NVIDIA DOCA File Scan

Application Guide
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BlueField DPU supports high-speed hardware RegEx acceleration using the RegEx engine. This allows accelerating different security and networking applications which require RegEx processing.

The file scan application uses the hardware RegEx engine to scan a file and returns whether there is a match or not. This application can be a base for many security verifications for sensitive data and personal information.

File scan logic includes:

- Compiling RegEx rules using Regex compiler
- Loading a compiled set of RegEx rules to the BlueField RegEx engine
- Sending file to the RegEx for scanning
- HW scanning file and returning a list of matches (e.g., matching rule, offset, length)
Chapter 2. System Design

File scan utilizes the RegEx engine which is a hardware accelerator on the BlueField.
Chapter 3. Application Architecture

The file scan application runs on top of DOCA RegEx API to configure, send, and receive scans to and from the BlueField RegEx engine.

1. RegEx rules file is compiled into a `rof2.binary` file by the user.
2. The RegEx binary rules file is loaded into the RegEx engine.
3. The file to scan is sent to the RegEx triggering the engine to start matching.
4. The results are sent back to the application.

Note: It is the application’s responsibility to check for finished jobs. In this example, you Busy-Wait until the RegEx finishes scanning.

5. The matches are printed on the screen, and optionally to a CSV file (which should input to the application, see Running Application).
This application leverages the DOCA RegEx Library.
Chapter 5. Configuration Flow

1. Parse application argument.
   - doca_arg_init();
     a). Initialize Arg Parser resources.
     b). Register DOCA general flags.
        register_file_scan_params();
     c). Register file scan application flags.
        doca_arg_start();
     d). Parsing APP flags.

2. Initialize file scan resources.
   - file_scan_init();
     a). Initialize DOCA RegEx.
     b). Allocate memory pool and QP.
     c). Start the RegEx engine.

3. Run the application:
   - file_scan_run();
     a). Initialize jobs.
     b). Enqueue jobs to the RegEx engine.
     c). Dequeue jobs from the RegEx engine and print the results if found.

4. Clean up the File Scan app.
   - file_scan_cleanup();
     a). Stop and free RegEx resources.
     b). Free application resources.
Chapter 6. Running Application

1. Refer to the following documents:
   - [NVIDIA DOCA Installation Guide for Linux](#) for details on how to install BlueField-related software.
   - [NVIDIA DOCA Troubleshooting Guide](#) for any issue you may encounter with the installation, compilation, or execution of DOCA applications.

2. The application binary is located under `/opt/mellanox/doca/applications/file_scan/bin/doca_file_scan`. To build all the applications together, run:
   ```
cd /opt/mellanox/doca/applications/
meson build
ninja -C build
   ``

3. To build the file scan application only:
   a). Edit the following flags in `/opt/mellanox/doca/applications/meson_options.txt`:
      - Set `enable_all_applications` to `false`
      - Set `enable_file_scan` to `true`
   b). Run the commands in step 2.

   Note: `doca_file_scan` is created under `./build/file_scan/src/`.

Application usage:

Usage: `doca_file_scan [DOCA Flags] [Program Flags]`

**DOCA Flags:**
- `-h`, `--help` Print a help synopsis
- `-v`, `--version` Print program version information
- `-l`, `--log-level` Set the log level for the program `<CRITICAL=20, ERROR=30, WARNING=40, INFO=50, DEBUG=60>`

**Program Flags:**
- `-r`, `--rules <path>` Path to compiled rules file (rof2.binary)
- `-d`, `--data <path>` Path to data file
- `-p`, `--pci_addr <PCI-ADDRESS>` RegEx device PCI address
- `-o`, `--output-csv <path>` Path to the output of the CSV file
- `-c`, `--chunk-size <Number of Bytes>` Chunk size of each job sent to the regex, use 0 to send the file as 1 chunk.
4. Running application on BlueField:

To run the application, the RegEx-compiled rule files must be supplied to the app. These files usually end with *.rof2.binary. To compile the example rules file, run:

```
cd /opt/mellanox/doca/applications/file_scan/bin/
rxpc -f regex_rules.txt -p 0.01 -o /tmp/regex_rules
```

The results of the rxpc are written to /tmp/ directory, each file with the prefix regex_rules.

Note: For more information, refer to NVIDIA RXP Compiler.

Pre-run setup.

a). The file scan example is based on the DOCA RegEx library. Therefore, the user is required to allocate huge pages to allow activation of the RegEx engine.

   ```
sudo echo 2048 > /sys/kernel/mm/hugepages/hugepages-2048kB/nr_hugepages
```

b). Make sure the RegEx engine is active:

   ```
systemctl status mlx-regex
   
   If the status is inactive (Active: failed), run:
   systemctl start mlx-regex
   ```

c). Copy the example data file to the tmp directory:

   ```
cp /opt/mellanox/doca/applications/file_scan/bin/data_to_scan.txt /tmp/
data_to_scan.txt
```

CLI example for running the application on BlueField assuming the PCIe address of the DPI is 03:00:

```
cd /opt/mellanox/doca/applications/file_scan/bin/
./doca_file_scan --pci-addr 03:00.0 --rules /tmp/regex_rules.rof2.binary --data data_to_scan.txt
```

5. Running the application on the host, CLI example:

```
cd /opt/mellanox/doca/applications/file_scan/bin/
./doca_file_scan --pci-addr 21:00.0 --rules /tmp/regex_rules.rof2.binary --data data_to_scan.txt
```

Note: Sub-functions must be enabled according to the Scalable Function Setup Guide.

6. To run doca_file_scan using a JSON file:

   ```
doca_file_scan --json [json_file]
```

For example:

```
cd /opt/mellanox/doca/applications/file_scan/bin
./doca_file_scan --json file_scan_params.json
```

Note: The file scan application prints the results to the standard output.
# Chapter 7. Arg Parser DOCA Flags

For more information, refer to NVIDIA DOCA Arg Parser User Guide.

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Chapter 8. References

- /opt/mellanox/doca/applications/file_scan/src/file_scan.c
- /opt/mellanox/doca/applications/file_scan/src/regex_rules.txt
- /opt/mellanox/doca/applications/file_scan/src/data_to_scan.txt
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