

PowerEdge M610



Technical Guide



The Dell PowerEdge M610 blade server helps cut operating expenses through energy efficiency, product flexibility, and efficient use of data center space.

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1 Product Comparison

1.1 Overview

The Dell™ PowerEdge™ M610 is a half-height blade server that offers a robust and scalable enterprise platform that can help you simplify and save on IT expenses.

1.1.1 Strong IT Foundation

To build the most efficient data center solutions, Dell sought input from IT professionals. You asked for reliability, scalability, energy efficiency, and a lower total cost of ownership (TCO). Our M610 blade servers deliver, becoming the cornerstone of a high-performance data center capable of keeping pace with your changing business demands.

1.1.2 Purposeful Design

Designed with your needs in mind, the M610 uses the Intel® Xeon® processor 5500 and 5600 series. These processors adapt to your software in real time, processing more tasks simultaneously. Using Intel® Turbo Boost Technology, the M-Series blades can increase performance during peak usage periods. When demand decreases, Intel® Intelligent Power Technology helps reduce operating costs and energy usage by proactively putting your server into lower power states.

The M610 delivers quick virtualization with software from leading industry vendors by offering optional integrated SD storage or internal USB for embedded hypervisors, and includes the features necessary to meet the demands for performance, high availability and redundancy in modern data centers, such as a large memory capacity of up to 192 GB of total RAM.

1.1.3 Scalability for Growth

As your application needs increase, M610 blades allow you to scale up to 192 cores and 3072 GB of memory per 10U chassis, with opportunities for even greater capacities in the future.

To keep pace with changing requirements, you can effectively scale I/O application bandwidth with end-to-end 10 Gbe or Fibre Channel solutions. Use NPIV and Port Aggregator modes on a variety of switches to virtualize Ethernet or Fibre Channel ports for integration into heterogeneous fabrics. By harnessing Dell's FlexIO modular switches, you can cost-effectively scale your I/O needs, adding ports and functionality through expansion modules—including 10 Gb uplinks and stacking ports—instead of needing to buy complete new switches. Dell provides a range of solutions for building on your investment to avoid costly “rip and replace” scenarios.

1.1.4 Smart Investment

The M610 is a foundational component of smart M-Series blade solutions that can help protect your infrastructure investments, simplify your IT environment, and drive real and sustainable savings in power efficiency and productivity. Features include:

- A future-ready, passive midplane capable of supporting multiple generations of blade servers and a full array of upcoming I/O technologies
- FlexIO eliminates “rip and replace” blade switch upgrades; modularity is built into the switches
- FlexAddress™ technology simplifies efforts and interactions between server and networking teams by providing slot-assigned, persistent WWN/iSCSI/MAC addresses for maintenance, without additional management tools or proprietary hardware

- Energy Smart Technologies, including ultra-efficient fans and power supplies for outstanding energy efficiency

With savings in time and money previously needed for maintenance, you free up resources that can be used for true innovation.

1.1.5 Simplified Systems Management

The next generation Dell™ OpenManage™ suite offers enhanced operations and standards-based commands designed to integrate with existing systems for effective control.

1.1.6 Lifecycle Controller

Lifecycle Controller is the engine for advanced systems management integrated on the server. Lifecycle Controller simplifies administrator tasks so you can perform a complete set of provisioning functions such as system deployment, system updates, hardware configuration and diagnostics from a single intuitive interface called Unified Server Configurator (USC) in a pre-OS environment. This eliminates the need to use and maintain multiple pieces of disparate CD/DVD media.

1.2 Product Comparison

Table 1. Product Comparisons

| | M610x | M610 | M710HD | M710 |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Description | Special purpose full-height | General purpose half-height | General purpose half-height | General purpose full-height |
| Processor | Intel® Xeon® processors 5500 and 5600 series | | | |
| Front Side Bus | Intel QuickPath Interconnect (QPI) | | | |
| Sockets | Two | | | |
| Max Cores per Socket | Up to six | | | |
| L2/L3 Cache | 8MB (5500 Series) or 12MB (5600 Series) | | | |
| Chipset | Intel 5520 | | | |
| DIMMs | 12 x DDR3 DIMMs 800/1066/1333MT/s | 12 x DDR3 DIMMs 800/1066/1333MT/s | 18 x DDR3 DIMMs 800/1066/1333MT/s | 18 x DDR3 DIMMs 800/1066/1333MT/s |
| Min/Max RAM | 4GB/192GB (16GB DIMMS) | 4GB/192GB (16GB DIMMS) | 4GB/288GB (16GB DIMMS) | 4GB/288GB (16GB DIMMS) |
| Form Factor | Full-height blade, dual-socket, expansion module | Half-height blade, dual-socket | Half-height blade, dual-socket | Full-height blade, dual-socket |
| Hard Drive Bays (2.5" only) | SAS: 2 x 2.5" (hot-pluggable) SATA: 1 x 2.5" | SAS: 2 x 2.5" (hot-pluggable) SATA: 1 x 2.5" | SAS: 2 x 2.5" (hot-pluggable) SSD SATA: 2 x 2.5" | SAS: 2 x 2.5" (hot-pluggable) SSD SATA: 2 x 2.5" |
| Hard Drive Types | SAS/SSD | | | |

| | M610x | M610 | M710HD | M710 |
|-------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Hard Drive Controller | PERC H200 PERC H700 PERC H800 SAS 6/E | PERC H200 Non-RAID SATA (one hard drive only) PERC H700 CERC 6/i SAS 6/iR PERC 6/i with RAID battery | Embedded H200 | PERC H200 PERC H700 CERC 6/i SAS 6/iR PERC 6/i with RAID battery |
| Optional HD Controller | Embedded H200 | SAS 6/iR PERC 6/i with RAID battery | Embedded H200 | SAS 6/iR PERC 6/i with RAID battery |
| Availability | Hot-plug hard drives Hot-plug redundant power and cooling ECC memory Single Device Data Correction (SDDC) supports memory demand and patrol scrubbing High availability failover cluster support | | | |
| Server Management | Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller iDRAC6 Express/Enterprise (both standard) w/ IPMI 2.0 +vMedia/vKVM, and CMC (on the PowerEdge M1000e chassis) | | | |
| Mezzanine Slots | 2 x8 (PCIe Gen2); Fabric B limited to a small form factor (SFF) mezzanine card | 2 x8 (PCIe Gen2); Fabric B limited to a small form factor (SFF) mezzanine card | 2 x8 PCIe mezzanine cards | 1 x4 and 3 x 8 PCIe mezzanine cards |
| IO Slots | Two x16 PCIe Gen2 H800 / 6GB SAS NVIDIA® M1060 and M2050-204 | NA | NA | NA |
| RAID | 0,1 | 0,1 | 0,1 | 0,1,5 |
| NIC/LOM | 2-port Broadcom® 5709S 1Gb w/ TOE plus optional iSCSI Accelerator | 2-port Broadcom® 5709S 1Gb w/ TOE plus optional iSCSI Accelerator | 4 x 1GbE dual Broadcom® BCM5709S | 4 x TOE with optional iSCSI offload |
| USB | 2 external, 1 internal | 2 external, 1 internal | 2 x external USB 2.0 ports at front bezel 1 x internal USB port | 3 x external USB 2.0 ports at front bezel 1 x internal USB port |

| | M610x | M610 | M710HD | M710 |
|----------------|--|--|--|--|
| SD Card | 2: 1 for Persistent Storage 1 for Management | 2: 1 for Persistent Storage 1 for Management | 2 x internal SD slot 1 for Persistent Storage 1 for Management (can also be configured as redundant SD cards for embedded hypervisor) | 1 x internal SD slot 1 for Persistent Storage 1 for Management |
| TPM | Yes, except in China where TCM is the standard | | | |
| Video | Matrox® G200eW integrated into iDRAC chip | | | |
| Power Supplies | See the PowerEdge M1000e Technical Guide . | | | |
| Fans | See the PowerEdge M1000e Technical Guide . | | | |
| Chassis | See the PowerEdge M1000e Technical Guide . | | | |

2 New Technologies

2.1 Overview

The Dell™ PowerEdge™ M610 is a half-height blade within a PowerEdge M1000e full-height blade enclosure. The PowerEdge M610 features include:

- Dual quad- and six-core Intel Xeon processor 5500 and 5600 series
- Intel IOH (24D I/O Hub)
- Intel QuickPath Architecture
- DDR3 memory
- DIMM thermal sensors
- Internal SD Module
- iDRAC6 Express

3 System Information

Table 2 summarizes the product features for the Dell™ PowerEdge™ M610. For the latest information on supported features for the PowerEdge M610, visit Dell.com.

Table 2. Product Features Summary

| Feature | Technical Specifications | |
|----------------------------|--|--|
| Processors | Quad-core or six-core Intel® Xeon® processors 5500 and 5600 series | |
| Chipset | Intel 5520 | |
| Memory ¹ | Up to 192GB (12 DIMM slots) 1GB/2GB/4GB/8GB/16GB ECC DDR3 up to 1333MT/s | |
| Drive Bays | Two 2.5" SAS/SSD hot-pluggable drives | |
| Storage ¹ | Hot-plug hard drive options: 2.5" SAS SSD, SATA SSD, SAS (15K, 10K), nearline SAS (7.2K), SATA (7.2K) Maximum internal storage: Up to 1.8TB per blade | External storage: For information about Dell external storage options, visit Dell.com/Storage . |
| RAID Controller Options | Internal: PERC H200 Modular (6Gb/s) PERC H700 Modular (6Gb/s) with 512MB battery-backed cache; 512MB, 1GB non-volatile battery-backed cache SAS 6/iR Modular CERC 6/i Modular PERC 6/i Modular with 256MB battery-backed cache | |
| I/O Mezzanine Card Options | 1Gb and 10Gb Ethernet: Dual-Port Broadcom® Gb Ethernet with TOE (BCM-5709S) Quad-Port Intel® Gb Ethernet (BCM-82576) Quad-Port Broadcom® Gb Ethernet (BCM-5709S) Dual-Port Broadcom® 10Gb Ethernet (BCM-57711) 10Gb Enhanced Ethernet and Converged Network Adapters (CEE/DCB): Dual Port Intel 10GB Enhanced Ethernet Server Adapter X520-DA2 (FcoE ready for future enablement) Dual-Port QLogic® CNA (QME8142) (supports CEE/DCB 10GbE + FCoE) Dual-Port QLogic CNA (QME8242-k) - Supports 10GbE + NPAR Brocade® BR1741M-k Dual-Port Mezzanine CNA | Fibre Channel: Dual-Port QLogic® FC8 Fibre Channel Host Bus Adapter (HBA) (QME2572) Dual-Port Emulex® FC8 Fibre Channel Host Bus Adapter (HBA) (LPe1205-M) Emulex® 8 or 4 Gb/s Fibre Channel Pass-Through Module InfiniBand: Dual-Port Mellanox® ConnectX Quad Data Rate (QDR) InfiniBand Dual-Port Mellanox® ConnectX Dual Data Rate (DDR) InfiniBand |

| Feature | Technical Specifications |
|--|--|
| Operating Systems | <p>Microsoft® Windows Server® 2012 Microsoft Windows Server 2008 SP2, x86/x64 (x64 includes Hyper-V®) Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 SP1, x64 (includes Hyper-V v2) Microsoft Windows® HPC Server 2008 Novell® SUSE® Linux® Enterprise Server Red Hat® Enterprise Linux® Oracle® Solaris™</p> <p>Virtualization Options: Citrix® XenServer® Microsoft Hyper-V with Microsoft Windows Server 2008 VMware® vSphere® including ESX™ and ESXi™</p> <p>For more information on the specific versions and additions, visit Dell.com/OSsupport.</p> |
| Featured Database Applications | <p>Microsoft SQL Server® solutions (see Dell.com/SQL) Oracle® database solutions (see Dell.com/Oracle)</p> |
| Power Supply | Supplied by Dell™ PowerEdge™ M1000e Blade Chassis |
| Video | Matrox® G200 with 8 MB of cache |
| Systems Management | <p>Dell™ OpenManage™ featuring Dell Management Console Unified Server Configurator Lifecycle Controller BMC, IPMI2.0 compliant iDRAC6 Enterprise with optional vFlash Remote Management: iDRAC6 Enterprise with optional vFlash</p> |
| Embedded Hypervisor | Optional embedded SD media |
| ¹ GB means 1 billion bytes and TB equals 1 trillion bytes; actual capacity varies with preloaded material and operating environment and will be less. | |

4 Mechanical

4.1 Chassis Description

The Dell™ PowerEdge™ M610 is a half-height blade server that requires an M1000e chassis to operate.



Figure 1. PowerEdge M1000e

The M610 server occupies one slot in the M1000e rack chassis for a maximum of 16 blades in one M1000e chassis. It can be mixed with other existing Dell blades and is designed to mix with possible future half- and full-height double-wide blades. Some highlights are:

- Support for RAID
- Support for persistent storage (internal USB connector and two external SD card slots)

Refer to the [PowerEdge M1000e Technical Guide](#) for information on fans, power and power supply, racks, security, and other chassis information.

4.2 Dimensions and Weight

The PowerEdge M610 dimensions and weight are as follows:

- Height: 18.9cm (7.4in)
- Width: 5cm (2in)
- Depth: 48.6cm (19.2in)
- Weight (Maximum Configuration): 11.1kg (24.5lb)

4.3 Internal Module View

A view of the internal module is shown in Figure 2. See the Opening and Closing the Blade section in the Installing Blade Components chapter in the *Dell PowerEdge Modular Systems Hardware Owner's Manual* on Support.Dell.com/Manuals for more information.

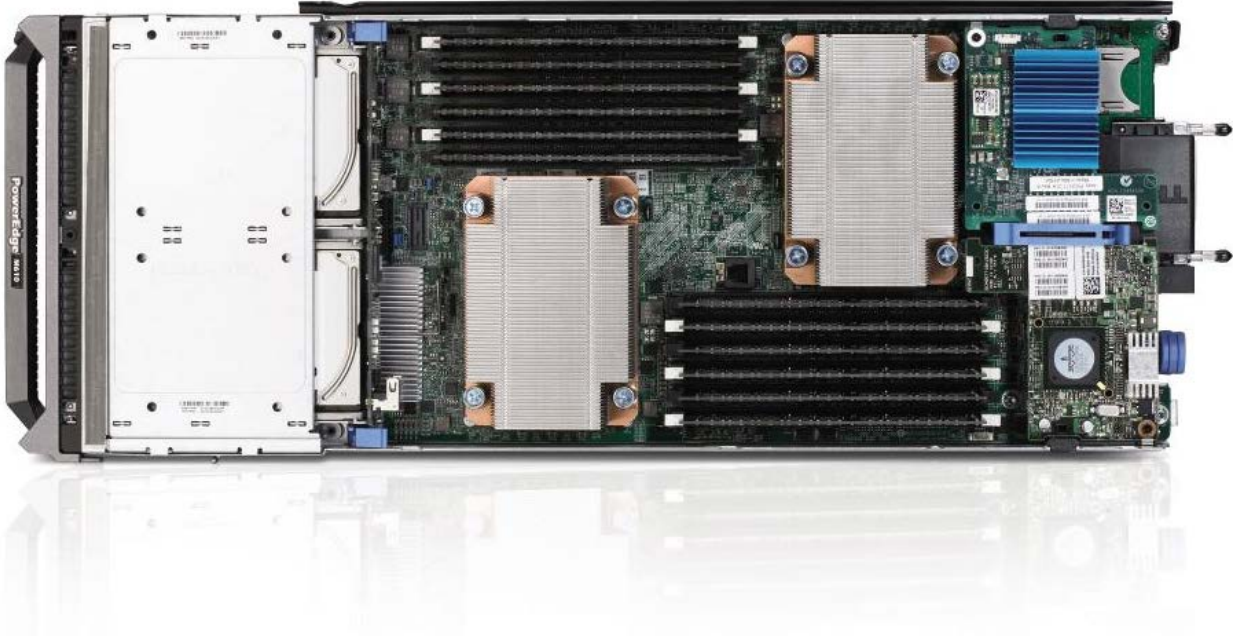


Figure 2. Internal view

4.4 Cover Latch

The blade module includes a latch for the cover. See the Opening and Closing the Blade section in the Installing Blade Components chapter in the *Dell PowerEdge Modular Systems Hardware Owner's Manual* on Support.Dell.com/Manuals for more information.

4.5 Security

The M610 offers a configurable client IP address range for clients connecting to iDRAC6. For additional information regarding the PowerEdge M610 security features, see the *Dell PowerEdge Modular Systems Hardware Owner's Manual* on Support.Dell.com/Manuals.

4.5.1 TPM (Trusted Platform Module)

The TPM is used to generate/store keys, protect/authenticate passwords, and create/store digital certificates. TPM can also be used to enable the BitLocker™ hard drive encryption feature in Windows Server 2008. TPM is enabled through a BIOS option and uses HMAC-SHA1-160 for binding. TCM is available in China.

4.5.2 Power Off Security

Through the BIOS, the front blade server USB ports and power button can be disabled so as to not allow any control of the system from the front of the blade. The enclosure video can also be restricted.

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The BIOS System Setup program's system security screen allows administrators to set the system password, control TPM activation and reporting, clear the TPM's memory, and disable the power button and USB ports.

4.6 USB Key

The M610 supports the following USB devices:

- DVD (bootable; requires two USB ports)
- USB Key (bootable)
- Keyboard (only one USB keyboard is supported)
- Mouse (only one USB mouse is supported)

4.7 Battery

A replaceable coin cell CR2032 3V battery is mounted on the planar to provide backup power for the Real-Time Clock and CMOS RAM on the ICH9 chip.

4.8 Field Replaceable Units (FRU)

The planar contains a serial EEPROM to contain FRU information including Dell part number, part revision level, and serial number.

4.9 User Accessible Jumpers, Sockets, and Connectors

For information, see the System Board Information chapter in the *Dell PowerEdge Modular Systems Hardware Owner's Manual* on Support.Dell.com/Manuals.

5 Power, Thermal, Acoustic

5.1 Power Supplies

See the [PowerEdge M1000e Technical Guide](#) for information on power supplies and power supply specifications.

5.2 Power Efficiency

One of the main features of blade servers is enhanced power efficiency. The Dell™ PowerEdge™ M610 achieves higher power efficiency by implementing the following features:

- User-configurable power options through the M1000e Chassis Management Controller (CMC) (see the M1000e documentation online at Dell.com/Support for further details)
- Improved power budgeting
- Voltage Regulator (VR) efficiency improvements
- Processor VR dynamic phase shedding
- Switching regulators instead of linear regulators
- Closed loop thermal throttling
- Use of DDR3 memory (lower voltage compared to DDR2)
- Memory VR static phase shedding
- BIOS Power/Performance options page
- Active Power Controller (BIOS-based processor P-state manager)
- Ability to throttle memory
- Ability to disable a processor core
- Ability to turn off embedded NICs when not being used
- Energy Smart components at the M1000e chassis level to selectively enable more computing performance with less power consumption.

5.3 Thermal Operating and Storage Specifications

The M610 thermal solution includes:

- Optimized airflow impedance for individual blade and chassis level airflow balancing
- Custom air baffling directs airflow through the components to maintain proper cooling
- Custom designed heat sinks maintain processor, DIMM, and board-level chip temperatures within thermal design targets
- Highly Optimized Fan Control Algorithm
 - Base fan speeds are a function of hardware configuration and ambient temperature to minimize airflow for a given environment.
 - Component algorithms: CPU PID, DIMMs, HW Configuration, IOH, GPU, and External Ambient.
 - The highest fan speed request from the above algorithms is used to set the appropriate fan speed for the blade.
 - Ambient and HW Configuration sets the minimum - other algorithms increase fan speed to maintain proper cooling.

Thermal specifications for the PowerEdge M610 are detailed in Table 3 along with other important operating and storage information.

Table 3. Operating and Storage Specifications

| Temperature | |
|---|---|
| Operating | 10° to 35° C (50° to 95° F) with a maximum temperature gradation of 10° C per hour Note: For altitudes above 2950 feet, the maximum operating temperature is derated 1°F/500ft |
| Storage | -40° to 65°C (-40° to 149°F) with a maximum temperature gradation of 20°C per hour |
| Relative Humidity | |
| Operating | 20% to 80% (noncondensing) with a maximum humidity gradation of 10% per hour |
| Storage | 5% to 95% (noncondensing) with a maximum humidity gradation of 10% per hour |
| Maximum Vibration | |
| Operating | 0.26 Grms at 5-350 Hz in operational orientations |
| Storage | 1.54 Grms at 10-250 Hz in all orientations |
| Maximum Shock | |
| Operating | Half sine shock in all operational orientations of 31 G +/- 5% with a pulse duration of 2.6 ms +/- 10% |
| Storage | Half sine shock on all six sides of 71 G +/- 5% with a pulse duration of 2 ms +/- 10% |
| Altitude | |
| Operating | -15.2m to 3048 m (-50 to 10,000 ft) Note: For altitudes above 2950 ft, the maximum temperature is derated 1° F/550 ft |
| Storage | -16 to 10,600 m (-50 to 35,000 ft) |
| Airborne contaminant level | |
| Class G1 or lower as defined by ISA-S71.04-1985 (G1 maximum corrosive contaminant levels measured at ≤ 50% relative humidity) | |

5.4 Acoustics

The acoustical design of the PowerEdge M610 reflects adherence to Dell's high sound quality standards. Sound quality is different from sound power level and sound pressure level in that it describes how humans respond to annoyances in sound, like whistles, hums, etc. One of the sound quality metrics in the Dell specification is prominence ratio of a tone.

Table 4 shows the acoustical performance for a typical configuration of the M1000e chassis with eight PowerEdge M610 blade servers installed. Acoustical performance varies with hardware configurations.

Table 4. Acoustical Performance of M1000e Chassis with Eight M610 Blades Installed

| Typical Configuration (per blade) @ 23±2° C Ambient in M1000e Chassis | |
|---|---------------|
| Operating Mode | LwA-UL (bels) |
| Idle | 7.4 |

Definitions

Typical configuration: The system is populated with projected average quantity, type, capacity, speed, etc., of components.

Idle: Reference ISO7779 (2010) definition 3.1.7; system is running in its OS but no other specific activity.

LwA - UL: The upper limit sound power level (LwA) calculated per section 4.4.2 of ISO 9296 (1988) and measured in accordance to ISO 7779 (2010).

6 Processors

6.1 Overview

The Intel® Xeon® processor 5500 and 5600 series are designed specifically for servers and workstation applications. These processors feature quad-core processing to maximize performance and performance-per-watt for data center infrastructures and highly-dense deployments. They feature Intel Core™ micro-architecture and Intel 64 architecture for flexibility in 64-bit and 32-bit applications and operating systems, and they use a 1366-contact Flip-Chip Land Grid Array (FC-LGA) package that plugs into a surface-mount socket. The M610 provides support for up to two processors.

6.2 Features

Key features of the Intel Xeon processor 5500 series include:

- Up to four cores per processor
- Two point-to-point QuickPath Interconnect links at 6.4 GT/s
- 45 nm process technology
- No termination requirement for non-populated processors (must populate CPU socket 1 first)
- Integrated QuickPath DDR3 memory controller
- 64-byte cache line size
- RISC/CISC hybrid architecture
- Compatibility with existing x86 code base
- MMX™ support
- Execute Disable Bit
- Intel Wide Dynamic Execution
- Ability to execute up to four instructions per clock cycle
- Simultaneous Multi-Threading (SMT) capability
- Support for processor Turbo Mode (on certain SKUs)
- Processor frequency increases if operating below thermal, power, and current limits
- Streaming SIMD (Single Instruction, Multiple Data) Extensions 2, 3, and 4
- Intel® 64 Technology
- Intel® VT-x and VT-d technology for virtualization support
- Enhanced Intel® SpeedStep® technology
- Demand-based switching for active processor power management as well as support for ACPI P-States, C-States and T-States

The Intel Xeon processor 5600 series encompasses all the features of the 5500 series, and also includes the following:

- New top BIN processors at 130W TDP
- Support for DDR3L, 1.35v DIMMs for even lower system power
- Support for memory sparing
- AES-NI (hardware encryption assist) for more efficient encryption for uses such as online transactions SSL.
- Intel TXT (Trusted Execution Technology) provides hardware assisted protection against emerging software attacks

Table 5. Comparison of Processor Technology

| Intel® Xeon® Processor | 5400 Series | 5500 Series | 5600 Series |
|---|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Cores | 4 | 4 | 6 |
| Last Level Cache | 2 x 6MB shared | 8MB shared | 12MB shared |
| FSB (MT/s) / Link Frequency (GT/s) | 1333MT/s | Up to 6.4 GT/s | Up to 6.4 GT/s |
| Max TDP | 120W | 130W for WS 95W for Server | 130W for WS and Server |
| Max Frequency | >3GHz | >3GHz | >3GHz |
| Memory Controller | Separate in chipset | Integrated 3-channel DDR3 | Integrated 3-channel DDR3 |
| Process Technology | 45nm | 45nm | 32nm |
| Intel® Trusted Execution Technology | No | No | Yes |
| Intel® Advanced Encryption Security- New Instructions | No | No | Yes |
| Intel® Virtualization Technology | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Intel® 64 | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Intel® Hyper-Threading Technology | No | Yes | Yes |
| Socket | LGA771 | LGA1366 | LGA1366 |

6.3 Supported Processors

The Dell™ PowerEdge™ M610 supports the Intel® Xeon® processors 5500 and 5600 series, which are detailed in Table 6.

Table 6. Supported Processors

| Model | Speed | TDP Power | Cache | Cores | Max Memory Speed | QPI Link Speed | Turbo Mode Enabled | Hyper-threading |
|-----------------------|---------|-----------|-------|-------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| X5687 | 3.6GHz | 130W | 12M | 4 | 1333MT/s | 6.4GT/s | Yes | Yes |
| X5690 | 3.46GHz | 130W | 12M | 6 | 1333MT/s | 6.4GT/s | Yes | Yes |
| X5677 | 3.46GHz | 130W | 12M | 4 | 1333MT/s | 6.4GT/s | Yes | Yes |
| X5680 | 3.33GHz | 95W | 12M | 6 | 1333MT/s | 6.4GT/s | Yes | Yes |
| X5672 | 3.2GHz | 95W | 12M | 4 | 1333MT/s | 6.4GT/s | Yes | Yes |
| X5675 | 3.06GHz | 95W | 12M | 6 | 1333MT/s | 6.4GT/s | Yes | Yes |
| X5667 | 3.06GHz | 95W | 12M | 4 | 1333MT/s | 6.4GT/s | Yes | Yes |
| X5670 | 2.93GHz | 95W | 12M | 6 | 1333MT/s | 6.4GT/s | Yes | Yes |
| X5647 | 2.93GHz | 130W | 12M | 4 | 1333MT/s | 5.86GT/s | Yes | Yes |
| X5660 | 2.8GHz | 95W | 12M | 6 | 1333MT/s | 6.4GT/s | Yes | Yes |
| X5560 | 2.8GHz | 95W | 8M | 4 | 1333MT/s | 6.4GT/s | Yes | Yes |
| E5560 | 2.8GHz | 95W | 8M | 4 | 1333MT/s | 6.4GT/s | Yes | Yes |
| X5650 | 2.66GHz | 95W | 12M | 6 | 1333MT/s | 6.4GT/s | Yes | Yes |
| E5640 | 2.66GHz | 80W | 12M | 4 | 1066MT/s | 5.86GT/s | Yes | Yes |
| E5649 | 2.53GHz | 80W | 12M | 6 | 1333MT/s | 5.86T/s | Yes | Yes |
| E5630 | 2.53GHz | 80W | 12M | 4 | 1066MT/s | 5.86GT/s | Yes | Yes |
| E5645 | 2.4GHz | 80W | 12M | 6 | 1333MT/s | 5.86GT/s | Yes | Yes |
| E5620 | 2.4GHz | 80W | 12M | 4 | 1066MT/s | 5.86GT/s | Yes | Yes |
| E5530 | 2.4GHz | 80W | 8M | 4 | 1066MT/s | 5.86GT/s | Yes | Yes |
| L5640 | 2.26GHz | 60W | 12M | 6 | 1066MT/s | 5.86GT/s | Yes | Yes |
| L5520 | 2.26GHz | 60W | 8M | 4 | 1066MT/s | 5.86GT/s | Yes | Yes |
| E5607 | 2.26GHz | 80W | 8M | 4 | 1066MT/s | 4.8GT/s | No | No |
| L5630 | 2.13GHz | 40W | 12M | 4 | 1066MT/s | 5.86GT/s | Yes | Yes |
| E5606 | 2.13GHz | 80W | 8M | 4 | 1066MT/s | 4.8GT/s | No | No |
| E5506 | 2.13GHz | 60W | 4M | 4 | 800MT/s | 4.8GT/s | No | No |
| L5609 | 1.86GHz | 40W | 12M | 4 | 1066MT/s | 4.8GT/s | No | No |

6.4 Processor Installation

See the Processors section in the Installing Blade Components chapter in the *Dell PowerEdge Modular Systems Hardware Owner's Manual* on Support.Dell.com/Manuals.

7 Memory

7.1 Overview

The Dell™ PowerEdge™ M610 uses DDR3 memory providing a high-performance, high-speed memory interface capable of low latency response and high throughput. The M610 supports Registered ECC DDR3 DIMMs (RDIMM) as well as the low-voltage RDIMMs and Unbuffered ECC DDR3 DIMMs (UDIMM).

The DDR3 memory interface consists of three channels with up to two RDIMMs or UDIMMs per channel for single/dual rank and up to two RDIMMs per channel for quad rank. The interface uses 2 GB, 4 GB, or 8 GB RDIMMs. 1 GB or 2 GB UDIMMs are also supported. The memory mode is dependent on how the memory is populated in the system, according to the following guidelines:

- Three channels per processor populated identically
 - The system is typically set to run in Memory Optimized (Independent Channel) mode in this configuration. This mode offers the most DIMM population flexibility and system memory capacity, but offers the least number of RAS (reliability, availability, and serviceability) features.
 - All three channels must be populated identically
 - Memory sparing is not supported on the M610 with 5500 series processors.
- The first two channels per processor populated identically with the third channel unused
 - Two channels typically operate in Advanced ECC (Lockstep) mode with each other by having the cache line split across both channels. This mode provides improved RAS features (SDDC support for x8-based memory).
 - For Memory Mirroring, two channels operate as mirrors of each other (write functions go to both channels and read functions alternate between the two channels).
- One channel per processor populated (This is a simple Memory Optimized mode. No mirroring or sparing is supported.)

The M610 memory interface supports memory demand and patrol scrubbing, single-bit correction, and multi-bit error detection. Correction of an x4 or x8 device failure is also possible with SDDC in the Advanced ECC mode. Additionally, correction of an x4 device failure is possible in the Memory Optimized mode.

7.2 DIMMs Supported

The following memory requirements apply to the M610:

- If DIMMs of different speeds are mixed, all channels operate at the fastest common frequency.
- RDIMMs and UDIMMs cannot be mixed.
- If memory mirroring is enabled, identical DIMMs must be installed in the same slots across both channels. The third channel of each processor is unavailable for memory mirroring.
- The first DIMM slot in each channel is color-coded with white ejection tabs for ease of installation.
- The M610 memory system supports up to 12 DIMMs.
- DIMMs must be installed in each channel starting with the DIMM farthest from the processor.
- Population order is identified by the silkscreen designator and the System Information Label (SIL) located on the chassis cover.

7.3 Memory Features

Key features of the M610 memory system include:

- Registered (RDIMM) and Unbuffered (UDIMM) ECC DDR3 technology
- Each channel carries 64 data and eight ECC bits
- Support for up to 192 GB of RDIMM memory (with twelve 16 GB RDIMMs)
- Support for up to 24 GB of UDIMM memory (with twelve 2 GB UDIMMs)
- Support for 1066/1333 MT/s single and dual rank DIMMs
- Support for 1066 MT/s quad rank DIMMs
- Single DIMM configuration only with DIMM in socket A1
- ODT support (On Die Termination)
- Clock gating (CKE) to conserve power when DIMMs are not accessed (DIMMs enter a low-power self-refresh mode)
- I²C access to SPD EEPROM for access to RDIMM thermal sensors
- Single Bit Error Correction
- SDDC (Single Device Data Correction - x4 or x8 devices)
- Support for Closed Loop Thermal Management on RDIMMs and UDIMMs
- Multi Bit Error Detection
- Support for Memory Optimized Mode
- Support for Advanced ECC mode
- Support for Memory Mirroring

Memory sparing is not supported on 5500 series processors but it is supported on systems using 5600 series processors. While 800 MT/s DIMMs are not supported, the installation of two quad-rank 1066 MT/s DIMMs will operate at 800 MT/s.

7.4 Memory Speed Limitations

The memory frequency is determined by a variety of inputs:

- Speed of the DIMMs
- Speed supported by the processor
- Configuration of the DIMMs

The M610 supports two DIMMs per channel at 1333 MT/s. To run the maximum memory configuration (12 x 16 GB DIMMs = 192 GB) at 1333 MT/s, use dual-rank 16 GB DIMMs.

If you want to run at 1066MT/s, the maximum amount of quad-rank DIMMs allowed is 1DPC (DIMM per channel), which equals three DIMMs per CPU or six DIMMs total.

For quad-rank DIMMs mixed with single- or dual-rank DIMMs, the quad-rank DIMM needs to be in the slot with the white ejection tabs (the first DIMM slot in each channel). There is no requirement for the order of single-rank and dual-rank DIMMs.

Table 7 shows the memory populations and the maximum frequency achievable for that configuration.

Table 7. Maximum Supported Memory Frequencies

| DIMM Type | DIMM 0 | DIMM 1 | # of DIMMs | 800 | 1066 | 1333 |
|-----------|--------|--------|------------|-----|------|------|
| UDIMM | SR | — | 1 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | DR | — | 1 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | SR | SR | 2 | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| | SR | DR | 2 | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| | DR | DR | 2 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| RDIMM | SR | — | 1 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | DR | — | 1 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | QR | — | 1 | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| | SR | SR | 2 | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| | SR | DR | 2 | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| | DR | DR | 2 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | QR | SR | 2 | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ |
| | QR | DR | 2 | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ |
| | QR | QR | 2 | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ |

8 Chipset

8.1 Overview

The Dell™ PowerEdge™ M610 system board incorporates the Intel 5520 chipset for I/O and processor interfacing. The chipset was designed to support the Intel® Xeon® Processor 5500 and 5600 series, QuickPath Interconnect, and DDR3 memory technology. The chipset consists of the I/O Hub (IOH) and Intel I/O Controller Hub 9 (ICH9).

8.2 I/O Hub (IOH)

The M610 system board uses the Intel 5520 chipset 24D IOH to provide a link between the processor(s) and I/O components. The main components of the IOH consist of two full-width QuickPath Interconnect links (one to each processor), 36 lanes of PCI Express Gen2, a x4 Direct Media Interface (DMI), and an integrated IOxAPIC.

8.2.1 QuickPath Interconnect (QPI)

The QuickPath Interconnect architecture consists of serial point-to-point interconnects for the processors and the IOH. The M610 has a total of three QuickPath Interconnect (QPI) links: one link connecting the processors and links connecting both processors with the IOH. Each link consists of 20 lanes (full-width) in each direction with a link speed of 6.4 GT/s. An additional lane is reserved for a forwarded clock. Data is sent over the QPI links as packets.

The QuickPath architecture implemented in the IOH and processors features four layers. The Physical layer consists of the actual connection between components. It supports Polarity Inversion and Lane Reversal for optimizing component placement and routing. The Link layer is responsible for flow control and the reliable transmission of data. The Routing layer is responsible for the routing of QPI data packets. Finally, the Protocol layer is responsible for high-level protocol communications, including the implementation of a MESIF (Modify, Exclusive, Shared, Invalid, Forward) cache coherence protocol.

8.2.2 IOH PCI Express

PCI Express is a serial point-to-point interconnect for I/O devices. PCIe Gen2 doubles the signaling bit rate of Gen1 from 2.5 Gb/s to 5 Gb/s. Each of the PCIe Gen2 ports are backwards-compatible with Gen1 transfer rates.

8.2.3 Direct Media Interface (DMI)

The DMI connects the IOH with the Intel I/O Controller Hub 9 (ICH9). The DMI is equivalent to a x4 PCIe Gen1 link with a transfer rate of 1 GB/s in each direction.

8.3 I/O Controller Hub 9 (ICH9)

ICH9 is a highly-integrated I/O controller, supporting the following functions:

- Serial ATA (SATA) ports with transfer rates up to 300 MB/s
- Six UHCI and two EHCI (high-speed 2.0) USB host controllers, with up to 12 USB ports (M610 provides four of these ports for internal and external use)
- Power management interface (ACPI 3.0b compliant)
- Platform Environmental Control Interface (PECI)
- I/O interrupt controller

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- SMBus 2.0 controller
- Low Pin Count (LPC) interface to Trusted Platform Module (TPM), and SPI-VU
- Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI) support for up to two devices (M610 BIOS is connected to the ICH9 using SPI)

9 BIOS

9.1 Overview

The Dell™ PowerEdge™ M610 BIOS is based on the Dell BIOS core, and supports the following features:

- Intel® Xeon® processor 5500 and 5600 series 2S support
- Simultaneous Multi-Threading (SMT) support
- CPU Turbo Mode support
- PCI 2.3 compliant
- Plug and play 1.0a compliant
- MP (Multiprocessor) 1.4 compliant
- Ability to boot from hard drive, optical drive, iSCSI drive, USB key, and SD card
- ACPI support
- Direct Media Interface (DMI) support
- PXE, iSCSI, and WOL support for on-board NIC
- Memory mirroring
- SETUP access through F2 key at end of POST
- USB 2.0 (USB boot code is 1.1 compliant)
- F1/F2 error logging in CMOS
- Virtual KVM, CD, and floppy support
- Unified Server Configurator (UEFI 2.1) support
- Power management support including DBS, Power Inventory, and multiple power profiles

9.2 Supported ACPI States

The M610 supports the standard Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI) states. To learn more, see <http://www.acpi.info/>.

10 Embedded NICs/LAN on Motherboard (LOM)

10.1 Overview

The Dell™ PowerEdge™ M610 planar has two embedded Broadcom® 5709S dual-port LAN controllers as independent Gigabit Ethernet interface devices. The following information details the features of the LAN devices:

- x4 PCI Express Gen2 capable interface (M610 operates this controller at Gen1 speed)
- Integrated MAC and PHY
- 3072x18 Byte context memory
- 64 KB receive buffer
- TOE (TCP Offload Engine)
- RDMA controller (RNIC)
- NC-SI (Network Controller-Sideband Interface) connection for manageability
- Wake-On-LAN (WOL)
- PXE 2.0 remote boot
- iSCSI boot
- IPv4 and IPv6 support
- Bare metal deployment support
- iSCSI offload accelerator used for offloading iSCSI traffic as an iSCSI accelerator/HBA (optionally enabled through a hardware key)

The embedded NICs are not sharable with iDRAC since the blade iDRAC has a dedicated 100 Mbps link (Fabric D).

10.2 Platform Networking LAN on Motherboard (LOM) Technology Overview

The PowerEdge M610 has two Ethernet ports because it includes two built-in dual-port 1GbE converged networking (CNIC) LOMs based on Broadcom 5709 controllers. The M610 supports multiple functions over a unified fabric to help manage Ethernet, iSCSI, and remote management traffic on each port simultaneously.

Enterprise networks that use multiple protocols and multiple network fabrics benefit from the Broadcom C-NICs LOMs' ability to combine network traffic, storage, and clustering over a single Ethernet fabric by boosting server processor performance and memory utilization while alleviating I/O bottlenecks.

Each BCM5709S LOM provides dual 10/100/1000BASE-T Gigabit Ethernet functions, an IEEE802.3-compliant media access controller (MAC), and a UTP copper physical layer transceiver solution for high-performance network applications. It enables simultaneous convergence of all networked communications possible in a server, such as data network (LAN), storage network (such as block, iSCSI, or file [for example, CIFS/NFS]), and clustering (such as High-Performance Computing [HPC]).

11 I/O Slots (I/O Mezzanine Card Options for M1000e)

11.1 Overview

The Dell™ PowerEdge™ M610 has two PCIe x8 Gen2 mezzanine card slots. Installation of mezzanine cards requires an M1000e I/O Module (IOM) of the same fabric technology to be installed in the corresponding fabric slot of the mezzanine to support data flow through that fabric/slot.

11.2 Options

Available options for mezzanine card slots include the following:

- Broadcom® Dual-Port 5709
- Broadcom Quad-Port 5709
- Intel® ET Quad-Port 82576
- Broadcom Dual-Port 57711
- Brocade® CNA Dual-Port BR1741M-k
- Intel Ethernet X520 10GbE x/k
- QLogic® CNA QME8142
- QLogic CNA QME8242-k
- Emulex® CNA OCM10102FM
- QLogic QME2572 (FC8)
- Emulex LPe1205 (FC8)
- Mellanox® ConnectX™-2 DDR IB (SFF)
- Mellanox ConnectX™-2 QDR IB (SFF)

12 Storage

12.1 Overview

The Dell™ PowerEdge™ M610 supports two 2.5" storage drives that connect to its hot-plug backplane. These drives can be either SATA or SAS, and either HDD or SSD, though if two are installed, they both must be of the same technology type.

All enterprise-class 2.5" storage drives sold by Dell are qualified, including those that offer Self Encrypting Drive functionality as well as the 6Gb SAS drives. All storage drives used with the PERC H700 must be purchased from Dell.

12.2 Hard Disk Drive Carriers

The M610 supports a 2.5" hard drive carrier as shown in Figure 3.



Figure 3. 2.5" HDD Carrier

12.3 Empty Drive Bays

For the slots that are not occupied by drives, a carrier blank is provided to maintain proper cooling, maintain a uniform appearance to the unit, and provide EMI shielding.

12.4 Diskless Configuration Support

The system supports diskless configuration with no storage controller (H200/PERC 7i) installed in the system. A 2.5" HDD backplane is installed in this configuration.

12.5 RAID Configurations

Both RAID 0 and RAID 1 are supported as long as a RAID card is included.

12.6 Storage Controllers

The M610 supports a variety of internal RAID cards through a dedicated PCI Express Gen1 x4 slot, as shown in the matrix on Dell.com.

12.6.1 SATA Repeater (MOD N014K)

The M610 internal SATA Repeater HBA is an expansion card that plugs into the dedicated storage controller slot. The card is connected to the ICH9 SATA port through the controller slot to support one SATA 2.5" hard drive. The SATA drives are not hot-pluggable.

12.6.2 SAS 6/iR

The M610 internal SAS 6/iR HBA is an expansion card that plugs into the dedicated storage controller slot. This card incorporates two four-channel SAS IOC's for connection to SAS hard disk drives (SATA not supported). This card is designed in a form factor that allows the same card to be used in any blade server with a storage card connector. RAID 0 and 1 are supported.

12.6.3 CERC 6/iR

For a hardware RAID solution, the CERC 6/iR is an option. The CERC 6/iR uses the LSI 1078 ROC (RAID on Chip) processor with a PCI Express host interface and DDR2 memory. A battery is not available with this card. For details of this card, see the [PERC6 Hardware Product Specification](#).

12.6.4 PERC 6/i

For another hardware RAID solution, the PERC 6/i is also an option. The PERC 6/i uses the LSI 1078 ROC (RAID on Chip) processor with a PCI Express host interface and DDR2 memory. A battery is available with this card. For details of this card, see the [PERC6 Hardware Product Specification](#).

12.6.5 PERC H200 (Modular version)

The PERC H200M is an entry RAID solution with no cache.

12.6.6 PERC H700 (Modular version)

See the [PERC H700 Technical Guidebook](#) for more information on PERC H700M.

12.7 Hard Drive LED Indicators

Each disk drive carrier has two LED indicators visible from the front of the system. One is a green LED for disk activity and the other is a bicolor (Green/Amber) LED for status information. The activity LED is driven by the disk drive during normal operation. The bicolor LED is controlled by the SEP device on the backplane. Both LEDs are used to indicate certain conditions under direction of a storage controller.

12.8 Optical Drives

Optical drives are optional in all M610 systems and connect to the blade through the front USB interface. The following internal slim-line drives are available on M610: DVD-ROM and DVD+RW. PATA (IDE) optical drives are not supported.

13 Video (PCI Video)

The Dell™ PowerEdge™ M610 Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller 6 (iDRAC6) incorporates an integrated video subsystem connected to the 32-bit PCI interface of the ICH9. This logic is based on the Matrox® G200 with 8 MB of cache. The device only supports 2D graphics.

The M610 system supports the 2D graphics video modes listed in Table 8.

Table 8. Supported Video Modes

| Resolution | Refresh Rate (Hz) | Color Depth (bit) |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 640 x 480 | 60, 72, 75, 85 | 8, 16, 32 |
| 800 x 600 | 56, 60, 72, 75, 85 | 8, 16, 32 |
| 1024 x 768 | 60, 72, 75, 85 | 8, 16, 32 |
| 1152 x 864 | 75 | 8, 16, 32 |
| 1280 x 1024 | 60, 75, 85 | 8, 16 |
| 1280 x 1024 | 60 | 32 |

14 Rack Information

For information on rack and cable accessories for the Dell™ PowerEdge™ M610, see the [PowerEdge M1000e Technical Guide](#) and the [M1000e Rack and Cable Advisor Tool](#).

15 Operating Systems

The Dell™ PowerEdge™ M610 is designed to meet the Microsoft® WinLogo 3.0 design specifications. For the most up-to-date information, see the [Operating System Support Matrix for Dell PowerEdge Systems](#) on Dell.com.

16 Virtualization

16.1 Resources

The Dell Support site has extensive information designed to help you configure virtualization software with PowerEdge servers. For more information, visit the following sites:

- [Dell Virtualization Solution Advisor](#): Advisement for configuring a complete virtualization solution.
- [Supported virtualization platforms](#): Detailed listing of virtualization platforms supported by Dell OpenManage™.
- [Dell Support](#): Other blade-related virtualization documents.

For information about which versions of VMware software have been certified on this server, see the compatibility list maintained by VMware.

It is possible to order the server with an SD card that does not contain ESXi.

16.2 Advanced Infrastructure Manager by Scalent

Dell Advanced Infrastructure Manager (AIM) allows IT organizations to manage networking, storage, and servers (as well as server workloads) that can be dynamically reconfigured and deployed to meet the changing needs of today's data center environment. Specifically, AIM provides IT professionals the ability to:

- Combine new and existing networking, storage devices, and servers into a holistic computing solution that enables dynamic allocation of resources to meet application workload requirements.
- Manage physical and virtual resources with a single solution that includes the ability to move workloads seamlessly across hardware platforms for increased availability and scalability.
- Provide virtualization-like functionality to non-virtual (physical) servers, including automated failover, dynamic load balancing, and business continuity.
- Integrate existing infrastructure (networking, storage devices, and servers) into an AIM solution to provide investment protection and extend the useful life of existing data center assets.
- Significantly decrease the amount of time and people required to deploy hardware and get applications up and running by providing a repeatable, scalable framework for hardware implementation using AIM.

More information can be found at Dell.com/AIM.

17 Systems Management

17.1 Overview

Dell delivers open, comprehensive, and integrated solutions that help you reduce the complexity of managing disparate IT assets. Combining Dell™ PowerEdge™ servers with a wide selection of Dell developed systems management solutions gives you choice and flexibility, so you can simplify and save in IT environments of any size. To help you meet your server management demands, Dell offers Dell OpenManage™ systems management solutions for:

- Deployment of one or many servers from a single console
- Monitoring of server and storage health and maintenance
- Update of system, operating system, and application software

Dell offers IT management solutions for organizations of all sizes—priced and sized appropriately, and supported comprehensively.

17.2 Server Management

A Dell Systems Management and Documentation DVD, Dell Management Console DVD, and ISO images are included with the product. See Table 9 for a description of the available content.

Table 9. Server Management Documentation and Information

| Title | Description |
|--|---|
| Dell Systems Build and Update Utility (SBUU) | Assists in OS install and pre-OS hardware configuration and updates. |
| Server Update Utility (SUU) | Provides an inventory tool for managing updates to firmware, BIOS, and drivers for either Linux or Windows varieties. |
| OpenManage Server Administrator (OMSA) | Provides a comprehensive, one-to-one (one console to one server) systems management solution, designed for system administrators to manage systems locally and remotely over a network. OMSA allows system administrators to focus on managing their entire network by providing comprehensive one-to-one systems management. |
| Management Console | Dell IT Assistant (ITA) is also included, as well as tools to allow access to our remote management products. These tools are Remote Access Service for iDRAC and the Baseboard Management Controller (BMC) Utility. |
| Active Directory Snap-in Utility | Provides an extension snap-in to the Microsoft Active Directory. This allows you to manage Dell specific Active Directory objects. The Dell-specific schema class definitions and their installation are also included on the DVD. |
| Dell Systems Service Diagnostics Tools | Deliver the latest Dell optimized drivers, utilities, and operating system-based diagnostics that you can use to update your system. |
| eDocs | Includes PDF files for PowerEdge systems, storage peripherals, and Dell OpenManage™ software. |

| Title | Description |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Dell Management Console (DMC) | Provides a systems management console that enables systems administrators to discover and inventory devices on your network. It provides functions such as health and performance monitoring of networked devices and patch management capabilities for Dell systems. DMC differs from the IT Assistant management console (described above) in that with DMC, value-add plug-ins that enable advanced functionality can be purchased and added to the base DMC product. |

17.3 Embedded Server Management

The Dell™ PowerEdge™ M610 circuitry for the next generation of Embedded Server Management. It is Intelligent Platform Management Interface (IPMI) v2.0 compliant. The optional iDRAC (Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller) is responsible for acting as an interface between the host system and its management software and the periphery devices.

The optional upgrade to iDRAC6 provides features for managing the server remotely or in data center lights-out environments.

Advanced iDRAC features require the installation of the optional iDRAC6 Enterprise card.

17.4 Lifecycle Controller and Unified Server Configurator

Embedded management is comprised of interdependent pieces:

- Dell Lifecycle Controller
- Unified Server Configurator
- iDRAC6

Dell Lifecycle Controller powers the embedded management features. It includes integrated and tamper-proof storage for system-management tools and enablement utilities (firmware, drivers, etc.). Lifecycle Controller enables pre-OS server deployment, OS installation, platform updates, platform configuration, and diagnostics capabilities.

Dell Unified Server Configurator (USC) is a graphical user interface (GUI) that aids in local server provisioning in a pre-OS environment. To access the Unified Server Configurator, press the <F10> key within 10 seconds of the Dell logo appearance during the system boot process. Table 10 details current functionality enabled by the USC.

Table 10. Unified Server Configurator Features and Description

| Feature | Description |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Faster O/S Installation | Drivers and the installation utility are embedded on system, so no need to scour Dell.com. |
| Faster System Updates | Integration with Dell support automatically directed to latest versions of the Unified Server Configurator, iDRAC, RAID, BIOS, NIC, and power supply. |
| Update Rollback | Ability to recover to previous “known good state” for all updatable components. |
| More Comprehensive Diagnostics | Diagnostic utilities are embedded on system. |

| Feature | Description |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Simplified Hardware Configuration | Detects RAID controller and allows user to configure virtual disk and choose virtual disk as boot device, eliminating the need to launch a separate utility. Also provides configuration for iDRAC, BIOS, and NIC/LOM. |

17.5 Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller

The integrated Dell Remote Access Controller (iDRAC6) provides IT Administrators comprehensive yet straightforward management of remote servers, by delivering “as if you are there” presence and control. iDRAC6 helps users to save time and money by eliminating travel to the remote server(s), whether that server is located in a different room, a different building, a different city, or in a different country.

iDRAC6 Enterprise is a standard feature on the M610, and Virtual Flash (vFlash) media is a purchasable option.

17.6 iDRAC6 Enterprise

The iDRAC6 Enterprise card provides access to advanced iDRAC6 features. The iDRAC6 Enterprise connects directly to the M610 planar and is mounted parallel to the planar with stand-offs.

Key features for the iDRAC6 Enterprise include:

- Scripting capability with Dell’s Racadm command-line
- Remote video, keyboard, and mouse control with Virtual Console
- Remote media access with Virtual Media
- Dedicated network interface

17.7 iDRAC6 Enterprise with Virtual Flash (vFlash) Media

The iDRAC6 Enterprise can be upgraded by adding the vFlash media card. This is an 8 GB Dell-branded SD card that enables a persistent 256 MB virtual flash partition. The vFlash media delivers the following key features:

- Support for 8 GB SD storage media
- Can be used as a repository for a pre-OS image, eliminating the need to maintain a network infrastructure for OS deployment
- Can also be used for permanent diagnostics image for use after system failures, or permanent failsafe image for periodic configuration changes

A more detailed feature list for base management functionality, iDRAC6 Enterprise, and vFlash media is shown in Table 11.

Table 11. Features List for Base Management Functionality, iDRAC, and vFlash Media

| Feature | Base Management Functionality | iDRAC6 Enterprise | vFlash Media |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Interface and Standards Support | | | |
| IPMI 2.0 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

| Feature | Base Management Functionality | iDRAC6 Enterprise | vFlash Media |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Web-based GUI | | ✓ | ✓ |
| SNMP | | ✓ | ✓ |
| WSMAN | | ✓ | ✓ |
| SMASH-CLP | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Racadm command-line | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Conductivity | | | |
| Shared/Failover Network Modes | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| IPv4 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| VLAN Tagging | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| IPv6 | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Dynamic DNS | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Dedicated NIC | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Security and Authentication | | | |
| Role-based Authority | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Local Users | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Active Directory | | ✓ | ✓ |
| SSL Encryption | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Remote Management and Remediation | | | |
| Remote Firmware Update | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Server power control | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Serial-over-LAN (with proxy) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Serial-over-LAN (no proxy) | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Power capping | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Last crash screen capture | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Boot capture | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Serial-over-LAN | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Virtual media | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Virtual console | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Virtual console sharing | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Virtual flash | | | ✓ |
| Monitoring | | | |
| Sensor Monitoring and Alerting | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Real-time Power Monitoring | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Real-time Power Graphing | | ✓ | ✓ |

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| Feature | Base Management Functionality | iDRAC6 Enterprise | vFlash Media |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Historical Power Counters | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Logging Features | | | |
| System Event Log | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| RAC Log | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Trace Log | | ✓ | ✓ |

17.8 Chassis Management Controller (CMC)

See the [PowerEdge M1000e Technical Guide](#).

18 Peripherals

18.1 USB Peripherals

The Dell™ PowerEdge™ M610 supports the following USB devices:

- DVD (bootable; requires two USB ports)
- USB Key (bootable)
- Keyboard (only one USB keyboard is supported)
- Mouse (only one USB mouse is supported)

18.2 External Storage

By use of the appropriate IOMs in the M1000e chassis and mezzanine card(s) in the M610 blade, the following external storage options are available:

- Disk Storage Options:
 - Dell EqualLogic™ PS5000 Series
 - PowerVault™ NX1950 Unified Storage Solution
 - PowerVault MD3000i
- Dell/EMC fibre channel and/or iSCSI external storage, including:
 - CX300
 - CX3-10c
 - CX3-20
 - CX3-40
 - CX3-80
 - CX4-120
 - CX4-240
 - CX4-480
 - CX4-960

Appendix A. Statement of Volatility

The Dell™ PowerEdge™ M610 blade and its configurable modules contain both volatile and non-volatile (NV) components. Volatile components lose their data immediately upon removal of power from the component. Non-volatile components continue to retain their data even after the power has been removed from the component. Dell PowerEdge blades may contain hard disk drives that retain customer data after the system is powered off. Data should be removed from these hard disk drives using locally approved methods before they are removed from a secured environment.

Table 12. PowerEdge M610 Statement of Volatility

| BIOS Memory | |
|--|---|
| Size | 4MB |
| Type | SPI Flash |
| Can user programs or operating system write data to it during normal operation | No |
| Purpose | There is boot code and application code. The code is vital to the system booting to the OS. Contains the BIOS code. |
| How is data input to this memory | Flashed in the factory or using Dell flash utility. |
| How is this memory write protected | Software write protected |
| System FRU | |
| Size | 256Kb |
| Type | Serial I2C EEPROM, nonvolatile |
| Can user programs or operating system write data to it during normal operation | Yes. A user can enter a username and password which will be stored in the chip. |
| Purpose | This chip stores some system configuration information (system type, board PPID information, etc) |
| How is data input to this memory | I2C bus from the iDRAC6 |
| How is this memory write protected | Only the iDRAC6 can write to the chip |
| CMOS (Complementary Metal-Oxide Semiconductor) Memory | |
| Size | 256 bytes |
| Type | CMOS |
| Can user programs or operating system write data to it during normal operation | Using BIOS setup |
| Purpose | BIOS configurations |
| How is data input to this memory | BIOS defaults, BIOS setup |
| How is this memory write protected | NA |
| Remarks | RTC is inside ICH9. Jumper on motherboard can be used to reset to factory default settings. |
| LOM (LAN [Network Interface] on Motherboard) Memory | |
| Size | 4Mb (1MB) |

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| Type | Flash |
| Can user programs or operating system write data to it during normal operation | Yes, under software control. |
| Purpose | Contains LOM boot code and config data |
| How is data input to this memory | Requires vendor provided firmware file and loader program used during factory assembly or possible field update. A system loaded with arbitrary data in firmware memory would not operate. |
| How is this memory write protected | Software control. |
| Remarks | |
| Broadcom Integrated LOM Hardware License Key (optional) | |
| Size | 256 Bytes (dual port) |
| Type | Serial Flash |
| Can user programs or operating system write data to it during normal operation | No |
| Purpose | Yes |
| How is data input to this memory | TOE + iSCSI Offload Licensing |
| How is this memory write protected | Serial Write through external Interface during factory processes |
| Size | None |
| Video Memory | |
| Size | 64M x16 |
| Type | DDR2 SDRAM |
| Can user programs or operating system write data to it during normal operation | Yes |
| Purpose | Graphics Buffer |
| How is data input to this memory | Normal Operation |
| How is this memory write protected | No |
| CPLD | |
| Size | 2280 logic elements; 7.5Kbits RAM; 27.6Kbits EBR SRAM |
| Type | Programmable Logic Device |
| Can user programs or operating system write data to it during normal operation | Yes (Customer can use DOS program to update CPLD image) |
| Purpose | Provide blade power sequencing and other blade control logic. |
| How is data input to this memory | By way of specialized programming utilities used in the factory and possibly for field updates. |
| How is this memory write protected | Software control. |
| HDD Backplane Firmware (SEP) Memory | |
| Size | 32KB |
| Type | Flash |
| Can user programs or operating system | No. A special (not available to customers) |

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| write data to it during normal operation | DOS utility is needed to flash the application code, and the boot block is cable flashed only. |
| Purpose | Interface between the RAID controller and the hard drives as well as a controller for the HDD status LED. |
| How is data input to this memory | Cable flash to flash entire chip or a special utility (not available to customers) to flash in DOS. |
| How is this memory write protected | Software write protected. No hardware protection pin. |
| iDRAC6 Enterprise SPI Flash | |
| Size | 2MB |
| Type | SPI Flash |
| Can user programs or operating system write data to it during normal operation | No |
| Purpose | There is boot code that is used by the iDRAC6 Enterprise management controller. Also contains the Life Cycle Log which contains server management data unique to the run-time events of the server itself. |
| How is data input to this memory | Flashed in the factory or using Dell flash utility. Also written to by the iDRAC6 Enterprise controller to make Life Cycle Log (LCL) entries. |
| How is this memory write protected | Software write protected |
| TPM (for boards shipped outside of China; boards sold to destinations in China do not have TPM at this time) | |
| Size | Unspecified size of user ROM, RAM, EEPROM; 128 bytes of OTP memory included |
| Type | ROM, RAM, EEPROM |
| Can user programs or operating system write data to it during normal operation | Yes, OS's and applications that conform to the TCG standard can write data to the TPM during normal operation. Access to the NV Storage is controlled by the TPM owner. |
| Purpose | Trusted Platform Module NV storage. May be used to securely store user data. |
| How is data input to this memory | TCG TPM Specification defined command interface. |
| How is this memory write protected | As defined by the TCG TPM Specification, protection of this NV memory area is configurable by the TPM owner. |
| iDRAC6 Enterprise Card FRU | |
| Size | 2Kb (256 bytes) |
| Type | Serial I2C EEPROM, nonvolatile |
| Can user programs or operating system write data to it during normal | No. A special (not available to customers) DOS utility is needed to flash the |

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| operation | application code. |
| Purpose | This chip stores some system configuration information (system type, board PPID information, etc) |
| How is data input to this memory | I2C bus from the iDRAC |
| How is this memory write protected | Only the iDRAC can write to the chip |
| iDRAC6 Enterprise Card eMMC | |
| Size | 1GB |
| Type | NAND Flash |
| Can user programs or operating system write data to it during normal operation | Yes. Under software control. |
| Purpose | This device stores the iDRAC6 kernel and other data for system management. |
| How is data input to this memory | I2C bus from the iDRAC |
| How is this memory write protected | Only the iDRAC can write to the chip |

Appendix B. Certifications

B 1. Regulatory Certifications

Regulatory compliance certificates can be located at the following sites:

- http://www.dell.com/content/topics/global.aspx/about_dell/values/regulatory_compliance/dec_conform?c=us&l=en&s=corp

B 2. Product Safety Certifications

The product has been certified and bears the Mark, as applicable, of the Product Safety authorities as indicated in Table 13.

Table 13. Product Safety Certifications

| Country/Region | Authority or Mark |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| Argentina | IRAM |
| Belarus | BELLIS |
| Canada | SCC |
| China | CNCA or CCC |
| Croatia | KONCAR |
| European Union | CE |
| Germany | TUV |
| IECEE | IECEE CB |
| Israel | SII |
| Kazakhstan | OTAN - CKT |
| Kenya | KEBS |
| Kuwait | KUCAS |
| Mexico | NYCE or NOM |
| Moldova | INSM |
| Nigeria | SONCAP |
| Norway | NEMKO |
| Russia | GOST |
| Saudi Arabia | KSA ICCP |
| South Africa | NRCS |
| Taiwan | BSMI |
| Ukraine | UKRTEST or UKRSERTCOMPUTER |
| United States | NRTL |
| Uzbekistan | STZ |

B 3. Electromagnetic Compatibility

The product has been certified and bears the Mark, as applicable, of the EMC authorities as indicated in Table 14.

Table 14. Electromagnetic Compatibility Certifications

| Country/Region | Authority or Mark | Class |
|--|----------------------------|---------|
| Australia/New Zealand | ACMA or C-Tick | Class A |
| Belarus | BELLIS | Class A |
| Bosnia & Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia | KVALITET | Class A |
| Canada | ICES | Class A |
| China | CNCA or CCC | Class A |
| Croatia | KONCAR | Class A |
| European Union | CE | Class A |
| Israel | SII | Class A |
| Japan | VCCI | Class A |
| Kazakhstan | OTAN - CKT | Class A |
| Moldova | INSM | Class A |
| Norway | NEMKO | Class A |
| Russia | GOST | Class A |
| South Africa | SABS | Class A |
| South Korea | KCC | Class A |
| Taiwan | BSMI | Class A |
| Ukraine | UKRTEST or UKRSERTCOMPUTER | Class A |
| United States | FCC | Class A |
| Uzbekistan | STZ | Class A |
| Vietnam | ICT | Class A |

B 4. Ergonomics, Acoustics and Hygienics

The product has been certified and bears the Mark, as applicable, of the Ergonomics, Acoustics and Hygienics authorities as indicated in Table 15.

Table 15. Ergonomics, Acoustics and Hygienics

| Country/Region | Authority or Mark |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Belarus | BELLIS |
| Germany | GS |

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| Country/Region | Authority or Mark |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Russia | GOST |

Appendix C. Industry Standards

The Dell™ PowerEdge™ M610 system conforms to the industry standards shown in Table 16.

Table 16. Standards Compliance and Specifications

| Standard | URL for information and specifications |
|--|---|
| ACPI Advance Configuration and Power Interface Specification, v2.0c | http://www.acpi.info/ |
| Energy Star EPA Version 1.0 of the Computer Server specification | http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=archives.enterprise_servers |
| Ethernet IEEE 802.3-2005 | http://standards.ieee.org/getieee802/802.3.html |
| IPMI Intelligent Platform Management Interface, v2.0 | http://www.intel.com/design/servers/ipmi/ |
| DDR3 Memory DDR3 SDRAM Specification, Rev. 3A | http://www.jedec.org/download/search/JESD79-3A.pdf |
| LPC Low Pin Count Interface Specification, Rev. 1.1 | http://developer.intel.com/design/chipsets/industry/lpc.htm |
| PCI Express PCI Express Base Specification Rev. 2.0 | http://www.pcisig.com/specifications/pciexpress/ |
| PMBus Power System Management Protocol Specification, v1.1 | http://pmbus.info/specs.html |
| SAS Serial Attached SCSI, v1.1 | http://www.t10.org/ftp/t10/drafts/sas1/sas1r10.pdf |
| SATA Serial ATA Rev. 2.6; SATA II, Extensions to SATA 1.0a, Rev. 1.2 | http://sata-io.org/ |
| SMBIOS System Management BIOS Reference Specification, v2.6 | http://www.dmtf.org/standards/smbios/ |
| TPM Trusted Platform Module Specification, v1.2 | https://www.trustedcomputinggroup.org/downloads/specifications/tpm/tpm |

| Standard | URL for information and specifications |
|---|---|
| UEFI Unified Extensible Firmware Interface Specification, v2.1 | http://www.uefi.org/specs/ |
| USB Universal Serial Bus Specification, Rev. 2.0 | http://www.usb.org/developers/docs/ |
| Microsoft® Windows® Logo Windows Logo Program System and Device Requirements, v3.10 | http://www.microsoft.com/whdc/winlogo/hwrequirements.msp |