

Dell EMC PowerEdge MX840c

Installation and Service Manual

Notes, cautions, and warnings

 **NOTE:** A NOTE indicates important information that helps you make better use of your product.

 **CAUTION:** A CAUTION indicates either potential damage to hardware or loss of data and tells you how to avoid the problem.

 **WARNING:** A WARNING indicates a potential for property damage, personal injury, or death.

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About this document

This document provides an overview about the PowerEdge MX840c sled, information on installing and replacing components, technical specifications, diagnostic tools, and guidelines to be followed while installing certain components.

The PowerEdge MX840c is compatible with the PowerEdge MX7000 enclosure. For more information on the enclosure, refer to the *Installation and Service Manual* for the PowerEdge MX7000 at www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals.

Dell EMC PowerEdge MX840c overview

The PowerEdge MX840c is a double-width compute sled and supports:

- Up to four Intel Xeon Scalable Processors
- Up to 48 DIMM slots
- Up to eight 2.5 inch SAS, SATA (HDD/SSD), or NVMe drives

i **NOTE: All instances of SAS, SATA, NVMe hard drives, and SSDs are referred to as drives in this document, unless specified otherwise.**

Topics:

- [Front view of the sled](#)
- [Inside the sled](#)
- [Locating the Service Tag of the sled](#)
- [System information label](#)

Front view of the sled

The front view displays the features available on the front of the sled.

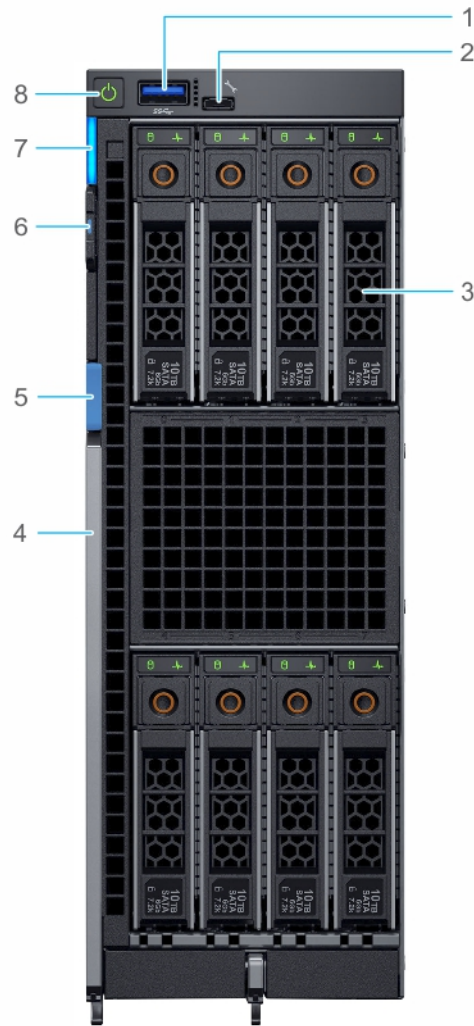


Figure 1. Front view of the sled

1. USB 3.0 port
2. iDRAC Direct (Micro-AB USB) port
3. Drives
4. Release lever
5. Lever button
6. Information tag
7. System ID and status LED indicator
8. Power button

For more information on the drives and ports, see the [Technical Specifications](#) section.

Inside the sled

NOTE: Components that are hot swappable have orange touch points and the components that are not hot swappable have blue touch points.

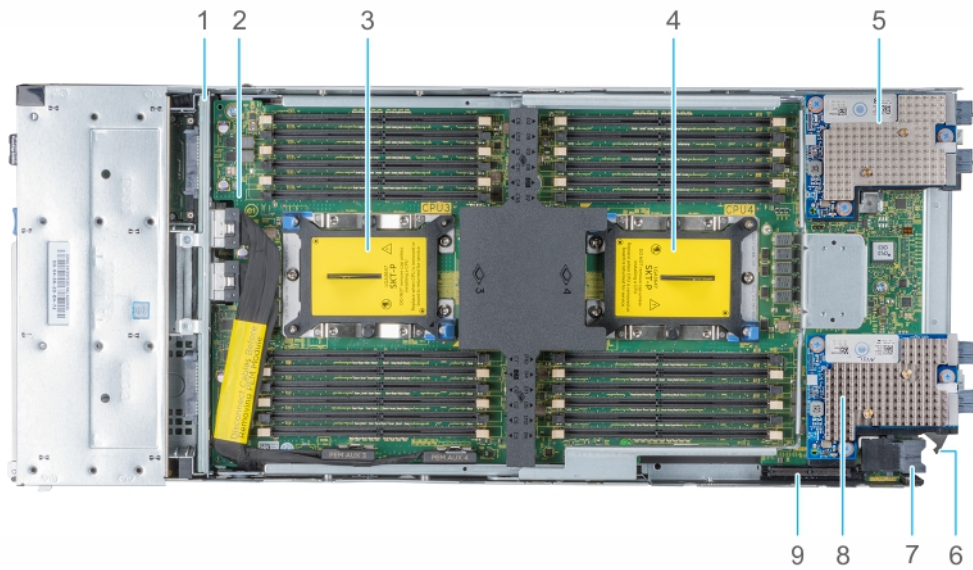


Figure 2. Inside the sled with PEM

1. Backplane
2. Processor expansion module (PEM) board
3. Processor 3 socket
4. Processor 4 socket
5. Mezzanine card (Fabric A2 card)
6. Rotational guiding hook
7. Power connector
8. Mezzanine card (Fabric B2 card)
9. Mini Mezzanine card (Fabric C2 card) connector

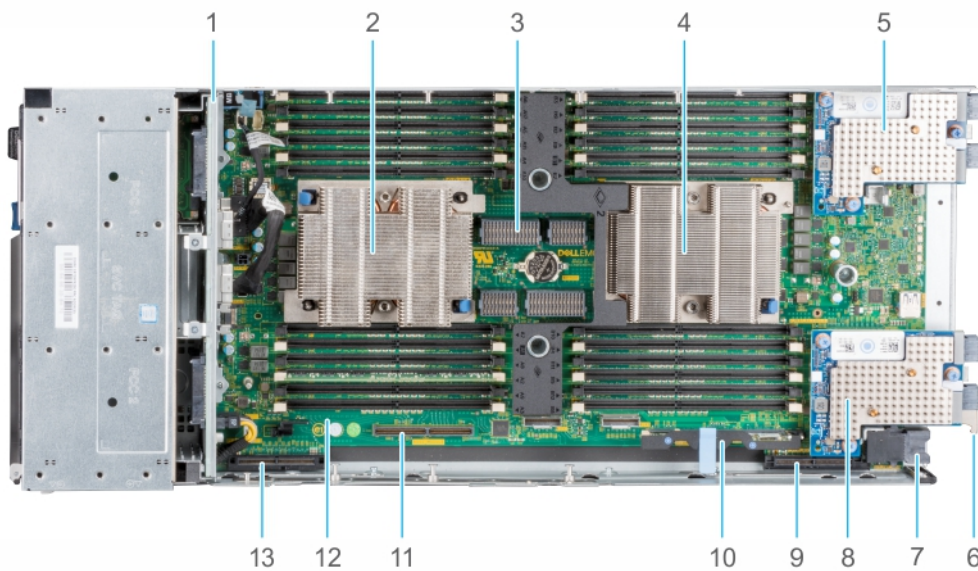


Figure 3. Inside the sled with system board

1. Backplane
2. Processor 1 socket
3. PEM connector
4. Processor 2 socket
5. Mezzanine card (Fabric A1 card)

- 6. Rotational guiding hook
- 7. Power connector
- 8. Mezzanine card (Fabric B1 card)
- 9. Mini Mezzanine card (Fabric C1 card) connector
- 10. iDRAC card
- 11. IDSDM/BOSS module connector
- 12. System board
- 13. PERC card connector

Locating the Service Tag of the sled

The PowerEdge MX840c sled is identified by a unique Express Service Code and Service Tag number. The Express Service Code and Service Tag are found on the front of the enclosure by pulling out the Information Tag. Dell uses this information to route support calls to the appropriate personnel.

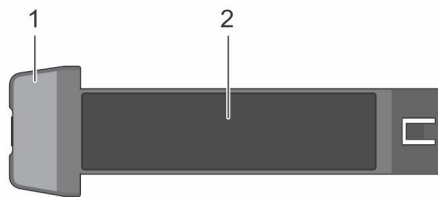


Figure 4. Information Tag of the sled

- 1. Information Tag
- 2. Service Tag

System information label

Service Information

System Touchpoints

- Hot swap touchpoints: Components with terracotta touchpoints can be serviced while the system is running.
- Cold swap touchpoints: Components with blue touchpoints require a full system shutdown before servicing.

Mechanical Overview

Front View

Rear View

Electrical Overview

PEM Connections

1 MEZZ_A2	7 CPU3
2 MEZZ_B2	8 DIMMs For CPU3
3 MINI_MEZZ_C2	9 DIMMs For CPU4
4 AUX4	10 CPU4
5 AUX3	11 DIMMs For CPU4
6 DIMMs For CPU3	

Scan to see hardware servicing and software setup videos, how-to's, and documentation.

Quick Resource Locator
Dell.com/QRL/Server/PEMX840c

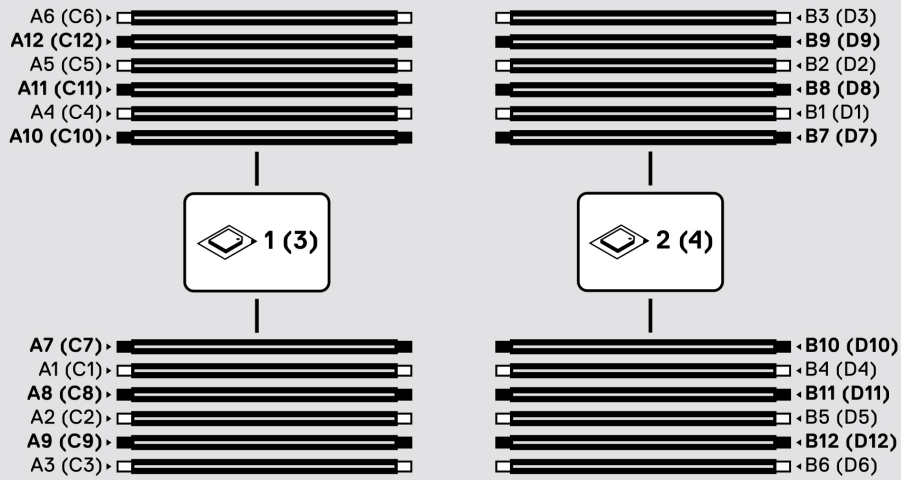
Icon Legend

Hard Drive Activity	EST Express Service Tag
Status	DIMM Bank
iDRAC Direct (Micro-AB USB)	CPU
Device Pointer	Push
Device Pointer (For more Direction)	

Figure 5. PowerEdge MX840c service information

Memory Information

⚠ Caution: Memory (DIMMs) and CPUs may be hot during servicing.



Memory Population

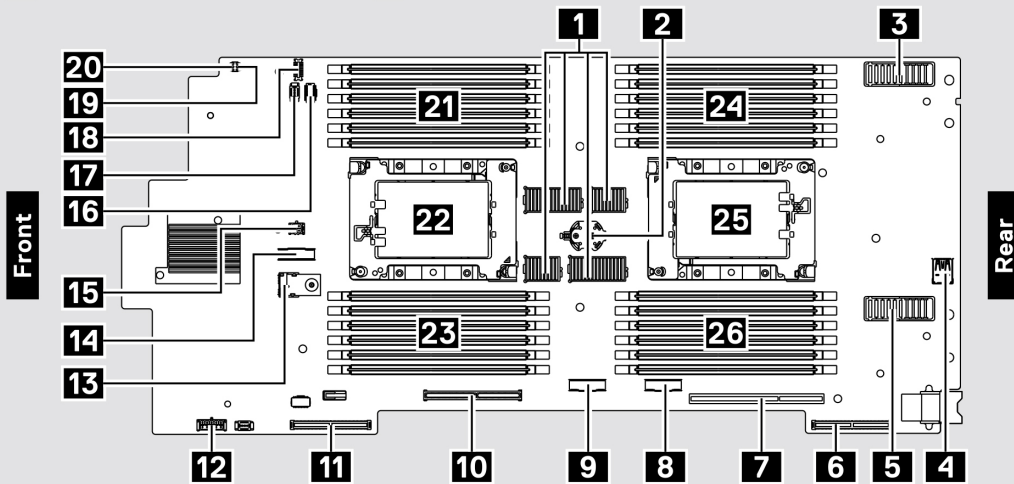
Configuration	Sequence
Optimized	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
Mirroring	(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6), (7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12)

Memory Sparring details are documented in the *Installation and Service Manual*.

Figure 6. PowerEdge MX840c memory information

System Board Connections

- | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 4 UPI Connector (4S) | 10 BOSS (M.2)/IDSDM | 19 NVRAM_CLR |
| 2 Battery | 11 PERC | 20 PWRD_EN |
| 3 MEZZ_A1 | 12 Backplane Power | 21 DIMMs For CPU1 |
| 4 Internal USB | 13 TPM | 22 CPU1 |
| 5 MEZZ_B1 | 14 SATA | 23 DIMMs For CPU1 |
| 6 MINI_MEZZ_C1 | 15 BBU Power | 24 DIMMs For CPU2 |
| 7 iDRAC Module | 16 BBU Signal | 25 CPU2 |
| 8 AUX1 | 17 Backplane Signal | 26 DIMMs For CPU2 |
| 9 AUX2 | 18 FIO | |



Jumper Settings


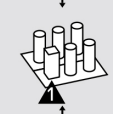


Jumper	Setting	Description
PWRD_EN	 (default)	BIOS password is enabled.
		BIOS password is disabled. iDRAC local access is unlocked at next BMC reboot. iDRAC password reset is enabled in F2 iDRAC settings menu.
NVRAM_CLR	 (default)	BIOS configuration settings retained at system boot.
		BIOS configuration settings cleared at system boot.

Figure 7. PowerEdge MX840c system board connections

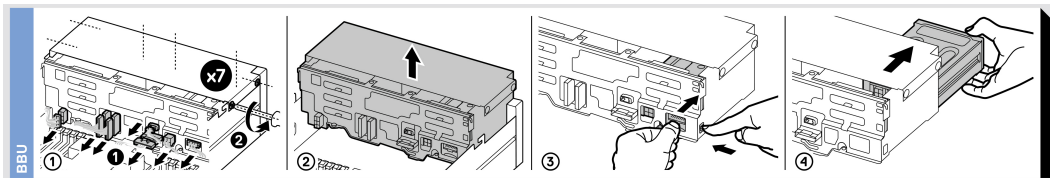


Figure 8. PowerEdge MX840c BBU module

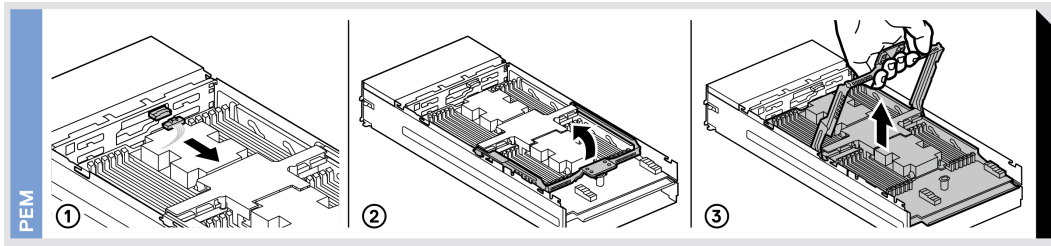


Figure 9. PowerEdge MX840c PEM removal

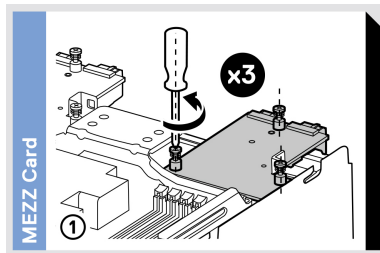


Figure 10. PowerEdge MX840c mezzanine cards removal

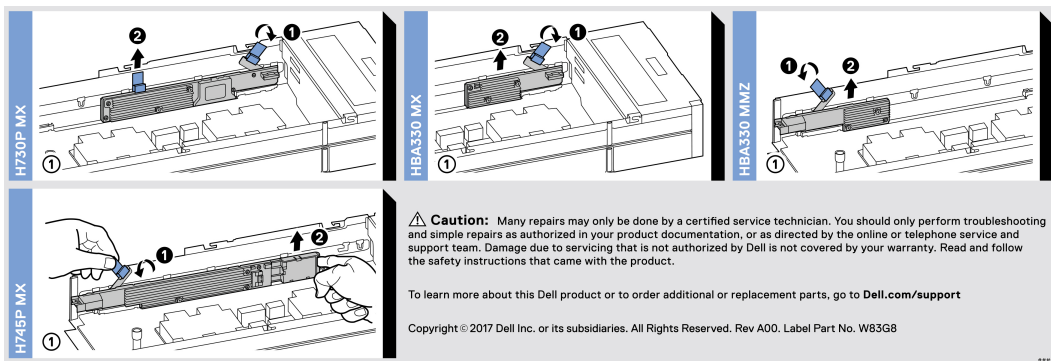


Figure 11. PowerEdge MX840c PERC cards removal

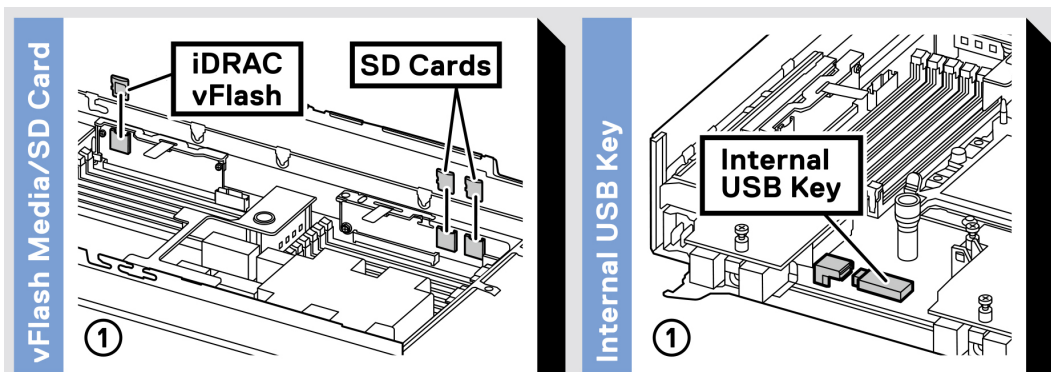


Figure 12. PowerEdge MX840c iDRAC/iDSDM module and optional internal USB key removal

Initial system setup and configuration

Setting up your sled

Complete the following steps to set up your sled:

Steps

1. Unpack the sled.
2. Remove the I/O connector cover from the sled connectors.

 **CAUTION:** While installing the sled, ensure that it is properly aligned with the slot on the enclosure to prevent damage to the sled connectors.

3. Install the sled in the enclosure.
4. Power on the enclosure.

 **NOTE:** Wait for the chassis to initialize before you press the power button.

5. Press the power button on the sled.

Alternatively, you can also power on the sled by using:

- The sled iDRAC. For more information, see the [Log in to iDRAC](#) section.
- Open Manage Enterprise modular (OME-modular), after the sled iDRAC is configured on the OME. For more information, see the OME-modular User's Guide at www.dell.com/openmanagemanuals.

iDRAC configuration

The Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller (iDRAC) is designed to make system administrators more productive and improve the overall availability of Dell systems. iDRAC alerts administrators about system issues and enables them to perform remote system management. This reduces the need for physical access to the system.

Options to set up iDRAC IP address

You must configure the initial network settings based on your network infrastructure to enable the communication to and from iDRAC.

You can set up the IP address by using one of the following interfaces:

Interfaces	Document/Section
iDRAC Settings utility	See <i>Dell Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller User's Guide</i> at www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals
Dell Deployment Toolkit	See <i>Dell Deployment Toolkit User's Guide</i> at www.dell.com/openmanagemanuals > OpenManage Deployment Toolkit
Dell Lifecycle Controller	See <i>Dell Lifecycle Controller User's Guide</i> at www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals
OME Modular	See <i>Dell OpenManagement Enterprise Modular User's Guide</i> at www.dell.com/openmanagemanuals
iDRAC Direct	See <i>Dell Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller User's Guide</i> at www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals

Log in to iDRAC

You can log in to iDRAC as:

- iDRAC user

- Microsoft Active Directory user
- Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) user

If you have opted for secure default access to iDRAC, the iDRAC secure default password is available on the back of the system Information tag. If you have not opted for secure default access to iDRAC, then the default user name and password are `root` and `calvin`. You can also log in by using Single Sign-On or Smart Card.

NOTE: You must have the iDRAC credentials to log in to iDRAC.

NOTE: Ensure that you change the default user name and password after setting up the iDRAC IP address.

NOTE: The Intel® Quick Assist Technology (QAT) on the Dell EMC PowerEdge MX840c is supported with chipset integration and is enabled through an optional license. The license files are enabled on the sleds through iDRAC.

For more information about drivers, documentation, and white papers on the Intel® QAT, see <https://01.org/intel-quickassist-technology>.

For more information about logging in to the iDRAC and iDRAC licenses, see the latest *Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller User's Guide* at www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals

You can also access iDRAC by using RACADM. For more information, see the *RACADM Command Line Interface Reference Guide* at www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals

Options to install the operating system

If the system is shipped without an operating system, install a supported operating system by using one of the following resources:

Table 1. Resources to install the operating system

Resources	Location
iDRAC	www.dell.com/idracmanuals
Lifecycle Controller	www.dell.com/idracmanuals > Lifecycle Controller
OpenManage Deployment Toolkit	www.dell.com/openmanagemanuals > OpenManage Deployment Toolkit
Dell certified VMware ESXi	www.dell.com/virtualizationsolutions
Installation and How-to videos for supported operating systems on PowerEdge systems	Supported Operating Systems for Dell EMC PowerEdge systems

Methods to download firmware and drivers

You can download the firmware and drivers by using any of the following methods:

Table 2. Firmware and drivers

Methods	Location
From the Dell EMC support site	www.dell.com/support/home
Using Dell Remote Access Controller Lifecycle Controller (iDRAC with LC)	www.dell.com/idracmanuals
Using Dell Repository Manager (DRM)	www.dell.com/openmanagemanuals > Repository Manager
Using Dell OpenManage Essentials (OME)	www.dell.com/openmanagemanuals > OpenManage Essentials
Using Dell Server Update Utility (SUU)	www.dell.com/openmanagemanuals > Server Update Utility
Using Dell OpenManage Deployment Toolkit (DTK)	www.dell.com/openmanagemanuals > OpenManage Deployment Toolkit
Using iDRAC virtual media	www.dell.com/idracmanuals

Downloading drivers and firmware

Dell EMC recommends that you download and install the latest BIOS, drivers, and systems management firmware on your system.

Prerequisites

Ensure that you clear the web browser cache before downloading the drivers and firmware.

Steps

1. Go to www.dell.com/support/home.
2. In the **Drivers & Downloads** section, type the Service Tag of your system in the **Enter a Service Tag or product ID** box, and then click **Submit**.



NOTE: If you do not have the Service Tag, select Detect Product to allow the system to automatically detect the Service Tag, or click View products, and navigate to your product.

3. Click **Drivers & Downloads**.
The drivers that are applicable to your system are displayed.
4. Download the drivers to a USB drive, CD, or DVD.

Pre-operating system management applications

You can manage basic settings and features of a system without booting to the operating system by using the system firmware.

Topics:

- [Options to manage the pre-operating system applications](#)
- [System Setup](#)
- [Dell Lifecycle Controller](#)
- [Boot Manager](#)
- [PXE boot](#)

Options to manage the pre-operating system applications

Your system has the following options to manage the pre-operating system applications:

- System Setup
- Dell Lifecycle Controller
- Boot Manager
- Preboot Execution Environment (PXE)

System Setup

By using the **System Setup** screen, you can configure the BIOS settings, iDRAC settings, and Device settings of your system.

i **NOTE: Help text for the selected field is displayed in the graphical browser by default. To view the help text in the text browser, press F1.**

You can access system setup by using two methods:

- Standard graphical browser—The browser is enabled by default.
- Text browser—The browser is enabled by using Console Redirection.

View System Setup

To view the **System Setup** screen, perform the following steps:

Steps

1. Turn on, or restart your system.
2. Press F2 immediately after you see the following message:

```
F2 = System Setup
```

i **NOTE: If your operating system begins to load before you press F2, wait for the system to finish booting, and then restart your system and try again.**

System Setup details

The **System Setup Main Menu** screen details are explained as follows:

Option	Description
System BIOS	Enables you to configure BIOS settings.
iDRAC Settings	Enables you to configure the iDRAC settings. The iDRAC settings utility is an interface to set up and configure the iDRAC parameters by using UEFI (Unified Extensible Firmware Interface). You can enable or disable various iDRAC parameters by using the iDRAC settings utility. For more information about this utility, see <i>Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller User's Guide</i> at www.dell.com/idracmanuals .
Device Settings	Enables you to configure device settings such as network cards or storage controllers.

System BIOS

You can use the **System BIOS** screen to edit specific functions such as boot order, system password, setup password, set the SATA and PCIe NVMe RAID mode, and enable or disable USB ports.

Viewing System BIOS

To view the **System Setup** screen, perform the following steps:

Steps

1. Turn on, or restart your system.
2. Press F2 immediately after you see the following message:

```
F2 = System Setup
```

NOTE: If your operating system begins to load before you press F2, wait for the system to finish booting, and then restart your system and try again.

3. On the **System Setup Main Menu** screen, click **System BIOS**.

System BIOS Settings details

About this task

The **System BIOS Settings** screen details are explained as follows:

Option	Description
System Information	Specifies information about the system such as the system model name, BIOS version, and Service Tag.
Memory Settings	Specifies information and options related to the installed memory.
Processor Settings	Specifies information and options related to the processor such as speed and cache size.
SATA Settings	Specifies options to enable or disable the integrated SATA controller and ports.
NVMe Settings	Specifies options to change the NVMe settings. If the system contains the NVMe drives that you want to configure in a RAID array, you must set both this field and the Embedded SATA field on the SATA Settings menu to RAID mode. You might also need to change the Boot Mode setting to UEFI . Otherwise, you should set this field to Non-RAID mode.
Boot Settings	Specifies options to specify the Boot mode (BIOS or UEFI). Enables you to modify UEFI and BIOS boot settings.
Network Settings	Specifies options to manage the UEFI network settings and boot protocols. Legacy network settings are managed from the Device Settings menu.
Integrated Devices	Specifies options to manage integrated device controllers and ports, specifies related features and options.
Serial Communication	Specifies options to manage the serial ports, its related features and options.

Option	Description
System Profile Settings	Specifies options to change the processor power management settings, memory frequency.
System Security	Specifies options to configure the system security settings, such as system password, setup password, Trusted Platform Module (TPM) security, and UEFI secure boot. It also manages the power button on the system.
Redundant OS Control	Sets the redundant OS info for redundant OS control.
Miscellaneous Settings	Specifies options to change the system date and time.

System Information

You can use the **System Information** screen to view system properties such as Service Tag, system model name, and the BIOS version.

View System Information

To view the **System Information** screen, perform the following steps:

Steps

1. Turn on, or restart your system.
2. Press F2 immediately after you see the following message:

```
F2 = System Setup
```



NOTE: If your operating system begins to load before you press F2, wait for the system to finish booting, and then restart your system and try again.

3. On the **System Setup Main Menu** screen, click **System BIOS**.
4. On the **System BIOS** screen, click **System Information**.

System Information details

About this task

The **System Information** screen details are explained as follows:

Option	Description
System Model Name	Specifies the system model name.
System BIOS Version	Specifies the BIOS version installed on the system.
System Management Engine Version	Specifies the current version of the Management Engine firmware.
System Service Tag	Specifies the system Service Tag.
System Manufacturer	Indicates the name of the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM).
System Manufacturer Contact Information	Indicates the contact information of the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM).
System CPLD Version	Specifies the current version of the system, complex programmable logic device (CPLD) firmware.
Secondary System CPLD Version	Specifies the current version of the system, complex programmable logic device (CPLD) firmware.

Option	Description
UEFI Compliance Version	Specifies the UEFI compliance level of the system firmware.

Memory Settings

You can use the **Memory Settings** screen to view all the memory settings and enable or disable specific memory functions, such as system memory testing and node interleaving.

View Memory Settings

To view the **Memory Settings** screen, perform the following steps:

Steps

1. Turn on, or restart your system.
2. Press F2 immediately after you see the following message:

```
F2 = System Setup
```

NOTE: If your operating system begins to load before you press F2, wait for the system to finish booting, and then restart your system and try again.

3. On the **System Setup Main Menu** screen, click **System BIOS**.
4. On the **System BIOS** screen, click **Memory Settings**.

Memory Settings details

About this task

The **Memory Settings** screen details are explained as follows:

Option	Description
System Memory Size	Specifies the memory size in the system.
System Memory Type	Specifies the type of memory installed in the system.
System Memory Speed	Specifies the system memory speed.
System Memory Voltage	Specifies the system memory voltage.
Video Memory	Specifies the amount of video memory.
System Memory Testing	Specifies whether the system memory tests are run during system boot. Options are Enabled and Disabled . This option is set to Disabled by default. NOTE: When Enabled the system takes more to boot. The booting time depends on the size of the system memory.
Memory Operating Mode	Specifies the memory operating mode. The options available are Optimizer Mode , Single Rank Spare Mode , Multi Rank Spare Mode , Mirror Mode , and Dell Fault Resilient Mode . This option is set to Optimizer Mode by default. NOTE: The Memory Operating Mode option can have different default and available options based on the memory configuration of your system. NOTE: The Fault Resilient Mode option establishes an area of memory that is fault resilient. This mode can be used by an operating system that supports the feature to load critical applications or enables the operating system kernel to maximize system availability.

Option	Description
Current State of Memory Operating Mode	Specifies the current state of the memory operating mode.
Node Interleaving	Specifies if Non-Uniform Memory Architecture (NUMA) is supported. If this field is set to Enabled , memory interleaving is supported if a symmetric memory configuration is installed. If the field is set to Disabled , the system supports NUMA (asymmetric) memory configurations. This option is set to Disabled by default.
ADDDC Setting	Enables or disables ADDDC Setting feature. When Adaptive Double DRAM Device Correction (ADDDC) is enabled, failing DRAM's are dynamically mapped out. When set to Enabled it can have some impact to system performance under certain workloads. This feature is applicable for x4 DIMMs only. This option is set to Enabled by default.
Opportunistic Self-Refresh	Enables or disables opportunistic self-refresh feature. This option is set to Disabled by default.
Persistent Memory	This field controls Persistent Memory on the system. This option is available only with NVDIMM configuration.

Persistent Memory details

About this task

The **Persistent Memory** screen details are explained as follows:

Option	Description
Persistent Memory	Enables or disables persistency for NVDIMM-N. If this option is set to Off , persistency for all NVDIMM-N is disabled and is not presented to OS (data is not preserved). If this option is set to Non-Volatile DIMM , persistency for all NVDIMM-N is enabled and presented to OS (data is preserved). This option is set to Non-Volatile DIMM by default.
NVDIMM-N Read-Only	Enables or disables the read-only option for the NVDIMM-N. If set to Enable , all NVDIMM-N is forced to read-only. Read-only is intended to be for debug or maintenance when customers would like to access the NVDIMM-N data and also to lock it from being updated. This option is set to Disable by default.
Persistent Memory Scrubbing	Enables scrubbing of persistent memory during POST.
NVDIMM-N Factory Reset and Secure Erase All Dimms	Enables or disables clearing data on the NVDIMM-N. If set to Enable , all data on the NVDIMM-N is lost. This option is used to remove data on the NVDIMM-N, repurpose your system. This option is set to Disable by default.
NVDIMM-N Interleave	Enables or disables interleaving on NVDIMM-N. Volatile RDIMM interleaving policy is not affected by this option. This option is set to Disable by default.
Battery Status	Indicates if the NVDIMM-N battery is ready. Battery Status can display one of the following states: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Present-Ready · Present-Offline · Not-Ready <p>The following settings are applicable for every NVDIMM-N present in the system.</p>
NVDIMM-N Memory Location	Specifies the location of the NVDIMM-N in each channel.
NVDIMM-N Memory Size	Specifies information on the capacity of the NVDIMM-N.
NVDIMM-N Memory Speed	Specifies information on the speed of the NVDIMM-N.
NVDIMM-N Memory Firmware version	Specifies information on the current firmware version on the NVDIMM-N.

Option	Description
NVDIMM-N Memory Serial Number	Specifies information on the serial number of the NVDIMM-N.
NVDIMM-N Factory Reset and Secure Erase	Enables clearing data on specific NVDIMM-N and results in loss of data on that specific NVDIMM-N.

The **Persistent Memory** screen details can be found in the *NVDIMM-N User Guide* at www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals.

Processor Settings

You can use the **Processor Settings** screen to view the processor settings, and perform specific functions such as enabling virtualization technology, hardware prefetcher, logical processor idling, and opportunistic self-refresh.

View Processor Settings

To view the **Processor Settings** screen, perform the following steps:

Steps

1. Turn on, or restart your system.
2. Press F2 immediately after you see the following message:

```
F2 = System Setup
```

NOTE: If your operating system begins to load before you press F2, wait for the system to finish booting, and then restart your system and try again.




3. On the **System Setup Main Menu** screen, click **System BIOS**.
4. On the **System BIOS** screen, click **Processor Settings**.

Processor Settings details

About this task

The **Processor Settings** screen details are explained as follows:

Option	Description
Logical Processor	Enables or disables the logical processors and displays the number of logical processors. If this option is set to Enabled , the BIOS displays all the logical processors. If this option is set to Disabled , the BIOS displays only one logical processor per core. This option is set to Enabled by default.
CPU Interconnect Speed	<p>Enables you to govern the frequency of the communication links among the CPUs in the system.</p> <p>NOTE: The standard and basic bin processors support lower link frequencies.</p> <p>The options available are Maximum data rate, 10.4 GT/s, and 9.6 GT/s. This option is set to Maximum data rate by default.</p> <p>Maximum data rate indicates that the BIOS runs the communication links at the maximum frequency supported by the processors. You can also select specific frequencies that the processors support, which can vary.</p> <p>For best performance, you should select Maximum data rate. Any reduction in the communication link frequency affects the performance of non-local memory accesses and cache coherency traffic. In addition, it can slow access to non-local I/O devices from a particular CPU.</p> <p>However, if power saving considerations outweigh performance, you might want to reduce the frequency of the CPU communication links. If you do this, you should localize memory and I/O accesses to the nearest NUMA node to minimize the impact to system performance.</p>
Virtualization Technology	Enables or disables the virtualization technology for the processor. This option is set to Enabled by default.

Option	Description
Adjacent Cache Line Prefetch	Optimizes the system for applications that need high utilization of sequential memory access. This option is set to Enabled by default. You can disable this option for applications that need high utilization of random memory access.
Hardware Prefetcher	Enables or disables the hardware prefetcher. This option is set to Enabled by default.
Software Prefetcher	Enables or disables the software prefetcher. This option is set to Enabled by default.
DCU Streamer Prefetcher	Enables or disables the Data Cache Unit (DCU) streamer prefetcher. This option is set to Enabled by default.
DCU IP Prefetcher	Enables or disables the Data Cache Unit (DCU) IP prefetcher. This option is set to Enabled by default.
Sub NUMA Cluster	Sub NUMA Clustering (SNC) is a feature for breaking up the LLC into disjoint clusters based on address range, with each cluster bound to a subset of the memory controllers in the system. It improves average latency to the LLC. Enables or disables the Sub NUMA Cluster. This option is set to Disabled by default.
UPI Prefetch	Enables you to get the memory read started early on DDR bus. The Ultra Path Interconnect (UPI) Rx path will spawn the speculative memory read to Integrated Memory Controller (iMC) directly. This option is set to Enabled by default.
Logical Processor Idling	Enables you to improve the energy efficiency of a system. It uses the operating system core parking algorithm and parks some of the logical processors in the system which in turn allows the corresponding processor cores to transition into a lower power idle state. This option can only be enabled if the operating system supports it. It is set to Disabled by default.  NOTE: This feature is not supported if CPU Power Management is set to Maximum Performance.
Configurable TDP	Enables you to configure the TDP level. The available options are Nominal , Level 1 and Level 2 . This option is set to Nominal by default.  NOTE: This option is only available on certain stock keeping units (SKUs) of the processors.
x2APIC Mode	Enables or disables the x2APIC mode. This option is set to Enabled by default.
Dell Controlled Turbo	Controls the turbo engagement. Enable this option only when System Profile is set to Performance .  NOTE: Depending on the number of installed CPUs, there might be up to four processor listings.
Dell AVX Scaling Technology	Enables you to configure the Dell AVX scaling technology. This option is set to 0 by default.
Number of Cores per Processor	Controls the number of enabled cores in the processor. Under certain circumstances, you may see limited performance improvements to Intel Turbo Boost Technology and benefits from potentially larger shared caches, when you reduce the number of enabled cores. Most computing environments tend to benefit more from larger number of processing cores, so you must carefully weigh the disabling of cores to gain nominal performance enhancements.
Process Core Speed	Displays the core speed of the processor(s).
Process Bus Speed	Displays the bus speed of the processor(s).
Processor n	The following settings are displayed for each processor installed in the system:

Option	Description
Family-Model-Stepping	Specifies the family, model, and stepping of the processor as defined by Intel.
Brand	Specifies the brand name.
Level 2 Cache	Specifies the total L2 cache.
Level 3 Cache	Specifies the total L3 cache.
Number of Cores	Specifies the number of cores per processor.

Option	Description
Option	Description
Maximum Memory Capacity	Specifies the maximum memory capacity per processor.
Microcode	Specifies the microcode.

SATA Settings

You can use the **SATA Settings** screen to view the SATA settings of SATA devices and enable SATA and PCIe NVMe RAID mode on your system.

View SATA Settings

To view the **SATA Settings** screen, perform the following steps:

Steps

1. Turn on, or restart your system.
2. Press F2 immediately after you see the following message:

```
F2 = System Setup
```

NOTE: If your operating system begins to load before you press F2, wait for the system to finish booting, and then restart your system and try again.

3. On the **System Setup Main Menu** screen, click **System BIOS**.
4. On the **System BIOS** screen, click **SATA Settings**.

SATA Settings details

About this task

The **SATA Settings** screen details are explained as follows:

Option	Description
Embedded SATA	Enables the embedded SATA option to be set to Off , AHCI , or RAID modes. This option is set to AHCI Mode by default.
Security Freeze Lock	Sends Security Freeze Lock command to the embedded SATA drives during POST. This option is applicable only for AHCI mode. This option is set to Enabled by default.
Write Cache	Enables or disables the command for the embedded SATA drives during POST. This option is set to Disabled by default.
Port n	Sets the drive type of the selected device. For AHCI Mode or RAID Mode , BIOS support is always enabled.
Option	Description
Model	Specifies the drive model of the selected device. NOTE: If no device is installed, it displays Unkown .
Drive Type	Specifies the type of drive attached to the SATA port. NOTE: If no device is installed, it displays Unkown Device .
Capacity	Specifies the total capacity of the drive. This field is undefined for removable media devices such as optical drives. NOTE: If no device is installed, it displays N/A .

NVMe Settings

The NVMe settings enable you to set the NVMe drives to either **RAID** mode or **Non-RAID** mode.

NOTE: To configure these drives as RAID drives, click **System BIOS Settings > SATA Settings > Embedded SATA Option** and enable RAID mode. If not, you must set this field to Non-RAID mode.

View NVMe settings

To view the **NVMe Settings** screen, perform the following steps:

Steps

1. Turn on, or restart your system.
2. Press F2 immediately after you see the following message:

```
F2 = System Setup
```

NOTE: If your operating system begins to load before you press F2, wait for the system to finish booting, and then restart your system and try again.

3. On the **System Setup Main Menu** screen, click **System BIOS**.
4. On the **System BIOS** screen, click **NVMe Settings**.

NVMe Settings details

About this task

The **NVMe Settings** screen details are explained as follows:

Option	Description
NVMe Mode	Enables you to set the NVMe mode. This option is set to Non RAID by default.

Boot Settings

You can use the **Boot Settings** screen to set the boot mode to either **BIOS** or **UEFI**. It also enables you to specify the boot order.

- **BIOS:** The **BIOS Boot Mode** is the legacy boot mode. It is maintained for backward compatibility.
- **UEFI:** The Unified Extensible Firmware Interface (UEFI) is a new interface between operating systems and platform firmware. The interface consists of data tables with platform related information, also boot and runtime service calls that are available to the operating system and its loader. The following benefits are available when the **Boot Mode** is set to **UEFI**:
 - Support for drive partitions larger than 2 TB.
 - Enhanced security (e.g., UEFI Secure Boot).
 - Faster boot time.

NOTE: You must use only the UEFI boot mode in order to boot from NVMe drives.

View Boot Settings

To view the **Boot Settings** screen, perform the following steps:

Steps

1. Turn on, or restart your system.
2. Press F2 immediately after you see the following message:

```
F2 = System Setup
```

NOTE: If your operating system begins to load before you press F2, wait for the system to finish booting, and then restart your system and try again.

3. On the **System Setup Main Menu** screen, click **System BIOS**.
4. On the **System BIOS** screen, click **Boot Settings**.

Boot Settings details

About this task

The **Boot Settings** screen details are explained as follows:

Option	Description
Boot Mode	Allows you to configure the Boot Sequence and Enable or Disable the individual boot options. The available options are BIOS and UEFI . The option is set to UEFI by default.
Boot Sequence Retry	Enables or disables the Boot Sequence Retry feature. If this option is set to Enabled and the system fails to boot, the system re-attempts the boot sequence after 30 seconds. This option is set to Enabled by default.
Hard-Disk Failover	Specifies the drive that is booted in the event of a drive failure. The devices are selected in the Hard-Disk Drive Sequence on the Boot Option Setting menu. When this option is set to Disabled , only the first drive in the list is attempted to boot. When this option is set to Enabled , all drives are attempted to boot in the order selected in the Hard-Disk Drive Sequence . This option is not enabled for UEFI Boot Mode . This option is set to Disabled by default.
Generic USB Boot	Enables or disables the USB boot option. This option is set to Disabled by default.
Hard-disk Drive Placeholder	Enables or disables the Hard-disk Drive Placeholder option. This option is set to disabled by default.

UEFI Boot Settings

The **UEFI Boot Settings** screen enables you to specify the UEFI boot order.

About this task

Option	Description
UEFI Boot Sequence	Enables you to change the UEFI boot device order.
Boot Options Enable/Disable	Enables you to enable or disable the UEFI boot devices.


Choosing system boot mode

System Setup enables you to specify one of the following boot modes for installing your operating system:


- BIOS boot mode is the standard BIOS-level boot interface.
- UEFI boot mode (the default), is an enhanced 64-bit boot interface.

If you have configured your system to boot to UEFI mode, it replaces the system BIOS.

1. From the **System Setup Main Menu**, click **Boot Settings**, and select **Boot Mode**.
2. Select the UEFI boot mode you want the system to boot into.

 **CAUTION: Switching the boot mode may prevent the system from booting if the operating system is not installed in the same boot mode.**

3. After the system boots in the specified boot mode, proceed to install your operating system from that mode.

 **NOTE: Operating systems must be UEFI-compatible to be installed from the UEFI boot mode. DOS and 32-bit operating systems do not support UEFI and can only be installed from the BIOS boot mode.**

 **NOTE: For the latest information about supported operating systems, go to Dell.com/ossupport.**

Changing boot order

About this task

You may have to change the boot order if you want to boot from a USB key or an optical drive. The following instructions may vary if you have selected **BIOS** for **Boot Mode**.

Steps

1. On the **System Setup Main Menu** screen, click **System BIOS > Boot Settings > UEFI/BIOS Boot Settings > UEFI/BIOS Boot Sequence**.
2. Use the arrow keys to select a boot device, and use the plus (+) and minus (-) sign keys to move the device down or up in the order.
3. Click **Exit**, and then click **Yes** to save the settings on exit.

Network Settings

You can use the **Network Settings** screen to modify UEFI PXE, iSCSI, and HTTP boot settings. The network settings option is available only in the UEFI mode.

NOTE: The BIOS does not control network settings in the BIOS mode. For the BIOS boot mode, the optional Boot ROM of the network controllers handles the network settings.

Viewing Network Settings

To view the **Network Settings** screen, perform the following steps:

Steps

1. Turn on, or restart your system.
2. Press F2 immediately after you see the following message:

```
F2 = System Setup
```

NOTE: If your operating system begins to load before you press F2, wait for the system to finish booting, and then restart your system and try again.

3. On the **System Setup Main Menu** screen, click **System BIOS**.
4. On the **System BIOS** screen, click **Network Settings**.

Network Settings screen details

The **Network Settings** screen details are explained as follows:

About this task

Option	Description
UEFI PXE Settings	Enables you to control the configuration of the UEFI PXE device.
PXE Device n (n = 1 to 4)	Enables or disables the device. When enabled, a UEFI PXE boot option is created for the device.
PXE Device n Settings (n = 1 to 4)	Enables you to control the configuration of the PXE device.
UEFI HTTP Settings	Enables or disables the device. When enabled, a UEFI HTTP boot option is created for the device.
HTTP Device n Settings (n = 1 to 4)	Enables you to control the configuration of the HTTP device.
UEFI iSCSI Settings	Enables you to control the configuration of the iSCSI device. Table 3. UEFI iSCSI Settings screen details

Option	Description
iSCSI Initiator Name	Specifies the name of the iSCSI initiator in IQN format.
iSCSI Device1	Enables or disables the iSCSI device. When disabled, a UEFI boot option is created for the iSCSI device automatically. This is set to Disabled by default.
iSCSI Device1 Settings	Enables you to control the configuration of the iSCSI device.

Integrated Devices

You can use the **Integrated Devices** screen to view and configure the settings of all integrated devices including the video controller, integrated RAID controller, and the USB ports.

Viewing Integrated Devices

To view the **Integrated Devices** screen, perform the following steps:

Steps

1. Power on or restart the system.
2. Press F2 immediately after you see the following message:

```
F2 = System Setup
```

NOTE: If your operating system begins to load before you press F2, wait for the system to finish booting, and then restart your system and try again.

3. On the **System Setup Main Menu** screen, click **System BIOS**.
4. On the **System BIOS** screen, click **Integrated Devices**.

Integrated Devices details

About this task

The **Integrated Devices** screen details are explained as follows:

Option	Description
User Accessible USB Ports	<p>Configures the user accessible USB ports. Selecting All Ports Off disables all USB ports; selecting All Ports Off (Dynamic) disables all USB ports during POST and front ports can be enabled or disabled dynamically by authorized user without resetting the system.</p> <p>The USB keyboard and mouse still function in certain USB ports during the boot process, depending on the selection. After the boot process is complete, the USB ports will be enabled or disabled as per the setting.</p>
Internal USB Port	Enables or disables the internal USB port. This option is set to On by default.
iDRAC Direct USB Port	The iDRAC Direct USB port is managed by iDRAC exclusively with no host visibility. This option is set to ON or OFF . When set to OFF , iDRAC does not detect any USB devices installed in this managed port. This option is set to On by default.
Integrated RAID Controller	Enables or disables the integrated RAID controllers. This option is set to Enabled by default.
I/OAT DMA Engine	Enables or disables the I/O Acceleration Technology (I/OAT) option. I/OAT is a set of DMA features designed to accelerate network traffic and lower CPU utilization. Enable only if the hardware and software support the feature.
Embedded Video Controller	<p>Enables or disables the use of Embedded Video Controller as the primary display. When set to Enabled, the Embedded Video Controller will be the primary display even if add-in graphic cards are installed. When set to Disabled, an add-in graphics card will be used as the primary display. BIOS will output displays to both the primary add-in video and the embedded video during POST and pre-boot environment. The embedded video will then be disabled right before the operating system boots. This option is set to Enabled by default.</p> <p>NOTE: When there are multiple add-in graphic cards installed in the system, the first card discovered during PCI enumeration is selected as the primary video. You might have to re-arrange the cards in the slots in order to control which card is the primary video.</p>
Current State of Embedded Video Controller	Displays the current state of the embedded video controller. The Current State of Embedded Video Controller option is a read-only field. If the Embedded Video Controller is the only display capability in the system (that is, no add-in graphics card is installed), then the Embedded Video Controller is automatically used as the primary display even if the Embedded Video Controller setting is set to Disabled .
SR-IOV Global Enable	Enables or disables the BIOS configuration of Single Root I/O Virtualization (SR-IOV) devices. This option is set to Enabled by default.

Option	Description
Internal SD Card Port	Enables or disables the Internal SD Card Port of the Internal Dual SD Module (IDSDM). This option is set to On by default.
Internal SD Card Redundancy	Configures the redundancy mode of the Internal Dual SD Module (IDSDM). When set to Mirror Mode, data is written on both SD cards. After failure of either card and replacement of the failed card, the data of the active card is copied to the offline card during the system boot. When Internal SD Card Redundancy is set to Disabled , only the primary SD card is visible to the OS. This option is set to Disabled by default.
Internal SD Primary Card	When Redundancy is set to Disabled , either one of the SD card can be selected to present itself as mass storage device by setting it to be primary card. By default primary SD card is selected to be SD Card 1. If SD Card 1 is not present, then the controller will select SD Card 2 to be primary SD card.
OS Watchdog Timer	If your system stops responding, this watchdog timer aids in the recovery of your operating system. When this option is set to Enabled (the default), the operating system initializes the timer. When this option is set to Disabled , the timer does not have any effect on the system.
Empty Slot Unhide	Enables or disables the root ports of all the empty slots that are accessible to the BIOS and OS. This option is set to Disabled by default.
Memory Mapped I/O above 4 GB	Enables or disables the support for the PCIe devices that need large amounts of memory. Enable this option only for 64-bit operating systems. This option is set to Enabled by default.
Memory Mapped I/O Base	When set to 12 TB , the system will map MMIO base to 12 TB. Enable this option for an OS that requires 44 bit PCIe addressing. i NOTE: Setting Memory Mapped I/O Base to 512 GB requires less than 512 GB of physical memory else the system might fail to POST.
Mezzanine Slot Disablement	The Slot Disablement feature controls the configuration of mezzanine cards installed in the specified slots. Only mezzanine card slots that are present on your system are available for control.

Serial Communication

Use the **Serial Communication** screen to view the properties of the serial communication port.

Viewing Serial Communication

To view the **Serial Communication** screen, perform the following steps:

Steps

1. Power on or restart the system.
2. Press F2 immediately after you see the following message:

```
F2 = System Setup
```

i **NOTE: If your operating system begins to load before you press F2, wait for the system to finish booting, and then restart your system and try again.**

3. On the **System Setup Main Menu** screen, click **System BIOS**.
4. On the **System BIOS** screen, click **Serial Communication**.

Serial Communication details

About this task

The **Serial Communication** screen details are explained as follows:

Option	Description
Serial Communication	Selects serial communication devices (Serial Device 1 and Serial Device 2) in BIOS. BIOS console redirection can also be enabled, and the port address can be specified. This option is set to Off by default. Enables the COM port or Console Redirection options.

Option	Description
Serial Port Address	Enables you to set the port address for serial devices. This field sets the serial port address to either COM1 or COM2 (COM1=0x3F8, COM2=0x2F8). This option is set to Serial Device 1=COM1 by default. NOTE: You can use only Serial Device 2 for the Serial Over LAN (SOL) feature. To use console redirection by SOL, configure the same port address for console redirection and the serial device.
Failsafe Baud Rate	Specifies the failsafe baud rate for console redirection. The BIOS attempts to determine the baud rate automatically. This failsafe baud rate is used only if the attempt fails, and the value must not be changed. This option is set to 115200 by default.
Remote Terminal Type	Sets the remote console terminal type. This option is set to VT100/VT220 by default.
Redirection After Boot	Enables or disables the BIOS console redirection when the operating system is loaded. This option is set to Enabled by default.

System Profile Settings

You can use the **System Profile Settings** screen to enable specific system performance settings such as power management.

Viewing System Profile Settings

To view the **System Profile Settings** screen, perform the following steps:

Steps

1. Power on, or restart your system.
2. Press F2 immediately after you see the following message:

```
F2 = System Setup
```

NOTE: If your operating system begins to load before you press F2, wait for the system to finish booting, and then restart your system and try again.




3. On the **System Setup Main Menu** screen, click **System BIOS**.
4. On the **System BIOS** screen, click **System Profile Settings**.

System Profile Settings details

About this task

The **System Profile Settings** screen details are explained as follows:

Option	Description
System Profile	Sets the system profile. If you set the System Profile option to a mode other than Custom , the BIOS automatically sets the rest of the options. You can only change the rest of the options if the mode is set to Custom . This option is set to Performance Per Watt Optimized (DAPC) by default. DAPC is Dell Active Power Controller. Other options include Performance Per Watt (OS) , Performance , and Workstation Performance . NOTE: All the parameters on the system profile setting screen are available only when the System Profile option is set to Custom.
CPU Power Management	Sets the CPU power management. This option is set to System DBPM (DAPC) by default. DBPM is Demand-Based Power Management. Other options include OS DBPM , and Maximum Performance .
Memory Frequency	Sets the speed of the system memory. You can select Maximum Performance , Maximum Reliability or a specific speed. This option is set to Maximum Performance by default.
Turbo Boost	Enables or disables the processor to operate in the turbo boost mode. This option is set to Enabled by default.
C1E	Enables or disables the processor to switch to a minimum performance state when it is idle. This option is set to Enabled by default.
C States	Enables or disables the processor to operate in all available power states. This option is set to Enabled by default.

Option	Description
Write Data CRC	Enables or disables the Write Data CRC. This option is set to Disabled by default.
Memory Patrol Scrub	Sets the memory patrol scrub frequency. This option is set to Standard by default.
Memory Refresh Rate	Sets the memory refresh rate to either 1x or 2x. This option is set to 1x by default.
Uncore Frequency	Enables you to select the Processor Uncore Frequency option. Dynamic mode enables the processor to optimize power resources across the cores and uncore during runtime. The optimization of the uncore frequency to either save power or optimize performance is influenced by the setting of the Energy Efficiency Policy option.
Energy Efficient Policy	Enables you to select the Energy Efficient Policy option. The CPU uses the setting to manipulate the internal behavior of the processor and determines whether to target higher performance or better power savings. This option is set to Balanced Performance by default.
Number of Turbo Boost Enabled Cores for Processor 1	 NOTE: If there are four processors installed in the system, you will see an entry for Number of Turbo Boost Enabled Cores for Processor 4. Controls the number of turbo boost enabled cores for Processor 1. The maximum number of cores is enabled by default.
Monitor/Mwait	Enables the Monitor/Mwait instructions in the processor. This option is set to Enabled for all system profiles, except Custom by default.  NOTE: This option can be disabled only if the C States option in the Custom mode is set to disabled.  NOTE: When C States is set to Enabled in the Custom mode, changing the Monitor/Mwait setting does not impact the system power or performance.
CPU Interconnect Bus Link Power Management	Enables or disables the CPU Interconnect Bus Link Power Management. This option is set to Enabled by default.
PCI ASPM L1 Link Power Management	Enables or disables the PCI ASPM L1 Link Power Management. This option is set to Enabled by default.

System Security

You can use the **System Security** screen to perform specific functions such as setting the system password, setup password and disabling the power button.


Viewing System Security

To view the **System Security** screen, perform the following steps:

Steps

1. Turn on, or restart your system.
2. Press F2 immediately after you see the following message:

```
F2 = System Setup
```


 **NOTE: If your operating system begins to load before you press F2, wait for the system to finish booting, and then restart your system and try again.**

3. On the **System Setup Main Menu** screen, click **System BIOS**.
4. On the **System BIOS** screen, click **System Security**.

System Security Settings details

About this task

The **System Security Settings** screen details are explained as follows:

Option	Description
CPU AES-NI	Improves the speed of applications by performing encryption and decryption by using the Advanced Encryption Standard Instruction Set (AES-NI). This option is set to Enabled by default.
System Password	Sets the system password. This option is set to Enabled by default and is read-only if the password jumper is not installed in the system.
Setup Password	Sets the setup password. This option is read-only if the password jumper is not installed in the system.
Password Status	Locks the system password. This option is set to Unlocked by default.
TPM Information	 NOTE: The TPM menu is available only when the TPM module is installed.

Enables you to control the reporting mode of the TPM. The **TPM Security** option is set to **Off** by default. You can only modify the TPM Status, and TPM Activation, and the Intel TXT fields if the **TPM Status** field is set to either **On with Pre-boot Measurements** or **On without Pre-boot Measurements**.

When TPM 1.2 is installed, the **TPM Security** option is set to **Off**, **On with Pre-boot Measurements**, or **On without Pre-boot Measurements**.

Table 4. TPM 1.2 security information

TPM information	Description
TPM Information	Changes the operational state of the TPM. This option is set to No Change by default.
TPM Firmware	Indicates the firmware version of the TPM.
TPM Status	Specifies the TPM status.
TPM Command	Controls the Trusted Platform Module (TPM). When set to None , no command is sent to the TPM. When set to Activate , the TPM is enabled and activated. When set to Deactivate , the TPM is disabled and deactivated. When set to Clear , all the contents of the TPM are cleared. This option is set to None by default.

When TPM 2.0 is installed, the **TPM Security** option is set to **On** or **Off**. This option is set to **Off** by default.

Table 5. TPM 2.0 security information

TPM information	Description
TPM Information	Changes the operational state of the TPM. This option is set to No Change by default.
TPM Firmware	Indicates the firmware version of the TPM.
TPM Hierarchy	Enable, disable, or clear the storage and endorsement hierarchies. When set to Enabled , the storage and endorsement hierarchies can be used. When set to Disabled , the storage and endorsement hierarchies cannot be used. When set to Clear , the storage and endorsement hierarchies are cleared of any values, and then reset to Enabled .

Intel(R) TXT	Enables or disables the Intel Trusted Execution Technology (TXT) option. To enable the Intel TXT option, virtualization technology and TPM Security must be enabled with Pre-boot measurements. This option is set to Off by default. When TPM 2.0 is installed, TPM 2 Algorithm option is available. It enables you to select a hash algorithm from those supported by the TPM (SHA1, SHA256). TPM 2 Algorithm option must be set to SHA256 , to enable TXT.
Power Button	Enables or disables the power button on the front of the system. This option is set to Enabled by default.
AC Power Recovery	Sets how the system behaves after AC power is restored to the system. This option is set to Last by default.

Option	Description
UEFI Variable Access	Provides varying degrees of securing UEFI variables. When set to Standard (the default), UEFI variables are accessible in the operating system per the UEFI specification. When set to Controlled , selected UEFI variables are protected in the environment and new UEFI boot entries are forced to be at the end of the current boot order.
In-Band Manageability Interface	When set to Disabled , this setting will hide the Management Engine's (ME), HECI devices, and the system's IPMI devices from the operating system. This prevents the operating system from changing the ME power capping settings, and blocks access to all in-band management tools. All management should be managed through out-of-band. This option is set to Enabled by default. NOTE: BIOS update requires HECI devices to be operational and DUP updates require IPMI interface to be operational. This setting needs to be set to Enabled to avoid updating errors.
Secure Boot	Enables Secure Boot, where the BIOS authenticates each pre-boot image by using the certificates in the Secure Boot Policy. Secure Boot is set to Disabled by default.
Secure Boot Policy	When Secure Boot policy is set to Standard , the BIOS uses the system manufacturer's key and certificates to authenticate pre-boot images. When Secure Boot policy is set to Custom , the BIOS uses the user-defined key and certificates. Secure Boot policy is set to Standard by default.
Secure Boot Mode	Configures how the BIOS uses the Secure Boot Policy Objects (PK, KEK, db, dbx). If the current mode is set to Deployed Mode , the available options are User Mode and Deployed Mode . If the current mode is set to User Mode , the available options are User Mode , Audit Mode , and Deployed Mode .

Options	Description
User Mode	In User Mode , PK must be installed, and BIOS performs signature verification on programmatic attempts to update policy objects. The BIOS allows unauthenticated programmatic transitions between modes.
Deployed Mode	Deployed Mode is the most secure mode. In Deployed Mode , PK must be installed and the BIOS performs signature verification on programmatic attempts to update policy objects. Deployed Mode restricts the programmatic mode transitions.
Audit Mode	In Audit mode , PK is not present. The BIOS does not authenticate programmatic updates to the policy objects, and transitions between modes. Audit Mode is useful for programmatically determining a working set of policy objects. BIOS performs signature verification on pre-boot images and logs results in the image Execution Information Table, but executes the images whether they pass or fail verification.

Secure Boot Policy Summary	Specifies the list of certificates and hashes that secure boot uses to authenticate images.
Secure Boot Custom Policy Settings	Configures the Secure Boot Custom Policy. To enable this option, set the Secure Boot Policy to Custom option.

Creating a system and setup password

Prerequisites

Ensure that the password jumper is enabled. The password jumper enables or disables the system password and setup password features. For more information, see the System board jumper settings section.

NOTE: If the password jumper setting is disabled, the existing system password and setup password are deleted and you need not provide the system password to boot the system.

Steps

- To enter System Setup, press F2 immediately after turning on or rebooting your system.
- On the **System Setup Main Menu** screen, click **System BIOS > System Security**.

3. On the **System Security** screen, verify that **Password Status** is set to **Unlocked**.
4. In the **System Password** field, type your system password, and press Enter or Tab.
Use the following guidelines to assign the system password:
 - A password can have up to 32 characters. The password can contain any of the characters in the ASCII character set.
 A message prompts you to reenter the system password.
5. Reenter the system password, and click **OK**.
6. In the **Setup Password** field, type your setup password and press Enter or Tab.
A message prompts you to reenter the setup password.
7. Reenter the setup password, and click **OK**.
8. Press Esc to return to the System BIOS screen. Press Esc again.
A message prompts you to save the changes.

 **NOTE: Password protection does not take effect until the system reboots.**

Using your system password to secure your system

Prerequisites


If you have assigned a setup password, the system accepts your setup password as an alternate system password.

Steps

1. Turn on or reboot your system.
2. Type the system password and press Enter.

Next steps

When **Password Status** is set to **Locked**, type the system password and press Enter when prompted at reboot.

 **NOTE: If an incorrect system password is typed, the system displays a message and prompts you to reenter your password. You have three attempts to type the correct password. After the third unsuccessful attempt, the system displays an error message that the system has stopped functioning and must be turned off. Even after you turn off and restart the system, the error message is displayed until the correct password is entered.**


Deleting or changing system and Setup password

Prerequisites

 **NOTE: You cannot delete or change an existing system or Setup password if the Password Status is set to Locked.**

Steps

1. To enter System Setup, press F2 immediately after turning on or restarting your system.
2. On the **System Setup Main Menu** screen, click **System BIOS > System Security**.
3. On the **System Security** screen, ensure that **Password Status** is set to **Unlocked**.
4. In the **System Password** field, alter or delete the existing system password, and then press Enter or Tab.
5. In the **Setup Password** field, alter or delete the existing setup password, and then press Enter or Tab.
If you change the system and Setup password, a message prompts you to reenter the new password. If you delete the system and Setup password, a message prompts you to confirm the deletion.
6. Press Esc to return to the **System BIOS** screen. Press Esc again, and a message prompts you to save the changes.
7. Select **Setup Password**, change, or delete the existing setup password and press Enter or Tab.

 **NOTE: If you change the system password or setup password, a message prompts you to reenter the new password. If you delete the system password or setup password, a message prompts you to confirm the deletion.**

Operating with setup password enabled

If **Setup Password** is set to **Enabled**, type the correct setup password before modifying the system setup options.

If you do not type the correct password in three attempts, the system displays the following message:

```
Invalid Password! Number of unsuccessful password attempts: <x> System Halted! Must power down.
```

```
Password Invalid. Number of unsuccessful password attempts: <x> Maximum number of password attempts exceeded. System halted.
```

```
Number of unsuccessful password attempts: <3> Maximum number of password attempts exceeded. System Halted!
```


If you do not type the correct password in three attempts, the system displays the following message:

```
Password Invalid.
```

```
Number of unsuccessful password attempts: <3> Maximum number of password attempts exceeded. System Halted!
```

Even after you turn off and restart the system, the error message is displayed until the correct password is typed. The following options are exceptions:

- If **System Password** is not set to **Enabled** and is not locked through the **Password Status** option, you can assign a system password. For more information, see the System Security Settings screen section.
- You cannot disable or change an existing system password.

 **NOTE:** You can use the password status option with the setup password option to protect the system password from unauthorized changes.

Redundant OS Control

You can use the **Redundant OS Control** screen to set the redundant OS info for redundant OS control. It enables you to set up a physical recovery disk on your system.


Viewing Redundant OS Control

To view the **Redundant OS Control** screen, perform the following steps:

Steps

1. Turn on, or restart your system.
2. Press F2 immediately after you see the following message:

```
F2 = System Setup
```

 **NOTE:** If your operating system begins to load before you press F2, wait for the system to finish booting, and then restart your system and try again.

3. On the **System Setup Main Menu** screen, click **System BIOS**.
4. On the **System BIOS** screen, click **Redundant OS Control**.

Redundant OS Control screen details

The **Redundant OS Control** screen details are explained as follows:

About this task

Option	Description
Redundant OS Location	Enables you to select a backup disk from the following devices: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None• Internal SD card• SATA Ports in AHCI mode• BOSS PCIe cards (Internal M.2 Drives)

Option	Description
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internal USB <p>NOTE: RAID configurations and NVMe cards not are included as BIOS does not have the ability to distinguish between individual drives in those configurations.</p>
Redundant OS State	<p>NOTE: This option is disabled if Redundant OS Location is set to None.</p> <p>When set to Visible, the backup disk is visible to the boot list and OS. When set to Hidden, the backup disk is disabled and is not visible to the boot list and OS. This option is set to Visible by default.</p> <p>NOTE: BIOS will disable the device in hardware, so it cannot be accessed by the OS.</p>
Redundant OS Boot	<p>NOTE: This option is disabled if Redundant OS Location is set to None or if Redundant OS State is set to Hidden.</p> <p>When set to Enabled, BIOS boots to the device specified in Redundant OS Location. When set to Disabled, BIOS preserves the current boot list settings. This option is set to Disabled by default.</p>

Miscellaneous Settings

You can use the **Miscellaneous Settings** screen to perform specific functions such as updating the asset tag and changing the system date and time.

View Miscellaneous Settings

To view the **Miscellaneous Settings** screen, perform the following steps:

Steps

1. Turn on, or restart your system.
2. Press F2 immediately after you see the following message:

```
F2 = System Setup
```

NOTE: If your operating system begins to load before you press F2, wait for the system to finish booting, and then restart your system and try again.

3. On the **System Setup Main Menu** screen, click **System BIOS**.
4. On the **System BIOS** screen, click **Miscellaneous Settings**.

Miscellaneous Settings details

About this task

The **Miscellaneous Settings** screen details are explained as follows:

Option	Description
System Time	Enables you to set the time on the system.
System Date	Enables you to set the date on the system.
Asset Tag	Specifies the asset tag and enables you to modify it for security and tracking purposes.
Keyboard NumLock	Enables you to set whether the system boots with the NumLock enabled or disabled. This option is set to On by default. NOTE: This option does not apply to 84-key keyboards.
F1/F2 Prompt on Error	Enables or disables the F1/F2 prompt on error. This option is set to Enabled by default. The F1/F2 prompt also includes keyboard errors.
Load Legacy Video Option ROM	Enables you to determine whether the system BIOS loads the legacy video (INT 10H) option ROM from the video controller. Selecting Enabled if the operating system does not support UEFI video output standards. This field is

Option	Description
	available only for UEFI boot mode. You cannot set the option to Enabled if UEFI Secure Boot mode is enabled. This option is set to Disabled by default.
Dell Wyse P25/P45 BIOS Access	Enables or disables the Dell Wyse P25/P45 BIOS Access. This option is set to Enabled by default.
Power Cycle Request	Enables or disables the Power Cycle Request. This option is set to None by default.

iDRAC Settings utility

The iDRAC settings utility is an interface to set up and configure the iDRAC parameters by using UEFI. You can enable or disable various iDRAC parameters by using the iDRAC settings utility.

 **NOTE: Accessing some of the features on the iDRAC settings utility needs the iDRAC Enterprise License upgrade.**

For more information about using iDRAC, see *Dell Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller User's Guide* at www.dell.com/idracmanuals.

Device Settings

Device Settings enables you to configure the device parameters.

Dell Lifecycle Controller

The Dell Lifecycle Controller (LC) provides advanced embedded systems management capabilities, including system deployment, configuration, update, maintenance, and diagnosis. LC is delivered as part of the iDRAC out-of-band solution and Dell system embedded Unified Extensible Firmware Interface (UEFI) applications.

Embedded System Management

The Dell Lifecycle Controller provides advanced embedded system management throughout the system's lifecycle. The Dell Lifecycle Controller can be started during the boot sequence and can function independently of the operating system.

 **NOTE: Certain platform configurations may not support the full set of features provided by the Dell Lifecycle Controller.**

For more information about setting up the Dell Lifecycle Controller, configuring hardware and firmware, and deploying the operating system, see the Dell Lifecycle Controller documentation at www.dell.com/idracmanuals.

Boot Manager

The **Boot Manager** screen enables you to select boot options and diagnostic utilities.

View the boot manager

Perform the following steps to enter the boot manager.

Steps

1. Turn on, or restart your system.
Enter the result of your step here (optional).
2. Press F11 when you see the following message:
F11 = Boot Manager
If your operating system begins to load before you press F11, allow the system to complete the booting, and then restart your system and try again.

Boot Manager main menu

Menu item	Description
Continue Normal Boot	The system attempts to boot to devices starting with the first item in the boot order. If the boot attempt fails, the system continues with the next item in the boot order until the boot is successful or no more boot options are found.
One-shot UEFI Boot menu	Enables you to access the UEFI Boot menu and select an one-shot boot option to boot from.
Launch System Setup	Enables you to access System Setup.
Launch Lifecycle Controller	Exits the Boot Manager and invokes the Dell Lifecycle Controller program.
System Utilities	Enables you to launch System Utilities menu such as System Diagnostics and UEFI shell.

One-shot UEFI Boot menu

One-shot UEFI Boot menu enables you to access the UEFI Boot menu and select an one-shot boot option to boot from.

System Utilities

System Utilities contains the following utilities that can be launched:

- Launch Diagnostics
- BIOS Update File Explorer
- Reboot System





PXE boot

You can use the Preboot Execution Environment (PXE) option to boot and configure the networked systems remotely.

To access the **PXE boot** option, boot the system and then press F12 during POST instead of using standard Boot Sequence from BIOS Setup. It does not pull any menu or allow managing network devices.

Installing and removing sled components

Safety instructions


-  **NOTE:** Whenever you need to lift the system, get others to assist you. To avoid injury, do not attempt to lift the system by yourself.
-  **CAUTION:** Many repairs may only be done by a certified service technician. You should only perform troubleshooting and simple repairs as authorized in your product documentation, or as directed by the online or telephone service and support team. Damage due to servicing that is not authorized by Dell is not covered by your warranty. Read and follow the safety instructions that are shipped with your product.
-  **NOTE:** It is recommended that you always use an antistatic mat and antistatic strap while working on components inside the system.
-  **CAUTION:** To ensure proper operation and cooling, all bays in the system and system fans must be always populated with a component or a blank.

Before working inside your sled

Prerequisites

Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.

Steps



1. Power off the sled.
2. Remove the sled from the enclosure.
3. If applicable, install the I/O connector cover.
 -  **CAUTION:** To prevent damage to the I/O connectors on the sled, ensure that you cover the connectors when you remove the sled from the enclosure.
4. Remove the sled cover.

After working inside your sled

Prerequisites

Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.

Steps

1. Install the sled cover.
2. If installed, remove the I/O connector cover on the sled.
 -  **CAUTION:** To prevent damage to the I/O connectors, do not touch the connectors or the connector pins.
3. Install the sled into the enclosure.
4. Power on the sled.
 -  **NOTE:** The sled iDRAC has to completely initialize first for the sled to power on.

Recommended tools

You need the following tools to perform the removal and installation procedures:

- Phillips #1 screwdriver
- Phillips #2 screwdriver
- Torx #T30 screwdriver
- 1/4 inch flat head screwdriver
- Wrist grounding strap

PowerEdge MX840c sled

The PowerEdge MX840c sled is a compute server unit that is installed into the PowerEdge MX7000 enclosure. The sled features quad processors, processor expansion module (PEM), memory modules, mezzanine cards, mini mezzanine card, PERC cards, and onboard storage (MicroSD card and M.2 SATA).

Removing the sled from the enclosure

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Power off the sled.

Steps

1. Press the blue lever button on the sled to release the lever.
2. Holding the release lever, slide the sled out of the enclosure.



Figure 13. Removing the sled from the enclosure

NOTE: Support the sled with both hands while sliding it out of the enclosure.

3. Install the I/O connector cover on the sled.

CAUTION: To protect the I/O connector pins, install the I/O connector cover every time a sled is removed from the enclosure.



Figure 14. Installing the I/O connector cover on the sled

CAUTION: If you are permanently removing the sled, install a blank. Operating the enclosure for extended periods of time without a blank installed can cause the enclosure to overheat.

NOTE: The color of the I/O connector cover may differ.

Next steps

1. [Install the sled or blank into the enclosure.](#)

Installing the sled into the enclosure

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.

Steps

1. Remove the I/O connector cover from the I/O connector(s) and store for future use.

CAUTION: To prevent damage to the I/O connectors, do not touch the connectors or the connector pins.



Figure 15. Removing the I/O connector cover from the sled

NOTE: The color of the I/O connector cover may differ.

2. Press the blue lever button on the sled to release the lever.
3. Holding the sled with two hands, align the sled with the bay in the enclosure and slide the sled into the enclosure until firmly seated.
4. Rotate the lever up until it clicks into place and secures the sled in the enclosure.



Figure 16. Installing the sled into the enclosure

Next steps

1. Power on the sled.

Sled cover

The sled cover protects the components inside the sled and helps in maintaining air flow inside the sled.

Removing the sled cover

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Power off the sled.
3. [Remove the sled from the enclosure.](#)

Steps

1. Press the blue release tab on the sled cover and slide the cover towards the rear of the sled.
2. Hold the cover on both sides, and lift the cover away from the sled.



Figure 17. Removing the sled cover

Next steps

1. [Install the sled cover.](#)

Installing the sled cover

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Ensure that all internal cables are routed correctly and connected, and no tools or extra parts are left inside the sled.

Steps

1. Align the tabs on the sled cover with the guide slots on the sled.
2. Slide the cover towards the front of the sled until it locks in place.



Figure 18. Installing the sled cover

Next steps

1. [Install the sled into the enclosure.](#)
2. Power on the sled.

Air shroud

The air shroud aerodynamically directs the airflow across the entire sled. The airflow passes through all the critical parts of the sled thus allowing increased cooling.

The PowerEdge MX840c sled has:

- Air shroud on the processor expansion module (PEM)
- Air shroud on the system board

Removing the air shroud from the PEM

Prerequisites

CAUTION: Never operate your system with the air shroud removed. The system may get overheated quickly, resulting in shutdown of the system and loss of data.

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.

Steps

Hold the edges of the air shroud and lift it up and away from the sled.

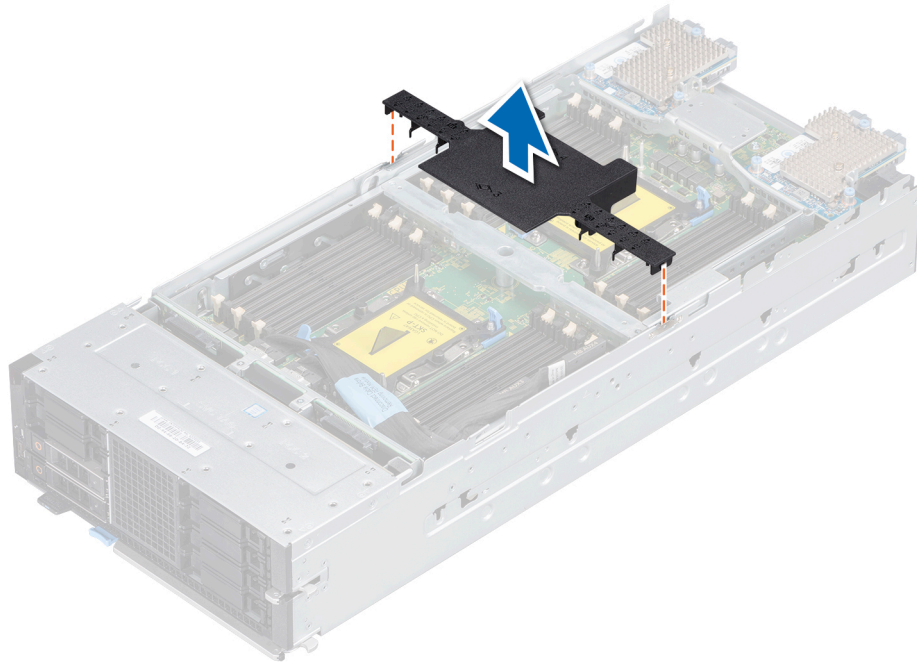


Figure 19. Removing the air shroud from the PEM

Next steps

1. [Install the air shroud on the PEM.](#)

Installing the air shroud on the PEM

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.

Steps

1. Align the tabs on the air shroud with the slots on the PEM.
2. Place the air shroud on the PEM.

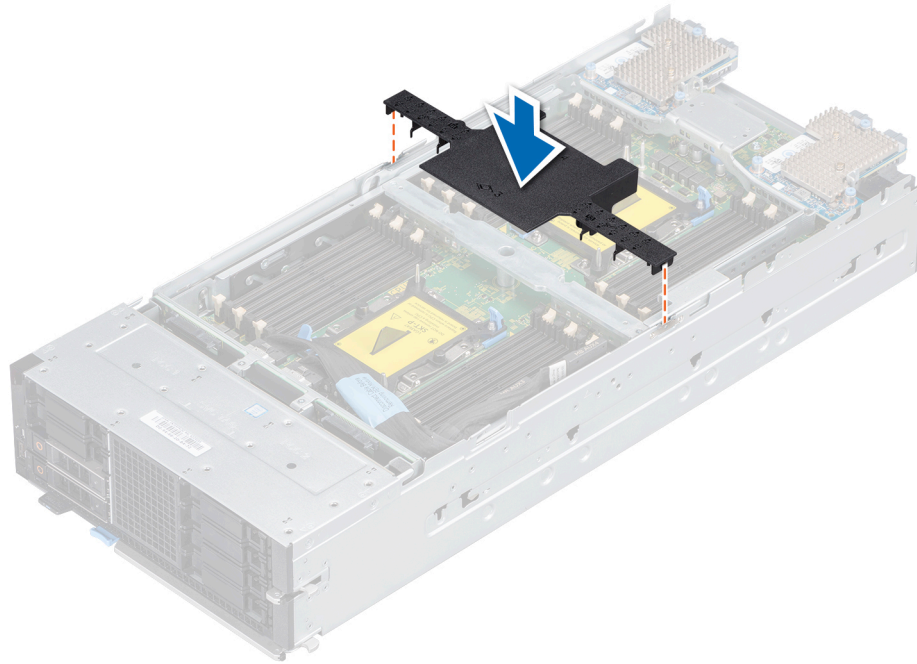


Figure 20. Installing the air shroud on the PEM

Next steps

1. Follow the procedure listed in the [After working inside your sled](#) section.

Removing the air shroud from the system board

Prerequisites

CAUTION: Never operate your system with the air shroud removed. The system may get overheated quickly, resulting in shutdown of the system and loss of data.

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.
3. [Remove the PEM.](#)

Steps

Hold the edges of the air shroud, lift it up and away from the sled.

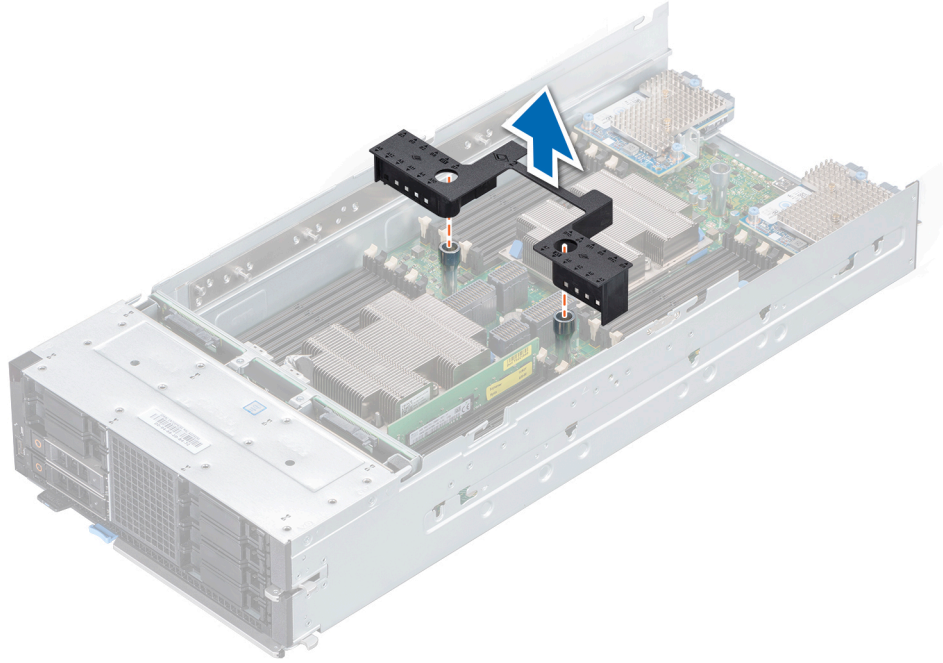


Figure 21. Removing the air shroud from the system board

Next steps

1. [Install the air shroud on the system board.](#)

Installing the air shroud on the system board

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.

Steps

1. Align the slots on the air shroud with the guide pins on the system board.
2. Lower the air shroud into the sled until it is firmly seated.

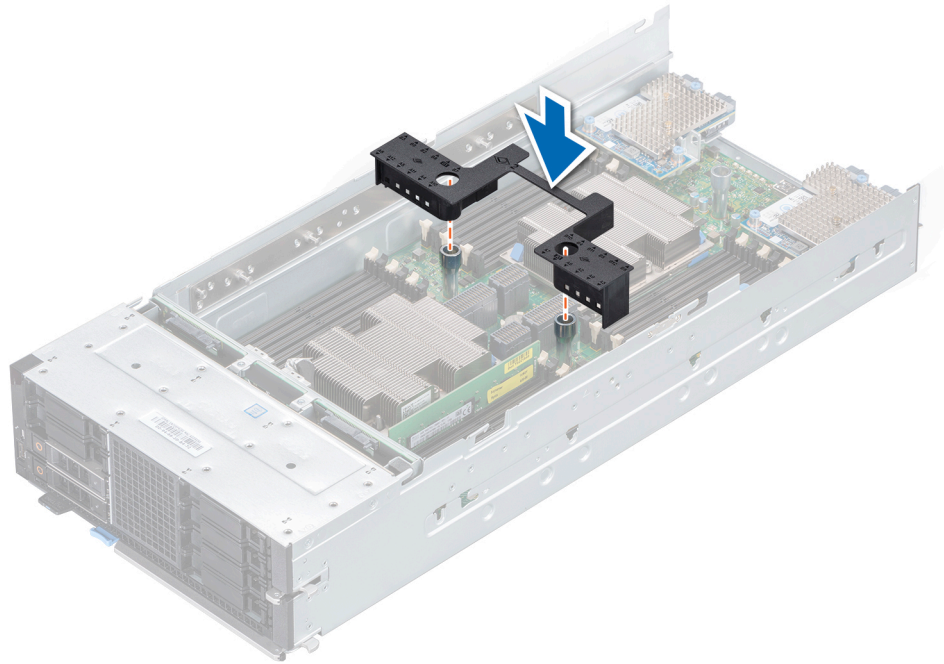


Figure 22. Installing the air shroud on the system board

Next steps

1. [Install the PEM.](#)
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [After working inside your sled](#) section.

Processor expansion module

Removing the processor expansion module

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.
3. Disconnect the cable connecting the processor expansion module (PEM) to the backplane.
4. [Remove the air shroud from the PEM.](#)

Steps

1. Raise the release lever on the PEM until the PEM disengages from the sled.
2. Holding the blue handle and release lever, lift the PEM away from the sled.

 **CAUTION:** To avoid damage to the components on the edges of the PEM board, carefully lift and place the PEM by holding only the blue handle and release lever.

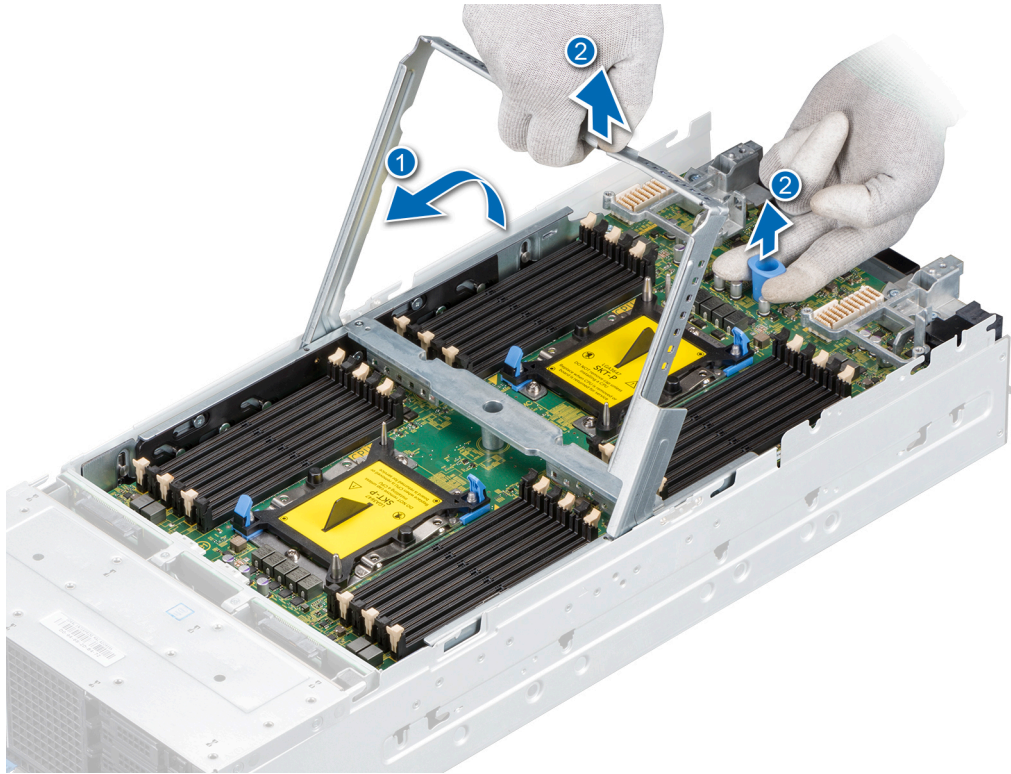


Figure 23. Removing the PEM

Next steps

1. [Installing the processor expansion module.](#)

Installing the processor expansion module

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.

Steps

1. Lift the processor expansion module (PEM) by holding the blue handle and release lever.

CAUTION: To avoid damage to the components on the edges of the PEM board, carefully lift and place the PEM by holding only the blue handle and release lever.

2. Align the guides on the PEM with the guide slots on the sled and place the PEM on the sled.
3. Lower the release lever until it hooks into place with the blue handle.



Figure 24. Installing the PEM

Next steps

1. Connect the cable on the PEM to the backplane.
2. [Install the air shroud on the PEM.](#)
3. Follow the procedure listed in the [After working inside your sled](#) section.

Drives

Drive installation guidelines

Drives are available in hot-swappable drive carriers that fit in the front drive slots of the PowerEdge MX840c sled.

CAUTION: Before attempting to remove or install a drive while the sled is running, see the documentation for the storage controller card to ensure that the host adapter is configured correctly to support hot-swap drive removal and insertion.

CAUTION: Do not power off or restart your sled while the drive is being formatted. Doing so can cause a drive failure.

When you format a drive, allow enough time for the formatting to be complete. Be aware that high-capacity drives can take a long time to format.

Removing a drive blank

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.

CAUTION: To maintain proper system cooling, drive blanks must be installed in all empty drive slots.

CAUTION: Mixing drive blanks from previous generations of PowerEdge servers is not supported.

Steps

Press the release button, and slide the drive blank out of the drive slot.



Figure 25. Removing a drive blank

Next steps

1. [Install a drive](#) or a [drive blank](#).

Installing a drive blank

Prerequisites

Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.

CAUTION: Mixing drive blanks from previous generations of PowerEdge servers is not supported.

Steps

Insert the drive blank into the drive slot until the release button clicks into place.



Figure 26. Installing a drive blank

Removing a drive carrier

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Using the management software, prepare the drive for removal.

If the drive is online, the green activity or fault indicator flashes while the drive is turning off. When the drive indicators are off, the drive is ready for removal. For more information, see the documentation for the storage controller.

CAUTION: Before attempting to remove or install a drive while the system is running, see the documentation for the storage controller card to ensure that the host adapter is configured correctly to support drive removal and insertion.

CAUTION: Mixing drives carriers from previous generations of PowerEdge servers is not supported.

CAUTION: To prevent data loss, ensure that your operating system supports hot swap drive installation. See the documentation supplied with your operating system.

Steps

1. Press the release button to open the drive carrier release handle.
2. Holding the handle, slide the drive carrier out of the drive slot.



Figure 27. Removing a drive carrier

Next steps

1. [Install a drive carrier.](#)
2. If you are not replacing the drive carrier immediately, insert a drive blank in the empty drive slot to maintain proper sled cooling.

Installing a drive carrier

Prerequisites

- ⚠ **CAUTION:** Before attempting to remove or install a drive while the system is running, see the documentation for the storage controller card to ensure that the host adapter is configured correctly to support drive removal and insertion.
- ⚠ **CAUTION:** Mixing drive carriers from previous generations of PowerEdge servers is not supported.
- ⚠ **CAUTION:** Combining SAS and SATA drives in the same RAID volume is not supported.
- ⚠ **CAUTION:** When installing a drive, ensure that the adjacent drives are fully installed. Inserting a drive carrier and attempting to lock its handle next to a partially installed carrier can damage the partially installed carrier's shield spring and make it unusable.
- ⚠ **CAUTION:** To prevent data loss, ensure that your operating system supports hot-swap drive installation. See the documentation supplied with your operating system.
- ⚠ **CAUTION:** When a replacement hot swappable drive is installed and the system is powered on, the drive automatically begins to rebuild. Ensure that the replacement drive is blank or contains data that you wish to overwrite. Any data on the replacement drive is immediately lost after the drive is installed.

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. If installed, [remove the drive blank.](#)

Steps

1. Press the release button on the front of the drive carrier to open the release handle.

2. Insert the drive carrier into the drive slot and slide until the drive carrier connects with the backplane.
3. Close the release handle of the drive carrier to lock the drive in place.



Figure 28. Installing a drive carrier

Removing a drive from the drive carrier

Prerequisites

Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.

CAUTION: Mixing drives from previous generations of PowerEdge servers is not supported.

Steps

1. Using a Phillips #1 screwdriver, remove the screws from the slide rails on the drive carrier.
2. Lift the drive out of the drive carrier.

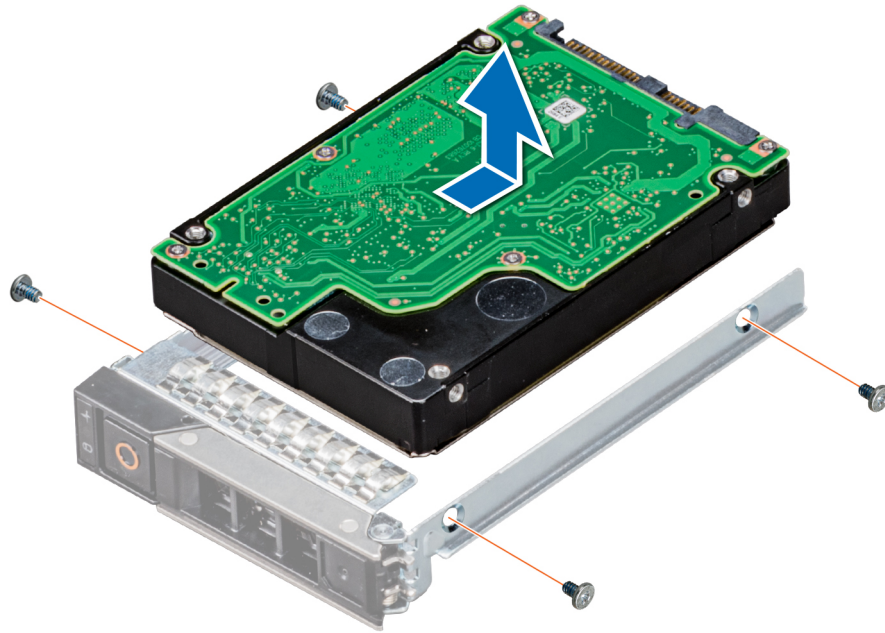


Figure 29. Removing a drive from the drive carrier

Next steps

1. [Install a drive into the drive carrier.](#)

Installing a drive into the drive carrier

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.

CAUTION: Mixing drive carriers from other generations of PowerEdge servers is not supported.

NOTE: When installing a drive into the drive carrier, ensure that the screws are torqued to 4 in-lbs.

Steps

1. Place the drive into the drive carrier with the connector end of the drive towards the back of the carrier.
2. Align the screw holes on the drive with the screws holes on the drive carrier.
3. Using a Phillips #1 screwdriver, secure the drive to the drive carrier with screws.

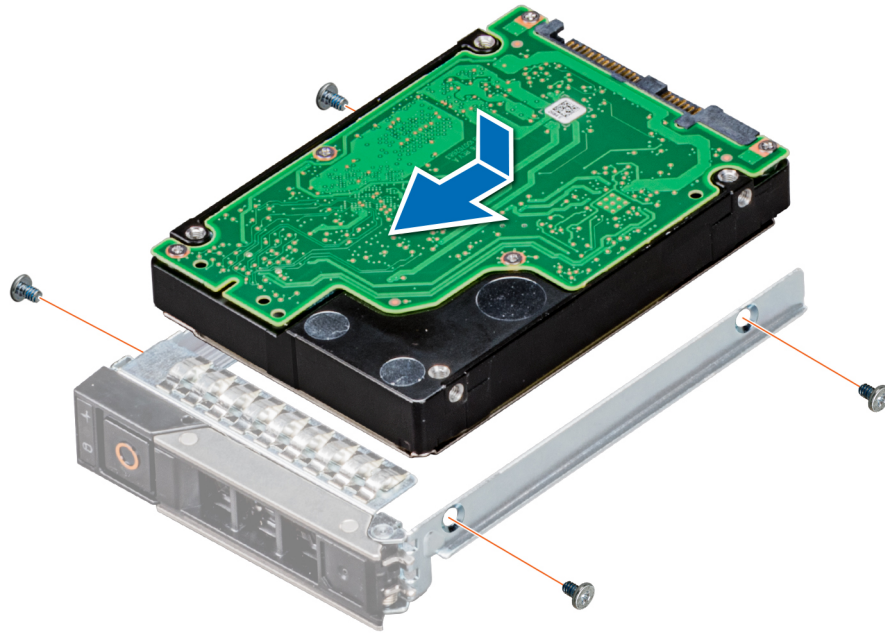


Figure 30. Installing a drive into the drive carrier

Drive backplane

Drive backplane connectors

Depending on the configuration, the drives supported on the PowerEdge MX840c sled are listed in the table.

Table 6. Supported drives options for the PowerEdge MX840c sled

Drives	Specifications
Eight drives	Up to eight 2.5 inch (SAS, SATA, Nearline SAS, or NVMe) front accessible drives in slots 0 to 7.
Dual processor sled	NVMe drives are supported in the slots 4 to 7. i NOTE: NVMe is not supported in the slots 0 to 3.
Quad processor sled	NVMe drives are supported in the slots 0 to 7.
Six drives	Up to six 2.5 inch (SAS, SATA, Nearline SAS, or NVMe) front accessible drives in slots 0 to 5.
Dual processor sled	NVMe drives are supported in the slots 2 to 5. i NOTE: NVMe is not supported in the slots 0 to 1.
Quad processor sled	NVMe drives are supported in the slots 0 to 5.

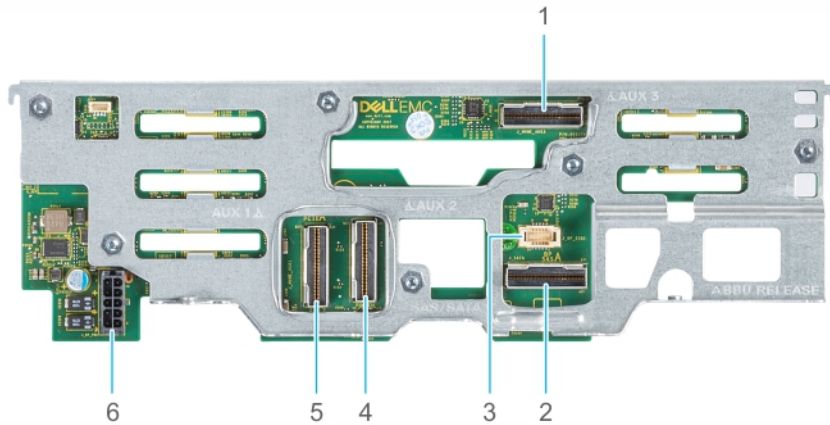


Figure 31. 6 x 2.5 inch drive backplane

1. AUX 3 cable connector
2. SATA/SAS connector
3. I2C cable connector
4. AUX 2 cable connector
5. AUX 1 cable connector
6. Power cable connector [BP PWR]

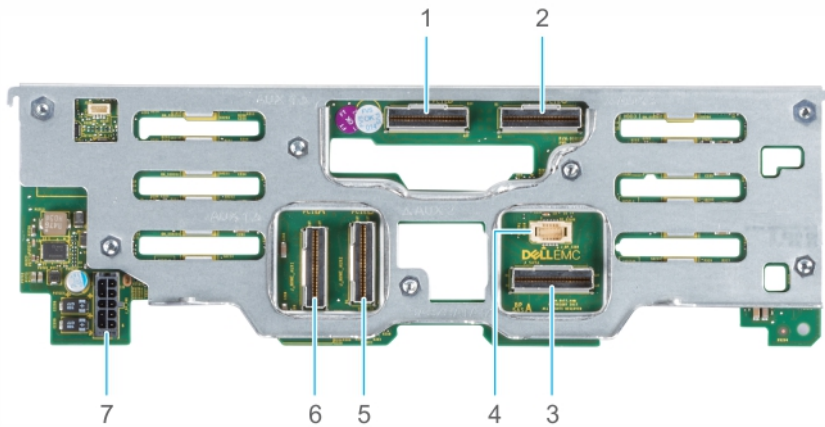


Figure 32. 8 x 2.5 inch drive backplane

1. AUX 4 cable connector
2. AUX 3 cable connector
3. SATA/SAS connector
4. I2C cable connector
5. AUX 2 cable connector
6. AUX 1 cable connector
7. Power cable connector [BP PWR]

Removing the drive backplane

Prerequisites

CAUTION: To prevent damage to the drives and backplane, remove the drives from the sled before removing the backplane.

CAUTION: Note the number of each drive and temporarily label them before you remove the drive so that you can replace them in the same locations.

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.
3. [Remove the air shroud from the PEM.](#)
4. [Remove the PEM.](#)
5. [Remove all the drives.](#)
6. Disconnect the cables that are connected to the drive backplane.

Steps

1. Using Phillips #2 screwdriver, loosen the two captive screws on the drive backplane.
2. Holding the edges, lift the backplane away from the sled.

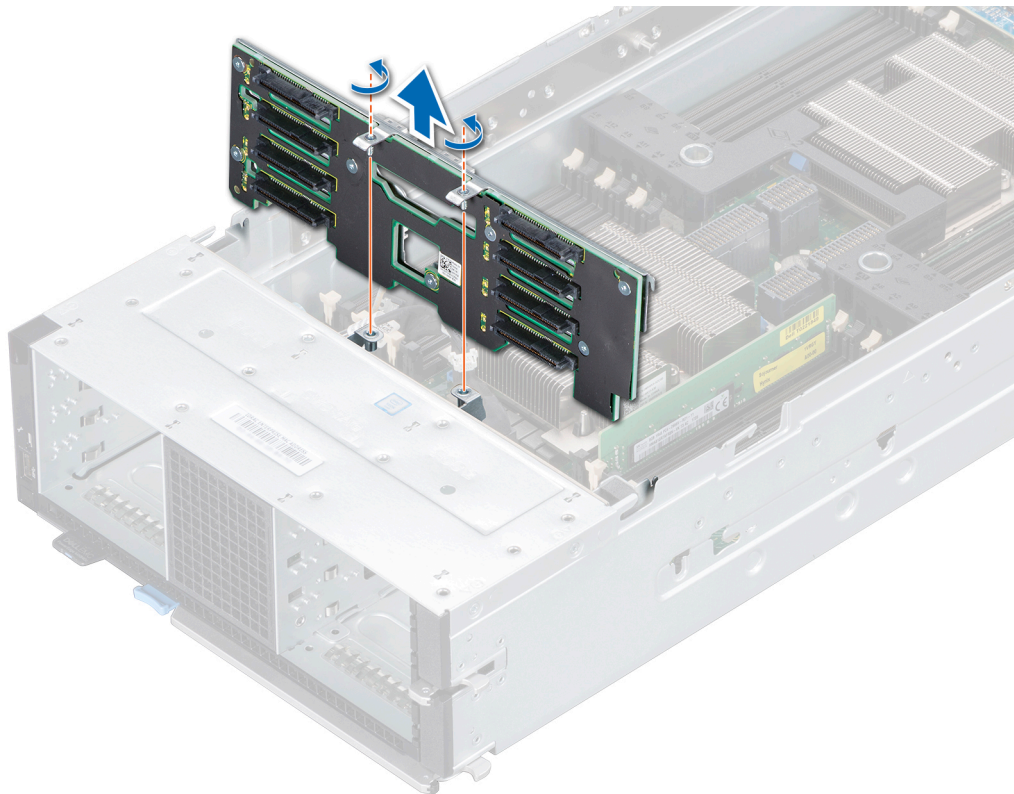


Figure 33. Removing the drive backplane

Next steps

1. [Install the drive backplane.](#)

Installing the drive backplane

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.

Steps

1. Align the hooks and captive screws on the drive backplane with the slots and screw holes on the sled.
2. Lower the drive backplane until it seat into place.
3. Using a Phillips #2 screwdriver, tighten the two captive screws to secure the drive backplane to the sled.

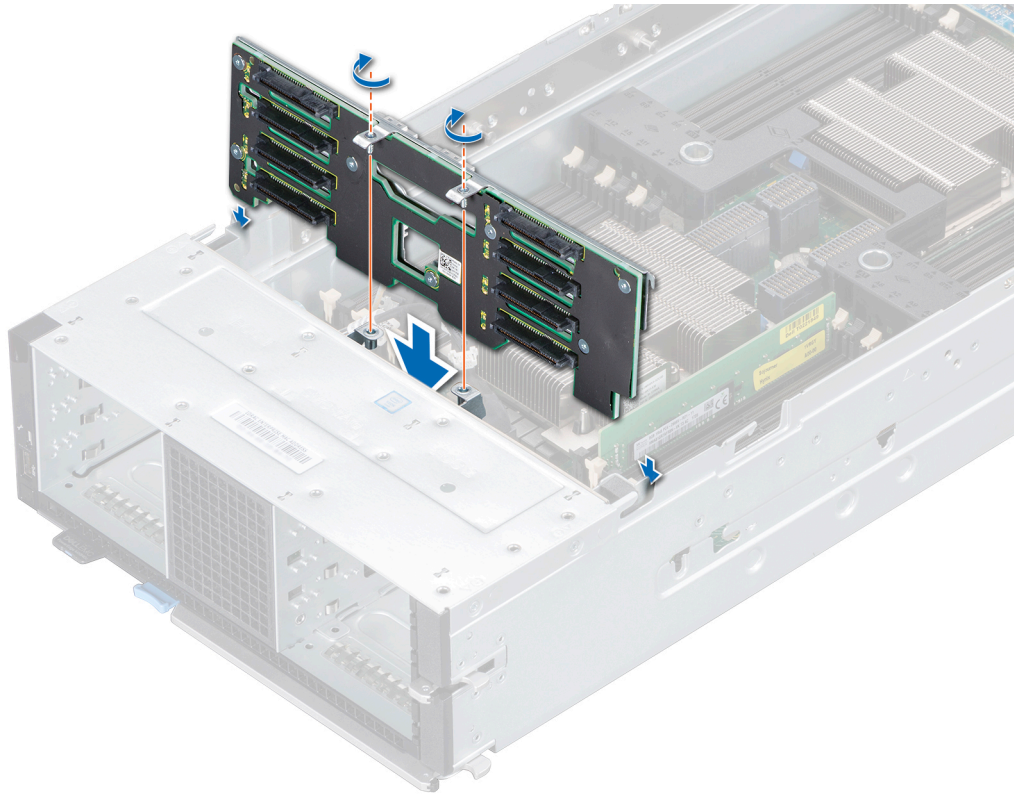


Figure 34. Installing the drive backplane

Next steps

1. Connect all the cables to the drive backplane connectors.
2. Install the drives.
3. Install the PEM.
4. Install the air shroud on the PEM.
5. Follow the procedure listed in the *After working inside your sled section.*

Cable routing

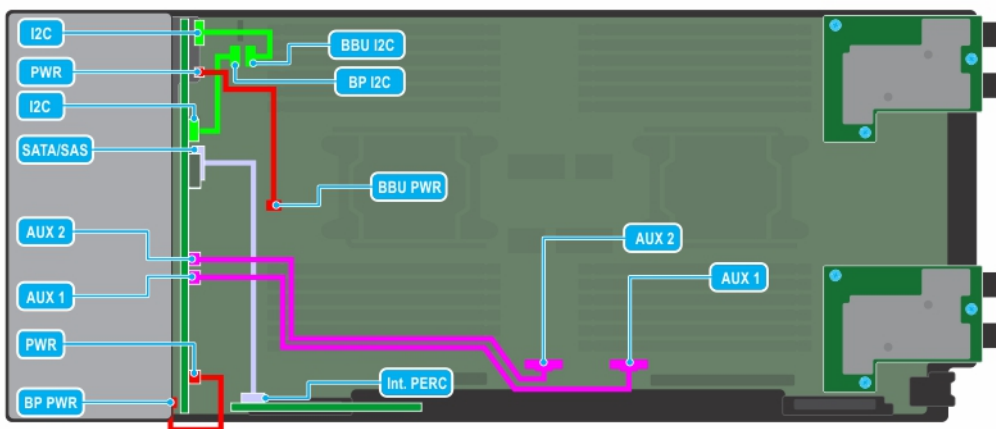


Figure 35. Cable routing - 6 x 2.5 inch drive backplane with PERC card

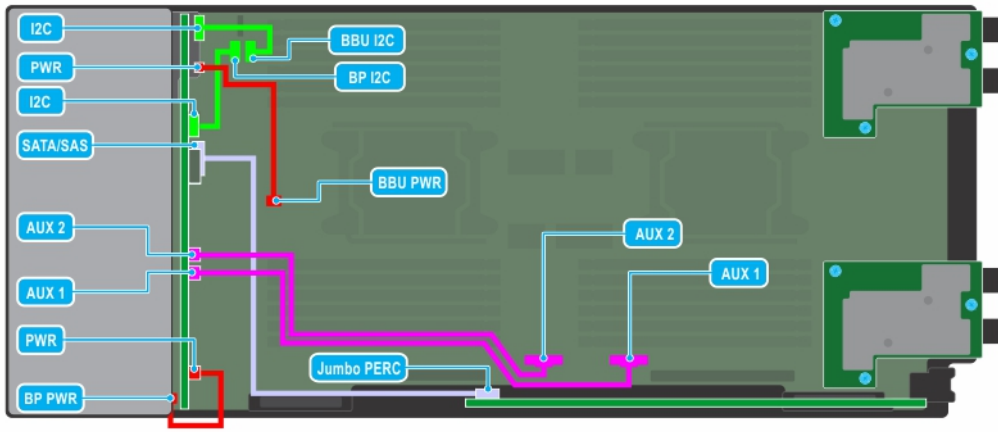


Figure 36. Cable routing - 6 x 2.5 inch drive backplane with Jumbo PERC card

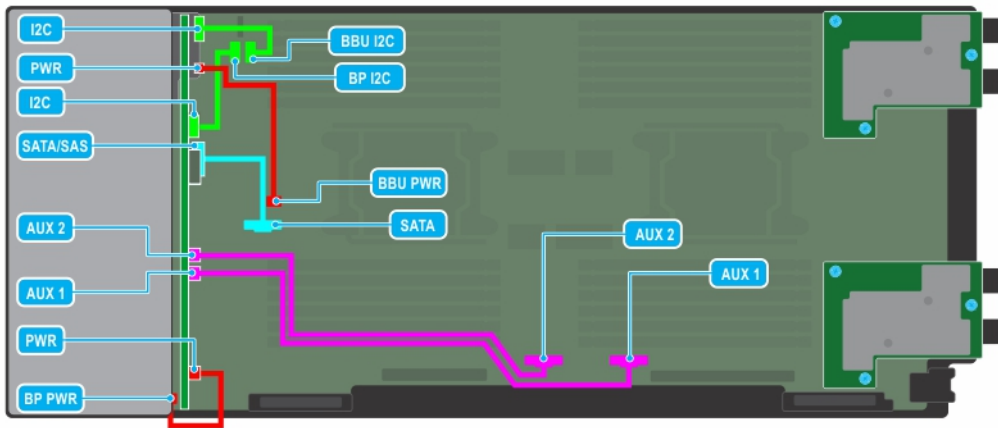


Figure 37. Cable routing - 6 x 2.5 inch drive backplane

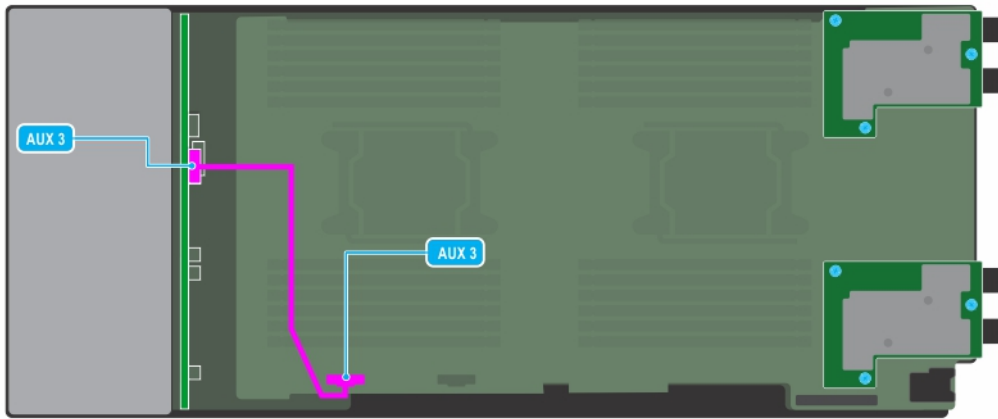


Figure 38. Cable routing - 6 x 2.5 inch drive backplane with PEM board

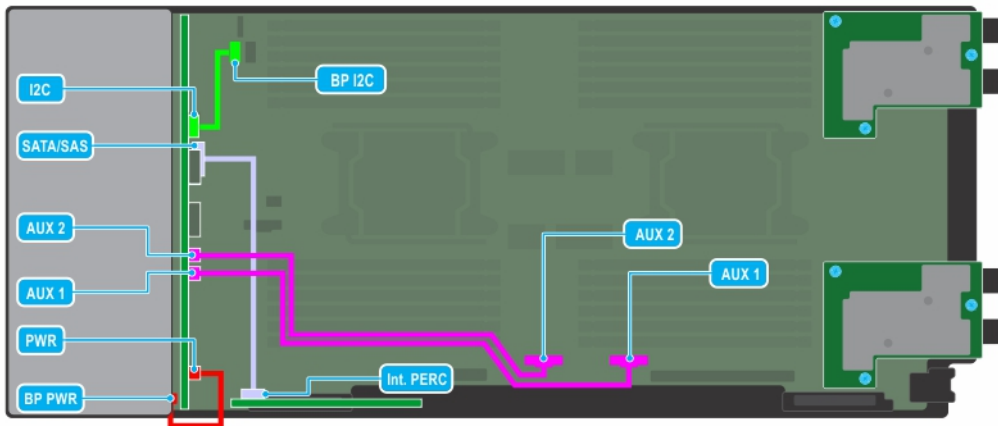


Figure 39. Cable routing - 8 x 2.5 inch drive backplane with PERC card

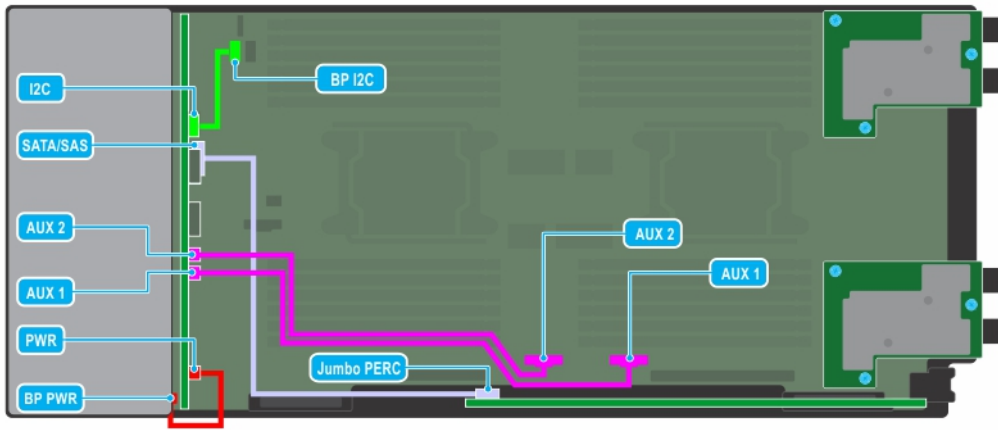


Figure 40. Cable routing - 8 x 2.5 inch drive backplane with Jumbo PERC card

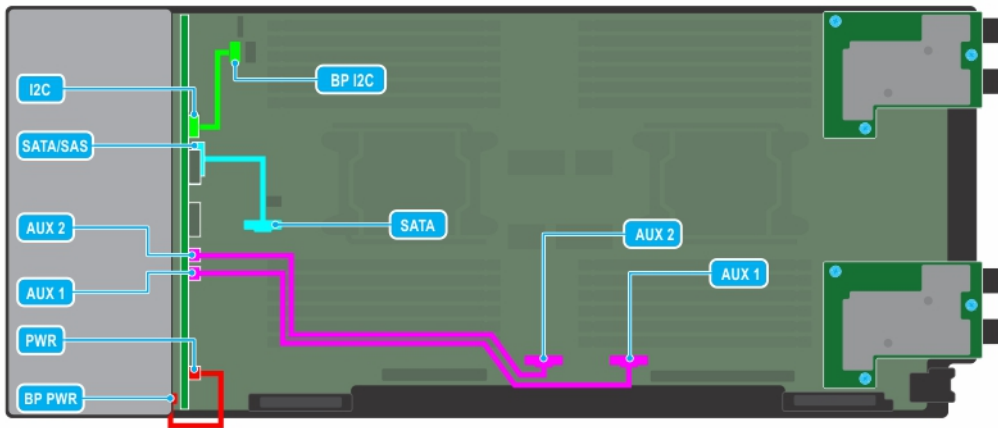


Figure 41. Cable routing - 8 x 2.5 inch drive backplane

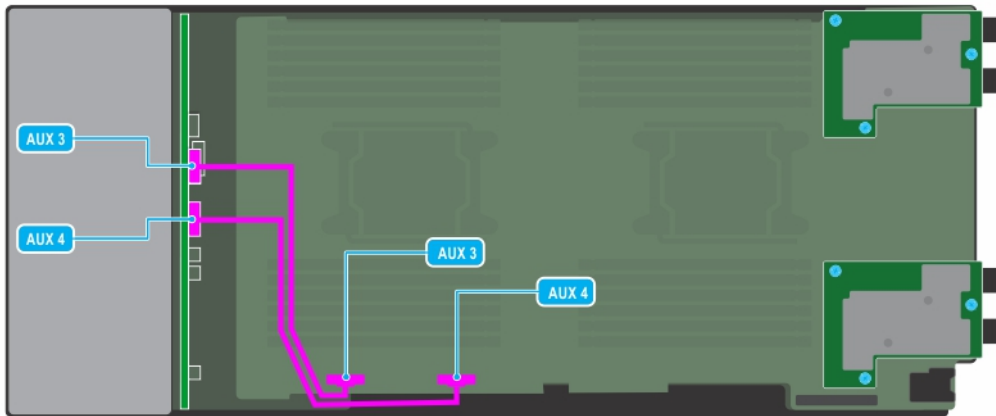


Figure 42. Cable routing - 8 x 2.5 inch drive backplane with PEM board

Drive cage

The drive cage contains the drives and the battery backup unit module.

Removing the drive cage

Prerequisites

CAUTION: To prevent damage to the drives and backplane, you must remove the drives from the sled before removing the backplane.

CAUTION: You must note the slot number of each drive and temporarily label them before removal so that you can replace them in the same locations.

NOTE: Observe the routing of the cables on the sled as you remove them from the sled. You must route these cables properly when you replace them to prevent the cables from being pinched or crimped.

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.
3. [Remove all the drives.](#)
4. [Remove the PEM.](#)
5. Disconnect the cables that are connected to the drive backplane.
6. [Remove the drive backplane.](#)

Steps

1. Using the Phillips #1 screwdriver, remove the screws that secure the drive cage to the sled.
2. Lift the drive cage away from the sled.

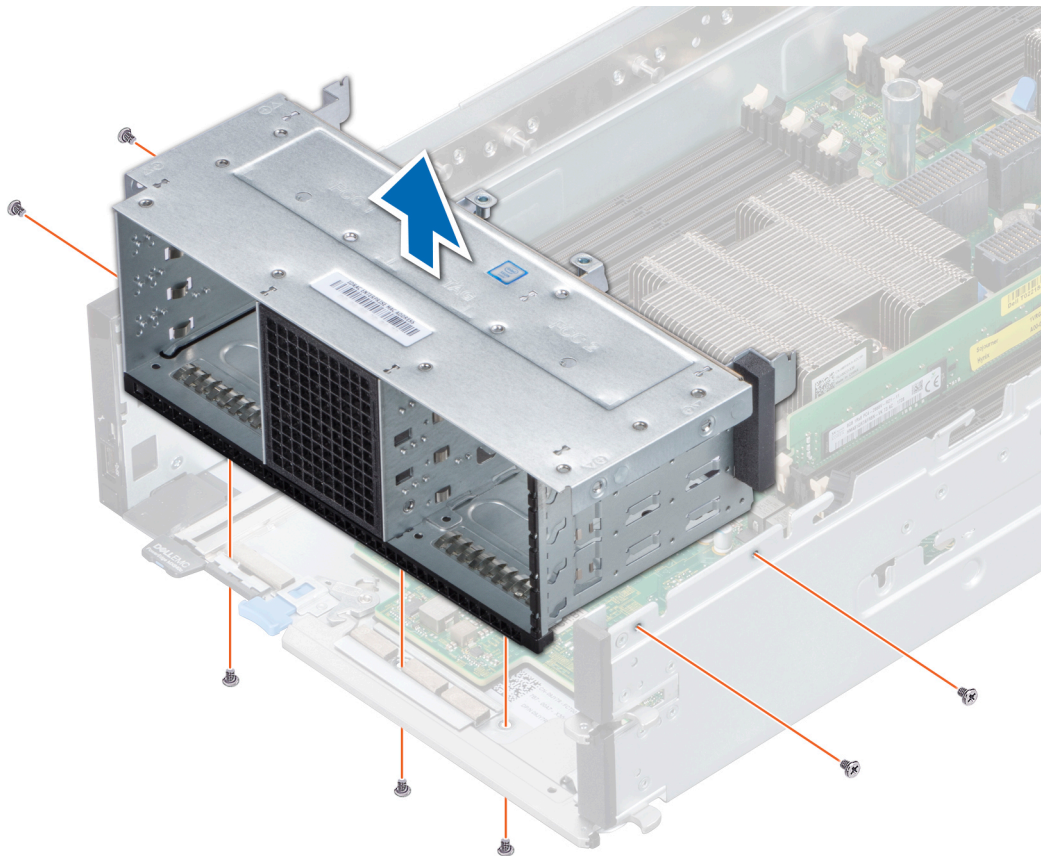


Figure 43. Removing the drive cage

Next steps

1. [Install the drive cage.](#)

Installing the drive cage

Prerequisites

CAUTION: To prevent damage to the drives and backplane, you must remove the drive carriers from the system before removing the backplane.

CAUTION: You must note the slot numbers of each drive and temporarily label them before removal so that you can replace them in the same locations.

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.

Steps

1. Place the drive cage into the sled, aligning with the screw holes on the sled.
2. Using the Phillips #1 screwdriver, secure the drive cage with screws.

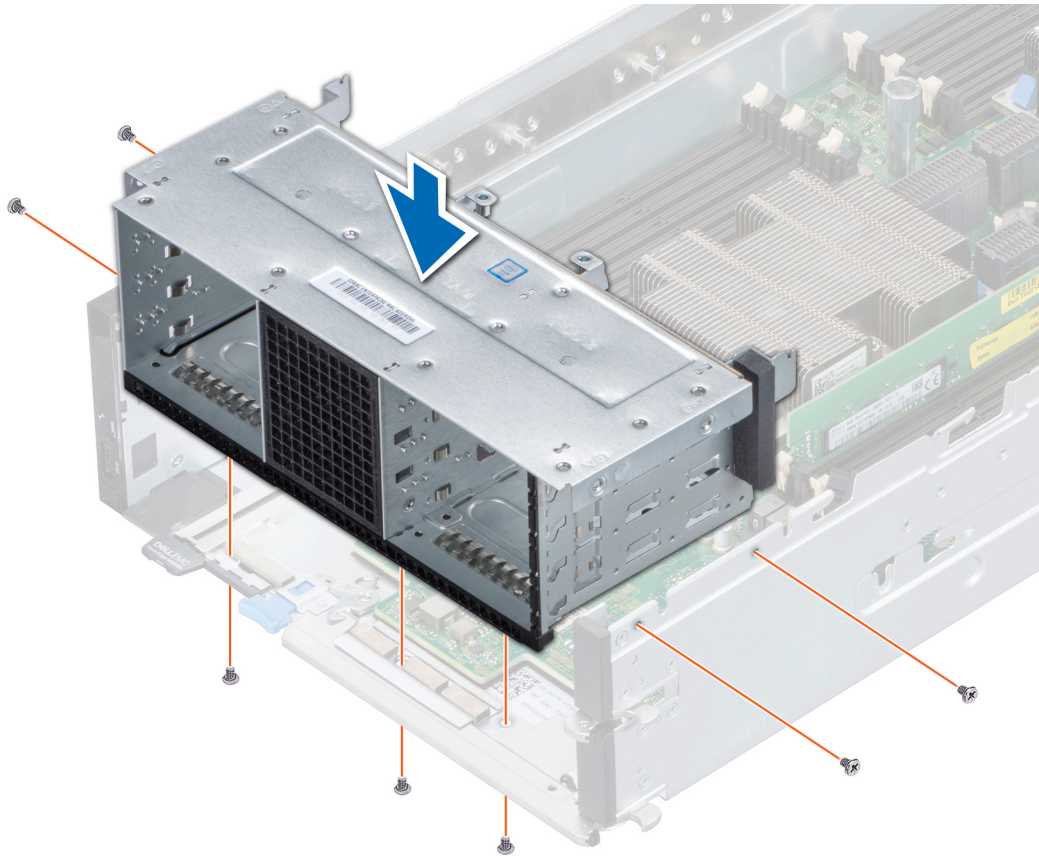


Figure 44. Installing the drive cage

Next steps

1. [Install the drive backplane.](#)
2. Connect the cables to the drive backplane.
3. [Install the removed drives.](#)
4. [Install the PEM.](#)
5. Follow the procedure listed in the [After working inside your sled](#) section.

Battery backup unit

Removing the battery backup unit module

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.
3. [Remove the PEM.](#)
4. Disconnect the two cables from the battery backup unit (BBU) to the connectors on the system board.
5. [Remove the drive cage.](#)

Steps

1. Press the tab on the side and push the BBU module from the rear end of the drive cage to release the BBU module.
2. Holding the BBU module by the edges, slide the BBU module out of the drive cage.

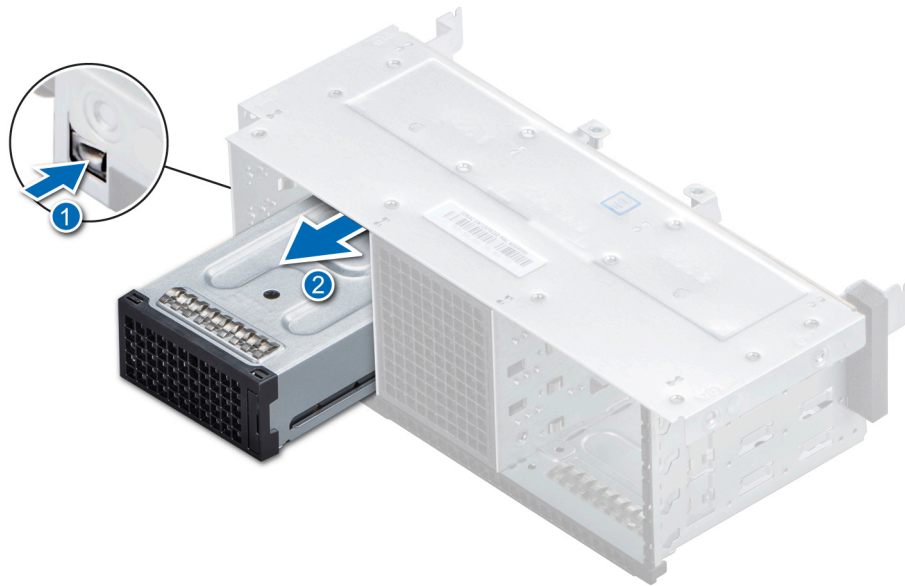


Figure 45. Removing the BBU module

Next steps

1. [Remove the BBU from the BBU cage.](#)
2. [Install the BBU module.](#)

Installing the BBU module

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.
3. [Install the BBU into the BBU cage.](#)
4. [Install the drive cage.](#)

Steps

1. Route the cables on the BBU module through the front end of the sled.
2. Slide the BBU module until it firmly locks in place with the drive cage.



Figure 46. Installing the BBU module

3. Connect the cables on the BBU to the connectors on the system board.

Next steps

1. [Install the PEM.](#)
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [After working inside your sled](#) section.

Removing the BBU from the BBU cage

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.
3. [Remove the battery backup unit module.](#)

Steps

1. Using a Phillips #1 screwdriver, loosen the captive screw securing the BBU to the BBU cage.
2. Lift and slide the BBU out of the BBU cage.



Figure 47. Removing the BBU from the BBU cage

Next steps

1. [Install the BBU into the BBU cage.](#)

Installing the BBU into the BBU cage

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.

Steps

1. Slide the BBU into the BBU cage.
2. Using a Phillips #1 screwdriver, tighten the captive screw to secure the BBU to the BBU cage.

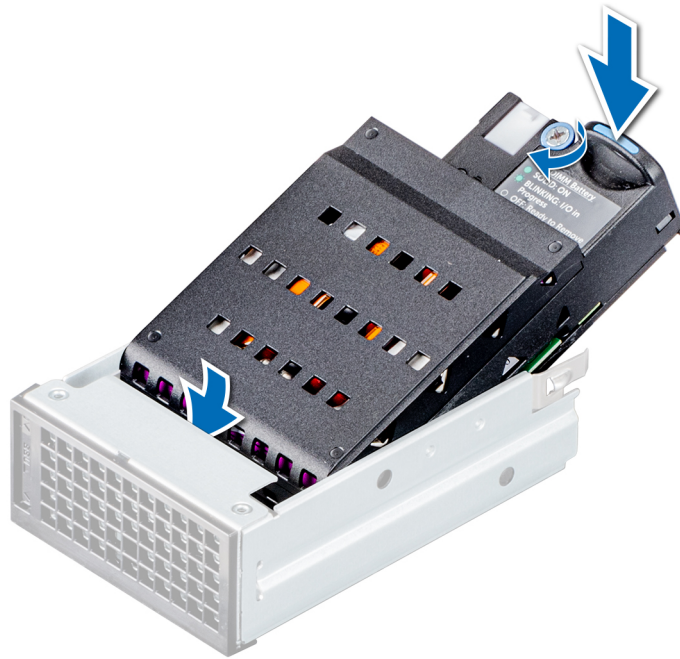


Figure 48. Installing the BBU into the BBU cage

Next steps

1. [Install the BBU module.](#)

Control panel

A control panel enables you to manually control the inputs to the sled. The control panel features on the PowerEdge MX840c are:

- Power button
- iDRAC Direct port
- USB 3.0 port

Removing the control panel

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.
3. [Remove the PEM.](#)
4. [Remove all the drives.](#)
5. [Remove the backplane.](#)
6. [Remove the drive cage.](#)
7. [Remove the BBU module.](#)

Steps

1. Pull the blue strap to disconnect the control panel cable connected to the system board.
2. Using a Phillips #1 screwdriver, remove the screws that secure the control panel to the sled.
3. Lift the control panel out of the sled.

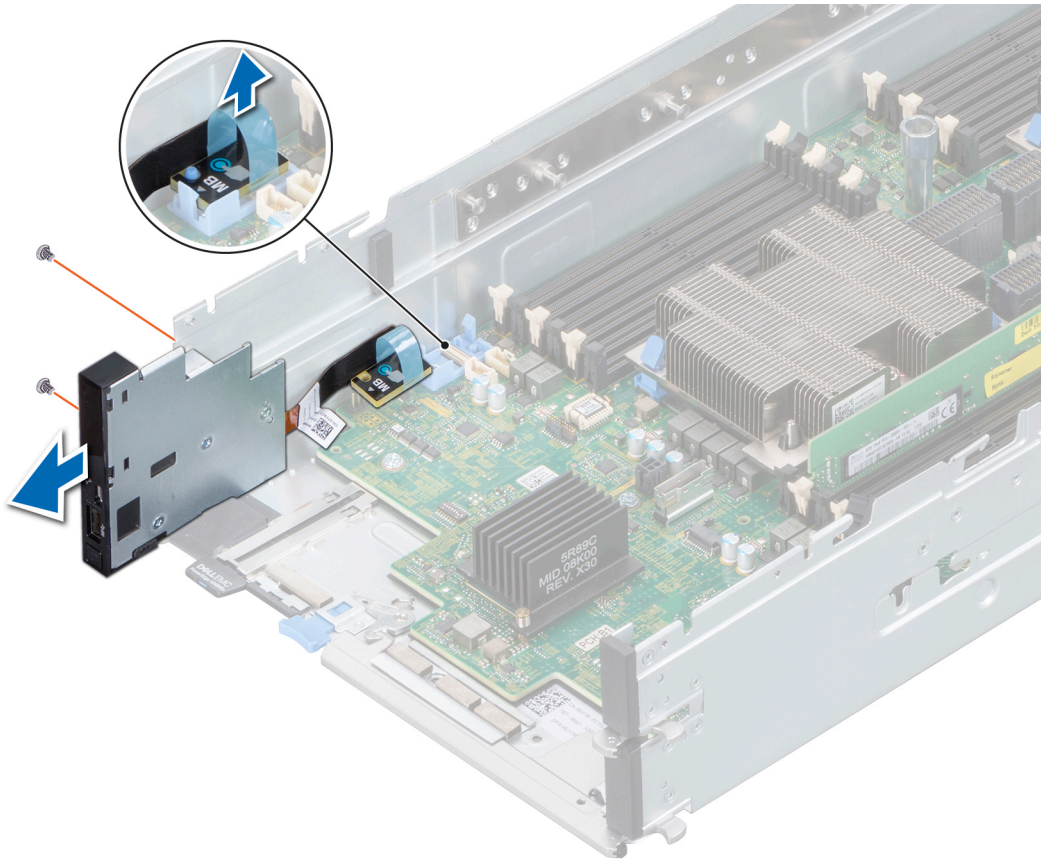


Figure 49. Removing the control panel

Next steps

1. [Install the control panel.](#)

Installing the control panel

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.

Steps

1. Connect the control panel cable to the connector on the system board.
2. Align the control panel with the slots on the sled.
3. Using a Phillips #1 screwdriver, secure the control panel to the sled with the screws.

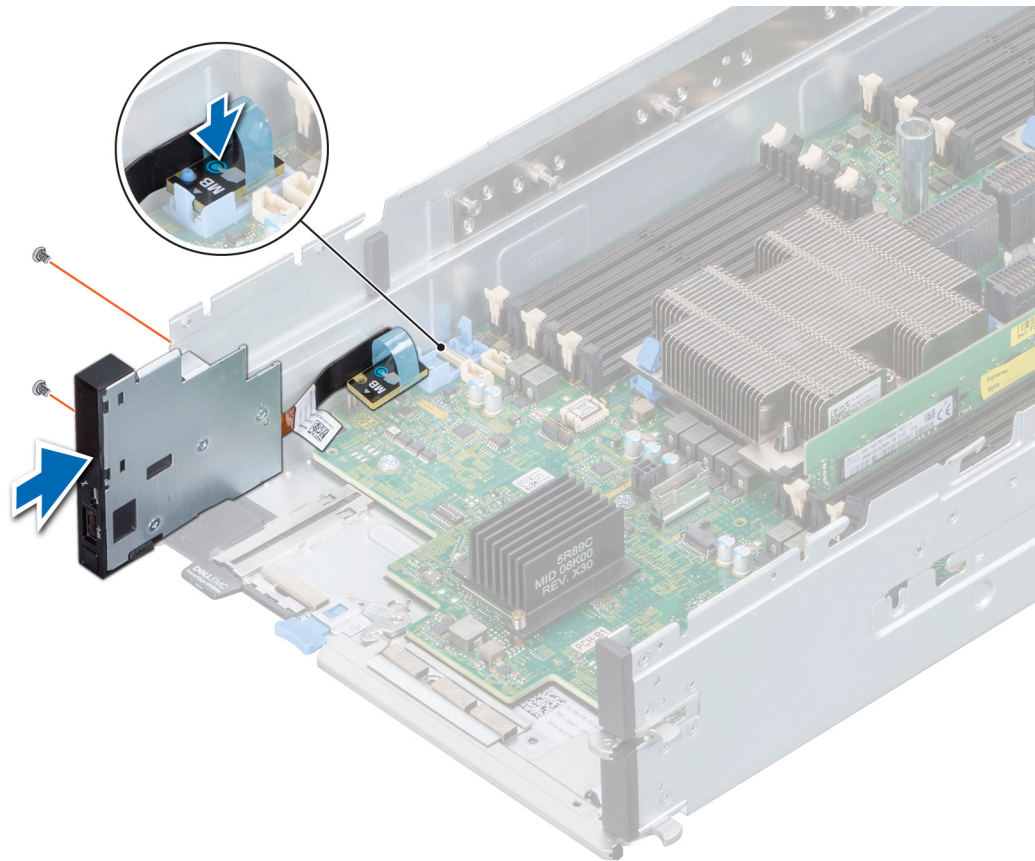


Figure 50. Installing the control panel

Next steps

1. [Install the BBU module.](#)
2. [Install the drive cage.](#)
3. [Install the backplane.](#)
4. [Install the drives.](#)
5. [Install the PEM.](#)
6. Follow the procedure listed in the [After working inside your sled](#) section.

System memory

The sled supports DDR4 registered DIMMs (RDIMMs) and load reduced DIMMs (LRDIMMs). System memory holds the instructions that are executed by the processor.

Memory channels and population

The system supports DDR4 registered DIMMs (RDIMMs), load reduced DIMMs (LRDIMMs) and Non-Volatile DIMMs (NVDIMM-Ns). System memory holds the instructions that are executed by the processor.

- DIMM type (RDIMM or LRDIMM or NVDIMM-N)
- Number of DIMMs populated per channel
- System profile selected (for example, Performance Optimized, Custom, or Dense Configuration Optimized)
- Maximum supported DIMM frequency of the processors

Your system contains 24 memory sockets split into two sets of 12 sockets, one set per processor. Each 12-socket set is organized into six channels. Six memory channels are allocated to each processor. In each channel, the release tabs of the first socket are marked white, and the second socket black.

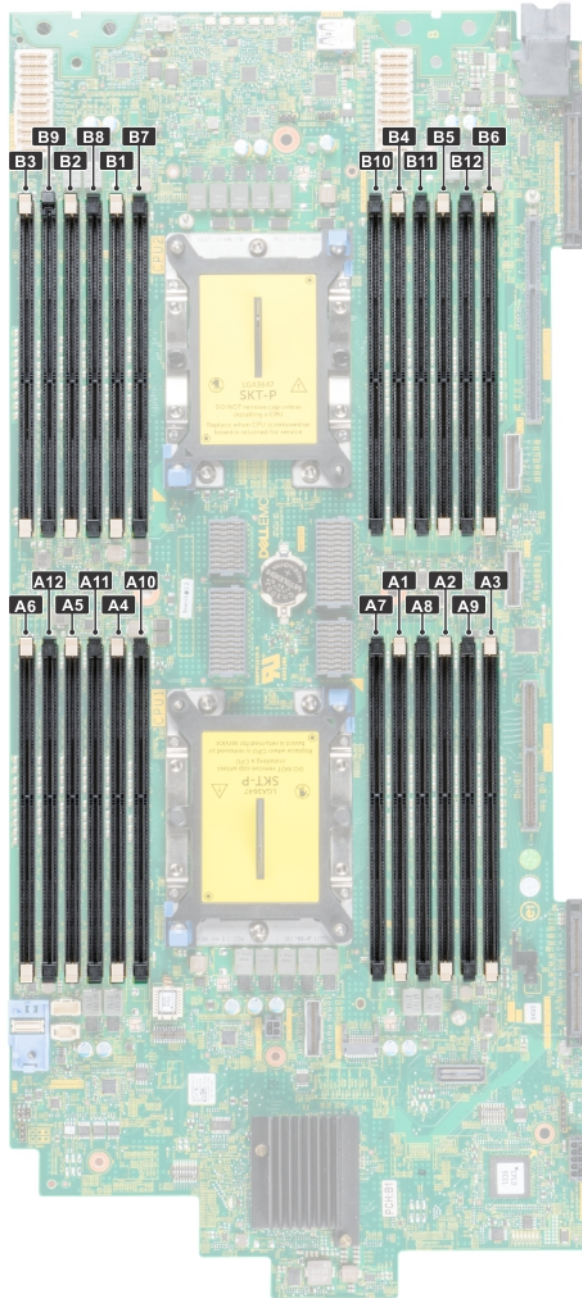


Figure 51. Memory sockets on the system board

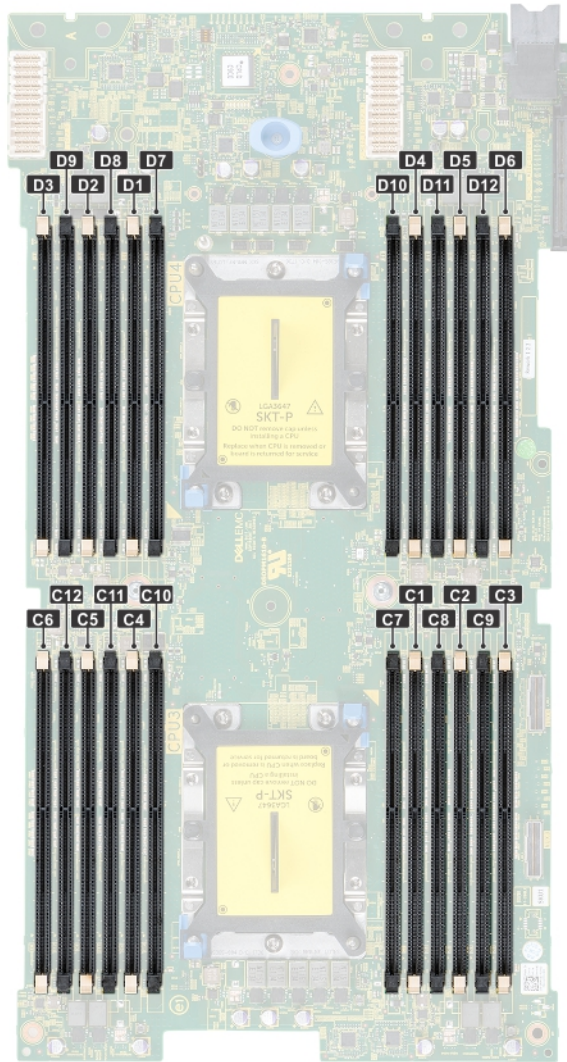


Figure 52. Memory sockets on the PEM board

Memory channels are organized as follows:

Table 7. Memory channels

Processor	Channel 0	Channel 1	Channel 2	Channel 3	Channel 4	Channel 5
Processor 1	Slots A1 and A7	Slots A2 and A8	Slots A3 and A9	Slots A4 and A10	Slots A5 and A11	Slots A6 and A12
Processor 2	Slots B1 and B7	Slots B2 and B8	Slots B3 and B9	Slots B4 and B10	Slots B5 and B11	Slots B6 and B12
Processor 3	Slots C1 and C7	Slots C2 and C8	Slots C3 and C9	Slots C4 and C10	Slots C5 and C11	Slots C6 and C12
Processor 4	Slots D1 and D7	Slots D2 and D8	Slots D3 and D9	Slots D4 and D10	Slots D5 and D11	Slots D6 and D12

The following table shows the memory populations and operating frequencies for the supported configurations:

Table 8. Memory population

DIMM Type	DIMM Ranking	Voltage	Operating Frequency (in MT/s)
RDIMM	1R / 2R	1.2 V	2933, 2666
LRDIMM	4R / 8R	1.2 V	2666

General memory module installation guidelines

To ensure optimal performance of your system, observe the following general guidelines when configuring your system memory. If your system's memory configurations fail to observe these guidelines, your system might not boot, stop responding during memory configuration, or operate with reduced memory.

The memory bus may operate at frequency can be 2933 MT/s, 2666 MT/s, 2400 MT/s, or 2133 MT/s depending on the following factors:

- System profile selected (for example, Performance Optimized, or Custom [can be run at high speed or lower])
- Maximum supported DIMM speed of the processors. For memory frequency of 2933 MT/s, one DIMM per channel is supported.
- Maximum supported speed of the DIMMs

 **NOTE: MT/s indicates DIMM speed in MegaTransfers per second.**

The system supports Flexible Memory Configuration, enabling the system to be configured and run in any valid chipset architectural configuration. The following are the recommended guidelines for installing memory modules:

- All DIMMs must be DDR4.
- RDIMMs and LRDIMMs must not be mixed.
- 64 GB LRDIMMs that are DDP (Dual Die Package) LRDIMMs must not be mixed with 128 GB LRDIMMs that are TSV (Through Silicon Via/3DS) LRDIMMs.
- x4 and x8 DRAM based memory modules can be mixed.
- Up to two RDIMMs can be populated per channel regardless of rank count.
- Up to two LRDIMMs can be populated per channel regardless of rank count.
- A maximum of two different ranked DIMMs can be populated in a channel regardless of rank count.
- If memory modules with different speeds are installed, they will operate at the speed of the slowest installed memory module(s).
- Populate memory module sockets only if a processor is installed.

- For dual-processor systems, sockets A1 to A12 and sockets B1 to B12 are available.
- For quad-processor systems, sockets A1 to A12, sockets B1 to B12, sockets C1 to C12, and sockets D1 to D12 are available.

- Populate all the sockets with white release tabs first, followed by the black release tabs.
 - When mixing memory modules with different capacities, populate the sockets with memory modules with the highest capacity first.
- For example, if you want to mix 8 GB and 16 GB memory modules, populate 16 GB memory modules in the sockets with white release tabs and 8 GB memory modules in the sockets with black release tabs.

- Memory modules of different capacities can be mixed provided other memory population rules are followed.

For example, 8 GB and 16 GB memory modules can be mixed.

- In a dual-processor configuration, the memory configuration for each processor must be identical.
- For example, if you populate socket A1 for processor 1, then populate socket B1 for processor 2, and so on.
- Mixing of more than two memory module capacities in a system is not supported.
- Unbalanced memory configurations will result in a performance loss so always populate memory channels identically with identical DIMMs for best performance.
- Populate six identical memory modules per processor (one DIMM per channel) at a time to maximize performance.
- To ensure proper system cooling, memory module blanks must be installed in memory sockets that are not occupied.

DIMM population update for Performance Optimized mode with quantity of 4 and 8 DIMMs per processor.

- When the DIMM quantity is 4 per processor, the population is slot 1, 2, 4, 5.
- When the DIMM quantity is 8 per processor, the population is slot 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11.

NVDIMM-N memory module installation guidelines

The following are the recommended guidelines for installing NVDIMM-N memory modules:

- Each system supports memory configurations with 1, 2, 4, 6, or 12 NVDIMM-Ns.
- Supported configurations have dual processors and a minimum of 12x RDIMMs.
- Maximum of 12 NVDIMM-Ns can be installed in a system.
- NVDIMM-Ns or RDIMMs must not be mixed with LRDIMMs.
- DDR4 NVDIMM-Ns must be populated only on the black release tabs on processor 1 and 2.
- For systems with four processors, RDIMMs populated on processor 3 and 4 must be identical to the number of RDIMMs populated on processor 1 and 2.
- All slots on configurations 3, 6, 9, and 12 can be used, but a maximum of 12 NVDIMM-Ns can be installed in a system.

For more information on the supported NVDIMM-N configurations, see the *NVDIMM-N User Guide* at www.dell.com/poweredge manuals.

Table 9. Supported NVDIMM-N for dual processor configurations

Configuration	Description	Memory population rules	
		RDIMMs	NVDIMM-N
Configuration 1	12x 16 GB RDIMMs, 1x NVDIMM-N	Processor1 {A1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6} Processor2 {B1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}	Processor1 {A7}
Configuration 2	12x 32 GB RDIMMs, 1x NVDIMM-N	Same for all 12x RDIMM configurations. See Configuration 1.	Processor1 {A7}
Configuration 3	23x 32 GB RDIMMs, 1x NVDIMM-N	Processor1 {A1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12} Processor2 {B1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11}	Processor2 {B12}
Configuration 4	12x 16 GB RDIMMs, 2x NVDIMM-Ns	Same for all 12x RDIMM configurations. See Configuration 1.	Processor1 {A7} Processor2 {B7}
Configuration 5	12x 32 GB RDIMMs, 2x NVDIMM-Ns	Same for all 12x RDIMM configurations. See Configuration 1.	Processor1 {A7} Processor2 {B7}
Configuration 6	22x 32 GB RDIMMs, 2x NVDIMM-Ns	Processor1 {A1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11} Processor2 {B1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11}	Processor1 {A12} Processor2 {B12}
Configuration 7	12x 16 GB RDIMMs, 4x NVDIMM-Ns	Same for all 12x RDIMM configurations. See Configuration 1.	Processor1 {A7, A8} Processor2 {B7, B8}
Configuration 8	22x 32 GB RDIMMs, 4x NVDIMM-Ns	Same for all 12x RDIMM configurations. See Configuration 1.	Processor1 {A7, A8} Processor2 {B7, B8}
Configuration 9	20x 32 GB RDIMMs, 4x NVDIMM-Ns	Processor1 {A1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10} Processor2 {B1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10}	Processor1 {A11, 12} Processor2 {B11, 12}
Configuration 10	12x 16 GB RDIMMs, 6x NVDIMM-Ns	Same for all 12x RDIMM configurations. See Configuration 1.	Processor1 {A7, 8, 9} Processor2 {B7, 8, 9}
Configuration 11	12x 32 GB RDIMMs, 6x NVDIMM-Ns	Same for all 12x RDIMM configurations. See Configuration 1.	Processor1 {A7, 8, 9} Processor2 {B7, 8, 9}
Configuration 12	18x 32 GB RDIMMs, 6x NVDIMM-Ns	Processor1 {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9} Processor2 {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9}	Processor1 {A10, 11, 12} Processor2 {B10, 11, 12}
Configuration 13	12x 16 GB RDIMMs, 12x NVDIMM-Ns	Same for all 12x RDIMM configurations. See Configuration 1.	Processor1 {A7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12} Processor2 {B7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12}

Configuration	Description	Memory population rules	
		RDIMMs	NVDIMM-N
Configuration 14	12x 32 GB RDIMMs, 12x NVDIMM-Ns	Same for all 12x RDIMM configurations. See Configuration 1.	Processor1 {A7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12} Processor2 {B7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12}

Table 10. Supported NVDIMM-N for quad processor configurations

Configuration	Description	Memory population rules	
		RDIMMs	NVDIMM-N
Configuration 1	24x 16GB RDIMMs, 1x NVDIMM-N	Processor1 {A1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}, Processor2 {B1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}, Processor3 {C1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6} Processor4 {D1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}	Processor1 {A7}
Configuration 2	24x 32GB RDIMMs, 1x NVDIMM-N	Same for all 24x RDIMM configurations. See Configuration 1.	Processor1 {A7}
Configuration 3	47x 32GB RDIMMs, 1x NVDIMM-N	Processor1 {A1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12} , Processor2 {B1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11} , Processor3 {C1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12} Processor 4 {D1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12}	Processor2 {B12}
Configuration 4	24x 16GB RDIMMs, 2x NVDIMM-Ns	Processor1 {A1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}, Processor2 {B1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6} Processor3 {C1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6} Processor4 {D1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}	Processor1 {A7}, Processor2 {B7}
Configuration 5	24x 32GB RDIMMs, 2x NVDIMM-Ns	Processor1 {A1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}, Processor2 {B1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}, Processor3 {C1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6} Processor4 {D1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}	Processor1 {A7}, Processor2 {B7}
Configuration 6	46x 32GB RDIMMs, 2x NVDIMM-Ns	Processor1 {A1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11}, Processor2 {B1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11} , Processor3 {C1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12} Processor 4 {D1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12}	Processor1 {A12}, Processor2 {B12}
Configuration 7	24x 16GB RDIMMs, 4x NVDIMM-Ns	Processor1 {A1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}, Processor2 {B1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}, Processor3 {C1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6} Processor4 {D1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}	Processor1 {A7,8}, Processor2 {B7,8}
Configuration 8	24x 32GB RDIMMs, 4x NVDIMMs	Processor1 {A1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}, Processor2 {B1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}, Processor3 {C1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6} Processor4 {D1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}	Processor1 {A7,8}, Processor2 {B7,8}

Configuration	Description	Memory population rules	
		RDIMMs	NVDIMM-N
Configuration 9	44x 32GB RDIMMs, 4x NVDIMM-Ns	Processor1 {A1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10}, Processor2 {B1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10}, Processor3 {C1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12} Processor4 {D1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12}	Processor1 {A11, 12}, Processor2 {B11, 12}
Configuration 10	24x 16GB RDIMMs, 6x NVDIMM-Ns	Processor1 {A1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}, Processor2 {B1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6} Processor3 {C1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6} Processor4 {D1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}	Processor1 {A7, 8, 9} Processor2 {B7, 8, 9}
Configuration 11	24x 32GB RDIMMs, 6x NVDIMM-Ns	Processor1 {A1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}, Processor2 {B1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}, Processor3 {C1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6} Processor4 {D1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}	Processor1 {A7, 8, 9} Processor2 {B7, 8, 9}
Configuration 12	42x 32GB RDIMMs, 6x NVDIMM-Ns	Processor1 {A1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9}, Processor2 {B1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9} Processor3 {C1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12} Processor4 {D1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12}	Processor1 {A10,11,12} Processor2 {B10, 11, 12}
Configuration 13	24x 16GB RDIMMs, 12x NVDIMM-Ns	Processor1 {A1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}, Processor2 {B1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}, Processor3 {C1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6} Processor4 {D1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}	Processor1 {A7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12}, Processor2 {B7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12}
Configuration 14	24x 32GB RDIMMs, 12x NVDIMM-Ns	Processor1 {A1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}, Processor2 {B1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}, Processor3 {C1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6} Processor4 {D1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}	Processor1 {A7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12}, Processor2 {B7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12}
Configuration 15	36x 32GB RDIMMs, 12x NVDIMM-Ns	Processor1 {A1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}, Processor2 {B1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}, Processor3 {C1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12} Processor 4 {D1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12}	Processor1 {A7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12}, Processor2 {B7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12}

Mode-specific guidelines

The configurations allowed depend on the memory mode selected in the System BIOS.

Table 11. Memory operating modes

Memory Operating Mode	Description
Optimizer Mode	The Optimizer Mode if enabled, the DRAM controllers operate independently in the 64-bit mode and provide optimized memory performance.

Memory Operating Mode	Description
Mirror Mode	The Mirror Mode if enabled, the system maintains two identical copies of data in memory, and the total available system memory is one half of the total installed physical memory. Half of the installed memory is used to mirror the active memory modules. This feature provides maximum reliability and enables the system to continue running even during a catastrophic memory failure by switching over to the mirrored copy. The installation guidelines to enable Mirror Mode require that the memory modules be identical in size, speed, and technology, and they must be populated in sets of 6 per processor.
Single Rank Spare Mode	Single Rank Spare Mode allocates one rank per channel as a spare. If excessive correctable errors occur in a rank or channel, while the operating system is running, they are moved to the spare area to prevent errors from causing an uncorrectable failure. Requires two or more ranks to be populated in each channel.
Multi Rank Spare Mode	Multi Rank Spare Mode allocates two ranks per channel as a spare. If excessive correctable errors occur in a rank or channel, while the operating system is running, they are moved to the spare area to prevent errors from causing an uncorrectable failure. Requires three or more ranks to be populated in each channel.
	<p>With single rank memory sparing enabled, the system memory available to the operating system is reduced by one rank per channel.</p> <p>For example, in a dual-processor configuration with 24x 16 GB dual-rank memory modules, the available system memory is: $\frac{3}{4}$ (ranks/channel) \times 24 (memory modules) \times 16 GB = 288 GB, and not 24 (memory modules) \times 16 GB = 384 GB. For multi rank sparing, the multiplier changes to $\frac{1}{2}$ (ranks/channel).</p> <p>NOTE: To use memory sparing, this feature must be enabled in the BIOS menu of System Setup.</p> <p>NOTE: Memory sparing does not offer protection against a multi-bit uncorrectable error.</p>
Dell Fault Resilient Mode	The Dell Fault Resilient Mode if enabled, the BIOS creates an area of memory that is fault resilient. This mode can be used by an OS that supports the feature to load critical applications or enables the OS kernel to maximize system availability.

Optimizer Mode

This mode supports Single Device Data Correction (SDDC) only for memory modules that use x4 device width. It does not impose any specific slot population requirements.

- Dual processor: Populate the slots in round robin sequence starting with processor 1.

NOTE: Processor 1 and processor 2 population should match.

- Quad processor: Populate the slots in round robin sequence starting with processor 1.

NOTE: Processor 1, processor 2, processor 3, and processor 4 population should match.

Table 12. Memory population rules

Processor	Configuration	Memory population	Memory population information
Dual processor (Start with processor1. processor1 and processor 2 population should match)	Optimized (Independent channel) population order	A{1}, B{1}, A{2}, B{2}, A{3}, B{3}, A{4}, B{4}, A{5}, B{5}, A{6}, B{6}	<p>Odd number of DIMM population per processor is allowed.</p> <p>i NOTE: Odd number of DIMMs will result in unbalanced memory configurations, which in turn will result in performance loss. It is recommended to populate all memory channels identically with identical DIMMs for best performance.</p> <p>i NOTE: For best performance, 6 DIMMs or 12 DIMMs per processor is recommended.</p> <p>Optimizer population order is not traditional for 8 and 16 DIMMs installations for dual processor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For 8 DIMMs: A1, A2, A4, A5, B1, B2, B4, B5 For 16 DIMMs: A1, A2, A4, A5, A7, A8, A10, A11 B1, B2, B4, B5, B7, B8, B10, B11
	Mirroring population order	A{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}, B{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}, A{7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12}, B{7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12}	Mirroring is supported with 6 or 12 DIMMs per processor.
	Single rank sparing population order	A{1}, B{1}, A{2}, B{2}, A{3}, B{3}, A{4}, B{4}, A{5}, B{5}, A{6}, B{6}	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DIMMs must be populated in the order specified. Requires two ranks or more per channel.
	Multi rank sparing population order	A{1}, B{1}, A{2}, B{2}, A{3}, B{3}, A{4}, B{4}, A{5}, B{5}, A{6}, B{6}	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DIMMs must be populated in the order specified. Requires three ranks or more per channel.
	Fault resilient population order	A{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}, B{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}, A{7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12}, B{7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12}	Supported with 6 or 12 DIMMs per processor.

Processor	Configuration	Memory population	Memory population information
Quad processor (Starting with processor 1, and processor 1, processor 2, processor 3, and processor 4 population should match)	Optimized population order (Independent channel)	A{1}, B{1}, C{1}, D{1}, A{2}, B{2}, C{2}, D{2}, A{3}, B{3}, C{3}, D{3}, A{4}, B{4}, C{4}, D{4}	<p>Odd number of DIMM population per processor is allowed.</p> <p>NOTE: Odd number of DIMMs will result in unbalanced memory configurations, which in turn will result in performance loss. It is recommended to populate all memory channels identically with identical DIMMs for best performance.</p> <p>NOTE: For best performance, 6 DIMMs or 12 DIMMs per processor is recommended.</p> <p>Optimizer population order is not traditional for 16 and 32 DIMMs installations for dual processor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For 16 DIMMs: A1, A2, A4, A5, B1, B2, B4, B5, C1, C2, C4, C5, D1, D2, D4, D5 For 32 DIMMs: A1, A2, A4, A5, A7, A8, A10, A11, B1, B2, B4, B5, B7, B8, B10, B11, C1, C2, C4, C5, C7, C8, C10, C11, D1, D2, D4, D5, D7, D8, D10, D11
	Mirroring population order	A{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}, B{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}, C{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}, D{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6} A{7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12}, B{7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12}, C{7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12}, D{7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12}	Mirroring is supported with 6 or 12 DIMM slots per processor.
	Single rank sparing population order	A{1}, B{1}, C{1}, D{1}, A{2}, B{2}, C{2}, D{2}, A{3}, B{3}, C{3}, D{3}, A{4}, B{4}, C{4}, D{4}	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DIMMs must be populated in the order specified. Requires two ranks or more per channel.
	Multi rank spare population order	A{1}, B{1}, C{1}, D{1}, A{2}, B{2}, C{2}, D{2}, A{3}, B{3}, C{3}, D{3}, A{4}, B{4}, C{4}, D{4}	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DIMMs must be populated in the order specified. Requires three ranks or more per channel.
	Fault resilient population order	A{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}, B{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}, C{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}, D{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6} A{7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12}, B{7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12}, C{7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12}, D{7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12}	Supported with 6 or 12 DIMM slots per processor.

Removing a memory module

Prerequisites

- Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
- Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.

3. For removing the memory module on the PEM, [remove the air shroud from the PEM](#).
4. For removing the memory module on the system board,
 - a. [Remove the PEM](#).
 - b. [Remove the air shroud on the system board](#).

⚠ WARNING: Allow the memory modules to cool after you power off the sled. Handle the memory modules by the card edges and avoid touching the components or metallic contacts on the memory module.

⚠ CAUTION: To ensure proper sled cooling, memory module blanks must be installed in any memory socket that is not occupied. Remove memory module blanks only if you intend to install memory modules in those sockets.

ⓘ NOTE: You must follow the thermal restriction while using DIMM blank. For information about thermal restriction, see the [Thermal restrictions](#) section.

Steps

1. Locate the appropriate memory module socket.

⚠ CAUTION: Handle each memory module only by the card edges, ensuring not to touch the middle of the memory module or metallic contacts.

2. Push the ejectors outward on both ends of the memory module socket to release the memory module from the socket.
3. Lift and remove the memory module from the sled or PEM.

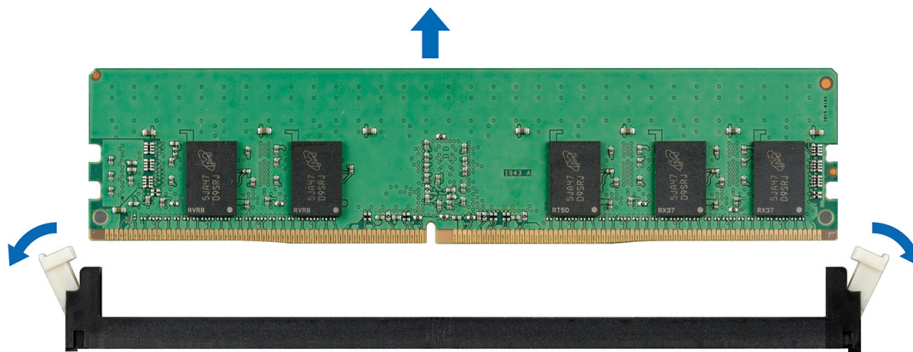


Figure 53. Removing a memory module from the system board or PEM

Next steps

1. [Install a memory module](#).
2. If you are removing the memory module permanently, install a memory module blank. The procedure to install a memory module blank is similar to that of the memory module.

ⓘ NOTE: For the minimum sled configuration, two processors are required on the system board. Install the processor/DIMM blank on the processor 3/4 sockets on the PEM board.

Installing a memory module

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.

⚠ CAUTION: To ensure proper sled cooling, memory module blanks must be installed in any memory socket that is not occupied. Remove memory module blanks only if you intend to install memory modules in those sockets.

ⓘ NOTE: You must follow the thermal restriction while using DIMM blank. For information about thermal restriction, see the [Thermal restrictions](#) section.

Steps

1. Locate the appropriate memory module socket.

CAUTION: Handle each memory module only by the card edges, ensuring not to touch the middle of the memory module or metallic contacts.

CAUTION: To prevent damage to the memory module or the memory module socket during installation, do not bend or flex the memory module. You must insert both ends of the memory module simultaneously.

2. Open the ejectors on the memory module socket outward to allow the memory module to be inserted into the socket.
3. Align the edge connector of the memory module with the alignment key of the memory module socket, and insert the memory module in the socket.

CAUTION: Do not apply pressure at the center of the memory module; apply pressure at both ends of the memory module evenly.

NOTE: The memory module socket has an alignment key that enables you to install the memory module in the socket in only one orientation.

4. Press the memory module with your thumbs until the socket levers firmly click into place.

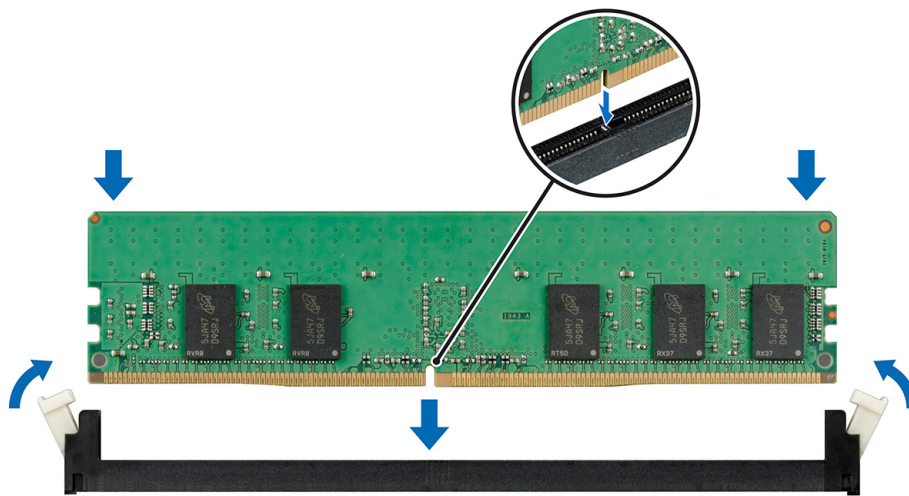


Figure 54. Installing a memory module on the system board or PEM

Next steps

1. After installing the memory module on the system board,
 - a. [Install the air shroud into the system board.](#)
 - b. [Install the PEM.](#)
2. After installing the memory module on the PEM, [install the air shroud on the PEM.](#)
3. Follow the procedure listed in the [After working inside your sled](#) section.
4. To verify if the memory module has been installed properly, press F2 and navigate to **System Setup Main Menu > System BIOS > Memory Settings**. In the **Memory Settings** screen, the System Memory Size must reflect the updated capacity of the installed memory.
5. If the value is incorrect, one or more of the memory modules may not be installed properly. Ensure that the memory module is firmly seated in the memory module socket.
6. Run the system memory test in system diagnostics.

Processors and heat sinks

The processor controls memory, peripheral interfaces, and other components of the system. The system can have more than one processor configurations.

The heat sink absorbs the heat generated by the processor, and helps the processor to maintain its optimal temperature level.

Processor wattage and heat sink dimensions

Table 13. Processor wattage and heat sink dimensions

Processor configuration	Processor type	Heat sink width	Number of DIMMs, Maximum	Number of DIMMs, RAS (Reliability, Availability, and Serviceability)
All	up to 205 W	90 mm	12	12

Removing the processor and heat sink module

Prerequisites

⚠ WARNING: The heat sink may be hot to touch for some time after the sled has been powered down. Allow the heat sink to cool before removing it.

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.
3. For removing the processor and heat sink module from the PEM, [remove the air shroud from the PEM](#).
4. For removing the processor and heat sink module from the system board,
 - a. [Remove the PEM](#).
 - b. [Remove the air shroud on the system board](#).

Steps

1. Using a Torx #T30 screwdriver, loosen the screws on the heat sink in the order below:
 - a) Loosen the first screw three turns.
 - b) Loosen the second screw completely.
 - c) Return to the first screw and loosen it completely.

i NOTE: It is normal for the heat sink to slip off the blue retention clips when the screws are partially loosened, continue to loosen the screws.

2. Pushing both the blue retention clips simultaneously, lift the processor and heat sink module (PHM) out of the sled or PEM.
3. Set the PHM aside with the processor side facing up.

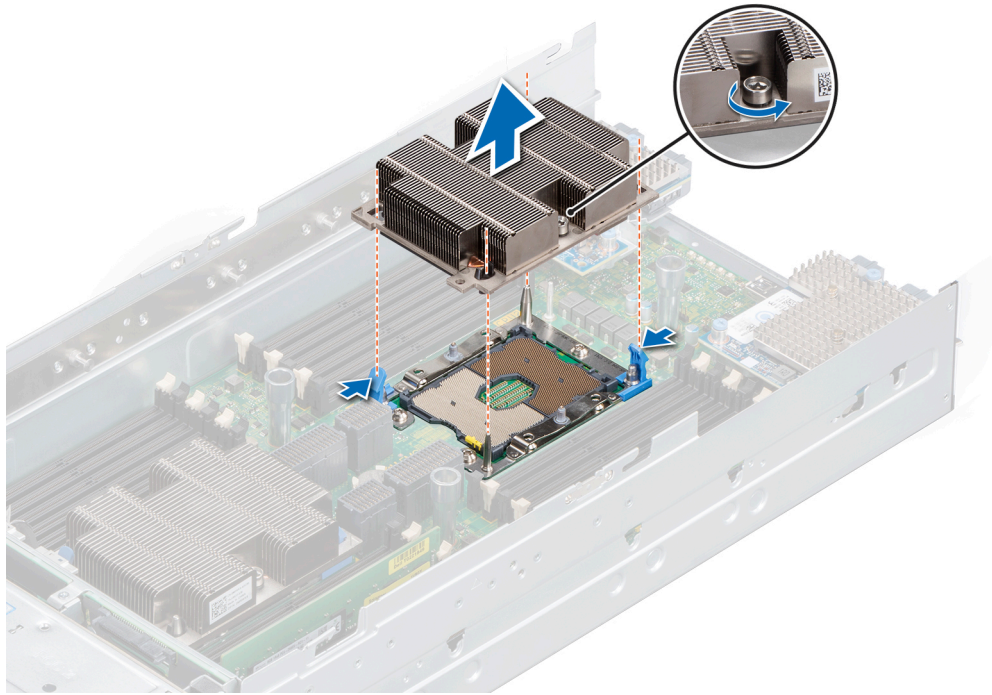


Figure 55. Removing the processor and heat sink module

Next steps

1. [Install the processor and heat sink module.](#)

Removing the processor from the processor and heat sink module

Prerequisites

NOTE: Only remove the processor from the processor and heat sink module (PHM) if you are replacing the processor or heat sink. This procedure is not required when replacing a system board.

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.
3. [Remove the processor and heat sink module.](#)

Steps

1. Place the heat sink with the processor side facing up.
2. Insert a flat blade screwdriver into the release slot marked with a yellow label. Twist (do not pry) the screwdriver to break the thermal paste seal.
3. Push the retaining clips on the processor bracket to unlock the bracket from the heat sink.

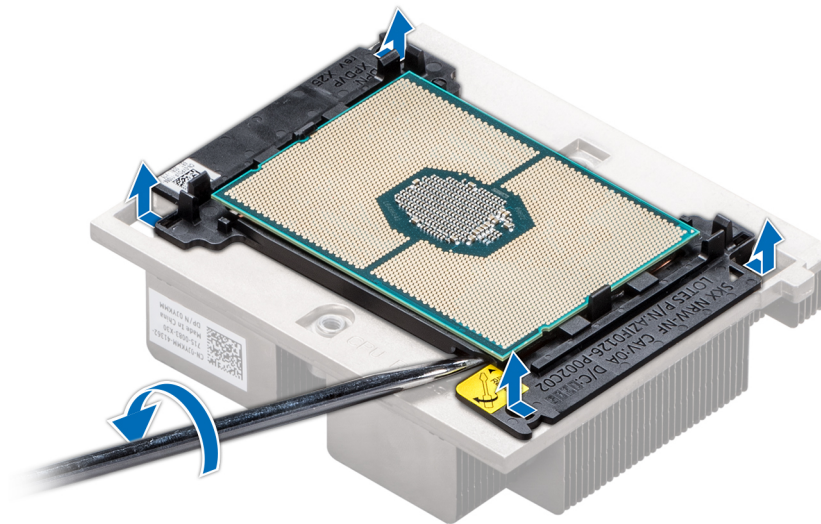


Figure 56. Loosening the processor bracket

4. Lift the bracket and the processor away from the heat sink, and place the processor connector side down on the processor tray.
5. Flex the outer edges of the bracket to release the bracket from the processor.

NOTE: Ensure that the processor and the bracket are placed in the tray after you remove the heat sink.

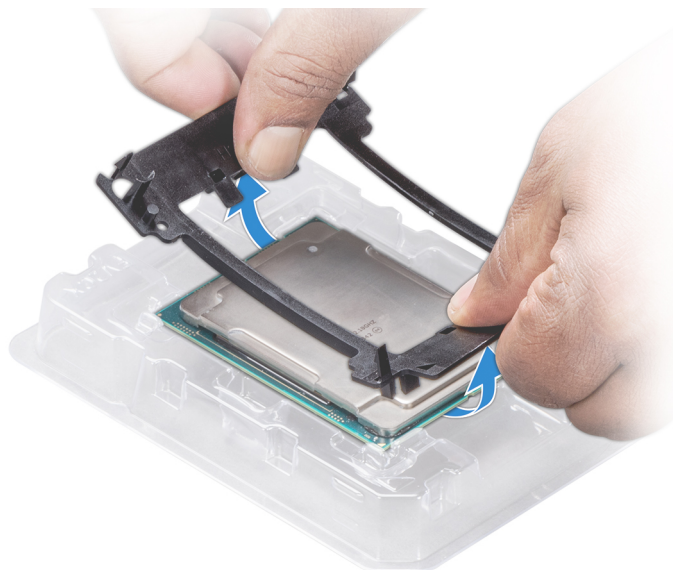


Figure 57. Removing the processor bracket

Next steps

1. Install the processor into the processor and heat sink module.

Installing the processor into a processor and heat sink module

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.

Steps

1. Place the processor in the processor tray.

i **NOTE:** Ensure that the pin 1 indicator on the processor tray is aligned with the pin 1 indicator on the processor.

2. Flex the outer edges of the bracket around the processor ensuring that the processor is locked into the clips on the bracket.

i **NOTE:** Ensure that the pin 1 indicator on the bracket is aligned with the pin 1 indicator on the processor before placing the bracket on the processor.

i **NOTE:** Ensure that the processor and the bracket are placed in the tray before you install the heat sink.



Figure 58. Installing the processor bracket

3. If you are using an existing heat sink, remove the thermal grease from the heat sink by using a clean lint-free cloth.
4. Use the thermal grease syringe included with your processor kit to apply the grease in a quadrilateral design on the top of the processor.

⚠ CAUTION: Applying too much thermal grease can result in excess grease coming in contact with and contaminating the processor socket.

i **NOTE:** The thermal grease syringe is intended for single use only. Dispose the syringe after you use it.

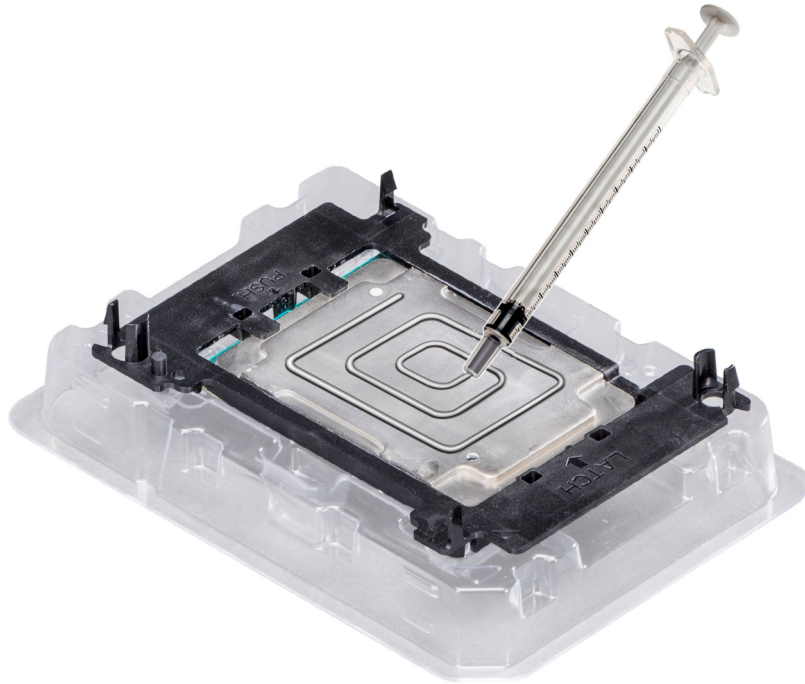


Figure 59. Applying thermal grease on top of the processor

5. Place the heat sink on the processor and push down on the base of the heat sink until the bracket locks onto the heat sink.

NOTE:

- Ensure that the two guide pin holes on the bracket match the guide holes on the heat sink.
- Do not press on the heat sink fins.
- Ensure that the pin 1 indicator on the heat sink is aligned with the pin 1 indicator on the bracket before placing the heat sink onto the processor and bracket.

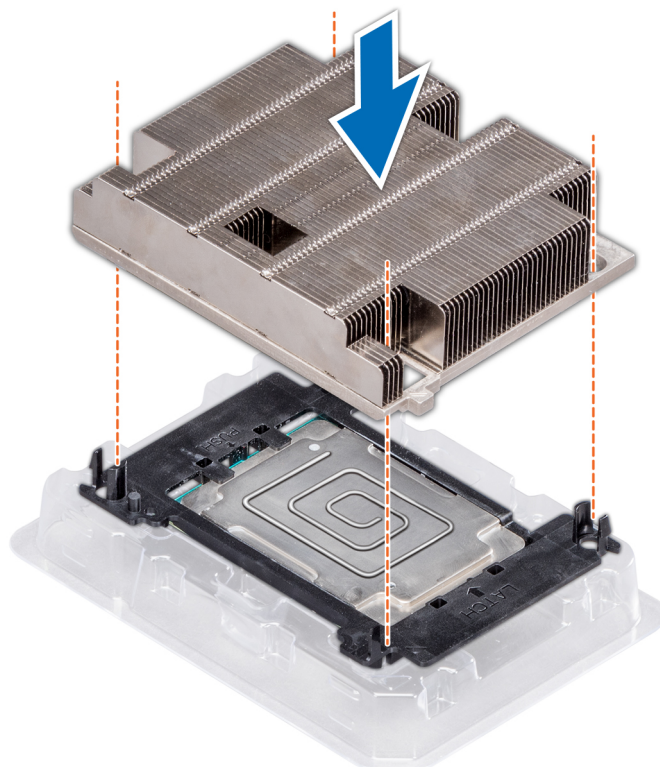


Figure 60. Installing the heat sink onto the processor

Next steps

1. [Install the processor and heat sink module.](#)
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [After working inside your sled](#) section.

Installing the processor and heat sink module

Prerequisites

 **CAUTION:** Never remove the heat sink from a processor unless you intend to replace the processor. The heat sink is necessary to maintain proper thermal conditions.

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.
3. If installed, remove the processor dust cover.

Steps

1. Align the pin 1 indicator of the heat sink to the system board or PEM and then place the processor and heat sink module (PHM) on the processor socket.

 **CAUTION:** To avoid damaging the fins on the heat sink, do not press down on the heat sink fins.

 **NOTE:** Ensure that the PHM is held parallel to the system board or PEM to prevent damaging the components.

2. Push the blue retention clips inward to allow the heat sink to drop into place.
3. Using the Torx #T30 screwdriver, tighten the screws on the heat sink in the order below:
 - a) Partially tighten the first screw (approximately 3 turns).
 - b) Tighten the second screw completely.
 - c) Return to the first screw and tighten it completely.

If the PHM slips off the blue retention clips when the screws are partially tightened, follow these steps to secure the PHM:

- a. Loosen both the heat sink screws completely.
- b. Lower the PHM on to the blue retention clips, following the procedure described in step 2.
- c. Secure the PHM to the system board or PEM, following the replacement instructions listed in step 3 above.

 **NOTE:** The processor and heat sink module retention screws should not be tightened to more than 0.11 kgf-m (1.13 N.m or 10+/-0.2 in-lbf).

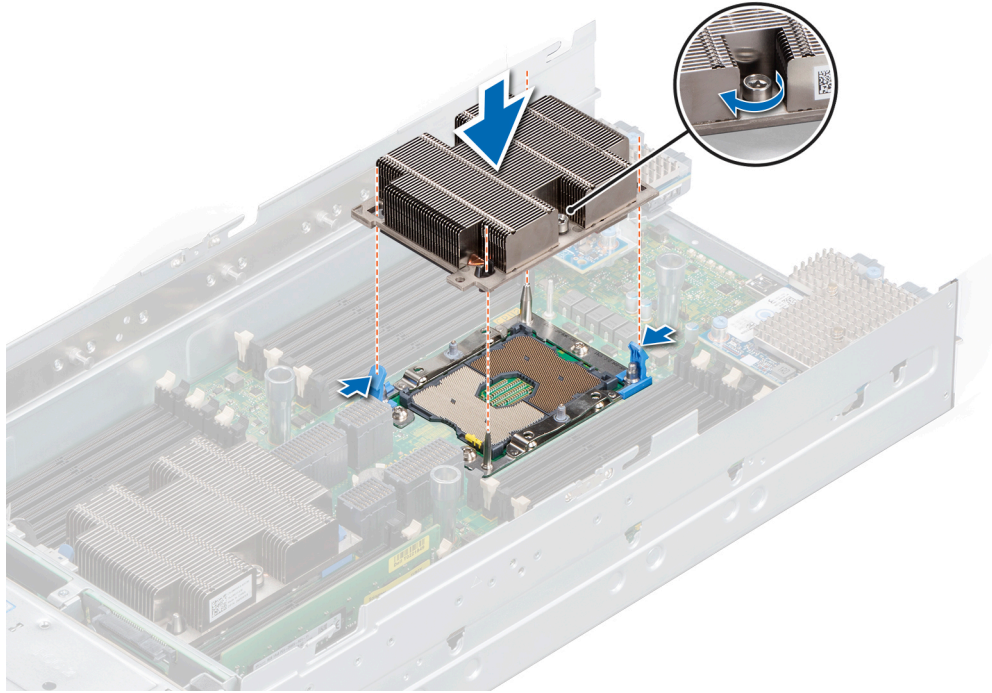


Figure 61. Installing the processor and heat sink module

Next steps

1. After installing the processor and heat sink module on the system board,
 - a. [Install the air shroud into the system board.](#)
 - b. [Install the PEM.](#)
2. After installing the processor and heat sink module on the PEM, [install the air shroud on the PEM.](#)
3. Follow the procedure listed in the [After working inside your sled](#) section.

iDRAC card

In the PowerEdge MX840c, iDRAC is not embedded on the system board. The iDRAC is a separate card different from the 14G and previous generation. The vFlash card for the PowerEdge MX840c is available on the iDRAC card.

Removing the iDRAC card

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.
3. [Remove the PEM.](#)
4. [Remove the air shroud from the system board.](#)

CAUTION: If either the system board or iDRAC card fails, it is required to replace the system board and iDRAC card simultaneously.

Steps

Hold the blue pull tag, and lift the iDRAC card away from the sled.

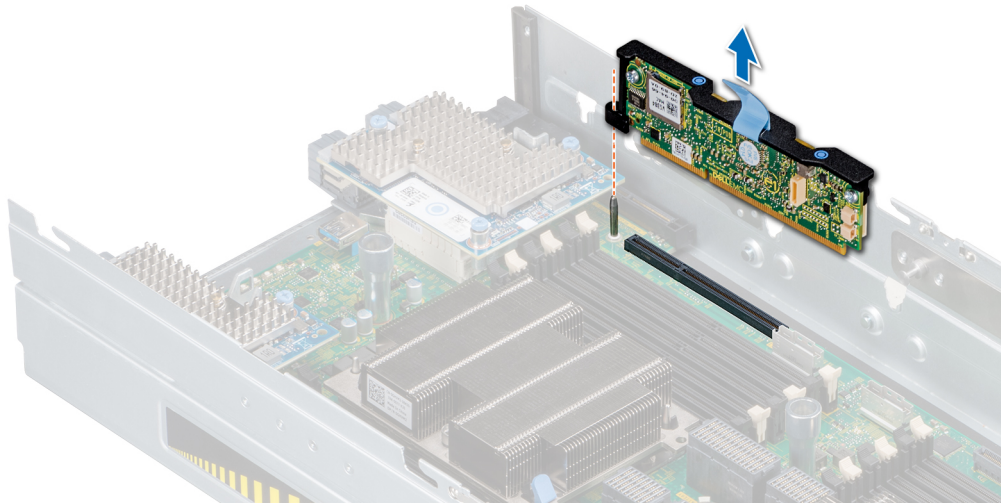


Figure 62. Removing the iDRAC card

- ① **NOTE:** The iDRAC card is not swappable with other MX series sleds in the MX7000 enclosure.
- ① **NOTE:** The procedure to remove vFlash card is similar to removing a MicroSD card.

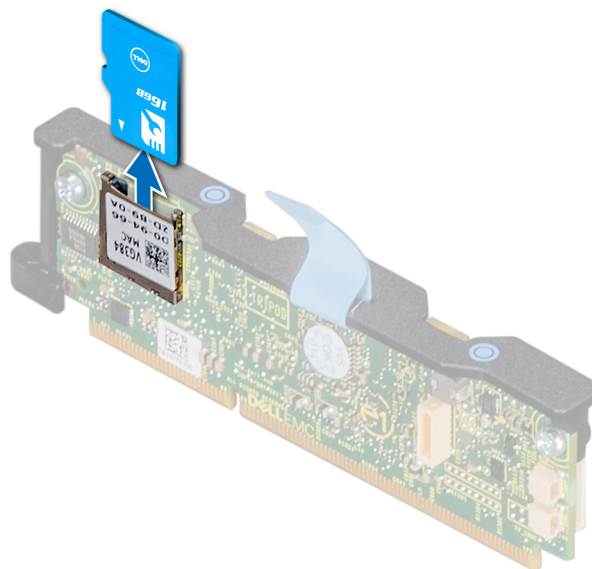


Figure 63. Removing a vFlash card

Next steps

1. Install the iDRAC card.

Installing the iDRAC card

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.

⚠ CAUTION: If either the system board or iDRAC card fails, it is required to replace the system board and iDRAC card simultaneously.

Steps

1. Align the iDRAC card with the connector and guide pin on the system board.
2. Lower the iDRAC card on the system board connector and press the blue push points until the iDRAC card is firmly seated on the system board connector.

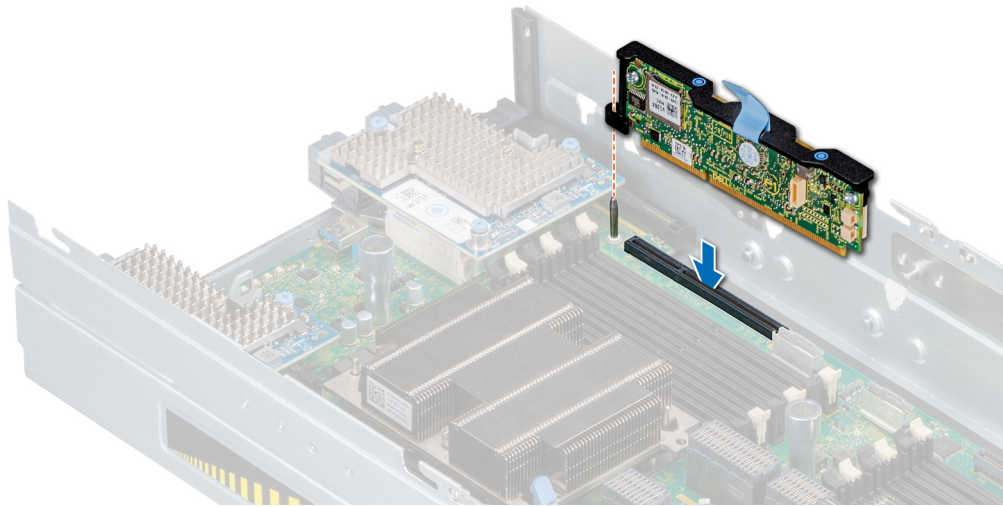


Figure 64. Installing the iDRAC card

- ⓘ **NOTE:** The iDRAC card is not swappable with other MX series sleds in the MX7000 enclosure.
- ⓘ **NOTE:** The procedure to install a vFlash card is similar to installing a MicroSD card.

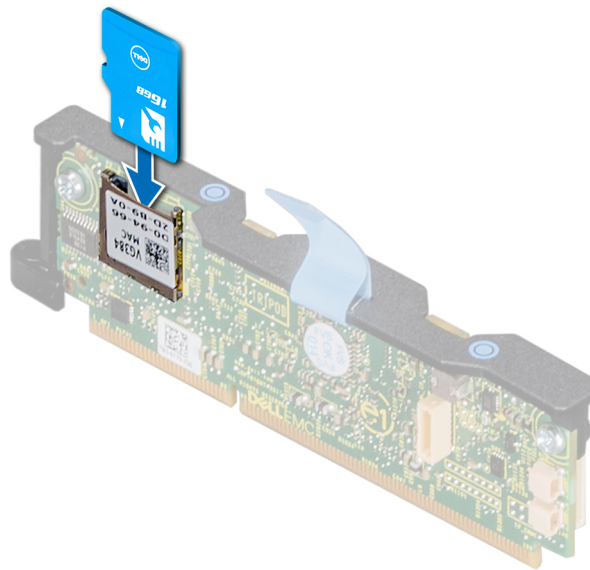


Figure 65. Installing a vFlash card

Next steps

1. Install the air shroud on the system board.
2. Install the PEM.
3. Follow the procedure listed in the [After working inside your sled](#) section.

PERC cards

The PowerEdge MX840c sled includes dedicated slots on the system board and PEM board for PERC cards.

Removing the PERC card

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.
3. [Remove the PEM](#).
4. Disconnect the cable connected to the PERC card.

Steps

1. Lift the blue pull tag to raise the lever up on the PERC card.

NOTE: For the H730P MX card, pull the two blue pull tags to raise the lever up. Rest of the procedure to remove the PERC card remains identical to HBA330 MX (non-RAID) card.

2. Holding the blue pull tag, lift the PERC card away from the sled.

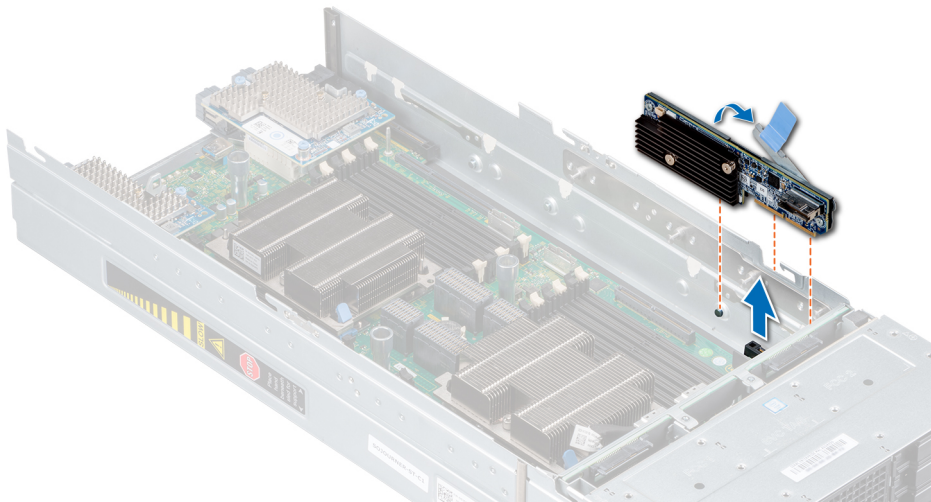


Figure 66. Removing the PERC card

Next steps

1. [Install the PERC card](#).

Installing the PERC card

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.

Steps

1. Lift the blue pull tag to raise the lever up on the PERC card.
2. Align the connector and guide slots on the PERC card with the connector and guides on the sled.
3. Lower and press the PERC card to firmly seat on the system board connector and close the lever on the PERC card.

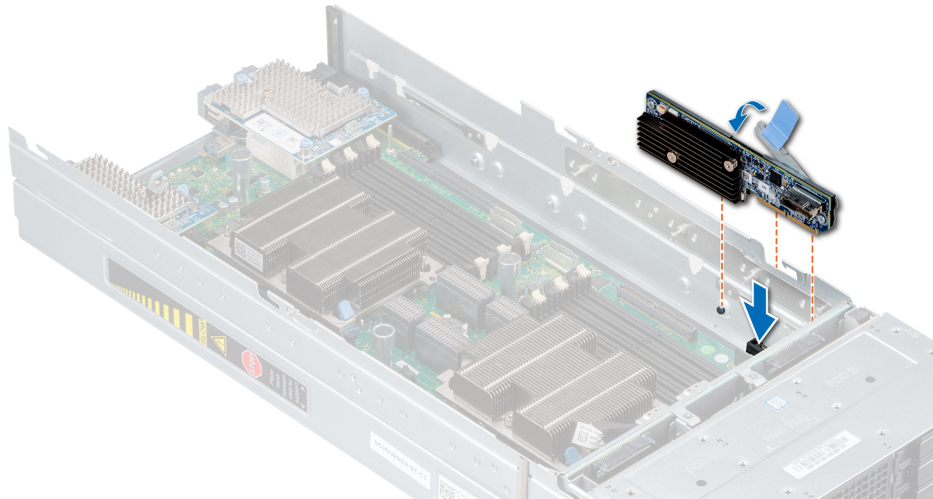


Figure 67. Installing the PERC card

Next steps

1. Connect the cable to the PERC card.
2. [Install the PEM.](#)
3. Follow the procedure listed in the [After working inside your sled](#) section.

Removing the Jumbo PERC card

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.
3. [Remove the PEM.](#)
4. [Remove the air shroud from the system board.](#)
5. Disconnect the cable that is connected to the Jumbo PERC card.

Steps

1. Lift the two blue pull tags to raise the lever up on the Jumbo PERC card.
2. Holding both the blue pull tags, lift the Jumbo PERC card away from the sled.
3. Install the connector cap on the I/O connector of the Jumbo PERC card.

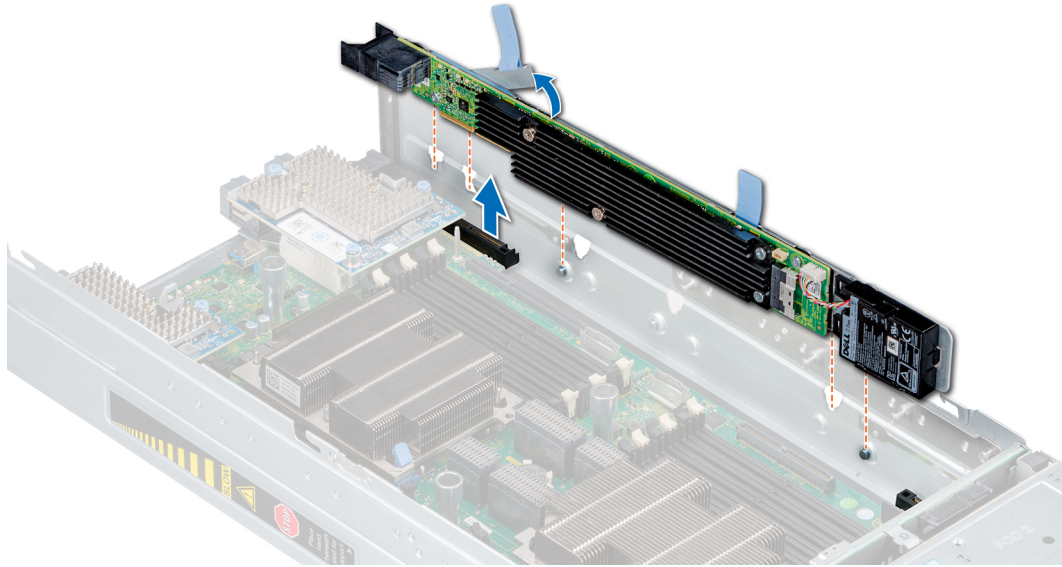


Figure 68. Removing the Jumbo PERC card

Next steps

1. [Install the Jumbo PERC card.](#)

Installing the Jumbo PERC card

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.
3. [Remove the iDRAC card](#) before installing the Jumbo PERC card.

Steps

1. Remove the connector cap on the I/O connector from the Jumbo PERC card.
2. Lift the blue pull tags to raise the lever up on the Jumbo PERC card.
3. Align the connector, guides, and guide slots on the Jumbo PERC card and the sled.
4. Lower and press the Jumbo PERC card to firmly seat on the system board connector and close the lever on the Jumbo PERC card.

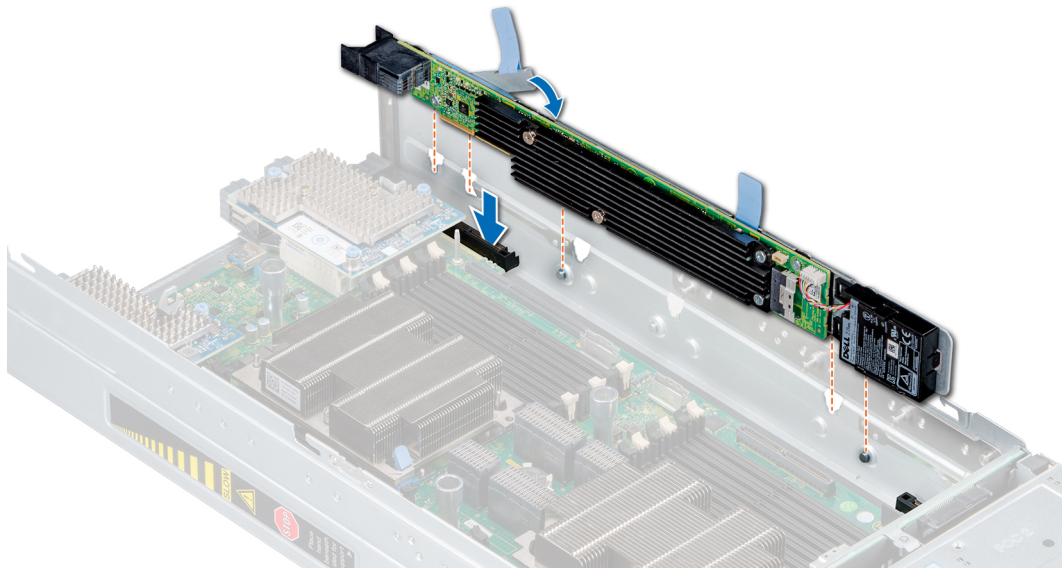


Figure 69. Installing the Jumbo PERC card

Next steps

1. Connect the cable to the Jumbo PERC card.
2. [Install the air shroud on the system board.](#)
3. [Install the PEM.](#)
4. Follow the procedure listed in the [After working inside the sled](#) section.

Optional Internal dual SD module

The optional internal dual SD module (IDSDM) has two MicroSD card sockets. The IDSDM is available with a single MicroSD card in slot 1 or in redundant mode with two MicroSD cards installed.

NOTE: The write-protect switch is on the IDSDM module.

Removing the optional IDSDM module

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.
3. [Remove the PEM.](#)
4. [Remove the air shroud from the system board.](#)
5. If you are replacing the IDSDM module, [remove the MicroSD cards.](#)

NOTE: Temporarily label each MicroSD card with the corresponding slot number after removal.

Steps

1. Locate the IDSDM module connector on the system board.

NOTE: To locate IDSDM module connector, see the [System board jumpers and connectors](#) section.

2. Hold the blue pull tag, lift the IDSDM module out of the sled.

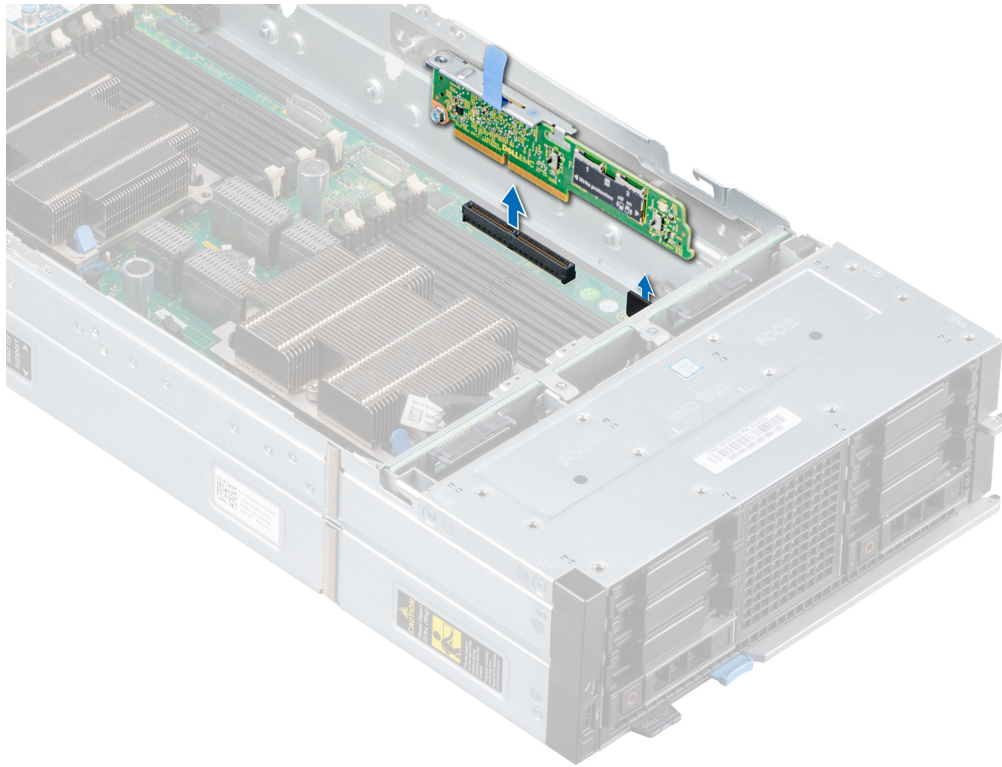


Figure 70. Removing the IDSDM module

Next steps

1. [Install the optional IDSDM module.](#)

Installing the optional IDSDM module

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.

Steps

1. Locate the IDSDM module connector on the system board.

NOTE: To locate IDSDM connector, see the [System board jumpers and connectors](#) section.

2. Align the IDSDM module with the connector on the system board.
3. Press the IDSDM module until it is firmly seated on the system board.

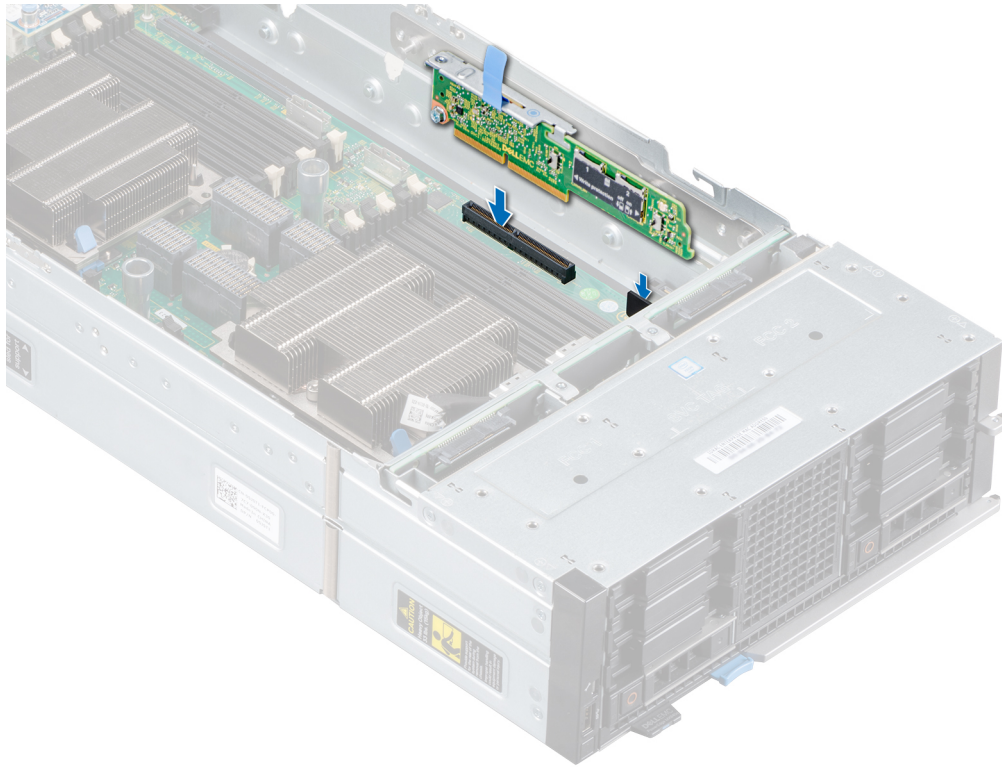


Figure 71. Installing the IDSDM module

Next steps

1. [Install the MicroSD cards.](#)

i **NOTE:** Reinstall the MicroSD cards into the same slots based on the labels you had marked on the cards during removal.

2. [Install the air shroud on the system board.](#)
3. [Install the PEM.](#)
4. Follow the procedure listed in the [After working inside your sled](#) section.

Removing a MicroSD card

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.
3. [Remove the PEM.](#)
4. [Remove the IDSDM module.](#)

Steps

1. Locate the MicroSD card slot on the IDSDM module.
2. Press the card to partially release from the slot.
3. Hold the MicroSD card, and remove it from the slot.

i **NOTE:** Temporarily label each MicroSD card with the corresponding slot number after removal.

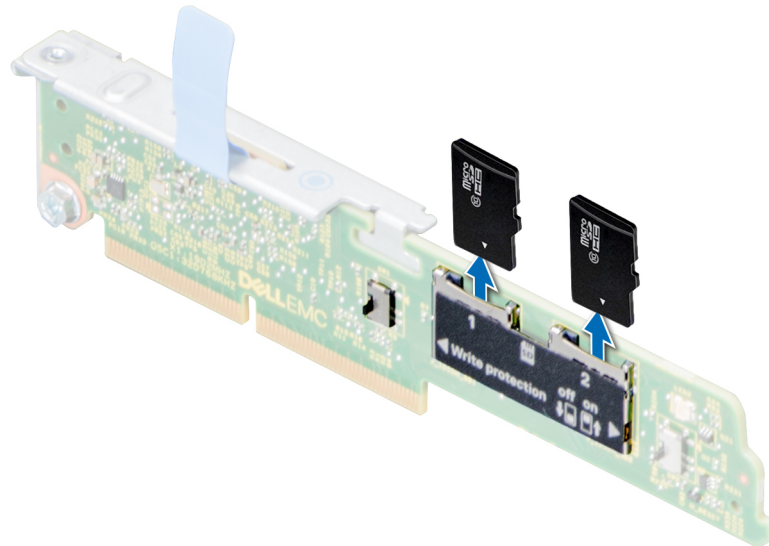


Figure 72. Removing a MicroSD card

Next steps

1. [Install a MicroSD card.](#)

Installing a MicroSD card

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.

NOTE: To use an MicroSD card with your system, ensure that the Internal SD Card Port is enabled in System Setup.

NOTE: If reinstalling, ensure that you install the MicroSD cards into the same slots based on the labels you had marked on the cards during removal.

Steps

1. Locate the MicroSD card slot on the IDSDM module. Orient the MicroSD card appropriately, and place the contact-pin end of the card into the slot.

NOTE: The slot is keyed to ensure correct installation of the card.

2. Press the card into the card slot to lock it into place.

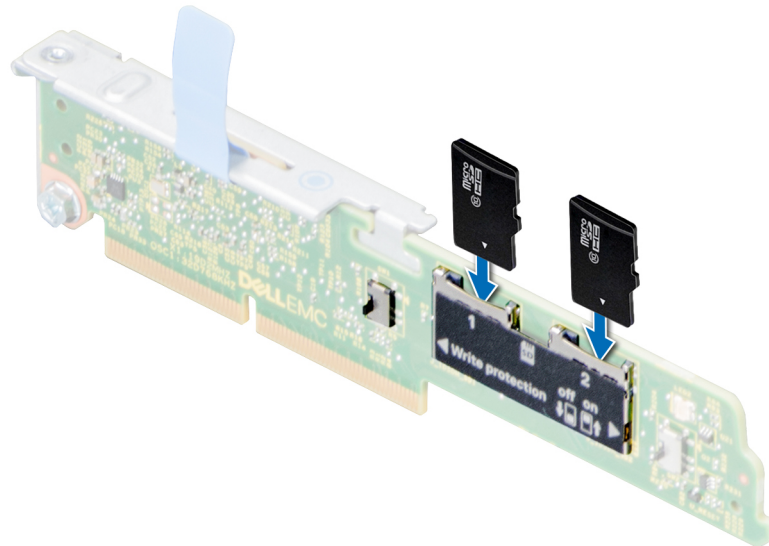


Figure 73. Installing a MicroSD card

Next steps

1. [Install the IDSDM module.](#)
2. [Install the PEM.](#)
3. Follow the procedure listed in the [After working inside your sled](#) section.

M.2 BOSS module

The M.2 BOSS module is a simple RAID solution designed specifically for booting a server's operating system. The module supports up to two 6 Gbps M.2 SATA cards. The M.2 BOSS module has a x8 connector using PCIe gen 3.0 x2 lanes.

Removing the M.2 BOSS module

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled.](#)
3. [Remove the PEM.](#)
4. [Remove the air shroud from the system board.](#)

Steps

Hold the blue pull tag, and lift the M.2 BOSS module away from the sled.

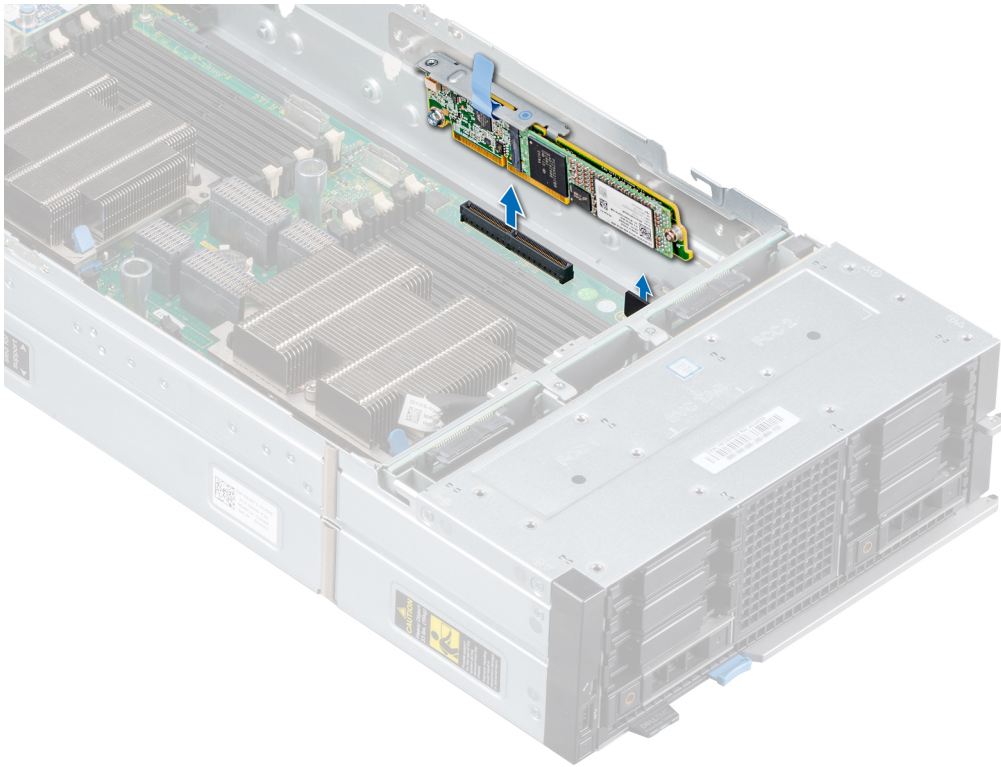


Figure 74. Removing the M.2 BOSS module

Next steps

1. [Install the M.2 BOSS module.](#)

Installing the M.2 BOSS module

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled.](#)

Steps

1. Align the M.2 BOSS module connector with the connector and guide on the system board.
2. Press on the M.2 BOSS module until it is firmly seated on the system board.

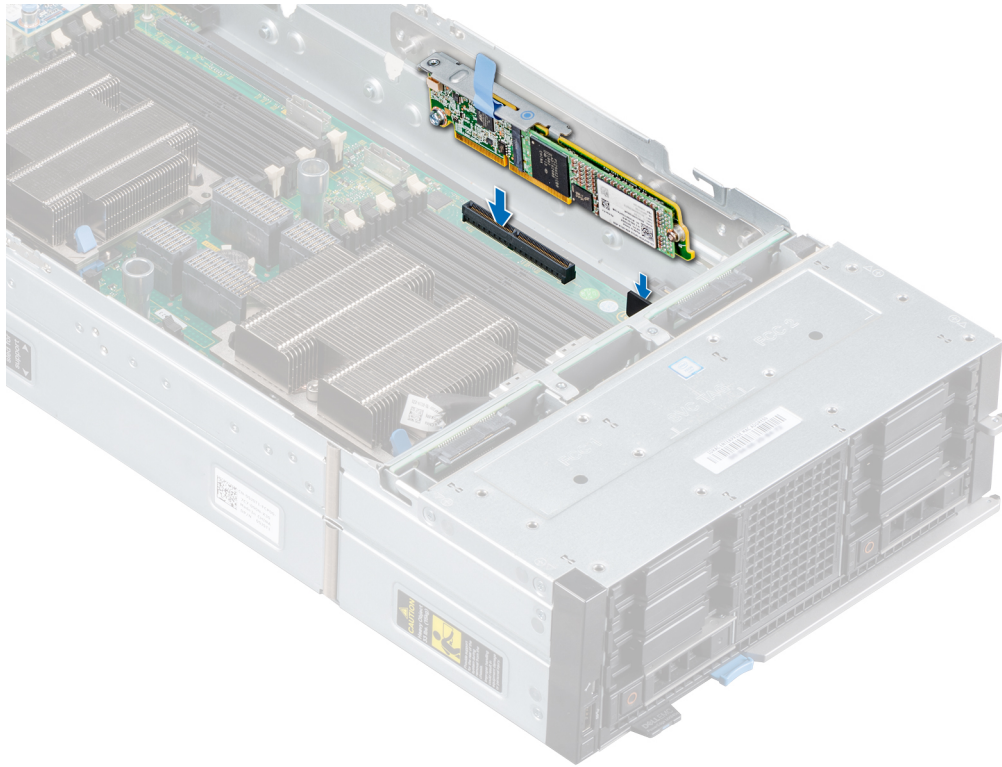


Figure 75. Installing the M.2 BOSS module

Next steps

1. [Install the air shroud on the system board.](#)
2. [Install the PEM.](#)
3. Follow the procedure listed in the [After working inside your sled.](#)

Removing the M.2 SATA card

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled.](#)
3. [Remove the PEM.](#)
4. [Remove the M.2 BOSS module.](#)

Steps

1. Using the Phillips #1 screwdriver, remove the screw on the M.2 BOSS module.
2. Pull the SATA card out of the connector and lift the card away from the module.

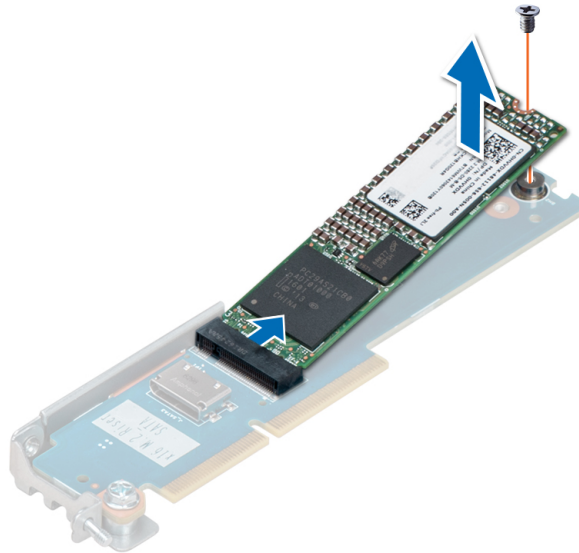


Figure 76. Removing the M.2 SATA card

Next steps

1. [Install the M.2 SATA card.](#)

Installing the M.2 SATA card

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled.](#)

Steps

1. Align the M.2 SATA card at angle of 45 degrees with the SATA connector on the M.2 BOSS module.
2. Press the M.2 SATA card into the SATA connector until firmly seated in place.
3. Push down the M.2 SATA card and using Phillips #1 screwdriver, secure the M.2 SATA card to the module.

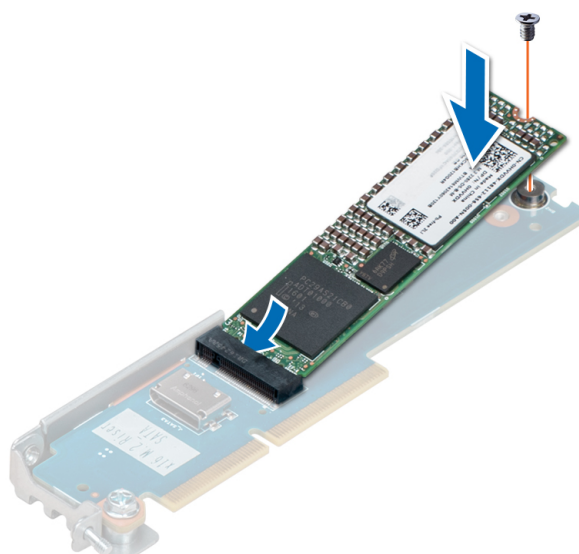


Figure 77. Installing the M.2 SATA card

Next steps

1. [Install the M.2 BOSS module.](#)
2. [Install the PEM.](#)
3. Follow the procedure listed in the [After working inside your sled.](#)

Mezzanine card

Mezzanine card installation guidelines

The PowerEdge MX840c sled supports four Mezzanine cards:

- PCIe Mezzanine card slot C supports Fabric C - This card must match the fabric type of I/O modules that are installed in I/O module bays C1 and C2.
- PCIe Mezzanine card slot A/B supports Fabric A/B - This card must match the fabric type of I/O modules that are installed in I/O module bays A1/B1 and A2/B2.

Removing the mini Mezzanine card blank

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.
3. For removing the mini Mezzanine card blank on the system board, [remove the PEM.](#)

Steps

Hold the edges and lift the mini Mezzanine card blank away from the sled or PEM.

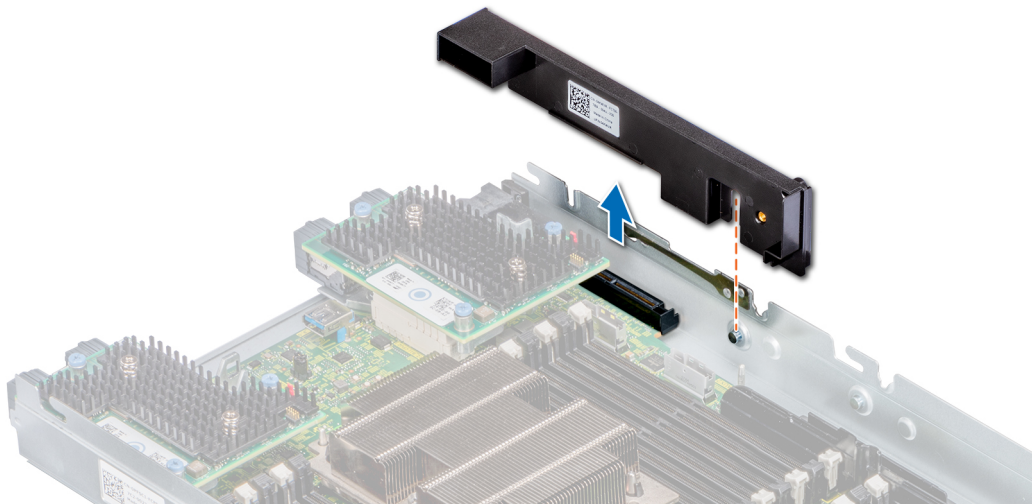


Figure 78. Removing the mini Mezzanine card blank

Next steps

1. [Install the mini Mezzanine card blank.](#)

Installing the mini Mezzanine card blank

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.

Steps

1. Align the slot on the Mezzanine card blank with the guide on the sled or PEM.
2. Place the mini Mezzanine card blank on the mini Mezzanine card slot on the sled or PEM.

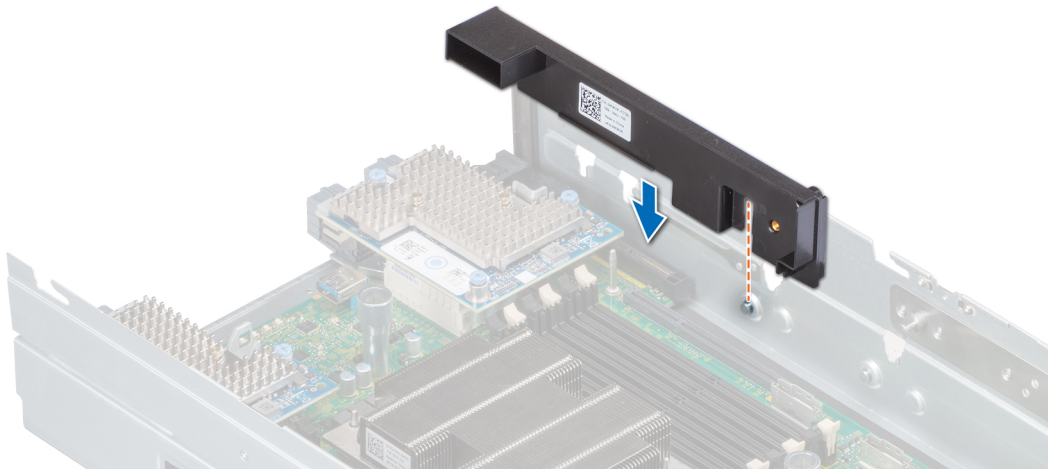


Figure 79. Installing the mini Mezzanine card blank

Next steps

1. After installing the mini Mezzanine card blank on the system board, [install the PEM](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [After working inside the sled](#) section.

Removing a mini Mezzanine card

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside a sled](#) section.
3. To remove the mini Mezzanine card from the system board, [remove the PEM](#).
4. [Remove the air shroud from the system board](#).

Steps

1. Lift the blue pull tag to raise the lever up on the mini Mezzanine card.
2. Hold the lever and the edge of the mini Mezzanine card to lift the mini Mezzanine card away from the sled or PEM.

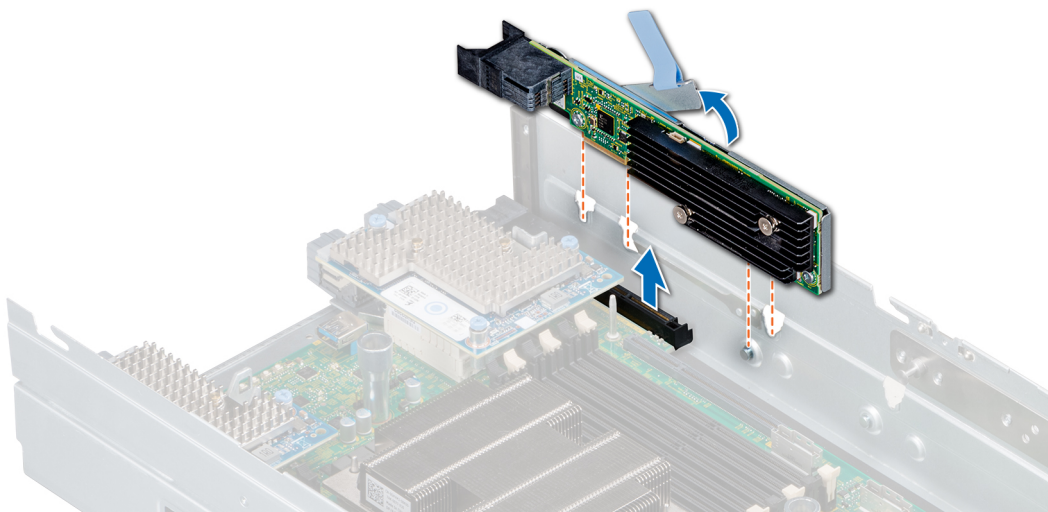


Figure 80. Removing the mini Mezzanine card

3. Install the connector cap on the I/O connector of the mini Mezzanine card.

NOTE: The PowerEdge MX840c sled supports HBA330 MMZ and Fiber channel MMZ which are installed in the mini Mezzanine card slot.

Next steps

1. [Install the mini Mezzanine card](#) or the [mini Mezzanine card blank](#).

Installing a mini Mezzanine card

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.

Steps

1. Remove the connector cap on the I/O connector of the mini Mezzanine card.
2. Lift the blue pull tag to raise the lever up of the mini Mezzanine card.
3. Align the mini Mezzanine card connector, guides, and guide slots with the connector, guide, guide slots on the sled or PEM.
4. Lower and press the mini Mezzanine card until firmly seated.

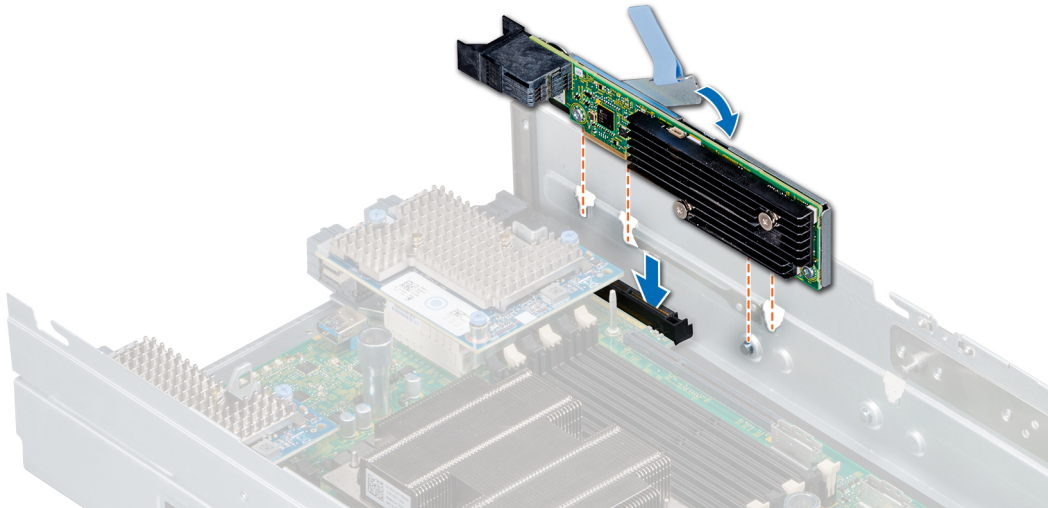


Figure 81. Installing the mini Mezzanine card

NOTE: The PowerEdge MX840c sled supports HBA330 MMZ and Fiber channel MMZ which are installed in the mini Mezzanine card slot.

Next steps

1. [Install the air shroud on the system board](#).
2. [Install the PEM](#).
3. Follow the procedure listed in the [After working inside your sled](#) section.

Removing the Mezzanine card

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.
3. For removing the Mezzanine card from the system board, [remove the PEM](#).

Steps

1. Using the Phillips #2 screwdriver, loosen the captive screws that secure the Mezzanine card to the sled or PEM.
2. Lift the Mezzanine card out of the sled or PEM.

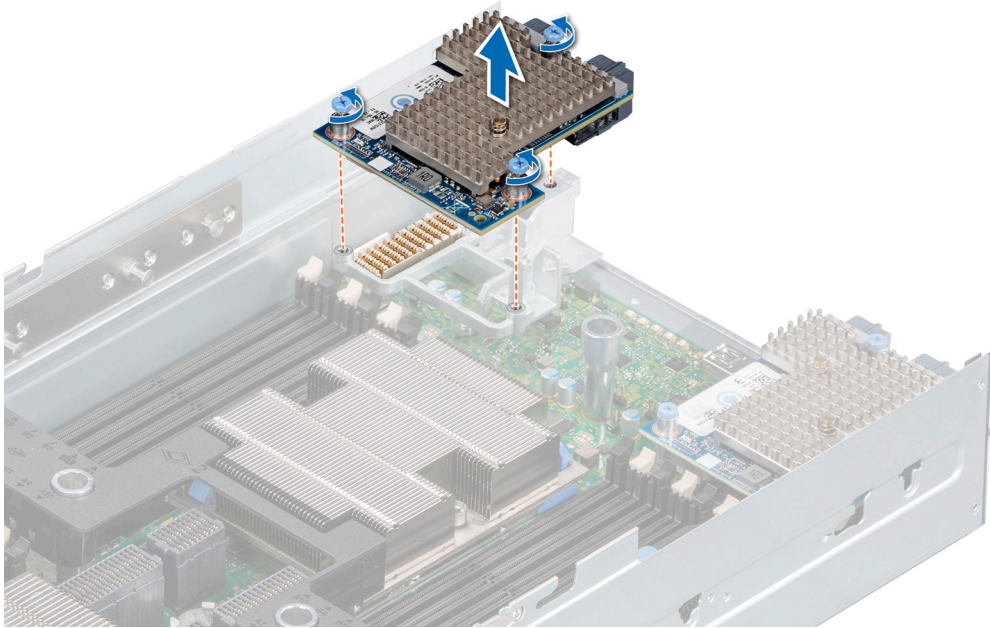


Figure 82. Removing the Mezzanine card from the system board

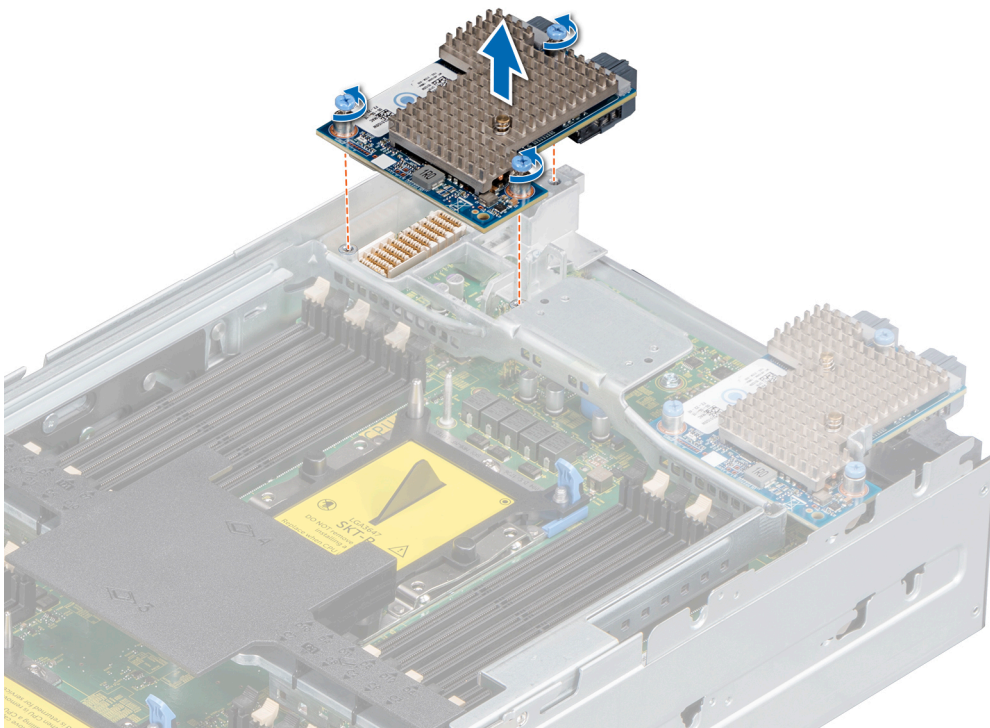


Figure 83. Removing the Mezzanine card from the PEM

Next steps

1. [Install the Mezzanine card.](#)

Installing the Mezzanine card

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.

Steps

1. Align the connector on the Mezzanine card with the connector on the system board.
2. Place the Mezzanine card on the connector, and press the blue push point until firmly seated.
3. Using the Phillips #2 screwdriver, tighten the captive screw on the Mezzanine card.

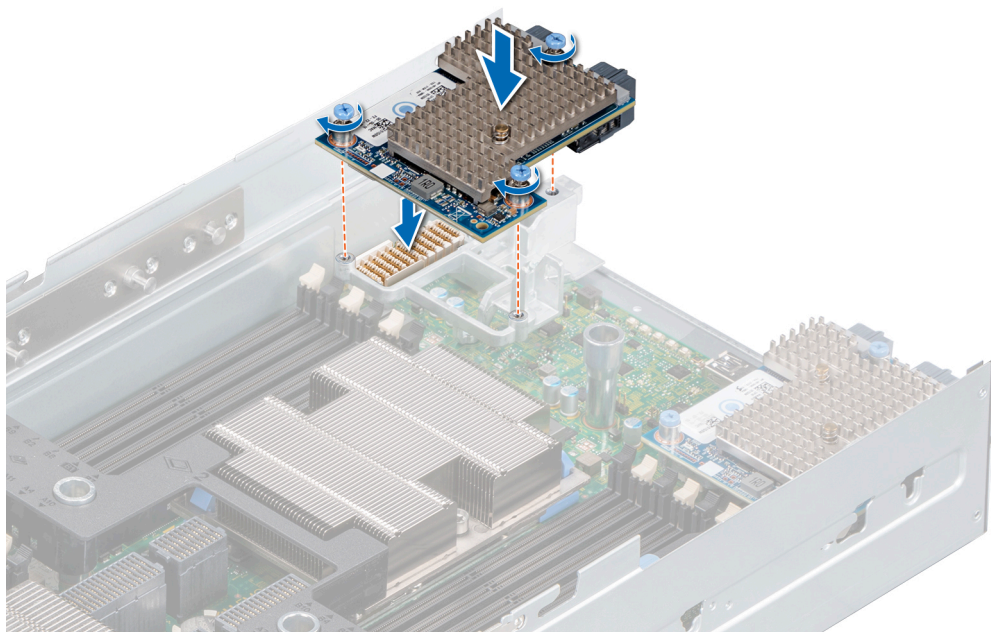


Figure 84. Installing the Mezzanine card on the system board

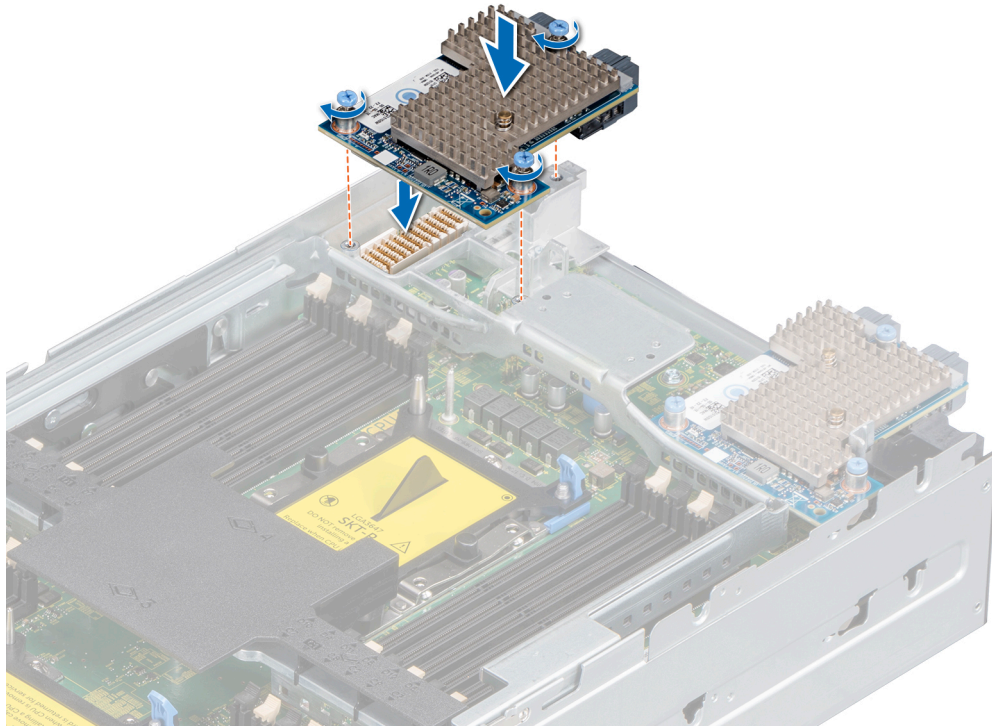


Figure 85. Installing the Mezzanine card on the PEM

Next steps

1. After installing the Mezzanine card on the system board, [install the PEM](#).
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [After working inside your sled](#) section.

Optional internal USB memory key

An optional USB memory key installed inside your sled can be used as a boot device, security key, or mass storage device. To boot from the USB memory key, configure the USB memory key with a boot image and then specify the USB memory key in the boot sequence in **System Setup**.

An optional USB memory key can be installed in the internal USB 3.0 port and can be used as a boot device, security key or mass storage device.

The internal USB port is on the system board.

NOTE: To locate the internal USB port on the system board, see the [System board jumpers and connectors](#) section.

Replacing the optional internal USB memory key

Prerequisites

CAUTION: To avoid interference with other components in the server module, the maximum permissible dimensions of the USB memory key are 15.9 mm wide x 57.15 mm long x 7.9 mm high.

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.
3. [Remove the PEM](#).

Steps

1. Locate the USB port or USB memory key on the system board.
To locate the USB port, see the [System board jumpers and connectors](#) section.

2. If installed, remove the USB memory key from the USB port.
3. Place the replacement USB memory key into the USB port.

Next steps

1. [Install the PEM.](#)
2. While booting, press F2 to enter **System Setup** and verify that the system detects the USB memory key.
3. Follow the procedure listed in the [After working inside your sled](#) section.

System battery

The system battery is used to power the real-time clock and storing the BIOS settings of the sled.

Replacing the system battery

Prerequisites

⚠ WARNING: There is a danger of a new battery exploding if it is incorrectly installed. Replace the battery only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer. For more information, see the safety information that shipped with your system.

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.
3. [Remove the PEM.](#)

Steps

1. Locate the battery socket. For more information, see the [System board jumpers and connectors](#) section.

⚠ CAUTION: To avoid damage to the battery connector, you must firmly support the connector while installing or removing a battery.

2. Use a plastic scribe to pry out the system battery.

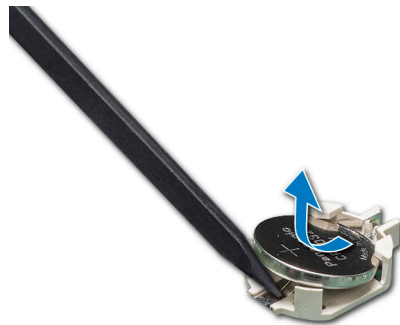


Figure 86. Removing the system battery

3. To install a new system battery, hold the battery with the positive side facing up and slide it under the securing tabs.
4. Press the battery into the connector until it snaps into place.

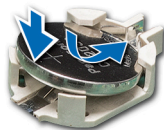


Figure 87. Installing the system battery

Next steps

1. [Install the PEM.](#)
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [After working inside your sled](#) section.

3. While booting, press F2 to enter the **System Setup** and ensure that the battery is operating properly.
4. Enter the correct time and date in the **System Setup Time** and **Date** fields.
5. Exit the **System Setup**.

System board

A system board (also known as the motherboard) is the main printed circuit board in the system with different connectors used to connect different components or peripherals of the system. A system board provides the electrical connections to the components in the system to communicate.

Removing the system board

Prerequisites

CAUTION: If you are using the Trusted Platform Module (TPM) with an encryption key, you may be prompted to create a recovery key during program or System Setup. Be sure to create and safely store this recovery key. If you replace this system board, you must supply the recovery key when you restart your sled or program before you can access the encrypted data on your drives.

CAUTION: If either the system board or iDRAC card fails, it is required to replace the system board and iDRAC card simultaneously.

NOTE: It is required to reactivate the licenses after the system board replacement.

CAUTION: You may find the CMOS battery loss or CMOS checksum error displayed during the first instance of powering on the system after the processor or system board replacement which is expected. To fix this, simply go to setup option to configure the system settings.

CAUTION: Do not attempt to remove the TPM plug-in module from the system board. Once the TPM plug-in module is installed, it is cryptographically bound to that specific system board. Any attempt to remove an installed TPM plug-in module breaks the cryptographic binding, and it cannot be re-installed or installed on another system board.

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.
3. Remove the following:

- a. Air shroud from the PEM
- b. PEM
- c. Air shroud from the system board
- d. Heat sink and processor module
- e. Processor blanks, if installed.

CAUTION: To prevent damage to the processor socket when replacing a faulty system board, ensure that you cover the processor socket with the processor dust cover.

- f. IDSDM module or M.2 BOSS module
- g. Internal USB memory key (if applicable)
- h. iDRAC card
- i. PERC cards
- j. Jumbo PERC card
- k. Mezzanine card

NOTE: It is required to remove the mezzanine card support brackets for removing the system board from the system.

- l. Mini Mezzanine cards
- m. Memory modules and memory module blanks
- n. Drives
- o. Backplane
- p. Control panel
- q. Drive cage

Steps

1. Disconnect all cables from the system board.

CAUTION: Do not lift the system board by holding a memory module, processor, or other components.

2. Using the Phillips #2 screwdriver, remove all the screws that secure the system board to the chassis.
3. Holding the edges, lift the system board out of the sled.

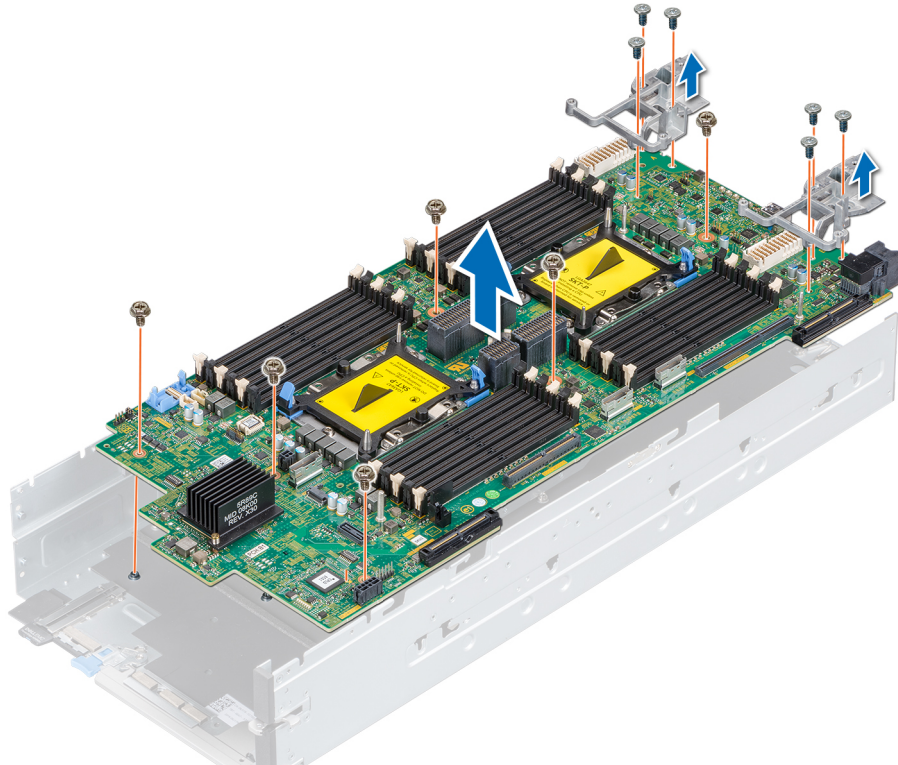


Figure 88. Removing the system board

Next steps

1. [Install the system board.](#)

Installing the system board

Prerequisites

1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.

CAUTION: If either the system board or iDRAC card fails, it is required to replace the system board and iDRAC card simultaneously.

NOTE: It is required to reactivate the licenses after the system board replacement.

Steps

1. Unpack the replacement system board assembly.

CAUTION: Do not lift the system board by holding a memory module, processor, or other components.

2. Holding the system board by the edges, place the system board into the sled.
3. Using the Phillips #2 screwdriver, secure the system board to the chassis with the screws.

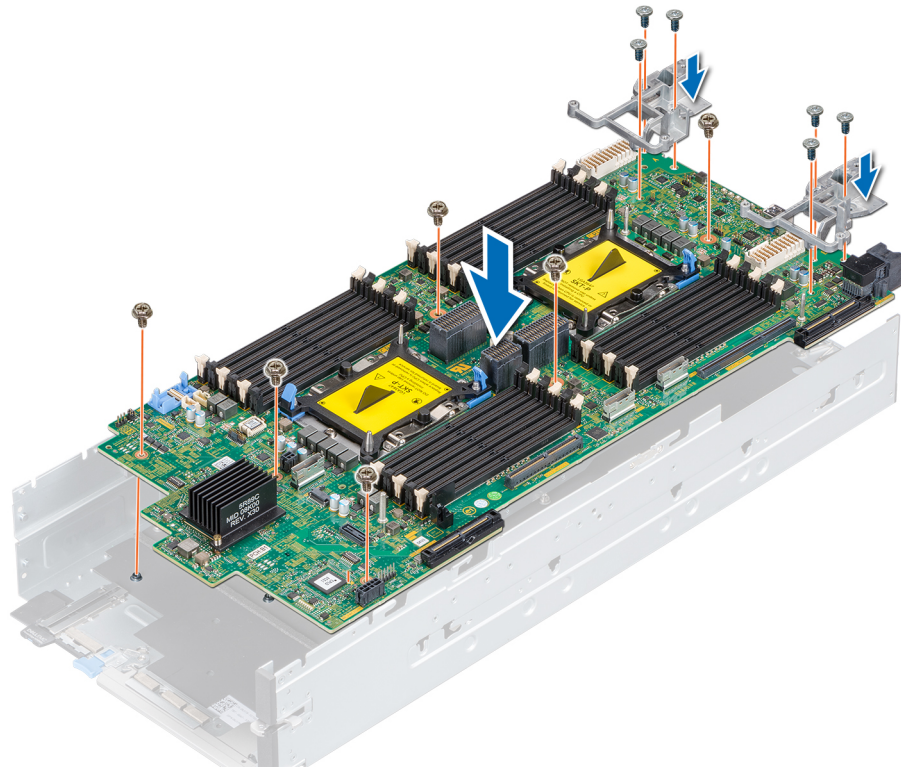


Figure 89. Installing the system board

Next steps

1. Replace the following:

a. TPM

i **NOTE: The TPM module needs to be replaced only while installing a new system board.**

b. IDSDM module or M.2 BOSS module

c. Internal USB memory key (if applicable)

d. iDRAC card

e. PERC cards

f. Jumbo PERC cards

g. Mezzanine cards

i **NOTE: Install the mezzanine card support brackets before installing the mezzanine cards.**

h. Mini Mezzanine card

i. Processors

j. Heat sink and processor modules

k. Memory modules and memory module blanks

l. Control panel

m. Drive cage

n. Backplane

o. Drives

p. Air shroud into the system board

q. PEM

2. Reconnect all cables to the system board.

i **NOTE: Ensure that the cables inside the sled are routed along the chassis wall and secured using the cable securing bracket.**

3. Follow the procedure listed in the [After working inside your sled](#) section.

4. Ensure that you:

a. Use the Easy Restore feature to restore the Service Tag. For more information, see the [Restoring the Service Tag by using the Easy Restore feature](#) section.

- b. If the Service Tag is not backed up in the backup flash device, enter the Service Tag manually. For more information, see the [Entering the system Service Tag](#) by using System Setup section.
 - c. Update the BIOS and iDRAC versions.
 - d. Re-enable the Trusted Platform Module (TPM). For more information, see the [Upgrading the Trusted Platform Module](#) section.
5. Import your new or existing iDRAC Enterprise license.

For more information, see Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller User's Guide, at www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals

Entering the system Service Tag by using System Setup

If Easy Restore fails to restore the Service Tag, use System Setup to enter the Service Tag.

Steps

1. Turn on the system.
2. Press F2 to enter System Setup.
3. Click **Service Tag Settings**.
4. Enter the Service Tag.



NOTE: You can enter the Service Tag only when the Service Tag field is empty. Ensure that you enter the correct Service Tag. After the Service Tag is entered, it cannot be updated or changed.

5. Click **OK**.
6. Import your new or existing iDRAC Enterprise license.

For more information, see the *Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller User's Guide* at www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals.

Restoring the Service Tag by using the Easy Restore feature

By using the Easy Restore feature, you can restore your Service Tag, license, UEFI configuration, and the system configuration data after replacing the system board. All data is automatically backed up in a backup flash device. If BIOS detects a new system board and the Service Tag in the backup flash device, BIOS prompts the user to restore the backup information.

Steps

1. Turn on the system.
If BIOS detects a new system board, and if the Service Tag is present in the backup flash device, BIOS displays the Service Tag, the status of the license, and the **UEFI Diagnostics** version.
2. Perform one of the following steps:
 - Press **Y** to restore the Service Tag, license, and diagnostics information.
 - Press **N** to navigate to the Dell Lifecycle Controller based restore options.
 - Press F10 to restore data from a previously created **Hardware Server Profile**.

After the restore process is complete, BIOS prompts to restore the system configuration data.

3. Perform one of the following steps:
 - Press **Y** to restore the system configuration data.
 - Press **N** to use the default configuration settings.

After the restore process is complete, the system restarts.

Trusted Platform Module

Trusted Platform Module (TPM) is a dedicated microprocessor designed to secure hardware by integrating cryptographic keys into devices. Software can use a TPM to authenticate hardware devices. Because each TPM chip has a unique and secret RSA key which is embedded during the manufacture of the TPM, it is capable of performing platform authentication operation.

This section contains information about installing the TPM, and initializing the TPM for BitLocker users and Intel TXT users.

Upgrading the Trusted Platform Module


Prerequisites


1. Follow the safety guidelines listed in the [Safety instructions](#) section.
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [Before working inside your sled](#) section.
3. [Remove the PEM](#).

NOTE:

- Ensure that your operating system supports the version of the TPM module being installed.
- Ensure that you download and install the latest BIOS firmware on your system.
- Ensure that the BIOS is configured to enable UEFI boot mode.

About this task

 **CAUTION:** If you are using the Trusted Platform Module (TPM) with an encryption key, you may be prompted to create a recovery key during program or System Setup. Work with the customer to create and safely store this recovery key. When replacing this system board, you must supply the recovery key when you restart your system or program before you can access the encrypted data on your hard drives.

 **CAUTION:** Once the TPM plug-in module is installed, it is cryptographically bound to that specific system board. Any attempt to remove an installed TPM plug-in module breaks the cryptographic binding, the removed TPM cannot be reinstalled or installed on another system board.

Removing the TPM

Steps

1. Locate the TPM connector on the system board.
To locate the TPM connector, see the [System board jumpers and connectors](#) section.
2. Press to hold the module down and remove the screw using the security Torx 8-bit shipped with the TPM module.
3. Slide the TPM module out from its connector.
4. Push the plastic rivet away from the TPM connector and rotate it 90° counterclockwise to release it from the system board.
5. Pull the plastic rivet out of its slot on the system board.

Installing the TPM

Steps

1. To install the TPM, align the edge connectors on the TPM with the slot on the TPM connector.
2. Insert the TPM into the TPM connector such that the plastic rivet aligns with the slot on the system board.
3. Press the plastic rivet until the rivet snaps into place.

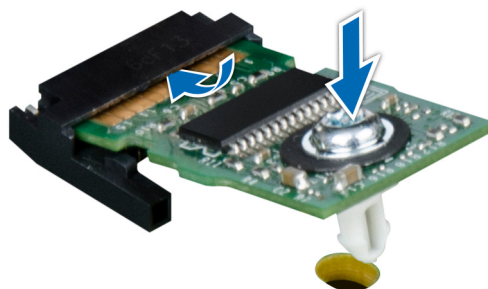


Figure 90. Installing the TPM

Next steps

1. [Install the PEM.](#)
2. Follow the procedure listed in the [After working inside your sled](#) section.

Initializing TPM for BitLocker users

Steps

Initialize the TPM.

For more information, see <https://technet.microsoft.com/library/cc753140.aspx>.

The **TPM Status** changes to **Enabled, Activated**.

Initializing the TPM 1.2 for TXT users

Steps

1. While booting your system, press F2 to enter System Setup.
2. On the **System Setup Main Menu** screen, click **System BIOS > System Security Settings**.
3. From the **TPM Security** option, select **On with Pre-boot Measurements**.
4. From the **TPM Command** option, select **Activate**.
5. Save the settings.
6. Restart your system.
7. Enter **System Setup** again.
8. On the **System Setup Main Menu** screen, click **System BIOS > System Security Settings**.
9. From the **Intel TXT** option, select **On**.

Initializing the TPM 2.0 for TXT users

Steps

1. While booting your system, press F2 to enter System Setup.
2. On the **System Setup Main Menu** screen, click **System BIOS > System Security Settings**.
3. From the **TPM Security** option, select **On**.
4. Save the settings.
5. Restart your system.
6. Enter **System Setup** again.
7. On the **System Setup Main Menu** screen, click **System BIOS > System Security Settings**.
8. Select the **TPM Advanced Settings** option.
9. From the **TPM2 Algorithm Selection** option, select **SHA256**, then go back to **System Security Settings** screen.
10. On the **System Security Settings** screen, from the **Intel TXT** option, select **On**.
11. Save the settings.
12. Restart your system.

Jumpers and connectors

This topic provides specific information about the jumpers. It also provides some basic information about jumpers and switches and describes the connectors on the various boards in the system. Jumpers on the system board help to disable the system and setup passwords. You must know the connectors on the system board to install components and cables correctly.

Topics:

- [System board jumpers and connectors](#)
- [System board jumper settings](#)
- [Disabling forgotten password](#)

System board jumpers and connectors

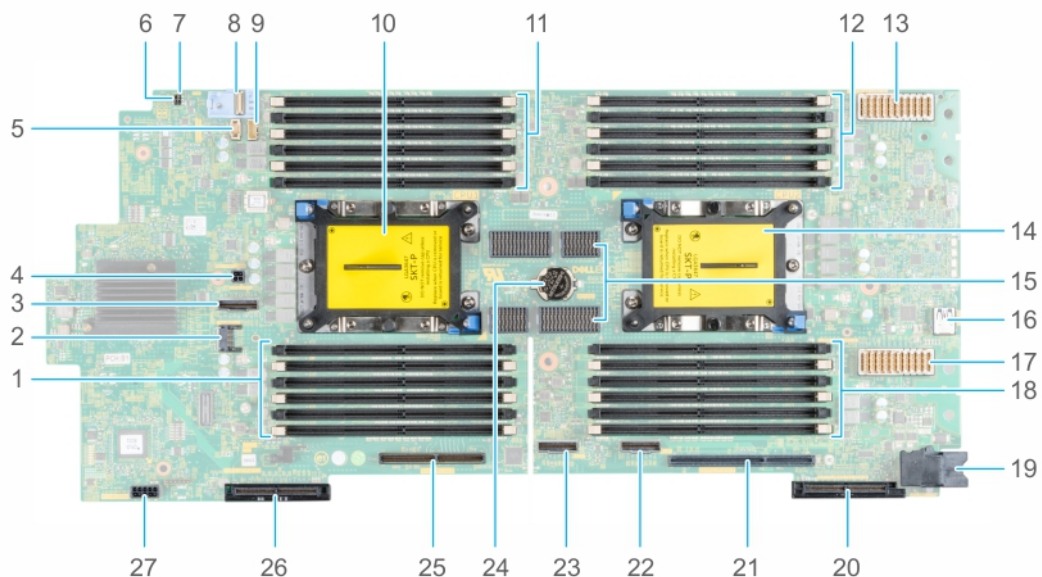


Figure 91. System board jumpers and connectors

Table 14. System board jumpers and connectors

Item	Connector	Description
1.	A7, A1, A8, A2, A9, A3	Memory module sockets
2.	TPM_MODULE	TPM module connector
3.	SATA_CONN	SATA connector
4.	BBU_PWR_CONN	BBU power connector
5.	BACKPLANE_SIGNAL	Backplane signal connector
6.	PWRD_EN	System configuration jumper (enabling or disabling the password settings)
7.	NVRAM_CLR	System configuration jumper (retaining/clearing configuration settings)
8.	FIO	Control panel (FIO) connector

Item	Connector	Description
9.	BBU_SIGNAL	Battery Backup Unit (BBU) signal connector
10.	CPU1	Processor 1
11.	A6, A12, A5, A11, A4, A10	Memory module sockets
12.	B3, B9, B2, B8, B1, B7	Memory module sockets
13.	J_MEZZ_A1 (CPU1)	Mezzanine card (Fabric A1 card) connector
14.	CPU2	Processor 2
15.	UPI	UPI connector
16.	INTERNAL USB	Internal USB 3.0
17.	J_MEZZ_B1 (CPU2)	Mezzanine card (Fabric B1 card) connector
18.	B10, B4, B11, B5, B12, B6	Memory module sockets
19.	SYS_PWR_CONN	System power connector
20.	J_MINI_MEZZ_C1 (CPU2)	Mini Mezzanine card (Fabric C1 card) connector
21.	IDRAC_MODULE	iDRAC card connector
22.	AUX 1	AUX 1 cable connector
23.	AUX 2	AUX 2 cable connector
24.	BATTERY	System battery
25.	BOSS_MODULE/IDSMD	BOSS module/IDSMD connector
26.	PERC (CPU1)	PERC card connector
27.	BP_PWR_CONN	Backplane power connector

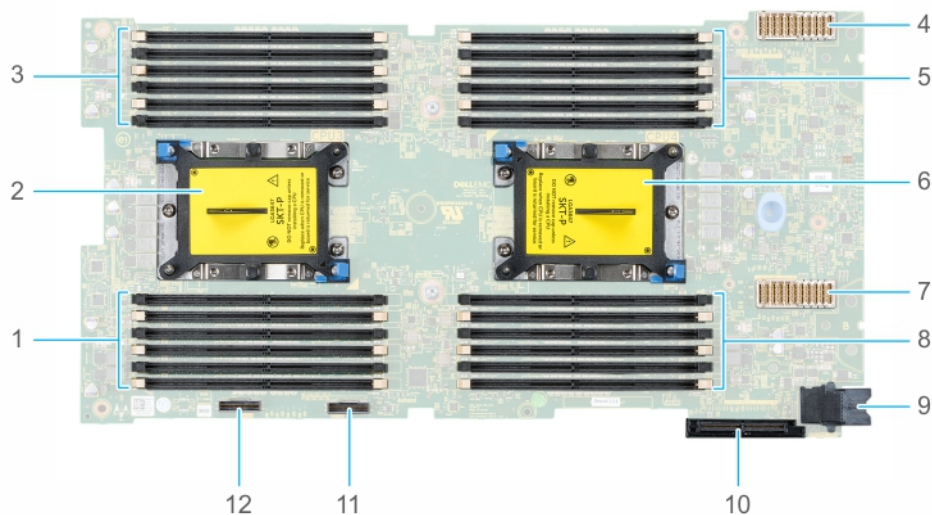


Figure 92. PEM board jumpers and connectors

Table 15. PEM board jumpers and connectors





Item	Connector	Description
1.	C7, C1, C8, C2, C9, C3	Memory module sockets
2.	CPU3	Processor 3
3.	C6, C12, C5, C11, C4, C10	Memory module sockets

Item	Connector	Description
4.	J_MEZZ_A2 (CPU3)	Mezzanine card (Fabric A2 card) connector
5.	D3, D9, D2, D8, D1, D7	Memory module sockets
6.	CPU4	Processor 4
7.	J_MEZZ_B2 (CPU4)	Mezzanine card (Fabric B2 card) connector
8.	D10, D4, D11, D5, D12, D6	Memory module sockets
9.	SYS_PWR_CONN	System power connector
10.	J_MINI_MEZZ_C2 (CPU4)	Mini Mezzanine card (Fabric C2 card) connector
11.	AUX4	AUX 4 connector
12.	AUX3	AUX 3 connector

System board jumper settings

For information on resetting the password jumper to disable a password, see the [Disabling a forgotten password](#) section.

Table 16. System board jumper settings

Jumper	Setting	Description
PWRD_EN	 (default)	The BIOS password feature is enabled.
		The BIOS password feature is disabled. iDRAC local access is unlocked at next AC power cycle. iDRAC password reset is enabled in F2 iDRAC settings menu.
NVRAM_CLR	 (default)	The BIOS configuration settings are retained at system boot.
		The BIOS configuration settings are cleared at system boot.

Disabling forgotten password

The software security features of the sled include a system password and a setup password. The password jumper enables or disables password features and clears any password(s) currently in use.

Prerequisites

CAUTION: Many repairs may only be done by a certified service technician. You should only perform troubleshooting and simple repairs as authorized in your product documentation, or as directed by the online or telephone service and support team. Damage due to servicing that is not authorized by Dell is not covered by your warranty. Read and follow the safety instructions that are shipped with your product.

Steps

1. Remove the sled from the enclosure.
2. Remove the sled cover.
3. Remove the PEM.
4. Remove the drive cage.
5. Move the jumper on the system board jumper from pins 2 and 4 to pins 4 and 6.
6. Install the drive cage.
7. Install the PEM.
8. Install the sled cover.

The existing passwords are not disabled (erased) until the system boots with the jumper on pins 4 and 6. However, before you assign a new system and/or setup password, you must move the jumper back to pins 2 and 4.

i **NOTE:** If you assign a new system and/or setup password with the jumper on pins 4 and 6, the system disables the new password(s) the next time it boots.

9. Install the sled into the enclosure.
10. Remove the sled from the enclosure.
11. Remove the sled cover.
12. Remove the PEM.
13. Remove the drive cage.
14. Move the jumper on the system board jumper from pins 4 and 6 to pins 2 and 4.
15. Install the drive cage.
16. Install the PEM.
17. Install the sled cover.
18. Install the sled into the enclosure.
19. Assign a new system and/or setup password.

Technical specifications

The technical and environmental specifications of your sled are outlined in this section.

Topics:

- Sled dimensions
- Chassis weight
- Processor specifications
- Supported operating systems
- System battery specifications
- Memory specifications
- Drives
- Ports and connectors specifications
- Environmental specifications

Sled dimensions

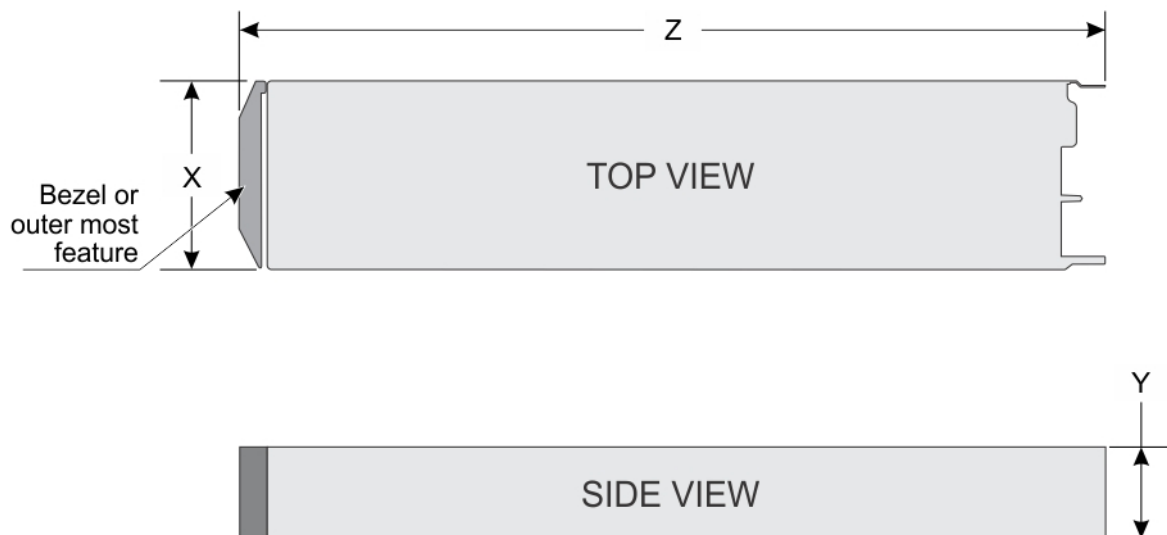


Figure 93. Dimensions of the PowerEdge MX840c sled

Table 17. Dimensions of the PowerEdge MX840c sled

X	Y	Z (handle closed)
250.2 mm (9.85 inches)	85.5 mm (3.37 inches)	618 mm (24.33 inches)

Chassis weight

Table 18. Chassis weight

Sled	Maximum weight (with all drives/SSDs)
8 x 2.5 inch	17 kg (37.47 lb)
6 x 2.5 inch	16.8 kg (37.04 lb)

Processor specifications

The PowerEdge MX840c sled supports up to four Intel Xeon Scalable Processors.

Intel Quick Assist Technology

The Intel® Quick Assist Technology (QAT) on the Dell EMC PowerEdge MX840c is supported with chipset integration and is enabled through an optional license. The license files are enabled on the sleds through iDRAC.

For more information about iDRAC, see the *Dell Integrated Remote Access Controller User's Guide* at www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals

For more information about drivers, documentation, and white papers on the Intel® QAT, see <https://01.org/intel-quickassist-technology>

Supported operating systems

The PowerEdge MX840c supports the following operating systems:

Red Hat® Enterprise Linux

SUSE® Linux Enterprise Server

Canonical® Ubuntu® LTS

Microsoft Windows Server® with Hyper-V

Virtualization options:

VMware® ESXi

Citrix® XenServer®

NOTE: For more information about the specific versions and additions, go to <https://www.dell.com/support/home/Drivers/SupportedOS/poweredge-mx840c>.

System battery specifications

The PowerEdge MX840c sled supports CR 2032 3.0-V lithium coin cell system battery.

Memory specifications

The Dell EMC PowerEdge MX840c system supports the following memory specifications for optimized operation.

Table 19. Memory specifications

DDR 4			Dual processor		Quad Processor	
DIMM type	DIMM rank	DIMM capacity	Minimum RAM	Maximum RAM	Minimum RAM	Maximum RAM
RDIMM	Single rank	8 GB	16 GB	192 GB	32 GB	384 GB
		16 GB	32 GB	384 GB	64 GB	768 GB
	Dual rank	32 GB	64 GB	768 GB	128 GB	1536 GB
		64 GB	128 GB	1536 GB	256 GB	3 TB
LRDIMM	Quad rank	64 GB	128 GB	1536 GB	256 GB	3 TB
	Octa rank	128 GB	256 GB	3 TB	512 GB	6 TB
NVDIMM-N	Single rank	16 GB	RDIMM: 192 GB	RDIMM: 384 GB	RDIMM: 384 GB	RDIMM: 1152 GB
			NVDIMM-N: 16 GB	NVDIMM-N: 192 GB	NVDIMM-N: 16 GB	NVDIMM-N: 192 GB

Table 20. Memory module sockets

Memory module sockets	Speed
Sixteen 288-pin	2933 MT/s, 2666 MT/s

NOTE: 8 GB RDIMMs and NVDIMM-N must not be mixed.

NOTE: 64 GB LRDIMMs and 128 GB LRDIMMs must not be mixed.

NOTE: Minimum of two processors are required for any configurations that support NVDIMM-N.

Drives

Table 21. Supported drive options for the PowerEdge MX840c sled

Drives	Specifications
Eight drives	Up to eight 2.5 inch (SAS, SATA, Nearline SAS, or NVMe) front accessible drives in slots 0 to 7.
Dual processor sled	NVMe drives are supported in the slots 4 to 7. NOTE: NVMe is not supported in the slots 0 to 3.
Quad processor sled	NVMe drives are supported in the slots 0 to 7.
Six drives	Up to six 2.5 inch (SAS, SATA, Nearline SAS, or NVMe) front accessible drives in slots 0 to 5.
Dual processor sled	NVMe drives are supported in the slots 2 to 5. NOTE: NVMe is not supported in the slots 0 to 1.
Quad processor sled	NVMe drives are supported in the slots 0 to 5.

Ports and connectors specifications

USB ports

The PowerEdge MX840c sled supports:

- One USB 3.0-compliant port on the front of the sled
- One USB 3.0-compliant port internal port
- One USB 2.0-compliant management port to iDRAC on the front of the sled
- One port for IDSDM (USB 3.0 + USB 2.0 for Cypress solution)

Internal Dual SD Module

The PowerEdge MX840c sled supports optional Internal Dual SD module (IDSDM). The IDSDM module is placed in the front of the sled, in a Dell-proprietary slot. The IDSDM module supports two MicroSD cards. The MicroSD cards capacity for IDSDM are 16, 32, 64 GB.

The IDSDM module is available with single MicroSD card in either slot or in redundant mode with two MicroSD cards installed.

NOTE: The dip switch is on the IDSDM module for write-protection.

NOTE: One IDSDM card slot is dedicated for redundancy.

NOTE: It is recommended to use Dell branded MicroSD cards associated with the IDSDM configured systems.

PERC controller cards

The PowerEdge MX840c sled supports PERC9/10 solutions. The PERC provides a base RAID hardware controller without a PCIe slot by using small form factor and high density connector to the system board.

Table 22. Supported PERC controllers

Performance Level	Controller and Description
Entry	S140 (SATA, NVMe) SW RAID SATA
Value	HBA330 (non-RAID) Fury IOC Memory: None x8 12 Gb SAS x8 PCIe 3.0/2.0
Value Performance	H730P (Internal) Invader ROC Memory: 2 GB, NV 72-bit, 866MHz x8 12 Gb SAS x8 PCIe 3.0/2.0 H745P (Internal) Memory: 8 GB x8 12 Gb SAS x8 PCIe 3.0/2.0

Mezzanine cards

The PowerEdge MX840c sled supports:

Table 23. Supported mezzanine cards

Type	Connection
Two x16 PCIe Gen3 for mini mezzanine cards	Connected to processor 2 and processor 4
Four x16 PCIe Gen3 for mezzanine cards	Mezzanine A is connected to processor 1 and processor 3 Mezzanine B is connected to processor 2 and processor 4

Environmental specifications

NOTE: For additional information about environmental certifications, please refer to the Product Environmental Datasheet located with the Manuals & Documents on support.dell.com.

Table 24. Temperature specifications

Temperature	Specifications
Storage	-40°C to 65°C (-40°F to 149°F)
Continuous operation (for altitude less than 950 m or 3117 ft)	10°C to 35°C (50°F to 95°F) with no direct sunlight on the equipment.
Fresh air	For information about fresh air, see the Expanded Operating Temperature section.
Maximum temperature gradient (operating and storage)	20°C/h (68°F/h)

Table 25. Relative humidity specifications

Relative humidity	Specifications
Storage	5% to 95% RH with 33°C (91°F) maximum dew point. Atmosphere must be non-condensing at all times.
Operating	10% to 80% relative humidity with 29°C (84.2°F) maximum dew point.

Table 26. Maximum vibration specifications

Maximum vibration	Specifications
Operating	0.26 G _{rms} at 5 Hz to 350 Hz (all operation orientations).
Storage	1.88 G _{rms} at 10 Hz to 500 Hz for 15 min (all six sides tested).

Table 27. Maximum shock specifications

Maximum shock	Specifications
Operating	Six consecutively executed shock pulses in the positive and negative x, y, and z axes of 6 G for up to 11 ms.
Storage	Six consecutively executed shock pulses in the positive and negative x, y, and z axes (one pulse on each side of the system) of 71 G for up to 2 ms.

Table 28. Maximum altitude specifications

Maximum altitude	Specifications
Operating	30482000 m (10,0006560 ft)
Storage	12,000 m (39,370 ft)

Table 29. Operating temperature derating specifications

Operating temperature derating	Specifications
Up to 35°C (95°F)	Maximum temperature is reduced by 1°C/300 m (1°F/547 ft) above 950 m (3,117 ft).
35°C to 40°C (95°F to 104°F)	Maximum temperature is reduced by 1°C/175 m (1°F/319 ft) above 950 m (3,117 ft).
40°C to 45°C (104°F to 113°F)	Maximum temperature is reduced by 1°C/125 m (1°F/228 ft) above 950 m (3,117 ft).

Particulate and gaseous contamination specifications

The following table defines the limitations that help avoid any equipment damage or failure from particulates and gaseous contamination. If the levels of particulates or gaseous pollution exceed the specified limitations and result in equipment damage or failure, you may need to rectify the environmental conditions. Re-mediation of environmental conditions is the responsibility of the customer.

Table 30. Particulate contamination specifications

Particulate contamination	Specifications
Air filtration	Data center air filtration as defined by ISO Class 8 per ISO 14644-1 with a 95% upper confidence limit. <i>i</i> NOTE: This condition applies to data center environments only. Air filtration requirements do not apply to IT equipment designed to be used outside a data center, in environments such as an office or factory floor. <i>i</i> NOTE: Air entering the data center must have MERV11 or MERV13 filtration.
Conductive dust	Air must be free of conductive dust, zinc whiskers, or other conductive particles. <i>i</i> NOTE: This condition applies to data center and non-data center environments.

Particulate contamination	Specifications
Corrosive dust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Air must be free of corrosive dust. · Residual dust present in the air must have a deliquescent point less than 60% relative humidity. <p>NOTE: This condition applies to data center and non-data center environments.</p>

Table 31. Gaseous contamination specifications

Gaseous contamination	Specifications
Copper coupon corrosion rate	<300 Å/month per Class G1 as defined by ANSI/ISA71.04-1985.
Silver coupon corrosion rate	<200 Å/month as defined by AHSRAE TC9.9.

NOTE: Maximum corrosive contaminant levels measured at ≤50% relative humidity.

Standard operating temperature

Table 32. Standard operating temperature specifications

Standard operating temperature	Specifications
Continuous operation (for altitude less than 950 m or 3117 ft)	10°C to 35°C (50°F to 95°F) with no direct sunlight on the equipment.
Humidity percentage range	10% to 80% relative humidity with 29°C (84.2°F) maximum dew point.

Expanded operating temperature

Table 33. Expanded operating temperature specifications

Expanded operating temperature	Specifications
Continuous operation	<p>5°C to 40°C at 5% to 85% RH with 29°C dew point.</p> <p>NOTE: Outside the standard operating temperature (10°C to 40°C), the system can operate continuously in temperatures as low as 5°C and as high as 40°C.</p> <p>For temperatures between 35°C and 40°C, de-rate maximum allowable temperature by 1°C per 175 m above 950 m (1°F per 319 ft).</p>
≤ 1% of annual operating hours	<p>–5°C to 45°C at 5% to 90% RH with 29°C dew point.</p> <p>NOTE: Outside the standard operating temperature (10°C to 40°C), the system can operate down to –5°C or up to 45°C for a maximum of 1% of its annual operating hours.</p> <p>For temperatures between 40°C and 45°C, de-rate maximum allowable temperature by 1°C per 125 m above 950 m (1°F per 228 ft).</p>

NOTE: When operating in the expanded temperature range, system performance may be impacted.

NOTE: When operating in the expanded temperature range, ambient temperature warnings may be reported on the bezel's LCD panel and in the System Event Log.

Expanded operating temperature restrictions

- Do not perform a cold startup below 5°C.
- The operating temperature specified is for a maximum altitude of 3050 m (10,000 ft).
- Low core count processors [Gold 6240Y, 6146, 6144] and higher wattage processors [Thermal Design Power (TDP) ≥ 165W] are not supported.
- Non-Dell qualified peripheral cards and/or peripheral cards greater than 30 W are not supported.
- PCIe SSD is not supported.

- NVDIMM is not supported.

Thermal

PowerEdge servers have an extensive collection of sensors that automatically track thermal activity, which helps regulate temperature thereby reducing server noise and power consumption. The sensors in the MX840c interact with the chassis management services module which regulates fan speed. All fans which cool the MX840c are contained in the MX7000 chassis.

Thermal management of PowerEdge MX840c delivers high performance for the right amount of cooling to components at the lowest fan speeds across a wide range of ambient temperatures from 10°C to 35°C (50°F to 95°F) and to extended ambient temperature ranges (see Environmental Specifications). The benefits to you are lower fan power consumption (lower server system power and data center power consumption) and greater acoustical versatility.

Table 34. Thermal restrictions matrix

Ambient support	25°C	30°C	35°C	40°C-45°C Expanded operating temperature
Processor	No restriction	No restriction	No restriction	No support for 165 W processors and above. No support for Gold 6144(150W8c) 6146(165W12c) 6240Y(150W8c)
DIMM	No restriction	No restriction	No restriction	No support for NVDIMM
Drive	No restriction	No restriction	No restriction	No support for NVMe drive
Card	No restriction	No restriction	No restriction	No support for card power above 30 W

System diagnostics and indicator codes

The diagnostic indicators on the system front panel display system status during system startup.

Topics:

- [System ID and status LED indicator codes](#)
- [Power button LED](#)
- [Drive indicator codes](#)
- [Using system diagnostics](#)

System ID and status LED indicator codes

The system ID indicator is located on the control panel of your sled.



Figure 94. System ID and status LED indicators

Table 35. System ID and status LED indicator codes

System ID indicator code	Condition
Off	Indicates system is in the off state.
Blinking amber or steady amber	Indicates system fault or error condition.
Steady blue	Indicates normal operating state.
Blinking blue	Indicates system ID engaged. Blink rate is 1 Hz.

Power button LED

The power button LED is located on the front panel of your sled.



Figure 95. Power button LED

Table 36. Power button LED

Power button LED indicator code	Condition
Off	Sled is not operating, regardless of power supply available.
On	Sled is operating, one or more of the non-standby power supplies are active.
Slowly blinking	Sled is performing powering on sequence and iDRAC is still booting.

Drive indicator codes

Each drive carrier has an activity LED indicator and a status LED indicator. The indicators provide information about the current status of the drive. The activity LED indicator indicates whether the drive is currently in use or not. The status LED indicator indicates the power condition of the drive.



Figure 96. Drive indicators

1. Drive activity LED indicator
2. Drive status LED indicator
3. Drive capacity

NOTE: If the drive is in the Advanced Host Controller Interface (AHCI) mode, the status LED indicator does not turn on.

Table 37. Drive indicator codes

Drive status indicator code	Condition
Flashes green twice per second	Identifying drive or preparing for removal.
Off	Drive ready for removal. NOTE: The drive status indicator remains off until all drives are initialized after the system is turned on. Drives are not ready for removal during this time.
Flashes green, amber, and then turns off	Predicted drive failure.
Flashes amber four times per second	Drive failed.
Flashes green slowly	Drive rebuilding.
Solid green	Drive online.
Flashes green for three seconds, amber for three seconds, and then turns off after six seconds	Rebuild stopped.

Using system diagnostics

If you experience a problem with your system, run the system diagnostics before contacting Dell for technical assistance. The purpose of running system diagnostics is to test your system hardware without using additional equipment or risking data loss. If you are unable to fix the problem yourself, service and support personnel can use the diagnostics results to help you solve the problem.

Dell Embedded System Diagnostics

 **NOTE:** The Dell Embedded System Diagnostics is also known as Enhanced Pre-boot System Assessment (ePSA) diagnostics.

The Embedded System Diagnostics provides a set of options for particular device groups or devices allowing you to:

- Run tests automatically or in an interactive mode
- Repeat tests
- Display or save test results
- Run thorough tests to introduce additional test options to provide extra information about the failed device(s)
- View status messages that inform you if tests are completed successfully
- View error messages that inform you of problems encountered during testing

Running the Embedded System Diagnostics from Boot Manager

Run the Embedded System Diagnostics (ePSA) if your system does not boot.

Steps

1. When the system is booting, press F11.
2. Use the up arrow and down arrow keys to select **System Utilities > Launch Diagnostics**.
3. Alternatively, when the system is booting, press F10, select **Hardware Diagnostics > Run Hardware Diagnostics**.
The **ePSA Pre-boot System Assessment** window is displayed, listing all devices detected in the system. The diagnostics starts executing the tests on all the detected devices.

Results

Running the Embedded System Diagnostics from the Dell Lifecycle Controller

Steps

1. As the system boots, press F10.
2. Select **Hardware Diagnostics → Run Hardware Diagnostics**.
The **ePSA Pre-boot System Assessment** window is displayed, listing all devices detected in the system. The diagnostics starts executing the tests on all the detected devices.

System diagnostic controls

Menu	Description
Configuration	Displays the configuration and status information of all detected devices.
Results	Displays the results of all tests that are run.
System health	Provides the current overview of the system performance.
Event log	Displays a time-stamped log of the results of all tests run on the system. This is displayed if at least one event description is recorded.

Getting help

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Contacting Dell

Dell provides several online and telephone based support and service options. If you do not have an active internet connection, you can find contact information about your purchase invoice, packing slip, bill, or Dell product catalog. Availability varies by country and product, and some services may not be available in your area. To contact Dell for sales, technical assistance, or customer service issues:

Steps

1. Go to www.dell.com/support/home
2. Select your country from the drop-down menu on the lower right corner of the page.
3. For customized support:
 - a) Enter your system Service Tag in the **Enter your Service Tag** field.
 - b) Click **Submit**.
The support page that lists the various support categories is displayed.
4. For general support:
 - a) Select your product category.
 - b) Select your product segment.
 - c) Select your product.
The support page that lists the various support categories is displayed.
5. For contact details of Dell Global Technical Support:
 - a) Click [Global Technical Support](#)
 - b) The **Contact Technical Support** page is displayed with details to call, chat, or e-mail the Dell Global Technical Support team.

Documentation feedback

You can rate the documentation or write your feedback on any of our Dell EMC documentation pages and click **Send Feedback** to send your feedback.

Receiving automated support with SupportAssist

Dell EMC SupportAssist is an optional Dell EMC Services offering that automates technical support for your Dell EMC server, storage, and networking devices. By installing and setting up a SupportAssist application in your IT environment, you can receive the following benefits:

- **Automated issue detection** — SupportAssist monitors your Dell EMC devices and automatically detects hardware issues, both proactively and predictively.
- **Automated case creation** — When an issue is detected, SupportAssist automatically opens a support case with Dell EMC Technical Support.
- **Automated diagnostic collection** — SupportAssist automatically collects system state information from your devices and uploads it securely to Dell EMC. This information is used by Dell EMC Technical Support to troubleshoot the issue.
- **Proactive contact** — A Dell EMC Technical Support agent contacts you about the support case and helps you resolve the issue.

The available benefits vary depending on the Dell EMC Service entitlement purchased for your device. For more information about SupportAssist, go to www.dell.com/supportassist.

Accessing system information by using QRL

You can use the Quick Resource Locator (QRL) to get immediate access to the information about your system. The QRL is located on the top of the system cover and provides access to generic information about your system. If you want to access information specific to the system service tag, such as configuration and warranty, you can access QR code located on the system Information tag.

Prerequisites

Ensure that your smart phone or tablet has the QR code scanner installed.

The QRL includes the following information about your system:

- How-to videos
- Reference materials, including the Owner's Manual, LCD diagnostics, and mechanical overview
- A direct link to Dell to contact technical assistance and sales teams

Steps

1. Go to www.dell.com/qrl and navigate to your specific product or
2. Use your smart phone or tablet to scan the model-specific Quick Resource (QR) code on your PowerEdge system or in the Quick Resource Locator section.

Quick Resource Locator for the PowerEdge MX840c sled



Figure 97. Quick Resource Locator for the PowerEdge MX840c

Recycling or End-of-Life service information

Take back and recycling services are offered for this product in certain countries. If you want to dispose of system components, visit www.dell.com/recyclingworldwide and select the relevant country.

Documentation resources

This section provides information about the documentation resources for your system.

To view the document that is listed in the documentation resources table:

- From the Dell EMC support site:
 1. Click the documentation link that is provided in the Location column in the table.
 2. Click the required product or product version.
 3. On the Product Support page, click **Manuals & documents**.
- Using search engines:
 - Type the name and version of the document in the search box.

NOTE: To locate the product name and model, see the front of your system.

Table 38. Additional documentation resources for your system

Task	Document	Location
Setting up your system	<p>For more information about installing and securing the system into a rack, see the Rail Installation Guide included with your rack solution.</p> <p>For information about setting up your system, see the <i>Getting Started Guide</i> document that is shipped with your system.</p>	www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals
Configuring your system	<p>For information about the iDRAC features, configuring and logging in to iDRAC, and managing your system remotely, see the Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller User's Guide.</p> <p>For information about understanding Remote Access Controller Admin (RACADM) subcommands and supported RACADM interfaces, see the RACADM CLI Guide for iDRAC.</p> <p>For information about Redfish and its protocol, supported schema, and Redfish Eventing implemented in iDRAC, see the Redfish API Guide.</p> <p>For information about iDRAC property database group and object descriptions, see the Attribute Registry Guide.</p> <p>For information about Intel QuickAssist Technology, see the Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller User's Guide.</p>	www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals
	<p>For information about earlier versions of the iDRAC documents.</p> <p>To identify the version of iDRAC available on your system, on the iDRAC web interface, click ? > About.</p>	www.dell.com/idracmanuals
	For information about installing the operating system, see the operating system documentation.	www.dell.com/operatingsystemmanuals
	For information about updating drivers and firmware, see the Methods to download firmware and drivers section in this document.	www.dell.com/support/drivers

Task	Document	Location
Managing your system	For information about systems management software offered by Dell, see the Dell OpenManage Systems Management Overview Guide.	www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals
	For information about setting up, using, and troubleshooting OpenManage, see the Dell OpenManage Server Administrator User's Guide.	www.dell.com/openmanagemanuals > OpenManage Server Administrator
	For information about installing, using, and troubleshooting Dell OpenManage Essentials, see the Dell OpenManage Essentials User's Guide.	www.dell.com/openmanagemanuals > OpenManage Essentials
	For information about installing and using Dell SupportAssist, see the Dell EMC SupportAssist Enterprise User's Guide.	www.dell.com/serviceabilitytools
	For information about partner programs enterprise systems management, see the OpenManage Connections Enterprise Systems Management documents.	www.dell.com/openmanagemanuals
Working with the Dell PowerEdge RAID controllers	For information about understanding the features of the Dell PowerEdge RAID controllers (PERC), Software RAID controllers, or BOSS card and deploying the cards, see the Storage controller documentation.	www.dell.com/storagecontrollermanuals
Understanding event and error messages	For information about the event and error messages generated by the system firmware and agents that monitor system components, see the Error Code Lookup.	www.dell.com/qrl
Troubleshooting your system	For information about identifying and troubleshooting the PowerEdge server issues, see the Server Troubleshooting Guide.	www.dell.com/poweredgemanuals