To: INCITS T10 Committee
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Subject: ADC Notify DTD UA Creation Denied
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Revision history

Revision 0 – Initial proposal.
Revision 1 – Incorporated comments from the May, 2005 T10 ADI-2 working group meeting:
  • Noted that GOOD status to a NOTIFY DTD with BUA equal one does not guarantee delivery to every initiator; and
  • Changed the proposed text to return CHECK CONDITION status only if the device server cannot forward the unit attention to any initiator.
Revision 2 – Incorporated comments from the July, 2005 T10 ADI-2 working group meeting:
  • Changed the text describing when the device server returns CHECK CONDITION status.

Reference Documents

Background
Currently ADC-2 is silent about how the ADC device server should respond when sent a NOTIFY DATA TRANSFER DEVICE command that notifies it of a Unit Attention condition and the device server does not have sufficient resources to notify any initiator of the Unit Attention condition (e.g. it has stored a previous Unit Attention condition that initiators connected to the DT device primary port have not cleared). This proposal specifies that the ADC device server shall respond to the NOTIFY DATA TRANSFER DEVICE command with CHECK CONDITION status and shall set the sense key to ILLEGAL REQUEST and the additional sense code to INSUFFICIENT RESOURCES.

SPC-3 contains precedence for this sort of behaviour (see spc3r21d: 6.2.1 CHANGE ALIASES command introduction; 8.3.3.2.1 MANAGE ACL introduction; and 8.3.3.11 ASSIGN PROXY LUN service action).

Proposed changes

5.2 NOTIFY DATA TRANSFER DEVICE command

A broadcast unit attention (BUA) bit set to one indicates that the ASC and ASCQ fields shall contain the additional sense data to be used by the local SMC device server to establish a unit attention condition for all initiator ports accessible via its DT device primary ports. If none of the known I_T nexuses is able to have a Unit Attention condition established by the device server due to insufficient resources, the device server shall terminate the command with a CHECK CONDITION status and set the sense key to ILLEGAL REQUEST and the additional sense code to INSUFFICIENT RESOURCES. When the additional sense data is NOT READY TO READY CHANGE, MEDIUM MAY HAVE CHANGED, it indicates that the remote SMC device server has entered the accessible state.

NOTE: A device server responding to a NOTIFY DATA TRANSFER DEVICE command with the BUA bit set to one with GOOD status does not guarantee delivery of the unit attention condition to every initiator known to the DT device.

It is not valid for the NRSC bit and the BUA bit to both be set to one. If the NRSC bit and the BUA bit are both set to zero, then it is not valid for the ASC field or ASCQ field to be set to a non-zero value. If the NRSC bit and the BUA bit are both set to one, or if both bits are set to zero and either the ASC field or the ASCQ field is not zero, then the command shall be terminated with a CHECK CONDITION status. The sense key shall be set to ILLEGAL REQUEST and the additional sense code shall be set to INVALID FIELD IN CDB.