PASSED
=====
Test Start time Result EST (HH:MM:SS) Comments
=====
Electrical loopback 21:45:16 PASSED -----
--
Optical loopback 21:45:32 PASSED -----
--
Link traffic test ----- SKIPPED -----
--
=====
Roundtrip link latency: 136 nano-seconds
Estimated cable distance: 1 meters
Buffers required: 1 (for 2112 byte frames at 16Gbps speed)
SW6505_SW1_bottom:admin> _
```

If the port does not pass, check the optics, cabling, and connections and repeat the preceding steps; otherwise, continue to [Step b](#).

- b. To test other ports that have been configured as D_Ports, repeat [Step a](#).

5. Disable D_Port and re-enable F_Port.

To disable a D_Port and then re-enable it as an F_Port, follow these steps:

- At the command prompt, issue the `portdisable x` command (where `x` indicates the port number), and then press ENTER.
- Issue the `portcfgdport --disable x` command, and then press ENTER.
- Issue the `portenable x` command, and then press ENTER.

For example:

```
SW6505_SW1_bottom:admin>  
SW6505_SW1_bottom:admin> portdisable 9  
SW6505_SW1_bottom:admin> portcfgdport --disable 9  
SW6505_SW1_bottom:admin> portenable 9  
SW6505_SW1_bottom:admin> _
```

- To verify that the F_Port is enabled, issue the `switchshow` command, and then press ENTER. In the command output, confirm the enabled F_Port.

For example:

```
. . .  
 8  8  010800  id   N16   No_Light  FC  
 9  9  010900  id   N16   Online    FC  F-Port  50:01:43:80:23:1c:4e:2e  
10 10  010a00  id   N4    Online    FC  F-Port  24:70:00:c0:ff:d7:81:73  
11 11  010b00  id   N8    No_Light  FC  
12 12  010c00  --   N16   No_Module FC  
. . .
```

- To re-enable additional F_Ports, repeat the preceding steps.

The D_Port test is complete.

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Changes

Update to new Marvell logo.

Removed references to Gen5/Enhanced Gen5.

Added 2700 Series 32Gb Fibre Channel adapters to the Products Affected list.

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