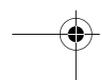
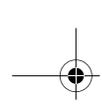


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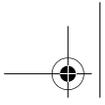
## Information Update







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## Notes, Notices, and Cautions

-  **NOTE:** A NOTE indicates important information that helps you make better use of your computer.
-  **NOTICE:** A NOTICE indicates either potential damage to hardware or loss of data and tells you how to avoid the problem.
-  **CAUTION:** A CAUTION indicates a potential for property damage, personal injury, or death.

## Abbreviations and Acronyms

For a complete list of abbreviations and acronyms, see "Glossary" in your *User's Guide*.

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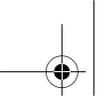
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## 200–240 V System Power Requirements

 **NOTICE:** The system requires 200–240 V to power up and operate.

Each system power supply requires 200–240 V input distributed from a PDU that is capable of providing 1200 W or 2100 W, depending on the rating of your power supply.

The Dell-supplied power supply power cords can be plugged only into the PDU. However, a standard 110-V power cord can mistakenly be connected to the 1200-W power supply receptacle and to a 110-V source. When 110 V is supplied to a system that contains all 1200-W power supplies, standby power is available and the fan, KVM, DRAC/MC, and the chassis indicators light up and the DRAC/MC functions, but the chassis does not power up.

 **NOTE:** Only the 1200-W power supply provides standby power if it is connected to a 110-V source—not the 2100-W power supply. The DRAC/MC module becomes functional when stand-by power is available.

For more information about the system's 200–240 V power requirements, see related articles at [support.dell.com](http://support.dell.com).

## KVM Module

The system's *User's Guide* and the *Installation and Troubleshooting Guide* refer to one KVM module model as the KVM module with KVM-over-IP. The KVM module's *User's Guide* refers to the module as the KVM module with analog console interface (ACI). The modules referred to in these documents are the same device.

The KVM module provides an RJ-45 connector, called the ACI port, that only allows a dedicated interface for connection to external KVM-over-IP switches. The RJ-45 ACI port does not provide a serial connection for firmware upgrades and cannot be used for Ethernet management. See "KVM Module" in the *Installation and Troubleshooting Guide* for more information about the KVM module.

## Dell Diagnostics and KVM Module With KVM-Over-IP (ACI Port) PS/2-Mouse Acceleration Support

Dell Diagnostics and the KVM module with KVM-over-IP (ACI port) firmware do not support PS/2 mouse acceleration. If the mouse slide-accelerator adjustment is set at high or fast, the mouse movement may become erratic. Ensure that the mouse slide-accelerator adjustment remains set at low or none.

## Server Module Daughter Card Status Indicator

Table 2-2 in the *Installation and Troubleshooting Guide* and Table 1-2 in the *User's Guide* provide information on how the server module front-panel daughter card status indicator behaves if a Fibre Channel daughter card is installed. Table 1-1 provides information about how that indicator behaves if a Gb Ethernet daughter card is installed.

**Table 1-1. Server Module Status Indicator Behavior for Gb Ethernet Daughter Card**

Indicator	Icon	Activity Indicator	Indicator Code
Daughter card status indicator	I/O	Off	A link does not exist.
		Green	A link exists.
		Green blinking	Activity on the Gb Ethernet daughter card.

Table 1-2 provides information about how this indicator behaves if an Infiniband daughter card is installed.

**Table 1-2. Server Module Status Indicator Behavior for Infiniband Daughter Card**

Indicator	Icon	Activity Indicator	Indicator Code
Daughter card status indicator	I/O	Off	Infiniband daughter card is not installed.
		Green	Infiniband daughter card is present, but its driver has not yet loaded.
		Green blinking	Infiniband daughter card is present, its driver has loaded, and daughter-card data transfers are occurring.

## Other Documents You May Need

Dell continues to offer new types of connectivity modules for your system and provides documentation on how to set up and use them. The documentation for a particular module is included with the module product or is available at [support.dell.com](http://support.dell.com).

 **NOTE:** Ensure that you also refer to [support.dell.com](http://support.dell.com) for any updates to the documentation that you received with your module.

## 300-GB Hard Drive Synchronizing and Rebuilding Durations

Because of the large disc size of 300-GB hard drives, expect longer synchronizing and rebuilding durations than smaller hard-drive disc sizes. A 300-GB hard drive installed in a system with very low or no I/O activity requires at least 22 hours to synchronize or rebuild. A 300-GB hard drive installed in a system with high I/O activity requires up to 51 hours to synchronize or rebuild.

## Complete Hard Drive Synchronization Before Cold-Swapping the Hard Drive

If you install and start the synchronization of a hard drive, ensure that you allow the synchronization to complete. Otherwise, if that hard drive is cold-swapped into another RAID or a non-RAID system, the hard drive will not be recognized.

 **NOTE:** A hard drive that has not completed synchronization can be hot-swapped into another RAID or non-RAID system without any recognition problems.

## Environmental Data Sheets

For additional information about environmental measurements for specific system configurations, see [dell.com/environment\\_datasheets](http://dell.com/environment_datasheets). The system is not for use in an office environment.

## I/O Module Indicator Update

An I/O module's green system/diagnostic indicator is off when the module is properly operating or is off and blinks when the module is not properly operating. See "Indicators, Codes, and Messages" in your *Installation and Troubleshooting Guide* for more information about I/O modules.

# Dell Remote Access Controller/Modular Chassis Version 1.1 Module

## General Information

If you have the Dell Remote Access Controller/Modular Chassis (DRAC/MC) version 1.1 module installed, ensure that you read that product's `readme.txt` file. It contains updated information including how that module version affects system indicator behavior in certain conditions.

## Important I/O Configuration Considerations

-  **CAUTION:** Data loss can result if you perform certain actions on a DRAC/MC 1.1 system in which the I/O bays have not been configured to fully support the operation of the version 1.1 firmware. Specifically, bay 2 should have an I/O module installed only if an identical module is present in bay 1, and bay 4 should have an I/O module installed only if an identical module is present in bay 3. Except in these cases (or in a case where you temporarily need to swap a failed I/O module in bay 1 or 3), bays 2 and 4 should be unoccupied.

Unless your system is configured accordingly, do not perform any of the following actions:

- Upgrade DRAC/MC firmware
- Issue a software reset command for a DRAC/MC, such as `racadm racreset`
- Reseat a DRAC/MC module
- Cause a DRAC/MC failover event, such as removing the network cable from the primary DRAC/MC

Performing any of these actions will power off and stop traffic on the bay 2 or bay 4 I/O module, resulting in data loss.

When initiated, the DRAC/MC version 1.1 firmware algorithm must find a module in bay 1 before bay 2 and a module in bay 3 before bay 4. Otherwise, the module in bay 2 or bay 4 will be powered off if you perform a firmware upgrade procedure on the DRAC/MC, cause a DRAC/MC failover, or reset the DRAC/MC.

See the *Dell Remote Access Controller/Modular Chassis Version 1.1 User's Guide* at [support.dell.com](http://support.dell.com) for more information about configuring your DRAC/MC system.

## Redundancy Support

If you are adding the DRAC/MC version 1.1 module to a system to enable redundancy, the firmware levels of both DRAC/MC modules must be version 1.1. If the DRAC/MC module currently in the system is version 1.0, you must upgrade the firmware of the current module to version 1.1 *prior* to installing the new DRAC/MC version 1.1 module.

-  **NOTE:** A DRAC/MC module's firmware version is displayed on its web-based GUI or by typing the command `getsysinfo` or `racadm getsysinfo`.
-  **NOTE:** DRAC/MC version 1.1 firmware uses a different MAC address than the MAC address reported by DRAC/MC version 1.0 firmware. Therefore, a DHCP-assigned dynamic IP address may change after updating to the DRAC/MC version 1.1 firmware.

See the *Dell Remote Access Controller/Modular Chassis Version 1.1 User's Guide* at [support.dell.com](http://support.dell.com) for more information about firmware updates and installing redundant DRAC/MC modules. This guide also provides complete instructions on how to set up and operate that version of the module.

## Guidelines for Installing Connectivity Modules

When inserting connectivity modules into the system's back-panel I/O bays, follow these guidelines:

 **NOTE:** See your *Installation and Troubleshooting Guide* for the I/O-bay numbering sequence.

- Insert a connectivity module into I/O bay 1 before installing a connectivity module into I/O bay 2.  
I/O bays 1 and 2 support only Gb Ethernet switch or pass-through modules. Ensure that the Ethernet modules installed in I/O bays 1 and 2 are of the same type.
- Insert a connectivity module into I/O bay 3 before installing a connectivity module into I/O bay 4.  
Ensure that the connectivity modules installed in I/O bays 3 and 4 are of the same type.

For more information, see the *Dell Remote Access Controller/Modular Chassis Version 1.1 User's Guide* at [support.dell.com](http://support.dell.com).

## Red Hat Enterprise Linux (Version 3) Update 3 Operating System Information

### Installation

Newer Intel® processors have an XD bit-enabled feature that allows an operating system to reserve a segment of memory to store code in a non-executable environment. Under certain circumstances, this feature can cause the installation of the Red Hat Enterprise Linux (version 3) Update 3 operating system from the *Dell OpenManage* CD to fail.

To disable XD-bit support to prevent this installation failure, add switch `noexec=off` to the `/etc/grub.conf` file as shown in the following example:

```
kernel /vmlinuz-2.4.21-20.EL ro root=LABEL=/ noexec=off
```

If an EM64T kernel is being used, also include the `noexec32=off` parameter on the kernel line as shown in the following example:

```
kernel /vmlinuz-2.4.21-20.EL ro root=LABEL=/ noexec=off noexec32=off
```

## Replacing a Gb Ethernet Daughter Card in a Server Module

If you replace a Gb Ethernet daughter card in a server module running the Red Hat Enterprise Linux (version 3) update 3 operating system, you must assign the new card's MAC address. Linux initially creates the `ifcfg-ethn` file, where `n` is the device ID, based on the original card's device ID. If another Gb Ethernet daughter card with a different MAC address is installed, Linux does not automatically update the file. The MAC address in the `ifcfg-ethn` file is located in the `hwaddr` line.

## GPM-Service Mouse Support

For a mouse to correctly function in the GPM service on a system running the Red Hat Enterprise Linux (version 3) update 3 operating system, the mouse must be recognized by the operating system. When using a mouse connected to the KVM, it is possible that the mouse being reported to the operating system is different than the actual mouse attached. This may result in mouse movement generating erratic movement or potentially random text on the command line. To correct this, run `redhat-config-xfree86` to initialize the mouse, and then use `redhat-config-mouse` to install a generic three-button mouse driver for the presently-installed mouse.

## Tiered Broadcast Support

If the KVM module is tiered from an external KVM switch to the internal KVM switch, keyboard and mouse broadcast functionality is not supported. Turn off broadcast to external KVM-switch ports that have a Dell-integrated KVM switch connected to them.

## Installing a Previously-Arrayed Hard Drive Into a SCSI-Mode Server Module

A hard drive previously installed in a RAID configuration contains partial segments of information referred to as "meta-data." If you hot-install a hard drive that contains meta-data into a SCSI-mode server module, its array may appear as degraded after the server module is rebooted.

**CAUTION:** Do not attempt to rebuild the degraded array in a SCSI-mode server module. The server module can accommodate up to two hard drives, one of which is the primary physical boot hard drive. Rebuilding the array could result in loss of data from the primary hard drive.

To remove the meta-data from the replacement hard drive, perform the following steps:

- 1 Back up all data onto the replacement hard drive.
- 2 Restart the server module and press `<Ctrl><m>`.
- 3 Change the degraded array properties from mirror to SCSI mode by selecting **NO** as the **Mirror** option.

## Unrecognizable SCSI/RAID Test Options in Dell OpenManage Server Administrator Diagnostics

The Diagnostics Service of Dell OpenManage Server Administrator 1.8 and newer may not display test options properly for SCSI or RAID tests on non-English Microsoft Windows or Red Hat Enterprise Linux operating systems. When selecting a SCSI or RAID controller in the Server Administrator web interface, the applicable tests in the right margin may be displayed only as `TEST1_NAME`, `TEST2_NAME` . . . instead of the actual translated test name. Test results will also display in a terse internal string name instead of a detailed description.

Use the Server Administrator command-line interface (CLI) on non-English operating systems for SCSI and RAID controllers and devices. Use the `omreport storage scsidevdiag -?` and `omreport storage raidctrl -?` CLI commands to get more information about running these diagnostics. See the *Dell OpenManage Server Administrator Version 1.x Command Line Interface User's Guide* for more information about the CLI commands.

 **NOTE:** Server Administrator CLI output is in English only.

## Microsoft Windows 2000 Operating System Information

### .SIF File Installation Error

 **NOTE:** Updating to the newest server module BIOS revision eliminates the installation error described in this section.

The Microsoft Windows 2000 operating system installation process may occasionally be unable to detect a mouse or keyboard during its plug-and-play detection search and display the following error message:

```
Windows Server Setup
The following value in the .SIF file used by setup is corrupted
or missing
Setup cannot continue. To quit setup, press F3.
```

This may occur if a keyboard and mouse are not connected to the server module's front-panel KVM custom cable, the KVM is used to switch to another server module during the installation, the installation is being performed unattended, or Windows 2000 is being installed from the *Dell Server Assistant* CD.

If the error occurs in an attended installation, reboot the server module to restart the installation, and then press <F3> when prompted to continue. Do not disconnect the keyboard and mouse KVM custom cable from the server module's front panel or switch to another server module until after the text-mode portion of the installation is complete.

 **NOTE:** This error can occur only during the text-mode portion of the operating system installation.

If the error occurs in an unattended installation, specify the keyboard type as "RETAIL" to prevent the installation from requiring a detection. To specify a keyboard type, modify the **unattended.txt** or **winnt.sif** installation file as shown in the following English-language string example:

```
# English
[KeyboardDrivers]
"XT, AT, or Enhanced Keyboard (83-104 keys)" = "RETAIL"
```

### Service Pack Support

Only the Microsoft Windows 2000 operating system with SP4 or higher is supported on the system. Dell recommends using Windows 2000 media with integrated or slipstreamed SP4 or higher be installed for the initial operating system load rather than updating an earlier version of Windows 2000 with an SP4 or higher patch.

### USB 2.0 Controller Support

 **NOTE:** Use of any USB 2.0-enabled CD-ROM drive to install the Windows 2000 or Windows 2003 family of Enterprise products is not supported, and the installation may not complete properly. Only the Dell-provided CD-ROM drive is supported for operating system installation.

The system's USB controller supports USB 1.1 and 2.0. The Microsoft Windows 2000 SP4 and higher operating system supports USB 2.0. A red "X" appears on the USB controller device in Device Manager on versions of Windows 2000 prior to SP4 because those versions do not contain USB 2.0 drivers. If you are updating a previous installation of Windows 2000 to SP4, perform the following steps to update the driver:

- 1 Uninstall the USB controller device in the **Universal Serial Bus controllers** list in Device Manager.
- 2 Right-click **Universal Serial Bus controllers** in Device Manager.
- 3 Select **Scan for hardware changes** to rediscover the USB controller device.

### Using a KVM Keyboard Sequence to Select Server Modules

 **NOTE:** This section does not pertain to the KVM module with KVM-over-IP (ACI port). Server module selection with that KVM module type is performed by pressing <PrtScn> and using its on-screen GUI.

To prevent call traces when using a keyboard attached to the back-panel KVM module to select server modules running the Red Hat Enterprise Linux operating system, use the following keyboard sequence:

<Scroll Lock>, <Left Alt>, <Scroll Lock>, <number key>, and <Enter>

For example, to select Linux-based server module 2, press <Scroll Lock>, <Left Alt>, <Scroll Lock>, <2>, and <Enter>.

To select server modules running a Microsoft Windows operating system, use the following keyboard sequence:

<Scroll Lock>, <Shift>, <Scroll Lock>, <number key>, and <Enter>

For example, to select Windows-based server module 2, press <Scroll Lock>, <Shift>, <Scroll Lock>, <2>, and <Enter>.

 **NOTE:** If you are installing the Microsoft Windows 2000 operating system, see "Microsoft Windows 2000 Operating System Information" in this document for important information about switching server modules while installing that operating system.

 **NOTE:** When selecting the server module number, use the number keys on the top row of the keyboard and not the key pad numbers.

 **NOTE:** Ensure that you turn off <Scroll Lock> after selecting a server module. Otherwise, the keyboard does not accept keystrokes.

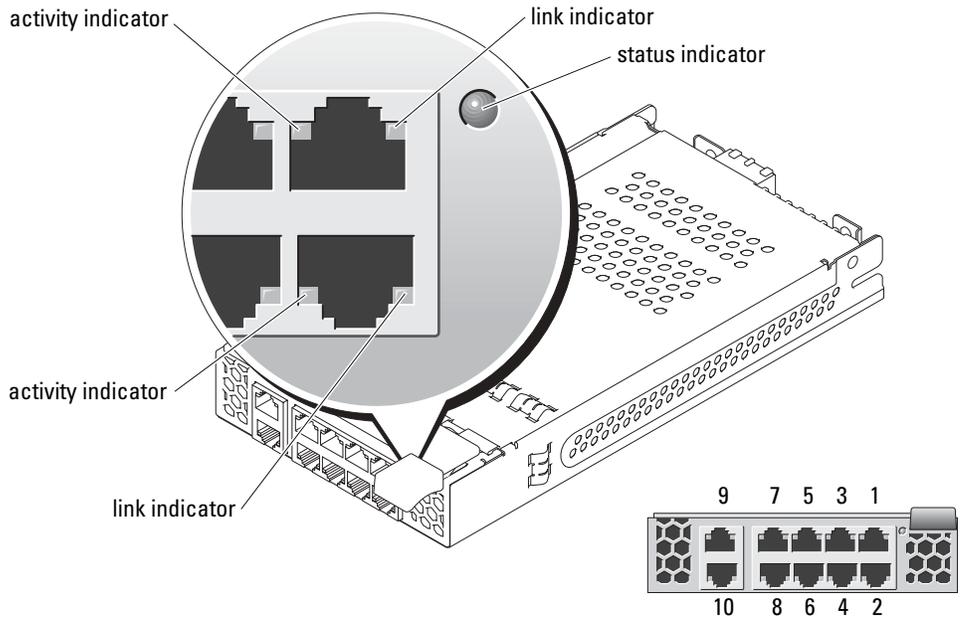
For more information about the KVM module, see "KVM Modules" in the *User's Guide*.

# Gb Pass-through Module Information

## Gb Pass-through Module Indicators

Figure 1-1 and Table 1-3 describe the functions of the indicators on the Gb pass-through module.

**Figure 1-1. Gb Pass-through Module Indicators and Features**



**Table 1-3. Gb Pass-through Module Indicators**

Indicator Type	Activity Indicator	Indicator Code
Link indicator/activity indicator	Green/amber blinking	The Gb Ethernet connector is linked to the server module and there is network activity.
	Green/off	The Gb Ethernet connector is linked to the server module and there is no network activity.
	Off/amber blinking	The Gb Ethernet connector is not linked to the server module and there is network activity.
	Off/off	The Gb Ethernet connector is not linked to the server module and there is no network activity.

**Table 1-3. Gb Pass-through Module Indicators (continued)**

Indicator Type	Activity Indicator	Indicator Code
Status indicator	Off	Module is operating correctly.
	Green blinking	Module has an error or is not configured correctly. Ensure that the connection between the external switch and the module is properly configured.

### Gb Pass-through Module Link Negotiations

A Gb Pass-through module external port negotiates a link with an external device whether a server module is installed or not. This is because the Gb pass-through module uses the SerDes interface for internal connectivity to the server modules. The following items describe normal behavior of the Gb pass-through module when a cable is connected from an external port on the module to an external switch.

- A link is displayed at the external switch and at the Gb Pass-through module if a server module is installed or a Gb Ethernet daughter card is installed in the server module.
- A link is displayed at the external switch, but not at the Gb Pass-through module if a server module is not installed or a Gb Ethernet daughter card is not installed in the server module.
- A Gb Pass-through module installed in I/O bay 1 or 2 will show a link at the external switch if no server module is installed.
- A Gb Pass-through module installed in I/O bay 3 or 4 will show a link if no Gb Ethernet daughter card is installed in the server module.

### Enabling PXE on a Gb Ethernet Daughter Card

To enable PXE on a server module's Gb-Ethernet daughter card, locate the Intel IBAUtil utility (version 3.04.04.00 or later). This utility is available as part of the DOS utilities for network adapters available at [support.dell.com](http://support.dell.com). Follow the directions provided in the utility package to enable PXE.

### Baseboard Management Controller

This section provides updated information regarding the BMC. For detailed information regarding the BMC, see the *Dell OpenManage Baseboard Management Controller User's Guide* and the *Dell PowerConnect 5316M CLI Reference Guide*.

## IP Address-Related Items

The following items are BMC updates concerning its IP address:

- The BMC IP address and the host port 1 (the first one) IP address must be set to the same value. This means that if the host is using DHCP, the BMC LAN channel must be turned off.
- Ensure that the gateway IP address is set to the correct subnet and the IP address is correct when routing packets to the BMC. The BMC will properly respond to routed packets if only the IP address is correct, but some packets may be lost if the gateway IP address is incorrect.
- Any host application that monitors ports 623 and 644 cannot be executed from port 1 (the first one) of a server module. If you attempt this, the network packets will be sent to the BMC instead of the host. Use port 2 instead.

## Unsupported BMC Features and BMC Particulars

The following items describe BMC particulars and features that are not supported by the BMC on this system.

- The IPMI Shell does not allow a user with administrator-level BMC user privileges to set and change user privileges.
- The server module does not have an external serial connector; therefore, Terminal and Basic mode are not supported through a serial port for out-of-band (IPMI) management.
  - **NOTE:** Console redirection can be set to the DRAC/MC module if use of its serial port is desired.
- Alerts (PET), Platform Event Filters (PEF), and DHCP are not supported as there are no alert destination or IP Source options in the BMC setup.
- To prevent heavy ARP request traffic to the BMC, the BMC does not receive any ARP requests as they are routed only to the host.
- The BMC sends gratuitous ARPs every 10 seconds to allow a remote host to discover the BMC if the host's operating system is not communicating.
- The server module's front-panel power and KVM buttons are directly connected to the BMC. If the BMC program becomes misconfigured or corrupt, the power button may not operate.
- Do not use the keyboard sequence to switch server modules or turn off the server module when updating the BMC firmware. Otherwise, the update may fail. If this does occur, restart the update.

## BMC VLAN Tagging Support

The BMC supports VLAN (Virtual LAN) tagging for network traffic. VLANs are configured on the network switch and are given a VLAN ID or tag. Ports on the switch can belong to one or more VLAN and can have one of the following VLAN settings:

- **Tagged** — The packets coming out of the switch port contain the VLAN tag. In this case you should enable VLAN tags on the BMC and set the BMC VLAN tag (or ID) to the same value as the switch port. Otherwise the BMC will not respond to incoming network traffic. Note that setting a VLAN tag on the BMC also causes the BMC to insert the VLAN tag to all outgoing network packets.
- **Untagged** — The packets coming out of the switch port do not contain the VLAN tag. In this case you should disable VLAN tags on the BMC. By default, VLAN tags are disabled on the BMC.

 **NOTE:** See the *Dell PowerConnect 5316M CLI Reference Guide* for more information about using the VLAN commands.

## Network Connectivity After Restart or Power-up

After the server chassis is powered-up or the PowerConnect™ 5316M Ethernet Switch Module (ESM) is rebooted or power cycled, the ESM will require approximately one minute and forty-five seconds to become fully operational. In addition, the ESM may require up to sixty seconds to establish the links to external Ethernet devices if the spanning tree protocol is enabled on the external ports of the ESM. See the *Dell PowerConnect 5316M Systems Getting Started Guide* for information on how to determine when the ESM is fully operational.

## Integrated Mirroring Configurations

The following items provide updates for setting up and using integrated mirroring:

- The hard-drive status indicator does not display any status information until after the operating system driver initialization has occurred. To check for status information of a hard drive prior to operating system load, use <Ctrl><m> during POST. See the *Dell PowerEdge Expandable RAID Controller 4/IM User's Guide* for more information. During normal operation, the status indicator is off.

 **NOTE:** The hard-drive activity indicator functions normally before and after the operating system driver initialization.

 **NOTICE:** If you use a drive with existing data, the data will be cleared before the hard drive is added to a mirror.

- It is recommended that any replacement drives should be blank and not previously configured.
- It is recommended that you replace hard drives in an integrated-mirror configuration with drives of the same capacity.

- After removing a hard drive in a hot-pluggable environment, wait at least 30 seconds prior to installing the new hard drive.

## COM1 Port Conflict After Installing the Microsoft Windows 2000 SP4 or Windows Server 2003 Operating System

If the Microsoft Windows 2000 SP4 or Windows Server 2003 operating system is installed and console redirection is enabled, a yellow exclamation mark conflict will appear by COM1 in the Device Manager. This is because the operating system attempts to assign a COM1, but the server module physically does not have a serial port. To prevent the conflict from returning, delete the COM1 port in Device Manager.

## Shutdown Procedure for Servicing a Hard Drive

 **NOTE:** This section applies only to situations where the server module must be powered down to service a hard drive. In many situations, the hard drive can be serviced while the server module powered on.

If you need to power off the server module to service a hard drive, wait 30 seconds after the server module's power indicator turns off before removing the hard drive. Otherwise, the hard drive may not be recognized by the PERC 4/IM after the hard drive is reinstalled and the server module is powered on again.

## Acquiring the asset.com Utility

The **asset.com** utility is not located in the Service Mode section of the *Dell OpenManage Server Assistant* CD. To acquire the utility, use the *Server Assistant* CD to create a bootable diskette and the utility is created on that diskette. The **asset.com** utility will be available in the Service Mode section in future releases of the *Server Assistant* CD.

## Red Hat Enterprise Linux AS (Version 3) Operating System Diskette Drive Detection Messages

When the Red Hat Enterprise Linux AS (version 3) operating system boots, it detects the USB controller and attempts to load a USB diskette drive. If the optional USB diskette drive is not connected to the server module's front-panel custom cable, the operating system attempts to load the diskette drive five times and displays informative messages on the screen. After five attempts with no USB diskette drive detected, the messages stop appearing. If a USB device is removed or inserted, the detection attempts begin again. This is a normal operating system behavior.

## USB CD Drive Online Read-Diagnostic Failures

If the optional USB CD drive fails the online read-diagnostics and becomes inaccessible on a server module running the Microsoft Windows 2000 SP4 or the Windows Server 2003 operating system with PAE enabled, the failure may be caused by having the data transfer length set at 64 KB or higher. A patch will be available at [support.microsoft.com](http://support.microsoft.com) in the future. Until the patch is available, reduce the data transfer length to less than 64 KB.

## KVM Switch Module Identification Indicator

After a back-panel KVM switch module is replaced or hot-swapped, its system identification indicator may start flashing. If this occurs, press the identification button on the front of the system to reset the identification indicator.

## Booting to Microsoft MS-DOS Through Console Redirection

If Microsoft MS-DOS briefly toggles from text mode to video mode, a console redirection session may be terminated. When booting to MS-DOS, a Microsoft Windows 9x video-mode splash screen is briefly displayed before the `c:\` prompt appears. To disable the splash screen in an MS-DOS session using Notepad text editor, perform the following steps:

- 1 Open an MS-DOS session.
- 2 Type `attrib -r -s -h C:\MSDOS.SYS` and press <Enter>.
- 3 Type `notepad C:\MSDOS.SYS` and press <Enter>.  
Notepad text editor opens.
- 4 Scroll through the command lines and locate line `LOGO=1` and change the 1 to 0.  
If the `LOGO` command line is not present, add the line by typing `LOGO=0` immediately below the line `[Options]`.
- 5 Click the **File** menu, click **Save**, and then close Notepad.
- 6 At the MS-DOS prompt, type `attrib +r +s +h C:\MSDOS.SYS` and press <Enter>.
- 7 Close the MS-DOS window.

## Creating a New Network Adapter Team Using the Procfg Application

An issue exists if the **procfg** application is used to create a new network adapter team. If both network adapters are added to the team, the **procfg** application switches the MAC addresses of the two adapters making the team unusable by the operating system. The affected driver revisions are listed below.

- Procfg 2.2.19
- E1000 5.3.19-1
- Ians 3.4.2a-2.4.21\_4.EL

Future releases of these drivers will not be affected.

Two workarounds exist until the new drivers are available:

- Add one network adapter to the team, save the team information, and then add the second adapter.
- Modify the `/etc/procfg/team name` file, where *team name* is the name of the new network adapter team, and correct the MAC addresses.

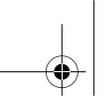
## Determining the Primary and Secondary Network Adapters

During a Microsoft Windows 2000 or Windows Server 2003 operating system installation, the operating system enumerates physical network adapters, but may list them in random order. This can cause confusion when setting up and testing a network adapter team for failover/failback. This may also cause misunderstandings as to which cable is the primary or the secondary network adapter team member and cause unexpected team behavior when a cable is disconnected or connectivity is interrupted.

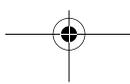
To help determine the identities of physical network adapters, right-click and rename the adapters in **Network Connections** in the Control Panel, use the **ipconfig/all** command to note the IP-to-MAC address assignments of the adapters, and then use the IP addresses to locate the adapters in **Network Connections**.

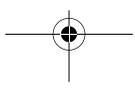
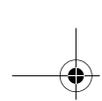
For a system with integrated network adapters, LOM1 has the lowest MAC address. The link status indicators can also be used to externally identify the adapters to the system. Additionally, an integrated network adapter's MAC address is listed in the System Setup program.

 **NOTE:** Occasionally during an operating system installation, the network adapters may be incorrectly assigned and cause IP address conflict messages to appear during boot. If this occurs, use the procedures listed above to correctly assign the network adapters.



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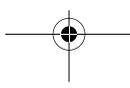
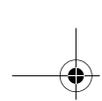
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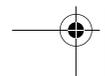
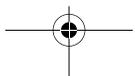
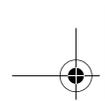


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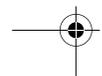
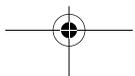
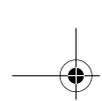


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