DELL(TM) REMOTE ACCESS CONTROLLER (DRAC) 4

This document contains updated information about the Dell Remote Access Controller 4 (DRAC 4/I and DRAC 4/P).

For more information about the DRAC 4, including installation and configuration information, see the "Dell Remote Access Controller 4 User's Guide" and the "Dell OpenManage(TM) Server Administrator User's Guide." These documents are located on the Dell Support website at "www.support.dell.com" or on the "Dell Systems Management Tools and Documentation" DVD.

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The following subsections list systems, operating systems, and web browsers that are compatible with the Dell Remote Access Controller (DRAC) 4.

SUPPORTED SYSTEMS

 DRAC 4/I is supported on the following Dell systems: PowerEdge(TM) 1850, PowerEdge 2800, and PowerEdge 2850

DRAC 4/P is supported on the following Dell PowerEdge systems: 800, 830, 840, 850, 860, 1800, 6800, 6850, R200, and PowerVault(TM) 100.

SUPPORTED OPERATING SYSTEMS

The DRAC 4 is supported on the following operating systems:

- * Microsoft(R) Windows(R) Server 2008 x86 Web, Standard, Enterprise, and Core Editions
- * Microsoft Windows Server(R) 2008 x64 Standard, Enterprise, DataCenter, and Core Editions
- * Microsoft Windows 2000 Advanced Server with Service Pack 4 (SP4)
- * Microsoft Windows Server 2000 with SP4
- * Microsoft Windows Server 2003 R2 x86 Enterprise and Standard Editions with SP2 (32-bit)
- * Microsoft Windows Server 2003 R2 x64 Standard, Enterprise and Datacenter Editions with SP2

* Microsoft Windows Server 2003 x86 Web, Standard and Enterprise Editions with SP2

- * Microsoft Windows Server 2003 x64 Standard, Enterprise and Datacenter Editions with SP2
- * Microsoft Windows Small Business Server 2008 R2 SP1 and SP2 Standard and Premium Editions
- * Microsoft Windows Small Business Server 2003 R2 SP1 and SP2 Standard Edition
- * Microsoft Windows Storage Server 2003 R2 X64 Express, Workgroup, Standard and Enterprise Editions
- * Microsoft Windows Vista(R) Business and Enterprise Editions
- * Microsoft Windows XP Professional X86

NOTE: Microsoft Windows Vista support is limited to the managed console (web-based interface) and Management Station software (remote racadm CLI).

* Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4.5 WS, ES, and AS (x86_32 and x86_64)

* Red Hat Enterprise Linux WS and AS (Version 4.5) (ia64)

NOTE: DRAC 4 does not support the XEN kernel option of Red Hat Enterprise Linux (version 5).

* SUSE(R) Linux Enterprise Server (SLES) 9 with SP4 (x86_64) * SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 10 with SP2 (x86_64) Gold

NOTE: DRAC 4 does not support the XEN kernel option of SLES 10.

NOTE: See the "Dell Systems Software Support Matrix" located on the Dell Support website at "www.support.dell.com" or on the "Dell Systems Management Tools and Documentation" DVD for specific operating system support for each platform listed in "Supported Systems."

SUPPORTED WEB BROWSERS

* Microsoft Internet Explorer(R) 6.0 (32-bit) with SP2 for Windows 2000, Windows XP (32-bit) and Windows 2003 (32-bit).

* Microsoft Internet Explorer 7.0 for Windows Vista (32-bit), Windows 2003(32-bit) and Windows 2008(32-bit).

NOTE: When you are using Microsoft Internet Explorer on systems running Microsoft Windows, to view localized versions of the DRAC 4 Web-based interface, open the Windows "Control Panel", double-click the "Regional Options" icon, and select the required locale from the "Your locale (location)" drop-down menu.

* Mozilla Firefox(R) 1.5 (32-bit) on SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 9.

* Mozilla Firefox 2.0 (32-bit) on SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 10, RHEL 4.5 and RHEL 5.

NOTE: See the "Dell Systems Software Support Matrix" located on the Dell Support website at "www.support.dell.com" for the latest information on supported Web browsers.

NOTE: Localized Keyboard support requires JVM 1.4.2 on Red Hat Enterprise Linux configurations. DRAC 4 does not support JVM 1.5. (141766)

Virtual Media requires Internet Explorer on a Windows-based management workstation, or Mozilla Firefox on a Red Hat Enterprise Linux-based management workstation.

NOTE: All browsers must have Sun(TM) Java(TM) VM Plug-in 1.4.2 or later installed to use the DRAC 4 Console Redirection feature. The Java cache must be cleared and disabled from Java plug-in control panel. On the Windows operating system, perform the following steps to clear and disable the Java cache:

- 1. Click "Settings"->"Control Panel"->"Java Plug-in."
- 2. Click the "Cache" tab.
- 3. Click "Clear."
- 4. Deselect the "Enable Caching" check box to disable the cache.
- 5. Click "Apply."
- 6. Close and restart the browser.
- NOTE: When upgrading the DRAC 4 firmware, temporary internet files should be deleted. When using Internet Explorer on systems running Microsoft Windows, perform the following steps to delete the temporary files:
 - 1. In Internet Explorer, on the "Tools" menu, click "Internet Options."
 - 2. On the "General" tab, click "Delete Files."
 - 3. Click "OK" on the next message to confirm.

NOTE: When you are using Internet Explorer on systems running Microsoft Windows, to view localized versions of the DRAC 4 Web-based interface, open the Windows "Control Panel", double-click the "Regional Options" icon, and select the required locale from the "Your locale (location)" drop-down menu.

SUPPORTED FIRMWARE VERSIONS

RAC Firmware Version:1.70RAC IDE Option ROM version:341027

* Support for UDF formatted DVD media for Virtual Media.

* To make the DRAC 4 update process more robust and fault-tolerant, the Dell Update Package (DUP) for DRAC 4 firmware now disables the DRAC's NIC as a part of the update process. The NIC is enabled once the update is completed.

If the NIC remains disabled for any reason after the update is completed, use the "racadm setniccfg -s" or "racadm setniccfg -d" commands to enable the NIC.

* The DRAC 4 now enables you to specify an Association Object Domain IP address/FQDN for Active Directory(R) Authentication using the extended schema.

- * The DRAC 4 now enables searching of multiple additional Domain controllers (DC) even when the DRAC fails to get information for a Domain Controller during the Active Directory login.
- * The DRAC 4 Active Directory login process is now more efficient resulting in lower latency during the Active Directory login as compared to the previous firmware release.
- * The DRAC 4 can now verify certificates with no subject names in their subject name field.
- * The DRAC 4 can now authenticate Active Directory users who have special characters as part of the common name field for their user account.

This section provides information to help enhance your experience with the Dell Remote Access Controller 4.

NOTES FOR THE DRAC 4 Firmware versions 1.61 and later

* To specify the Association Object Domain IP address/FQDN for Active Directory Authentication using extended schema, use the following racadm command:

racadm config -g cfgActiveDirectory -o cfgAODomain <domain>: <IP/FQDN>

where <domain> is the domain where the Associaton Object resides, and IP/FQDN is the IP address or the FQDN of the specific host (DC of domain) to which the DRAC should connect to.

You can specify IPs/FQDNs of multiple domain controllers by separating them with a comma. For example, if the Domain where the Association Object resides is testdomain.com, use the following command:

testdomain.com:<IP1/FQDN1>,<IP2/FQDN2>,<IP3/FQDN3>,<IP4/FQDN4>

NOTE: You can specify a maximium of 4 IPs or FQDNs.

It is also necessary to provide the IP/FQDN of the Global Catalog for using this feature.

The following subsections list the known issues regarding the implementation and operation of the DRAC 4:

- * DUP updates will not work with SLES 10 SP1 and SP2.
- * vMedia will not work with SLES 10 SP2.
- * DUP updates and vMedia will not work with RHEL 5 Update 2.
- * While configuring the DRAC 4 using 'racadm config -f <filename>' command, for configuring options, for example password, do not use ';' as a character, because racadm treats that as the beginning of a comment and ignores everything that follows it. For example "cal;vin" will be configured as "cal" in DRAC 4.
- * If you configure the Domain Controller under the "Specify Server" option on the DRAC and if the Association Object (AO) contains the user and RAC object on the same domain, the Active Directory login using Extended Schema will be successful. However, if either the user or the RAC object on the association is from a different domain, and if you provide only the domain controller information, the Active Directory login using Extended Schema will fail. In this case, you should configure the global catalog as well as the AO Domain Option to be able to login.
- * Using the Virtual Media feature of DRAC 4 version 1.70 requires the older virtual media plug-in to be deleted from the browser cache. After that a download of a fresh plug-in is required to use Virtual Media.
- * When connecting to the DRAC 4 vKVM console, you may receive a warning message that states that the DRAC's hostname does not match the certificate host name. DRAC cards ship with a default server certificate, which has the same hostname for every card. While you can choose to trust this default certificate, it is recommended that you generate a CSR (certificate signing request) with the correct hostname of the DRAC card, and sign it with a trusted CA (certificate authority). This signed certificate can be uploaded to the DRAC card, which will prevent the hostname mismatch warning message from getting displayed. For more information, see the DRAC 4 User's Guide. (110258)
- * When using the DRAC 4 command to restart or shut down a system running Microsoft Windows Server 2003 R2 that has the R2 IPMI driver installed, multiple events will be logged in the:
 - Hardware Events bucket in Event viewer
 - Hardware Log in Server Administrator and
 - System Event Log (SEL)

These events are used by the Windows IPMI driver to store the shutdown comment that describes why the system was shut down or

restarted. You can ignore these messages and can remove them by clearing the SEL manually. You can prevent these events from being logged in the SEL by uninstalling the Microsoft IPMI driver using the "rundll32 ipmisetp.dll, RemoveTheDevice" command in the command prompt. You can reinstall the driver using the "rundll32 ipmisetp.dll, AddTheDevice" command. (44807)

- * You must disable the Internet Explorer Enhanced Security Configuration component to use the Virtual Media Active X Plugin on Microsoft Windows Server 2003 Internet Explorer. (24901)
- * When adding Active Directory Universal Groups from separate domains, you must create an Association Object with Universal Scope. The Default Association objects created by the Dell Schema Extender Utility are Domain Local Groups only and will not work with Universal Groups from other domains. (33658)
- * The Virtual Floppy is not available during an operating system installation that uses either the virtual CDROM or the local CDROM.
- * The Microsoft Windows 2003 R2 operating system may show the following events in the SEL when a graceful shutdown event, operating system runtime stop event, or operating system OEM event occurs:

System Event: Unknown Sensor type sensor unknown sensor status System Event: Unknown Sensor status System Event: OS watchdog unknown sensor status

- * In earlier DRAC 4 releases, the DRAC 4 sometimes stopped booting, which then required that you re-install the DRAC firmware using the firmware repair diskettes. This issue has been resolved in this release and should no longer occur. (153802)
- * The DRAC 4 does not check the static IP address and netmask for validity, other than verifying the values are between 0 and 255, and that the result is not 0.0.0.0 or 255.255.255.255. (152586)
- * When upgrading the DRAC 4 firmware from version 1.0, the cfgDNSRacName property in the cfgLanNetworking group cannot contain an underscore ("_"). You can substitute a different character in the property, such as a dash ("-") to perform the upgrade. An example of a valid racadm command to set this property is:

racadm config -g cfgLanNetworking -o cfgDNSRacName RAC-xxxx

(151550)

* An Active Directory security certificate dated with a GMT timestamp will be valid only after the RAC local time has passed this timestamp value. The RAC only recognizes local time.

(150993)

- * The DRAC 4 software requires APIC mode on the server. PIC mode is not supported. (149034)
- * When you make an initial connection to the DRAC 4 through SSH but have not yet authenticated, other users are prevented from connecting to the single DRAC 4 SSH session until the initial connection is dropped or after the timeout. The initial connection is dropped after a failed login attempt or in approximately 30 seconds if an authentication is not attempted. (150493)
- * When connecting to a remote DRAC 4 using a Firefox Web browser on a Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 (x86_64) or SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 9 with Update 3 (x86_64) or 10 (x86_64) Gold, the Virtual Media feature may not be available. The browser displays the error:

"Virtual Media Plug-in is not installed or running."

This is because the browser is detecting the 64-bit OS rather than the Firefox bit-ness. Since the Virtual Media plug-in is not supported on a 64-bit browser, this check prevents installation of the Virtual Media plug-in.

Do the following to manually install the plug-in:

- 1. Download the 32-bit version of Firefox and install it on your home directory.
- 2. From the command prompt go to the location where you have installed Firefox and launch Firefox from there.
- 3. Log in to DRAC 4 and navigate to the "Properties" page.
- 4. Change the Web address in the browser window from "https://<DRAC4-IP-address>/cgi/main" to "https://<DRAC4-IP-address>/rac4vm.xpi," and press Enter.

Firefox prompts you with an "Opening rac4vm.xpi" dialog, allowing you to save the file to your local file system.

- 5. Click "OK" and save the file to a temporary location (for example: /tmp/rac4vm.xpi).
- 6. Log out of the DRAC 4, and then specify the Web address of the "rac4vm.xpi" file (for example: file:///tmp/rac4vm.xpi).
- 7. Firefox displays the "Software Installation" dialog. Click the "Install" button to continue.
- 8. After installation completes, close the browser, and delete the "/tmp/rac4vm.xpi" file.

9. Now restart the browser, log in to DRAC 4, and navigate to the Virtual Media link to use the Virtual Media features.

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- * The wildcard option "*" in the command "racadm getssninfo -u *" may require quotes in some operating system environments, for example: racadm getssninfo -u "*" (145872)
- * The "Boot Once" feature allows the DRAC 4 to boot from a remote floppy or a CD only once. When this feature is used, the DRAC 4 will drop the client connection to the Virtual Media plug-ins on the second system boot. This feature is useful for operating system installation, where "bootstrap" media is typically used to copy the new operating system to the target system.

A new object named "cfgVirtualBootOnce" has been added to the Virtual Media configuration group "cfgRacVirtual." This object can be set to TRUE or FALSE. The default state is FALSE. When the state is TRUE, the DRAC 4 firmware will monitor system boots and drop the client Virtual Media connection on the second system boot. This causes the system to boot only once from a bootable remote floppy/CD. On the second boot, the value of "cfgVirtualBootOnce" will be reset to FALSE.

- * The DRAC 4 Web-based interface does not display the connection status of the Command Line Interface Virtual Media. (145750)
- * While generating a Certificate Signing Request (CSR) using "racadm sslcsrgen -g", the local racadm interface on the host becomes unavailable. Instead, use the remote racadm or the racadm available on serial or telnet command lines. (128951)
- * A device that is present on the system, but which is currently locked for exclusive use by another application is not selectable for use as Virtual Media. To make the device available, close the other application. When the application is closed, click the "Refresh" button on the Virtual Media page to select the device entry. (140665)
- * DDNS events can be found in the trace log. This log is viewable by using the "gettracelog" command on the Web-based interface Diagnostics page or by using "racadm gettracelog." (142025)
- * The DRAC 4 Managed Node software must be installed for accurate population of the "Hostname," "OS Name," and "OS Type" information fields in the Web-based interface and racadm "getsysinfo" command. (138737)
- * The DRAC 4 Console Redirection remains active even after the GUI

has timed out. (140522)

- * An expired SSH session will return the error message "Warning: Idle Timeout Expired" only after you enter a carriage return. You are then returned to the shell from which SSH was invoked. (139801)
- * If there is a video corruption while using Console Redirection, refresh the Console Redirect screen by clicking "Refresh" on the Console Redirect window. You may need to click "Refresh" multiple times to correct the video corruption problem. (140915)
- * The last user in the "cfgUserAdmin" group cannot be deleted.
- * Virtual Media supports single session/single track, CD/DVD/image data. (140403)
- * The DRAC 4 will accept a Virtual Media connection to a disabled virtual drive. This allows you to connect to the system and enable the virtual drive for the next boot (the enable/disable feature for Virtual Media does not take effect until the next boot). (144613)
- * Manually removing or modifying either the A record or TXT record associated with the "cfgDNSRacName," through the DNS server administrative interface will cause unexpected results.
- * When the RAC name ("cfgDNSRacName") is not the default name ("RAC-<service tag>") and the firmware repair utility diskettes are used to update the DRAC 4, two RAC names (the original and the default) with the same IP address may be seen on the DNS server. Other DRAC 4 firmware update methods avoid this behavior.
- * The RAC will reset its NIC every 30 seconds when the network is idle, to guarantee operational physical hardware mechanisms.
- * The DRAC 4 DDNS implementation requires that DNS servers be configured to allow non-secure updates.
- * If the network bandwidth is low and Console Redirection is required, the key repetition rate should be set to slow on the server.
- * The PuTTY SSH client closes the connection when "gettracelog," "getsel," "connect com2," or "connect -h com2" is executed. This is a PuTTY client issue. The OpenSSH client works correctly.
- * When a telnet login is invalid, a single session is counted towards a maximum of four sessions for approximately one minute after the invalid login attempt. If there are already three valid sessions, this invalid session will prevent further login attempts for that minute.
- * If you run the Nessus Vulnerability test on the DRAC 4, you

may see the following vulnerabilities reported:

- Nessus reports HTTP (80/tcp) vulnerability as: "The remote proxy is vulnerable to format strings attacks when issued a badly-formed user name. This flaw allows an attacker to execute arbitrary code on this host."

This report is displayed due to all HTTP requests (legal or not) being forwarded by the DRAC 4 to HTTPS. It is not a security issue on the DRAC 4.

 Nessus reports HTTP (80/tcp) vulnerability as: "It may be possible to make a web server execute arbitrary code by sending it a too long URL after/jsp.
 For example, GET /jsp/AAAA....AAAAA."

This report is displayed due to all HTTP requests (legal or not) being forwarded by the DRAC 4 to HTTPS. It is not a security issue on the DRAC 4.

- Nessus reports HTTP (80/tcp) vulnerability as: "It was possible to disable the remote IIS server by making a specially formed PROPFIND request."

This report is displayed due to all HTTP requests (legal or not) being forwarded by the DRAC 4 to HTTPS. It is not a security issue on the DRAC 4.

- Nessus reports HTTPS (443/tcp) vulnerability as: "The remote web server is vulnerable to a format string attack. If it is ePolicy Orchestrator, an attacker may use this flaw to execute code with the SYSTEM privileges on this host."

The DRAC 4 returns Error 414 with an unsupported long format string in the GET operation. This operation is correct and should not cause any security vulnerability.

- Nessus reports syslog (514/udp) vulnerability as: "WinSyslog is an enhanced syslog server for Windows. A vulnerability in the product allows remote attackers to cause the WinSyslog to freeze, which in turn will also freeze the operating system on which the product executes."

Since the DRAC 4 does not support WinSyslog port 514, the Nessus plug-in gets confused. This report is not a security issue on the DRAC 4.

- * The DRAC 4 racadm version 4.0.0 does not support management of remote ERA/MC DRAC configurations. ERA/MC configurations should continue to be managed by the racadm utility that officially supports the ERA/MC configuration.
- * DRAC 4 allows CA Enterprise Root Server and all user type certificates to be uploaded into the DRAC 4 Web server, which

causes a client Web browser SSL authentication failure. To avoid this error, upload only the X509 Web Server-type certificates into the DRAC 4 (select only the Web browser type in Microsoft certificate generating utility).

- * If you are using Minicom as the DRAC 4 serial terminal and have the Minicom status line enabled, resize the window to 80 x 26. Resizing allows for 26 lines of text and one line of Minicom status. The default Minicom command key is "<Ctrl><A>." If you need to use "<Ctrl><A>" to enter the SCSI BIOS setup screen, redefine the Minicom control key from the "Screen and Keyboard Settings" menu.
- * Server Administrator registers DRAC 4 on DNS if you click the "Register DRAC 4 on DNS" check box in the Configuration Tab Network page. This action deactivates the following controls: "DNS DRAC 4 Name," "Use DHCP DNS Domain Name," and "DNS Domain Name."
 If the "Use DHCP DNS Domain Name" control is activated, the DHCP DNS Domain Name is used to register the DRAC 4 on DNS. Else, the DNS entered in the "DNS Domain Name" is used.
- * The DNS DRAC Name is a string of up to 63 alphanumeric ASCII characters or dash (-). The DRAC 4 web-based interface only allows the DNS DRAC 4 Name field in the "Network Configuration" page to be set with values smaller than 63 characters. The DNS Domain Name is a string of up to 254 alphanumeric ASCII characters, dot(.) or dash(-). This name cannot begin with a dot. The DRAC 4 web-based interface only allows the DNS Domain Name field in the "Network Configuration" page to be set with values smaller than 80 characters. (140875)
- * Any DRAC reset while performing a firmware update will cause the update to fail. A DRAC reset can be performed as part of various diagnostic tests. Do not run other applications while performing firmware updates. In most cases, run the DRAC firmware update again and it will succeed. (63462)
- * Supported video modes for use with DRAC console redirection are described in the DRAC 4 User's Guide. The maximum resolution supported is 1024x768 pixels.

Text console video modes are expressed in characters rather than pixels, such as 80x25. Higher resolutions such as 132x43 require an effective pixel resolution greater than 1024x768 and are not supported. The exact pixel resolution of a text mode is determined using a combination of values including parameters the font used and the character width and height of the display mode selected. The recommended text mode for use with DRAC console resolution is 80x25. (71716)

* When typing on the remote console, multiple characters appear on one keystroke if a DRAC card is running on a system having the SUSE Linux Enterprise Server operating system. This is because the SUSE Linux default keyboard repeat rate was set too low. This is the time period that the operating system allows before it starts entering multiple keystrokes. By default it was set to the lowest value of 250 ms. If it is set to 400 ms, the runaway keyboard problem goes away.

- * To change the keyboard delay with SUSE Linux Enterprise Server operating system, do the following:
 - 1. From the main K menu (Circular green icon with the SUSE trade mark), select "Control Center."
 - 2. From the "Control Center" menu, select "Peripherals."
 - 3. From the "Peripherals" menu, select "Keyboard."
 - 4. The keyboard control menu permits changing keyboard repeat delay (660 msec default) and Rate (25/s default). (75032)
- * After installing DRAC 4 software on Windows Server 2003 x64 Editions, the device manager may show a warning state (yellow bangs) for two devices. To change the state of these devices to Normal, do the following:
 - 1. Right-click the device and choose "Update driver."
 - 2. In the "Hardware Update Wizard" you are provided the option "Can Windows connect to Windows Update to search for software? Select "No, not at this time" and click "Next".
 - 3. At the prompt "What do you want the wizard to do?", select "Install from a list or specific location (Advanced)" and click "Next".
 - 4. At the prompt "Please choose your search and installation options", select "Search for the best driver in these locations" and check "Include this location in the search:".
 - 5. Browse for the selected driver in the /RAC4 path, typically "c:\program files (x86)\dell\sysmgt\rac4\rac4ser.inf". The driver will load and the device will be identified as RAC PCI function.
 - 6. Click "Finish" to complete the Hardware update.

Repeat the same steps for the other device with the warning state. (32223)

* When a DRAC console redirection has opened a session on the same system locally, infinite occurrences appear.
To avoid this, do not open a DRAC console redirection session locally on the system. (85029)

* The Virtual Media page through the GUI represents the current status of that particular GUI session. This does not show if there is already an existing Virtual Media session active through another GUI session or the VM-CLI tool (racvmcli). If a connection is attempted in such a scenario, the connection fails.

Likewise if a Virtual Media session is already established through the GUI, an attempt to connect through the VM-CLI tool results in a failed connection error message. (106508)

* In Windows clients, if the Internet Explorer Protected Mode is "ON", then you will not be able to use any of the drives available on the Virtual Media page in the GUI to establish a Virtual Media session. This is due to additional security by the browser to prevent unwanted execution of code through the browser using elevated privileges. For more information, see the document at:

"https://secureitalliance.org/blogs/files/73/1290/ WindowsVistaSecurityWP.doc" (109414)

- * Media cannot be changed when booting from Virtual Media. For example you must not change the CD in the Management Workstation virtualized CD drive while the Managed Node is in the BIOS setup screen. This will result in unexpected behavior. (95727)
- * The Browsers <Ctrl><N> functionality to open a new browser instance on the DRAC OOB GUI is not supported. When using Internet Explorer, if you open multiple instances of the DRAC OOB GUI on the same client (does not need to be using <Ctrl><N>), a log out from one of the session will result in log out of all the other GUI sessions. On Linux operating systems using Firefox browser, if you open multiple instances of the DRAC OOB GUI on the same client (does not need to be using <Ctrl><N>), a log out from one of the sessions will result in log out of all the other GUI sessions. This is because the browsers share the same cookies of the other browser instances. (89474)(91742)
- * When attempting to connect two or more DRAC Console Redirection (vKVM) sessions at the same time, depending on the race condition, a session request could be sent down before the OOB GUI gets a response from a newly created session and may end up with more than two DRAC Console Redirection (vKVM) sessions. (96239)
- * CA Certificates having a validity period of more than 43 years cannot be uploaded into the DRAC.
- * When installing SLES 10 SP2 using an ISO image through the DRAC 4 Virtual Media feature in a high network environment, sometimes the installation of certain packages will fail with "missing RPM package error" in a message box with "Abort", "Retry", and "Ignore" buttons. Do the following to install the missing packages

and continue:

- 1. Send "CTRL" + "ALT" and "F2" on the DRAC4 KVM A console is displayed.
- 2. ls -ltr /mnt/var/tmp/AP_0x00000001 You will see no data when you hit the problem.
- 3. mount /dev/hdb /mnt/var/tmp/AP_0x00000001 Manually mount the media to the same location again.
- 4. Send "CTRL" + "ALT" & "F7" to go back to the installer console.
- 5. Click "Retry" on the pop up box for missing RPM This will install the RPM and continues with the remaining SLES 10 installation.
- * When Firefox is launched from the Linux console, DRAC 4 virtual media plugins display logs in the console. These are informational and do not impact functionality in any way. These logs will not be displayed when the browser is invoked from the desktop launcher. (271331)
- * Firefox on Linux has a known issue where files over 2GB are shown as zero-size in the file open dialog ("https://bugzilla.mozilla.org/show_bug.cgi?id=384592") (274621)
- * If a web GUI based firmware update fails, DRAC 4 may not reboot after it resets. This is to protect the firmware settings from corruption. You need to remove the power from the server and connect it back after waiting for about 30 seconds. The DRAC 4 comes back up.

The following sections provide additional information about known issues with operating systems.

ISSUES FOR NETWARE OPERATING SYSTEM

* When using local racadm to configure a DRAC 4 in NetWare, if the DRAC 4 PCI interrupt is shared with other PCI devices, the spurious interrupt count may increase. This known issue is not known to cause any abnormal system behavior. The following message may be seen on the console:

WARNING: 200 spurious (unclaimed) interrupt(s) detected on interrupt 24. Spurious interrupt alerts occur when an interrupt is not claimed by any of the registered handlers for that interrupt. (130450)

* When a remote "Reset," "Power Off," or "Power Cycle" is issued through the DRAC 4 on NetWare, some NetWare applications may require user interaction to close application windows. If this

ISSUES FOR LINUX OPERATING SYSTEMS

* Servers running Red Hat Enterprise Linux version 4 or SLES 10 should use the SCSI-IDE driver rather than the native IDE driver to avoid system errors when the DRAC 4 is reset. To do this, add "hdf=ide-scsi" on the grub command line in /boot/grub/grub.conf (if "hdf" is your virtual CD drive). Verify that "hdf" is your virtual CD drive by checking /proc/ide/hdf/model. Other virtual CD drive names include "hde". The command line may look like this before it is modified:

kernel /vmlinuz-2.6.9-5.Elsmp ro root=/dev/md2 rhgb quiet

After modifying the command line, the line should look like this:

kernel /vmlinuz-2.6.9-5.Elsmp ro root=/dev/md2 rhgb quiet hdf=ide-scsi

The SCSI layer will take the virtual CD-ROM device off-line when the RAC card is reset. To bring it back online, issue the following two commands:

echo "scsi remove-single-device 4 0 0 0" >/proc/scsi/scsi echo "scsi add-single-device 4 0 0 0" >/proc/scsi/scsi

"4 0 0 0" represents the host, channel, ID, and lun of the virtual CD drive. This is available in /proc/scsi/scsi, even after the device is off-line. The " 0 0 0" should not change, but the "4" may change depending on how many other SCSI hosts are present in the system. (141372)

ISSUES FOR RED HAT ENTERPRISE LINUX OPERATING SYSTEM

* Servers running Red Hat Enterprise Linux version 4 logs an informational message in /var/log/messages when the virtual CDROM is enabled and there is no connection to a virtual media client. No corrective action is needed. The warning message will look like this example:

Dec 1 10:16:28 r2p2 kernel: Device not ready. Make sure there is a disc in the drive.

* In modular Red Hat Enterprise Linux kernels, USB flash drives require the sd_mod (scsi disk module) to be loaded. If a Red Hat Enterprise Linux-based Virtual Media client system has no SCSI disks, the sd_mod may not load during startup and will require manual loading. To load sd_mod manually, type this command as the root user:

modprobe sd_mod

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- * When the DRAC 4 resets, the virtual drives disappear. On Red Hat Enterprise Linux version 4, hot plug IDE is not supported and the system may hang when a remount of the virtual drives is attempted. Do not attempt to remount virtual drives after a firmware update. Restart the server to regain access to the drives.
- * When using Console Redirection on a managed system running Red Hat Enterprise Linux, the focus (cursor moved back over an object) follows the cursor. Occasionally, the text windows in Console Redirection lose focus. Before attempting to type in a text window in a Console Redirection window, click the mouse in the text window's space bar or top menu bar to ensure that your target text window has the focus on the correct window or application that you are attempting to use.
- * Red Hat Enterprise Linux version 4 operating system requires an updated driver (ide-scsi) for the virtual CD to work. This driver is available on the "Dell Systems Management Tools and Documentation" DVD.

This section provides additional information about known issues with the DRAC 4 Firmware version 1.70 User's Guide.

- * On page 218, the second setrac example which states "The UTC time and managed system name are..." should read "The managed system name is..."
- * In Chapter 5 section "Using Active Directory to Log In to the DRAC 4", the parenthetical fragment "where username is an ASCII string of 1-256 bytes" should read "where "<domain>/<username>" is an ASCII string of 1-254 bytes."
- * In Chapter 2 section "Registering the DRAC Host Name With DNS Using DHCP", the note on page 29 reads as follows: "When you configure the DRAC, the DHCP server must also be configured to perform the DNS database update."

If the DRAC is configured to register the DRAC Host Name with DNS using DHCP ("cfgDNSRegisterRac" object value to 0 and "cfgNicUseDhcp" object value to 1), this note means that the DHCP must be configured to have the "Dynamically update DNS A and PTR records for DHCP clients that do not request updates" option enabled and a minimum of Option 15 (DNS Domain Name) added to the specificDHCP scope.

Be aware of the following behaviors when configuring the DRAC:

- -- If the DRAC is setup with "cfgDNSRegisterRac=0" and "cfgNicUseDhcp=1" with NO scope options added and the "Dynamically update DNS A and PTR records for DHCP clients that do not request updates" NOT selected, the DHCP database will display the host name of the DRAC correctly but the DDNS functionality will NOT work.
- -- If the DRAC is setup with "cfgDNSRegisterRac=0" and "cfgNicUseDhcp=1" with NO scope options added and the "Dynamically update DNS A and PTR records for DHCP clients that do not request updates" option IS selected, the DHCP database will display the host name of the DRAC correctly but the DDNS functionality will NOT work.
- -- If the DRAC is setup with "cfgDNSRegisterRac=1" and "cfgNicUseDhcp=1" with NO scope options added and "Dynamically update DNS A and PTR records for DHCP clients that do not request updates" NOT selected, the DHCP database will NOT display the host name of the DRAC correctly but the DDNS functionality will work.
- -- If the DRAC is setup with "cfgDNSRegisterRac=0" and "cfgNicUseDhcp=1" with scope option 15 added and "Dynamically update DNS A and PTR records for DHCP clients that do not request updates" NOT selected, the DHCP database will display the host name of the DRAC correctly but the DDNS functionality will NOT work.
- -- If the DRAC is setup with "cfgDNSRegisterRac=0" and "cfgNicUseDhcp=1" with scope option 15 added and "Dynamically update DNS A and PTR records for DHCP clients that do not request updates" IS selected, the DHCP database will display correctly and the host name of the DRAC and the DDNS functionality will work.

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