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Preface

This manual consists of two parts:

The *Sun Fire X4500 Server Administration Guide* describes how to perform various administration, configuration, and monitoring tasks associated with the Sun Fire™ X4500 Server.

This guide contains the following chapters:

- [Chapter 1](#) provides an introduction to the Sun Fire X4500 server information.
- [Chapter 2](#) provides system and operating environment information.
- [Chapter 3](#) provides information on how to identify and configure components.
- [Chapter 4](#) provides disk administration and management information.
- [Chapter 5](#) provides fault management architecture information.
- [Chapter 6](#) provides information about how to rebuild the preinstalled OS.
- [Chapter 7](#) provides information about how to use the Disk Control and Monitor Utility (DCMU).

The *Sun Fire X4540 Server Administration Guide* describes how to administer, configure, and monitor the Sun Fire™ X4540 Server.

This guide contains the following chapters:

- [Chapter 8](#) provides an introduction to the Sun Fire X4540 server information.
- [Chapter 9](#) provides system and operating environment information.
- [Chapter 10](#) provides information on how to identify and configure components.
- [Chapter 11](#) provides hard disk management information.
- [Chapter 12](#) provides fault management architecture information.
- [Chapter 13](#) provides information about how to use the Solaris Volume Manager to manually re-create the mirrored preinstalled Solaris Operating System (OS).

Before You Read This Book

It is important that you review the safety guidelines in the *Safety and Compliance Guide* (819-4365).

This document is intended for the Sun Fire system administrator, who has a working knowledge of UNIX® systems, particularly those based on the Solaris™ Operating System (OS). If you do not have this knowledge, read the Solaris User and System Administrator documentation provided with your system, and consider UNIX system administration training.

Sun Fire X4500 Specific Documents

Refer to the *Sun Fire X4540 Server Installation Guide* (819-4358) for system installation information with default settings.

The *Sun Fire X4500* specific documents listed in the following table are available at:

<http://docs.sun.com/app/docs/prod/sf.x4500#hic>

Application	Title	Part Number
System setup information	<i>Sun Fire X4500 Server Installation Guide</i>	819-4358
Overview and service information	<i>Sun Fire X4500 Server Diagnostics Guide</i>	819-4363
Product Notes	<i>Sun Fire X4500 Server Product Notes</i>	819-4364
Safety information	<i>Sun Fire X4500 Server Safety and Compliance Guide</i>	819-4365

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Safety information	<i>Sun Fire X4540 Server Safety and Compliance Guide</i>	819-4365

General Documents

The related general documents listed in the following table are available at:

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Application	Title	Part Number
hdtool	<i>x64 Servers Utilities Reference Manual</i>	820-1120
Solaris basic administration	<i>System Administration Guide: Basic Administration</i>	817-1985
Solaris advanced administration	<i>System Administration Guide: Advanced Administration</i>	817-0403
Solaris device and file system administration	<i>System Administration Guide: Devices and File Systems</i>	817-5093
Solaris Volume Manager administration	<i>Solaris Volume Manager Administration Guide</i>	819-2789
ZFS administration	<i>ZFS (Zettabyte File System) Administration Guide</i>	819-5461

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PART I Sun Fire X4500 Server Administration Guide

This part contains the *Sun Fire X4500 Server Administration Guide* and includes the following chapters:

- [Chapter 1](#) provides an introduction to the Sun Fire X4500 server information.
- [Chapter 2](#) provides system and operating environment information.
- [Chapter 3](#) provides information on how to identify and configure components.
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- [Chapter 7](#) provides information about how to use the Disk Control and Monitor Utility (DCMU).

Introduction to the Sun Fire X4500 Server

This chapter introduces you to the Sun Fire X4540 Server and describes some of its features.

The following information is covered in this chapter:

- “Features of the Server” on page 1
- “Exterior Features, Controls, and Indicators” on page 3

Features of the Server

The Sun Fire X4500 server is a mid-level, modular, rack-optimized server in the Sun x64 product family. The family platform includes servers engineered for AMD Opteron CPUs and deployment into commercial server markets in a slide-mounted, horizontally biased enclosure for rack cabinet installations, primarily in datacenter locations.

The server provides the following maximum system configurations:

- 8 DDR-I DIMM slots (4 per processor), up to 2 GB per DIMM (16 GB per system)
- Up to forty-eight 3.5 SATA Type-1 drives, of 250 GB-500 GB capacity each (over 24 TB total system capacity)
- Two 133 MHz PCI-X slots
- 4 USB ports

Standard I/O includes four 10/100/1000BASE-T Gigabit Ethernet ports, VGA video, serial, four USB ports, and one 10/100BASE-T Gigabit Ethernet management port.

The Sun Fire X4500 server includes an extensive set of reliability, availability, and serviceability (RAS) features, such as hot-pluggable and redundant hard disk drives (when RAID1 is used), and hot-swappable fans, and power supplies. The servers also provide an Integrated Lights Out Management (ILOM) service processor function that includes remote boot and remote software upgrades.

TABLE 1-1 summarizes the features of the Sun Fire X4500 server.

TABLE 1-1 Summary of X4500 Server Features

Feature or Component	Sun Fire X4500 Server
CPU	Two Revision E AMD64 Opteron dual-core processors on two CPU modules.
Processor BIOS	8-Mbit Flash with LPC interface.
Memory	8 DDR-I DIMM slots (4 per processor), up to 2 GB per DIMM (16 GB per system).
Hard disk drives (HDDs)	Up to forty-eight 3.5 SATA Type-1 drives, of 250 GB-500 GB capacity each (over 24 TB total system capacity).
Service Processor	Integrated Lights Out Manager (ILOM) as described in the ILOM documentation (see the <i>Integrated Lights Out Manager (ILOM) Administration Guide</i> (819-0280).
RAID options	RAID is done through software.
Network I/O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four 10/100/1000BASE-T Gigabit Ethernet ports (RJ-45 connectors) • One 10/100BASE-T Ethernet net management port (RJ-45 Connector) • One RS-232 serial port (RJ-45 Connector)
PCI I/O	Two 133-MHz low-profile PCI-X slots.
Other I/O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four USB 2.0 ports • One VGA video port
Power	<p>1500 W DC max output per power supply, two bays, 1+1 redundancy, hot swappable.</p> <p>1130 W AC max system input power = 3856 BTU/hr = 0.321 Tons of Air Conditioning, 200-240 VAC.</p>
Fans	Five fan modules; also additional fans in each power supply. Cooling is front-to-back forced air.

Exterior Features, Controls, and Indicators

This section describes the features, controls, and indicators on the front and rear panels of the Sun Fire X4500 server.

Front Panel

FIGURE 1-1 shows the front panel.

FIGURE 1-1 Sun Fire X4500 Server Front Panel

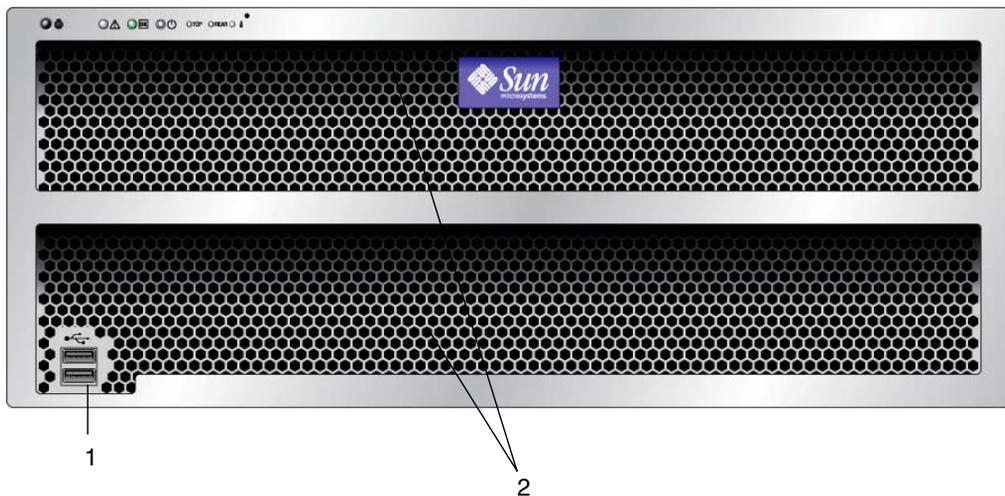


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| 1 | USB connectors |
| 2 | Serial number labels on ledge |
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FIGURE 1-2 Sun Fire X4500 Server Front Panel Controls and Indicators

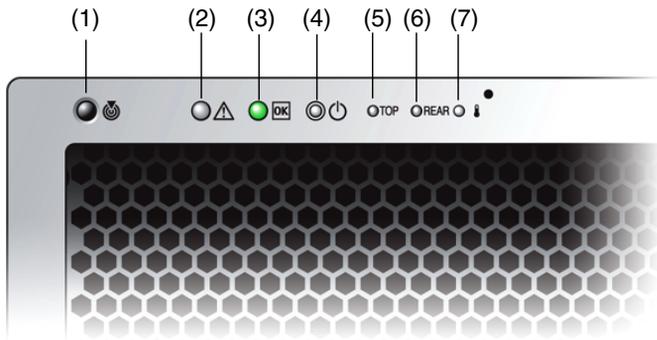


TABLE 1-2 Sun Fire X4500 Server Front Panel

#	Name	Color	Description
1	Locate button/LED	White 	Operators can turn this LED on remotely to help them locate the server in a crowded server room. Press to turn off.
2	System Fault	Amber 	On - When service action is required.
3	Power/Operation	Green 	Steady - Power is on. Blink - Standby power is on but main power is off. Off - Power is off.
4	System power button	Grey	To power on main power for all the server components.
4	Top failure LED	Amber	On - HDD or fan fault.
6	Rear failure LED	Amber	On - Power supply or system controller fault (service is required).
7	Over temperature LED	Amber	On - When system is over temperature.

FIGURE 1-3 shows features of the rear panel.

FIGURE 1-3 Sun Fire X4500 Server Rear Panel

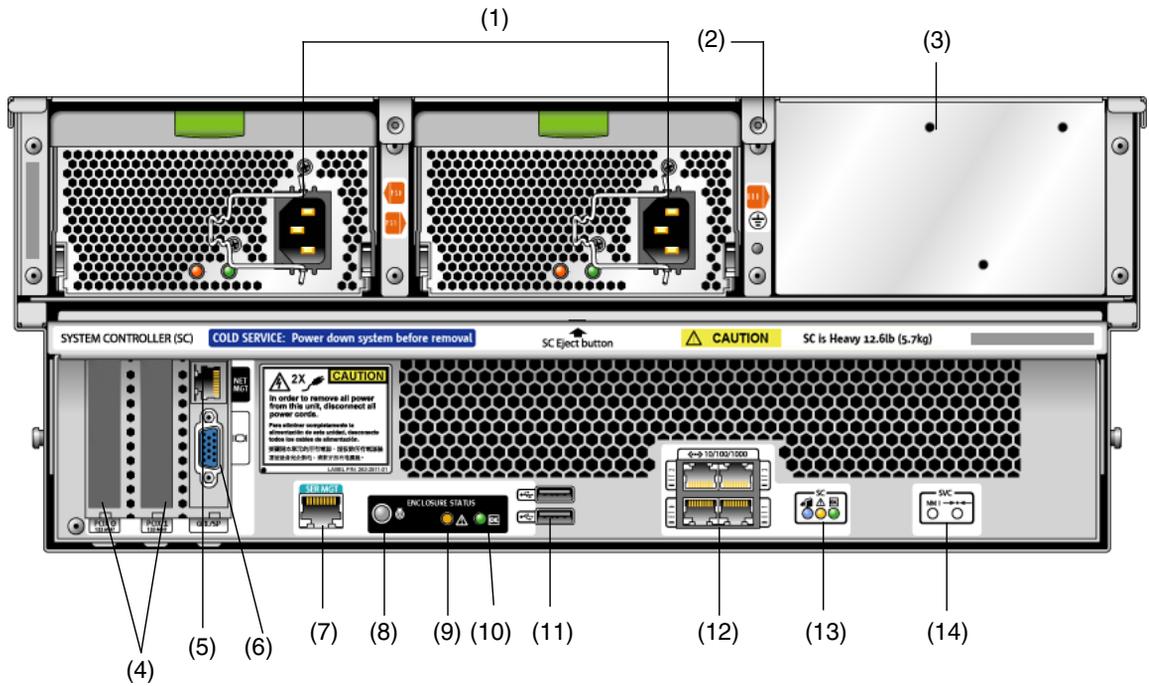


TABLE 1-3 Sun Fire X4500 Server Rear Panel

#	Name	Description
1	AC power connectors	Each power supply has its own AC connector with a clip to secure its power cable.
2	Chassis ground	Connect grounding straps here.
3	Mounting plate for CMA bracket	Use this mounting plate to secure the CMA (optional). Refer to the <i>Sun Fire X4500 Server Installation Guide</i> .
4	PCIX-0 and PCIX-1	Slots for PCIX cards.
5	NET MGT (S)	Net management and service processor port.
6	Video connector	Connect video monitor.
7	SER MGT	Serial management port (serial connection to service processor).
8	Locate button/LED	White Operators can turn this LED on remotely to help them locate the server in a crowded server room. Press to turn off.

#	Name	Description
9	Fault LED 	Amber – When on, service action required.
10	OK LED 	Green – Service action allowed. When on, service action is required. Blink – Standby power is On but main power is off.
11	USB connectors	Connect USB devices.
12	10/100/1000 gigabit Ethernet ports	Connect server to Ethernet.
13	System controller status LEDs	Blue – Ready to remove.  Amber – Fault, service action required.  Green – Operational, no action required. 
14	NMI and reset buttons	Do not use these buttons unless instructed by Sun service personnel. To operate these buttons, insert a stylus or a straightened paper clip into the recess. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NMI – Non-Maskable Interrupt dump. Sends an NMI to the CPU. Used for debugging only. • Reset – Resets the CPU but not the service processor

Disk Drive and Fan Tray LEDs

FIGURE 1-4 shows the location of the internal LEDs. FIGURE 1-5 shows a close-up view of the disk drive and fan trays, including the symbols that identify the LEDs.

FIGURE 1-4 Disk Drive Locations

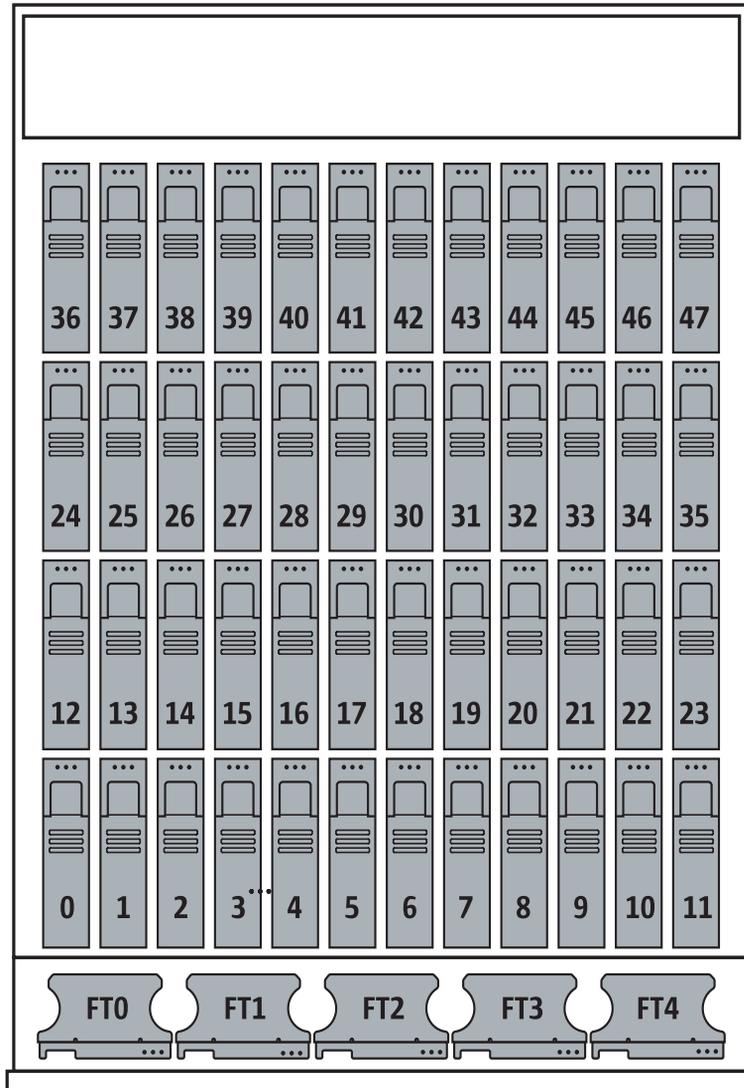
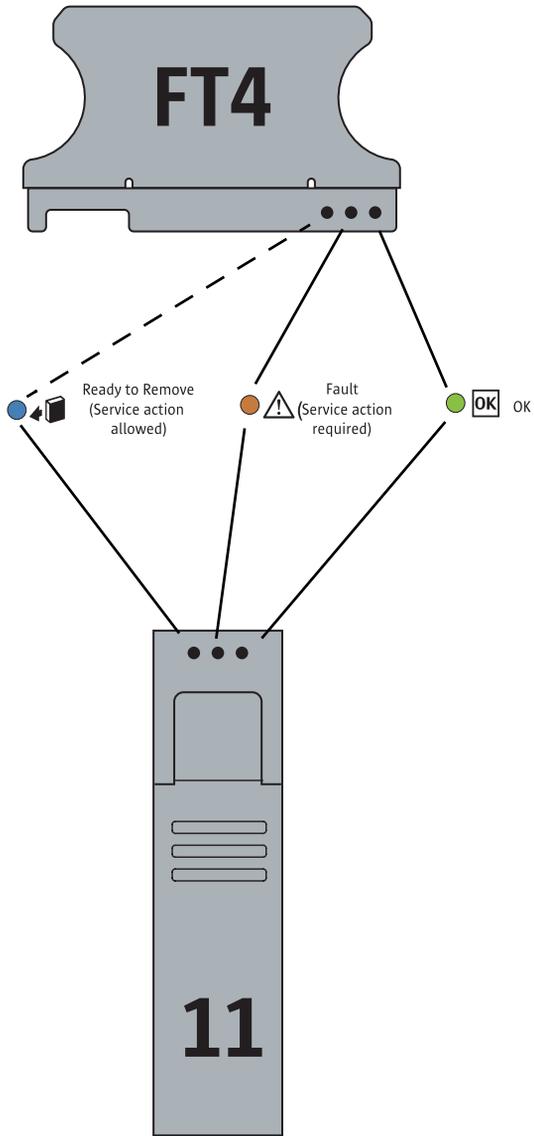


FIGURE 1-5 Disk Drive and Fan Tray LEDs



About Reliability, Availability, and Serviceability Features

Reliability, availability, and serviceability (RAS) are aspects of a system's design that affect its ability to operate continuously and to minimize the time necessary to service the system.

Reliability refers to a system's ability to operate continuously without failures and to maintain data integrity. System availability refers to the percentage of time that a system remains accessible and usable. Serviceability relates to the time it takes to restore a system to service following a system failure. Together, reliability, availability, and serviceability features provide for near continuous system operation.

To deliver high levels of reliability, availability and serviceability, the Sun Fire X4500 Server system offers the following features:

- Hot-pluggable disk drives
- Redundant, hot-swappable power supplies
- Environmental monitoring and fault protection
- Integrated Lights Out Management (ILOM) Sun's remote management capability
- Support for disk and network multipathing with automatic failover capability
- Error correction and parity checking for improved data integrity
- Easy access to all internal replaceable components
- Full in-rack serviceability by extending the slides

Hot-Pluggable and Hot-Swappable Components

Sun Fire X4540 Server hardware is designed to support hot-pluggable and hot-swappable components. Hot plugging and hot swapping are cost-effective solutions that provides increased system availability and continuous serviceability for business-critical computing environments, by providing the ability to:

- Remove or replace a failed or failing component while the system is operating without service disruption.
- Increase storage capacity dynamically to handle larger work loads and improve system performance.

Hot Pluggable Components Overview

The Sun Fire X4500 server hot-plug technology allows a component to be added, upgraded, or replaced while the system is running without affecting hardware integrity.

Hot-plugging provides the ability to physically add, remove, or replace a hard disk drive while the system is running, and other hard disks in the system provide continuous service. Before a hot-pluggable component is removed from the Sun Fire X4500 server, the component must be taken offline from the operating system first, but does not require that the server be powered off.

On the Sun Fire X4500 server, you can hot-plug the following components:

TABLE 1-4 Sun Fire X4500 Hot-Pluggable Devices (Partial List)

Component	Part Number
250 GB SATA 3.5 Hard Disk Drive	541-1467
500 GB SATA 3.5 Hard Disk Drive	541-1468

For instructions on hot-plugging components, see the following:

- `cfgadm` Command in Chapter 3.
- `cfgadm(1M)` (See the `cfgadm(1M)` man page for more information.)

Hot Swappable Components Overview

A hot swappable component is a component that can be removed or replaced without affecting software integrity. This means that when a component is removed it does not need to be taken offline from the operating system first.

On the Sun Fire X4500 server, you can hot-swap the following components:

TABLE 1-5 Sun Fire X4500 Hot-Swappable Devices (Partial List)

Component	Part Number
Power supply (type A205) for systems with the Quad-Core AMD Opteron Model 2356 processor	300-1787
Power supply (type A205) for systems with the Quad-Core AMD Opteron Model 2384 processor	300-2161
Fan module	541-0458

For more information about updating the Sun Fire X4500 Server, product updates, or for the most up-to-date list of replaceable components, refer to the *Sun Fire X4500 Server Service Manual* (819-4359), and the *Sun Fire X4500 Server Product Notes* (819-4364).

Software and Operating Environment

The Sun Fire X4500 server supports Solaris 32-bit and 64-bit operating systems. The system is shipped with Integrated Lights Out Manager (ILOM) and Solaris 10 6/06 operating system which includes the newly designed Zettabyte File System (ZFS).

This chapter includes the following topics:

- “Using the Zettabyte File System (ZFS)” on page 13
- “Administering ZFS File Systems” on page 14
- “Integrated Lights Out Manager ILOM” on page 15
- “Intelligent Platform Management Interface (IPMI)” on page 15

Using the Zettabyte File System (ZFS)

This section provides information about using Zettabyte File Systems (ZFS) on the Sun Fire X4500 server. Concepts such as hierarchical file system layout, property inheritance, and automatic mount point management and share interactions are included in the *ZFS Administration Guide*, (819-5461). For information on best practices for ZFS go to:

http://www.solarisinternals.com/wiki/index.php/ZFS_Best_Practices_Guide

The Solaris Zettabyte File System (ZFS), is available in the Solaris 10 11/06 OS and delivers file system management capabilities by automating common administrative tasks, protecting data from corruption and providing virtually unlimited scalability. ZFS uses virtual storage pools to make it easy to expand or contract file systems simply by adding more drives.

A Zettabyte File System is a lightweight POSIX file system that is built on top of a storage pool. File systems can be dynamically created and destroyed without requiring you to allocate or format any underlying space. Because file systems are so lightweight and because they are the central point of administration in ZFS, you are likely to create many of them.

About ZFS

ZFS is a 128-bit file system that provides 16 billion times the capacity of 32-bit or even 64-bit file systems. With ZFS, data is protected by 64-bit checksums to provide error detection and correction functionally. It constantly reads and checks data to ensure that it is correct. If it detects an error in a mirrored pool, the technology automatically repairs the corrupted data.

Historically, file systems have been constrained to one device so that the file systems themselves have been constrained to the size of the device. Creating and re-creating traditional file systems because of size constraints are time-consuming and sometimes difficult. Traditional volume management products helped manage this process.

Because ZFS file systems are not constrained to specific devices, they can be created easily and quickly, similar to the way directories are created. ZFS file systems grow automatically within the space allocated to the storage pool.

Instead of creating one file system, such as `/export/home`, to manage many user subdirectories, you can create one file system per user. In addition, ZFS provides a file system hierarchy so that you can easily set up and manage many file systems by applying properties that can be inherited by file systems contained within the hierarchy.

Administering ZFS File Systems

You administer ZFS file systems by using the `zfs` command. This command provides a set of subcommands that perform specific operations on file systems. You can also manage snapshots, volumes, and clones by using this command, but these features are covered only briefly in this chapter.

With ZFS you can perform the following administrative functions:

- Manage Devices
- Create File Systems
- Create and Manage Storage Pools
- Create and Manage Volumes

- Take a Snapshot of a File System or Volume

For more information about ZFS, and for an example of creating a file system, refer to the *ZFS Administration Guide*, (819-5461).

Integrated Lights Out Manager ILOM

Integrated Lights Out Manager (ILOM) is an Intelligent Platform Management Interface (IPMI) 2.0-compliant Baseboard Management Controller (BMC) that implements Lights Out Management (LOM), including Remote Keyboard, Video, Mouse, and Storage (RKVMS); a Web management interface; a command line interface (CLI); and Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP).

The ILOM software includes the following:

- Embedded, hardened Linux OS
- IPMI 2.0 BMC
- Platform Control agents diagnostics software
- RKVMS

Lights Out Management is performed on the Sun Fire X4500 server through IPMItool, a command-line utility for controlling IPMI-enabled devices. For more information about Integrated Lights Out Manager (ILOM, refer to the *Integrated Lights Out Manager (ILOM) Administration Guide*, (819-1160).

Intelligent Platform Management Interface (IPMI)

Intelligent Platform Management Interface (IPMI) refers to the autonomous monitoring, logging, recovery, and inventory control features implemented in hardware and firmware. There are two major components of platform management: the Service Processor (or BMC) and System Management Software (SMS). Platform status information can be obtained and recovery actions initiated under situations in which system management software and normal in-band management mechanisms are unavailable.

SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol) is a network management protocol used almost exclusively in TCP/IP networks. It provides remote access by SNMP-compliant entities to monitor and control network devices and to manage configurations, statistics collection, performance, and security on a network

IPMI messages can be used to communicate with the BMC over serial and LAN interfaces, so software designed for in-band (local) management can be re-used for out-of-band (remote) management simply by changing the low-level communications layer.

The IPMItool is a simple command-line interface to systems that support the IPMI v2.0 specification. IPMItool provides the ability to read the sensor data repository and print sensor values, display the contents of the system event log, and SNMP.

Identifying and Configuring Components

This chapter introduces the tools that let you administer the server and explains how the diagnostic tools fit together.

Topics in this chapter include:

- [“Solaris System Commands” on page 17](#)
- [“Component Configuration Information” on page 24](#)

The Sun Fire X4500 server and its accompanying software contain tools and features that help you:

- *Isolate* problems when there is a failure of a field-replaceable component
- *Monitor* the status of a functioning system
- *Exercise* the system to disclose an intermittent or incipient problem

For detailed instructions on diagnosing the server, refer to the *Sun Fire X4500 Server Diagnostics Guide* (819-4363) and the *Sun Fire X4500 Server Service Manual* (819-4359).

Solaris System Commands

Some Solaris commands display data that you can use when assessing the condition of a Sun Fire X4500 server. This section discusses superuser commands that assist in troubleshooting problems with the Sun Fire X4500 server. These commands include:

- [“prtconf Command” on page 18](#)
- [“prtdiag Command” on page 19](#)
- [“psrinfo Command” on page 20](#)
- [“cfgadm Command” on page 21](#)

This section describes the information these commands give you. For additional information about these commands, see the command `man` pages.

`prtconf` Command

The `prtconf` command displays the Solaris device tree. This tree includes all the devices probed by the firmware, as well as additional devices, like individual disks, that only the operating environment software can detect. The output of `prtconf` also includes the total amount of system memory.

CODE EXAMPLE 3-1 `prtconf` Command Output

```
# prtconf -p
System Configuration: Sun Microsystems i86pc
Memory size: 8096 Megabytes
System Peripherals (PROM Nodes):
```

The `prtconf` command's `-p` option produces output similar to the `show-devs` command. The `show-devs` command lists only those devices compiled by the system firmware.

prtdiag Command

The `prtdiag` command displays a table of diagnostic information that summarizes the status of system components.

CODE EXAMPLE 3-2 prtdiag Command Output

```
# prtdiag
System Configuration: Sun Microsystems Sun Fire X4500
BIOS Configuration: American Megatrends Inc. 080010 06/15/2006
BMC Configuration: IPMI 2.0 (KCS: Keyboard Controller Style)

==== Processor Sockets =====

Version                                Location Tag
-----
Dual Core AMD Opteron(tm) Processor 285 H0
Dual Core AMD Opteron(tm) Processor 285 H1

==== Memory Device Sockets =====

Type      Status Set Device Locator      Bank Locator
-----
DDR       in use 0  H0_DIMM0      BANK0
DDR       in use 0  H0_DIMM1      BANK1
DDR       in use 0  H0_DIMM2      BANK2
DDR       in use 0  H0_DIMM3      BANK3
DDR       in use 0  H1_DIMM0      BANK4
DDR       in use 0  H1_DIMM1      BANK5
DDR       in use 0  H1_DIMM2      BANK6
DDR       in use 0  H1_DIMM3      BANK7

==== On-Board Devices =====
Marvell serial-ATA #1
Marvell serial-ATA #2
Marvell serial-ATA #3
Marvell serial-ATA #4
Marvell serial-ATA #5
Marvell serial-ATA #6
Intel 82546EB #1
Intel 82546EB #2
Intel 82551QM

==== Upgradeable Slots =====

ID  Status      Type      Description
---
0   in use      PCI-X     PCIX0
1   available   PCI-X     PCIX1
```

psrinfo Command

The `psrinfo` command displays the date and time each CPU came online. With the verbose (`-v`) option, the command displays additional information about the CPUs, including their clock speed. The following is sample output from the `psrinfo` command with the `-v` option.

CODE EXAMPLE 3-3 `psrinfo -v` Command Output

```
# psrinfo -v
Status of virtual processor 0 as of: 08/03/2006 17:49:11
on-line since 08/02/2006 16:28:42.
The i386 processor operates at 2593 MHz,
and has an i387 compatible floating point processor.
Status of virtual processor 1 as of: 08/03/2006 17:49:11
on-line since 08/02/2006 16:28:49.
The i386 processor operates at 2593 MHz,
and has an i387 compatible floating point processor.
Status of virtual processor 2 as of: 08/03/2006 17:49:11
on-line since 08/02/2006 16:28:51.
The i386 processor operates at 2593 MHz,
and has an i387 compatible floating point processor.
Status of virtual processor 3 as of: 08/03/2006 17:49:11
on-line since 08/02/2006 16:28:53.
The i386 processor operates at 2593 MHz,
and has an i387 compatible floating point processor.
```

showrev Command

The `showrev` command displays revision information for the current hardware and software. Code example 3-4 shows sample output of the `showrev` command.

CODE EXAMPLE 3-4 `showrev` Command Output

```
# showrev
Hostname: abc-123
Hostid: cc0ac37f
Release: 5.10
Kernel architecture: i86pc
Application architecture: i386
Hardware provider: Sun_Microsystems
Domain: Sun.COM
Kernel version: SunOS 5.10 Generic_11122-15
```

cfgadm Command

The `cfgadm` command is used to take a component offline. The benefit of using the `cfgadm` command is that you can add, remove, or replace components while the system is running. An added benefit is that the `cfgadm` command guides you through the steps needed to add, remove, or replace system components.

The `cfgadm` command resides in the `/usr/sbin` directory. (See the `cfgadm(1M)` man page for more information.)

Features of the `cfgadm` command include the following:

- Displaying system component status
- Testing system components
- Changing component configurations
- Displaying configuration help messages

You can use the `cfgadm(1M)` command to display device type, configuration, and condition status information about drives.

```
# cfgadm | grep sata
```

The following command displays a list of SATA drives.

CODE EXAMPLE 3-5 System SATA Disk Drive Status Display

Device	Type	Receptacle	Occupant	Condition
sata0/0::disk/c0t0d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata0/1::disk/c0t1d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata0/2::disk/c0t2d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata0/3::disk/c0t3d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata0/4::disk/c0t4d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata0/5::disk/c0t5d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata0/6::disk/c0t6d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata0/7::disk/c0t7d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata1/0::disk/c1t0d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata1/1::disk/c1t1d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata1/2::disk/c1t2d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata1/3::disk/c1t3d0	disk	connected	configured	ok

CODE EXAMPLE 3-5 System SATA Disk Drive Status Display

Device	Type	Receptacle	Occupant	Condition
sata1/4::dsk/c1t4d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata1/5::dsk/c1t5d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata1/6::dsk/c1t6d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata1/7::dsk/c1t7d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata2/0::dsk/c4t0d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata2/1::dsk/c4t1d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata2/2::dsk/c4t2d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata2/3::dsk/c4t3d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata2/4::dsk/c4t4d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata2/5::dsk/c4t5d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata2/6::dsk/c4t6d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata2/7::dsk/c4t7d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata3/0::dsk/c5t0d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata3/1::dsk/c5t1d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata3/2::dsk/c5t2d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata3/3::dsk/c5t3d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata3/4::dsk/c5t4d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata3/5::dsk/c5t5d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata3/6::dsk/c5t6d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata3/7::dsk/c5t7d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata4/0::dsk/c6t0d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata4/1::dsk/c6t1d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata4/2::dsk/c6t2d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata4/3::dsk/c6t3d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata4/4::dsk/c6t4d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata4/5::dsk/c6t5d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata4/6::dsk/c6t6d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata4/7::dsk/c6t7d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata5/0::dsk/c7t0d0	disk	connected	configured	ok

CODE EXAMPLE 3-5 System SATA Disk Drive Status Display

Device	Type	Receptacle	Occupant	Condition
sata5/1::dsk/c7t1d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata5/2::dsk/c7t2d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata5/3::dsk/c7t3d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata5/4::dsk/c7t4d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata5/5::dsk/c7t5d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata5/6::dsk/c7t6d0	disk	connected	configured	ok
sata5/7::dsk/c7t7d0	disk	connected	configured	ok

The section [“Component Configuration Information”](#) on page 24 gives more information about how to use the `cfgadm` command.

Component Configuration Information

This section describes component configuration and state information for the Sun Fire X4500 Server.

This section includes:

- [“Attachment Points Overview” on page 24](#)
- [“Determining Attachment Points” on page 25](#)
- [“Changing to Attachment Points” on page 25](#)
- [“States and Conditions” on page 26](#)
- [“Drive and Drive Slot States” on page 26](#)
- [“Drive Conditions” on page 27](#)
- [“Component States” on page 27](#)

Attachment Points Overview

The `cfgadm` command displays information about attachment points.

An *attachment point* is a collective term for a component or device, the slot that holds it, and any components on it. Slots are sometimes called *receptacles*.

An attachment point consists of the following:

- An occupant, which represents a hardware component that can be configured into the system. The term *occupant* refers to the combination of a component and its attached devices, including any external storage devices connected by interface cables.
- A receptacle, which is the location that accepts the occupant.

There are two types of attachment point names:

- Physical attachment point – The software driver and the location of the slot.
- Logical attachment point – An abbreviated name created by the system to see the physical attachment point.

An attachment point defines two unique elements, which are distinct from the hardware resources that exist beyond the attachment point. The two elements of an attachment point are a receptacle and an occupant. Physical insertion or removal of hardware resources occurs at attachment points and results in a receptacle gaining or losing an occupant. Configuration administration supports the physical insertion and removal operations as well as other configuration. For more information about `Ap_Ids`, refer to `cfgadm(1M)`.

Determining Attachment Points

The `cfgadm` command provides all resources and dynamic reconfiguration operations in terms of a common set of states (such as configured and unconfigured) and operations (such as connect, configure, unconfigure, and so on). For more information about these common states and operations, see the `cfgadm(1M)` man page.

To obtain a list of all available logical attachment points, use the following commands in the domain.

1. Log on as a superuser.
2. Type `cfgadm -l` to display information about server attachment points.

CODE EXAMPLE 3-6 `cfgadm` Command Display of Attachment Point

```
# cfgadm -l
```

Ap_Id	Type	Receptacle	Occupant	Condition
c0	scsi-bus	connected	configured	unknown
c1	scsi-bus	connected	configured	unknown

In this example, c0 and c1 represent two SCSI controllers.

Changing to Attachment Points

Attachment points contain state and condition information. An attachment point can be in one of five conditions: unknown, ok, failing, failed, or unusable. An attachment point can enter the system in any condition depending upon results of power-on tests and non-volatile record keeping.

You can use the `cfgadm` command to change attachment points.

- To change the state of an attachment point, use these specific `cfgadm` options:
 - configure
 - unconfigure
 - connect
 - disconnect
- To change the availability of an attachment point's associations, use these specific `cfgadm` options:
 - assign
 - unassign

For information about states, see the sections that follow. For more information about attachment points, see the `cfgadm(1M)` man page.

States and Conditions

This section describes the states and conditions of drive slots, components, and attachment points.

- State is the operational status of either a hard disk drive slot or its occupant.
- Condition is the operational status of an attachment point.

The `cfgadm(1M)` command can display nine types of states and conditions. For more information, see [“Component States” on page 27](#).

Drive and Drive Slot States

When a drive slot does not hold a drive, its state is `empty`. When the slot does contain a drive, the state of the drive is either `disconnected` or `connected`.

TABLE 3-1 Drive and Drive Slot States

State	Description
<code>empty</code>	The slot does not hold a drive.
<code>disconnected</code>	The drive in the slot is disconnected from the system bus. A drive can be in the disconnected state without being powered off. However, a drive must be powered off and in the disconnected state before you remove it from the slot. A newly inserted drive is in the disconnected state.
<code>connected</code>	The drive in the slot is powered on and connected to the system bus. You can view the components on a drive only after it is in the connected state.

A drive in the `connected` state is either `configured` or `unconfigured`. A drive that is disconnected is always `unconfigured`.

TABLE 3-2 Configured and Unconfigured Drives

Name	Description
<code>configured</code>	The drive is available for use by the Solaris software.
<code>unconfigured</code>	The drive is not available for use by the Solaris software.

Drive Conditions

A drive can be in one of three conditions: unknown, ok, or failed. Its slot might be designated as unusable.

TABLE 3-3 Drive and Drive Slot Conditions

Name	Description
unknown	The drive has not been tested.
ok	The drive is operational.
failed	The drive failed testing.
unusable	The drive slot is unusable.

Component States

A disk drive cannot be individually connected or disconnected. Thus, all such components are in the `connected` state.

The connected component is either configured or unconfigured.

TABLE 3-4 Connected Components: Configured or Unconfigured

Name	Description
<code>configured</code>	The component is available for use by the Solaris OS.
<code>unconfigured</code>	The component is not available for use by the Solaris OS.

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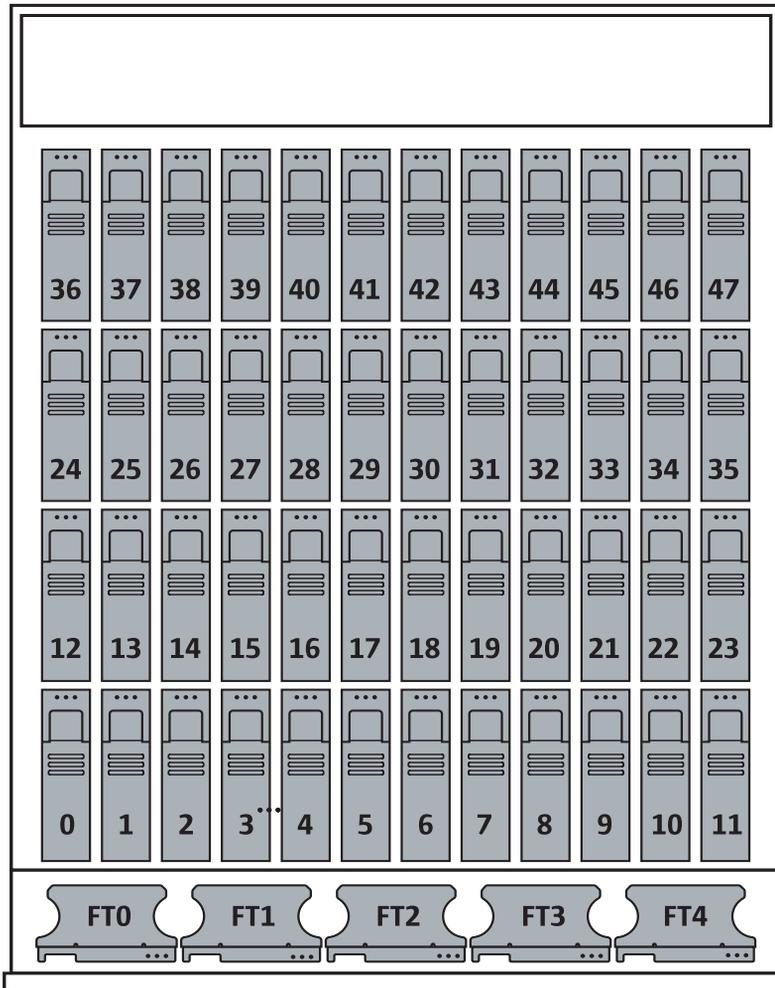
This chapter includes information about the following topics:

- “Hard Disk Drive Locations” on page 29
- “Disk Drive Status and LEDs” on page 31
- “EFI Disk Label Overview” on page 32
- “Converting EFI Label to SMI (Solaris) Label On The Sun Fire X4500 Disk” on page 33
- “Adding Disks” on page 36
- “Replacing a Device in a ZFS Storage Pool” on page 39
- “Removing a Disk From Service” on page 39
- “Correcting Unconfigure Operation Failure” on page 40

Hard Disk Drive Locations

The Sun Fire X4500 server can contain up to 48 SATA hard disk drives. The hard disk drive locations are numbered sequentially from 0 to 47, starting at the front left corner and incrementing left to right and front to rear see [FIGURE 4-1](#). The nomenclature for the locations is DISK n , where n is the location number.

FIGURE 4-1 Disk Drive Locations



Disk Drive Status and LEDs

Each hard disk drive has a sensor that is used to communicate the state for the slot. The hard disk drives use IPMI (Intelligent Platform Management Interface) sensors to convey a slot state see [TABLE 4-1](#):

TABLE 4-1 Disk Drive Status Sensors

State	Event	Description
0	Device Not Present	The drive bay is empty.
1	Device Installed	The drive is detected. Used by remote management applications.
2	Ready for Device Removal	A drive is unmounted and ready to be physically removed. Controls the OK to Remove LED.
3	Device Faulted	Causes the service processor to illuminate the individual disk drive fault LED.

Inside the Sun Fire X4500 server chassis there are three LEDs for each of the 48 hard disk drives: one for the Activity LED (green), one for the Fault (amber) LED and the third for the "OK to remove" (blue) LED.

The individual LED locator can be used to control both the fault and removal LEDs through an IPMI OEM command. The service processor handles all aspects of the fault and removes LEDs automatically based on events in the disk drive sensors see [TABLE 4-2](#).

TABLE 4-2 Disk Drive LED Indicators

LED	Event	Description
Green	Disk drive activity	Controlled by hardware. Does not require SP interaction.
Amber	Hard disk drive failure	Controlled by the SP over the SP-12C bus. Relies on the operating system driver to set appropriately.
Blue	Hard disk drive ready for removal	Controlled by the SP over the SP-12C bus. The operating system determines that the drive has been halted and is ready to be removed.

EFI Disk Label Overview

Extensible Firmware Interface (EFI) is an Intel standard used as a replacement for the PC BIOS. It is responsible for the power-on self-test (POST) process, booting the operating system, and providing an interface between the operating system and the physical hardware. EFI provides the following capabilities:

- System-independent device drivers.
- Delegation of networking and memory management issues to the firmware instead of the OS.
- EFI selection and loading of the operating system, which removes the need for a boot loader.

Solaris 10 provides support for EFI Labels for disks that are larger than 1 terabyte on systems that run a 64-bit Solaris kernel. The Extensible Firmware Interface GUID Partition Table (EFI GPT) disk label provides support for physical disks and virtual disk volumes.

You can download the EFI specification at:

http://www.intel.com/technology/efi/main_specification.htm

You can use the `format -e` command to apply an EFI label to a disk if the system is running the appropriate Solaris release. However, you should review the important information in Restrictions of the EFI Disk Label before attempting to apply an EFI label.

For additional information about EFI disk labels, managing disks with EFI labels, EFI disk label restrictions, and troubleshooting problems with EFI disk labels, refer to the *Solaris 10 Systems Administration Guide* at:

<http://docs.sun.com>

Converting EFI Label to SMI (Solaris) Label On The Sun Fire X4500 Disk

To convert an EFI disk label to an SMI (Solaris) label, delete the EFI `fdisk` partition, then create a new Solaris `fdisk` partition. Use the following steps:



Caution – Do not attempt to convert an EFI label to an SMI label using the `format (1m)` command.

1. Use fdisk to delete EFI fdisk.

CODE EXAMPLE 4-1 EFI to SMI Disk Label Conversion

```
# fdisk /dev/rdisk/c0t7d0p0
      Total disk size is 30400 cylinders
      Cylinder size is 16065 (512 byte) blocks

      Cylinders
Partition  Status  Type          Start  End  Length  %
=====  =====  =====
          1                EFI          0 30400  30401  100

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
  1. Create a partition
  2. Specify the active partition
  3. Delete a partition
  4. Change between Solaris and Solaris2 Partition IDs
  5. Exit (update disk configuration and exit)
  6. Cancel (exit without updating disk configuration)
Enter Selection: 3

Specify the partition number to delete (or enter 0 to exit): 1

Are you sure you want to delete partition 1? This will make all
files and programs in this partition inaccessible (type "y" or
"n"). y

      Total disk size is 30400 cylinders
      Cylinder size is 16065 (512 byte) blocks

      Cylinders
Partition  Status  Type          Start  End  Length  %
=====  =====  =====
WARNING: no partitions are defined!

(The partition is now deleted. The menu reappears, as shown in Step 2)
```

2. Create the new partition.

(...continued from previous display)

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. Create a partition
2. Specify the active partition
3. Delete a partition
4. Change between Solaris and Solaris2 Partition IDs
5. Exit (update disk configuration and exit)
6. Cancel (exit without updating disk configuration)

Enter Selection: **1**

Select the partition type to create:

1=SOLARIS2 2=UNIX 3=PCIXOS 4=Other
5=DOS12 6=DOS16 7=DOSEXT 8=DOSBIG
9=DOS16LBA A=x86 Boot B=Diagnostic C=FAT32
D=FAT32LBA E=DOSEXTLBA F=EFI 0=Exit?

Specify the percentage of disk to use for this partition
(or type "c" to specify the size in cylinders). **100**

Should this become the active partition? If yes, it will be
activated each time the computer is reset or turned on.

Please type "y" or "n". **y**

Total disk size is 30400 cylinders
Cylinder size is 16065 (512 byte) blocks

Partition	Status	Type	Cylinders			%
			Start	End	Length	
=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
1	Active	Solaris2	1	30399	30399	100

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. Create a partition
2. Specify the active partition
3. Delete a partition
4. Change between Solaris and Solaris2 Partition IDs
5. Exit (update disk configuration and exit)
6. Cancel (exit without updating disk configuration)

Enter Selection: **5**

3. Verify that Solaris2 fdisk has been created on the same disk.

```
# fdisk /dev/rdisk/c0t7d0p0

Total disk size is 30400 cylinders
Cylinder size is 16065 (512 byte) blocks

Partition      Status      Type          Start   End   Length  %
=====      =====      =====      =====
1             Active      Solaris2      1 30399 30399 100

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
1. Create a partition
2. Specify the active partition
3. Delete a partition
4. Change between Solaris and Solaris2 Partition IDs
5. Exit (update disk configuration and exit)
6. Cancel (exit without updating disk configuration)
Enter Selection: 5

The above display confirms that the Solaris2 fdisk has been created.
```

For additional information about converting EFI and SMI disk labels, refer to the *Solaris 10 Systems Administration Guide* at:

<http://docs.sun.com>

Adding Disks

This assumes you have physically inserted a disk and now want to bring the inserted disk online.

If you are replacing a mirrored bootable disk, you should use the Solaris Volume Manager to enable the disk. For additional information, refer to the *Solaris Volume Manager Administration Guide* (819-2789).

Note – You should predetermine which attachment point the disk is being inserted into before inserting the disk. Refer to [FIGURE 8-4](#) for a listing of disk drives.

1. Determine the attachment point by typing the following command:

```
# cfmadm > cfmadm_snapshot
```

2. Insert the disk.

3. Type the following command:

```
# cfgadm > cfgadm_snapshot_2
```

4. Compare the two files by typing the following command:

```
# diff cfgadm_snapshot cfgadm_snapshot_2
```

Information similar to the following is displayed:

```
29c29
< sata3/3                sata-port  empty      unconfigured ok
> sata3/3 disk           connected  unconfigured unknown
```

5. Remove the temporary files by typing the following command:

```
# rm cfgadm_snapshot cfgadm_snapshot_2
```

From this information you determine that the inserted drive uses SATA port 3 on controller 3.

6. To bring the disk online for the Solaris OS, configure the disk by typing the following commands:

```
# cfgadm -c configure sata3/3
# cfgadm | grep sata3/3
```

The following information is displayed. For example, the disk node associated with the disk in sata3/3 displays its logical disk node c5t3d0:

```
sata3/3::dsk/c5t3d0                disk connected  configured  ok
```

Note – If the blue LED does not turn on after one minute, you can have the OS reenumerate device nodes and links by typing: # **devfsadm -c**.

Adding a Disk to a Mirrored ZFS Configuration

The following example shows how to add another mirror to an existing mirrored ZFS configuration on system.

```
# zpool status tank
pool: tank
state: ONLINE
scrub: none requested
config:

    NAME          STATE          READ WRITE CKSUM
    tank          ONLINE         0    0    0
      mirror     ONLINE         0    0    0
        c0t1d0    ONLINE         0    0    0
        c1t1d0    ONLINE         0    0    0
      mirror     ONLINE         0    0    0
        c0t2d0    ONLINE         0    0    0
        c1t2d0    ONLINE         0    0    0

errors: No known data errors
# zpool add tank mirror c0t3d0 c1t3d0
# zpool status tank
pool: tank
state: ONLINE
scrub: none requested
config:

    NAME          STATE          READ WRITE CKSUM
    tank          ONLINE         0    0    0
      mirror     ONLINE         0    0    0
        c0t1d0    ONLINE         0    0    0
        c1t1d0    ONLINE         0    0    0
      mirror     ONLINE         0    0    0
        c0t2d0    ONLINE         0    0    0
        c1t2d0    ONLINE         0    0    0
      mirror     ONLINE         0    0    0
        c0t3d0    ONLINE         0    0    0
        c1t3d0    ONLINE         0    0    0

errors: No known data errors
```

Replacing a Device in a ZFS Storage Pool

For information see “Replacing a Device in a ZFS Storage Pool” in Chapter 11, ZFS Troubleshooting and Data Recovery of the *Solaris ZFS Administration Guide*.

Removing a Disk From Service



Caution – You must follow these steps before removing a disk from service. Failure to follow the procedure can corrupt your data or render your file system inoperable.

1. Assume you know that the logical disk node is `c4t0d0`. Type the following command:

```
# cfgadm | grep c4t0d0
```

The physical slot is displayed, showing where the disk is connected. For example, this hard disk is attached to SATA controller 2, and port 0:

```
sata2/0::dsk/c4t0d0          disk connected    configured    ok
```

2. Unconfigure the disk before removal. To unconfigure the disk, you must suspend activity on the SATA device. For example, type the following command:

```
# cfgadm -c unconfigure sata2/0
```

The system displays the following information:

```
unconfigure sata2/0 Unconfigure the device at:
/devices/pci@1,0/pci1022,7458@3/pci11ab,11ab@1:0
Continue (yes/no)? yes
```

3. Verify that the disk has been unconfigured by typing the following command:

```
# cfgadm | grep sata2/0
```

The following information shows that the disk has been unconfigured:

sata2/0	disk connected	unconfigured ok
---------	----------------	-----------------

Note – The blue LEDs indicate the disks that are safe to remove.

4. Remove the disk from the chassis.

Note – If the process of unconfiguring the disk failed, the disk might be in use by ZFS, UFS, or some other entity. See the [“Correcting Unconfigure Operation Failure” on page 40](#).

Correcting Unconfigure Operation Failure

This section discusses disk unconfigure operation failure.

If a disk unconfigure operation fails, check to see if the system is in the correct state, and that a utility is not using the disk. When unconfiguring a disk that is part of a ZFS storage pool, the following items are important:

- Disks can be replaced or detached from a ZFS-mirrored storage pool.
- Disks can only be replaced in a ZFS-RAID-Z storage pool.

For more information about detaching or replacing disks in storage pool, please refer to the *ZFS Administration Guide*, 819-5461.

Sun Fire X4500 Fault Management Architecture

This chapter includes information about the following topics:

- [“Fault Management Architecture Overview” on page 41](#)
- [“Sun Fire X4500 Fault Management Utility Commands” on page 42](#)
- [“Diagnosing Disk Faults” on page 44](#)
- [“Clearing Disk Faults” on page 45](#)
- [“Displaying Fault Statistics Using the `fmstat` Command” on page 46](#)

Fault Management Architecture Overview

The Sun Fire X4500 server features the latest fault management technologies. With the Solaris 10 Operating System (OS), the Sun Fire X4500 Server introduces a new Fault Management Architecture (FMA) that diagnoses and predicts component failures before they actually occur. This technology is incorporated into both the hardware and software of the server.

At the heart of the Sun Fire X4500 server Fault Manager is the diagnosis engine. The disk diagnosis engine receives data relating to hardware and software errors and automatically and silently diagnoses the underlying problems. The diagnosis engine runs in the background, silently capturing telemetry, until a diagnosis can be completed or a fault can be predicted.

After processing sufficient telemetry to reach a conclusion, a diagnosis engine produces another event called a fault event that is broadcast to any agents deployed on the system that know how to respond. A software component known as the Solaris Fault Manager, `fm̄d(1M)`, manages the diagnosis engines and agents, provides a simplified programming model for these clients as well as common facilities such as event logging, and manages the multiplexing of events between producers and consumers.

The Sun Fire X4500 Server has a Fault Management Application (FMA) that provides fault monitoring and hotplug processing. The FMA provides passive fault monitoring by analyzing each disk once per hour to determine if a disk fault is imminent. If a disk fault is imminent, an FMA fault is generated and the amber Fault LED for that disk is activated.

Sun Fire X4500 Fault Management Utility Commands

The Sun Fire X4500 server FMA obtains diagnostic information from the fault management utilities in Solaris. The fault management commands used are:

- [“`fm̄d` Command” on page 43](#)
- [“`fm̄dump` Command” on page 44](#)
- [“Using the `fm̄adm` Command to Clear Faults” on page 45](#)
- [“Displaying Fault Statistics Using the `fm̄stat` Command” on page 46](#)

Refer to the man pages for `fm̄d(1M)`, `fm̄adm(1M)`, `fm̄dump(1M)`, and `fm̄stat(1M)` for more information about individual fault management utilities.

fm̄ Command

The Solaris OS uses the fault manager daemon, `fm̄(1M)`, which starts at boot time and runs in the background to monitor the system. If a component generates an error, the daemon handles the error by correlating the error with data from previous errors and other related information to diagnose the problem.

Each problem diagnosed by the fault manager is assigned a Universal Unique Identifier (UUID). The UUID uniquely identifies this particular problem across any set of systems. The `fm̄dump(1M)` utility can be used to view the list of problems diagnosed by the fault manager, along with their UUIDs and knowledge article message identifiers. The `fm̄adm(1M)` utility can be used to view the resources on the system believed to be faulty. The `fm̄stat(1M)` utility can be used to report statistics kept by the fault manager. The fault manager is started automatically when Solaris boots, so it is not necessary to use the `fm̄` command directly.

When possible, the fault manager daemon initiates steps to self-heal the failed component and take the component offline. The daemon also logs the fault to the `syslog` daemon and provides a fault notification with a message ID (MSGID). You can use the message ID to view additional information about the problem from Sun's knowledge article database at:

<http://www.sun.com/msg/>

For more information, refer to the `fm̄(1M)` man page.

fmdump Command

The `fmdump` command displays the list of faults detected by the FMA. You can use this command for the following reasons:

- To see if any faults have been detected by the FMA.
- If you need to obtain the fault message ID (SUNW-MSG-ID) for detected faults.
- To verify that the replacement of a FRU has cleared the fault and not generated any additional faults.

To use the `fmdump` command to identify faults:

- **Check the event log by typing the `fmdump` command with `-v` for verbose output. For example:**

```
# fmdump -v
```

The following is an example of displayed information. This example provides details about the date, time and unique identifier related to the fault:

CODE EXAMPLE 5-1 fmdump Command Verbose Output

```
TIME                UUID                SUNW-MSG-ID
Jul 11 13:55:01.5548 e92f2cec-e393-cd04-89ff-c5e2081b9940 DISK-
8000-0X
    100% fault.io.disk.predictive-failure
Problem in: hc:///serial=VDK41BT4C7MB7S:part=HITACHI-
HDS7225SBSUN250G-527N7MB7S:revision=V440A81A/motherboard=
0/hostbridge=2/pcibus=9/pcidev=8/pcifn=0/pcibus=11/pcidev=
1/pcifn=0/sata-port=1/disk=0
    Affects: hc:///serial=VDK41BT4C7MB7S/component=sata5/1
    FRU: hc:///component=HD_ID_16
```

Diagnosing Disk Faults

To determine which disk failed, you can view the FMA fault error log, use `fmdump` command, or open the system cover to look for illuminated LEDs. If you use the `fmdump` command to isolate a disk, you should also open the system cover and look for amber LEDs.

The following shows an example of the `fmdump` command you can use to display disk faults.

```
# fmdump -v -u uuid
```

The following is an example of information that can display when a disk fault is detected and the `fmddump` command is used:

CODE EXAMPLE 5-2 `fmddump` Command Diagnose Disk Fault

```
TIME                UUID                SUNW-MSG-ID
May 09 13:38:24.9404 9a2c5052-687b-e196-b12b-8035267c3031 DISK-
8000-0X
    100% fault.io.disk.predictive-failure
Problem in: hc:///serial=VDK41BT4C7PJYS:part=HITACHI-
HDS7225SBSUN250G-527N7PJYS:revision=V440A81A/motherboard=
0/hostbridge=2/pcibus=9/pcidev=8/pcifn=0/pcibus=11/pcidev=
1/pcifn=0/sata-port=6/disk=0
    Affects: hc:///component=sata5/6
    FRU: hc:///component=HD_ID_29
```

Based on the information displayed, you can determine which disk failed and the attachment point.

For more information, refer to the `fmddump(1M)` man page.

Clearing Disk Faults

When the Solaris FMA facility detects faults, the faults are logged and displayed on the console. After the fault condition is corrected, for example by replacing a faulty disk, you must clear the fault.

Using the `fmadm` Command to Clear Faults

The `fmadm` command can be used to view and modify system configuration parameters that are maintained by the Solaris Fault Manager. The `fmadm fault` command is primarily used to determine the status of a component involved in a fault. The `fmadm` command can be used to:

- View the set of diagnosis engines and agents that are currently participating in fault management.
- View the list of system components that have been diagnosed as faulty.
- Perform administrative tasks.

In cases, where the disk fault is cleared, some persistent fault information can remain and result in erroneous fault messages at boot time. To ensure that these messages are not displayed, the `fmadm repair UUID` command should be performed.

To use the `fmadm` Command to clear faults:

- **Clear faults by typing the `fmadm repair` command. For example:**

```
# fmadm repair 9a2c5052-687b-e196-b12b-8035267c3031
```

For more information, see the `fmadm(1M)` man page.

Displaying Fault Statistics Using the `fmstat` Command

This section discusses statistics associated with the Fault Management Architecture.

The `fmstat` command displays statistical information about faults handled by the FMA. The `fmstat` command can report statistics associated with the Solaris Fault Manager.

In the example below, an event was received. A case is opened for that event and a diagnosis is performed.

- **Check the event log by typing the `fmstat` command with `-v` for verbose output. For example:**

```
# fmstat -v
```

The following is an example of information that may display:

CODE EXAMPLE 5-3 `fmstat` Command Example

module	ev_rcv	ev_acpt	wait	svc_t	%w	%b	open	solve	memsz	bufsz
cpumem-diagnosis	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	3.0	K0
cpumem-retire	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
eft	1	1	0.0	1191.8	0	0	1	1	3.3M	11K
fmd-self-diagnosis	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
io-retire	1	0	0.0	32.4	0	0	0	0	37b	0
syslog-msgs	1	0	0.0	0.5	0	0	0	0	32b	0

For detailed instructions on the `fmstat` command, refer to the `fmstat` man page.

Rebuilding the Preinstalled OS

This chapter walks you through the steps to the Solaris Volume Manager to manually recreate the mirrored preinstalled Solaris Operating System (OS).

For additional details about the preinstalled Solaris operating system, refer to the *Sun Fire X4500 Server Guide for Preinstalled Solaris Operating System* (819-7148), and the *Sun Fire X4500 Server Installation Guide* (819-4358). For additional information about the Solaris Volume Manager, refer to the *Solaris Volume Manager Administration Guide* (819-2789).

This chapter includes the following topics:

- [“Preinstalled OS Overview” on page 49](#)
- [“Creating Preinstalled OS Disk Mirrors \(RAID-1\)” on page 50](#)
- [“Recreating the Preinstalled OS” on page 52](#)

Preinstalled OS Overview

The Solaris 10 11/06 Operating System and patches specific to the Sun Fire X4500 server are preinstalled on the hard disk drives in slot 0 and mirrored in slot 1. The following example shows the default physical partition sizes of both disk drives.

CODE EXAMPLE 6-1 Preinstalled OS Default Partition Sizes

File System	Partition	Size
root	Slice 0	11000 MB
swap	Slice 1	2000 MB
/var	Slice 5	6000 MB
metadb	Slice 7	8192 blocks

The Sun Fire X4500 server's preinstalled OS, file systems, and partitions are created with RAID-1. RAID-1 creates an exact copy (or mirror) of systems data over multiple physical disks. By duplicating the OS over separate disks, the data is protected from disk corruption or a disk failure. Additionally, since all the data exists in multiple copies, each with its own hardware, the read performance increases.

CODE EXAMPLE 6-2 displays the amount of disk space occupied by the preinstalled OS file system, the amount of used and available space, and how much of the file system's total capacity has been used.

CODE EXAMPLE 6-2 Sun Fire X4500 Server default Preinstalled OS Partition

File System	Size	Used	Available	Capacity	Mounted on
/dev/md/dsk/d10	11G	5.2G	5.3G	50%	/
/devices	0K	0K	0K	0%	/devices
ctfs	0K	0K	0K	0%	system/contract
proc	0K	0K	0K	0%	/proc
mnttab	0K	0K	0K	0%	/etc/mnttab
swap	15G	656K	15G	1%	/etc/system/volatile
objfs	0K	0K	0K	0%	/system/object
/usr/lib/libc/ libc_hwcap2.so.1	11G	5.2G	5.3G	50%	/lib/libc.so.1
fd	0K	0K	0K	0%	/dev/fd
/dev/md/dsk/d30	5.8G	1.1G	4.6G	20%	/var
swap	15G	28K	15G	1%	/var/run
zpool1	21T	49K	21T	1%	/zpool

Creating Preinstalled OS Disk Mirrors (RAID-1)

These procedures assume that both drives are identical, that the operating system is already installed on c5t0d0, and that the mirrored disk is c5t4d0, a typical setup for a Sun Fire X4500 server.

Use this procedure to mirror an existing file system. If the file system can be unmounted, the entire procedure can be completed without a reboot. For file systems that cannot be unmounted, such as /usr and /swap, the system must be rebooted to complete the procedure.

All RAID-1 devices must be set up by the `metainit` command before they can be used. You use the `metainit` command to create mirrored disk partitions. The `metainit` command configures metadevices, mirrors, and hot spares according to the information specified on the command line.

metadb Command

The `metadb` command creates and deletes replicas of the metadevice state database. State database replicas can be created on dedicated slices, or on slices that will later become part of a simple metadevice.

The metadevice state database contains the configuration of all metadevices and hot spare pools in the system. Additionally, the metadevice state database keeps track of the current state of metadevices and hot spare pools, and their components. Solaris Volume Manager automatically updates the metadevice state database when a configuration or state change occurs. A submirror failure is an example of a state change.

When creating and deleting replicas of replicas of the metadevice state database, use the following `metainit` command syntax:

```
# metadb
```

where

- `-a` attaches a new database device.
- `-d` deletes all replicas that are located on the specified slice.
- `-f` creates the initial state database.

metainit Command

When creating metadevices and mirrors, use the following `metainit` command syntax:

```
# metainit -f volume-name number-of-stripes components-per-stripe component-name
```

where

- `-f` forces the command to continue. You must use this option when the slice contains a mounted file system.
- *volume-name* specifies the name of the volume to create.
- *number-of-stripes* specifies the number of stripes to create.
- *components-per-stripe* specifies the number of components each stripe should have.
- *component-names* specifies the names of the components that are used.

metaroot Command

Once the mirrors are created using the `metainit` command, you need to remount your newly mirrored file system, and reboot the system. To remount the file system, use the following `metaroot` command syntax:

```
#metaroot volume-name  
#init 6
```

For more information, see the `metaroot(1M)` man page.

After the file system is remounted and the system rebooted, you can attach the second submirror. To attach the second submirror, use the following `metattach` command syntax:

```
#metaroot volume-name submirror-name
```

where

- *volume-name* specifies the name of the RAID-1 volume to add to the submirror
- *submirror-name* specifies the name of the component that will be the second mirror attached to the mirror.

See the `metattach(1M)` man page for more information.

Recreating the Preinstalled OS

To recreate the preinstalled OS, you need to perform the following procedures:

- Mirror the root disk by:
 - Creating a metadvice from the original root, using the `metainit` command.
 - Creating a metadvice for the root mirror.
 - Setting up a one-way mirror of the root metadvice.
 - Configuring the system to boot the root file system from the metadvice, using the `metaroot` command.
 - Attaching the second metadvice to the root metadvice to make it a two-way mirror, using the `metattach` command.
- Mirror the `swap` and `/var` partitions by:
 - Creating metadevices from the original `swap` and `/var` partitions, using the `metinit` command.
 - Creating one-way mirrors of the `swap` and `/var` metadevices.

- Mounting the new metadevices by editing the `/etc/vfstab`.
- Rebooting the system.
- Making two-way mirrors by attaching the second submirrors.
- Configure the systems alternate boot path by:
 - Determining the path to the alternate boot device.
 - Define the alternate boot path.
 - Update the eeprom boot path value using the `eeprom` command.

Create a Mirror for the `root (/)` File System

1. Install the OS using the default configuration as a guideline.

For additional instructions on installing the Solaris OS, see the *Solaris Operating System Installation Guide (819-4362)* at:

<http://www.docs.sun.com>.

2. Create an initial state database replica by typing the following command:

```
# metadb -a -f c5t0d0s7 c5t4d0s7
```

3. To create a mirror of the `root` file system:

- a. Identify the slice that contains the existing `root (/)` file system to be mirrored. This example uses the slices `c5t0d0s0` and `c5t4d0s0`.
- b. Create a new volume on the slice from the previous step by using the following `metainit` commands:

```
# metainit -f d11 1 1 c5t0d0s0
d11: Concat/Stripe is setup

# metainit d12 1 1 c5t4d0s0
d12: Concat/Stripe is setup
```

Create a Mirror for the swap Partition

1. To create a mirror from the `/swap` partition.
 - a. Identify the slice that contains the `/swap` partition to be mirrored. This example uses the slices `c5t0d0s1` and `c5t4d0s1`.
 - b. Create a new volume on the slice from the previous step by using the following `metainit` commands:

```
#metainit -f d21 1 1 c5t0d0s1
d21: Concat/Stripe is setup

#metainit d22 1 1 c5t4d0s1
d22: Concat/Stripe is setup
```

If there is an entry for swap in the `/etc/vfstab` file, it must be edited to reference the mirror.

Create a Mirror for the /var Partition

1. To create a mirror from the `/var` partition.
 - a. Identify the slice that contains the `/var` partition to be mirrored. This example uses the slices `c5t0d0s5` and `c5t4d0s5`.
 - b. Create a new volume on the slice from the previous step by using the following `metainit` command:

```
#metainit -f d31 1 1 c5t0d0s5
d31: Concat/Stripe is setup

#metainit d32 1 1 c5t4d0s5
d32: Concat/Stripe is setup
```

Create / root, /swap, and /var Mirrors

- Create the mirrors by typing the following command:

```
# metainit d10 -m d11
d10: Mirror is setup

# metainit d20 -m d21
d20: Mirror is setup

# metainit d30 -m d31
d30: Mirror is setup
```

2. Remount the file system by typing the following command:

```
# metaroot d10
```

For more information, see the `metaroot(1M)` man page.

3. Edit the `/etc/vfstab` file so that `root`, `swap`, and `/var` is appropriately referenced.
4. Reboot the server by entering the following command:

```
# init 6
```

Attach / root, /swap, and /var Mirrors

- Attach the mirrors by typing the following command:

```
# metattach d10 d12
d10: submirror d12 is attached

# metattach d20 d22
d20: submirror d22 is attached

# metattach d30 d32
d30: submirror d32 is attached
```

Refer to the `metattach(1M)` man page for more information.

Display Current Status of the Metadevices

The `metastat` command displays the current status for each metadevice (including stripes, concatenations, concatenations of stripes, mirrors, specified metadevices, and components).

- Display the Metadevices by typing the following command:

```
# metastat -c

d30          m  5.9GB d31 d32
  d31        s  5.9GB c5t0d0s5
  d32        s  5.9GB c5t4d0s5

d20          m  2.0GB d21 d22
  d21        s  2.0GB c5t0d0s1
  d22        s  2.0GB c5t4d0s1

d10          m  10GB d11 d12
  d11        s  10GB c5t0d0s0
  d12        s  10GB c5t4d0s0
```

Install GRUB on the Boot Disk

GRUB stands for GRand Unified Bootloader. It installs GRUB stage 1 and stage 2 files on the boot area of a disk partition.

1. Install GRUB by typing the following command.

```
# /sbin/installgrub -fm /boot/grub/stage1 /boot/grub/stage2
/dev/rdisk/c5t4d0s0

stagel1 written to partition 0 sector 0 (abs 16065)
stage2 written to partition 0, 233 sectors starting at 50
(abs 16115)
stagel1 written to master boot sector
```

Configure the Alternate Boot Device

1. Record the alternate boot path.

Configure your system so that if your primary submirror fails, the system boots from the secondary submirror. To enable the system to boot from the disk that holds the secondary submirror, configure the system to see the disk as the alternate boot device.

a. Determine the path to the alternate boot device. For example:

```
# ls -l /dev/dsk/c5t4d0s0
```

b. Record the string.

Note – Because the system might not be available, you should write down this information in a different location than on the system.

c. Use the `eeprom` command to define the alternative boot path. For example:

```
# eeprom altbootpath=/pci@1,0/pci1022,7458@4/pci11ab,11ab@1/disk@4,0:a
```

For more information about using the `eeprom` command, refer to the `eeprom` man page.

Using Disk Control and Monitor Utility (DCMU)

This chapter describes how to use the Disk Control and Monitor Utility (DCMU). It includes the following sections:

- [“Overview of the Disk Control and Monitor Utility” on page 59](#)
- [“Using DCMU” on page 60](#)

Overview of the Disk Control and Monitor Utility

The Disk Control and Monitor Utility (DCMU) is a utility designed for Sun Fire X4500 server that runs the Red Hat Enterprise Linux U4 64-bit operating system. The DCMU controls and monitors all 48-disk drives and slots on the Sun Fire X4500 server and provides the following features:

- Monitors and reports hotplug events to service processor (SP)
- Reports disk drive failures to the service processor
- Manages disk drives and reports required actions to the SP
- Reports disk drive field replaceable unit (FRU) information to the SP

The DCMU consist of three components. Each component updates the service processor:

- `cfgdisk`
- `hotplugmon`
- `faultmond`

Using DCMU

To use DCMU, you must install the application.

cfgdisk Command

`cfgdisk` is a command-line utility and that queries and provides status of all 48-disk drives. `cfgdisk` also allows you to connect and disconnect disk drives.

cfgdisk Command Options

Use the `cfgdisk` command to determine the disk drive status by using the parameters shown in [TABLE 7-1](#). The following options are supported for the functions shown:

TABLE 7-1 `cfgdisk` Command Options

Option	Description
-h	Displays help information
-v	Displays utility version information
-o	Displays operation information <connect/disconnect>
-d	Displays disk drive information

Examples Using the `cfgdisk` Command

The following command shows the use of `cfgdisk` to disconnect a disk drive.

TABLE 7-2

```
# cfgdisk -o disconnect -d sata0/7  
Device sata0/7 has been successfully disconnected
```

The following command shows the use of `cfgdisk` to connect a disk drive

TABLE 7-3

```
# cfgdisk -o connect -d sata0/7  
Command has been issued to connect sata0/7 device, it may take few  
seconds to connect sata0/7,
```

Use the `cfgdisk` command to display the status after disconnecting a disk drive:

TABLE 7-4

```
# cfgdisk
```

hotplugmon

The `hotplugmon` utility monitors disk drive hotplug events and then reports them to service processor. `hotplugmon` is not a command line utility. To verify a hotplug event, you should check the corresponding entry in service processor log using following `ipmitool` commands on the server:

TABLE 7-5

```
# ipmitool -I open sdr elist
```

Or from another server type:

TABLE 7-6

```
# ipmitool -I lan -H SP-IP -U root -P changeme sdr elist
```

faultmond Command

`faultmond` is a daemon that is started at boot time. It scans for faulted disk, pending disk failures, and FRU information.

Use the `faultmond` command to determine faulted disk drives by using the parameters shown in [TABLE 7-7](#). The following options are supported for the functions shown:

TABLE 7-7 `faultmond` Command Options

Option	Description
-h	Displays help information
-t	Displays polling information <i><minutes></i>
-v	Displays version information
-D	Runs as a non-daemon process

Examples Using the `faultmond` Command

The following command shows the use of `faultmond`:

TABLE 7-8

```
# faultmond -h  
faultmond version 1.0
```

The following command shows the use of `faultmond` running as a non-daemon:

TABLE 7-9

```
# faultmond -D -t 5
```

The following commands can be used to `faultmond` from the command-line:

TABLE 7-10

```
# service faultmond start  
# service ipmi start
```

For additional information about `cfgdisk`, `hotplugmon`, or `faultmond`, refer to the man pages for `cfgdisk (1M)`, `hotplugmon (1M)`, and `faultmon(1M)`.

PART II Sun Fire X4540 Server Administration Guide

This part contains the *Sun Fire X4540 Server Administration Guide* and has the following chapters:

- [Chapter 8](#) provides an introduction to the Sun Fire X4540 server information.
- [Chapter 9](#) provides system and operating environment information.
- [Chapter 10](#) provides information on how to identify and configure components.
- [Chapter 11](#) provides hard disk management information.
- [Chapter 12](#) provides fault management architecture information.
- [Chapter 13](#) provides information about how to use the Solaris Volume Manager to manually re-create the mirrored preinstalled Solaris Operating System (OS).

Introduction to the Sun Fire X4540 Server

This chapter introduces you to the Sun Fire X4540 Server and describes important features.

The following information is covered in this chapter:

- [“X4540 Server Features” on page 65](#)
- [“Exterior Features, Controls, and Indicators” on page 67](#)
- [“About Reliability, Availability, and Serviceability Features” on page 74](#)

X4540 Server Features

The Sun Fire X4540 server is a mid-level, modular, rack-optimized server in the Sun x64 product family. The family platform includes servers engineered for AMD Opteron CPUs. The Sun Fire X4540 server deploys into commercial server markets in a slide-mounted, horizontally-biased enclosure for rack cabinet installations, primarily in datacenter locations.

The Sun Fire X4540 server includes an extensive set of reliability, availability, and serviceability (RAS) features, such as hot-pluggable and redundant hard disk drives (when RAID 1 is used), and hot-swappable fans, and power supplies. The servers also provide an integrated lights out management (ILOM) service processor function that includes remote boot and remote software upgrades.

[TABLE 8-1](#) summarizes the features of the Sun Fire X4540 server.

TABLE 8-1 Summary of X4540 Server Features

Feature or Component	Sun Fire X4540 Server
CPU	Two AMD Opteron 2000 Series CPUs, Quad-Core, 2-socket configuration
Processor BIOS	8-Mb Flash with LPC interface.
Memory	16 DIMM slots (8 per processor), up to 4 GB per DIMM (64 GB per system). 128-bit DDR2 interface (2x64-bit data+2x8-bit ECC)
Hard disk drives (HDDs)	Up to forty-eight 3.5 SATA drives, of 250/500/750GB/1TB capacity each (over 48 TB total system capacity), supports SATA II, 3.0Gb/s.
Service Processor	Integrated Lights Out Manager (ILOM). Refer to the ILOM documentation (see the <i>Integrated Lights Out Manager (ILOM) Administration Guide</i> (819-0280)).
RAID options	RAID is configured through software.
Network I/O	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Four 10/100/1000BASE-T Gigabit Ethernet ports (RJ-45 connectors)• One 10/100BASE-T Ethernet net management port (RJ-45 Connector) NET MGT• One RS-232 serial port (RJ-45 Connector) SER MGT (see Serial Port)
Serial Port	RS-232 serial interface, RJ45 connector Console only, no modem support (no RI, PPP) Connected to ILOM by default Default parameters <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9600 baud• 8 data bits• No parity• 1 stop bit• No flow control
PCI I/O	Three PCI-e slots, 8-laneslot (x8), LSI SAS 1068E. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Six SATA Controllers on IO Board, LSI SATA controller x 6. Each controller supports 8 HDDs• 51.5 mm (2.5 inches) maximum height• 169.3 mm (6.7 inches) maximum length

TABLE 8-1 Summary of X4540 Server Features

Feature or Component	Sun Fire X4540 Server
Other I/O	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Four USB 2.0 ports• One VGA video port• Compact flash card slot
Power	1500 W DC max output per power supply, two bays, 1+1 redundancy, hot-swappable. 1130 W AC max system input power = 3856 BTU/hr = 0.321 tons of air conditioning, 200–240 VAC.
Fans	Five fan modules; also additional fans in each power supply. Cooling is front-to-back forced air. Hot swappable, Variable speed, 7500 R.P.M. max, Top loading, Fault/OK LEDs, 1.8A / 18W, SATA connector. The SP software controls the fan speed and detects fan failure. Operation terminates if a fan tray is removed. NOTE: Do not operate the system with a fan removed for more than 60 seconds.

Exterior Features, Controls, and Indicators

This section describes the features, controls, and indicators on the front and rear panels of the Sun Fire X4540 server.

Front Panel

[FIGURE 8-1](#) shows the front panel. [FIGURE 8-2](#) shows a close up of the controls and indicators.

FIGURE 8-1 Sun Fire X4540 Server Front Panel Features

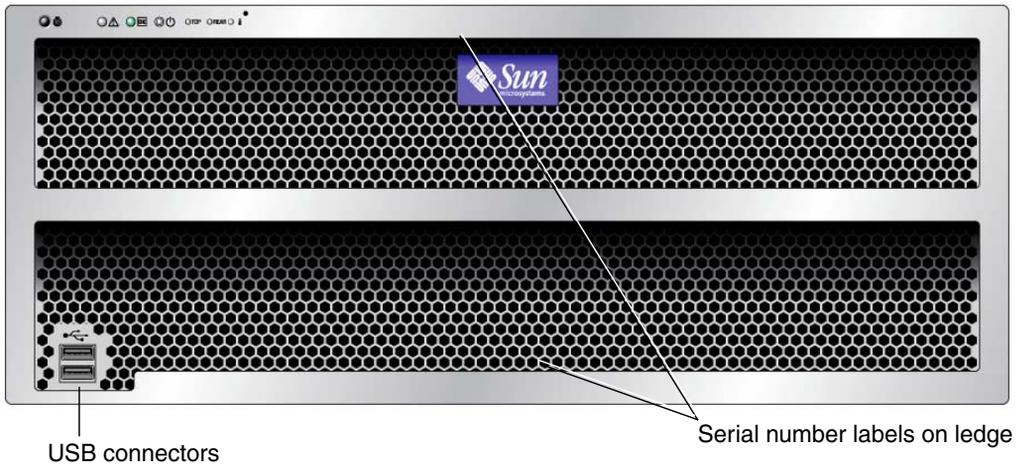


FIGURE 8-2 Sun Fire X4540 Server Front Panel Controls and Indicators

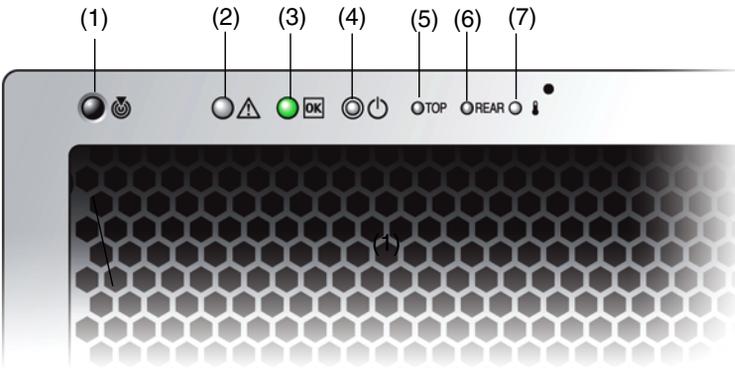


TABLE 8-2 Sun Fire X4540 Server Front Panel Controls and Indicators

Number	Name	Color	Description
1	Locate button/LED	White 	Operators can turn this LED on remotely to help them locate the server in a crowded server room. Press to turn off.
2	Service action required	Amber 	On - When service action is required.
3	Power/Operation	Green 	Steady - Power is on. Blink - Standby power is on but main power is off. Off - Power is off.
4	System power button	Gray	To power on main power for all the server components.
5	Top failure LED	Amber	On - HDD or fan fault.
6	Rear failure LED	Amber	On - Power supply or system controller fault (service is required).
7	Over temperature LED	Amber	On - When system is over temperature.

FIGURE 8-3 shows the rear panel features.

FIGURE 8-3 Sun Fire X4540 Server Rear Panel

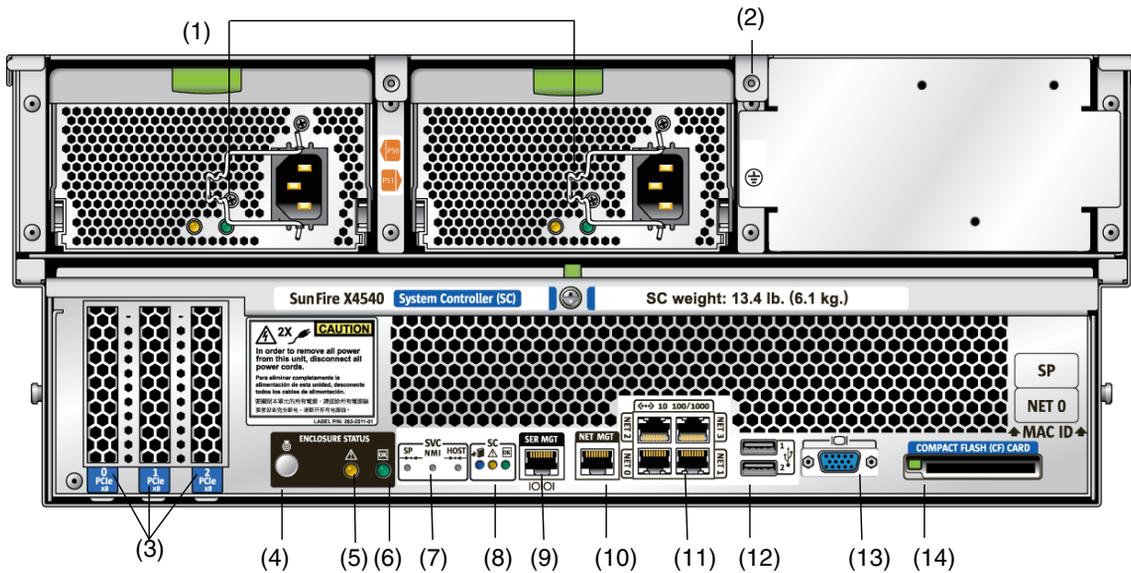


TABLE 8-3 Rear Panel Features

#	Name	Description
1	AC power connectors	Verify that the PS LEDs are green. Each power supply has its own AC connector with a clip to secure its power cable.
2	Chassis ground	Connect grounding straps here.
3	0 PCI-e, 1 PCI-e, 2 PCI-e	Slots for three PCI-e cards.
4	Locate button/LED	White Operators can turn this LED On remotely to help them locate the server in a crowded server room. Press to turn off.
5	Fault LED	Amber – When on, service action required. Steady – Power is On. Off – Power is Off.
6	OK LED	Green – Service action allowed. When On, service action is required. Blink – Standby power is On but main power is Off.

TABLE 8-3 Rear Panel Features (*Continued*)

#	Name	Description
7	SVC Service buttons	<p>SP – Reset Service Processor.</p> <p>NMI – Non-Maskable Interrupt dump. Sends an NMI to the CPU. Used for debugging only.</p> <p>Host – Reset Host Bus Adapter.</p> <p>Do not use these buttons unless instructed by Sun service personnel. To operate these buttons, insert a stylus or a straightened paper clip into the recess.</p>
8	SC - System controller status LEDs	<p>Blue – Ready to remove.</p> <p></p> <p>Amber – Fault, service action required.</p> <p></p> <p>Green – Operational, no action required.</p> <p></p>
9	SER MGT	Serial management port (serial connection to service processor).
10	NET MGT (S)	Net management and service processor port.
11	10/100/1000	GigabitEthernet ports connect server to Ethernet.
12	USB connectors	Connect USB devices.
13	Video connector	Connect video monitor.
14	Compact flash (CF) card	Insert compact flash card devices.

Disk Drive and Fan Tray LEDs

FIGURE 8-4 shows the location of the internal LEDs.

FIGURE 8-5 shows a close-up view of the disk drive and fan trays, including the symbols that identify the LEDs.

FIGURE 8-4 Disk Drive Locations

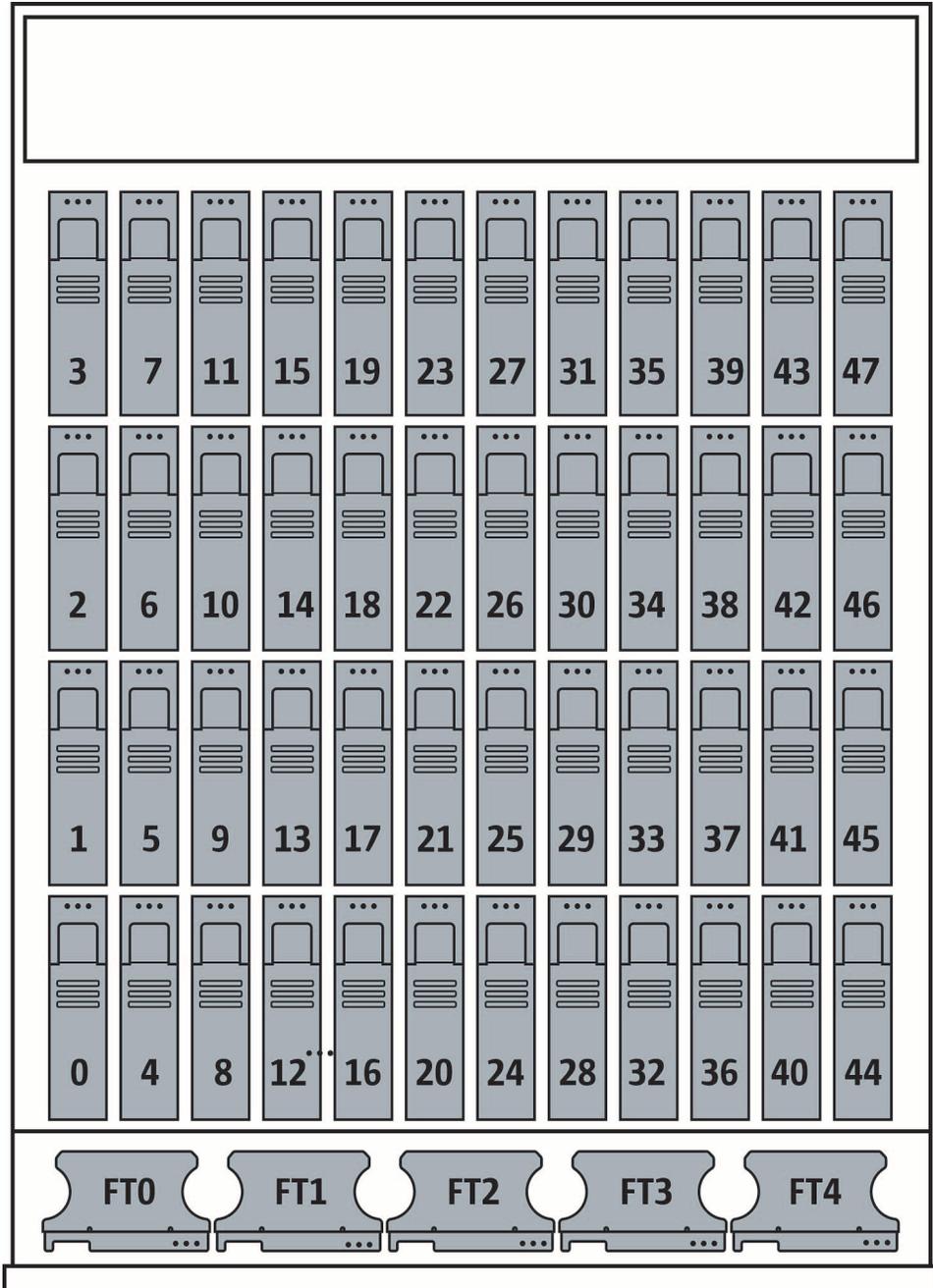
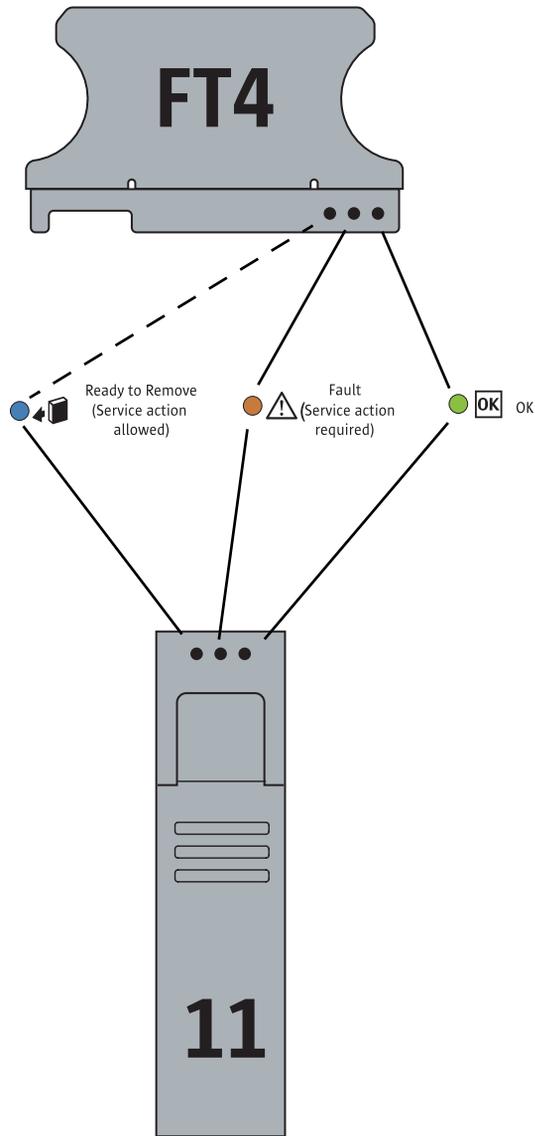


FIGURE 8-5 Disk Drive and Fan Tray LEDs



Note - The fan can be removed at any time. Ignore the Fan Ready to Remove LED.

About Reliability, Availability, and Serviceability Features

Reliability, availability, and serviceability (RAS) are aspects of a system's design that affect its ability to operate continuously and to minimize the time necessary to service the system. Together, reliability, availability, and serviceability features provide for near continuous system operation.

Reliability refers to a system's ability to operate continuously without failures and to maintain data integrity. System availability refers to the percentage of time that a system remains accessible and usable. Serviceability relates to the time it takes to restore a system to service following a system failure.

To deliver high levels of reliability, availability and serviceability, the Sun Fire X4540 Server system offers the following features:

- Hot-pluggable disk drives
- Redundant, hot-swappable power supplies
- Environmental monitoring and fault protection
- Integrated Lights Out Management (ILOM), Sun's remote management capability
- Support for disk and network multipathing with automatic failover capability
- Error correction and parity checking for improved data integrity
- Easy access to all internal replaceable components
- Full in-rack serviceability by extending the slides

Hot-Pluggable and Hot-Swappable Components

Sun Fire X4540 Server hardware is designed to support hot-pluggable and hot-swappable components. Hot-plugging and hot-swapping are cost-effective solutions that provides increased system availability and continuous serviceability for business-critical computing environments, by providing the ability to:

- Remove or replace a failed or failing component while the system is operating without service disruption.
- Increase storage capacity dynamically to handle larger work loads and improve system performance.

Hot-pluggable Components Overview

The Sun Fire X4540 server hot-plug technology allows a component to be added, upgraded, or replaced while the system is running without affecting hardware integrity.

Hot-plugging provides the ability to physically add, remove, or replace a hard disk drive while the system is running, and other hard disks in the system provide continuous service. When a hot-pluggable component is removed from the Sun Fire X4540 server, it must be taken offline from the operating system first, but does not require that the server be powered off.

On the Sun Fire X4540 server, you can hot-plug the following components.

TABLE 8-4 Sun Fire X4540 Hot-Pluggable Devices

Component	Part Number
250 GB SATA 3.5 Hard Disk Drive	541-1467
500 GB SATA 3.5 Hard Disk Drive	541-1468
750 GB SATA 3.5 Hard Disk Drive	540-7244
1 TB SATA 3.5 Hard Disk Drive	540-7507

For instructions on hot-plugging components, see the following:

- `cfgadm` Command in “[cfgadm Command](#)” on page 85.
- `cfgadm(1M)` (See the `cfgadm(1M)` man page for more information.)

Hot-swappable Components Overview

A hot-swappable component can be removed or replaced without affecting software integrity. A component that is removed does not need to be taken offline from the operating system first.

On the Sun Fire X4540 server, you can hot-swap the following components:

TABLE 8-5 Sun Fire X4540 Hot-Swappable Devices (Partial List)

Component	Part Number
Power supply (type A205)	300-1787
Fan module	541-0458

For more information about updating the Sun Fire X4540 Server, product updates, or for the most up-to-date list of replaceable components, refer to the *Sun Fire X4540 Server Service Manual* (819-4359), and the *Sun Fire X4540 Server Product Notes* (820-4869).

Software and Operating Environment

The Sun Fire X4540 server supports Solaris 32-bit and 64-bit operating systems. The server is shipped with Integrated Lights Out Manager (ILOM) and Solaris 10 4/08 operating system which includes the newly designed Solaris ZFS File System (Zettabyte File System).

This chapter includes the following topics:

- [“About ZFS” on page 77](#)
- [“About Integrated Lights Out Manager \(ILOM\)” on page 79](#)
- [“About Intelligent Platform Management Interface \(IPMI\)” on page 80](#)

About ZFS

This section includes the following topics:

- [“Overview” on page 78](#)
- [“Devices” on page 78](#)
- [“Structure” on page 78](#)
- [“Using the ZFS File System” on page 79](#)
- [“Additional information” on page 79](#)

Overview

ZFS is a 128-bit file system that provides 16 billion times the capacity of 32-bit or even 64-bit file systems. With ZFS, data is protected by 64-bit checksums to provide error detection and correction functionally. It constantly reads and checks data to ensure that it is correct. If it detects an error in a mirrored pool, the technology automatically repairs the corrupted data. ZFS is available in the Solaris 10 4/08 OS.

The ZFS (Zettabyte File System) system delivers file system management capabilities by automating common administrative tasks, protecting data from corruption and providing virtually unlimited scalability.

Devices

Because ZFS file systems are not constrained to specific devices, they can be created easily and quickly, similar to the way directories are created. ZFS file systems grow automatically within the space allocated to the storage pool.

Historically, file systems have been constrained to one device so that the file systems themselves have been constrained to the size of the device. Creating and re-creating traditional file systems because of size constraints are time-consuming and sometimes difficult. Traditional volume management products helped manage this process.

Structure

ZFS uses virtual storage pools to make it easy to expand or contract file systems simply by adding more drives. Instead of creating one file system, such as `/export/home`, to manage many user subdirectories, you can create one file system per user. In addition, ZFS provides a file system hierarchy so that you can easily set up and manage many file systems by applying properties that can be inherited by file systems contained within the hierarchy.

ZFS is a lightweight POSIX file system that is built on top of a storage pool. File systems can be dynamically created and destroyed without requiring you to allocate or format any underlying space. Because file systems are so lightweight and because they are the central point of administration in ZFS, you are likely to create many of them.

Using the ZFS File System

This section describes how to use the Solaris ZFS File System (Zettabyte File System) on the Sun Fire X4540 server.

You administer ZFS file systems by using the `zfs` command. This command provides a set of subcommands that perform specific operations on file systems. You can also manage snapshots, volumes, and clones by using this command, but these features are covered only briefly in this chapter.

With ZFS you can perform the following administrative functions:

- Manage devices.
- Create file systems.
- Create and manage storage pools.
- Create and manage volumes.
- Take a snapshot of a file system or volume.

Additional information

For information on best practices for the ZFS File System see:

http://www.solarisinternals.com/wiki/index.php/ZFS_Best_Practices_Guide

For more information about ZFS, and for an example of creating a file system, refer to the *ZFS Administration Guide*, (819-5461). General concepts such as hierarchical file system layout, property inheritance, and automatic mount point management and share interactions are included in the *ZFS Administration Guide*.

About Integrated Lights Out Manager (ILOM)

(ILOM) Integrated Lights Out Manager is an Intelligent Platform Management Interface (IPMI) 2.0-compliant Baseboard Management Controller (BMC) that implements Lights Out Management (LOM), including Remote Keyboard, Video, Mouse, and Storage (RKVMS); a web management interface; a command-line interface (CLI); and Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP).

The ILOM software includes the following:

- Embedded, hardened Linux OS

- IPMI 2.0 BMC
- Platform Control agents diagnostics software
- RKVMS

Lights Out Management is performed on the Sun Fire X4540 server through IPMItool, a command-line utility for controlling IPMI-enabled devices. For more information about Integrated Lights Out Manager (ILOM, refer to the *Integrated Lights Out Manager (ILOM) Administration Guide*, (819-1160).

About Intelligent Platform Management Interface (IPMI)

Intelligent Platform Management Interface (IPMI) refers to the autonomous monitoring, logging, recovery, and inventory control features implemented in hardware and firmware.

There are two major components of platform management: the Service Processor (SP or BMC) and the System Management Software (SMS). Platform status information can be obtained and recovery actions initiated under situations in which system management software and normal in-band management mechanisms are unavailable.

SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol) is a network management protocol used almost exclusively in TCP/IP networks. It provides remote access by SNMP-compliant entities to monitor and control network devices and to manage configurations, statistics collection, performance, and security on a network.

IPMI messages can be used to communicate with the SP BMC over serial and LAN interfaces, so software designed for in-band (local) management can be re-used for out-of-band (remote) management simply by changing the low-level communications layer.

The IPMItool is a simple command-line interface to systems that support the IPMI v2.0 specification. IPMItool provides the ability to read the sensor data repository and print sensor values, display the contents of the system event log, and SNMP.

Refer to the *Sun Fire X4540 Server ILOM Supplement* and *Sun Fire X4540 server Diagnostics Guide* for additional information about IPMI.

Identifying and Configuring Components

This chapter introduces the tools that let you administer the Sun Fire X4540 server and explains how the tools work together.

Topics in this chapter include:

- [“Solaris System Commands” on page 81](#)
- [“Component Configuration Information” on page 89](#)

For detailed instructions on diagnosing the server, refer to the *Sun Fire X4540 Server Diagnostics Guide* (819-4363) and the *Sun Fire X4540 Server Service Manual* (819-4359).

The Sun Fire X4540 server and its accompanying software contain tools and features that help you:

- *Isolate* problems when there is a failure of a field-replaceable component
- *Monitor* the status of a functioning system
- *Exercise* the system to disclose an intermittent or incipient problem

Solaris System Commands

This section describes Solaris superuser commands that you can use to assess Sun Fire X4540 server condition and troubleshoot server problems. The related commands include:

- [“prtconf Command” on page 82](#) displays the Solaris device tree.
- [“prtdiag Command” on page 83](#) summarizes system component status.
- [“psrinfo Command” on page 84](#) displays online CPU date and time.
- [“showrev Command” on page 85](#) displays revision information.

- “[cfgadm Command](#)” on page 85 takes a component offline.

For additional information about these commands, see the command man pages.

prtconf Command

The `prtconf` command displays the Solaris device tree. This tree includes all the devices probed by the firmware, as well as additional devices, like individual disks, that only the operating environment software can detect. The output of `prtconf` also includes the total amount of system memory.

CODE EXAMPLE 10-1 prtconf Command Output

```
$ /usr/sbin/prtconf -p
System Configuration: Sun Microsystems i86pc
Memory size: 32768 Megabytes
System Peripherals (PROM Nodes):

Node 'i86pc'
  Node 'ramdisk'
  Node 'isa'
  Node 'pci'
    Node 'pci10de,cb84'
    Node 'pci10de,cb84'
```

The `prtconf` command's `-p` option produces output similar to the `show-devs` command. The `show-devs` command lists only those devices compiled by the system firmware.

prtdiag Command

The prtdiag command summarizes system component status in table format.

CODE EXAMPLE 10-2 prtdiag Command Output

```
$ /usr/sbin/prtdiag
System Configuration: Sun Microsystems Sun Fire X4540
BIOS Configuration: American Megatrends Inc. 080014 04/04/2008
BMC Configuration: IPMI 2.0 (KCS: Keyboard Controller Style)

==== Processor Sockets =====

Version                                Location Tag
-----
Quad-Core AMD Opteron(tm) Processor 2356 CPU 1
Quad-Core AMD Opteron(tm) Processor 2356 CPU 2

==== Memory Device Sockets =====

Type      Status Set Device Locator      Bank Locator
-----
DDR2      in use 0   DIMM0                          BANK0
DDR2      in use 0   DIMM1                          BANK1
...
DDR2      in use 0   DIMM15                         BANK15

==== On-Board Devices =====
Gigabit Ethernet #0
Gigabit Ethernet #1
Gigabit Ethernet #2
Gigabit Ethernet #3
AST2000 VGA
LSI SCSI 1068-e #0
LSI SCSI 1068-e #1
LSI SCSI 1068-e #2
LSI SCSI 1068-e #3
LSI SCSI 1068-e #4
LSI SCSI 1068-e #5

==== Upgradeable Slots =====

ID  Status      Type              Description
---
1   available  PCI Express      PCIExp SLOT0
2   available  PCI Express      PCIExp SLOT1
3   available  PCI Express      PCIExp SLOT2
```

psrinfo Command

The `psrinfo` command displays the date and time each CPU came online. With the verbose (`-v`) option, the command displays additional information about the CPUs, including their clock speed. The following is sample output from the `psrinfo` command with the `-v` option.

CODE EXAMPLE 10-3 `psrinfo -v` Command Output

```
$ /usr/sbin/psrinfo -v
Status of virtual processor 0 as of: 06/25/2008 17:54:39
on-line since 06/25/2008 11:34:12.
  The i386 processor operates at 2300 MHz,
    and has an i387 compatible floating point processor.
Status of virtual processor 1 as of: 06/25/2008 17:54:39
on-line since 06/25/2008 11:34:16.
  The i386 processor operates at 2300 MHz,
    and has an i387 compatible floating point processor.
Status of virtual processor 2 as of: 06/25/2008 17:54:39
on-line since 06/25/2008 11:34:18.
  The i386 processor operates at 2300 MHz,
    and has an i387 compatible floating point processor.
Status of virtual processor 3 as of: 06/25/2008 17:54:39
on-line since 06/25/2008 11:34:20.
  The i386 processor operates at 2300 MHz,
    and has an i387 compatible floating point processor.
Status of virtual processor 4 as of: 06/25/2008 17:54:39
on-line since 06/25/2008 11:34:22.
  The i386 processor operates at 2300 MHz,
    and has an i387 compatible floating point processor.
Status of virtual processor 5 as of: 06/25/2008 17:54:39
on-line since 06/25/2008 11:34:24.
  The i386 processor operates at 2300 MHz,
    and has an i387 compatible floating point processor.
Status of virtual processor 6 as of: 06/25/2008 17:54:39
on-line since 06/25/2008 11:34:26.
  The i386 processor operates at 2300 MHz,
    and has an i387 compatible floating point processor.
Status of virtual processor 7 as of: 06/25/2008 17:54:39
on-line since 06/25/2008 11:34:28.
  The i386 processor operates at 2300 MHz,
    and has an i387 compatible floating point processor.
```

showrev Command

The `showrev` command displays revision information for hardware and software. Code example 3-4 shows sample output of the `showrev` command.

CODE EXAMPLE 10-4 `showrev` Command Output

```
$ showrev
Hostname: abc-123
Hostid: dbc23b9
Release: 5.10
Kernel architecture: i86pc
Application architecture: i386
Hardware provider:
Domain:
Kernel version: SunOS 5.10 Generic_127128-11
```

cfgadm Command

The `cfgadm` command is used to take a component offline. The benefit of using the `cfgadm` command is that you can add, remove, or replace components while the system is running. An added benefit is that the `cfgadm` command guides you through the steps needed to add, remove, or replace system components.

The `cfgadm` command resides in the `/usr/sbin` directory. (See the `cfgadm(1M)` man page for more information.)

Features of the `cfgadm` command include the following:

- Displaying system component status
- Testing system components
- Changing component configurations
- Displaying configuration help messages

CODE EXAMPLE 10-5 `cfgadm` Command Output

```
$ /usr/sbin/cfgadm
Ap_Id                               Type           Receptacle    Occupant
Condition
c0 scsi-bus      connected     configured    unknown
c1 scsi-bus      connected     configured    unknown
c2 scsi-bus      connected     configured    unknown
c3 scsi-bus      connected     configured    unknown
c4 scsi-bus      connected     configured    unknown
c5 scsi-bus      connected     configured    unknown
usb0/1           unknown       empty         unconfigured ok
usb0/2           unknown       empty         unconfigured ok
usb0/3           unknown       empty         unconfigured ok
usb0/4           unknown       empty         unconfigured ok
usb0/5           usb-device    connected     configured    ok
usb0/6           unknown       empty         unconfigured ok
usb0/7           unknown       empty         unconfigured ok
usb0/8           unknown       empty         unconfigured ok
usb0/9           unknown       empty         unconfigured ok
usb0/10          unknown       empty         unconfigured ok
usb1/1           unknown       empty         unconfigured ok
usb1/2           unknown       empty         unconfigured ok
usb1/3           unknown       empty         unconfigured ok
usb1/4           unknown       empty         unconfigured ok
usb1/5           unknown       empty         unconfigured ok
usb1/6           usb-hub       connected     configured    ok
usb1/6.1         unknown       empty         unconfigured ok
usb1/6.2         unknown       empty         unconfigured ok
usb1/6.3         unknown       empty         unconfigured ok
usb1/6.4         unknown       empty         unconfigured ok
usb1/7           unknown       empty         unconfigured ok
usb1/8           unknown       empty         unconfigured ok
usb1/9           unknown       empty         unconfigured ok
usb1/10          unknown       empty         unconfigured ok
```

You can use the `cfgadm -al (1M)` command to display device type, configuration, and condition status information about drives.

Type the `cfgadm -al | grep disk` command to display a list of SATA drives.

CODE EXAMPLE 10-6 `cfgadm` Command Output with `grep` (c0-c2)

Device	Type	Receptacle	Occupant	Condition
cfgadm -al grep disk				
c0::dsk/c0t0d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c0::dsk/c0t1d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c0::dsk/c0t2d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c0::dsk/c0t3d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c0::dsk/c0t4d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c0::dsk/c0t5d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c0::dsk/c0t6d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c0::dsk/c0t7d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c1::dsk/c1t0d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c1::dsk/c1t1d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c1::dsk/c1t2d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c1::dsk/c1t3d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c1::dsk/c1t4d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c1::dsk/c1t5d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c1::dsk/c1t6d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c1::dsk/c1t7d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c2::dsk/c2t0d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c2::dsk/c2t1d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c2::dsk/c2t2d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c2::dsk/c2t3d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c2::dsk/c2t4d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c2::dsk/c2t5d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c2::dsk/c2t6d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c2::dsk/c2t7d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown

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CODE EXAMPLE 10-7 `cfgadm` Command Output with `grep` (c3-c5)

Device	Type	Receptacle	Occupant	Condition
<i>(Continued)</i>				
c3::dsk/c3t0d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c3::dsk/c3t1d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c3::dsk/c3t2d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c3::dsk/c3t3d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c3::dsk/c3t4d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c3::dsk/c3t5d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c3::dsk/c3t6d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c3::dsk/c3t7d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c4::dsk/c4t0d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c4::dsk/c4t1d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c4::dsk/c4t2d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c4::dsk/c4t3d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c4::dsk/c4t4d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c4::dsk/c4t5d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c4::dsk/c4t6d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c4::dsk/c4t7d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c5::dsk/c5t0d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c5::dsk/c5t1d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c5::dsk/c5t2d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c5::dsk/c5t3d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c5::dsk/c5t4d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c5::dsk/c5t5d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c5::dsk/c5t6d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown
c5::dsk/c5t7d0	disk	connected	configured	unknown

See [“Component Configuration Information” on page 89](#) for more information about how to use the `cfgadm` command.

Component Configuration Information

This section describes component configuration and state information for the Sun Fire X4540 Server.

This section includes:

- “Attachment Points Overview” on page 89
- “Determining Attachment Points” on page 90
- “Changing to Attachment Points” on page 90
- “States and Conditions” on page 91
- “Drive and Drive Slot States” on page 91
- “Drive Conditions” on page 92
- “Component States” on page 92

Attachment Points Overview

An *attachment point* is a collective term for a component or device, the slot that holds it, and any components on it. Slots are sometimes called *receptacles*. The `cfgadm` command displays information about attachment points.

An attachment point consists of the following:

- An occupant, which represents a hardware component that can be configured into the system. The term *occupant* refers to the combination of a component and its attached devices, including any external storage devices connected by interface cables.
- A receptacle, which is the location that accepts the occupant.

There are two types of attachment point names:

- Physical attachment point – The software driver and the location of the slot.
- Logical attachment point – An abbreviated name created by the system to see the physical attachment point.

An attachment point defines two unique elements, which are distinct from the hardware resources that exist beyond the attachment point. The two elements of an attachment point are a receptacle and an occupant. Physical insertion or removal of hardware resources occurs at attachment points and results in a receptacle gaining or losing an occupant. Configuration administration supports the physical insertion and removal operations, as well as other configurations. For more information about `Ap_Ids`, refer to `cfgadm(1M)`.

Determining Attachment Points

The `cfgadm` command provides all resources and dynamic reconfiguration operations in terms of a common set of states (such as configured and unconfigured) and operations (such as connect, configure, unconfigure, and so on). For more information about these common states and operations, refer to the `cfgadm(1M)` man page.

To obtain a list of all available logical attachment points, use the following commands in the domain.

1. **Log on as a superuser.**
2. **Display information about attachment points on the system.**

CODE EXAMPLE 10-8 `cfgadm` Command Display of Attachment Points

```
# cfgadm -al
```

Ap_Id	Type	Receptacle	Occupant	Condition
c0	scsi-bus	connected	configured	unknown
c1	scsi-bus	connected	configured	unknown

In this example, c0 and c1 represent two SCSI controllers.

Changing to Attachment Points

Attachment points contain state and condition information. An attachment point can be in one of five conditions: unknown, ok, failing, failed, or unusable. An attachment point can enter the system in any condition, depending upon results of power-on tests and non-volatile record keeping.

You can use the `cfgadm` command to change attachment points.

- To change the state of an attachment point, use these specific `cfgadm` options:
 - `configure`
 - `unconfigure`
 - `connect`
 - `disconnect`
- To change the availability of an attachment point's associations, use these specific `cfgadm` options:
 - `assign`
 - `unassign`

For information about states, see the sections that follow. For more information about attachment points, refer to the `cfgadm(1M)` man page.

States and Conditions

This section describes the states and conditions of drive slots, components, and attachment points.

- State is the operational status of either a hard disk drive slot or its occupant.
- Condition is the operational status of an attachment point.

The `cfgadm(1M)` command can display nine types of states and conditions. For more information, see [“Component States” on page 92](#).

Drive and Drive Slot States

When a drive slot does not hold a drive, its state is `empty`. When the slot does contain a drive, the state of the drive is either `disconnected` or `connected`.

TABLE 10-1 Drive and Drive Slot States

State	Description
<code>empty</code>	The slot does not hold a drive.
<code>disconnected</code>	The drive in the slot is disconnected from the system bus. A drive can be in the disconnected state without being powered off. However, a drive must be powered off and in the disconnected state before you remove it from the slot. A newly inserted drive is in the disconnected state.
<code>connected</code>	The drive in the slot is powered on and connected to the system bus. You can view the components on a drive only after it is in the connected state.

A drive in the `connected` state is either `configured` or `unconfigured`. A drive that is disconnected is always `unconfigured`.

TABLE 10-2 Configured and Unconfigured Drives

Name	Description
<code>configured</code>	The drive is available for use by the Solaris software.
<code>unconfigured</code>	The drive is not available for use by the Solaris software.

Drive Conditions

A drive can be in one of three conditions: unknown, ok, or failed. A drive slot might be designated as unusable.

TABLE 10-3 Drive and Drive Slot Conditions

Name	Description
unknown	The drive has not been tested.
ok	The drive is operational.
failed	The drive failed testing.
unusable	The drive slot is unusable.

Component States

A disk drive cannot be individually connected or disconnected. Thus, all such components are in the `connected` state.

The connected component is either configured or unconfigured.

TABLE 10-4 Connected Components: Configured or Unconfigured

Name	Description
<code>configured</code>	The component is available for use by the Solaris OS.
<code>unconfigured</code>	The component is not available for use by the Solaris OS.

Managing Hard Disk Drives

This chapter discusses the following topics.

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Hard Disk Drive Locations

The Sun Fire X4540 server can contain up to 48 SATA hard disk drives. The hard disk drive locations are numbered sequentially from 0 to 47, starting at the front left corner and incrementing left to right and front to rear (see [FIGURE 11-1](#)). The nomenclature for the locations is $DISK_n$, where n is the location number.

FIGURE 11-1 Disk Drive Locations (Boot disks shown in gray)

Controller 0		Controller 1		Controller 2		Controller 3		Controller 4		Controller 5	
Physical # # 3	Physical # # 7	Physical # # 11	Physical # # 15	Physical # # 19	Physical # # 23	Physical # # 27	Physical # # 31	Physical # # 35	Physical # # 39	Physical # # 43	Physical # # 47
Hardware Sata Port: 0/3	Hardware Sata Port: 0/7	Hardware Sata Port: 1/3	Hardware Sata Port: 1/7	Hardware Sata Port: 2/3	Hardware Sata Port: 2/7	Hardware Sata Port: 3/3	Hardware Sata Port: 3/7	Hardware Sata port: 4/3	Hardware Sata Port: 4/7	Hardware Sata Port: 5/3	Hardware Sata Port: 5/7
Physical # # 2	Physical # # 6	Physical # # 10	Physical # # 14	Physical # # 18	Physical # # 22	Physical # # 26	Physical # # 30	Physical # # 34	Physical # # 38	Physical # # 42	Physical # # 46
Hardware Sata Port: 0/2	Hardware Sata Port: 0/6	Hardware Sata Port: 1/2	Hardware Sata Port: 1/6	Hardware Sata Port: 2/2	Hardware Sata Port: 2/6	Hardware Sata Port: 3/2	Hardware Sata Port: 3/6	Hardware Sata Port: 4/2	Hardware Sata Port: 4/6	Hardware Sata Port: 5/2	Hardware Sata Port: 5/6
Physical # # 1	Physical # # 5	Physical # # 9	Physical # # 13	Physical # # 17	Physical # # 21	Physical # # 25	Physical # # 29	Physical # # 33	Physical # # 37	Physical # # 41	Physical # # 45
Hardware Sata Port: 0/1	Hardware Sata Port: 0/5	Hardware Sata Port: 1/1	Hardware Sata Port: 1/5	Hardware Sata Port: 2/1	Hardware Sata Port: 2/5	Hardware Sata Port: 3/1	Hardware Sata Port: 3/5	Hardware Sata Port: 4/1	Hardware Sata Port: 4/5	Hardware Sata Port: 5/1	Hardware Sata Port: 5/5
Physical # # 0	Physical # # 4	Physical # # 8	Physical # # 12	Physical # # 16	Physical # # 20	Physical # # 24	Physical # # 28	Physical # # 32	Physical # # 36	Physical # # 40	Physical # # 44
Hardware Sata Port: 0/0	Hardware Sata Port: 0/4	Hardware Sata Port: 1/0	Hardware Sata Port: 1/4	Hardware Sata Port: 2/0	Hardware Sata Port: 2/4	Hardware Sata Port: 3/0	Hardware Sata Port: 3/4	Hardware Sata Port: 4/0	Hardware Sata Port: 4/4	Hardware Sata Port: 5/0	Hardware Sata Port: 5/4
Fan Tray 0		Fan Tray 1		Fan Tray 2		Fan Tray 3		Fan Tray 4			

Disk Drive Status and LEDs

Each hard disk drive has a sensor that is used to communicate the state of the slot. The hard disk drives use IPMI (Intelligent Platform Management Interface) sensors to convey a slot state, as shown in [TABLE 11-1](#):

TABLE 11-1 Disk Drive Status Sensors

State	Event	Description
0	Device Not Present	The drive bay is empty.
1	Device Installed	The drive is detected. Used by remote management applications.
2	Ready for Device Removal	A drive is unmounted and ready to be physically removed. Controls the OK to Remove LED.
3	Device Faulted	Causes the service processor to illuminate the individual disk drive fault LED.

Inside the Sun Fire X4540 server chassis, each of the 48 hard disk drives has three LEDs, as shown in [TABLE 11-2](#).

The individual LED locator can be used to control both the fault and removal LEDs through an IPMI OEM command. The service processor controls the fault and removal LEDs automatically, based on events in the disk drive sensors.

TABLE 11-2 Disk Drive LED Indicators

LED	Event	Description
Green	Disk drive activity	Controlled by hardware. Does not require SP interaction.
Amber	Hard disk drive failure	Controlled by the SP over the SP-12C bus. Relies on the operating system driver to set appropriately.
Blue	Hard disk drive ready for removal	Controlled by the SP over the SP-12C bus. The operating system determines that the drive has been halted and is ready to be removed.

EFI Disk Label Overview

Extensible Firmware Interface (EFI) is an Intel standard used as a replacement for the PC BIOS. It is responsible for the power-on self-test (POST) process, booting the operating system, and providing an interface between the operating system and the physical hardware. EFIs provides the following capabilities:

- System-independent device drivers.
- Delegation of networking and memory management issues to the firmware instead of the OS.
- EFI selection and loading of the operating system, which removes the need for a boot loader.

The Solaris 10 OS provides support for EFI Labels for disks that are larger than 1 terabyte on systems that run a 64-bit Solaris kernel. The Extensible Firmware Interface GUID Partition Table (EFI GPT) disk label provides support for physical disks and virtual disk volumes.

You can download the EFI specification at:

http://www.intel.com/technology/efi/main_specification.htm

You can use the `format -e` command to apply an EFI label to a disk if the system is running the appropriate Solaris release. However, you should review the important information in Restrictions of the EFI Disk Label before attempting to apply an EFI label.

For additional information about EFI disk labels, managing disks with EFI labels, EFI disk label restrictions, and troubleshooting problems with EFI disk labels, refer to the *Solaris 10 Systems Administration Guide* at:

<http://docs.sun.com>

Converting EFI Label to SMI (Solaris) Label on the Sun Fire X4540 Disk

The ZFS system uses EFI labels to label whole disks that are added to a ZFS storage pool. If you convert an EFI label on disk that is part of a ZFS storage pool, you can erase the data on that disk.



Caution – Do not attempt to convert an EFI label to an SMI label using the `format(1M)` command.

To convert an EFI disk label to an SMI (Solaris) label, delete the EFI `fdisk` partition, then create a new Solaris `fdisk` partition.

1. Use fdisk to delete the EFI fdisk partition.

CODE EXAMPLE 11-1 EFI to SMI Disk Label Conversion

```
# fdisk /dev/rdisk/c0t7d0p0
    Total disk size is 30400 cylinders
    Cylinder size is 16065 (512 byte) blocks

    Cylinders
    Partition  Status  Type          Start  End  Length  %
    =====  =====  =====
           1              EFI          0 30400  30401  100

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
  1. Create a partition
  2. Specify the active partition
  3. Delete a partition
  4. Change between Solaris and Solaris2 Partition IDs
  5. Exit (update disk configuration and exit)
  6. Cancel (exit without updating disk configuration)
Enter Selection: 3

Specify the partition number to delete (or enter 0 to exit): 1

Are you sure you want to delete partition 1? This will make all
files and programs in this partition inaccessible (type "y" or
"n"). y

    Total disk size is 30400 cylinders
    Cylinder size is 16065 (512 byte) blocks

    Cylinders
    Partition  Status  Type          Start  End  Length  %
    =====  =====  =====
WARNING: no partitions are defined!

(The partition is now deleted. The menu reappears, as shown in Step 2.)
```

2. Create the new partition.

(Continued from previous display)

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. Create a partition
2. Specify the active partition
3. Delete a partition
4. Change between Solaris and Solaris2 Partition IDs
5. Exit (update disk configuration and exit)
6. Cancel (exit without updating disk configuration)

Enter Selection: **1**

Select the partition type to create:

1=SOLARIS2 2=UNIX 3=PCIXOS 4=Other
5=DOS12 6=DOS16 7=DOSEXT 8=DOSBIG
9=DOS16LBA A=x86 Boot B=Diagnostic C=FAT32
D=FAT32LBA E=DOSEXTLBA F=EFI 0=Exit?

Specify the percentage of disk to use for this partition
(or type "c" to specify the size in cylinders). **100**

Should this become the active partition? If yes, it will be
activated each time the computer is reset or turned on.

Please type "y" or "n". **y**

Total disk size is 30400 cylinders
Cylinder size is 16065 (512 byte) blocks

Partition	Status	Type	Start	End	Length	%
1	Active	Solaris2	1	30399	30399	100

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. Create a partition
2. Specify the active partition
3. Delete a partition
4. Change between Solaris and Solaris2 Partition IDs
5. Exit (update disk configuration and exit)
6. Cancel (exit without updating disk configuration)

Enter Selection: **5**

3. Verify that Solaris2 fdisk has been created on the same disk.

```
# fdisk /dev/rdisk/c0t7d0p0

Total disk size is 30400 cylinders
Cylinder size is 16065 (512 byte) blocks

Partition      Status      Type          Cylinders
=====      =====      =====
              1          Active      Solaris2      1 30399      30399      100

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
1. Create a partition
2. Specify the active partition
3. Delete a partition
4. Change between Solaris and Solaris2 Partition IDs
5. Exit (update disk configuration and exit)
6. Cancel (exit without updating disk configuration)
Enter Selection: 5

The above display confirms that the Solaris2 fdisk has been created.
```

For additional information about converting EFI and SMI disk labels, refer to the *Solaris 10 Systems Administration Guide* at:

<http://docs.sun.com>

About HDtool

You can use the **HDtool** utility to view the hard drive configuration. The following example shows the Sun Fire X4540 disks in the HDtool display.

CODE EXAMPLE 11-2 HDtool Sample

```
-----SunFireX4540-----Rear-----
 3:   7:  11:  15:  19:  23:  27:  31:  35:  39:  43:  47:
c0t3 c0t7 c1t3 c1t7 c2t3 c2t7 c3t3 c3t7 c4t3 c4t7 c5t3 c5t7
^++  ^++  ^++  ^++  ^++  ^++  ^++  ^++  ^++  ^++  ^++  ^++
 2:   6:  10:  14:  18:  22:  26:  30:  34:  38:  42:  46:
c0t2 c0t6 c1t2 c1t6 c2t2 c2t6 c3t2 c3t6 c4t2 c4t6 c5t2 c5t6
^++  ^++  ^++  ^++  ^++  ^++  ^++  ^++  ^++  ^++  ^++  ^++
 1:   5:   9:  13:  17:  21:  25:  29:  33:  37:  41:  45:
c0t1 c0t5 c1t1 c1t5 c2t1 c2t5 c3t1 c3t5 c4t1 c4t5 c5t1 c5t5
^b+  ^++  ^b+  ^++  ^++  ^++  ^++  ^++  ^++  ^++  ^++  ^++
 0:   4:   8:  12:  16:  20:  24:  28:  32:  36:  40:  44:
c0t0 c0t4 c1t0 c1t4 c2t0 c2t4 c3t0 c3t4 c4t0 c4t4 c5t0 c5t4
^b+  ^++  ^b+  ^++  ^++  ^++  ^++  ^++  ^++  ^++  ^++  ^++
-----*-----*-----SunFireX4540---*---Front---*-----*
```

For additional information about installing and using HDtool, refer to the *x64 Servers Utilities Reference Manual* at:

<http://docs.sun.com>

Removing a Disk From Service



Caution – You must follow these steps before removing a disk from service. Failure to follow the procedure can corrupt your data or render your file system inoperable.

1. Assume you know that the logical disk node is `c4t0d0`. Type the following command:

```
# cfdisk -al | grep c4t0d0
```

The physical slot is displayed, showing where the disk is connected. For example, this hard disk is attached to SATA controller 2, and port 0:

```
c0::dsk/c0t4d0 disk          connected    configured    unknown
```

2. Unconfigure the disk to turn on Blue "Ready to Remove" LED before removal.

To unconfigure the disk, you must suspend activity on the SATA device. For example, type the following command:

```
# cfdisk -c unconfigure c0::dsk/c0t4d0
```

3. Verify that the disk has been unconfigured by typing the following command:

```
# cfdisk -al | grep c0t4d0
```

The following information shows that the disk has been unconfigured:

```
c0::dsk/c0t4d0 disk          connected    unconfigured    unknown
```

Note – The blue LEDs indicate that the disks that are safe to remove.

4. Remove the disk from the chassis.

Note – If the process of unconfiguring the disk failed, the disk might be in use by ZFS, UFS, or some other entity. See [“Checking Disk Usage” on page 104](#).

Correcting Unconfigure Operation Failure

If a disk unconfigure operation fails, check to see if the system is in the correct state, and that a utility is not using the disk. See [“Checking Disk Usage” on page 104](#).

When unconfiguring a disk that is part of a ZFS storage pool, follow these guidelines:

- Disks can be replaced or detached in a ZFS mirrored storage pool.
- Disks can only be replaced in a ZFS RAID-Z storage pool.

For more information about detaching or replacing disks in a storage pool, refer to the *ZFS Administration Guide*, (819-5461).

Adding a Disk

This process assumes you have physically inserted a disk and now want to bring the inserted disk online.

If you are replacing a bootable disk that is mirrored with the Solaris Volume Manager software, use the Solaris Volume Manager to enable the disk. For additional information, refer to the *Solaris Volume Manager Administration Guide* (819-2789).

To add a disk:

1. Determine the attachment point by typing the following command:

```
# cfgadm -al > cfgadm_snapshot
```

Note – Before you insert the disk, predetermine which attachment point the disk is being inserted into. Refer to [FIGURE 8-4](#) for a list of disk drives.

2. Insert the disk.
3. Type the following command:

```
# cfgadm -al > cfgadm_snapshot_2
```

4. Compare the two files by typing the following command:

```
# diff cfgadm_snapshot cfgadm_snapshot_2
```

Information similar to the following is displayed:

```
7c7
< c0::dsk/c0t4d0 disk          connected   unconfigured unknown
....
> c0::dsk/c0t4d0 disk          connected   configured   unknown
```

From this information you determine that the inserted drive uses SATA port 4 on controller 0.

5. Remove the two temporary files by typing the following command:

```
# rm cfgadm_snapshot cfgadm_snapshot_2
```

6. The Solaris OS configures the disk automatically. (S10 05/08 or later)

Note – The S10 U5 support hot-plug feature, "cfgadm -c configure c5::dsk/c5t7d0" is optional for adding a disk into system.

7. Verify that the blue LED on the disk turns off after one minute.

If the blue LED does not turn off after one minute, you can have the OS reenumerate device nodes and links by typing: **# devfsadm -c.**

Checking Disk Usage

To determine if ZFS, UFS, or another utility is using the disk:

1. To determine whether the disk is in use, type the following command:

```
# cfgadm | grep c4t0d0
```

The following information is displayed:

```
sata2/0::dsk/c4t0d0          disk          connected   configured
ok
```

2. Identify if ZFS is using a disk by typing the following command:

```
# zpool status | grep c4t0d0
```

The following example shows that ZFS is using the disk:

```
c4t0d0      ONLINE      0      0      0
```

Note – The disk must be detached from the pool or replaced with another disk before the disk can be unconfigured. For more information about detaching or replacing disks in a storage pool, see the *ZFS Administration Guide*, (819-5461).

Note – If the disk cannot be moved offline from the ZFS pool, then you can either destroy or export the pool to remove the disk. See the *ZFS Administration Guide*, (819-5461) for more details.

3. To stop ZFS from using the disk, type the following command:

```
# zpool export <pool>
```

4. To verify that ZFS is no longer using the disk, type the following command:

```
# cfgadm -c unconfigure c0::disk/c0t4d0  
# cfgadm -al | grep c0t4d0
```

The following message is displayed:

```
c0::disk/c0t4d0 disk          connected  unconfigured unknown
```

5. You can now remove the hard drive.

Sun Fire X4540 Fault Management Architecture

This chapter includes the following topics:

- [“Fault Management Architecture Overview”](#) on page 107
- [“Sun Fire X4540 Fault Management Utilities”](#) on page 108
- [“Diagnosing Disk Faults”](#) on page 111
- [“Clearing Disk Faults”](#) on page 112
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Fault Management Architecture Overview

The Sun Fire X4540 server features the latest fault management technologies. With the Solaris 10 Operating System (OS), the Sun Fire X4540 Server introduces a new Fault Management Architecture (FMA) that diagnoses and predicts component failures before they actually occur. This technology is incorporated into both the hardware and software of the server.

At the heart of the Sun Fire X4540 server Fault Manager is the diagnosis engine. The disk diagnosis engine receives data relating to hardware and software errors and automatically and silently diagnoses the underlying problems. The diagnosis engine runs in the background, silently capturing telemetry, until a diagnosis can be completed or a fault can be predicted.

After processing sufficient telemetry to reach a conclusion, a diagnosis engine produces another event called a fault event that is broadcast to any agents deployed on the system that know how to respond. A software component known as the Solaris Fault Manager, `fm̄d(1M)`, manages the diagnosis engines and agents, provides a simplified programming model for these clients as well as common facilities such as event logging, and manages the multiplexing of events between producers and consumers.

The Sun Fire X4540 Server has a Fault Management Application (FMA) that provides fault monitoring and hotplug processing. The FMA provides passive fault monitoring by analyzing each disk once per hour to determine if a disk fault is imminent. If a disk fault is imminent, an FMA fault is generated and the amber Fault LED for that disk is activated.

Sun Fire X4540 Fault Management Utilities

The Sun Fire X4540 server FMA obtains diagnostic information from the fault management utilities in Solaris. The fault management utilities described are:

- [“`fm̄d` Command” on page 109](#)
- [“`fm̄dump` Command” on page 110](#)
- [“`fm̄adm` Command” on page 112](#)
- [“Displaying Fault Statistics Using the `fm̄stat` Command” on page 113](#)

You can also refer to the man pages for `fm̄d(1M)`, `fm̄adm(1M)`, `fm̄dump(1M)`, and `fm̄stat(1M)` for more information about the individual fault management utilities.

fm̄ Command

The Solaris OS uses the fault manager daemon, `fm̄(1M)`, which starts at boot time and runs in the background to monitor the system. If a component generates an error, the daemon handles the error by correlating the error with data from previous errors and other related information to diagnose the problem.

Each problem diagnosed by the fault manager is assigned a Universal Unique Identifier (UUID). The UUID uniquely identifies this particular problem across any set of systems. The `fm̄dump(1M)` utility can be used to view the list of problems diagnosed by the fault manager, along with their UUIDs and knowledge article message identifiers. The `fm̄adm(1M)` utility can be used to view the resources on the system believed to be faulty. The `fm̄stat(1M)` utility can be used to report statistics kept by the fault manager. The fault manager is started automatically when Solaris boots, so it is not necessary to use the `fm̄` command directly.

When possible, the fault manager daemon initiates steps to self-heal the failed component and take the component offline. The daemon also logs the fault to the `syslog` daemon and provides a fault notification with a message ID (MSGID). You can use the message ID to get additional information about the problem from Sun's knowledge article database at:

<http://www.sun.com/msg/>

For more information, see the `fm̄(1M)` man page.

fmdump Command

The `fmdump` command displays the list of faults detected by the FMA. You can use this command for the following reasons:

- To see if any faults have been detected by the FMA.
- If you need to obtain the fault message ID (SUNW-MSG-ID) for detected faults.
- To verify that the replacement of a FRU has cleared the fault and not generated any additional faults.

For more information, see the `fmdump(1M)` man page.

Using the fmdump Command to Identify Faults

- Check the event log by typing the `fmdump` command with `-v` for verbose output. For example:

```
# fmdump -v
```

The following is an example of information that is displayed. In this example, a fault is displayed, providing details about the date, time, and unique identifier related to the fault:

CODE EXAMPLE 12-1 `fmdump` Command Verbose Output

```
TIME                UUID                SUNW-MSG-ID
Jul 11 13:55:01.5548 e92f2cec-e393-cd04-89ff-c5e2081b9940 DISK-
8000-0X
  100% fault.io.disk.predictive-failure
Problem in: hc:///serial=VDK41BT4C7MB7S:part=HITACHI-
HDS7225SBSUN250G-527N7MB7S:revision=V440A81A/motherboard=
0/hostbridge=2/pcibus=9/pcidev=8/pcifn=0/pcibus=11/pcidev=
1/pcifn=0/sata-port=1/disk=0
      Affects: hc:///serial=VDK41BT4C7MB7S/component=sata5/1
            FRU: hc:///component=HD_ID_16
```

Diagnosing Disk Faults

To determine which disk failed, you can view the FMA fault error log, use `fmddump` command, or open the system cover to look for illuminated LEDs. If you use the `fmddump` command to isolate a disk, you should also open the system cover and look for amber LEDs. The following is an example of the `fmddump` command you can use to display disk faults.

```
# fmddump -v -u uuid
```

The following is an example of information that is displayed when a disk fault is detected and the `fmddump` command is used.

CODE EXAMPLE 12-2 `fmddump` Command Diagnose Disk Fault

```
TIME                UUID                SUNW-MSG-ID
May 09 13:38:24.9404 9a2c5052-687b-e196-b12b-8035267c3031 DISK-
8000-0X
    100% fault.io.disk.predictive-failure
Problem in: hc:///serial=VDK41BT4C7PJYS:part=HITACHI-
HDS7225SBSUN250G-527N7PJYS:revision=V440A81A/motherboard=
0/hostbridge=2/pcibus=9/pcidev=8/pcifn=0/pcibus=11/pcidev=
1/pcifn=0/sata-port=6/disk=0
    Affects: hc:///component=sata5/6
    FRU: hc:///component=HD_ID_29
```

Based on the information displayed, you can determine which disk failed and the attachment point.

For more information, see the `fmddump(1M)` man page.

Clearing Disk Faults

When the Solaris FMA facility detects faults, the faults are logged and displayed on the console. After the fault condition is corrected, for example by replacing a faulty disk, you must clear the fault.

fmadm Command

The `fmadm` command can be used to view and modify system configuration parameters that are maintained by the Solaris Fault Manager. The `fmadm` fault command is primarily used to determine the status of a component involved in a fault. The `fmadm` command can be used to:

- View the set of diagnosis engines and agents that are currently participating in fault management.
- View the list of system components that have been diagnosed as faulty.
- Perform administrative tasks.

In cases, where the disk fault is cleared, some persistent fault information can remain and result in erroneous fault messages at boot time. To ensure that these messages are not displayed, the `fmadm repair UUID` command should be performed.

Using the `fmadm` Command to Clear Faults

- Clear faults by typing the `fmadm repair` command. For example:

```
# fmadm repair 9a2c5052-687b-e196-b12b-8035267c3031
```

For more information, see the `fmadm(1M)` man page.

Displaying Fault Statistics Using the `fmstat` Command

The `fmstat` command displays statistical information about faults handled by the Fault Management Architecture (FMA). The `fmstat` command can report statistics associated with the Solaris Fault Manager.

For more information, see the `fmstat(1M)` man page.

In the example below, an event is received. Then, a case is opened for that event and a diagnosis is performed.

To display statistical information:

- Check the event log by typing the `fmdump` command with `-v` for verbose output. For example:

```
# fmstat -v
```

The following is an example of information that is displayed:

CODE EXAMPLE 12-3 `fmstat` Command Example

module	ev_recv	ev_acpt	wait	svc_t	%w	%b	open	solve	memsz	bufsz
cpumem-diagnosis	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	3.0	K0
cpumem-retire	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
eft	1	1	0.0	1191.8	0	0	1	1	3.3M	11K
fmd-self-diagnosis	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
io-retire	1	0	0.0	32.4	0	0	0	0	37b	0
syslog-msgs	1	0	0.0	0.5	0	0	0	0	32b	0

Rebuilding the Preinstalled OS

This chapter describes how to use the Solaris Volume Manager to manually re-create the mirrored preinstalled Solaris Operating System (OS).

For additional details about the preinstalled Solaris operating system, see the *Sun Fire X4540 Server Guide for Preinstalled Solaris Operating System* (819-7148), and the *Sun Fire X4540 Server Installation Guide* (820-4855). For additional information about the Solaris Volume Manager, refer to the *Solaris Volume Manager Administration Guide* (819-2789).

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Preinstalled OS Overview

The Solaris 10 4/08 Operating System and patches specific to the Sun Fire X4540 server are preinstalled on the hard disk drives in slot 0 and mirrored in slot 1.

[CODE EXAMPLE 13-1](#) shows the default physical partition sizes of both disk drives.

CODE EXAMPLE 13-1 Preinstalled OS Default Partition Sizes

File System	Partition	Size
root	Slice 0	11000 MB
swap	Slice 1	2000 MB
/var	Slice 5	6000 MB
metadb	Slice 7	8192 blocks

The Sun Fire X4540 server's preinstalled OS, file systems, and partitions are created with RAID-1. RAID-1 creates an exact copy (or mirror) of systems data over multiple physical disks. By duplicating the OS over separate disks, the data is protected from disk corruption or a disk failure. Additionally, because all the data exists in multiple copies, each with its own hardware, the read performance increases.

CODE EXAMPLE 13-2 displays the amount of disk space occupied by the preinstalled OS file system, the amount of used and available space, and how much of the file system's total capacity has been used.

CODE EXAMPLE 13-2 Sun Fire X4540 Server Default Preinstalled OS Partition

File System	Size	Used	Available	Capacity	Mounted on
/dev/md/dsk/d10	11G	5.2G	5.3G	50%	/
/devices	0K	0K	0K	0%	/devices
ctfs	0K	0K	0K	0%	system/contract
proc	0K	0K	0K	0%	/proc
mnttab	0K	0K	0K	0%	/etc/mnttab
swap	15G	656K	15G	1%	/etc/system/volatile
objfs	0K	0K	0K	0%	/system/object
/usr/lib/libc/ libc_hwcap2.so.1	11G	5.2G	5.3G	50%	/lib/libc.so.1
fd	0K	0K	0K	0%	/dev/fd
/dev/md/dsk/d30	5.8G	1.1G	4.6G	20%	/var
swap	15G	28K	15G	1%	/var/run
zpool1	21T	49K	21T	1%	/zpool

Creating Preinstalled OS Disk Mirrors (RAID-1)

These procedures assume that both drives are identical, that the operating system is already installed on c0t0d0, and that the mirrored disk is c1t0d0, a typical setup for a Sun Fire X4540 server.

Use this procedure to mirror an existing file system. If the file system can be unmounted, the entire procedure can be completed without a reboot. For file systems that cannot be unmounted, such as /usr and /swap, the system must be rebooted to complete the procedure.

All RAID-1 devices must be set up by the `metainit` command before they can be used. You use the `metainit` command to create mirrored disk partitions. The `metainit` command configures metadevices, mirrors, and hot spares according to the information specified on the command line.

metadb Command

The `metadb` command creates and deletes replicas of the metadevice state database. State database replicas can be created on dedicated slices, or on slices that will later become part of a simple metadevice.

The metadevice state database contains the configuration of all metadevices and hot spare pools in the system. Additionally, the metadevice state database keeps track of the current state of metadevices and hot spare pools, and their components. Solaris Volume Manager automatically updates the metadevice state database when a configuration or state change occurs. A submirror failure is an example of a state change.

When creating and deleting replicas of replicas of the metadevice state database, use the following `metainit` command syntax:

```
# metadb
```

where

- `-a` attaches a new database device.
- `-d` deletes all replicas that are located on the specified slice.
- `-f` creates the initial state database.

metainit Command

When creating metadevices and mirrors, use the following `metainit` command syntax:

```
# metainit -f volume-name number-of-stripes components-per-stripe component-name
```

where

- `-f` forces the command to continue. You must use this option when the slice contains a mounted file system.
- `volume-name` specifies the name of the volume to create.
- `number-of-stripes` specifies the number of stripes to create.
- `components-per-stripe` specifies the number of components each stripe should have.
- `component-names` specifies the names of the components that are used.

metaroot Command

Once the mirrors are created using the `metainit` command, you need to remount your newly mirrored file system, and then reboot the system. To remount the file system, use the following `metaroot` command syntax:

```
# metaroot volume-name
# init 6
```

For more information, see the `metaroot(1M)` man page.

After the file system is remounted and the system rebooted, you can attach the second submirror. To attach the second submirror, use the following `metattach` command syntax:

```
# metaroot volume-name submirror-name
```

where

- *volume-name* specifies the name of the RAID-1 volume to add to the submirror
- *submirror-name* specifies the name of the component that will be the second mirror attached to the mirror.

See the `metattach(1M)` man page for more information.

Re-creating the Preinstalled OS

To re-create the preinstalled OS, perform the following procedures:

- Mirror the root disk by:
 - Creating a metadvice from the original root, using the `metainit` command.
 - Creating a metadvice for the root mirror.
 - Setting up a one-way mirror of the root metadvice.
 - Configuring the system to boot the root file system from the metadvice, using the `metaroot` command.
 - Attaching the second metadvice to the root metadvice to make it a two-way mirror, using the `metattach` command.
- Mirror the `swap` and `/var` partitions by:
 - Creating metadevices from the original `swap` and `/var` partitions, using the `metainit` command.
 - Creating one-way mirrors of the `swap` and `/var` metadevices.

- Mounting the new metadevices by editing the `/etc/vfstab`.
- Rebooting the system.
- Making two-way mirrors by attaching the second submirrors.
- Configure the systems alternate boot path by:
 - Determining the path to the alternate boot device.
 - Defining the alternate boot path.
 - Updating the EEPROM boot path value using the `eeeprom` command.

Create a Mirror for the `root (/)` File System

1. Install the OS using the default configuration in [CODE EXAMPLE 13-1](#) as a guideline.

For additional instructions on installing the Solaris OS, see the *Solaris Operating System Installation Guide (819-4362)* at:

<http://www.docs.sun.com>.

2. Create an initial state database replica by typing the following command:

```
# metadb -a -f c0t0d0s7 c1t0d0s7
```

3. Create a mirror of the `root` file system. Do the following.

- a. Identify the slice that contains the existing `root (/)` file system to be mirrored. This example uses the slices `c0t0d0s0` and `c1t0d0s0`.
- b. Create a new volume on the slice from the previous step by using the following `metainit` commands:

```
# metainit -f d11 1 1 c0t0d0s0
d11: Concat/Stripe is setup

#metainit d12 1 1 c1t0d0s0
d12: Concat/Stripe is setup
```

Create a Mirror for the `swap` Partition

1. Identify the slice that contains the `/swap` partition to be mirrored. This example uses the slices `c0t0d0s1` and `c1t0d0s1`.

2. Create a new volume on the slice from the previous step by using the following `metainit` commands:

```
#metainit -f d21 1 1 c0t0d0s1
d21: Concat/Stripe is setup

#metainit d22 1 1 c1t0d0s1
d22: Concat/Stripe is setup
```

If there is an entry for swap in the `/etc/vfstab` file, it must be edited to reference the mirror.

Create a Mirror for the `/var` Partition

1. Identify the slice that contains the `/var` partition to be mirrored. This example uses the slices `c0t0d0s5` and `c1t0d0s5`.
2. Create a new volume on the slice from the previous step by using the following `metainit` command:

```
#metainit -f d31 1 1 c0t0d0s5
d31: Concat/Stripe is setup

#metainit d32 1 1 c1t0d0s5
d32: Concat/Stripe is setup
```

Create `/root`, `/swap`, and `/var` Mirrors

1. Create the mirrors by typing the following commands:

```
# metainit d10 -m d11
d10: Mirror is setup

# metainit d20 -m d21
d20: Mirror is setup

# metainit d30 -m d31
d30: Mirror is setup
```

2. Remount the file system by typing the following command:

```
# metaroot d10
```

For more information, see the `metaroot(1M)` man page.

3. Edit the `/etc/vfstab` file so that `root`, `swap`, and `/var` is appropriately referenced.

4. Reboot the server by typing the following command:

```
# init 6
```

Attach `/root`, `/swap`, and `/var` Mirrors

● Attach the mirrors by typing the following command:

```
# metattach d10 d12
d10: submirror d12 is attached

# metattach d20 d22
d20: submirror d22 is attached

# metattach d30 d32
d30: submirror d32 is attached
```

See the `metattach(1M)` man page for more information.

Display Current Status of the Metadevices

The `metastat` command displays the current status for each metadevice. Metadevice status includes stripes, concatenations, concatenations of stripes, mirrors, specified metadevices, and components.

- Display the Metadevices by typing the following command:

```
# metastat -c

d30          m  5.9GB d31 d32
  d31        s  5.9GB c0t0d0s5
  d32        s  5.9GB c1t0d0s5

d20          m  2.0GB d21 d22
  d21        s  2.0GB c0t0d0s1
  d22        s  2.0GB c1t0d0s1

d10          m  10GB d11 d12
  d11        s  10GB c0t0d0s0
  d12        s  10GB c1t0d0s0
```

Install GRUB on the Boot Disk

GRUB stands for GRand Unified Bootloader. It installs GRUB stage 1 and stage 2 files on the boot area of a disk partition.

- Install GRUB by typing the following command.

```
# /sbin/installgrub -fm /boot/grub/stage1 /boot/grub/stage2  
/dev/rdisk/c1t0d0s0

stage1 written to partition 0 sector 0 (abs 16065)
stage2 written to partition 0, 233 sectors starting at 50
(abs 16115)
stage1 written to master boot sector
```

Configure the Alternate Boot Device

Configure your system so that if your primary submirror fails, the system boots from the secondary submirror. To enable the system to boot from the disk that holds the secondary submirror, configure the system to see the disk as the alternate boot device.

1. Record the alternate boot path.

Determine the path to the alternate boot device. For example:

```
# ls -l /dev/dsk/c1t0d0s0
```

2. Record the string.

Note – Because the system might not be available, this information should be written down somewhere other than on the system.

3. Use the `eeprom` command to define the alternative boot path. For example:

```
# eeprom altbootpath=/pci@1,0/pci1022,7458@4/pci11ab,11ab@1/disk@4,0:a
```

For more information about using the `eeprom` command, see the `eeprom` man page.

Glossary

A

- alternate master controller unit** Also called “alternate master unit,” the secondary array unit in an HA configuration that provides failover capability from the master controller unit.
- array** A high-performance, modular, scalable storage device.
- attachment point** A collective term for a drive and its card cage slot. A *physical* attachment point describes the software driver and location of the card cage slot. A *logical* attachment point is an abbreviated name created by the system to see the physical attachment point.

B

- buffering** Data that is being transferred between the host and the drives.

C

- `cfgadm` **command** The primary command for dynamic reconfiguration on the Sun Fire X4540 Server. For information about the command and its options, see the `cfgadm(1M)`, `cfgadm_sbd(1M)`, and `cfgadm_pci(1M)` man pages.

**command-line interface
(CLI)**

The interface between the Sun Fire X4540 Server operating system and the user in which the user types commands to administer the array.

D

disk drive

A storage device that stores information on a computer.

**dual inline memory
modual (DIMM)**

A circuit board that has a 64-bit path and holds memory chips. It's called *dual* because it has separate signals to each side of the circuit board.

E

**erasable programmable
read-only memory
(EPROM)**

Memory stored on the controller card; useful for stable storage for long periods without electricity while still allowing reprogramming.

F

**field-replaceable unit
(FRU)**

A component that is easily removed and replaced by a field service engineer or a system administrator.

**FLASH memory device
(FMD)**

A device on the controller card that stores EPROM firmware.

G

**Gigabit Interface
Converter (GBIC)**

An adapter used on an SBus card to convert fiber-optic signals to copper.

gigabyte (GB or Gbyte)

One gigabyte is equal to one billion bytes.

graphical user interface (GUI)

A software interface that enables configuration and administration of the Sun Fire X4540 Server using a graphic application.

H

host bus adapter (HBA)

An adapter that resides on the host.

hot spare

A drive in a RAID 1 or RAID 5 configuration that contains no data and acts as a standby in case another drive fails.

hot-pluggable

Allows a component to be added, upgraded, or replaced while the system is running without affecting hardware integrity.

hot-swappable

The ability of a field-replaceable unit (FRU) to be removed and replaced while the system remains powered on and operational.

I

input/output operations per second (IOPS)

A performance measurement of the transaction rate.

Integrated Lights Out Manager (ILOM)

An integrated hardware, firmware, and software solution for in-chassis or in-blade system management.

intelligent platform management interface (IPMI)

A hardware-level interface specification that was designed primarily for out-of-band management of server systems over a number of different physical interconnects. The IPMI specification describes extensive abstractions regarding sensors, enabling a management application running on the operating system or in a remote system to comprehend the environmental makeup of the system and to register with the system's IPMI subsystem to receive events. IPMI is compatible with management software from heterogeneous vendors. IPMI functionality includes FRU inventory reporting, system monitoring, logging, system recovery (including local and remote system resets and power on and off capabilities), and alerting.

IP multipathing (IPMP)

Internet Protocol multipathing. Enables continuous application availability by load-balancing failures when multiple network interface cards are attached to a system. If a failure occurs in a network adapter, and if an alternate adapter is connected to the same IP link, the system switches all the network accesses from the failed adapter to the alternate adapter. When multiple network adapters are connected to the same IP link, any increases in network traffic are spread across multiple network adapters, which improves network throughput.

J

Java Web Start application

A web application launcher. With Java Web Start, applications are launched by clicking on the web link. If the application is not present on your system, Java Web Start downloads it and caches it onto your system. Once an application is downloaded to its cache, it can be launched from a desktop icon or browser link. The most current version of the application is always presented.

JumpStart installation

A type of installation in which the Solaris software is automatically installed on a system by using the factory-installed JumpStart software.

K

kernel

The core of the operating system that manages the hardware and provides fundamental services, such as filing and resource allocation, that the hardware does not provide.

Keyboard Controller Style (KCS) interface

A type of interface implemented in legacy personal computer (PC) keyboard controllers. Data is transferred across the KCS interface using a per-byte handshake.

keyboard, video, mouse, storage (KVMS)

A series of interfaces that enables a system to respond to keyboard, video, mouse, and storage events.

L

light-emitting diode (LED)

A device that converts electrical energy into light that is used to display activity.

M

master controller unit

Also called a master unit, the main controller unit in a partner-group configuration.

media access control (MAC) address	A unique address that identifies a storage location or a device.
megabyte (MB or Mbyte)	One megabyte is equal to one million bytes.
megabytes per second (MB/s)	A performance measurement of the sustained data transfer rate.



N

namespace	In the tree structure of a Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) directory, a set of unique names from which an object name is derived and understood. For example, files are named within the file namespace and printers are named within the printer namespace.
Network File System (NFS)	A protocol that enables disparate hardware configurations to function together transparently.
Network Information Service (NIS)	A system of programs and data files that UNIX systems use to collect, collate, and share specific information about machines, users, file systems, and network parameters throughout a network of computer systems.
network interface card (NIC)	An internal circuit board or card that connects a workstation or server to a networked device.
network management station (NMS)	A powerful workstation with one or more network management applications installed. The NMS is used to remotely manage a network.
network mask	A number used by software to separate the local subnet address from the rest of a given Internet Protocol (IP) address.
Network Time Protocol (NTP)	An Internet standard for Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) networks. NTP synchronizes the clock times of networked devices with NTP servers to the millisecond using Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).
node	An addressable point or device on a network. A node can connect a computing system, a terminal, or various peripheral devices to the network.
nonmaskable interrupt (NMI)	A system interrupt that is not invalidated by another interrupt.

O

- object identifier (OID)** A number that identifies an object's position in a global object registration tree. Each node of the tree is assigned a number, so that an OID is a sequence of numbers. In Internet usage the OID numbers are delimited by dots, for example, "0.128.45.12." In the Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP), OIDs are used to uniquely identify schema elements, including object classes and attribute types.
- OpenIPMI** An operating system-independent, event-driven library for simplifying access to the Intelligent Platform Management Interface (IPMI).
- operator** A user with limited privileges to the managed host system.
- out-of-band (OOB) system management** Server management capability that is enabled when the operating system network drivers or the server are not functioning properly.

P

- parity** Additional information stored with data on a disk that enables the controller to rebuild data after a drive failure.
- partition** A physical section on a hard disk drive.
- Peripheral Component Interconnect (PCI)** A local bus standard used to connect peripherals to 32-bit or 64-bit systems.
- Peripheral Interface Controller (PIC)** An integrated circuit that controls peripherals in an interrupt request (IRQ)-driven system, taking away that load from the central processing unit (CPU).
- permissions** A set of privileges granted or denied to a user or group that specify read, write, or execution access to a file or directory. For access control, permissions state whether access to the directory information is granted or denied, and the level of access that is granted or denied.
- physical address** An actual hardware address that matches a memory location. Programs that refer to virtual addresses are subsequently mapped to physical addresses.
- Platform Event Filtering (PEF)** A mechanism that configures the service processor to take selected actions when it receives event messages, for example, powering off or resetting the system, or triggering an alert.

Platform Event Trap (PET)	A configured alert triggered by a hardware or firmware (BIOS) event. A PET is an Intelligent Platform Management Interface (IPMI)-specific, Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) trap, which operates independently of the operating system.
port	The location (socket) to which Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) connections are made. Web servers traditionally use port 80, the File Transfer Protocol (FTP) uses port 21, and Telnet uses port 23. A port enables a client program to specify a particular server program in a computer on a network. When a server program is started initially, it binds to its designated port number. Any client that wants to use that server must send a request to bind to the designated port number.
port number	A number that specifies an individual Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) application on a host machine, providing a destination for transmitted data.
power and cooling unit (PCU)	A FRU component in the Sun Fire X4540 Server array. It contains a power supply, cooling fans, and an integrated UPS battery.
power cycling	The process of turning the power to a system off then on again.
power-on self-test (POST)	A program that takes uninitialized system hardware and probes and tests its components at system startup. POST configures useful components into a coherent, initialized system and hands it over to the OpenBoot PROM. POST passes to OpenBoot PROM a list of only those components that have been successfully tested.

PowerPC An embedded processor.



Q

quiesce To halt all drive activity.



R

random-access memory (RAM) Volatile, semiconductor-based memory in which any byte of memory can be accessed without touching the preceding bytes.

read-only file A file that a user cannot modify or delete.

read-only memory (ROM)	A nonvolatile memory chip on which data has been prerecorded. Once written onto a ROM chip, data cannot be removed and can only be read.
read caching	Data stored for future retrieval, to reduce disk I/O as much as possible.
real-time clock (RTC)	A battery-backed component that maintains the time and date for a system, even when the system is powered off.
reboot	An operating system-level operation that performs a system shutdown followed by a system boot. Power is a prerequisite.
redundant array of independent disks (RAID)	A configuration in which multiple drives are combined into a single virtual drive to improve performance and reliability.
reliability, availability, and serviceability (RAS)	A term to describe product features that include high availability, easily serviced components, and dependability.
Remote Management and Control Protocol (RMCP)	A networking protocol that enables an administrator to respond to an alert remotely by powering the system on or off, or forcing a reboot.
remote procedure call (RPC)	A method of network programming that enables a client system to call functions on a remote server. The client starts a procedure at the server and the result is transmitted back to the client.
remote system	A system other than the one on which the user is working.
reset	A hardware-level operation that performs a system power off, followed by a system power on.
Reverse address Resolution protocol (RARP)	A utility in the Solaris operating environment that enables automatic assignment of the array IP address from the host.
root	In UNIX operating systems, the name of the superuser (root). The root user has permissions to access any file and carry out other operations not permitted to ordinary users. Roughly equivalent to the Administrator user name on Windows Server operating systems.
root directory	The base directory from which all other directories stem, either directly or indirectly.
router	A system that assigns a path over which to send network packets or other Internet traffic. Although both hosts and gateways do routing, the term “router” commonly refers to a device that connects two networks.
RSA algorithm	A cryptographic algorithm developed by RSA Data Security, Inc. It can be used for both encryption and digital signatures.

S

SC	An industry standard name used to describe a connector standard.
schema	Definitions that describe what type of information can be stored as entries in the directory. When information that does not match the schema is stored in the directory, clients attempting to access the directory might be unable to display the proper results.
Secure Shell (SSH)	A UNIX shell program and network protocol that enables secure and encrypted log in and execution of commands on a remote system over an insecure network.
Secure Sockets Layer (SSL)	A protocol that enables client-to-server communication on a network to be encrypted for privacy. SSL uses a key exchange method to establish an environment in which all data exchanged is encrypted with a cipher and hashed to protect it from eavesdropping and alteration. SSL creates a secure connection between a web server and a web client. Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS) uses SSL.
sensor data record (SDR)	To facilitate dynamic discovery of features, the Intelligent Platform Management Interface (IPMI) includes this set of records that include software information such as how many sensors are present, what type they are, their events, threshold information, and so forth. The sensor data records enable software to interpret and present sensor data without any prior knowledge about the platform.
Serial Attached SCSI (SAS)	A point-to-point serial peripheral interface that links controllers directly to disk drives. SAS devices include two data ports that enable failover redundancy, which guarantees data communication through a separate path.
serial console	A terminal or a tip line connected to the serial port on the service processor. A serial console is used to configure the system to perform other administrative tasks.
server certificate	A certificate used with Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS) to authenticate web applications. The certificate can be self-signed or issued by a Certificate Authority (CA).
Server Message Block (SMB) protocol	A network protocol that enables files and printers to be shared across a network. The SMB protocol provides a method for client applications to read and write to files on, and to request services from, server programs in the network. The SMB protocol enables you to mount file systems between Windows and UNIX systems. The SMB protocol was designed by IBM and subsequently modified by Microsoft Corp. Microsoft renamed the protocol the “Common Internet File System (CIFS).”

service processor (SP)	A device used to manage chassis environmental, configuration, and service functions, and receive event data from other parts of the system. It receives data through sensor interfaces and interprets this data by using the sensor data record (SDR) to which it provides an interface. The SP provides another interface to the system event log (SEL). Typical functions of the SP are to measure processor temperature, power supply values, and cooling fan status. The SP can take autonomous action to preserve system integrity.
session timeout	A specified duration after which a server can invalidate a user session.
Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP)	A Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) used for sending and receiving email.
Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP)	A simple protocol used to exchange data about network activity. With SNMP, data travels between a managed device and a network management station (NMS). A managed device can be any device that runs SNMP, such as hosts, routers, web servers, or other servers on the network.
Small Computer System Interface (SCSI)	An ANSI standard for controlling peripheral devices by one or more host computers. SCSI defines a standard I/O bus-level interface and a set of high-level I/O commands.
Spanning Tree Protocol (STP)	A networking protocol based on an intelligent algorithm that allows bridges to map a redundant topology and eliminates packet looping in local area networks (LANs).
subnet	A working scheme that divides a single logical network into smaller physical networks to simplify routing. The subnet is the portion of an Internet Protocol (IP) address that identifies a block of host IDs.
subnet mask	A bit mask used to select bits from an Internet address for subnet addressing. The mask is 32 bits long and selects the network portion of the Internet address and one or more bits of the local portion. Also called an "address mask."
superuser	A special user who has privileges to perform all administrative functions on a UNIX system. Also called "root."
system event log (SEL)	A log that provides nonvolatile storage for system events that are logged autonomously by the service processor, or directly with event messages sent from the host.
synchronous dynamic random access memory (SDRAM)	A form of dynamic random access memory (DRAM) that can run at higher clock speeds than conventional DRAM.
system area	Located on the disk drive label, the space that contains configuration data, boot firmware, and file-system information.

T

Telnet	The virtual terminal program that enables the user of one host to log in to a remote host. A Telnet user of one host who is logged in to a remote host can interact as a normal terminal user of the remote host.
threshold	Minimum and maximum values within a range that sensors use when monitoring temperature, voltage, current, and fan speed.
timeout	A specified time after which the server should stop trying to finish a service routine that appears to be hung.
transmission control block (TCB)	Part of the Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) that records and maintains information about the state of a connection.
Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP)	An Internet protocol that provides for the reliable delivery of data streams from one host to another. TCP/IP transfers data between different types of networked systems, such as systems running Solaris, Microsoft Windows, or Linux software. TCP guarantees delivery of data and that packets will be delivered in the same sequence in which they were sent.
trap	Event notification made by Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) agents by their own initiative when certain conditions are detected. SNMP formally defines seven types of traps and permits subtypes to be defined.
Trivial File Transport Protocol (TFTP)	A simple transport protocol that transfers files to diskless systems. TFTP uses User Datagram Protocol (UDP).

U

uninterruptable power source (UPS)	A component within the power and cooling unit. It supplies power from a battery in the case of an AC power failure.
Universal Serial Bus (USB)	An external bus standard that supports data transfer rates of 450M bits per second (USB 2.0). A USB port connects devices, such as mouse pointers, keyboards, modems, and printers, to the computer system.
unshielded twisted pair/shielded twisted pair (UTP/STP)	A type of Ethernet cable.
user account	A record of essential user information that is stored on the system. Each user who accesses a system has a user account.

User Datagram Protocol (UDP)	A connectionless, transport layer protocol that adds some reliability and multiplexing to the Internet Protocol (IP). UDP enables one application program to deliver, via IP, datagrams to another application program on another machine. The Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) is usually implemented over UDP.
user identification (userid)	A unique string identifying a user to a system.
user identification number (UID number)	The number assigned to each user accessing a UNIX system. The system uses UID numbers to identify, by number, the owners of files and directories.
user name	A unique combination of letters, and possibly numbers, that identifies a user to the system.

V

voltage regulator module (VRM)	An electronic device that regulates a system's microprocessor voltage requirements in order to maintain the correct voltage.
volume	One or more drives that can be grouped into a unit for data storage. Also called a logical unit or LUN.
volume manager	Software that organizes data blocks on physical disk drives into logical volumes, which makes the disk data independent of the physical path name of the disk drives. Volume manager software provides data reliability through disk striping, concatenation, mirroring, and dynamic growth of metadevices or volumes.

W

web server	Software that provides services to access the Internet or an intranet. A web server hosts web sites, provides support for HTTP/HTTPS and other protocols, and executes server-side programs.
wide area network (WAN)	A network consisting of many systems that provides file transfer services. A WAN can cover a large physical area, sometimes worldwide.
worldwide name (WWN)	A number used to identify array volumes in both the array system and the Solaris Operating System.

write caching

Data used to build up stripes of data, eliminating the read-modify-write overhead. Write caching improves performance for applications that are writing to disk.

X

X.509 certificate

The most common certificate standard. X.509 certificates are documents containing a public key and associated identity information, digitally signed by a Certificate Authority (CA).

X Window System

A common UNIX window system that enables a workstation or terminal to control multiple sessions simultaneously.

Z

**Zettabyte File System
(ZFS)**

A file system that uses storage pools to manage physical storage.

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