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SHC Reference Guide

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Preface

This guide explains how to use the SHC to manage the server.

See

The Bull support web site for the most uptodate product information, documentation, firmware updates, software fixes and service offers: https://support.bull.com

Intended Readers

This guide is intended for use by system administrators and operators.

Chapter 1. Getting started

1.1. Overview

The Server Hardware Console (SHC) for BullSequana EX servers provides a web based interface to manage, configure and monitor the server.

The SHC is powered by OpenBMC, an open source implementation of the Baseboard Management Controller (BMC) firmware stack

1.2. Connecting to the Server Hardware Console (SHC)

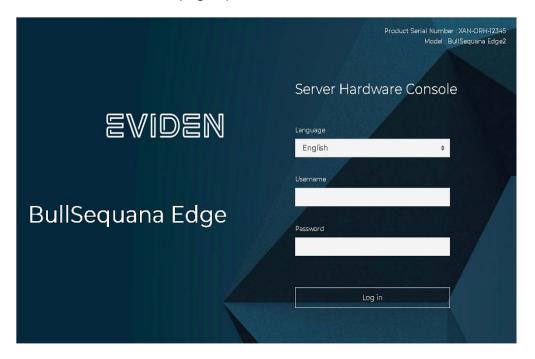
Prerequisites

- A laptop is connected to the server via the LAN
- An IP address is available for the server
- Chrome or Firefox web browsers are recommended
- Setting the language of the web browser to English is recommended

Procedure

Note The connection to the SHC must be made using the https protocol.

- 1. Open a web browser on the laptop.
- 2. Enter the server IP address into the address bar, using the https secure protocol.
- Ignore all security messages displayed, including advanced messages.
 The SHC authentication page opens.



4. Complete the Username and Password fields and click Log in.

The Overview page opens

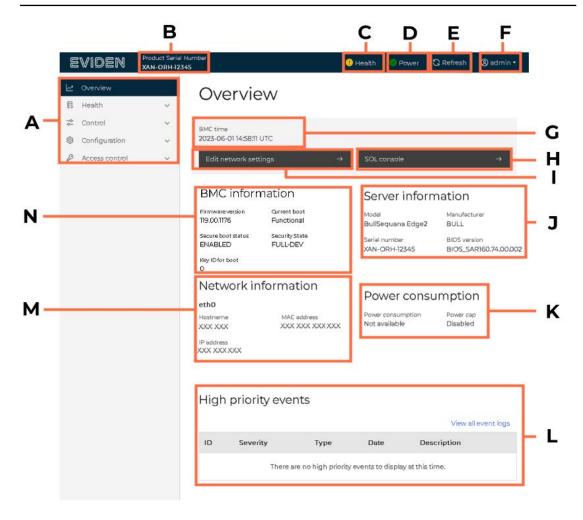
Important

It is strongly recommended to change the initial password once the setup is completed, taking care to record the new account details for subsequent connections.

1.3. The Overview page

This page provides a summary of system details and their status. It also includes links to server management and configuration features.

Note Some operations, for example, editing network settings, can be performed both from the shortcut (I) on the Overview page or via the feature tab on the left hand side (A).



Mark	Description
А	Feature tabs with sub-items used to monitor, manage and configure a server
В	Product serial number of the server
С	Summary of the server health status with a link to the System Logs
D	Server power status with a link to the Server power operations page.
E	Refresh button for the Overview page. The date and time of the last refresh is shown in the BMC time section.
F	admin button with links to user profile settings and the log out button.

Mark	Description
G	BMC time showing the time and date for the information displayed on the Overview page.
Н	Link to the Serial over LAN (SoL) console page
I	Link to the Network Settings page
J	Server details
K	Power consumption and power cap details
L	View high priority event logs. Critical events only are shown. To see all the event logs click View all event logs
М	Summary of network information
N	Summary of BMC information

1.4. **SHC features**

The SHC tabs include features to:

- Provide an overview of the server
- Monitor the health of the server
- Manage the server
- Configure the server
- Configure access and user settings for the server

Tab	Item
	Server information
	BMC information
Overview	Power consumption
	Network information
	High priority event logs
	Hardware information
Health	Event log
	Sensors
	Log Collect
	Server power operation
	KVM
	SOL console
	Virtual Media
Control	Power restore policy
Control	Server ID LED
	Hardware exclusion
	Reset to default
	Manage power usage
	Reboot BMC
	Date and time settings
	Firmware
Configuration	Network settings
	Rsyslog
	KVM settings

Tab	ltem
	Client sessions
Access control	LDAP
Access control	Local user management
	SSL certificates

1.5. Changing the user password

Important

It is strongly recommended to change the initial password once the setup is completed, taking care to record the new account details for subsequent connections.

1. From the user profile button, click **Profile settings**.



The **Profile settings** page opens.

Profile settings

Profile information Username admin Privilege Administrator

Change password

New password	
Password must be between 8 – 20	O characters
	0
Confirm new password	
	0

Timezone display preference

Select how time is displayed throughout the application

Timezone

Default (UTC)

Browser offset (CEST UTC+2)

- 2. Enter and confirm the new password.
 - The password must be between 8 and 20 characters long
 - The password must be a mixture of upper case letters, lower case letters, numbers and special characters
 - The password must be different from the user name

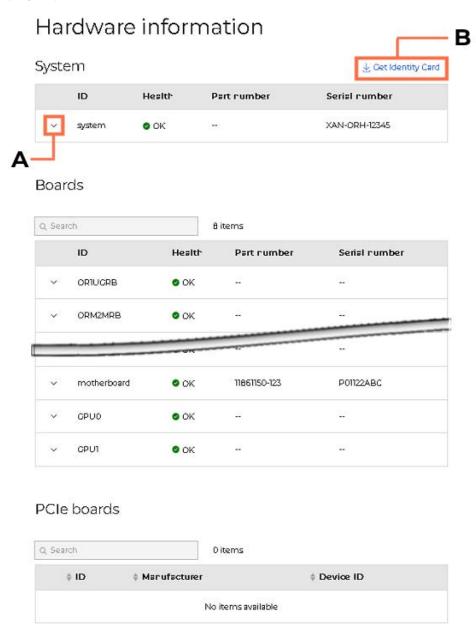
3. Click **Save settings**.

Note According to the localisation the timezone can also be changed, for example in France UTC+2 would be used.

Chapter 2. Monitoring the system

2.1. Checking hardware information

1. From the **Health tab**, click **Hardware Information**. The **Hardware Information** page opens



DIMM slot



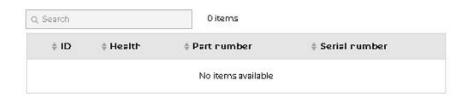
Power supplies



Processors



Storage



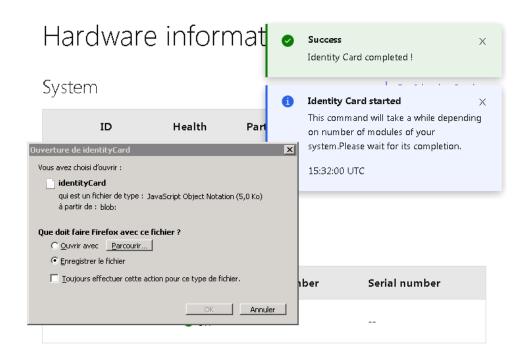
BMC manager





2. Click the downward pointing arrow (A) to expand the information details for a component.

3. Click **Get Identity Card (B)** to obtain the hardware information as an identity card in the .json format.

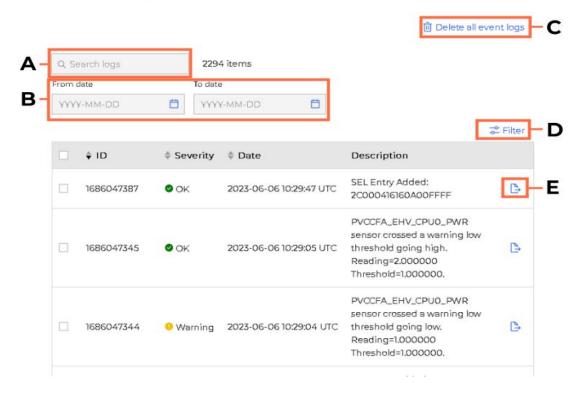


2.2. Checking event logs

Displaying event logs

From the Health tab, click Event logs. The Event logs page opens.

Event logs



Mark	Description
А	Alphabetical search
В	Date range search
С	Log deletion
D	Severity filter
Е	Export of log to a json file

Filtering event logs

Enter one or more search criteria in the alphabetical search (A), date range (B) and severity (D) fields to filter the event logs displayed.

Exporting event logs

Click the arrow (E) to export an event log to a json file.

Deleting event logs

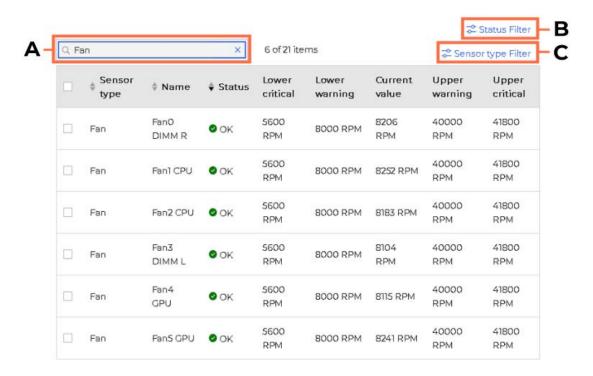
Click (C) to delete all event logs.

2.3. Checking the sensors

Displaying sensors

From the Health tab, click Sensors. The Sensors page opens.

Sensors



Mark	Description	
А	Alphabetical search	
В	Status filter	
С	Sensor type filter	

Filtering sensors

Enter one or more search criteria in the alphabetical search (A), date range (B) and severity (C) fields to filter the sensors displayed.

2.4. Collecting Logs

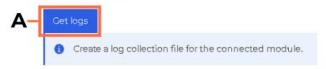
A log file is a collection of the logs for the connected server.

Displaying logs

From the **Health** tab, click **Log Collect**. The **Log Collect** page opens.

Log Collect

Initiate log



Logs available



Mark	Description
А	Log file creation
В	Alphabetical search
С	Data range search
D	Log file download
Е	Log file deletion

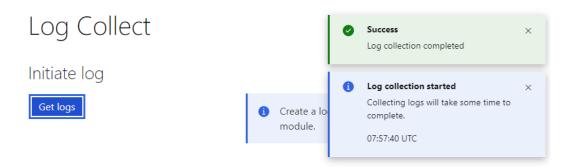
Filtering logs

Enter the search item (B) and / or the date range (C) to filter the log files displayed.

Collecting logs

Note Due to space restrictions, it is advisable to delete the existing logs before perform a new log collect.

Click **Get logs** (A) to create a new log collection.



Exporting event logs

Click the arrow (D) to download a log file.

Deleting event logs

Click (E) to delete the log file.

Chapter 3. Controlling the system

3.1. Managing server power operations

3.1.1. Power management features overview

From the **Control** tab, click **Server power operations**. The **Server power operations** page opens.

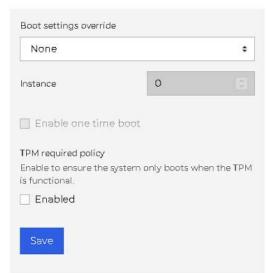
448 GiB

Server power operations

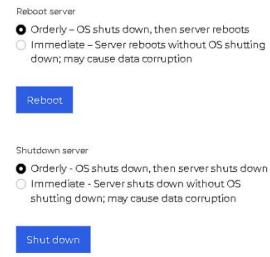
Current status Host status Not available Last memory size

Host OS boot settings

2023-06-08 08:32:26 UTC



Operations



Current Status		
Host status	OnOffNot available	
Last power operation	Date and time of last power operation	
Last memory size	Memory size detected by the BIOS during last boot	
	Host OS boot settings	
Boot Setting Override	 None Pxe - Boots from a PXE server Hdd - Boots from a hard disk Diags - Boots from the diagnostic partition BiosSetup - Boots from the BIOS menu Usb - Boots from a USB key 	
Enable one time boot	Select to apply the boot setting once	
Enable button for TPM Required Policy	Ensures the system will only boot if the TPM is fully functional. This feature can be enabled or disabled with the Enabled button	
Save button	Saves the Host OS boot settings	
	Operations	
Power on button	Only visible when the server power status is Off Powers on the server	
	Only visible when the server power status is Running	
	 Orderly - Shuts down the operating system before the server reboots 	
Reboot server	 Immediate - Server reboots immediately without the operating system shutting down. N.B. Risk of data loss and corruption 	
	Reboot button - Reboots the server applying the reboot option selected	
	Only visible when the server power status is Running	
	Orderly - Shuts down the operating system before the server shuts down	
Shutdown server	 Immediate - Server shuts down immediately without the operating system shutting down. N.B. Risk of data loss and corruption 	
	Shut down button - Shuts down the server applying the shut down option selected	

3.1.2. Checking Power State

From the **Control** tab, click Server power operations. The **Server power operations** page opens.

Server power operations

Current status

Host status Off

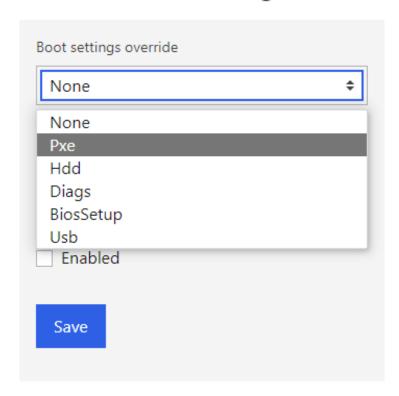
Last power operation Last memory size 1970-01-01 00:00:00 UTC 240 GiB

Current Status	
	■ On
Host status	■ Off
	■ Not available
Last power operation	Date and time of last power operation

3.1.3. Setting boot options

- 1. From the **Control** tab, click **Server power operations**. The **Server power operations** page opens.
- 2. In the **Host OS boot settings** section, select the boot setting required from the boot setting override drop-down list.

Host OS boot settings

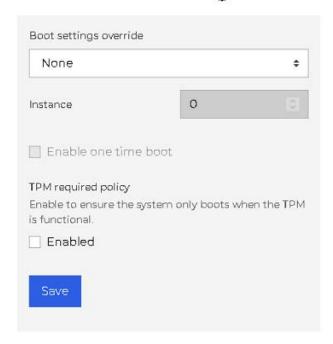


Host OS boot settings	
Boot Setting Override	■ None
	■ Pxe - Boots from a PXE server
	■ Hdd - Boots from a hard disk
	■ Diags - Boots from the diagnostic partition
	■ BiosSetup - Boots from the BIOS menu
	■ Usb - Boots from a USB key

3. If required, click **Enable one time boot** to apply the boot setting once.

4. If required, enable the **TPM required policy**, so that the system only boots when the Trusted Platform Module (TPM) is functional.

Host OS boot settings



5. Click Save.

3.1.4. Powering on the server

- 1. From the Control tab, click Server power operations. The Server power operations page opens.
- 2. In the **Operations** section, click **Power on**.

Server power operations

Current status Host status Not available Last power operation Last memory size 2023-06-08 08:32:26 UTC 448 GiB

Operations Power on Boot settings override None \$ 0 Instance Enable one time boot TPM required policy Enable to ensure the system only boots when the TPM Enabled

Host OS boot settings

A message is displayed.

Operations



Note After initiating the power on of the system, there is a 30 second delay before the update of the host power status to avoid sensor fluctuation. It is therefore necessary to wait 30 seconds before refreshing the Server power

operations page of the Server Hardware Console (SHC) to see the updated power status after a power on.

3.1.5. Rebooting or shutting down the server

- 1. From the **Control** tab, click **Server power operations**. The **Server power operations** page opens.
- 2. In the Operations section, select the mode and click Reboot or Shutdown.

Server power operations

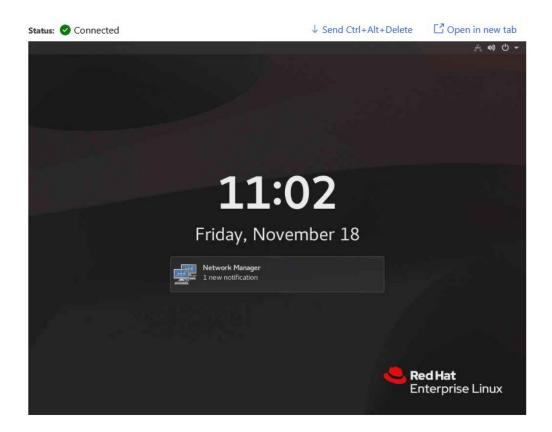
Current status Host status Not available Last power operation Last memory size 2023-06-08 08:32:26 UTC 448 GiB

Host OS boot settings Operations Reboot server Boot settings override Orderly – OS shuts down, then server reboots Immediate – Server reboots without OS shutting None down; may cause data corruption Instance Enable one time boot TPM required policy Shutdown server Enable to ensure the system only boots when the TPM Orderly - OS shuts down, then server shuts down Immediate - Server shuts down without OS Enabled shutting down; may cause data corruption

3.2. Connecting to the Keyboard, Video, Mouse (KVM)

From the **Control** tab, click **KVM**. The **KVM** page opens.





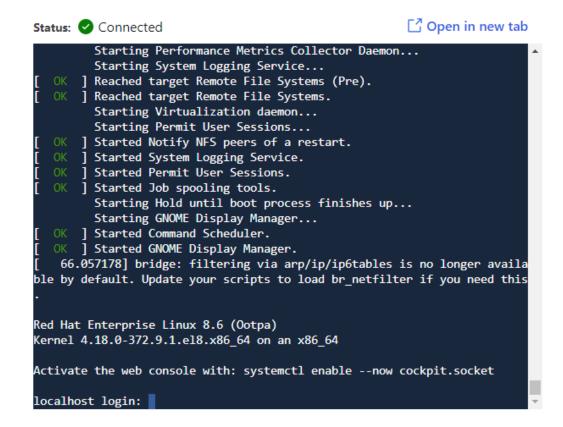
Note The KVM keyboard layout can be configured with the **KVM settings** feature.

3.3. Connecting to the Serial Over LAN (SOL) console

 From the Control tab, click SOL console. The Serial over LAN console page opens.

Serial over LAN (SOL) console

SOL console redirects the server's serial port output to this window.



2. If required, click the **Open in new tab** link to open the console in a new window.

Notes To access the Operating System, switch to the KVM screen.

To access the BIOS settings click on the SOL screen and press the ESC key at the same time.

3.4. Creating a virtual media session

Note Only users with Administrator privilege have access to this feature.

1. From the Control tab, click Virtual media. The Virtual media page opens.

Virtual media

Save image in a web browser

Virtual media device



Start

- 2. Click Add file.
- 3. Select an ISO file for the boot.
- 4. Click Start.

3.5. Configuring the power restore policy

The power restore policy determines how the system starts after a power disturbance.

1. From the **Control** tab, click **Power restore policy**. The **Power restore policy** page opens.

Power restore policy

Configure power policy to determine how the system starts after a power disturbance.

Power restore policies

- Always on The system always powers on when power is applied.
- Always off The system always remains powered off when power is applied.
- Restore The system returns to its last on or off power state when power is applied.

Save settings

2. Select the policy.

Power restore policy	Description
Always On	The system always powers on when power is applied
Always Off	The system always remains powered off when power is applied
Last state	The system returns to its last power state when power is applied

3. Click Save Settings.

3.6. Enabling or disabling the server identification LED

1. From the Control tab, click Server ID LED. The Server ID LED page opens.

Server ID LED

LED light control

Server indicator LED



2. Turn the server indicator LED on to identify the server.

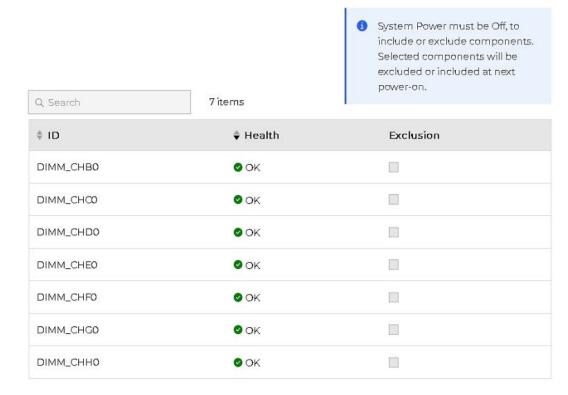
See The Description Guide to locate the green identification LED at the front of the server.

3.7. Excluding or including hardware components

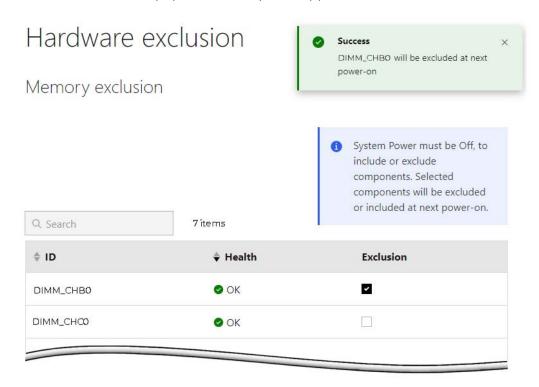
1. From the **Control** tab, click **Hardware Exclusion**. The **Hardware Exclusion** page opens.

Hardware exclusion

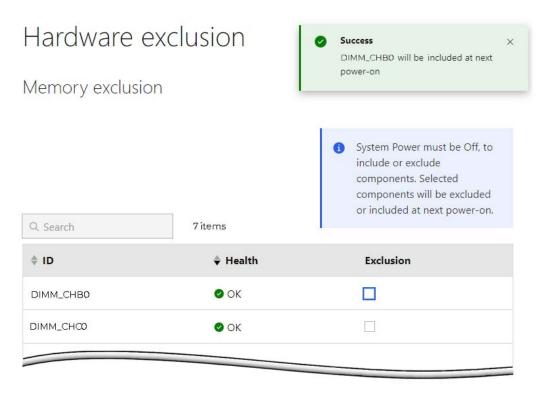
Memory exclusion



2. Select the check box(es) for the component(s) to be excluded.



3. Clear the check box(es) corresponding for the component(s) to be included.



3.8. Resetting settings to default values

Important The server must be off before resetting the setting values as indicated below.

Note Only users with Administrator privilege have access to this feature.

1. From the Control tab, click Reset to default. The Reset to default page opens.

Reset to default

These functions do not perform a secure delete of any sensitive data.

Reset options

Reset host settings only

Resets firmware settings including: Platform keystore, partition NVRAM, and partition configurations.

Reset BMC and host settings

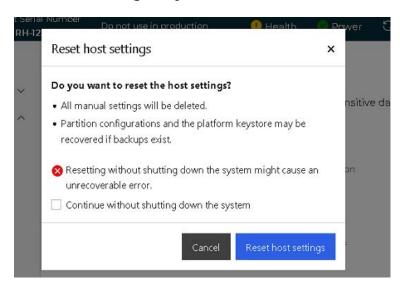
In addition to host settings, this option resets BMC settings, including: all BMC account data, all changed passwords, all policies, LDAP configurations, network addresses, and time of day.



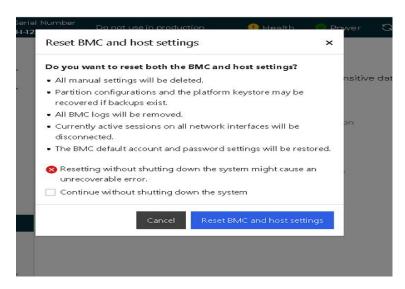
2. Select the components to reset and click **Reset**.

3. Carefully read the caution points.

Reset host settings only



Reset BMC and host settings



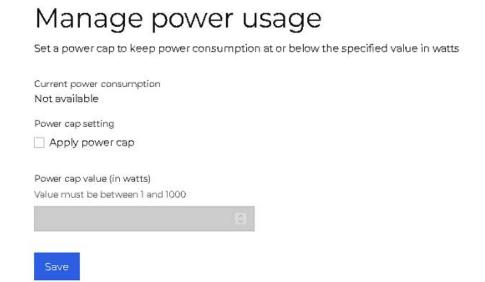
- 4. Check the option **Continue without shutting down the system** if needed to go on.
- 5. Click **Reset host settings** or **Reset BMC and host settings** depending on the function performed.
- 6. Use the default user account to connect to the SHC after the **Reset of the BMC** and host settings.

SHC default user account		
Username	admin	
Password	OpenBmc* The 0 in the default password is the number zero.	

3.9. Managing power usage

Note Only users with Administrator privilege have access to this feature.

1. From the **Control** tab, click **Manage power usage**. The **Manage power usage** page opens.



- 2. To set a power cap:
 - a. Select Apply power cap.
 - b. Set the power cap value in the **Power Cap Value (in watts)** box.
- 3. Click Save.

Note The power consumption and power cap value are indicated on the Overview page.

3.10. Rebooting the BMC

Note Only users with Administrator privilege have access to this feature.

1. From the Control tab, click Reboot BMC. The Reboot BMC page opens.

Reboot BMC

Last BMC reboot 2023-06-07 15:07:20 UTC

When you reboot the BMC, your web browser loses contact with the BMC for several minutes. When the BMC is back online, you may need to log in again.



2. Click the **Reboot BMC** button and confirm.

A success message is displayed.

Reboot BMC



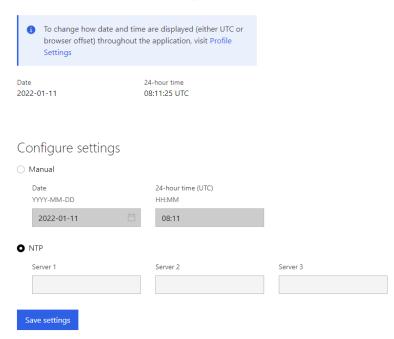
Chapter 4. Configuring the management controller

4.1. Setting the date and time

Note It is recommended to configure an NTP server. Time and date settings configured manually will be lost when the BMC is reset.

1. From the Configuration tab, click Date and time settings. The Date and time settings page opens.

Date and time settings



- 2. Select the date and time configuration:
 - Manual
 - Network Time Protocol (NTP) servers
- 3. Click Save settings.

4. Click **Profile Settings** at the top of the page. The **Profile settings** page opens.

Profile settings

Profile information

Username root Privilege Administrator

Change password

New password

Password must be between 8 – 20 characters

Confirm new password

O

Timezone display preference

Select how time is displayed throughout the application

Timezone

◆ Default (UTC)

◆ Browser offset (CEST UTC+1)

- 5. Select the timezone display:
 - Default
 - Browser offset
- 6. Click Save settings.

4.2. Managing firmware versions

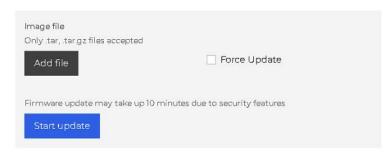
1. From the **Configuration** tab, click **Firmware**. The **Firmware** page opens.

Firmware

Firmware version

Component	Version	
BIOS	BIOS_SAR160.74.00.002	
ВМС	110.01.0000	
FPGA	1.B.0.0	

Update firmware



2. To update a firmware version, click **Add file** to select the firmware version file, and click **Start update**

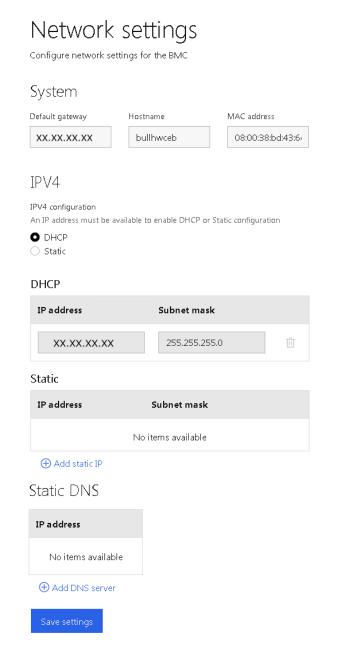
Notes

- It is strongly recommended to power off the system before updating the BIOS and FPGA firmware.
- Select the Force Update box to reinstall the same firmware version.

4.3. Configuring network settings

Note The server hostname may be modified in the screen below.

1. From the **Configuration** tab, click **Network settings**. The **Network settings** page opens.



System		
Default gateway	Default gateway IP address	
Hostname	The server host name	
Mac address	The server MAC address	
IP4V		
DHCP	When enabled, the server IP address is retrieved from a DHCP server	
Static	When enabled, the server IP address is static	
DHCP		
IP address	Server IP address	
Subnet mask	Sub-net mask for the host	
Static		
IP address	Server IP address	
Subnet mask	Sub-net mask for the host	
Add static IP	Click this button to add a static IP address	
Static DNS		
IP address	DNS server IP address	
Add DNS server	Click this button to add a DNS server address	

- 2. Enter the system parameters: default gateway and hostname.
- 3. Select IPV4 configuration: DHCP or Static.
- 4. Add a static IP address, if required.
- 5. Add a DNS server if required.
- 6. Click **Save settings**.

4.4. Configuring Rsyslog

1. From the **Configuration** tab, click **Rsyslog**. The **Rsyslog** page opens.

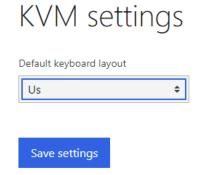


Rsyslog		
Enable Syslog Forwarding	When selected, this option allows events to be sent by the syslog protocol on a Linux platform, in order to centralize all the events	
IP address	Syslog server IP address	
Port	Syslog server listening port	

- 2. Select **Enable Syslog Forwarding** and complete the fields as required.
- 3. Click **Save settings**.

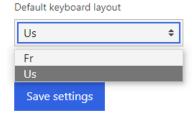
4.5. Configuring KVM settings

1. From the **Configuration** tab, click **KVM settings**. The **KVM settings** page opens.



2. Select the keyboard layout language from the drop-down list.

KVM settings



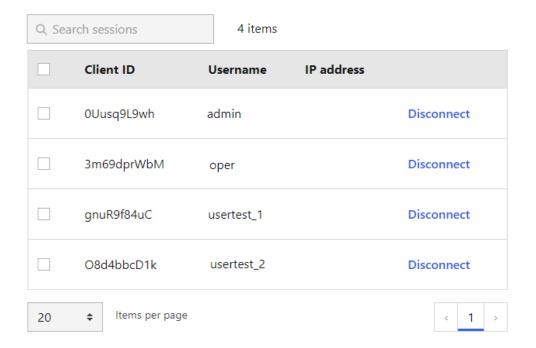
3. Click Save settings.

Chapter 5. Managing users

5.1. Managing client sessions

1. From the **Access control** tab, click **Client session**. The **Client sessions** page opens.

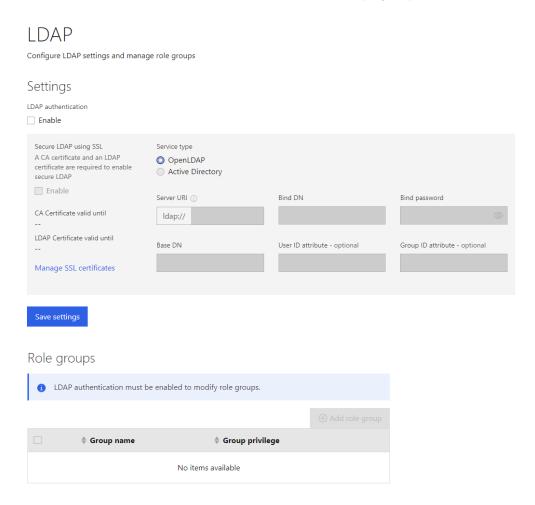
Client sessions



2. To disconnect the user, click **Disconnect**.

5.2. Configuring LDAP

1. From the Access control tab, click LDAP, the LDAP page opens.



Settings		
Enable LDAP authentication	Allows LDAP authentication to be configured	
Secure LDAP using SSL	Secures LDAP server using a Secure Socket Layer certificate	
Manage SSL certificates	Redirects to the SSL certificates page. The link is active when LDAP authentication is enabled	
Service type	Selects the LDAP service type: Open LDAP Microsoft Active Directory	
Server URI	Idap:// <ldap ip="" server=""></ldap>	

Settings		
Bind DN	Bind Distinguished Name	
Bind password	Bind user password	
Base DN	Base Distinguished Name. The point from which a server will start searching for users	
User ID attribute	The log in attribute that uniquely identifies a single user record	
Group ID attribute	The log in attribute that uniquely identifies a group user record	
Save settings button	Saves the configurations	
Role groups		
Role groups enable a set of permissions to be assigned to a group of administrators or specialist users.		
Group name	Group name	
Group privilege	Role assigned to the group	

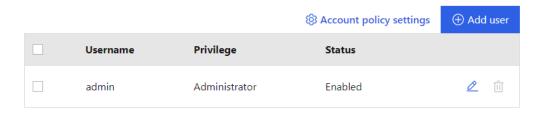
2. Set the configuration and click **Save settings**.

5.3. Managing local users

5.3.1. Viewing a user list

From the Access control tab, click Local user management. The Local user management page opens.

Local user management



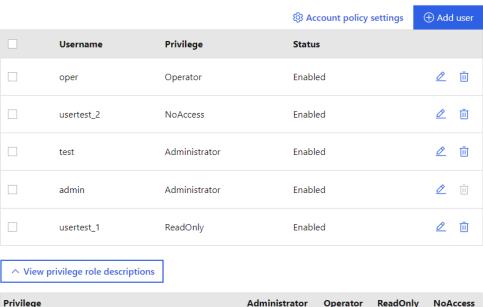
∨ View privilege role descriptions

Local user management		
Username	Name the user uses to log on	
Privilege	Role assigned to the user	
Status When enabled, the user account is active and the user is able to log on. When disabled, the user's account is unavailable: the user's account is maintained but it is no longer possible to log on using this account		
Buttons		
<u>Ø</u>	Edit button to display and modify the user account	
Ū	Remove button to delete the user	

5.3.2. Viewing privilege roles

- 1. From the Access tab, click Local user management. The Local user management page opens.
- 2. Click View privilege role descriptions to display the roles.

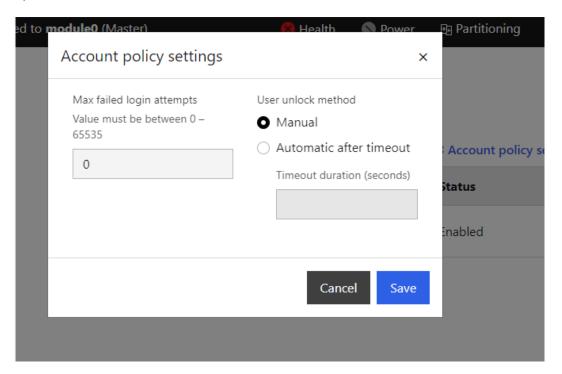
Local user management



Privilege	Administrator	Operator	ReadOnly	NoAccess
Configure components managed by this service	~			
Configure manager resources	~			
Update password for current user account	~	~	~	
Configure users and their accounts	~			
Log in to the service and read resources	~	~	~	

5.3.3. Setting the account policy

- 1. From the Access tab, click Local user management. The Local user management page opens.
- 2. Click the **Account policy settings** tab. The **Account policy settings** page opens.

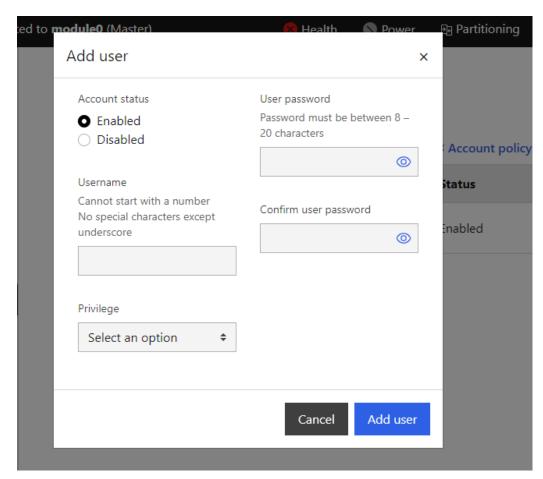


Account policy settings		
Max failed login attempts	The number of failed login attempts allowed. The value must be set between 0 (default) and 65535	
Manual	A locked user account stays locked until it is unlocked manually	
Automatic after timeout	Automatic unlock after the period set in the Timeout duration parameter	
Timeout duration (seconds)	Period in seconds during which the user account remains locked. The minimum setting is 1 second	

- 3. Complete the fields as required.
- 4. Click Save.

5.3.4. Creating a new user account

- 1. From the Access tab, click Local user management. The Local user management page opens.
- 2. Click **Add user** tab. The **Add user** page opens.



Add user		
Account status enabled	When selected, the user account is active and the user is able to log on. This is the default status	
Account status disabled	When selected, the user's account is unavailable	
	Name the user uses to log on	
Username	Names cannot start with number	
	Special characters are not allowed except underscores	
Privilege	Use the drop-down list to select the role to assign to the user	
	The password the user will use to log on	
User password	■ The password must be between 8 and 20 characters long	
Confirm user password	 The password must be a mixture of upper case letters, lower case letters, numbers and special characters 	
	■ The password must be different from the user name	

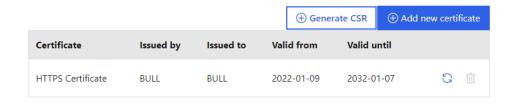
- 3. Complete the fields as required.
- 4. Click **Add user**. The user is created.

5.4. Managing SSL certificates

5.4.1. Viewing SSL certificates

From the **Access control** tab, click **SSL certificates**. The **SSL certificates page** opens.

SSL certificates

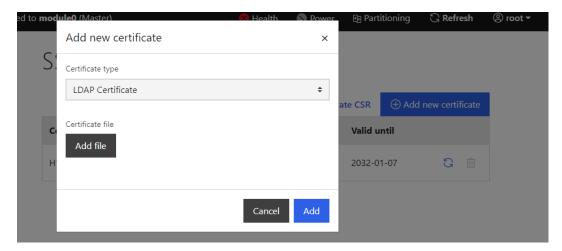


SSL certificates		
Certificate	Certificate name	
Issued by	- Certificate details	
Issued to		
Valid from	Validity period	
Valid until		
Actions		
Ū	Remove button to delete the certificate	
G	Refresh button to check if a more up-to-date version of the certificate is available	

5.4.2. Adding a certificate

1. From the **Access control** tab, click **SSL certificates**. The **SSL certificates** page opens.

2. Click the Add new certificate tab. The Add new certificate page opens.



- 3. Use the drop-down list to select a certificate type. There are two possible options:
 - LDAP Certificate
 - CA Certificate
- 4. Click Add file and select a certificate file.

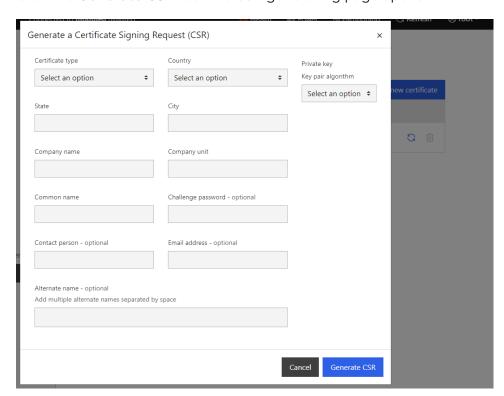
Note The certificate file must be a .pem file.

5. Click **Add**.

5.4.3. Generating a Certificate Signing Request (CSR)

Important A valid SSL certificate is required to use the HTTPS protocol. By default, a temporary certificate is delivered. For optimum security, it is advised to generate and install a new certificate.

 From the Access control tab, click SSL certificates. The SSL certificates page opens. 2. Click the **Generate CSR** tab. The CSR generating page opens.



Certificate Signing Request (CSR)		
	Select an option:	
Certificate type	■ HTTPS Certificate	
	■ LDAP Certificate	
Country	Select a country	
	Select:	
Private key - Key pair algorithm	■ EC	
	■ RSA	
State	Name of the state	
City	Name of the city	
Company name	Name of the company	
Company unit	Generally the name of the department	

Certificate Signing Request (CSR)					
Common name	"Fully Qualified Domain Name" (FQDN) example: hostName.DomainName.Top-LevelDomain. If the Common Name differs from the network name, a security warning will pop up when the system is accessed using HTTPS				
Challenge password - optional	Depending on the certification authority, it may be necessary to define a challenge password to authorize later changes to the certificate (example: revocation of the certificate). The minimum length of this password is four characters				
Contact person - optional	Generally the administrator's name				
Email address -optional	Generally the administrator's email address				
Alternate name - optional	Multiple alternate names separated by space				

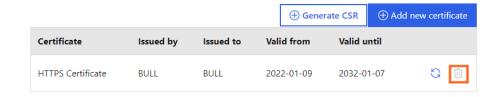
- 3. Complete the fields. Define the key pair algorithm for the private key:
 - For RSA key pair algorithm, select the key bit length
 - For EC key pair algorithm, select the key curve ID
- 4. Click **Generate CSR** to generate the CSR.
- 5. Click **Download** to save the CSR to the computer or Copy to save its content into the clipboard and send it to the Certification Authority, who will check the information, and then generate and return a signed certificate.
- 6. When the signed certificate is received, use the **Add new certificate** tab to install the certificate.

5.4.4. **Deleting a certificate**

1. From the Access control tab, click SSL certificates. The SSL certificates page opens.

2. Click the remove button for the required certificate.

SSL certificates

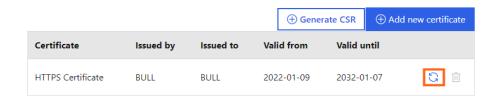


3. Click **Remove** in the confirmation dialog box to remove the certificate.

5.4.5. Updating a certificate automatically

- 1. From the **Access control** tab, click **SSL certificates**. The **SSL certificates** page opens.
- 2. Click the refresh button for the required certificate.

SSL certificates



3. The certificate will be updated if a newer version is available.

