



# Hardware Management unter Tru64 UNIX

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- Hardware Management Overview
- Hardware Management Databases and Data files
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## Vocabulary

- CDSL – Context Dependent Symbolic Link; unique file for each cluster member
- Hardware Set – An in-memory repository of hardware that is currently present and known to the system
- HWC Module – Hardware Component Module – provides kernel services for hardware management
- KSM – Kernel Set Manager – provides access to kernel data from user space
- devt – unique identifier associated with a device special file; composed of 2 numeric values: major number identifies driver; minor number identifies device instance
- hwmgr – CLI to manage system hardware
- dsfmgr – CLI to manage device special files

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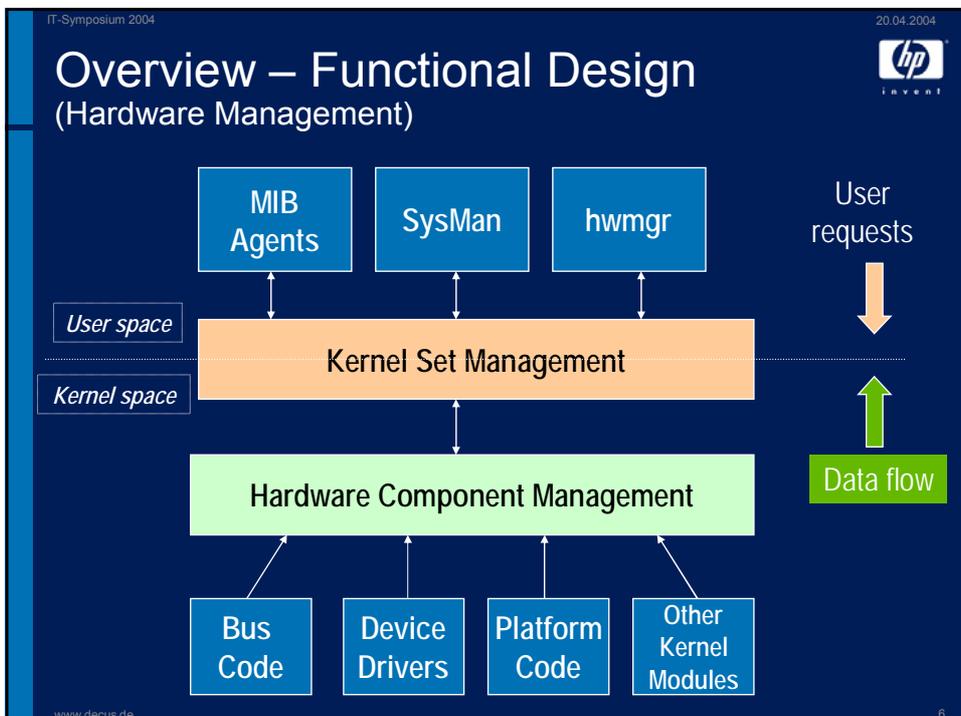
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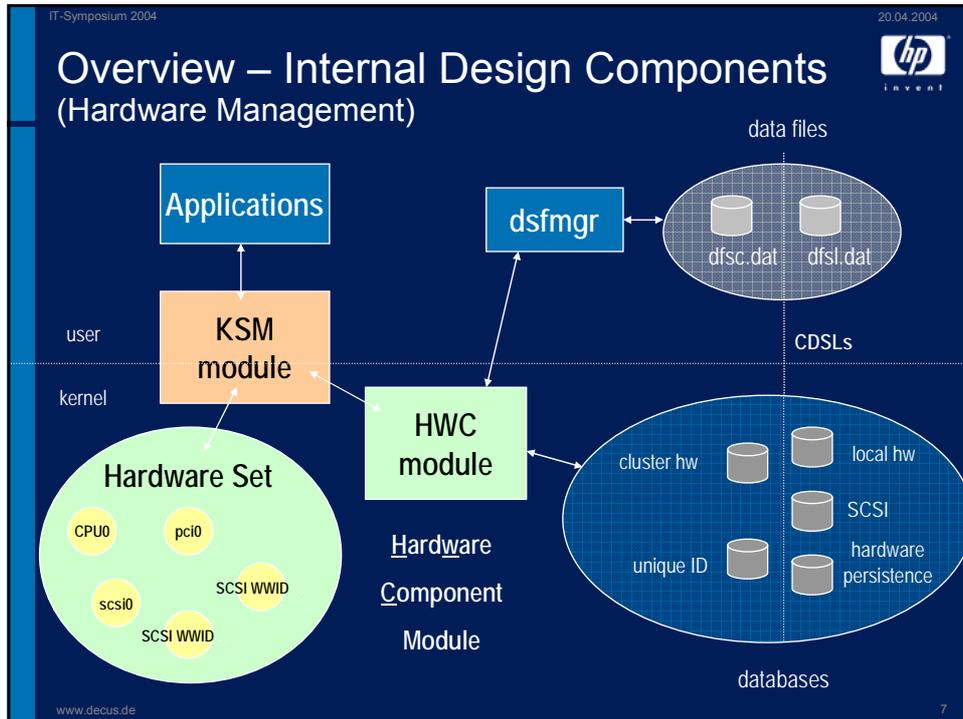
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## Hardware Management Overview

- What services does hardware management provide ?
  - Automatic Device Recognition
  - Device Special File (Cluster-wide unique/accessible)
  - Per-device properties (attributes)
  - Topology information (hierarchy)
  - Category (type-based)
  - MIB Relationships
  - Online Addition and Replacement (OLAR)
  - Hardware Databases

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## Hardware Management Databases

- What are the databases?
- What's in these databases?
- What is the relationship between these databases?

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## Hardware Databases

- **Hardware Component Databases**
  - /etc/dec\_hwc\_ldb (binary) (CDSL)
  - /etc/dec\_hwc\_cdb (binary) (Cluster)
- **SCSI Device Database**
  - /etc/dec\_scsi\_db (binary) (CDSL)
- **Hardware Persistence Database**
  - /etc/dec\_hw\_db (binary) (CDSL)
- **Device Special File Data Files**
  - /etc/dfs1.dat (text) (CDSL)
  - /etc/dfsc.dat (text) (Cluster)
- **Device Switch Table Database**
  - /etc/dec\_devsw\_db (binary) (CDSL)
- **Unique ID Database**
  - /etc/dec\_unid\_db (binary) (Cluster)

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## Hardware Component Databases

- Provides persistent registry for system hardware
- Local Database: **/etc/dec\_hwc\_ldb** (binary)
  - Contains all the hardware components that have *ever* been registered on this system/member
- Key Command
  - hwmgr –show component
- Cluster Database: **/etc/dec\_hwc\_cdb** (binary)
  - Contains all the hardware components that are accessible by all members within the cluster
- Key Command
  - hwmgr –show component -cluster

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## SCSI Device Database

- File: **/etc/dec\_scsi\_db** (binary, CDSL)
- stores the world-wide identifier (WWID) of SCSI devices and enables CAM to track all SCSI devices that are known to the system
- owned by SCSI/CAM
- Key Command
  - hwmgr –show scsi
  - hwmgr –show scsi –id <#> -full
- Example
  - The way to remove a stale scsi path
    - hwmgr –refresh scsi

*There is a deficiency in the current scsi database where the first path even if **stale** will not be removed !*

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## Hardware Persistence Database ( Name Database )

- File: `/etc/dec_hw_db`(binary, CDSL)
- contains hardware persistence information.  
Generally, this refers to hardware such as buses or controllers
- Used by hardware discovery process to provide permanence to bus/slot based hardware
- Key Command:
  - `hwmgr -show name`

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## Device Special File Data Files

- Files (text)
  - `/etc/dfsc.dat` (Cluster)
  - `/etc/dfsl.dat` (CDSL)
- Contains devt (device type) and device special file informations
- Key Command
  - `dsfmgr -s`

*It is not recommended that these files are edited by hand due to the interdependencies and the hardware databases !*

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## Device Switch Table Database

- File: `/etc/dec_devsw_db` (binary, CDSL)
- keeps track of the driver major numbers and driver switch entries
- owned by the kernel dev switch code
- Key Command
  - `devswmgr -getnum`

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## Unique ID Database

- File: `/etc/dec_unid_db` (binary, Cluster)
- stores the preceding highest hardware identifier (HWID) assigned to a hardware component
- database is used to generate the next HWID to be assigned to a newly-installed hardware component.

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## Database Inter Dependencies

- Hardware Persistence Database Entry

|      |                  |                      |  |  |
|------|------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| Name | Persistence Type | Persistence Location |  |  |
|------|------------------|----------------------|--|--|

Hardware Database

|             |            |             |              |               |
|-------------|------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| HW ID       | Name       | flags       |              | Entry         |
| dsfgroup ID | dsfgroup   | group flags |              |               |
| devnode ID  | local devt | local flags | cluster devt | cluster flags |

Device Entry Format

|        |            |              |       |       |       |      |          |          |
|--------|------------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|------|----------|----------|
| Status | local devt | cluster devt | HW ID | BN ID | DN ID | Type | Old name | New name |
|--------|------------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|------|----------|----------|

SCSI Database

|              |                           |             |
|--------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| SCSI DID     | WWID (binary format)      | Device type |
| Path Entry 0 | Location (bus/target/lun) | Path State  |

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**Troubleshooting Techniques**

- *Hardware Management Tools*
  - *hwmgr (8)* ( most important )
  - *dsfmgr (8)* ( most important )
  - *emxmgr (8)*
  - *scu (8)*
- *What's in the database?*
  - Displaying database contents
- *Are the databases ok?*
  - Validating databases
  - Correcting/cleaning databases
- *More information?*
  - Hardware Component information
  - SCSI information
  - Hardware Configuration changes
  - Device Special File information

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**Troubleshooting Techniques (cont)**

- **Hardware Management Tools**
  - **hwmgr (8)**
    - hwmgr is the command which can be used to view, add, replace and troubleshoot devices.
    - Used to manage your hardware components.
    - Never automatically invoked.
    - Provides a command line interface.
  - **dsfmgr (8)**
    - Used to manage your device special files.
    - Invoked during installation and each boot.
    - Provides a command line interface.

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## Troubleshooting Techniques (cont)

- **Hardware Management Tools**
  - emxmgr (8)
    - Useful utility to obtain topology information for your Fibrechannel environment.
    - Allows you to see which FC ports have logged in and which remote ports they are logged into.
  - scu (8)
    - This utility can be used to view device specific information such as SCSI mode pages, persistent reservations in a cluster environment, etc..
    - It can also be used to set certain SCSI mode pages.

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## Troubleshooting Techniques (cont)

- *What's in the database?*
  - Display Database Contents

| <i>Database</i>                       | <i>Command</i>   |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Hardware (local &amp; cluster)</b> | hwmgr –show comp |
| <b>SCSI</b>                           | hwmgr –show scsi |
| <b>Name (persistence)</b>             | hwmgr –show name |
| <b>Device Special File</b>            | dsfmgr -s        |

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**Display contents of Hardware Database  
( Example )**

  
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tagque> hwmgr -show comp
-----
HWID:  HOSTNAME  FLAGS SERVICE COMPONENT NAME
-----
  1:  tagque     r---- none   COMPAQ AlphaServer DS10 466 MHz
  2:  tagque     r---- none   CPU0
  3:  tagque     r-d-- none   scp
  4:  tagque     r-d-- none   kevm
  5:  tagque     r---- none   pci0
  6:  tagque     r---- none   pci0slot1
  7:  tagque     ----- none   Unconfigured-device-(<NULL>)-at-pci0slot1
 25:  tagque     r---- none   isa0
 26:  tagque     r---- none   isa0slot0
 36:  tagque     r---- none   fdio
 37:  tagque     r-d-- iomap  FDI-fdio-unit-0
 38:  tagque     r---- none   tu0
 40:  tagque     r---- none   ata0
 41:  tagque     r---- none   scsi0
 42:  tagque     r---- none   scsi1
 43:  tagque     ----- none   itpsa0
 44:  tagque     r---- none   scsi2
 50:  tagque     r-d-- iomap  SCSI-WWID:0710002c:"COMPAQ CDR 8435:d05b000t00000100000"
 51:  tagque     rcds- iomap  SCSI-WWID:0c000008:0020-37ff-fe5f-66cc
 52:  tagque     rcd-- iomap  SCSI-WWID:0c000008:4d41-4739-d301-8034
 53:  tagque     rcd-i iomap  SCSI-WWID:0c000008:4d41-4739-d301-8037
 54:  tagque     -cd-- iomap  SCSI-WWID:0c000008:0020-37ff-fe5e-2280
 57:  tagque     r---- none   itpsa1
 61:  tagque     -cd-- iomap  SCSI-WWID:0c000008:0020-37ff-fe5e-2632
-----

```

Hardware database is a correlated output of both the cluster and local database.  
In a cluster the "-cluster" option will coalesce the database information for the entire cluster  
(i.e. merge in all the local hardware databases and the cluster database in one output).

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**Display contents of SCSI Database  
( Example )**

  
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```

tagque# hwmgr -show scsi
-----
      SCSI
HWID: DEVICEID HOSTNAME  DEVICE  DEVICE  DRIVER  NUM  DEVICE  FIRST
      TYPE      SUBTYPE OWNER  PATH  FILE  VALID PATH
-----
  0:   6          tagque  cdrom   none    0    1    (null)
 50:  0          tagque  cdrom   none    0    1    cdrom0 [0/0/0]
 51:  1          tagque  disk    none    0    1    dsk0   [2/0/0]
 52:  2          tagque  disk    none    2    1    dsk1   [2/1/0]
 54:  4          tagque  disk    none    0    1    (null)
 61:  5          tagque  disk    none    0    1    (null)
 62:  3          tagque  disk    none    0    1    dsk2   [2/2/0]
-----

```

```

tagque# hwmgr -show comp -nr
-----
HWID:  HOSTNAME  FLAGS SERVICE COMPONENT NAME
-----
  1:  tagque     ----- none   COMPAQ AlphaServer DS10 466 MHz
  7:  tagque     ----- none   Unconfigured-device-(<NULL>)-at-pci0slot1
 17:  tagque     ----- none   Unconfigured-device-(<NULL>)-at-pci0slot14
 45:  tagque     ----- none   isp0
 54:  tagque     -cd-- iomap  SCSI-WWID:0c000008:0020-37ff-fe5e-2280
 57:  tagque     ----- none   itpsa1
 58:  tagque     ----- none   isp1
 61:  tagque     -cd-- iomap  SCSI-WWID:0c000008:0020-37ff-fe5e-2632
-----

```

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## Troubleshooting Techniques (cont)

- *Are the databases ok?*
  - Validating databases

| Database                              | Command  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Hardware (local &amp; cluster)</b> | hwmgr -show comp -i<br>hwmgr -show comp -i -full |
| <b>Device Special File</b>            | dsfmgr -v  |

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## Troubleshooting Techniques (cont)

- *Are the databases ok?*
  - Correcting/cleaning databases

| Description   | Command                                    |
|---|--|
| <b>Fix inconsistencies in the Device Special File data files</b>          | dsfmgr -vF                                 |
| <b>Remove entry from all databases and data files</b>                     | hwmgr -delete comp -id <#>                 |
| <b>Purge all non-registered entries from every database and data file</b> | hwmgr -refresh comp<br>hwmgr -refresh scsi |

**CAUTION !**

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## Troubleshooting Techniques (cont)

- **Hardware Component Specific Commands**

| Description   | Command                       |
|---|-------------------------------|
| <b>Display extended hardware database information</b>                   | hwmgr -show comp -id<#> -full |
| <b>List component attributes/properties</b>                             | hwmgr -get attr -id<#>        |
| <b>Display the Hardware Set (hierarchy view)</b>                        | hwmgr -view hierarchy         |
| <b>Display components in the Hardware Set with device special files</b> | hwmgr -view devices           |

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## Troubleshooting Techniques (cont)

- **SCSI Device Specific Commands**

| Description   | Command  |
|---|--|
| <b>Display extended SCSI Database information</b><br><i>Displays SCSI WWID in text</i><br><i>Displays SCSI Path information</i> | hwmgr -show scsi -full<br>hwmgr -show scsi -did<#> -full<br>hwmgr -show scsi -id <#> -full |
| <b>Remove stale paths</b><br><b>CAUTION !</b>   | hwmgr -refresh scsi  |

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## Troubleshooting Techniques (cont)

- **Device Special File Specific Commands**

| <i>Description</i>   | <i>Command</i>   |
|--|--|
| <b>Remove Device Special File entry</b>  | <code>dsfmgr -R hwid &lt;#&gt;</code>  |
| <b>Rename Device Special Files</b><br>-m move<br>-e exchange                     | <code>dsfmgr -m &lt;bn_1&gt; &lt;bn_2&gt;</code><br><code>dsfmgr -e &lt;bn_1&gt; &lt;bn_2&gt;</code> |
| <b>List devt information</b><br>-l cluster devt (if available)<br>-ID local devt | <code>ls -l &lt;device_special_file&gt;</code><br><code>ls -ID &lt;device_special_file&gt;</code>    |

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## Example 1

- Commands to build a new HW-DB on a single system
  - boot -fl s <bootdisk>
  - mountroot
  - rm /etc/dec\* /etc/dfsc\* /etc/dc\*
  - cd /cluster/members/member/dev; ./MAKEDEV std
  - rm /cluster/members/member/etc/dfsl\*
  - rm /cluster/members/member/.Booted
  - cd /devices
  - rm -rf disk rdisk tape ntape cport dmapl changer
  - init 0; boot -fl s <bootdisk>
  - mountroot
  - dn\_setup -init
  - dsfmgr -K
  - dsfmgr -v # optionally -vF
  - hwmgr -show scsi
  - bcheckrc # fix if necessary links in /etc/fdmns
  - lmf reset
  - cdslnvchk # Fix problems NOW
  - init 3

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## Example 2

- How to rebuild HW-DB on single system with LSM
  - boot -fl s <bootdisk>
  - bcheckrc
  - volplex -v <root-volume> dis <root-plex> # (remove plex from root)
  - rm /etc/dec\* /etc/dfsc\* /etc/dc\*
  - cd /cluster/members/member/dev/
  - ./MAKEDEV std
  - rm /cluster/members/member/etc/dfsl\*
  - rm /cluster/members/member/.Booted
  - cd /devices
  - rm -rf disk rdisk tape ntape cport dmapl changer
  - init 0

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## Example 2 (cont.)

```
- boot -fl s <bootdisk>
- mountroot
- dn_setup -init
- dsfmgr -K
- dsfmgr -v                # optionally -vF
- hwmgr show scsi
- mknod /dev/volconfig c 41 0
- mknod /dev/voltrace c 41 1
- mknod /dev/voliod c 41 2
- mknod /dev/volinfo c 41 3
- bcheckrc                # fix if necessary links in /etc/fdmns
- lmf reset
- volplex att <root-volume> <root-plex>
- cdslnvchk                # Fix problems NOW
- init 3
```

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- [Tru64 UNIX / TruCluster Patchkit Documentation](#)
- [Tru64 UNIX Best Practices Documentation](#)
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