



**EXPRESSCLUSTER X 6.0 for Linux
Hardware Feature Guide**

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PREFACE

1.1 Who Should Use This Guide

The *EXPRESSCLUSTER X Hardware Feature Guide* is intended for system administrators. Detailed information of the functions for linking with specific hardware is covered in this guide.

The guide provides supplemental information to the *EXPRESSCLUSTER X Installation and Configuration Guide*.

For information on the construction and the operation of clusters, refer to the guide.

1.2 How This Guide is Organized

- *2. Linkage with Server Management Infrastructure*: Provides information on linkage with Server Management Infrastructure.

1.3 EXPRESSCLUSTER X Documentation Set

The EXPRESSCLUSTER manuals consist of the following five guides. The title and purpose of each guide is described below.

EXPRESSCLUSTER X Getting Started Guide

This guide is intended for all users. The guide covers topics such as product overview, system requirements, and known problems.

EXPRESSCLUSTER X Installation and Configuration Guide

This guide is intended for system engineers and administrators who want to build, operate, and maintain a cluster system. Instructions for designing, installing, and configuring a cluster system with EXPRESSCLUSTER are covered in this guide.

EXPRESSCLUSTER X Reference Guide

This guide is intended for system administrators. The guide covers topics such as how to operate EXPRESSCLUSTER, function of each module, and troubleshooting. The guide is complement to the Installation and Configuration Guide.

EXPRESSCLUSTER X Maintenance Guide

This guide is intended for administrators and for system administrators who want to operate and maintain EXPRESSCLUSTER-based cluster systems. The guide describes maintenance-related topics for EXPRESSCLUSTER.

EXPRESSCLUSTER X Hardware Feature Guide

This guide is intended for administrators and for system engineers who want to build EXPRESSCLUSTER-based cluster systems. The guide describes features to work with specific hardware, serving as a supplement to the Installation and Configuration Guide.

1.4 Conventions

In this guide, **Note**, **Important**, **See also** are used as follows:

Note: Used when the information given is important, but not related to the data loss and damage to the system and machine.

Important: Used when the information given is necessary to avoid the data loss and damage to the system and machine.

See also:

Used to describe the location of the information given at the reference destination.

The following conventions are used in this guide.

Convention	Usage	Example
Bold	Indicates graphical objects, such as fields, list boxes, menu selections, buttons, labels, icons, etc.	In User Name, type your name. On the File menu, click Open Database.
Angled bracket within the command line	Indicates that the value specified inside of the angled bracket can be omitted.	<code>clpstat -s[-h host_name]</code>
#	Prompt to indicate that a Linux user has logged on as root user.	<code># clpcl -s -a</code>
Monospace	Indicates path names, commands, system output (message, prompt, etc.), directory, file names, functions and parameters.	<code>/Linux/6.0/en/server/</code>
bold	Indicates the value that a user actually enters from a command line.	Enter the following: <code># clpcl -s -a</code>
<i>italic</i>	Indicates that users should replace italicized part with values that they are actually working with.	<code>clpstat -s [-h <i>host_name</i>]</code>



In the figures of this guide, this icon represents EXPRESSCLUSTER.

1.5 Contacting NEC

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<https://www.nec.com/global/prod/expresscluster/>

LINKAGE WITH SERVER MANAGEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE

This chapter provides an overview of the server management infrastructure included in Enterprise Linux with Dependable Support.

This chapter covers:

- 2.1. *Overview of the server management infrastructure*
- 2.2. *Overview of linkage between the server management infrastructure and EXPRESSCLUSTER*
- 2.3. *Setup of the function to link with the server management infrastructure*
- 2.4. *External link monitor resources*

2.1 Overview of the server management infrastructure

This server management infrastructure is included in Enterprise Linux with Dependable Support. This software provides the following functions:

- Recording information about failures detected by the expanded device driver
- Linking with EXPRESSCLUSTER X to perform a failover when the expanded device driver detects a fatal system failure

For details, see the manual for Enterprise Linux with Dependable Support.

2.2 Overview of linkage between the server management infrastructure and EXPRESSCLUSTER

EXPRESSCLUSTER's function for linking with the server management infrastructure is not used for EXPRESSCLUSTER to perform monitoring itself. This linkage function is used for EXPRESSCLUSTER to receive messages spontaneously sent by the driver module and passively perform a failover or other processing.

The following shows an overview:

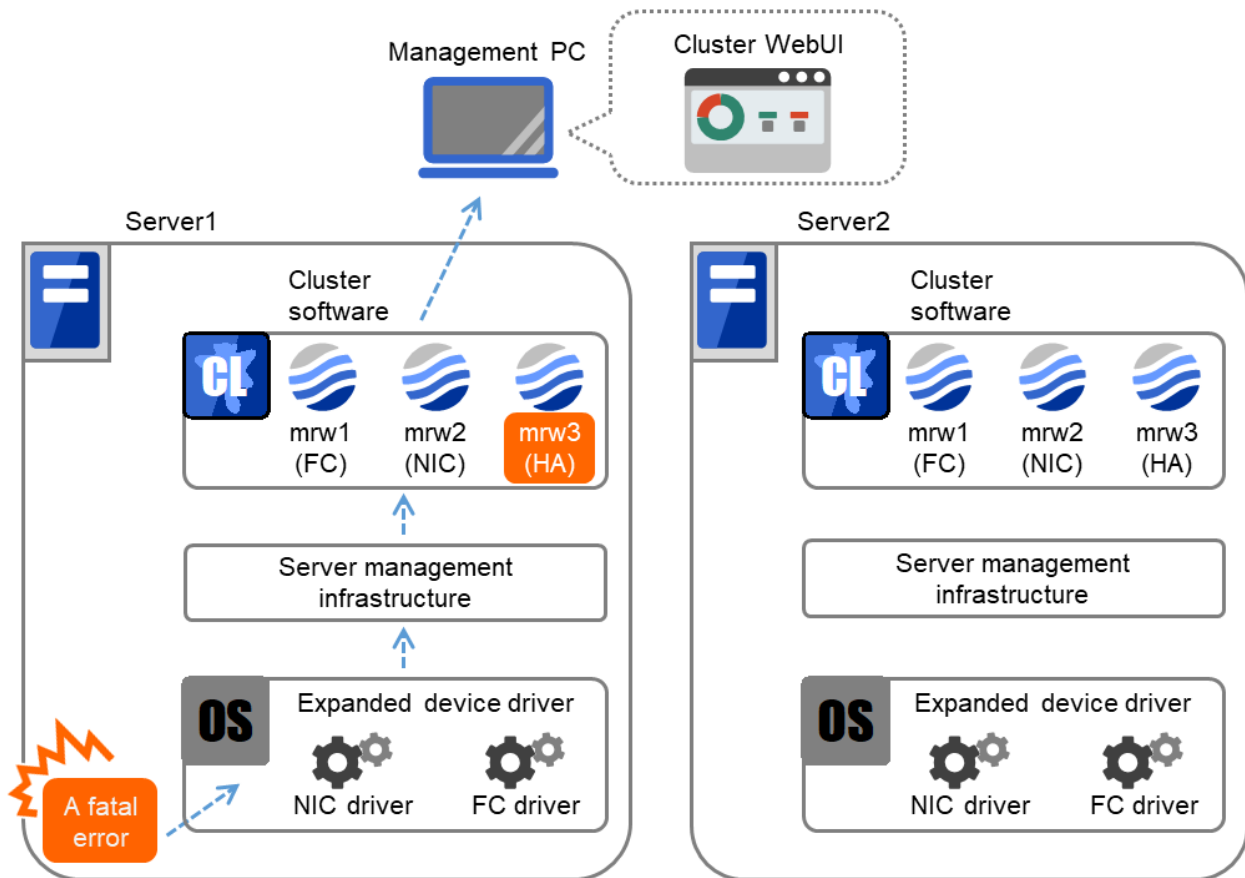


Fig. 2.1: Overview of the linkage between server management infrastructure and EXPRESSCLUSTER

If a fatal system error occurs, the expanded device driver included in Enterprise Linux with Dependable Support (hereafter referred to as the expanded driver) sends a message to EXPRESSCLUSTER through the server management infrastructure. After receiving such a message, EXPRESSCLUSTER performs the following operations.

- EXPRESSCLUSTER makes the status of the corresponding external link monitor (mrw) abnormal. The administrator can visually determine that an error was detected by checking the status using the Cluster WebUI or an EXPRESSCLUSTER command.
- When a failure occurs, EXPRESSCLUSTER performs an operation failover or shuts down the OS according to the specified action.

2.3 Setup of the function to link with the server management infrastructure

For details about resources other than the external link monitor resource, see the EXPRESSCLUSTER manuals below.

- Installing EXPRESSCLUSTER
 - "Installing EXPRESSCLUSTER" in the Installation and Configuration Guide
 - "Registering the license" in the Installation and Configuration Guide
- Creating EXPRESSCLUSTER configuration information
 - "Creating the cluster configuration data" in the Installation and Configuration Guide
 - "Verifying a cluster system" in the Installation and Configuration Guide

To use the function for linking with the server management infrastructure, the external link monitor resources must be registered with the cluster . To create configuration information, register the necessary external link monitor resources as described in the manual. For the external link monitor resources, see "External link monitor resources".

- Uploading EXPRESSCLUSTER configuration information
 - "Modifying the cluster configuration data" in the Installation and Configuration Guide

2.4 External link monitor resources

The external link monitor resources monitor error messages reported from outside. This section only covers the part associated with linkage with the server management infrastructure. For other cases, see "Monitor resource details" in the Reference Guide.

2.4.1 Notes on external link monitor resources

An external link monitor resource cannot execute any script before the final action if it is linked with the server management infrastructure.

Do not use the `clprexec` command, because EXPRESSCLUSTER manages the status of an external link monitor resource if it is linked with the server management infrastructure.

When the keyword by an external link monitor resource is specified, if an error is detected in the device specified as the monitor target, an error occurs and the error correction action is performed.

If no device is specified as the keyword by an external link monitor resource and an error is detected in any device that matches the Category, an error occurs and the error correction action is performed.

2.4.2 Category by an external link monitor resource

An external link monitor resource receives the following message types when it is linked with the server management infrastructure.

1. NIC
Monitors the error messages of network interface cards.
2. FC
Monitors the error messages of Fibre Channel.
3. HA/SS
Monitors the error messages of the EXPRESSCLUSTER X HA/StorageSaver.
4. HA/AM
Monitors the error messages of the EXPRESSCLUSTER X HA/ApplicationMonitor.
5. HA/RS
Monitors the error messages of the EXPRESSCLUSTER X HA/ResourceSaver.
6. SPS
Monitors the error messages of the SPS.

2.4.3 Monitor(special) tab

For more information on the **Info** tab and the **Monitor (common)** tab, see "Monitor resource details" in the Reference Guide.

The screenshot shows the 'Monitor Resource Properties' dialog box for resource 'mrw1'. The 'Monitor(special)' tab is active. It features a 'Common' section with 'server1' and 'server2' listed. The 'Category*' field is a dropdown menu currently set to 'NIC'. Below it is an empty 'Keyword' text field. At the bottom right are 'OK', 'Cancel', and 'Apply' buttons.

Category (within 32 bytes)

Specify a category.

Be sure to select a default character string from the list box.

Keyword (within 1023 bytes)

Specify a monitor target.

2.4.4 Recovery Action tab

For more information on the **Info** tab and the **Monitor (common)** tab, see "Monitor resource details" in the Reference Guide.

Specify the recovery target and the action upon detecting an error. For external link monitor resources, select "Restart the recovery target", "Executing failover to the recovery target", or "Execute the final action" as the action to take when an error is detected. However, if the recovery target is inactive, the recovery action is not performed.

The screenshot shows the 'Monitor Resource Properties' dialog box for resource 'mrw1', with the 'Recovery Action' tab selected. The 'Recovery Action' dropdown is set to 'Executing failover to the recovery target'. The 'Recovery Target*' field contains '[All Groups]' and has a 'Browse' button next to it. There are two checkboxes: 'Execute Failover to outside the Server Group' (unchecked) and 'Execute Script before Recovery Action' (unchecked). The 'Final Action' dropdown is set to 'No operation'. A 'Script Settings' button is located above the 'OK', 'Cancel', and 'Apply' buttons at the bottom right.

Recovery Action

Select the action to take when a monitor error is detected.

- Executing recovery script
Let the recovery script run upon the detection of a monitor error.
- Restart the recovery target
Restart the group or group resource selected as the recovery target when a monitor error is detected.
- Executing failover to the recovery target
Perform a failover for the group selected as the recovery target or the group to which the group resource selected as the recovery target belongs when a monitor error is detected.
- Execute the final action
Execute the selected final action when a monitor error is detected.

Execute Failover to outside the Server Group

Configurable only for external link monitor resources. Specify whether to fail over to a server group other than the active server group upon the reception of an error message.

For details about the settings other than the above, see "Recovery Action tab" in "Monitor resource" in "Monitor resource details" in the Reference Guide.

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