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Preface

This document gives information about all changes from the previous version.

It also gives information about restrictions, known problems and the associated workarounds.

Finally it lists the objects delivered in the Technical State and the features of the resources provided on the Resource and Documentation DVD.

Chapter 1. Overview

Important To fully address the Intel Meltdown/Spectre security alert, it is mandatory to update the Operating System.

1.1. Operating Systems Versions

The following versions are supported on BullSequana S servers. When there are more than one version, (*) indicates a recommended version.

1.1.1. VMware ESXi

Intel® Xeon® 1 st generation processors	Intel® Xeon® 2 nd generation processors
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ESXi 6.7ep10 build 13981272 (*)• ESXi 6.7u1 build 10302608• ESXi 6.5u3 build 13932383 (*)• ESXi 6.5 patch 11 build 10719125• ESXi 6.5u2 build 8294253• ESXi 6.5u1 patch 02 build 7388607	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ESXi 6.7ep10 build 13981272 (*)• ESXi 6.7u1 build 10302608• ESXi 6.5u3 build 13932383 (*)• ESXi 6.5 patch 11 build 10719125

Note Available on the Bull Support Website: <https://support.bull.com>

For BullSequana S200 server certification details check:

<https://www.vmware.com/resources/compatibility/detail.php?deviceCategory=server&productid=44639>

For BullSequana S400 server certification details check:

<https://www.vmware.com/resources/compatibility/detail.php?deviceCategory=server&productid=44854>

For BullSequana S800 server certification details check:

<https://www.vmware.com/resources/compatibility/detail.php?deviceCategory=server&productid=44745>

1.1.2. Linux

1.1.2.1. Red Hat

Intel® Xeon® 1st generation processors	Intel® Xeon® 2nd generation processors	Intel® DCPMM
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RHEL 7.6: All models (*)• RHEL 7.5: All models (*)• RHEL 7.4: All models• RHEL 7.3: All models	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RHEL 7.6: All models• RHEL 7.5: All models	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RHEL 7.6: All models (*)• RHEL 7.5: All models

1.1.2.2. Suse

Intel® Xeon® 1st generation processors	Intel® Xeon® 2nd generation processors	Intel® DCPMM
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SLES 12 SP3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SLES 12 SP4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SLES 12 SP4

1.1.3. Windows

Windows Server 2019

Windows Server 2016 (with iaStorA.free.win8.64bit.4.3.0.1198 driver)

1.2. New Features and Changes

1.2.1. BIOS_PUR043

Important This release introduces a shared BIOS for Intel® Xeon® 1st and 2nd generation processors. To upgrade or downgrade the server, refer to Chapter 4 Recommendations.

- Integrate Insyde code drop 34 aligned with PurleyRefresh BKC19ww16 (Intel® DCPMM firmware image required revision (5375))
- Update PCH ME Firmware to latest version SPS_E5_04.01.04.296.0
- Support second generation Intel® Xeon® Scalable processor stepping A0, B1, H0
- Update first generation Intel® Xeon® Scalable processor H0 microcode to version mb750654_0200005e
- Update second generation Intel® Xeon® Scalable processor microcodes
 - B0 to version mbf50656_04000024
 - B1 to version mbf50657_05000024
 - A0Intel® Optane™ DC Persistent Memory (DCPMM) to version mb750655_03000010
- Added "Fast Boot" option, that help to reduce BIOS traces and therefore boot time. Can be activated with a BMC key:
 - bsmSetConfParam.sh -H BMC_IP -u super -p pass -k 'bmc.bios.enable_traces' -x yes|no
 - pmsmMC.py config -n bmc-node -s bmc.bios.enable_traces=yes|no
- Make BIOS boot automatically the next Bootable Device without displaying Popup Fail
- Log Intel® DCPMM runtime health status changes and uncorrectable (poison) memory errors to the BMC. To enable this logging, either:
 - Apply the default settings from the defaultbiossetup.1.8 file:

```
bsmBiosSettings.sh -H ip -u user -p password -a reset
```

- Enter the following commands:

```
bsmBiosSettings.sh -H ip -u user -p password -a set -n 'SETUP.FnvErrorEn 1'
```

```
bsmBiosSettings.sh -H ip -u user -p password -a set -n 'SETUP.FnvErrorLowPrioritySignal 1'
```

```
bsmBiosSettings.sh -H ip -u user -p password -a set -n 'SETUP.FnvErrorHighPrioritySignal 1'
```

- Dump Model Id and Stepping of each processor in multimodule system
- Fix unexpected VMware crash when the Page Retirement feature is activated

1.2.2. EMM_DEFAULT_BIOS_SETTINGS

- Disable MEM.setSecureEraseAllDIMMs setting changed from 1 (Enable) to 0 (Disable). Default setting in defaultbiossetup file was incorrect. This setting, when enabled, causes persistent Intel® DCPMM to be erased during the boot when security on the memory module is enabled and locked.
Note that the defaultbiossetup file is common to both Skylake and Cascadelake
- Enable Intel® DCPMM RAS support by enabling the following settings:
 - SETUP.FnvErrorEn changed from 0 (DISABLE) to 1 (ENABLE)
 - SETUP.FnvErrorHighPrioritySignal changed from 0 (DISABLE) to 1 (SMI_SIGNAL)
 - SETUP.FnvErrorLowPrioritySignal changed from 0 (DISABLE) to 1 (SMI_SIGNAL)
- Enable XptPrefetchEn for second generation Intel® Xeon® Scalable processors

1.2.3. EMM33_BMC

- The udpsrv/tftp server in the BMC does NOT do a DNS lookup for name resolution anymore. This prevents having time-out during the tftp transfers when the DNS is not accessible.
- In Configuration -> BMC Settings -> Messages web page of the SHC, when enabling Syslog forwarding feature, the System Event Log events are now sent to the remote syslog in addition to the messages logs
- In Configuration -> BMC Settings->Network web page of the SHC, it is now possible to disable IPMI OOB access
- In Configuration -> BMC Settings->Network web page of the SHC, it is now possible to hide eth0 port to the operating system
- Display firmware version of Intel® DCPMM in web interface
- Sensor list and values have been added in the log collect function of the SHC
- A progression bar has been added in the power management web page when powering on or off the server
- The green power LED is now used to indicate boot sequence
- This release is the first release that brings the support of Redfish. Please refer to the Redfish documentation to have detailed on which features are supported.

1.3. Resolved Issues

Getting FRU Information on Mellanox ConnectX-4 Adapters

There are no more discrepancies between the adapter FRU information displayed by the Server Hardware Console (SHC) and the results of the `lspciconf_m3.pl` script.

SHC Messages Page Unreachable

Using the `..` character in a user message no longer renders the Messages page unreachable.

PEBS SFP Fault Messages

The out of place message is no longer displayed when no cables are plugged into to the PEBS.

WEO Fault Signal

A WEO fault signal message is no longer issued.

System crash when the Page Retirement feature is activated

There are no longer system crash after several correctable memory errors when the Page Retirement feature is activated.

The SDDC+1 and Page Retirement features may have been disabled as part of the temporary workaround. After the installation of the TS 21.02, enable them with the following CLI commands:

```
$ bsmBiosSettings.sh -H X.X.X.X -u super -p <password> -a set -n 'MEM.SddcPlusOneEn 1'
```

```
$ bsmBiosSettings.sh -H X.X.X.X -u super -p <password> -a set -n 'MEM.PageRetireEn 1'
```

Chapter 2. Known Restrictions and Issues

2.1. Platform Restrictions and Issues

2.1.1. Power Supply Unit (PSU) Redundancy in 100-140V AC Range

Restriction

When PSU are plugged to mains with voltage between 100 and 140V, PSU redundancy is only ensured for modules consuming less than 1000W.

2.1.2. Hot Plug of the Broadcom P210tp PCI card

Restriction

Hot-plugging the Broadcom PCI card BCM 957416A4160C is not possible. Insert or remove the card only when the operating system is stopped.

2.1.3. Serial On LAN (SOL) activation

Issue

When using the ipmi command "SOL activate" for Serial On LAN, there are issues with the keyboard.

Workaround

Open a ssh session on the SHC and use the terminal command.

2.1.4. Restrictions on Partitioning a BullSequana S800 Server

Intel restrictions on how processors can be linked in a glue-less configuration lead to restrictions on how a BullSequana S800 server can be partitioned.

The available partitioning schemes are:

- Two partitions:
 - Three modules and one module: all schemes are available
 - Two modules and two modules: only the (module 0, module 1) and (module 2 , module 3) scheme is available
- Four partitions

2.1.5. LDAP Authentication

Issue

When the DNS server configured from the Network Settings page the Server Hardware Console (SHC) belongs to the Active Directory domain, the LDAP authentication of the embedded controller fails without any error notification.

Workaround

Do not configure the DNS server before performing the LDAP authentication.

2.1.6. Mounting Virtual Media Files from the Remote Console

Issue

Installing software from a very large file via the Remote Console may fail with several medium errors reported.

Workaround

Use smaller files.

2.1.7. Updating the Server Hardware Console (SHC)

Issue

Updating the SHC firmware results in the Alert Setting Policies page being cleared.

Workaround

If you have modified the Alert Policies default settings, collect settings before the SHC update and restore them afterward.

2.1.8. Locating an FDB Disk

Issue

The command designed to locate a failed FDB disk fails to switch on the disk's LED, making it impossible to locate it.

Workaround

See BullSequana S Description Guide, 86 A1 13FR, to locate FDB disks.

2.1.9. FPGA Update

Issue

In rare cases, using either the SHC or the CLI commands, the update of the FPGA firmware appears unfinished but a message in the SHC Messages page indicates that the update has been completed successfully.

Workaround

The update is actually successful. Refresh the page to confirm.

2.1.10. Memory Module exclusion

Issue

Excluding a memory module using the Hardware Management CLIs has no effect.

Workaround

Use the SHC to exclude a memory module.

2.1.11. Slave Modules unavailable

Issue

In rare cases, after boot some slave modules are unavailable.

Workaround

Perform an AC cycle.

2.1.12. Unable to access Hardware Exclusion page

Issue

With the Internet Explorer browser, Hardware Exclusion page is not reachable : javascript error, pending access...

Workaround

Clear the Internet Explorer cache.

2.1.13. BMC connection lost

Issue

Shortly after a power ON, the connection to the BMC is lost.

Workaround

To access to the SHC page, press the BMC reset button or wait for ten minutes.

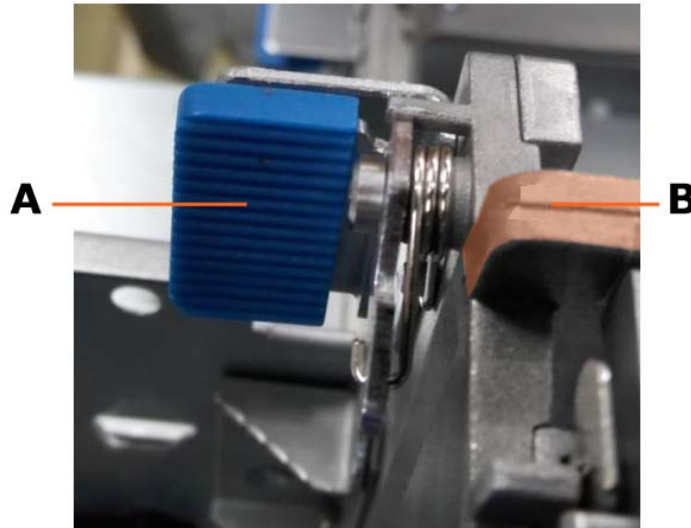
2.1.14. Locking a 2.5" Disk Storage Unit

Issue

In some cases the latch does not insert properly into the locking bracket

Workaround

1. Check that the latch (A) is parallel to the top of the side wall (B) as shown below.



2. Press the latch (A) down to secure the HDD cage in place.

2.2. Redfish Restrictions

Some features, listed in the BullSequana S Redfish User's Guide, 86 A1 76FR, are not yet implemented:

- The 0 value (warm reset) of the Managers Reset the BMC resource URI
- The following Systems resources:
 - Collection of log service
 - BIOS log service
 - BIOS current settings
- The following values of the Systems Power on/off resource URI:
 - 2 (force restart)
 - 3 (graceful shutdown)

2.3. Software Restrictions and Issues

2.3.1. DCPMM Mixed Mode

Restriction

DCPMM Mixed Mode is not yet supported.

2.3.2. Using SR-IOV

Issue

On a BullSequana S400 or S800 server, attempting to assign the SR-IOV passthrough to a virtual machine fails, resulting in the following error message: *unsupported configuration: host does not support passthrough of host PCI devices*

Restriction

SR-IOV is not supported on Virtual Machines running SLES 12 SP2.

2.3.3. Powering Off from the Server Hardware Console (SHC)

Issue

On servers running RHEL, clicking the Power Off button available in the Power Management page of the SHC does not result in the complete shutdown of the system. Clicking the Force Power Off button is necessary to get a complete shutdown.

Workaround

The Operating System must be configured to accept the power off request.

- With RHEL 7.3:
 - a. In the RHEL Graphical User Interface, go to Applications > Utilities > Tweak Tool > Power > Power button action.
 - b. Choose the Shutdown option.
- With RHEL 7.4, 7.5 and 7.6:
 - a. Install the acpid package.
 - b. Replace `/etc/acpi/actions/power.sh` content with the following content:

```
#!/bin/sh
PATH=/usr/sbin:/usr/bin
shutdown -h now
```

2.3.4. Installing and Booting from NVDIMM Devices

Restriction

Installing and booting from NVDIMM devices is only supported from RHEL 7.6 onwards.

2.3.5. Incorrect Allocation of DCPMM Name Spaces to numa Node

Issue

On a server running a RedHat prior to 7.6 with DCPMM memory modules configured in Application Direct mode, the `numactl` command returns an incorrect answer.

Workaround

Update to RHEL 7.6.

Chapter 3. Delivery Content

3.1. Delivered items

- Documentation, firmware and customer tools are delivered on the Resource and Documentation DVD
- BSMHW_NG and iCare are delivered on the Resource and Documentation DVD
- VMware ESXi Installer is delivered, if ordered, on a bootable USB key
- Atos High-end Plug-in for vSphere web client is available on the Bull support website: <http://support.bull.com>

3.2. Documentation

Note (*) indicates a new version, (**) indicates a new item.

Name	Description	Version
BullSequana S Customer Documentation Portfolio	Complete documentation dedicated to the customer	11 (*)
BullSequana S Field Documentation Portfolio	Complete documentation dedicated to the field	10 (*)

3.3. Platform Firmware

Notes • (*) indicates a new version, (**) indicates a new item

- Intel® Xeon® 1st and 2nd generation processors now share the same BIOS firmware.
- There are two different images of the BIOS firmware: one compatible with the PEB board and the other with the PEBS board. Their versions are numbered as follows:
 - x=0 for PEBS
 - x=1 for PEB

The managing tools are configured to automatically select the adequate BIOS image.

- The FPGA_W3WEO firmware version always reads as (0.0.0) even if the firmware has been successfully updated to a more advanced version.

Name	Description	Version
DCPMM	Firmware for Intel® Optane™ DC Persistent Memory (DCPMM)	01.2.0 build 5375 (*)
BIOS_PUR043	BIOS firmware for both first and second generation Intel® Xeon® Scalable processors	43.34.01 build x01 (**)

Name	Description	Version
CPLD_IO_CPB	Flash image for the IO CPLD component on the CPB board	2.6.0.0
CPLD_NBB	Flash image for the CPLD component on the NBB board	3.2.0 (*)
CPLD_P_CPB	Flash image for the CPLD component on the CPB board	2.4.9.0
EMM33_BMC	Server Hardware Console (SHC) firmware	33.38.00 build 0340 (*)
EMM_DEFAULT_BIOS_SETTINGS	Default BIOS settings file	1.8 (*)
ESXi_6.5_BullSequana_S	VMware supervisor	6.5u3 build 13932383 (*)
ESXi_6.7_BullSequana_S	VMware supervisor	6.7ep10 build 13981272 (*)
FPGA_CPB	FPGA firmware for theCPB board	3.1.0.0 (*)
FPGA_FLASH_M3WEO	Flash image for the embedded firmware of the sWitch Ethernet One Gigabit (WEO).	1.0.0
FPGA_W3WEO	FPGA image for the sWitch Ethernet One Gigabit (WEO)	2.0.0 (appears as 0.0.0)
FW_PEB	Flash image for the SPI 4Mbit 85MHz 8SOIC 256Byte per page	2.B.9
FW_PHY_PEBS	Flash image for the EEPROM 256KBIT 400KHZ 8SOIC	1.0.0
FW_X722/X557_Intel	Embedded Ethernet chip for PEB	800000195C
FW_88E1512_Intel	Embedded Ethernet chip for PEBS	8000001950
FW_URS	Flash for the SPI 4Mbit 75MHz 8SO	0.0.1

3.4. Adapter Firmware

Note (*) indicates a new version, (**) indicates a new item.

Name	Version
Broadcom_PCIe_BCM957416A4160C	214.0.177.0 (*)
Emulex_PCIe_LPe12002-M8	fw202a4 - UniversalBootCode1220a3 OneCommandManagerCLI 12.2.299.20 (*)
Emulex_PCIe_LPe31002-M6	12.2.299.14 OneCommandManagerCLI 12.2.299.20 (*)
Emulex_PCIe_LPe31004-M6	12.2.299.14 OneCommandManagerCLI 12.2.299.20 (*)
Ethernet_Intel_I350-X520	23.5.2 (*)
INTEL_PCIe_OPA_HFI	10.4.2.0.7-110
LSI_MegaRaid_SAS_9361-16i	Package 24.22.0-0045 Firmware 4.740.00-8433 (*)
LSI_MegaRaid_SAS_9361-8i	Package 24.21.0-0012 Firmware 4.680.00-8249
LSI_SAS_9300_8e	P16
LSI_SAS_9300-8i	16.00.01.00
LSI_SAS_9305-16i	15.00.00/8.35.00
Mellanox_ConnectX-4	12.24.1000 (**)
Mellanox_ConnectX-4Lx	14.25.1020 (*)
Mellanox_ConnectX-5	16.23.1020
Qlogic_QL41262_HLCU_25Gb/s	8.40.30.0 (**)

3.5. Customer Tools

Note (*) indicates a new version, (**) indicates a new item.

Name	Description	Version
bullion_plug_in_for_vSphere_Web_Client	Atos High-end Server Plug-in for vSphere Web Client	3.0 (**)
EMM_REGS_DUMP	This set of files gives the list of registers to dump in CPU and FPGA devices in case of CATERR detection or of IPMI dump command.	1.0
EMM33_BMC_Bckp	The backup image of the Server Hardware Console (SHC) firmware.	33.14.00 build 2
mc-setup	A Linux Utility used to discover the embedded management board's MAC address and to change the embedded management board's IP address.	1.2.1 build 2
MceLog	A Linux tool dedicated to collect MCE logs on servers. This version is updated to fully support errors reported by the Intel® Xeon® Scalable processors.	158 build 50
psetup	A Windows Utility used to discover the embedded management board's MAC address and to change the embedded management board's IP-address.	1.2.4

3.6. Management Information Base (MIB)

Note (*) indicates a new version, (**) indicates a new item.

Name	Description	Version
MIB_bull_PlatformManagement	Defines Platform Management SNMP interfaces of Bull servers.	201807171200Z
MIB_PlatformEventTraps	The Platform Event Trap definition file. This MIB (Management Information Base) file is used by SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol) managers to receive server hardware events.	2.3.7 (*)

3.7. Bull Admin Tools

Note (*) indicates a new version, (**) indicates a new item.

Name	Description	Version
BSMHW_NG	A set of prompt commands, based on free IPMI open source commands, used to manage server or device hardware. These commands can be used to return information and status and/ or to remotely control and configure server hardware.	1.5.11 (*)
Bull_Admin_Tools_VM_Appliance	An appliance that delivers Bull Administration tools on CentOS system.	2.5.0 (*)
iCare	A WEB application used for hardware unit maintenance. Both Linux and Windows versions are provided.	2.6.0 (*)

Chapter 4. Recommendations

4.1. Updating to Technical State 21.02

Important TS 21.02 introduces a shared BIOS for Intel® Xeon® 1st and 2nd generation processors.

Firmware Global Upgrade is unaffected. Proceed as usual to update the server to TS 21.02.

4.2. Downgrading from Technical State 21.02

Important TS 21.02 introduces a shared BIOS for Intel® Xeon® 1st and 2nd generation processors.

If downgrading to the previous TS is necessary, perform the following operations:

1. Individually downgrade the BIOS_PUR043 firmware to the BIOS_SKL040 or BIOS_CCL041 firmware according to the processor generation.
2. Downgrade all the other firmware to their previous version using Firmware Global Upgrade.

```
bsmFwGlobalUpg.sh -H <bmc_ip> -u <user> -p <password> -a upg -D <customer_dvd_mount_point> -b
```

4.3. Updating from older Technical States

Important Due to a change in the EMM33_BMC firmware's size between TS 05.04 and TS 06.02, its mandatory to update to TS 06.02 before updating to any later TS.

If the server is running a TS preceding 06.02, perform the following steps:

1. Update FULLY to TS 06.02.
2. Perform an AC cycle on ALL modules. For each module, perform the following steps:
 - a. Power off the module.
 - b. Unplug the power cords.
 - c. Wait until the power LEDs are off.
 - d. Plug in the power cords.
 - e. Power on the module.
3. Clear the Internet browser's cache before using the Server Hardware Console (SHC) for the first time.
4. Update to any later TS.

4.4. Updating Firmware Using iCare

When updating firmware through iCare, it is mandatory to use iCare 2.6.0 or later versions.

4.5. Server Hardware Console (SHC) Firmware Update

- It is strongly recommended to power off the system before updating the SHC firmware. Otherwise, some slave modules may be lost.
- If the PCIe slot 0 is not visible after updating the SHC, do an AC/Off - AC/On to see the slot.

Note To avoid any issues with firmware update, it is strongly recommended to use the global firmware update feature available through iCare or the BSM CLI commands.

4.6. FPGA_CPB Update

It is mandatory to update the SHC firmware before updating the FPGA_CPB firmware.

Note To avoid any issues with firmware update, it is strongly recommended to use the global firmware update feature available through iCare or the BSM CLI commands.

4.7. CVE-2013-4786 IPMI v2.0 vulnerability

To address this vulnerability, it is strongly recommended to change the super default account username.

4.8. Copying the default BIOS settings file

The EMM_DEFAULT_BIOS_SETTINGS must be present on the server.

See Remote Hardware Management CLI Reference Guide for more information on how to copy the default BIOS settings file

4.9. Ensuring Efficient Firmware Handling of Memory Failures

BullSequana S servers have memory monitoring features built into their design (based on Intel® Predictive Failure Analysis), which are fully independent from operating system-based tools for collecting and reporting correctable and uncorrectable memory errors.

When running Linux, it is therefore recommended to disable the following features to avoid interference with error reporting tracked by the system's management:

- Error Detection And Correction (EDAC)
- the correctable error detection functionality of the kernel's Machine Check Event (MCE) handling

To disable EDAC, search and blacklist the EDAC modules.

To disable the MCE handling, set the boot parameter `mce=ignore_ce`. This boot parameter also disables logging of such events via `mcelog`.

4.10. Changing BIOS Settings

W083 WARNING

W083:

Do not change BIOS setup settings unless directed to do so by the support team.

W082 WARNING

W082:

These procedures are for advanced users only. Risk of system damage.

- To configure `volMemMode` to `AUTO`, use the following command:

```
bsmBiosSettings.sh -H <IP address> -u <user> -p <pwd> -a set -n 'MEM.volMemMode 2'
```

- To enable packet poisoning by default, use the following command:

```
bsmBiosSettings.sh -H <IP address> -u <user> -p <pwd> -a set -n 'SETUP.PoisonEn 1'
```

4.11. Performance Parameters

1. It is recommended to update the defaultbiossetup file to its latest version and to manually set the StaleAtoSEn value at least once:

- a. Check the StaleAtoSEn value.

```
BsmBiosSettings.sh -H ip -u user -p pwd -a get -n 'UPI.StaleAtoSOptEn'
```

- b. Set the StaleAtoSEn value.

```
BsmBiosSettings.sh -H ip -u user -p pwd -a set -n 'UPI.StaleAtoSOptEn 1'
```

2. For systems that are running SAP Hana/SAP BW, except BullSequana S200 servers, some BIOS settings may be tuned to improve performance with Intel® Xeon® Scalable processors by disabling HW prefetchers and adjusting IRQ/RRQ threshold.

```
bsmBiosSettings.sh -H ip -u user -p pwd -a set -n 'CPU.DCStreamerPrefetcherEnable 0'  
bsmBiosSettings.sh -H ip -u user -p pwd -a set -n 'CPU.DCUIPPrefetcherEnable 0'  
bsmBiosSettings.sh -H ip -u user -p pwd -a set -n 'CPU.MlcSpatialPrefetcherEnable 0'  
bsmBiosSettings.sh -H ip -u user -p pwd -a set -n 'CPU.MlcStreamerPrefetcherEnable 0'  
bsmBiosSettings.sh -H ip -u user -p pwd -a set -n 'UPI.IrqThreshold 3'
```

4.12. Mixed Memory Configurations for SAP HANA

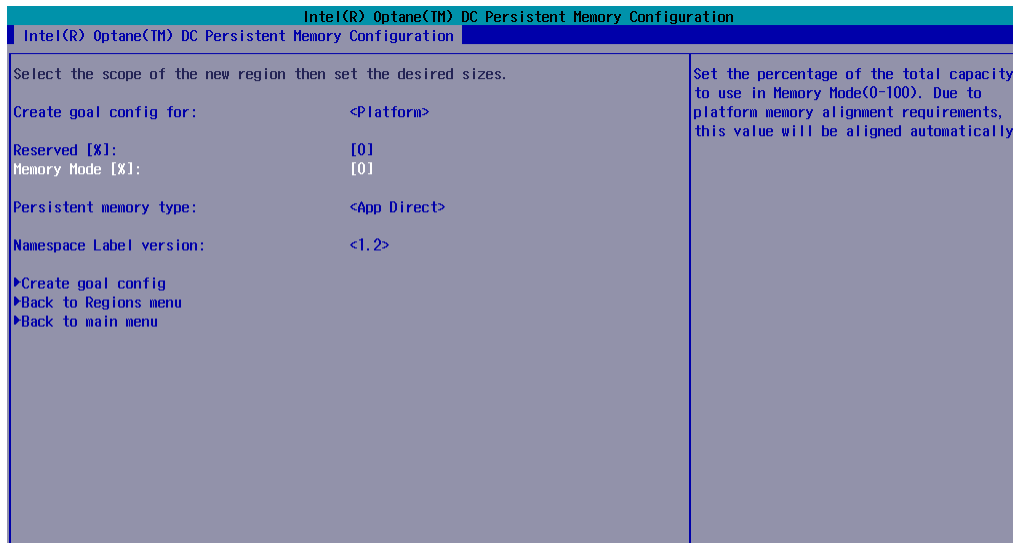
On servers equipped with first generation Intel® Xeon® Scalable processors, two specific configurations mixing memory modules are allowed under the following conditions:

- For SAP HANA only
- Using only authorized parts:
 - RDIMM 3DS 128 GB (Samsung M393AAK40B42-CWD) with RDIMM 3DS 64 GB (Samsung M393A8K40B22-CWD)
 - LRDIMM 64 GB (Samsung M386A8K40BM2-CTD) with LRDIMM 32 GB (Smasung M386A4K40BB0-CRC)
- In the configuration recommended: the larger size memory module in slot 0 and the smaller size one in slot 1
- All memory modules in slot 0 are the same and all memory modules in slot 1 are the same
- With processors with M suffix if 128 GB and 64 GB memory modules are being mixed

Note With a mix of 64 GB and 32 GB memory modules, the speed is 2 400 instead of 2 666.

4.13. Intel® Optane™ DCPMM for SAP HANA

Check that Intel® Optane™ DC Persistent Memory (DCPMM) configuration is as follows:



Reserved [%]:	[0]
Memory Mode [%]:	[0]
Persistent memory type:	<App Direct>

If that is not the case, modify the configuration.

See Configuration Guide for more information on how to configure DCPMM memory modules

4.14. Ethernet Ports with VMware

4.14.1. Ethernet Ports Limitations

There is a number of configurations rules to follow when using VMware:

<https://configmax.vmware.com/home>

In particular, the number of Ethernet ports supported by VMware is limited:

- Combination of 1GB and 10 GB ports: four 1GB ports and sixteen 10GB ports
- i40en 10GB (Intel) ports: eight ports

4.14.2. Disabling Ethernet Ports

1. Set up the server in Single Point of Management network configuration.

See BullSequana S Configuration Guide, 86 A1 27FR, for more information

2. Disable Ethernet ports using BSM CLI commands.

Module 1

```
./bsmBiosSettings.sh -H <module IP address> -u super -p pass -a set -n 'PCI.PciePortDisable_47 0'
```

Module 2

```
./bsmBiosSettings.sh -H <module IP address> -u super -p pass -a set -n 'PCI.PciePortDisable_89 0'
```

Module 3

```
./bsmBiosSettings.sh -H <module IP address> -u super -p pass -a set -n 'PCI.PciePortDisable_131 0'
```

See BullSequana S Remote Hardware Management CLI Reference Guide, 86 A1 19FR, for more information

4.15. GPUs with VMware

It is mandatory to set the MMIOH BIOS parameter to 4 using the following command:

```
./bsmBiosSettings.sh -H <IP address> -u <user> -p <pwd> -a set -n 'RC.MmiohBase 4'
```

Note With Nvidia Tesla boards and if global memory size is bigger than 4 TB, set the parameter to 6.

4.16. Non Maskable Interrupt

On specific configurations with servers running Linux, it is not always possible to get a dump when using NMI.

Set the Linux boot `crashkernel` parameter value to 2048.

4.17. MicroSD cards in Internal Dual RAID board (URS)

In order to work properly in the Internal Dual RAID board, the microSDs must be formatted correctly. Please use only those provided by Atos representatives.

Chapter 5. Information

5.1. Enabling Trusted Platform Module (TPM)

Important Before enabling the TPM feature, it is mandatory to verify that its usage complies with local laws, regulations and policies and get approvals or licenses where applicable. Bull SAS will not be responsible for any related liabilities to any compliance issues arising from your usage of TPM violating the above mentioned requirements.

Important 在启用TPM功能之前，您必须确认其使用符合当地法律，法规和政，并在适用情况下获得批准或许可。
违反上述要求，Bull SAS
将不承担由于您使用TPM而导致的任何合规问题的相关责任。

5.2. Servicing a Motherboard (CPB) procedure

In this procedure in the BullSequana S Field Service Guide, 86 A7 17FR, an important step to perform is missing: moving the micro SD card to the new CPB board.

1. Rcompute boxmove the CPB board from the compute unit following the Removing a Motherboard (CPB) procedure in the guide.
2. Remove the micro SD card from the CPB board.
3. Install the micro SD card on the new CPB board.
4. Install the new CPB board in the compute unit following the Removing a Motherboard (CPB) procedure in the guide.

5.3. Displaying Firmware Versions

When displaying the firmware versions in the Server Hardware Console (SHC), the version of the BIOS_BKUP firmware displayed is not the same as the version of the BIOS.

The BIOS_BKUP firmware does not depend on the CPU type. It is only used to reset the PEB/PEBS Ethernet connection. It does not allow to boot.

Chapter 6. History of Previous Versions

6.1. TS 20.03 (May 2019)

New Features and Changes

This Technical State 20.03 is a patched one compared to the Technical State 20.03. It contains new releases of the following firmware:

- BIOS_CCL041
- BIOS_SKL040
- EMM33_BMC

Resolved Issues

Unexpected Server Hardware Console (SHC) Reboot

The SHC does not reboot unexpectedly anymore.

Incorrect USB Ports found by Microsoft WS2019 Cert test

The test now finds the correct type and number of USB ports.

6.2. TS 20.02 (March 2019)

New features and changes

General

This version supports the following main new features:

- Second generation Intel® Xeon® Scalable processors
- Intel® DCPMM memory modules

BIOS_SKL040

- Supports display of ATOS logo on the BIOS access screen.
- Add 2 corrections for BIOS settings that could return to default values and cause loss of customer settings:
 - Preventing reset BIOS settings to default in case of CMOS issue (battery or checksum).
 - Avoid copying defaultbiossetup file to current biossetup file (then resetting configuration) prior to the transfer of the current BIOS settings back to EMM, at the end of BIOS phase.
- RAS: supports Partial Memory Mirroring, adapt the event sent to BMC in consequence.
- Enable data poisoning but let Viral disabled, used for error containment.
- Update Intel® Server Platform Services manageability engine firmware version to SPS_E5_04.00.04.393.0.
- First generation Intel® Xeon® Scalable processor microcode has evolved to MB750654_02000050 in Intel's Reference Code

CPLD_P_CP

- PEB Phy reset and SPI Mux selection logic changed to take care of corner cases of PEB flash corruption during AC Power ON/OFF operation.

EMM_DEFAULT_BIOS_SETTINGS

- Configure volMemMode to AUTO instead of 1LM to natively support MemoryMode (2LM) required by DCPMM memory modules.
- Enable packet poisoning by default to allow a better errors containment.

EMM33_BMC

- Support of DCPMM memory modules
- New Atos branding support
- An informative message is added in the message log during boot if the memory size is different from the one stored during previous boot
- An informative message is added in the message log during boot if the number of CPUs is different from the one stored during previous boot
- User can add free text in BMC message log through web interface: Maintenance > Maintenance Operations > Add User Message
- New RAS event: Partial Memory Mirroring activated

- A new option is available to User in Maintenance > Remote Console Setting > User Specific > "Launch Remote Console in Java WEB Start" to enable/disable the use of Java Web Start to launch the Remote Console.
- Improvement in security, some deprecated ciphers have been disabled:
 - SEED-SHA, RC4-SHA, RC4-MD5, DES-CBC3-SHA, DES-CBC-SHA, EXP-DES-CBC-SHA, EXP-RC2-CBC-MD5, EXP-RC4-MD5
 - No possibility of enabling enable-weak-ssl-ciphers - support have been removed in openssl
 - SSL v3 is disabled

FPGA_CPB

- Implemented BMC watchdog time out reset counter.
- Support to reset PCH and PEB PHY using ASRAM register.

Resolved issues

Note The four first issues listed below are actually resolved by the TS 07.02 but were missing from its release note.

PEB Ethernet Activity LEDs

PEB Ethernet LEDs behave now correctly.

See Description Guide for more information on LED behavior

Fan Messages at Power On

No more inconsistent fan status messages are issued at Power On.

Power Supply Unit (PSU) Redundancy Sensor

The Power Redundancy sensor is now reliable to check power supply.

Dismounting and Mounting Back a Module from a Partition

Partitioning from the SHC after having dismantled and mounted back a module from a partition on a multi-module with a partition made of two modules is now possible.

Memory Module exclusion

Excluding a memory module from the SHC is now possible.

BIOS Update

Using the Preserve NVRAM option when updating the BIOS firmware does not lead to PEB/PEBS issues anymore.

Note To avoid any issues with firmware update, it is strongly recommended to use the global firmware update feature available through iCare or the BSM CLI commands.

6.3. TS 07.02 (November 2018)

New features and changes

BIOS_SKL040

- Add new entry "12TB" for MMIOH_Base setting in BIOS setup to solve a failure with VMware ESXi and Tesla GPU cards
- Update Skylake microcode for security issues Spectre_NG and L1TF (SA-00115 and SA-00161) to version MB750654_0200004D
- Fix the ACPI SLIT table when SNC is enabled, now the table is getting the correct distances
- Implement Page Retire mechanism for VMware (remove memory pages when too much corrected errors occur) by using CMCI interface. This mechanism is controlled with 3 new settings and enabled by default:
 - MEM.PageRetireEn: Activate or not the Page Retire (0=Disable/1=Enable)
 - MEM.PageRetireErrThreshold: Num of errors in a timeframe (default:10)
 - MEM.PageRetireThresholdWindow: Timeframe in hours (default:24)
- Remove "Lacking IO resources" warning because it is only useful in Legacy mode not UEFI mode.
- Workaround for UPI Topology issue, rerun several times the process instead of aborting immediately (max 4 times).
- Send additional information to EMM when error with DIMMs to know if memory is excluded or not.
- Use BIOS Code drop 59

CPLD_IO_CPB

- Filter removed from BMC hang status signal to decrease action delay during the BMC hang event Filter added for BMC hang status signal

EMM33_BMC

- New version of OpenSSL 1.0.2k, to increase the security level (support of TLS 1.2)
- New version of OpenLDAP 2.4.46

EMM_DEFAULT_BIOS_SETTINGS

- Revert UPI.StaleAtoSOptEn to 1, mistakenly switched to 0
- Add a revision number to the defaultbiossetup file, name will now have the following naming : "defaultbiossetup.X.Y"
 - X= Major revision (example: adding or removing settings)
 - Y= Minor revision (example: changing settings values)

Important The revision number must be removed from the name before the file is uploaded to BMC.

- To avoid any compatibility issues with USB devices, all the USB ports located at the front of the server are configured as USB2 ports. Default value are switched to 0 instead of 1.
 - PCH.PchUsbSsPort_3 : control topmost connector
 - PCH.PchUsbSsPort_4 : control bottommost
 - PCH.PchUsbSsPort_5 : control middle
- Add 3 new BIOS settings for VMware Page Retirement
 - MEM.PageRetireEn : Activate or not the Page Retire (0=Disable/1=Enable)
 - MEM.PageRetireErrThreshold : Num of errors in a Timeframe (default:20)
 - MEM.PageRetireThresholdWindow : Timeframe value (default:24 hours)

To modify the settings, use the following command:

```
./bsmBiosSettings.sh -H <IP address> -u <user> -p <pwd> -a set -n '<parameter> <value>'
```

FPGA_CPB

- ASRAM operating frequency changed to 100Mhz from 200Mhz
- PEB buffer was in Flip Flops. To do timing closure, this is changed to RAM
- FPGA_CS_N signal is double synced before using in the counter
- Latches were there in CAT Error and CPU F/U/C Error Timers and this are removed
- Clock enable signals were used as clocks in few places so these are changed too
- The 6.25MHz clock to shifty bus logic were output of counter earlier. Now this clock is generated from PLL itself
- Some dangling logics are removed
- Clock and other timing constraints were updated to make sure there are no internal timing issue
- Latches were there in Sync block and these are removed now

FPGA_M3WEO

- Fixed major revision ID
- The following registers were wrongly mapped for module 1 and module 2:
 - SPI1_register_addr_B16
 - o_SPI1_register_addr_B17
 - o_SPI2_register_addr_B16
 - o_SPI2_register_addr_B17.

This been corrected: the following operations will now function correctly:

- FRU Read/Write
- BCM register Read/Write
- BCM Flash Read/Write
- M3WEO register access for module 1 and module 2

Resolved issues

FAN Regulation Messages

Fan speed is now suitably regulated: there are no longer multiple alarming fan speed sensor statuses or messages in the System Event Log (SEL).

Mounting Drives as Virtual Media

Virtual Media now works correctly with two drives.

Be aware that clicking on Connect or Disconnect in the Virtual Media dialog box causes the existing virtual media to be disconnected and a new USB device to be connected with the updated virtual media configuration.

Also, clicking on Virtual Media Connect or Disconnect buttons while an installation is running from virtual media is likely to interrupt the installation.

PXE Boot with a Mellanox_ConnectX-4Lx Adapter

With the adapter firmware provided with this TS, the UEFI firmware is now installed by default. Consequently, booting with PXE is no longer an issue.

If this adapter is part of the server, be sure to update its firmware to the latest version.

IO Port Resource Message

The irrelevant *Lacking IO port resource* message no longer appears when booting.

6.4. TS 06.02 (August 2018)

New Features and Changes

BIOS_SKL040

- Enable StaleAtoSEn BIOS setting by default to improve performance

See Chapter 4. Recommendations for more information on performance improvement

- Fix S800 USB booting timeout for VMware
- UPI warning message sent to BMC only when failure in fast mode
- Suppress UPI warning for non-existing UPI link
- Avoid errors on Intel® Xeon® Scalable processors with only two UPI links
- Fix in DMAR table avoiding error messages with RHEL
- Fix Bootdev issues with bootable USB or VMware
- Provide relevant memory module location information in case of memory failure or warning (module/socket/iMC/channel/dim/rank)
- Fix SRAT APIC and X2APIC affinity structures

EMM33_BMC

- In Messages log, BIOS messages are not displayed as BMC messages anymore
- Support of OEM model 38 in SNMP traps

FPGA_CPB

- Logic used to run RPL_FAN at full speed changed
- ID LED turning ON or OFF logic moved to IOCPLD

Resolved Issues

CPU Power Consumption Sensors

The CPU power consumption sensors now reports correct values.

WEO fault Message

A WEO fault message is no longer issued when the WEO sensor has no reading.

Boot Manager Entries

When there are more than 15 entries in the boot manager, each entry is now assigned a unique EFI network number.

Memory Module Messages during BIOS Initialization

Inconsistent warning messages about the memory modules are no longer issued during BIOS initialization.

Updating Firmware from the Server Hardware Console (SHC)

When a firmware update is successful, the following message is no longer displayed:

Please wait for the connection to be established.

Missing Processors When Booting the server

There no longer processors missing from the configuration with the following message in the SEL:

```
2018-05-14 18:14:01 BMC Message BIOS Init Warning Message on Module: 0 DIMM:  
([Major-code:58h; Minor-code:02h])
```

6.5. TS 05.04 (June 2018)

New features and changes

EMM33_BMC

New release fixing the following issues:

- Incorrect system name displayed by the NFC tag
- DFM LEDs turning on red randomly

FPGA_CPB

New release fixing the following issue:

DFM fans always running at full speed

Resolved Issues

Incorrect system name displayed by the NFC tag

There are no longer errors in the system name displayed by the NFC tag.

DFM LEDs turning on red randomly

The DFM LEDs do not become red randomly anymore.

DFM fans always running at full speed

The DFM fans are now running at suitable speed.

6.6. TS 05.03 (May 2018)

New features and changes

EMM33_BMC

- New release fixing the following issue:
DFM fans randomly unavailable with TS 05.02.

Resolved Issues

DFM fans randomly unavailable with TS 05.02

With the present release of the EMM33_BMC firmware, the fans are running normally, without random faults.

6.7. TS 05.02 (March 2018)

New features and changes

BIOS_SKL040

- Intel fix for Spectre and Meltdown issues
- Memory SddcPlusOne RAS feature enabled by default.
- Fixed excluded dimm display in setup memory topology.
- Improved PatrolScrubbing logging messages on error.
- The integrated Gbe controller is now reported to the Server Hardware Console (SHC).
- Improved dmidecode type9 display for PCIe slots information.
- The Press Esc line is now displayed at 60% of window height for small screens.
- Added Rank Sparing RAS feature (1 or 2 spare ranks).
- Improved RAS messages sent to SHC for SDDC, ADDDC, RankSparing, Leaky Bucket RAS features.

EMM33_BMC

- Changed display of identification LED for better understanding of actions.
- SEL events can be displayed in multiple or single web pages.
- Added the SEL binary file to Collect Log files.
- Partitioning is now available from the SHC, including from a slave console.
- Boot device and instance can be selected from the SHC. This is used to set parameters that direct the system boot to a particular option after a system power up or reset. This feature is the same as the IPMI boot device option.
- PCIe hot plug is available under Red Hat and Suse only.
- On the Power Management web page, Force Power Off, Force Power Cycle, Hard Reset and Diagnostic Dump commands need to be confirmed.
- The "super" user name can be modified from the SHC.
- Implemented reset to default function.

FPGA_CPB

- Fans run at FULL SPEED when the SHC hangs in power on state.

Resolved Issues

Simultaneous power on of different partitions

Powering on two modules of different partitions simultaneously is now possible.

FPGA Update on a BullSequana S800 Server

Inconsistent messages are no longer issued at power on after updating the FPGA on a BullSequana S800 server.

BullSequana S200 Server BIOS Update with Error in SEL

Inconsistent messages are no longer issued when the BIOS update is successful.

Unable to Update Bios with the Preserved Nvram Option

Updating the BIOS firmware from the SHC with the preserved Nvram option is now possible. On a multi-module server, every module is updated successfully.

ESXi 6.5 Installation Failure on USB Raid SD Card (URS)

Installing ESXi 6.5 on a USB Raid SD Card (URS) with Virtual Media is now possible without failure.

Updating the SHC firmware on a multi-module server

The SHC will not show the firmware update as completed if it is not completed on all modules.

6.8. TS 04.02 (January 2018)

This Technical State 04.02 is a patched one compared to the Technical State 04.01. It addresses the Intel Meltdown/Spectre patch.

See The Technical Support Bulletin 400-18-02 for more details, available on the Bull Support Website: <https://support.bull.com>

6.9. TS 04.01 (December 2017)

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