

# **Storage Policies**

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# **Ethernet and Fibre Channel Adapter Policies**

These policies govern the host-side behavior of the adapter, including how the adapter handles traffic. For example, you can use these policies to change default settings for the following:

- Queues
- · Interrupt handling
- Performance enhancement
- RSS hash
- Failover in a cluster configuration with two fabric interconnects



Note

For Fibre Channel adapter policies, the values displayed by may not match those displayed by applications such as QLogic SANsurfer. For example, the following values may result in an apparent mismatch between SANsurfer and:

- Max LUNs Per Target—SANsurfer has a maximum of 256 LUNs and does not display more than that number. supports a higher maximum number of LUNs.
- Link Down Timeout—In SANsurfer, you configure the timeout threshold for link down in seconds.
   In , you configure this value in milliseconds. Therefore, a value of 5500 ms in displays as 5s in SANsurfer.
- Max Data Field Size—SANsurfer has allowed values of 512, 1024, and 2048. allows you to set values of any size. Therefore, a value of 900 in displays as 512 in SANsurfer.
- LUN Queue Depth—The LUN queue depth setting is available for Windows system FC adapter policies. Queue depth is the number of commands that the HBA can send and receive in a single transmission per LUN. Windows Storport driver sets this to a default value of 20 for physical miniports and to 250 for virtual miniports. This setting adjusts the initial queue depth for all LUNs on the adapter. Valid range for this value is 1 to 254. The default LUN queue depth is 20.
- IO TimeOut Retry—When the target device is not responding to an IO request within the specified timeout, the FC adapter will abort the pending command then resend the same IO after the timer expires. The FC adapter valid range for this value is 0 to 59000 milliseconds. The default IO retry timeout is 5 seconds.

### **Operating System Specific Adapter Policies**

By default, Cisco UCS provides a set of Ethernet adapter policies and Fibre Channel adapter policies. These policies include the recommended settings for each supported server operating system. Operating systems are sensitive to the settings in these policies. Storage vendors typically require non-default adapter settings. You can find the details of these required settings on the support list provided by those vendors.



#### **Important**

We recommend that you use the values in these policies for the applicable operating system. Do not modify any of the values in the default policies unless directed to do so by Cisco Technical Support.

However, if you are creating an Ethernet adapter policy for a Windows OS (instead of using the default Windows adapter policy), you must use the following formulas to calculate values that work with Windows:

Completion Queues = Transmit Queues + Receive Queues Interrupt Count = (Completion Queues + 2) rounded up to nearest power of 2

For example, if Transmit Queues = 1 and Receive Queues = 8 then:

Completion Queues = 1 + 8 = 9

Interrupt Count = (9 + 2) rounded up to the nearest power of 2 = 16

# **Configuring a Fibre Channel Adapter Policy**

	Command or Action	Purpose	
Step 1	UCSC# connect policy-mgr	Enters policy manager mode.	
Step 2	UCSC(policy-mgr)# scope org org-name	Enters organization mode for the specified organization. To enter the root organization mode, type / as the <i>org-name</i> .	
Step 3	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org # create fc-policy policy-name	Creates the specified Fibre Channel adapter policy and enters organization Fibre Channel policy mode.	
Step 4	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/fc-policy # set descr description	(Optional) Provides a description for the policy.	
		Note If your description includes spaces, special characters, or punctuation, you must begin and end your description with quotation marks. The quotation marks will not appear in the description field of any show command output.	
Step 5	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/fc-policy # set error-recovery {fcp-error-recovery {disabled   enabled}   link-down-timeout timeout-msec   port-down-io-retry-count retry-count   port-down-timeout timeout-msec}	(Optional) Configures the Fibre Channel error recovery.	
Step 6	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/fc-policy # set interrupt mode {intx   msi   msi-x}}	(Optional) Configures the driver interrupt mode.	
Step 7	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/fc-policy # set port {io-throttle-count throttle-count   max-luns max-num}	(Optional) Configures the Fibre Channel port.	
Step 8	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/fc-policy # set port-f-logi {retries retry-count   timeout timeout-msec}	(Optional) Configures the Fibre Channel port fabric logir (FLOGI).	
Step 9	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/fc-policy # set port-p-logi {retries retry-count   timeout timeout-msec}	(Optional) Configures the Fibre Channel port-to-port logir (PLOGI).	
Step 10	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/fc-policy # set recv-queue {count count   ring-size size-num}	(Optional) Configures the Fibre Channel receive queue.	

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 11	UCSC(policy-mgr)/org/fc-policy # set scsi-io {count count   ring-size size-num}	(Optional) Configures the Fibre Channel SCSI I/O.
Step 12	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/fc-policy # set trans-queue ring-size size-num}	(Optional) Configures the Fibre Channel transmit queue.
Step 13	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/fc-policy # commit-buffer	Commits the transaction to the system configuration.

The following example configures a Fibre Channel adapter policy and commits the transaction:

```
UCSC (policy-mgr) # scope org /
UCSC (policy-mgr) /org* # create fc-policy FcPolicy42
UCSC (policy-mgr) /org/fc-policy* # set descr "This is a Fibre Channel adapter policy example."
UCSC (policy-mgr) /org/fc-policy* # set error-recovery error-detect-timeout 2500
UCSC (policy-mgr) /org/fc-policy* # set port max-luns 4
UCSC (policy-mgr) /org/fc-policy* # set port-f-logi retries 250
UCSC (policy-mgr) /org/fc-policy* # set port-p-logi timeout 5000
UCSC (policy-mgr) /org/fc-policy* # set recv-queue count 1
UCSC (policy-mgr) /org/fc-policy* # set scsi-io ring-size 256
UCSC (policy-mgr) /org/fc-policy* # set trans-queue ring-size 256
UCSC (policy-mgr) /org/fc-policy* # commit-buffer
UCSC (policy-mgr) /org/fc-policy # commit-buffer
UCSC (policy-mgr) /org/fc-policy #
```

# **Deleting a Fibre Channel Adapter Policy**

### **Procedure**

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	UCSC# connect policy-mgr	Enters policy manager mode.
Step 2	UCSC(policy-mgr)# scope org org-name	Enters organization mode for the specified organization. To enter the root organization mode, type / as the <i>org-name</i> .
Step 3	UCSC(policy-mgr)/org# delete fc-policy policy-name	Deletes the specified Fibre Channel adapter policy.
Step 4	UCSC(policy-mgr)/org# commit-buffer	Commits the transaction to the system configuration.

The following example deletes the Fibre Channel adapter policy named FcPolicy42 and commits the transaction:

```
UCSC# connect policy-mgr
UCSC(policy-mgr) # scope org /
UCSC(policy-mgr) /org # delete fc-policy FcPolicy42
UCSC(policy-mgr) /org # commit-buffer
UCSC(policy-mgr) /org #
```

# **About the LAN and SAN Connectivity Policies**

Connectivity policies determine the connections and the network communication resources between the server and the LAN or SAN on the network. These policies use pools to assign MAC addresses, WWNs, and WWPNs to servers and to identify the vNICs and vHBAs that the servers use to communicate with the network.



We do not recommend that you use static IDs in connectivity policies, because these policies are included in service profiles and service profile templates and can be used to configure multiple servers.

## **Privileges Required for LAN and SAN Connectivity Policies**

Connectivity policies enable users without network or storage privileges to create and modify service profiles and service profile templates with network and storage connections. However, users must have the appropriate network and storage privileges to create connectivity policies.

### **Privileges Required to Create Connectivity Policies**

Connectivity policies require the same privileges as other network and storage configurations. For example, you must have at least one of the following privileges to create connectivity policies:

- admin—Can create LAN and SAN connectivity policies
- Is-server—Can create LAN and SAN connectivity policies
- Is-network—Can create LAN connectivity policies
- ls-storage—Can create SAN connectivity policies

#### Privileges Required to Add Connectivity Policies to Service Profiles

After the connectivity policies have been created, a user with ls-compute privileges can include them in a service profile or service profile template. However, a user with only ls-compute privileges cannot create connectivity policies.

# **Creating a SAN Connectivity Policy**

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	UCSC# connect policy-mgr	Enters policy manager mode.
Step 2	UCSC(policy-mgr) # scope org org-name	Enter organization mode for the specified organization. To enter the root organization mode, enter / as the <i>org-name</i> .

	Command or Action	Purpose	
Step 3	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org # create san-connectivity-policy	Creates the specified SAN connectivity policy, and enters organization network control policy mode.	
	policy-name	This name can be between 1 and 16 alphanumeric characters. You cannot use spaces or any special characters other than - (hyphen), _ (underscore), : (colon), and . (period) and you cannot change this name after the object has been saved.	
Step 4	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy # set descr policy-name	(Optional) Adds a description to the policy. We recommend that you include information about where and how the policy should be used.	
		Enter up to 256 characters. you can use any characters or spaces except '(accent mark), \( (backslash), ^(carat), "(double quote), = (equal sign), > (greater than), < (less than), or ' (single quote).	
Step 5	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/service-profile # set identity {dynamic-uuid {uuid   derived}   dynamic-wwnn {wwnn   derived}   uuid-pool pool-name   wwnn-pool pool-name}	Specifies how the server acquires a UUID or WWNN. You can do one of the following:  • Create a unique UUID in the form nnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnn	
Step 6	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy # commit-buffer	Commits the transaction to the system configuration.	

The following example shows how to create a SAN connectivity policy named SanConnect242 and commit the transaction:

```
UCSC# connect policy-mgr
UCSC(policy-mgr) # scope org /
UCSC(policy-mgr) /org* # create san-connectivity-policy SanConnect242
UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy* # set descr "SAN connectivity policy"
UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy* # set identity wwnn-pool SanPool7
UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy* # commit-buffer
UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy #
```

### What to Do Next

Add one or more vHBAs and/or initiator groups to this SAN connectivity policy.

# **Creating a vHBA for a SAN Connectivity Policy**

If you are continuing from Creating a SAN Connectivity Policy, on page 5, begin this procedure at Step 3

	Command or Action	Purpose	
Step 1	UCSC# connect policy-mgr	Enters policy manager mode.	
Step 2	UCSC(policy-mgr)# scope org org-name	Enters organization mode for the specified organization. To enter the root organization mode, enter / as the <i>org-name</i> .	
Step 3	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org # scope san-connectivity-policy policy-name	Enters SAN connectivity policy mode for the specified SAN connectivity policy.	
Step 4	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy # create vhba vhba-name [fabric {a   b}] [fc-if fc-if-name]	Creates a vHBA for the specified SAN connectivity policy and enters vHBA mode.  This name can be between 1 and 16 alphanumeric characters. You cannot use spaces or any special characters other than - (hyphen), _ (underscore), : (colon), and . (period), and you cannot change this name after the object has been saved.	
Step 5	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy/vhba # set adapter-policy policy-name	Specifies the adapter policy to use for the vHBA.	
Step 6	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy/vhba # set identity {dynamic-wwpn {wwpn   derived}   wwpn-pool wwn-pool-name}	Specifies the WWPN for the vHBA.  You can set the storage identity using one of the following options:  • Create a unique WWPN in the form hh:hh:hh:hh:hh:hh:hh:hh.	
		You can specify a WWPN in the range from 20:00:00:00:00:00:00:00 to 20:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF or from 50:00:00:00:00:00:00 to 5F:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF.	
		If you want the WWPN to be compatible with Cisco MDS Fibre Channel switches, use the WWPN template 20:00:00:25:B5:XX:XX:XX.	
		Derive the WWPN from one burned into the hardware at manufacture.	
		Assign a WWPN from a WWN pool.	

	Command or Action	Purpose	
Step 7	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy/vhba # set max-field-size size-num	Specifies the maximum size of the Fibre Channel frame payload (in bytes) that the vHBA supports. Enter an integer between 256 and 2112. The default is 2048.	
Step 8	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy/vhba # set order {order-num   unspecified}	Specifies the PCI scan order for the vHBA.	
Step 9	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy/vhba # set pers-bind {disabled   enabled}	Disables or enables persistent binding to Fibre Channel targets.	
Step 10	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy/vhba # set pin-group group-name	Specifies the SAN pin group to use for the vHBA.	
Step 11	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy/vhba # set qos-policy policy-name	Specifies the QoS policy to use for the vHBA.	
Step 12	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy/vhba # set stats-policy policy-name	Specifies the statistics threshold policy to use for the vHBA.	
Step 13	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy/vhba # set template-name policy-name	Specifies the vHBA template to use for the vHBA. It you choose to use a vHBA template for the vHBA, you must still complete all of the configuration not included in the vHBA template, including Steps 4, 7 and 8.	
Step 14	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy/vhba # set vcon {1   2   3   4   any}	Assigns the vHBA to one or all virtual network interface connections.	
Step 15	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy/vhba # commit-buffer	Commits the transaction to the system configuration.	

The following example shows how to configure a vHBA for a SAN connectivity policy named SanConnect242 and commit the transaction:

```
UCSC(policy-mgr) # scope org /
UCSC(policy-mgr) / org* # scope san-connectivity-policy SanConnect242
UCSC(policy-mgr) / org/san-connectivity-policy* # create vhba vhba3 fabric a
UCSC(policy-mgr) / org/san-connectivity-policy/vhba* # set adapter-policy AdaptPol2
UCSC(policy-mgr) / org/san-connectivity-policy/vhba* # set identity wwpn-pool SanPool7
UCSC(policy-mgr) / org/san-connectivity-policy/vhba* # set max-field-size 2112
UCSC(policy-mgr) / org/san-connectivity-policy/vhba* # set order 0
UCSC(policy-mgr) / org/san-connectivity-policy/vhba* # set pers-bind enabled
UCSC(policy-mgr) / org/san-connectivity-policy/vhba* # set pin-group FcPinGroup12
UCSC(policy-mgr) / org/san-connectivity-policy/vhba* # set qos-policy QosPol5
UCSC(policy-mgr) / org/san-connectivity-policy/vhba* # set stats-policy StatsPol2
UCSC(policy-mgr) / org/san-connectivity-policy/vhba* # set template-name SanConnPol3
```

```
UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy/vhba* # set vcon any
UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy/vhba* # commit-buffer
UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy/vhba #
```

### What to Do Next

If desired, add another vHBA or an initiator group to the SAN connectivity policy. If not, include the policy in a service profile or service profile template.

# **Creating an Initiator Group for a SAN Connectivity Policy**

If you are continuing from Creating a SAN Connectivity Policy, on page 5, begin this procedure at Step 3.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	UCSC# connect policy-mgr	Enters policy manager mode.
Step 2	UCSC(policy-mgr) # scope org org-name	Enters organization mode for the specified organization. To enter the root organization mode, enter / as the org-name.
Step 3	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org # scope san-connectivity-policy policy-name	Enters SAN connectivity policy mode for the specified SAN connectivity policy.
Step 4	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy # create initiator-group group-name fc	Creates the specified initiator group for Fibre Channel zoning and enters initiator group mode.  This name can be between 1 and 16 alphanumeric characters. You cannot use spaces or any special characters other than - (hyphen),

	Command or Action	Purpose
		(underscore), : (colon), and .(period), and you cannot change this name after the object has been saved.
Step 5	UCSC(policy-mgr)/org/san-connectivity-policy/initiator-group # create initiator vhba-name	Creates the specified vHBA initiator in the initiator group.
		If desired, repeat this step to add a second vHBA initiator to the group.
Step 6	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy/initiator-group # set storage-connection-policy policy-name	Associates the specified storage connection policy with the SAN connectivity policy.

	Command or Action	Purpos	e
		Note	This step assumes that you want to associate an existing storage connection policy to associate with the SAN connectivity policy. If you do, continue with Step 10. If you want to create a local storage definition for this policy instead, continue with Step 6.
Step 7	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy/initiator-group/storage-connection-def # create storage-target wwpn	target e	storage
Step 8	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy/initiator-group/storage-connection-def/storage-target # set target-path {a   b}	fabric interco used fo	inications e target
Step 9	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy/initiator-group/storage-connection-def/storage-target # set target-vsan vsan	VSAN	es which is used for inications

	Command or Action	Purpose
		with the target endpoint.
Step 10	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy/initiator-group # commit-buffer	Commits the transaction to the system configuration.

The following example shows how to configure an initiator group named initGroupZone1 with two initiators for a a SAN connectivity policy named SanConnect242, configure a local storage connection policy definition named scPolicyZone1, and commit the transaction:

```
UCSC# connect policy-mgr
UCSC(policy-mgr) # scope org /
UCSC(policy-mgr) /org* # scope san-connectivity-policy SanConnect242
UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy # create initiator-group initGroupZone1 fc
UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy/initiator-group* # set zoning-type sist
UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy/initiator-group* # create initiator vhba1
\verb|UCSC(policy-mgr)| / org/san-connectivity-policy/initiator-group* \# \textbf{create initiator vhba2}|
UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy/initiator-group* # create storage-connection-def
scPolicyZone1
UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy/initiator-group/storage-connection-def* #
create storage-target
20:10:20:30:40:50:60:70
UCSC (policy-mgr)
/org/san-connectivity-policy/initiator-group/storage-connection-def/storage-target* # set
target-path a
UCSC (policy-mar)
/org/san-connectivity-policy/initiator-group/storage-connection-def/storage-target* # set
target-vsan default
UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy/initiator-group* # commit-buffer
UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy/initiator-group #
```

#### What to Do Next

If desired, add another initiator group or a vHBA to the SAN connectivity policy. If not, include the policy in a service profile or service profile template.

## **Deleting a vHBA from a SAN Connectivity Policy**

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	UCSC# connect policy-mgr	Enters policy manager mode.
Step 2	UCSC(policy-mgr) # scope org org-name	Enters organization mode for the specified organization. To enter the root organization mode, enter / as the <i>org-name</i> .
Step 3	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org # scope san-connectivity-policy policy-name	Enters SAN connectivity policy mode for the specified SAN connectivity policy.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 4	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy # delete vHBA vhba-name	Deletes the specified vHBA from the SAN connectivity policy.
Step 5	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy # commit-buffer	Commits the transaction to the system configuration.

The following example shows how to delete a vHBA named vHBA3 from a SAN connectivity policy named SanConnect242 and commit the transaction:

```
UCSC# connect policy-mgr
UCSC(policy-mgr) # scope org /
UCSC(policy-mgr) /org # scope san-connectivity-policy SanConnect242
UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy # delete vHBA vHBA3
UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy* # commit-buffer
UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy #
```

## **Deleting an Initiator Group from a SAN Connectivity Policy**

#### **Procedure**

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	UCSC# connect policy-mgr	Enters policy manager mode.
Step 2	UCSC(policy-mgr) # scope org org-name	Enters organization mode for the specified organization. To enter the root organization mode, enter, / as the <i>org-name</i> .
Step 3	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org # scope san-connectivity-policy policy-name	Enters SAN connectivity policy mode for the specified SAN connectivity policy.
Step 4	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy # delete initiator-group group-name	Deletes the specified initiator group from the SAN connectivity policy.
Step 5	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy # commit-buffer	Commits the transaction to the system configuration.

The following example shows how to delete an initiator group named initGroup3 from a SAN connectivity policy named SanConnect242 and commit the transaction:

```
UCSC# connect policy-mgr
UCSC(policy-mgr) # scope org /
UCSC(policy-mgr) /org # scope san-connectivity-policy SanConnect242
UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy # delete initiator-group initGroup3
UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy* # commit-buffer
UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/san-connectivity-policy #
```

# **Storage Connection Policy**

The storage connection policy contains a collection of target storage ports on storage array that you use to configure fibre channel zoning.

From Cisco UCS Central you can create a storage connection policy in an organization.

# **Creating a Storage Connection Policy**

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	UCSC# connect policy-mgr	Enters policy manager mode.
Step 2	UCSC(policy-mgr)# scope org org-name	Enters organization mode for the specified organization. To enter the root organization mode, type / as the <i>org-name</i> .
Step 3	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org # create storage-connection-policy profile-name	Creates the specified storage connection policy and enters organization storage connection policy mode.
Step 4	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/storage-connection-policy # set zoning type {none   simt   sist}	Select the zoning type. This can be one of the following:  None—FC zoning is not configured.  Single Initiator Multiple Targets—The system automatically creates one zone for each vHBA. We recommend that you configure this type of zoning if you expect the number of zones to reach or exceed the maximum supported.  Single Initiator Single Target—The system automatically creates one zone for each vHBA and storage port pair. Each zone has two members. We recommend that you configure this type of zoning unless you expect the number of zones to exceed the maximum supported. This is the default.
Step 5	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/storage-connection-policy # create storage-target WWPN_ID	Creates a target on the selected WWPN.
Step 6	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/storage-connection-policy/storage-target # set target-path {a   b}	Sets the target fabric interconnect. By default, fabric interconnect A is used for communications with the target endpoint.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 7	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/storage-connection-policy/storage-target # set target-vsan VSAN_name	Select the VSAN associated with the FI Port and the target endpoint.
Step 8	UCSC(policy-mgr) /org/storage-connection-policy # commit-buffer	Commits the transaction to the system configuration.

**Creating a Storage Connection Policy**