Bloombase StoreSafe and Broadcom NetXtreme P2100G NIC Integration Guide for Dataat-Rest Encryption

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Executive Summary

Broadcom NetXtreme P2100G Network Interface Card (NIC) has been validated by Bloombase InteropLab to run with Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall. This document describes the steps carried out to integrate Broadcom NetXtreme P2100G NIC with Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall software appliance on Dell PowerEdge Intel Xeon Server to deliver high-bandwidth, low-latency application-transparent storage encryption using Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC) technologies for mission critical applications. Client host system Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 8.6 has been tested with the Broadcom NetXtreme P2100G NIC and Bloombase StoreSafe data-at-rest encryption solution to secure storage backend via Non-Volatile Memory Express (NVMe) over RDMA over Converged Ethernet (NVMe/RoCE) and Non-Volatile Memory Express (NVMe) over Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) (NVMe/TCP) network storage protocols powered by Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 8.6 with Intel Solid State Drives (SSDs).

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Purpose and Scope

This document describes the steps necessary to integrate Broadcom NetXtreme P2100G NIC with Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall to deliver agentless, transparent encryption security of traditional storage systems and next-generation storage services for mission-critical applications. Specifically, we cover the following topics:

- Install and configure Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall software appliance
- Integrate Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall with Broadcom NetXtreme P2100G NIC
- Integrate Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 8.6 client host system and storage backend powered by Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 8.6 with Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall to demonstrate how high-bandwidth, low-latency, application-transparent data encryption could be achieved for NVMe/RoCE and NVMe/TCP storage protocols
- Functional and performance testing of data-at-rest encryption over NVMe/RoCE and NVMe/TCP protocols delivered by Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall with Broadcom NetXtreme P2100G NIC
- Performance tests are also done on Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall installed with Marvell FastLinQ
 QL45611HLCU NIC as comparison

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Assumptions

This document describes the integration of Broadcom NetXtreme P2100G NIC with Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall. It is assumed that you are familiar with operation of storage systems, and major operating systems including Linux, Microsoft Windows, IBM AIX, HP-UX and Oracle Sun Solaris. It is also assumed that you possess basic UNIX administration skills. The examples provided may require modifications before they are run under your version of operating system.

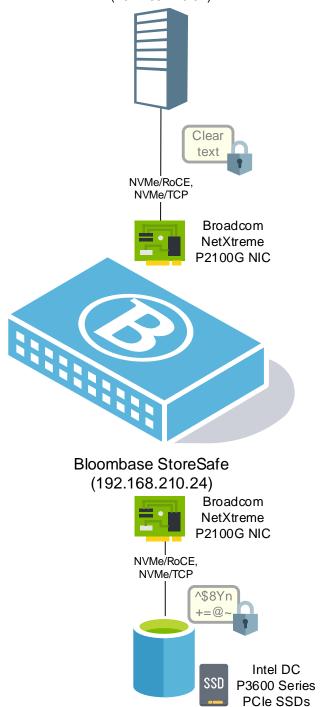
As Broadcom NetXtreme P2100G NIC is third party option to Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall data at-rest encryption security solution, you are recommended to refer to technical notes of Broadcom NetXtreme P2100G NIC for your actual use cases. We assume you have basic knowledge of storage networking and information cryptography. For specific technical product information of Bloombase StoreSafe, please refer to our website at https://www.bloombase.com and Bloombase SupPortal https://supportal.bloombase.com.

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Infrastructure

Setup

The integration discussed in this guide is based on the system block diagram below:



Storage Target on Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 8.6 (192.168.210.30)

Storage Encryption

Storage Encryption	Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall Software Appliance v3.4.9.0	
Server	Dell PowerEdge T150 Server	
Processor	Intel Xeon E-2378 2.6GHz processor	
Memory	64 GB	
Network Interface Card	Broadcom NetXtreme P2100G NIC	

Storage System

Storage System	NVMe over Fabrics (NVMe-oF) storage services on Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 8.6
Solid State Drives	Intel Solid State Drive DC P3600 Series PCIe NVMe SSDs

Storage Host

Client Host	Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 8.6	
Network Interface Card	Broadcom NetXtreme P2100G NIC	

Networking

Ethernet Switch	Celestica Seastone DXo1o 32-port 100GbE ONIE Switch
Cables	NVIDIA/Mellanox 100GbE QSFP28 DAC Cables

Configuration Overview

Network Configuration

Ethernet Switch Configuration

Celestica Seastone DX010 32-port 100GbE ONIE switch has been used in this integration testing.



Ports 24 and 28 of the 100Gb Ethernet switch are connected to the Broadcom NetXtreme P2100G NICs via DAC cables as shown in the SONiC console below.

```
admin@sonic:~$ sudo config vlan add 210
admin@sonic:~$ sudo config vlan member add -u 210 Ethernet24
admin@sonic:~$ sudo config vlan member add -u 210 Ethernet28
```

admin@sonic:~\$ show vlan b	cief			
VLAN ID IP Address	Ports	Port Tagging		DHCP Helper Address
210	Ethernet24	 untagged	+========= disabled	+========+
	Ethernet28 -+	untagged +	 +	 +

Interface	Lanes	Speed	MTU	FEC	Alias	Vlan	Oper	Admin	Туре	Asym PFC
Ethernet0	65,66,67,68	100G	9100	rs	Eth1	trunk	down	up	N/A	N/A
Ethernet4	69,70,71,72	100G	9100	rs	Eth2	trunk	up	up	QSFP28 or later	N/A
Ethernet8	73,74,75,76	100G	9100	N/A	Eth3	trunk	down	up	N/A	N/A
Ethernet12	77,78,79,80	100G	9100	rs	Eth4	trunk	up	up	QSFP28 or later	N/A
Ethernet16	33,34,35,36	100G	9100	rs	Eth5	trunk	down	up	QSFP28 or later	N/A
Ethernet20	37,38,39,40	100G	9100	N/A	Eth6	trunk	down	up	N/A	N/A
Ethernet24	41,42,43,44	100G	9100	N/A	Eth7	trunk	up	up	QSFP28 or later	N/A
Ethernet28	45, 46, 47, 48	100G	9100	N/A	Eth8	trunk	up	au	OSFP28 or later	N/A

```
Ethernet24: SFP EEPROM detected
Application Advertisement: N/A
Connector: No separable connector
Encoding: Unspecified
Extended Identifier: Power Class 1(1.5W max)
Extended RateSelect Compliance: QSFP+ Rate Select Version 1
Identifier: QSFP28 or later
Length Cable Assembly(m): 2
Nominal Bit Rate(100Mbs): 255
Specification compliance:
Extended Specification compliance: 100GBASE-CR4, 25GBASE-CR CA-25G-L or 50GBASE-CR2
with RS

Vendor Date Code(YYYY-MM-DD Lot): 2021-12-06
Vendor Name: FS
Vendor OUI: 00-02-c9
Vendor PN: Q28-PC02
Vendor Rev: A2
Vendor SN: G2140009608-2
```

Direct Attach Copper (DAC) Cable

NVIDIA/Mellanox 100GbE QSFP28 DAC cables have been used in this interoperability testing.

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100G Network Interface Card (NIC)

Broadcom NetXtreme P2100 NIC has been used in this integration testing.



Broadcom NetXtreme P2100 NIC Installation and Configuration

Install and configure Broadcom NetXtreme P2100 NIC using automated driver installer.

```
[root@bb024 ~]# cd software/bcm_222.1.68.0/Linux/Linux_Installer/
[root@bb024 Linux_Installer]# bash install.sh -i ens2f0np0
Starting installation, see install.log for details
```

```
[root@bb024 ~]# lspci | grep Broadcom
01:00.0 Ethernet controller: Broadcom Inc. and subsidiaries BCM57508 NetXtreme-E 10Gb/25Gb/40Gb/50Gb/100Gb/200Gb Ethernet (rev 11)
01:00.1 Ethernet controller: Broadcom Inc. and subsidiaries BCM57508 NetXtreme-E 10Gb/25Gb/40Gb/50Gb/100Gb/200Gb Ethernet (rev 11)
```

```
Hardware version: 0x14e4
        SM lid: 0
```

NVMe over Fabrics (NVMe-oF) Storage Backend

Solid State Drive (SSD)

Intel Solid State Drive DC P3600 Series PCIe NVMe SSDs have been used in this testing.



Linux NVMe-oF Storage Target

Linux NVMe-oF target software is used to be the storage backend secured by Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall.

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```
[root@bb024 ~] # nvme discover -t rdma -a 192.168.210.32 -s 4420

Discovery Log Number of Records 2, Generation counter 2
====Discovery Log Entry 0======

trype: rdma
adrfam: ipv4
subtype: nvme subsystem
treq: not required
portid: 1
trsvcid: 4420
subnqn: nqn.2022-06.io.nvme:nodel
traddr: 192.168.210.32
rdma_prtype: not specified
rdma_cms: rdma-cm
rdma_cms: rdma-cm
rdma_pkey: 0x0000
====Discovery Log Entry 1======

trype: tcp
adrfam: ipv4
subtype: nvme subsystem
treq: not required
portid: 0
trsvcid: 4420
subnqn: nqn.2022-06.io.nvme:nodel
traddr: 192.168.210.32
sectype: none
```

Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall

Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall delivers unified data at-rest encryption security of files, block devices, objects, sequential storages, etc. In this interoperability test, NVMe/RoCE and NVMe/TCP block-based encryption security services are validated against Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall with 100GbE connectivity powered by Broadcom NetXtreme P2100G NIC.

Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall software appliance is deployed on bare metal Dell PowerEdge T150 Server.

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Broadcom NetXtreme P2100G NIC and Bloombase StoreSafe Integration

Broadcom NetXtreme P2100G NIC is installed on Dell PowerEdge T150 Server running Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall Software Appliance v3.4.9.0.

```
[root@bb024 ~] # lshw -class network -short | grep ens2f0np0
/0/100/1/0 ens2f0np0 network BCM57508 NetXtreme-E 10Gb/25Gb/40Gb/50Gb/100Gb/200Gb Et
hernet
[root@bb024 ~] # ifconfig ens2f0np0
ens2f0np0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.211.24 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.211.255
    inet6 fe80::8616:cff:fe6b:3c90 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 84:16:0c:6b:3c:90 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 572 bytes 73450 (71.7 KiB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 1932 bytes 2376292 (2.2 MiB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

```
[root@bb024 ~]# lspci | grep Broadcom
01:00.0 Ethernet controller: Broadcom Inc. and subsidiaries BCM57508 NetXtreme-E 10Gb/25Gb/40Gb/50Gb/100Gb/200Gb Ethernet (rev 11)
01:00.1 Ethernet controller: Broadcom Inc. and subsidiaries BCM57508 NetXtreme-E 10Gb/25Gb/40Gb/50Gb/100Gb/200Gb Ethernet (rev 11)
```

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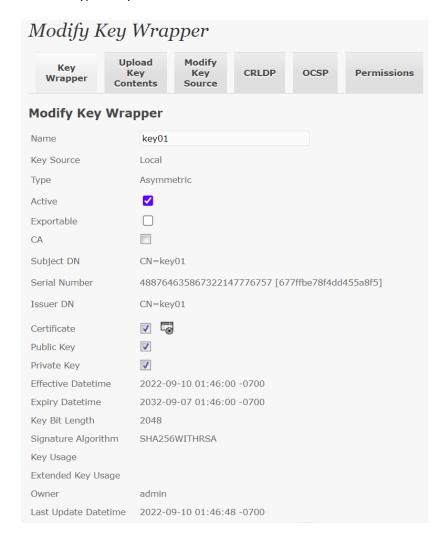
Key Generation

Create an encryption key with name keyo1. Choose the algorithm, key bit length, and signature hash.

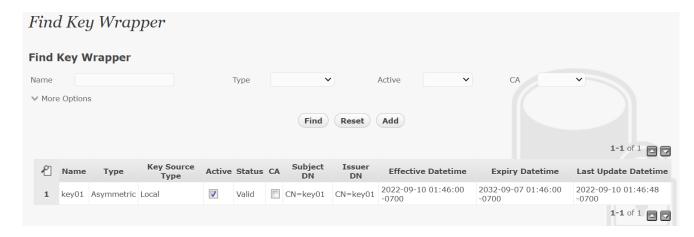
Modify Key Wrapper				
Key Wrapper	Upload Modify Key Key CRLDP OCSP Permissions Contents Source			
Modify Key V	Vrapper			
Name	key01			
Key Source	Local			
Туре	Asymmetric			
Active				
Exportable				
Algorithm	RSA 🔻			
Key Bit Length	2048 🗸			
Signature Hash	SHA256 ✔			
Key Usage	 □ Digital Signature □ Non Repudiation □ Key Encipherment □ Data Encipherment □ Key Agreement □ Key Cert Sign □ CRL Sign □ Encipher Only □ Decipher Only 			
Extended Key Usag	ge Add Remove admin			
Last Update Dateti	me			
	Generate			

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Select "Generate" to create the encryption key.

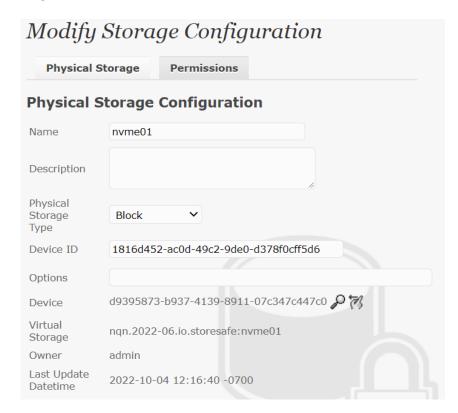


The newly created encryption key can be seen after successful generation.



Bloombase StoreSafe Data-at-Rest Encryption for NVMe/RoCE and NVMe/TCP Configuration

Physical storage with Intel Solid State Drive DC P3600 Series PCIe NVMe SSDs is configured to be secured by Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall.



Virtual storage with "NVMe" mode is created to secure the just configured physical storage.

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Select "Privacy" for protection type and select the encryption key. Choose the cipher algorithm and bit length.



Add clients' NVMe Qualified Name (NQN) that can access Bloombase StoreSafe virtual storage.

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Start Bloombase StoreSafe virtual storage.



Storage Client

Client host running Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 8.6 is used to access Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall virtual storage.

```
[root@bb027 ~]# uname -a
Linux bb027.ca.bloombase.com 4.18.0-372.9.1.el8.x86_64 #1 SMP Tue May 10 14:48:47 UTC 2022 x86_64 x8
6 64 x86 64 GNU/Linux
```

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Test Cases

Functional Tests for Data-at-Rest Encryption over NVMe/RoCE

Client that has appropriate access can discover Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall virtual storage over NVMe/RoCE protocol.

[root@bb027 ~]# nvme discover -t rdma -a 192.168.211.24 -s 4420 -q nqn.2014-08.org.nvmexpress:uuid:c f2eae42-6537-4891-85c2-77bbff4598b8

```
trtype: rdma
adrfam: ipv4
subtype: nvme subsystem
treq: not required
portid: 0
trsvcid: 4420
subnqn: nqn.2022-06.io.storesafe:nvme01
traddr: 192.168.211.24
rdma_prtype: not specified
rdma_qptype: connected
rdma_cms: rdma-cm
rdma_pkey: 0x0000
```

 $Connect\ client\ to\ Bloombase\ Store Safe\ Intelligent\ Storage\ Firewall\ virtual\ storage.$

```
[root@bb027 ~]# nvme connect -t rdma -a 192.168.211.24 -s 4420 -q nqn.2014-08.org.nvmexpress:uuid:c
2eae42-6537-4891-85c2-77bbff4598b8 -n nqn.2022-06.io.storesafe:nvme01
```

Ensure that Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall virtual storage is attached to the client after successful connection.

Format and mount Bloombase Storesafe Intelligent Storage Firewall virtual storage.

```
[root@bb027 ~]# mount /dev/nvme0n1 /nvme01
[root@bb027 ~]# mount | grep nvme01
/dev/nvme0n1 on /nvme01 type xfs (rw,relatime,seclabel,attr2,inode64,logbufs=8,logbsize=32k,noquota)
[root@bb027 ~]# cd /nvme01/
```

Read Test

Sample plaintext files have been pre-added into Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall virtual storage.

Trusted client is able to access and read plaintext files.

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```
LOCUS AQ721632 506 bp DNA linear GSS 09-MAY-2010
DEFINITION HS_5563_B1_B06_T7A RPCI-11 Human Male BAC Library Homo sapiens
genomic clone Plate=1139 Col=11 Row=D, genomic survey sequence.
ACCESSION AQ721632.
VERSION AQ721632.1
DBLINK BioSample: SAMN00183116
KEYWORDS GS.
SOURCE Homo sapiens (human)
ORGANISM Homo sapiens
Eukaryota; Metazoa; Chordata; Craniata; Vertebrata; Euteleostomi;
Mammalia; Eutheria; Euarchontoglires; Primates; Haplorrhini;
Catarrhini; Hominidae; Homo.

REFERENCE 1 (bases 1 to 506)
AUTHORS Mahairas, G.G., Wallace, J.C., Smith, K., Swartzell, S., Holzman, T.,
Keller, A., Shaker, R., Furlong, J., Young, J., Zhao, S., Adams, M.D. and
Hood, L.

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"100.seq" 601, 3201C
```

Any file/data stored via Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall virtual storage is seamlessly encrypted at the storage with zero operational impact to end users, system administrators and software applications.

```
|a....`H....X.|
|.*..D...".0...V.|
          61 cd fa af e1 12 60 48
                                    a0 b9
                                    22 d4 30 88 2e 1f 56 1a
         b4 2a 9e 8c 44 ee 9e 93
                                    1b dd 93 28 d3 a3 c7 fe
003919b0
                                    5c ca 0b 22 df 78 fd b3
         e9 ea 62 b0 dc a2 45 75
                                    03 09 33 6d eb 67 e2 7e
003919f0
         96 f0 3f 76 d4 a0 d4 6b
                                    7b 77 c4 1f d8 db 2d db
                                    c1 82 4c ad fe 3a 72 d1
                                    f4 ed a0 5d 78 75 d7 9b
         fe f8 7a dc 39 9f 87 75
                                    c4 cd f7 3c bd c2 43 7e
```

```
[root@bb024 ~]# hexdump -C /dev/nvme0n1 | grep SAMN00183116
[root@bb024 ~]#
```

Write Test

Create a new file to be secured by Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall.

```
[root@bb027 nvme01]# vi password.txt

My IRS password: iloveyou

My Citibank password: qwertyuiop

~
```

Trusted client is able to access and write files into Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall.

```
[root@bb027 nvme01]# ls -l | grep password.txt
-rw-r--r-. 1 root root 60 Oct 5 08:03 password.txt

[root@bb027 nvme01]# cat password.txt
My IRS password: iloveyou
My Citibank password: qwertyuiop
```

Any file/data stored via Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall virtual storage is seamlessly encrypted at the storage with zero operational impact to end users, system administrators and software applications.

```
02 c7 3f a3 51 2d 2b 7c
                                  2b 32 aa 5a 21 55 06 53
                                                            |..?.Q-+|+2.Z!U.S
                                  39 eb b0 96 bd d6 60 df
                                  96 bc 46 5f 6d 18 25 5c
                                                            |..b...Eu\.....x..
003919b0
         e9 ea 62 b0 dc a2 45 75
                                  5c ca 0b 22 df 78 fd b3
                                  fa a3 8d 65
         ab 5f 41 9a d4 bc 00 89
                                  6d 3b bb 1f 10 e0 c4 cb
         e4 b9 22 fa 61 4a 6e 7b
                                  c1 82 4c ad fe 3a 72 d1
         fe f8 7a dc 39 9f 87 75
                                  c4 cd f7 3c bd c2 43 7e
root@bb024 ~] # hexdump -C /dev/nvme0n1 | grep password
root@bb024 ~]#
```

Functional Tests for Data-at-Rest Encryption over NVMe/TCP

Client that has appropriate access can discover Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall virtual storage over NVMe/TCP protocol.

```
[root@bb027 ~]# nvme discover -t tcp -a 192.168.211.24 -s 4420 -q nqn.2014-08.org.nvmexpress:uuid:cf
2eae42-6537-4891-85c2-77bbff4598b8
```

```
trtype: tcp
adrfam: ipv4
subtype: nvme subsystem
treq: not required
portid: 1
trsvcid: 4420
subnqn: nqn.2022-06.io.storesafe:nvme01
traddr: 192.168.211.24
sectype: none
```

Connect client to Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall virtual storage.

```
[root@bb027 ~]# nvme connect -t tcp -a 192.168.211.24 -s 4420 -q nqn.2014-08.org.nvmexpress:uuid:cf2eae42-6537-4891-85c2-77bbff4598b8 -n nqn.2022-06.io.storesafe:nvme01
```

Ensure that Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall virtual storage is attached to the client after successful connection.

Format and mount Bloombase Storesafe Intelligent Storage Firewall virtual storage.

```
[root@bb027 ~]# mount /dev/nvme0n1 /nvme01
[root@bb027 ~]# mount | grep nvme01
/dev/nvme0n1 on /nvme01 type xfs (rw,relatime,seclabel,attr2,inode64,logbufs=8,logbsize=32k,noquota)
[root@bb027 ~]# cd /nvme01/
```

Read Test

Sample plaintext files have been pre-added into Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall virtual storage.

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Trusted client is able to access and read plaintext files.

Any file/data stored via Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall virtual storage is seamlessly encrypted at the storage with zero operational impact to end users, system administrators and software applications.

```
root@bb024 ~]# hexdump -C /dev/nvme0n1
         61 cd fa af e1 12 60 48
                                  a0 b9 07 ee 96 c4
                                  22 d4 30 88 2e 1f 56 1a
                                  1b dd 93 28 d3 a3 c7 fe
        b0 bf dd 43 32 a2 30 49
                                  fc ce c7 e2 8a 51 fe 9d
        1c af 55 9e 50 bc 4c a9
                                  39 eb b0 96 bd d6 60 df
        05 19 15 26 0f 1c 70 f4
                                  03 09 33 6d eb 67 e2 7e
                 76 d4 a0 d4 6b
                                           1f d8 db 2d db
         ab 5f 41 9a d4 bc 00 89
         4d e0 a6 28 ab 3e e6 5a
                                  fa ad fe 20 9a 9d ca cd
                                  f4 ed a0 5d 78 75 d7 9b
```

```
[root@bb024 ~]# hexdump -C /dev/nvme0n1 | grep SAMN00183116
[root@bb024 ~]#
```

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Write Test

Create a new file to be secured by Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall.

```
[root@bb027 nvme01]# vi password.txt

My IRS password: iloveyou

My Citibank password: qwertyuiop

~
~
```

Trusted client is able to access and write files into Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall.

Any file/data stored via Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall virtual storage is seamlessly encrypted at the storage with zero operational impact to end users, system administrators and software applications.

Throughput Tests for Data-at-Rest Encryption over NVMe/RoCE

Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall equipped with Broadcom NetXtreme P2100G NIC provides encryption over NVMe/RoCE with high throughput.

FIO benchmarking tool is used to generate high number of I/Os and bytes to accurately test Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall virtual storage performance.

Read Test

Read throughput test is performed using fio with below test parameters:

```
[root@bb027 ~]# cat readthroughput.fio
[global]
bs=1M
iodepth=1
direct=1
ioengine=libaio
group_reporting
time_based
runtime=180
numjobs=1
name=readthroughput
rw=randread
[job1]
filename=/dev/nvme0n1
```

```
Run status group 0 (all jobs):
READ: bw=858MiB/s (900MB/s), 858MiB/s-858MiB/s (900MB/s-900MB/s), io=151GiB (162GB), run=180002-1
80002msec
```

Write Test

Write throughput test is performed using fio with below test parameters:

```
[root@bb027 ~] # cat writethroughput.fio
[global]
bs=1M
iodepth=1
direct=1
ioengine=libaio
group_reporting
time_based
runtime=180
numjobs=1
name=writethroughput
rw=randwrite

[job1]
filename=/dev/nyme0n1
```

```
Run status group 0 (all jobs):
WRITE: bw=999MiB/s (1047MB/s), 999MiB/s-999MiB/s (1047MB/s-1047MB/s), io=176GiB (188GB), run=18000
1-180001msec
```

Throughput Tests for Data-at-Rest Encryption over NVMe/TCP

Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall equipped with Broadcom NetXtreme P2100G NIC provides encryption over NVMe/TCP with high throughput.

Read Test

Read throughput test is performed using fio with below test parameters:

```
[root@bb027 ~]# cat readthroughput.fio
[global]
bs=1M
iodepth=1
direct=1
ioengine=libaio
group_reporting
time_based
runtime=180
numjobs=1
name=readthroughput
rw=randread
[job1]
filename=/dev/nvme0n1
```

```
Run status group 0 (all jobs):
READ: bw=730MiB/s (765MB/s), 730MiB/s-730MiB/s (765MB/s-765MB/s), io=128GiB (138GB), run=180001-1
80001msec
```

Write Test

Write throughput test is performed using fio with below test parameters:

```
[root@bb027 ~]# cat writethroughput.fio
[global]
bs=1M
iodepth=1
direct=1
ioengine=libaio
group_reporting
time_based
runtime=180
numjobs=1
name=writethroughput
rw=randwrite
[job1]
filename=/dev/nvme0n1
```

```
Run status group 0 (all jobs):
WRITE: bw=831MiB/s (872MB/s), 831MiB/s-831MiB/s (872MB/s-872MB/s), io=146GiB (157GB), run=180001-1
80001msec
```

Latency Tests for Data-at-Rest Encryption over NVMe/RoCE

Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall equipped with Broadcom NetXtreme P2100G NIC provides encryption over NVMe/RoCE with low latency.

Read Test

Read latency test is performed using fio with below test parameters:

```
[root@bb027 ~] # cat readlatency.fio
[global]
bs=4K
iodepth=1
direct=1
ioengine=libaio
group_reporting
time_based
runtime=180
numjobs=1
name=readlatency
rw=randread
[job1]
filename=/dev/nvme0n1
```

Write Test

Write latency test is performed using fio with below test parameters:

```
[root@bb027 ~] # cat writelatency.fio
[global]
bs=4K
iodepth=1
direct=1
ioengine=libaio
group_reporting
time_based
runtime=180
numjobs=1
name=writelatency
rw=randwrite
[job1]
filename=/dev/nvme0n1
```

Latency Tests for Data-at-Rest Encryption over NVMe/TCP

Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall equipped with Broadcom NetXtreme P2100G NIC provides encryption over NVMe/TCP with low latency.

Read Test

Read latency test is performed using fio with below test parameters:

```
[root@bb027 ~]# cat readlatency.fio
[global]
bs=4K
iodepth=1
direct=1
ioengine=libaio
group_reporting
time_based
runtime=180
numjobs=1
name=readlatency
rw=randread
[job1]
filename=/dev/nvme0n1
```

Write Test

Write latency test is performed using fio with below test parameters:

```
[root@bb027 ~]# cat writelatency.fio
[global]
bs=4K
iodepth=1
direct=1
ioengine=libaio
group_reporting
time_based
runtime=180
numjobs=1
name=writelatency
rw=randwrite
[job1]
filename=/dev/nvme0n1
```

Throughput and Latency Comparisons of Bloombase StoreSafe Data-at-Rest Encryption using Broadcom NetXtreme P2100G vs Marvell FastLinQ QL45611HLCU

The Broadcom NetXtreme P2100G NICs previously installed at the Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall hardware appliance and the storage client are swapped out by Marvell FastLinQ QL45611HLCU with throughput and latency tests redone.

For details of tests on Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall with Marvell FastLinQ QL45611HLCU, please refer to Appendix A.

The test results are entered into the grids below.

Throughput Test Results

Test	Broadcom NetXtreme P2100G	Marvell FastLinQ QL45611HLCU
NVMe/RoCE Read	986 MB/s	939 MB/s (-4.77%)
NVMe/RoCE Write	1047 MB/s	1029 MB/s (-1.72%)

NVMe/TCP Read	765 MB/s	738 MB/s (-3.52%)
NVMe/TCP Write	872 MB/s	851 MB/s (-2.41%)

Latency Test Results

Test	Broadcom NetXtreme P2100G	Marvell FastLinQ QL45611HLCU
NVMe/RoCE Read	78.82 us	84.19 us (+6.81%)
NVMe/RoCE Write	34.26 us	44.62 us (+30.24%)
NVMe/TCP Read	99.84 us	141.50 us (+41.73%)
NVMe/TCP Write	49.44 us	58.63 us (+18.59%)

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Conclusion

In this integration guide, we have shown how to set up Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall with Broadcom NetXtreme P2100G NIC to deliver on-the-fly encryption over NVMe-oF storage protocols. The end result is a high-bandwidth, low-latency storage encryption solution that locks down sensitive crown-jewel data on all-flash storage (AFS) using post-quantum cryptography (PQC) cipher algorithms. The solution helps organizations mitigate information exfiltration threats for mission-critical systems and data services.

As a summary,

Broadcom NetXtreme P2100G NIC

has been integrated with Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall to deliver encryption security of NVMe/RoCE and NVMe/TCP storage services for Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 8.6.

Bloombase Product	Client Host and Storage Backend	Network
Bloombase StoreSafe Intelligent Storage Firewall	• Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 8.6	Broadcom NetXtreme P2100G NIC
- •	 NVMe/RoCE storage services on Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 8.6 with Intel Solid State Drive DC P3600 Series PCIe 	 Celestica Seastone DXo10 32-port 100GbE ONIE Switch

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NVMe SSD

- NVMe/TCP storage services on Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 8.6 with Intel Solid State Drive DC P3600 Series PCIe NVMe SSD
- NVIDIA/Mellanox 100GbE QSFP28 DAC Cables

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Disclaimer

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

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Appendix A – Bloombase StoreSafe with Marvell FastLinQ QL45611HLCU

Throughput Tests for Data-at-Rest Encryption over NVMe/RoCE

Read Test

```
Run status group 0 (all jobs):
READ: bw=1698KiB/s (1739kB/s), 1698KiB/s-1698KiB/s (1739kB/s-1739kB/s), io=301MiB (316MB), run=18
1500-181500msec
```

Write Test

Run status group 0 (all jobs):
WRITE: bw=981MiB/s (1029MB/s), 981MiB/s-981MiB/s (1029MB/s-1029MB/s), io=172GiB (185GB), run=18000

Throughput Tests for Data-at-Rest Encryption over NVMe/TCP

Read Test

```
Run status group 0 (all jobs):
READ: bw=704MiB/s (738MB/s), 704MiB/s-704MiB/s (738MB/s-738MB/s), io=124GiB (133GB), run=180001-1
80001msec
```

Write Test

```
Run status group 0 (all jobs):
WRITE: bw=812MiB/s (851MB/s), 812MiB/s-812MiB/s (851MB/s-851MB/s), io=143GiB (153GB), run=180001-1
80001msec
```

Latency Tests for Data-at-Rest Encryption over NVMe/RoCE

Read Test

```
slat (nsec): min=2538, max=39920, avg=4452.80, stdev=2164.45
    clat (usec): min=39, max=3182, avg=79.59, stdev=21.61
    lat (usec): min=56, max=3188, avg=84.19, stdev=21.75
    clat percentiles (usec):
    | 1.00th=[ 64], 5.00th=[ 64], 10.00th=[ 65], 20.00th=[ 65],
    | 30.00th=[ 65], 40.00th=[ 69], 50.00th=[ 69], 60.00th=[ 70],
    | 70.00th=[ 80], 80.00th=[ 104], 90.00th=[ 117], 95.00th=[ 125],
    | 99.00th=[ 133], 99.50th=[ 139], 99.90th=[ 143], 99.95th=[ 145],
    | 99.99th=[ 151]
    bw ( KiB/s): min=46744, max=47624, per=100.00%, avg=47013.48, stdev=133.23, samples=359
    iops : min=11686, max=11906, avg=11753.37, stdev=33.31, samples=359
    lat (usec) : 50=0.01%, 100=77.81%, 250=22.19%, 500=0.01%, 750=0.01%
    lat (usec) : 1000=0.01%
    lat (usec) : 4=0.01%
    cpu : usr=4.02%, sys=8.39%, ctx=2112774, majf=0, minf=12
    lo depths : 1=100.0%, 2=0.0%, 4=0.0%, 8=0.0%, 16=0.0%, 32=0.0%, >=64=0.0%
        submit : 0=0.0%, 4=100.0%, 8=0.0%, 16=0.0%, 32=0.0%, 64=0.0%, >=64=0.0%
        complete : 0=0.0%, 4=100.0%, 8=0.0%, 16=0.0%, 32=0.0%, 64=0.0%, >=64=0.0%
        issued rwts: total=2112768,0,0,0 short=0,0,0,0 dropped=0,0,0,0
        latency : target=0, window=0, percentile=100.00%, depth=1

Run status group 0 (all jobs):
        READ: bw=45.8MiB/s (48.1MB/s), 45.8MiB/s-45.8MiB/s (48.1MB/s-48.1MB/s), io=8253MiB (8654MB), run=
180001-180001msec

Disk stats (read/write):
        nvme0n1: ios=2111414/0, merge=0/0, ticks=165350/0, in_queue=165350, util=100.00%
```

Write Test

Latency Tests for Data-at-Rest Encryption over NVMe/TCP

Read Test

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Write Test

```
slat (nsec): min=3428, max=77275, avg=4044.29, stdev=1033.78
clat (usec): min=33, max=7005, avg=54.43, stdev=14.49
  lat (usec): min=51, max=7009, avg=58.63, stdev=14.54
clat percentiles (nsec):
  | 1.00th=[46848], 5.00th=[52480], 10.00th=[52480], 20.00th=[52992],
  | 30.00th=[53504], 40.00th=[54528], 50.00th=[54528], 60.00th=[54528],
  | 70.00th=[54528], 80.00th=[55040], 90.00th=[55040], 95.00th=[55552],
  | 99.00th=[69120], 99.50th=[72192], 99.90th=[82432], 99.95th=[83456],
  | 99.99th=[91648]
bw ( KiB/s): min=65144, max=73056, per=100.00%, avg=66815.77, stdev=1040.31, samples=359
iops : min=16286, max=18264, avg=16703.94, stdev=260.08, samples=359
lat (usec) : 50=2.32%, 100=97.68%, 250=0.01%, 500=0.01%
lat (msec) : 10=0.01%
cpu : usr=6.08%, sys=8.77%, ctx=3002874, majf=0, minf=12
IO depths : 1=100.0%, 2=0.0%, 4=0.0%, 8=0.0%, 16=0.0%, 32=0.0%, >=64=0.0%
  submit : 0=0.0%, 4=100.0%, 8=0.0%, 16=0.0%, 32=0.0%, 64=0.0%, >=64=0.0%
  complete : 0=0.0%, 4=100.0%, 8=0.0%, 16=0.0%, 32=0.0%, 64=0.0%, >=64=0.0%
  issued rwts: total=0,3002866,0,0 short=0,0,0,0 dropped=0,0,0,0
  latency : target=0, window=0, percentile=100.00%, depth=1
Run status group 0 (all jobs):

WRITE: bw=65.2MiB/s (68.3MB/s), 65.2MiB/s-65.2MiB/s (68.3MB/s-68.3MB/s), io=11.5GiB (12.3GB), run=
180001-180001msec
```