

## **HighPoint NVMe RAID AIC BootRAID Installation Guide**

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#### 1. Overview

Boot-RAID: a RAID array that functions as a system disk (bootable drive or volume). In most cases, a Boot-RAID is configured as a redundant RAID array (RAID 1, 10), as it adds a layer of data security to the OS.

Boot-RAID volumes must be created before an OS can be installed; a bootable drive cannot be converted into a RAID array. Administrators can configure the array depending on the AIC using the AIC's UEFI tool.

Note: Though a Boot-RAID array can be moved from one HighPoint solution to another within the same product class and remain recognized, the Boot-RAID is unlikely to remain bootable. This isn't unique to HighPoint or RAID in general. Boot volumes (this includes bootable, single disks) are generally "tied" to the computing platform in place at the original OS installation. The Boot-RAID volume would be recognized and readable but could not be used to boot another system.

The following is a table of Operating Systems and NVMe RAID AICs.

Table 1: Supported Operating Systems and NVMe RAID AICs

Supported NVMe RAID AICs	• R7628A		
	• R7608A		
	• R7528D		
<b>Supported Operating Systems</b>	Microsoft Windows		
	• Windows 11		
• Windows 10			
	Microsoft Windows Server		
Windows Server 2022			
	Windows Server 2019		
	Windows Server 2016		
	Microsoft Windows Hyper-V Server		
	• Hyper-V 2019		
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux  Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9.4  Rocky Linux		
	Rocky Linux 9.4		
	Debian		
	• Debian 12.5		
	Ubuntu		
	Ubuntu Server 24.04		
	Ubuntu Desktop 24.04		

## 2. Prerequisites

To configure a bootable NVMe RAID array, please perform the following operations.

### 2.1. Prepare Your Hardware for Installation

- 1. The NVMe RAID AIC needs to connect the disks for a bootable NVMe RAID array.
- 2. The NVMe RAID AIC must be installed into a PCIe slot.
- 3. Remove all the NVMe SSDs not physically attached to the NVMe RAID AIC from your system.
- 4. Disconnect the system from the internet and any local network.

Note: If connected to the Internet, the system will automatically update the latest kernel after the installation is complete without saving the initial version of the kernel, which will result in the system not booting correctly after the installation is complete.

## 2.2. Prepare Two USB Flash Drives

- 1. Prepare two USB flash drives formatted as FAT32.
- 2. The first USB flash drive is used as a bootable USB flash drive. You can use third-party software to flash the operating system to a USB flash drive.
- 3. The second USB flash drive is used to save the files the operating system needs, such as Linux open source driver, binary driver, and Windows driver.

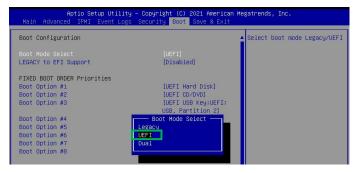
You must extract HighPoint\_NVMe\_Linuxxx.xx\_x86\_64\_vx.x.x\_xx\_xx\_xx.tar.gz to a USB flash drive's top(/) directory. It will look like:

```
root@test-Super-Server:/home/test/Downloads# tar zxvf HighPoint_NVMe_ubuntu24.04_x86_64_v1.8.0.0_24_06_03.tar.gz
hptdd/
hptdd/60-persistent-storage-hptblock.rules
hptdd/boot/
hptdd/boot/hptnvme6.8.0-31-genericx86_64.ko.gz
hptdd/hptblock
hptdd/hptblock
hptdd/hptdrv
hptdd/postinst.sh
hptdd/postinst2.sh
hptdd/postinst2.sh
hptdd/postinst5.sh
hptdd/postinst5.sh
hptdd/readme.txt
```

## 2.3. Adjust System EFI Settings

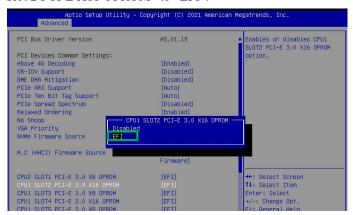
Adjust the UEFI settings. Allow the option ROM settings for third-party devices to load. Different motherboards will provide different UEFI-related BIOS settings. Please consult your motherboard's user manual for more information. This section provides examples of two different types of motherboard BIOS menus.

- 1. Set UEFI setting with SuperMicro X11DPi-NT motherboard as an example.
  - a. Boot the system and access the motherboard BIOS menu.
  - b. Select the **Boot** tab and set the **Boot Mode** Select to **UEFI**.



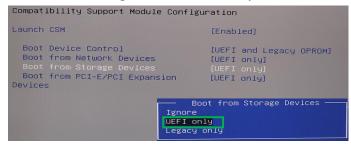
c. Select Advanced→PCIe/PCI/PnP Configuration→CPUSlot PCI-E OPROM to EFI.

NVMe AIC is connected to motherboard CPU1 Slot 2 PCI-E X16; then you should set "CPU1 Slot 2 PCI-E X16 OPROM" to "EFI".

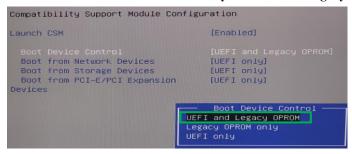


Note: If the OPROM is not configured correctly, the UEFI driver will not load correctly!

- 2. Set UEFI setting with ASUS Pro WS WRX90E-SAGE SE motherboard as an example.
  - a. Set Boot from Storage Devices to UEFI only.



b. And Boot Device Control to UEFI Only or UEFI and Legacy OPROM.



Note: If the OPROM is not configured correctly, the UEFI driver will not load correctly!

## 2.4. Adjust Secure Boot Setting

The Windows Boot-RAID supports Secure Boot enabled and disabled.

The Linux Boot-RAID supports Secure Boot disabled. If Secure Boot is enabled, the HighPoint driver can not work.

Set UEFI setting with SuperMicro X11DPi-NT motherboard as an example.

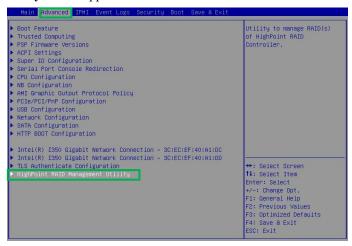
- 1. Boot the system and access the motherboard BIOS menu.
- 2. Set Secure Boot to Disabled/ Enabled.



## 2.5. Create a RAID Array

To create a RAID, perform the following steps:

1. Power on the motherboard→the BIOS Setting→Advanced, HighPoint RAID Management Utility should appear.



- 2. Enter HighPoint RAID Management Utility and select Create RAID....
- 3. A disk list will appear, displaying all available disks.

```
Logical Device Information

[VD 0] 1/E1/1 Seagate FireCuda 530 ZP1000GM30013 (Single),
1000GB Normal

[VD 1] 1/E1/2 Samsung SSD 980 PR0 1TB (Single), 1000GB Normal

[VD 2] 1/E1/3 Samsung SSD 980 PR0 2TB (Single), 2000GB Normal

[VD 3] 1/E1/4 HP-EM2802TOGMTCB58R-E26P4 (Single), 2000GB Normal

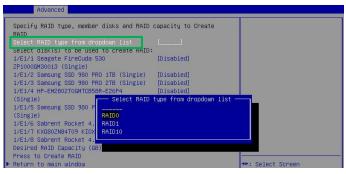
[VD 4] 1/E1/5 Samsung SSD 980 PR0 500GB (Single), 500GB Normal

[VD 5] 1/E1/6 Sabrent Rocket 4.0 1TB (Single), 1000GB Normal

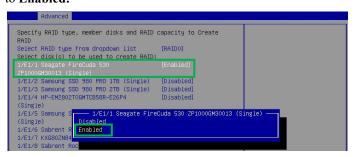
[VD 6] 1/E1/7 KXG802N84T09 KIOXIA (Single), 4096GB Normal

[VD 7] 1/E1/8 Sabrent Rocket 4.0 1TB (Single), 1000GB Normal
```

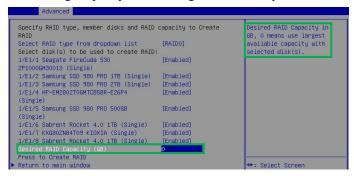
4. Select the **RAID** type from the dropdown list. Use the keyboard or mouse's up and down keys to select the RAID type and press **Enter**.



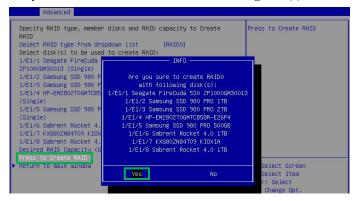
5. Select the disk that needs to create a RAID array and the status of the disk changes from **Disabled** to **Enabled**.



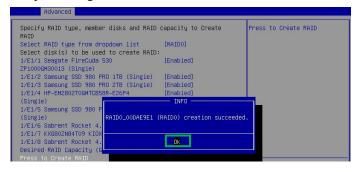
6. Use the keyboard to input the space (GB) you want to set aside for this array. You can decide how much storage capacity will be assigned to the array.



7. Select and **press to create RAID** to complete the RAID Array creation. A pop-up window prompt: **Are you sure to create RAID0 with following disk(s).** Press **the Enter** key to confirm.



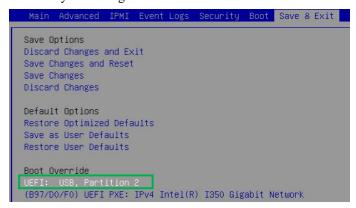
8. A pop-up window will state that **RAID**\*\*\* creation succeeded. Press the Enter key to confirm the operation again.



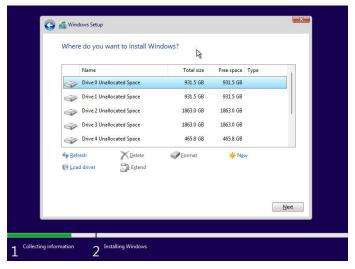
## 3. Install the Windows OS in a RAID array

Please install the Windows operating system in a RAID array following the following sections.

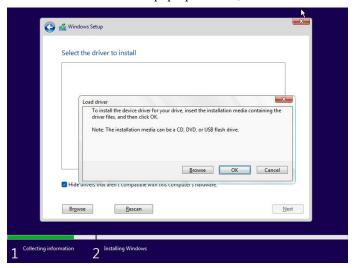
- 1. Insert a bootable USB flash drive into the target system.
- 2. Boot the system using a bootable USB flash drive.



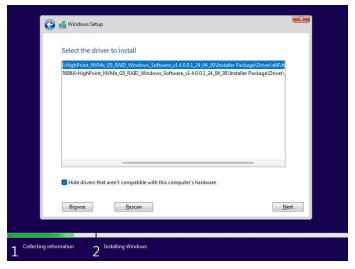
 Windows setup begins; follow the on-screen prompts. When Windows asks, "Where do you want to install Windows?" you should see several legacy disks (one for each SSD installed into the NVMe RAID AIC).



- 4. Insert a file USB flash drive with the Windows open source driver into the target system.
- 5. Click "Load driver" in the pop-up window, and click "Cancel".

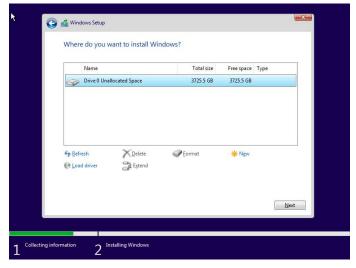


6. Insert a USB flash drive that contains the Windows driver into the motherboard USB slot and click "Browse". Select the driver file as shown:



Note: The driver revision shown in the screenshots may not correspond with current software releases. Please download the latest driver from the AIC's Software Updates page.

7. After loading the driver, return to the "Where do you want to install Windows?" interface. The previous legacy disks will now be recognized as a RAID array:



- 8. Continue and complete the Windows installation procedure.
- 9. Boot into the Windows and disable Hibernation.
  - a. Enter the command to turn off hibernation.

#### #powercfg/h off

```
Administrator: Command Prompt

RecyMicrosoft Windows [Version 10.0.22631.3447]
(c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Windows\System32>powercfg /h off

C:\Windows\System32>
```

b. Enter the command to check that the quick shutdown is turned off.

#### #powercfg/a

```
C:\Windows\system32>powercfg /a
The following sleep states are available on this system:
    Standby (S3)

The following sleep states are not available on this system:
    Standby (S1)
    The system firmware does not support this standby state.

Standby (S2)
    The system firmware does not support this standby state.

Hibernate
    Hibernation has not been enabled.

Standby (S0 Low Power Idle)
    The system firmware does not support this standby state.

Hybrid Sleep
    Hibernation is not available.

Fast Startup
    Hibernation is not available.

C:\Windows\system32>a
```

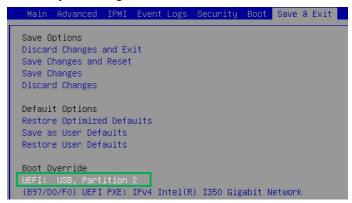
Note: If you do not turn the hibernation functionality off, you may experience the following problems:

- Shutdown time is extended by an additional 3-5 minutes.
- You cannot shut down properly; you need to manually press the power switch button of the motherboard to power off the system.

## 4. Install the Ubuntu OS in a RAID array

Please disconnect from the network and follow these steps to install the Ubuntu operating system in a RAID array.

- 1. Insert a bootable USB flash drive into the target system.
- 2. Boot the system using a bootable USB flash drive.



- 3. Block the system kernel module so that NVMe SSD is not occupied by the system driver.
  - a. When the Installation screen appears, press e key to edit boot command line option.

```
*Try or Install Ubuntu Server
Boot from next volume
UEFI Firmware Settings
```

b. On the edit command window, move the cursor to the end of the line "linux /casper/vmlinuz...", and append "modprobe.blacklist=nvme,mpt3sas".



- c. Press CTRL+X or F10 to start the system.
- 4. Install the binary driver in a RAID array.
  - For Ubuntu Server:

**Example: Ubuntu Server 24.04** 

a. When the following window appears during installation. Press **ALT+F2** to switch to the shell on console 2.



Note: The shortcut to switch to the shell may be different for different Ubuntu versions.

b. Press Enter to activate this console.

```
Ubuntu 24.04 LTS ubuntu-server tty2

Welcome to Ubuntu 24.04 LTS (GNU/Linux 6.8.0-31-generic x86_64)

* Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com

* Management: https://landscape.canonical.com

* Support: https://ubuntu.com/pro

System information disabled due to load higher than 1.0
```

c. Switch to root privileges.

```
ubuntu-server@ubuntu-server:~$ sudo su 
oot@ubuntu-server:/home/ubuntu-server#
```

d. Execute the following command to create a mount point for the USB flash drive.

#### #mkdir/hptdd

e. Execute the following command to mount the USB flash drive to /hptdd.

#### #mount /dev/sda1 /hptdd/

Execute the following command to copy the binary driver installation file to the system's temporary directory.

#### #cp -a /hptdd/hptdd /tmp/

Execute the following command to unmount the USB flash drive.

#### #umount/hptdd

```
oot@ubuntu-server:/home/ubuntu-server# mkdir /hptdd
oot@ubuntu-server:/home/ubuntu-server# mount /dev/sda1 /hptdd/
oot@ubuntu-server:/home/ubuntu-server# cp -a /hptdd/hptdd/ /tmp/
oot@ubuntu-server:/home/ubuntu-server# umount /dev/sda1
```

- h. When the USB flash drive is unmounted, please unplug the USB flash drive from the system.
- Execute the following command to load the NVMe AIC binary driver.

#### #sh /tmp/hptdd/preinst.sh

```
root@ubuntu-server:/home/ubuntu-server# <mark>sh /tmp/hptdd/preinst.sh</mark>
This step succeeded!
```

- Press ALT+F1 to switch back to the installation screen and continue the installation.
- k. Select the previously created RAID.

```
Configure a guided storage layout, or create a custom one:
(X) Use an entire disk
      /dev/hptblock12nOp local disk 1.746T ◀
         Set up this disk as an LVM group
         [] Encrypt the LVM group with LUKS
```

When the screen shows Install complete! Press ALT+F2 to the shell and type the following command to install the NVMe AIC binary driver.

#### #sh /tmp/hptdd/postinst.sh

```
SSI / HIP/IP/TOCA/DOSTHIST.SI

oot@ubuntu-server:/home/ubuntu-server# sh /tmp/hptdd/postinst.sh

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ourcing file `/etc/default/grub d/90_iommuoff.cfg'

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enerating grub configuration file ...

ound linux image: /boot//mlinuz-6.8.0-31-generic

ound linux image: /boot/initrd.img-6.8.0-31-generic

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arning: os-prober will not be added to the GRUB boot configuration.

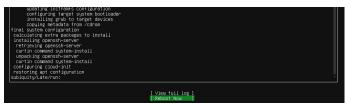
heck GRUB_DISABLE_OS_PROBER documentation entry.

dding boot menu entry for UEFI Firmware Settings ...

one
      ne
tdefaultkernel:No change.
ount: /target/sys: target is busy.
have completed the driver installation
```

A message will be displayed that the driver has been installed successfully.

m. Press ALT+F1 to switch back to the installation screen and finish the installation.



#### Ubuntu Desktop:

#### **Example: Ubuntu Desktop 24.04**

a. When the following window appears during installation. Open the **Terminal**.



b. Switch to root privileges.



c. Execute the following command to create a mount point for the USB flash drive.

#### #mkdir/hptdd

d. Execute the following command to mount the USB flash drive to /hptdd.

#### #mount /dev/sdb1 /hptdd/

e. Execute the following command to copy the binary driver installation file to the system's temporary directory.

#### #cp -a /hptdd/hptdd /tmp/

f. Execute the following command to unmount the USB flash drive.

#### #umount /hptdd

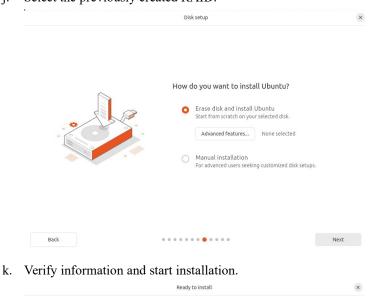
```
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu# mkdir /hptdd
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu# mount /dev/sda1 /hptdd/
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu# cp -a /hptdd/hptdd/ /tmp/
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu# umount /hptdd/
```

- g. When the USB flash drive is unmounted, please unplug the USB flash drive from the system.
- h. Execute the following command to load NVMe AIC binary driver.

## # sh /tmp/hptdd/preinst.sh root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu# sh /tmp/hptdd/preinst.sh This step succeeded!

i. Close the **Terminal** and continue the installation.

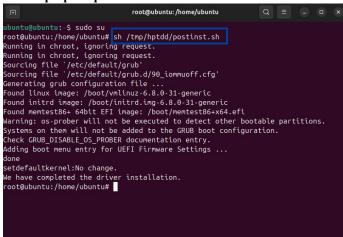
Select the previously created RAID.





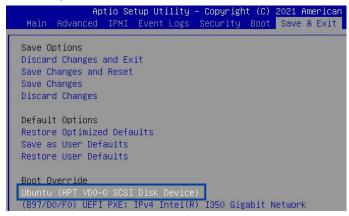
When the screen shows Install complete! Open the Terminal and enter the following command to install the NVMe AIC binary driver.

#### #sh /tmp/hptdd/postinst.sh



m. Close the **Terminal** and finish the installation.

- 5. If you want to boot from another kernel, please install the NVMe AIC open source driver after entering the system.
  - a. Boot the system.



b. Enter the following command to extract the HighPoint RAID Software package:

```
#tar zxvf HighPoint NVMe_G5_Linux_Software vx.x.xx xx xx xx.tar.gz
root@test-Z790M-AORUS-ELITE-AX:/home/test/Downloads# tar zxvf HighPoint_NVMe_G5_
RAID_Linux_Software_v1.8.0.0.0_24_05_27.tgz
sctup.bin
README.txt
```

c. Enter the following command to install the HighPoint RAID Software.

```
#sh setup.bin (or ./setup.bin)

root@test.7798H.ARPUS.ELITE.AX;/home/test/Downloads# ./setup.bin

verifying archive integrity. .. All good.

Uncompressing HighPoint NVMe OS RAID Linux Software package installer...

verifying archive integrity. .. All good.

Uncompressing HighPoint NVMe RAID Controller Linux Open Source package installer...

sed: can't read /etc/init.d/udev: No such file or directory

sed: can't read /etc/init.d/udev: No such file or directory

checking and Installing required toolchain and utility ...

Installing program nake ... done

Installing program pace ... done

Found program per (/usr/bin/perl)

Found program wegt (/usr/bin/perl)

Found program wegt (/usr/bin/perl)

Found program wegt (/usr/bin/perl)

Found rolarm wegt (/usr/bin/perl)

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Found inix image: /boot/initrd.ing-6.8.0-31-generic

Found memtest86-64bit EFI image: /boot/memtest86-x64.eFi

Marning: os.prober will not be executed to detect other bootable partitions.

Systems on them will not be added to the GRUB boot configuration.

Check GRUB DISABLE OS PROBER documentation entry.

Adding boot menu entry for UEFI Firmware Settings ...

done

Synchronizing state of hptdrv-monitor.service with SysV service script with /usr/lib/systemd/systemd-sysv-install.

Executing: /usr/lib/systemd/systemd-sysv-install enable hptdrv-monitor

update-rc.d: warning: enable action will have no effect on runlevel 1

SUCCESS: Driver hptnvme is installed successfully for kernel 6.8.0-31-generic.

Please restart the system for the driver to take effect.

If you want to uninstall the driver fron the computer, please run hptuninhptnvme to uninstall the driver fron the computer, please run hptuninhptnvme to uninstall the driver fron the computer, please run hptuninhptnvme to uninstall the driver fron the computer, please run hptuninhptnvme to uninstall the driver fron the computer, please run hptuninhptnvme to uninstall the driver fron the computer, plea
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- d. Manually restart the system.
- e. Execute the following command to download package information from all configured sources. (please connect to the internet) to install available upgrades of all packages currently installed on the system.

#apt-get update
root@test-Super-Server:/home/test/Desktopk apt-get update
Get:1 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble InRelease [256 kB]
Get:2 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security InRelease [126 kB]
Get:3 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security/main amd64 Packages [106 kB]
Get:4 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security/main armslation-en [29.8 kB]
Get:5 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu noble-security/main amd64 Oonponents [6,876 B]

f. Execute the following command to install available upgrades of all packages currently installed on the system.

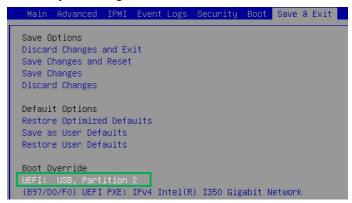
#apt-get upgrade

root@test-Super-Server:/home/test/Desktops apt-get upgrade
Reading backage lists... Done
Reading state infornation... Done
Reading state infornation... Done
Reading state infornation... Done
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## 5. Install the RHEL OS in a RAID array

Please disconnect from the network and follow these steps to install the Red Hat Enterprise Linux operating system in a RAID array.

- 1. Insert a bootable USB flash drive into the target system.
- 2. Boot the system using a bootable USB flash drive.



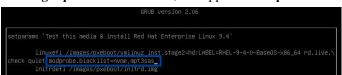
3. Block the system kernel module so that NVMe SSD is not occupied by the system driver.

#### **Example: Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9.4**

a. When the Installation screen appears, press e key to edit boot command line option.



b. On the edit command window, move the cursor to the end of the line "linux efi/images/pxeboot/vmlinuz...", and append "modprobe.blacklist=nvme,mpt3sas".



- c. Press CTRL+X or F10 to start the system.
- 4. Install the binary driver in a RAID array.
  - a. When the following window appears during installation. Press CTRL+ALT+F2 to switch to the shell on console 2.



Note: The shortcut to switch to the shell may be different for different Red Hat Enterprise Linux versions.

b. Execute the following command to create a mount point for the USB flash drive.

#### #mkdir/hptdd

c. Execute the following command to mount the USB flash drive to /hptdd.#mount /dev/sda1 /hptdd/

d. Execute the following command to copy the binary driver installation file to the system's temporary directory.

#### #cp -a /hptdd/hptdd /tmp/

e. Execute the following command to unmount the USB flash drive.

#### #umount /hptdd

```
Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9.4 (Plow)

Kernel 5.14.8-427.13.1.e19_4.x86_64 on an x86_64

[Anaconda root@localhost /]# mkdir /hptdd/
[Anaconda root@localhost /]# mount /dewsdb1 /hptdd/
[Anaconda root@localhost /]# cp -a /hptdd/hptdd/ /tmp/
[Anaconda root@localhost /]# umount /hptdd/
[Anaconda root@localhost /]# umount /hptdd/
```

- f. When the USB flash drive is unmounted, please unplug the USB flash drive from the system.
- g. Execute the following command to load the NVMe AIC binary driver.

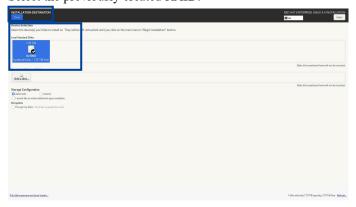
#### #sh /tmp/hptdd/rhel-install-step1.sh

```
[anaconda root@localhost /]# sh /tmp/hptdd/rhel-install-step1.sh
Driver Installation
Driver installation step 1 completed.
```

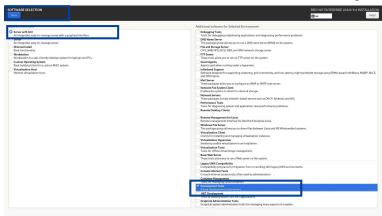
- h. Press ALT+F6 to switch back to the installation screen and continue the installation.
- i. Select Installation Destination and click Refresh.



j. Select the previously created RAID.



k. Set Software Selection and choose Server with GUI and Development Tools.



1. Set the Root Password and create the User to begin the installation.



If the following information is displayed during the installation, select Yes.



- m. When the screen shows Install complete! Press CTRL+ALT+F2 to the shell.
- n. Execute the following command to copy the binary driver installation file to the system.
   #cp -r/tmp/hptdd /mnt/sysimage/tmp/hptdd
- o. Execute the following command to switch to the top(/) directory.#chroot/mnt/sysimage/
- p. Execute the following command to install the NVMe AIC binary driver.
   #sh /tmp/hptdd/rhel-install-step2.sh
   A message will be displayed that the driver has been installed successfully.
- q. Execute the following command to delete the NVMe AIC binary driver file.#rm -rf/tmp/hptdd

r. Execute the following command to exit the top(/) directory.

# #exit Inaconda root@localhost /l# cp -r /tmp/hptdd /mmt/sysimage/tmp/hptdd Inaconda root@localhost /l# chroot /mmt/sysimage/ Inaconda root@localhost /l# sh /tmp/hptdd/rhel-install-step2.sh Driver Installation Updating 5.14.0-427.13.1.el9\_4.x86\_64... Driver installation step 2 completed. Inaconda root@localhost /l# rm -rf /tmp/hptdd/ Inaconda root@localhost /l# exit

- s. Press ALT+F6 to switch back to the installation screen and finish the installation.
- 5. If you want to boot from another kernel, please install the NVMe AIC open source driver after entering the system.
  - a. Boot the system.



b. Enter the following command to extract the HighPoint RAID Software package:

c. Enter the following command to install the HighPoint RAID Software.

#sh setup.bin (or ./setup.bin)

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```

- d. Manually restart the system.
- e. Execute the following command to download package information from all configured sources. (please connect to the internet) to install available upgrades of all packages currently installed on the system.

#yum update	
[root@localhost test]# yum update Updating Subscription Management repositories. Last metadata expiration check: 0:01:38 ago on Tue 11 Jun 2024 01:04 Dependencies resolved.	:51 PM CST.
Package	Archite
Installing:	×86 64

f. Execute the following command to install available upgrades of all packages currently installed on the system.

#yum upgrade	

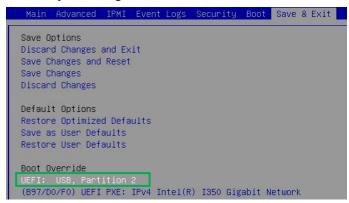
#### HighPoint NVMe RAID AIC BootRAID Installation Guide

[root@localhost test]# yum upgrade
Updating Subscription Management repositories.
Last metadata expiration check: 0:25:59 ago on Tue 11 Jun 2024 01:09:38 PM CST.
Dependencies resolved.

## 6. Install the Rocky Linux OS in a RAID array

Please disconnect from the network and follow these steps to install the Rocky Linux operating system in a RAID array.

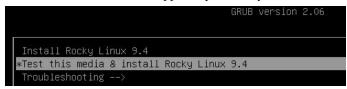
- 1. Insert a bootable USB flash drive into the target system.
- 2. Boot the system using a bootable USB flash drive.



3. Block the system kernel module so that NVMe SSD is not occupied by the system driver.

#### **Example: Rocky Linux 9.4**

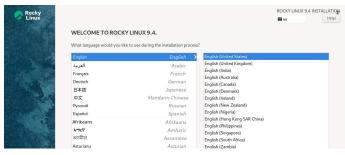
a. When the Installation screen appears, press e key to edit boot command line option.



b. On the edit command window, move the cursor to the end of the line "linux efi/images/pxeboot/vmlinuz...", and append "modprobe.blacklist=nvme,mpt3sas".



- c. Press CTRL+X or F10 to start the system.
- 4. Install the binary driver in a RAID array.
  - a. When the following window appears during installation. Press CTRL+ALT+F2 to switch to the shell on console 2.



Note: The shortcut to switch to the shell may be different for different Rocky Linux versions.

b. Execute the following command to create a mount point for the USB flash drive.

#### #mkdir/hptdd

c. Execute the following command to mount the USB flash drive to /hptdd.

#mount /dev/sda1 /hptdd/

d. Execute the following command to copy the binary driver installation file to the system's temporary directory.

#### #cp -a /hptdd/hptdd /tmp/

e. Execute the following command to unmount the USB flash drive.

#### #umount/hptdd

```
Rocky Linux 9.4 (Blue Onyx)
Kernel 5.14.0-427.13.1.el9_4.x86_64 on an x86_64

[Anaconda root@localhost /l# | mkdir /hptdd |
[Anaconda root@localhost /l# | mount /dev/sda1 /hptdd/ |
[Anaconda root@localhost /l# | cp -a /hptdd/hptdd/ /tmp/ |
[Anaconda root@localhost /l# | umount /hptdd/
```

- f. When the USB flash drive is unmounted, please unplug the USB flash drive from the system.
- g. Execute the following command to load the NVMe AIC binary driver.

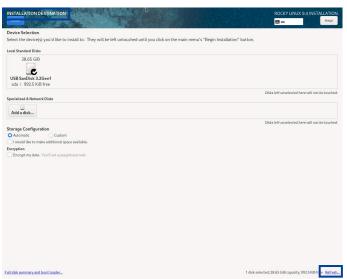
```
#sh/tmp/hptdd/rhel-install-step1.sh

[anaconda root@localhost /]# sh /tmp/hptdd/rhel-install-step1.sh

Driver Installation

Driver installation step 1 completed.
```

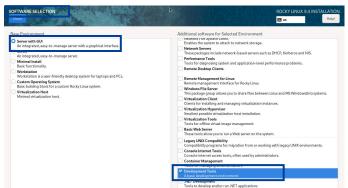
- h. Press ALT+F6 to switch back to the installation screen and continue the installation.
- i. Select Installation Destination and click Refresh.



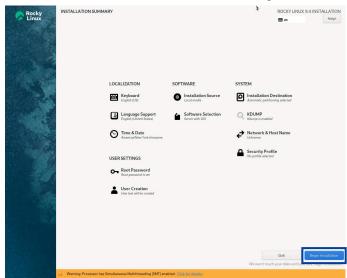
j. Select the previously created RAID.



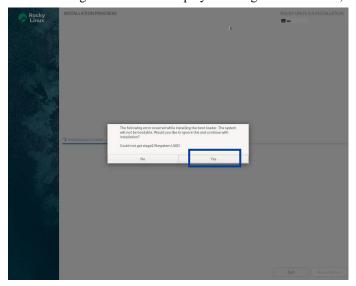
k. Set Software Selection and choose Server with GUI and Development Tools.



1. Set the Root Password and create the User to begin the installation.



If the following information is displayed during the installation, select Yes.



- m. When the screen shows Install complete! Press CTRL+ALT+F2 to the shell.
- n. Execute the following command to copy the binary driver installation file to the system.
   #cp -r/tmp/hptdd /mnt/sysimage/tmp/hptdd
- o. Execute the following command to switch to the top(/) directory.#chroot/mnt/sysimage/

p. Execute the following command to install the NVMe AIC binary driver.

#### #sh /tmp/hptdd/rhel-install-step2.sh

A message will be displayed that the driver has been installed successfully.

q. Execute the following command to delete the NVMe AIC binary driver file.

#### #rm -rf/tmp/hptdd

Execute the following command to exit the top(/) directory.

#### #exit

```
Textl

Lanaconda root@localhost /l# cp -r /tmp/hptdd /mnt/sysimage/tmp/hptdd

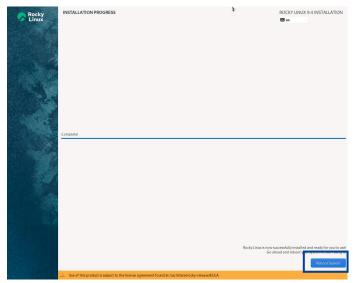
Lanaconda root@localhost /l# chroot /mmt/sysimage/

Lanaconda root@localhost /l# chroot /mmt/sysimage/tmp/hptdd/

Lanaconda root@localhost /l# chroot /mmt/sysimage/

Lanaconda root@l
```

Press ALT+F6 to switch back to the installation screen and finish the installation.



- If you want to boot from another kernel, please install the NVMe AIC open source driver after entering the system.
  - a. Boot the system.



b. Enter the following command to extract the HighPoint RAID Software package:

#tar zxvf HighPoint NVMe G5 Linux Software vx.x.xx xx xx xx.tar.gz [root@localhost Documents]# tar zxvf HighPoint\_NVMe\_65\_RAID\_Linux\_Software\_v1.8.1.0.1\_24\_06\_22.tgz

c. Enter the following command to install the HighPoint RAID Software.

#sh setup.bin (or ./setup.bin)

- d. Manually restart the system.
- e. Execute the following command to download package information from all configured sources. (please connect to the internet) to install available upgrades of all packages currently installed on the system.

f. Execute the following command to install available upgrades of all packages currently installed on the system.

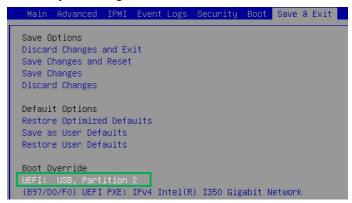
#yum upgrade

[root@localhost Downloads] yum upgrade
Last metadata expiration check: 0:07:58 ago on Wed 12 Jun 2024 09:21:59 PM EDT.

## 7. Install the Debian OS in a RAID array

Please disconnect from the network and follow these steps to install the Debian operating system in a RAID array.

- 1. Insert a bootable USB flash drive into the target system.
- 2. Boot the system using a bootable USB flash drive.



3. Block the system kernel module so that NVMe SSD is not occupied by the system driver.

#### **Example: Debian 12.5**

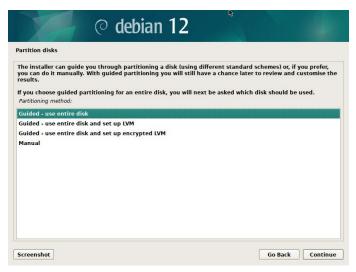
a. When the Installation screen appears, press e key to edit boot command line option.



b. On the edit command window, move the cursor to the end of the line "linux /install.amd/vmlinuz...", and append "modprobe.blacklist=nvme,mpt3sas".



- c. Press CTRL+X or F10 to start the system.
- 4. Install the binary driver in a RAID array.
  - a. When the following window appears during installation. Press **Ctrl+ALT+F2** to switch to the shell on console 2.



Note: The shortcut to switch to the shell may be different for different Ubuntu versions.

b. Press Enter to activate this console.

```
Please press Enter to activate this console.

BusyBox v1.35.0 (Debian 1:1.35.0-4+b3) built-in shell (ash)
Enter 'help' for a list of built-in commands.

#
```

c. Execute the following command to create a mount point for the USB flash drive.

#### #mkdir/hptdd

d. Execute the following command to mount the USB flash drive to /hptdd.

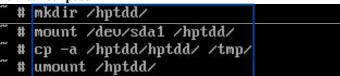
#### #mount /dev/sda1 /hptdd/

 Execute the following command to copy the binary driver installation file to the system's temporary directory.

#### #cp -a /hptdd/hptdd /tmp/

f. Execute the following command to unmount the USB flash drive.

#### #umount /hptdd



- g. When the USB flash drive is unmounted, please unplug the USB flash drive from the system.
- h. Execute the following command to load the NVMe AIC binary driver.

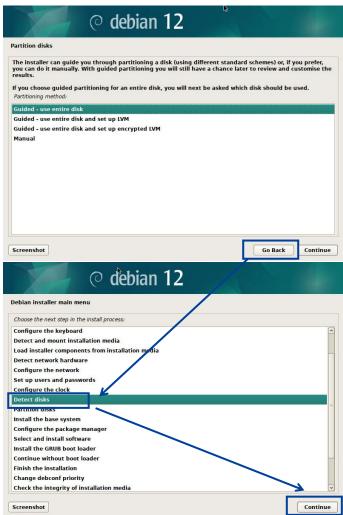
```
#sh/tmp/hptdd/preinst.sh

# sh /tmp/hptdd/preinst.sh

This step succeeded!
```

i. Press Ctrl+ALT+F5 to switch back to the installation screen and continue the installation.

j. Click the Go Back first, then click Detect disks and Continue to detect the hptnvme disk.



k. Select the previously created RAID.



 When the screen shows Install complete! Press Ctrl+ALT+F2 to the shell and type the following command to install the NVMe AIC binary driver.

#sh /tmp/hptdd/postinst.sh

```
# sh /tmp/hptdd/postinst.sh
/
Running in chroot, ignoring request.
Running in chroot, ignoring request.
Generating grub configuration file ...
Found background image: /usr/share/images/desktop-base/desktop-grub.png
Found linux image: /boot/umlinuz-6.1.0-18-amd64
Found initrd image: /boot/initrd.img-6.1.0-18-amd64
Warning: os-prober will not be executed to detect other bootable partitions.
Systems on them will not be added to the GRUB boot configuration.
Check GRUB_DISABLE_OS_PROBER documentation entry.
done
We have completed the driver installation.

##
```

A message will be displayed that the driver has been installed successfully.

m. Press Ctrl+ALT+F5 to switch back to the installation screen and finish the installation.



- 5. If you want to boot from another kernel, please install the NVMe AIC open source driver after entering the system.
  - a. Boot the system.



g. Enter the following command to extract the HighPoint RAID Software package:

#tar zxvf HighPoint NVMe\_G5\_Linux\_Software\_vx.x.xx\_xx\_xx\_xx.tar.gz
root@debian:/home# tar zxvf HighPoint\_NVMe\_G5\_RAID\_Linux\_Software\_v1.8.1.0.1\_24\_06\_22.tg2
setup.bin
READURE.txt

h. Enter the following command to install the HighPoint RAID Software.

#sh setup.bin (or ./setup.bin)

```
le ...
re/images/desktop-base/desktop-grub.png
-6.9.5
.img-6.9.5
-6.9.5.old
.img-6.9.5
                                                                                                          ther bootable partitions configuration.
           g state of hotdry-monitor.service with SysV service script with /lib/systemd/systemd-sysv-install
lib/systemd/systemd-sysv-install enable hotdry-monitor
warning: enable action will have no effect on runlevel 1
 izing state of hptdry-monitor.service with SysV service script with /lib/systemd/systemd-sysv-install.
g: /lib/systemd/systemd-sysv-install enable hptdry-monitor
c.d: warning: enable action will have no effect on runlevel 1
symlink /etc/Systemd/system/default.target.wants/hptdry-monitor.service → /lib/systemd/system/hptdry-m
 Driver hptnyme is installed successfully for kernel 6.1.0-18-amd64.
estart the system for the driver to take effect.
ant to uninstall the driver from the computer∳ please run hptuninhptnyme to uninstall the driver files
g archive integrity... All good.
ssing HighPoint Web RAID Management Software package installer....
e lib is already installed!

{ previous hptsvr(3.2.1)...

for hptsvr to be terminated...

ing hptsvr(3.2.1)...

ng related files...

ing sepulce
```

- Manually restart the system.
- b. Execute the following command to download package information from all configured sources. (please connect to the internet) to install available upgrades of all packages currently installed on the system.

#apt-get update

Execute the following command to install available upgrades of all packages currently installed on the system.

#apt-get upgrade

```
Rapt-get upgrade
cotddebian:/home# apt-get upgrade
cading package lists... Done
ullding dependency tree... Done
cading state information... Done
cading state information... Done
calculating upgrade... Done
he following packages were automatically installed and are no longer required:
libupe-1.0-1 libupebackend-fdo-1.0-1
se 'apt autoremove' to remove them.
he following packages have been kept back:
linux-image-amd64
 ne following packages have been kept back:
linux-image-amd64
pe following packages will be upgraded:
apache2-bin bind9-dnsutils bind9-host bind9-libs bsdextrautils bsdutils eject fdisk
gir1.2-javascriptcoregtk-4.0 gir1.2-javascriptcoregtk-4.1 gir1.2-webkitz-4.0 gir1.2-
gstreamer1.0-gl gstreamer1.0-plugins-base gstreamer1.0-x imagemagick-6-common less
libglib2.0-bin libglib2.0-data libgs-common libgs10 libgs10-common libgstreamer-gl1
libjavascriptcoregtk-4.1-0 libjavascriptcoregtk-6.0-1 libmagickcore-6.16-6 libmagi
libreoffice-base-core libreoffice-calc libreoffice-camon libreoffice-core libreoff
libreoffice-help-en-us libreoffice-impress libreoffice-math libreoffice-style-colib
libuno-cppu3 libuno-cppuhelpergcc3-3 libuno-purpenvhelpergcc3-3 libuno-sal3 libuno-
libwebkitgtk-6.0-4 mount python3-uno uno-libs-private ure util-linux util-linux-ext
xserver-xorg-legacy
          ilowebkirgtk-6.0-4 mount python3-uno uno-ilos-private ure util-ilo
sserver-xong-legacy
upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 1 not upgraded.
ed to get 279 MB/286 MB of archives.
er this operation, 10.8 MB of additional disk space will be used.
you want to continue? [y/n] _
```

## 8. Trouble shooting

## 8.1. Fail to compile gcc, make and other driver files

#### 8.1.1. For Debian

#### 1. Description of the Problem

When installing the driver, due to various factors, driver files such as **gcc** and **make** cannot be compiled, thus interrupting the driver installation process:

#### 2. Cause of the Problem

The system is not connected to a network (internet connection).

#### 3. Solution

- a. Ensure that the network is properly connected.
- b. Reinstall the HighPoint software.

#### If the following occurs after the network connection and reinstall driver:

```
root@debian:/home/test/Documents# ./setup.bin
Verifying archive integrity... All good.
Uncompressing HighPoint NVMe 65 RAID Linux Software package installer......
Verifying archive integrity... All good.
Uncompressing HighPoint NVMe RAID Controller Linux Open Source package installer......
Checking and installing required toolchain and utility ...
Installing program gcc ...
Media change: please insert the disc labeled
'Debian GNU/Linux 12.5.0 _Bookworm _ official amd64 DVD Binary-1 with firmware 20240210-11:28'
in the drive '/media/cdrom/' and press [Enter]
```

#### This problem can be caused by a lack of dependency packages:

#### **Solution:**

- a. To install using the CD-ROM: insert the CD-ROM back and press Enter.
- b. To install using the USB flash drive:
  - a) The system needs to be resourced. For details, please refer to the official website file: https://www.debian.org/doc/manuals/debian-faq/uptodate.en.html
  - Open the system terminal with root privileges and enter the following command: #nano/etc/apt/sources.list
  - c) Replace the contents of the file with the following illustration
  - deb https://mirrors.tuna.tsinghua.edu.cn/debian/ bookworm main contrib non-free non-free-firmware
  - # deb-src https://mirrors.tuna.tsinghua.edu.cn/debian/ bookworm main contrib non-free non-free-firmware
  - deb https://mirrors.tuna.tsinghua.edu.cn/debian/ bookworm-updates main contrib non-free non-free-firmware
  - # deb-src https://mirrors.tuna.tsinghua.edu.cn/debian/ bookworm-updates main contrib non-free-firmware
  - deb https://mirrors.tuna.tsinghua.edu.cn/debian/ bookworm-backports main contrib non-free non-free-firmware

# deb-src https://mirrors.tuna.tsinghua.edu.cn/debian/ bookworm-backports main contrib non-free non-free-firmware

Note: See the mirror list at https://www.debian.org/mirror/list for more information.

#### d) apt-get update

```
apt-get update

root@test:/home/test/Documents# nano /etc/apt/sources.list
root@test:/home/test/Documents# pat-get update

6t:1 https://mirrors.tuma.tsinghua.edu.cn/debian bullseye.updates InRelease [116 kB]

6t:2 https://mirrors.tuma.tsinghua.edu.cn/debian bullseye-updates InRelease [44.1 kB]

6t:3 https://mirrors.tuma.tsinghua.edu.cn/debian bullseye-updates InRelease [49.0 kB]

6t:4 https://mirrors.tuma.tsinghua.edu.cn/debian bullseye-updates InRelease [49.0 kB]

6t:5 https://mirrors.tuma.tsinghua.edu.cn/debian bullseye/main Fore Sources [81.2 kB]

6t:6 https://mirrors.tuma.tsinghua.edu.cn/debian bullseye/main Sources [8.633 kB]

6t:7 https://mirrors.tuma.tsinghua.edu.cn/debian bullseye/main Sources [8.633 kB]

6t:8 https://mirrors.tuma.tsinghua.edu.cn/debian bullseye/main Sources [8.634 kB]

6t:9 https://mirrors.tuma.tsinghua.edu.cn/debian bullseye/main sources [8.634 kB]

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6t:13 https://mirrors.tuma.tsinghua.edu.cn/debian bullseye/contrib amde4 Packages [9.6 kB]

6t:13 https://mirrors.tuma.tsinghua.edu.cn/debian bullseye/contrib bren1 48x48 Icons [7.15 kB]

6t:13 https://mirrors.tuma.tsinghua.edu.cn/debian bullseye/contrib bren1 48x48 Icons [7.17 kB]

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6t:13 https://mirrors.tuma.tsinghua.edu.cn/debian bullseye/contrib DeP-1 14x48 Icons [9.2 kB]

6t:16 https://mirrors.tuma.tsinghua.edu.cn/debian bullseye/contrib DeP-1 14x48 Icons [9.2 kB]

6t:17 https://mirrors.tuma.tsinghua.edu.cn/debian bullseye/contrib DeP-1 14x48 Icons [9.2 kB]

6t:18 https://mirrors
```

Reinstall the HighPoint software.

#### **8.1.2. For RHEL**

#### **Description of the Problem**

When installing the driver, due to various factors, driver files such as gcc and make cannot be compiled, thus interrupting the driver installation process:

```
root@localhost Documents]# ./setup.bin
ferifying archive integrity... All good.
Incompressing HighPoint NVMe RAID Controller Linux Open Source package installer...
therking and installing required toolchain and utility ...
[Installing program make ... (failed)]
[Installing program make ... (failed)]
 nstalling program gcc
```

#### Or a prompt with subscription-manager repos:

```
compile:default boot kernel: /boot/vmlinuz-
                                                           .x86 64
dumpkernels:kernel installed
kernel-
                     .x86 64
dumpkernels:kernel-devel installed
kernel-devel-
dumpkernels:repo list kernel-devel
dumpkernels:end
installlib centos elfutils-libelf-devel
There are no enabled repos.
 To enable Red Hat Subscription Management repositories:
    subscription-manager repos --enable <repo>
enable custom repositories:
     yum-config-manager --enable <repo>
compile:some build tools are missing.
```

#### 2. Cause of the Problem

The system is not connected to a network (internet connection) or this is not registered.

#### **Solution**

- a. Ensure that the network is properly connected.
- b. Go to the Red Hat website and register an account: Register for Red Hat IDP

- c. Open the system terminal with root privileges.
- d. Enter the following command to log in:

#subscription-manager register --username=\*\*\* --password=\*\*\* --auto-attach

e. Reinstall the HighPoint software.

```
[root@localhost Documents]# ./setup.bin
Verifying archive integrity... All good.
Uncompressing HighPoint NVMe RAID Controller Linux Open Source package installer.....
Checking and installing required toolchain and utility ...
Installing program make ... done
Installing program gcc ... done
```

## 9. Revision History

## Version 1.00, June 24, 2024

Initial version.