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Chapter 1: Introduction to the Integrated RAID Solution

1.1 Overview

The LSI® Integrated RAID solution provides cost benefits for the server or workstation market that requires the extra performance, storage capacity, and redundancy of a RAID configuration. The LSI Integrated RAID solution includes the following RAID features:

- The Integrated Mirroring solution, which provides features of RAID 1
- The Integrated Striping solution, which provides features of RAID 0

By simplifying the configuration options and by providing firmware support in its SAS-3 host adapters, LSI can offer the Integrated RAID solution at a lower cost than a hardware RAID implementation.

LSI Fusion-MPT™ firmware supports Integrated Mirroring volumes, Integrated Mirroring + Striping volumes, Integrated Mirroring Enhanced volumes, and Integrated Striping volumes. You can create up to two Integrated RAID volumes on each LSI SAS-3 controller.

The LSI Integrated RAID solution supports the following LSI SAS-3 controllers and the host bus adapters based on these controllers:

- LSISAS3008
- LSISAS3004

LSI Integrated RAID firmware uses the same device drivers as the standard LSI Fusion-MPT-based controllers, thereby eliminating the need for complex backup software or expensive RAID hardware. To conserve system resources, the Integrated RAID firmware operates independently from the operating system. The BIOS-based configuration utility, documented in Chapter 3, makes it easy to configure mirrored and striped volumes. The Integrated RAID solution is currently available as an optional component of the Fusion-MPT architecture on LSI SAS-3 controllers.

NOTE In this document, the terms volume, RAID volume, array, and RAID array are used interchangeably. Volume and array both appear on the screens of the BIOS-based configuration utility. The term disk means both hard disk drive (HDD) and solid state drive (SSD), and the HDDs or SSDs can support either SAS or SATA protocol.
1.2 **Benefits and Features**

The LSI Integrated RAID solution has the following benefits and features:

- Support for up to 10 disks per Integrated RAID volume, with one or two volumes on each SAS-3 controller. Each controller can support 14 volume drives, including one or two hot spare disks.
- Support for two-disk Integrated Mirroring volumes (RAID 1).
- Support for disk drives with 512-byte sectors and disk drives with 4-KB sectors.
- Support for online capacity expansion (OCE) for RAID 1 volumes. OCE permits you to increase the size of a RAID 1 volume by replacing the disk drives with higher-capacity drives.
- Support for RAID volumes, and physical disks within a RAID volume, where the volume or disk exceeds $2^{41}$ bytes (2.199 TB or 2 TiB).
- Low-cost RAID volume creation, which meets the needs of most internal RAID installations.
- Easy installation and configuration.
- Support for booting from any kind of Integrated RAID volume.
- Ability to operate without special operating system-specific software.
- High reliability and data integrity.
  - Nonvolatile write journaling.
  - Physical disks in a volume are not visible to the operating system (OS) or to application software.
- Low host CPU utilization and PCI® bus utilization.
- Processing power provided by Fusion-MPT architecture. Shared-memory architecture minimizes external memory requests.

### NOTE

An Integrated RAID volume must use all 512-byte-sector drives or all 4-KB-sector drives. You cannot combine the two types of drives in a single volume. Also, some operating systems do not fully support 4-KB-sector drives. Refer to the documentation for the operating system you are using.

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#### 1.2.1 Host Interface

The Integrated RAID host interface uses the message-passing interface. The Fusion-MPT interface gives the host OS access to the RAID volumes as well as to additional non-RAID physical disks.

#### 1.2.2 Metadata Support

The Integrated RAID firmware supports metadata, which describes the RAID volume configuration stored on each member disk of a volume. After initialization, the firmware reads the metadata on each member disk and verifies the configuration. The firmware reduces the usable disk space for each member disk when it creates the volume to make room for the metadata.

#### 1.2.3 SMART Support

The Self-Monitoring Analysis and Reporting Technology (SMART) monitors disk drives for signs of possible future disk failure and generates an alert if it detects such signs. The Integrated RAID firmware polls each physical disk in the volume at regular intervals. If the firmware detects a SMART ASC/ASCQ code on a physical disk in the volume, it stores the SMART data in a log.
1.2.4 **Fusion-MPT Support**

The Integrated RAID BIOS uses the LSI Fusion-MPT interface to communicate to the SAS-3 controller and firmware. This process includes reading the Fusion-MPT configuration to access the parameters that define behavior between the SAS-3 controller and the devices that connect to it. The Fusion-MPT drivers for all supported operating systems implement the Fusion-MPT interface to communicate with the controller and firmware.
Chapter 2: Overview of Integrated RAID Mirrored Volumes

This chapter provides an overview of the LSI Integrated RAID features that support the creation of mirrored volumes.

2.1 Overview

As a result of the shift towards network-attached storage (NAS), Internet service providers need a cost-effective, fault-tolerant solution to protect the operating systems on small form-factor, high-density, rack-mountable servers. The mirroring features of the LSI Integrated RAID solution provide such protection for the system boot volume, which safeguards the operating system and other critical information on servers and high-performance workstations. The Integrated RAID solution supports the following types of mirrored volumes:

- The Integrated Mirroring solution, which provides features of RAID 1

These three mirroring solutions provide a robust, high-performance, fault-tolerant solution to data storage needs at a lower cost than a dedicated RAID controller.

Mirrored volumes contain two disks to ten disks to provide fault-tolerant protection for critical data. Mirrored volumes also support one or two global hot spare drives, with a maximum of 14 drives on each LSI SAS-3 controller.

**NOTE** Fourteen drives is the theoretical upper limit for a single LSI SAS-3 controller, although the controller itself might support fewer than 14 drives. You can also configure one mirrored volume and one Integrated Striping volume on the same LSI SAS controller.

Each SAS-3 controller can have two global hot spare disks available to automatically replace a failed disk in the one or two mirrored volumes configured on the controller. The hot spares make the mirrored volumes even more fault tolerant.

2.2 Integrated Mirroring Features

Integrated Mirroring support the following features:

- Configurations of one or two mirrored volumes on each LSI SAS-3 controller. Each volume can consist of two mirrored disks for an Integrated Mirroring volume; three to ten mirrored disks for an Integrated Mirroring Enhanced volume; or four, six, eight, or ten mirrored disks for an Integrated Mirroring + Striping volume.
- (Optional) Two global hot spare disks per LSI SAS-3 controller to automatically replace failed disks in mirrored volumes.
- Ability of mirrored volumes to run in optimal mode or in degraded mode if one mirrored disk in an Integrated Mirroring volume fails or if one or more mirrored disks fail in an Integrated Mirroring + Striping volume or Integrated Mirroring Enhanced volume.
- Support for hot swapping.
- Support for OCE for RAID 1 volumes. OCE permits you to increase the size of a RAID 1 volume by replacing the existing disk drives with higher-capacity disk drives. Data is protected during the expansion process, and the RAID 1 volume remains online.
- Presentation of a single virtual drive to the operating system for each mirrored volume.
- Support for both SAS disks and SATA disks, although you cannot combine the two types of disks in the same volume. However, an LSI SAS-3 controller can support one volume with SATA disks and a second volume with SAS disks.
- Automatic background initialization after a volume is created.
- Consistency checking.
- Fusion-MPT architecture.
- Menu-driven, BIOS-based configuration utility.
- Error notification, in which the drivers update an OS-specific event log.
- Support for SCSI Enclosure Services (SES) status LED.
- Write journaling, which permits automatic synchronization of potentially inconsistent data after unexpected powerdown situations.
- Use of metadata to store volume configuration on disks in a mirrored volume.
- Automatic background resynchronization while host I/O transactions continue.
- Background media verification, which makes sure that data on mirrored volumes is always accessible.

## 2.3 Operation of Mirrored Volumes

The LSI Integrated RAID solution supports one or two mirrored volumes on each LSI SAS-3 controller (or one mirrored volume and one Integrated Striping volume). Typically, one of these volumes is the boot volume. Boot support is available through the firmware of the LSI SAS-3 controller that supports the standard Fusion-MPT interface. The run-time mirroring of the boot disk is transparent to the BIOS, the drivers, and the operating system. Host-based status software monitors the state of the mirrored disks and reports any error conditions. The following figure shows an Integrated Mirroring volume in which the second disk is a mirrored copy of the data on the first (primary) disk.

**Figure 1  Typical Integrated Mirroring Implementation**

![Integrated Mirroring Volume Diagram]
The following figure shows the logical view and physical view of an Integrated Mirroring volume. Each logical block address (LBA) is mirrored on the second disk.

**Figure 2 Integrated Mirroring Volume**

You can configure an Integrated Mirroring Enhanced volume with up to 10 mirrored disks. The following figure shows the logical view and physical view of an Integrated Mirroring Enhanced volume with three mirrored disks. The firmware writes each mirrored stripe to a disk and mirrors it to an adjacent disk. RAID 1E is another term for this type of mirrored configuration.

You can configure an Integrated Mirroring + Striping volume with an even number of disks, ranging from a minimum of four disks to a maximum of ten disks. The following figure shows the logical view and physical view of an Integrated Mirroring + Striping volume with four mirrored disks. The firmware writes each mirrored stripe to a disk and mirrors it to an adjacent disk. RAID 10 is another term for this type of configuration.

The LSI SAS-3 BIOS configuration utility (SAS-3 BIOS CU) enables you to create mirrored volumes during initial setup and to reconfigure them in response to hardware failures or changes in the environment.

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**CAUTION** The SAS3 BIOS CU deletes all existing data from the disks drives when you select them to use for a mirrored volume.

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### 2.4 Mirrored Volume Features

This section describes features of Integrated Mirroring volumes, Integrated Mirroring + Striping volumes, and Integrated Mirroring Enhanced volumes.

#### 2.4.1 Resynchronization with Concurrent Host I/O Operation

The Integrated RAID firmware permits host I/O transactions to continue on a mirrored volume while it resynchronizes the volume in the background. The firmware automatically starts resynchronizing data after a disk failure activates a hot spare, or after a disk in a mirrored volume has been hot-swapped.
2.4.2 Hot Swapping

The Integrated RAID firmware supports hot swapping, and it automatically resynchronizes the hot-swapped disk in the background without any host or user intervention. The firmware detects hot-swap removal and disk insertion. Following a hot-swap event, the firmware verifies that the new physical disk has enough capacity for the mirrored volume. The firmware resynchronizes all replaced hot-swapped disks, even if the same disk is removed and then re-inserted. In a mirrored volume with an even number of disks, the firmware marks the hot-swapped disk as a secondary disk and the other disk with data as the primary disk. The firmware resynchronizes all data from the primary disk onto the new secondary disk. In a mirrored volume with an odd number of disks, primary and secondary sets include three disks instead of two disks.

2.4.3 Hot Spare Disk

You can configure two disks as global hot spare disks to protect data on the mirrored volumes configured on the SAS-3 controller. If the Integrated RAID firmware fails one of the mirrored disks, it automatically replaces the failed disk with a hot spare disk and then resynchronizes the mirrored data. The firmware automatically receives a notification when a hot spare replaces the failed disk, and it then designates that disk as the new hot spare.

2.4.4 Online Capacity Expansion

The OCE feature enables you to expand the capacity of an existing two-disk Integrated Mirroring (RAID 1) volume by replacing the original disk drives with higher-capacity drives that have the same protocol (SAS or SATA).

After you replace the disk drives and run the OCE command, you must use a commercial tool specific to the operating system to move, or increase the size of, the partition on the volume.

2.4.5 Media Verification

The Integrated RAID firmware supports a background media verification feature that runs at regular intervals when the mirrored volume is in the Optimal state. If the verification command fails for any reason, the firmware reads the other disk’s data for this segment and writes it to the failing disk in an attempt to refresh the data. The firmware periodically writes the current media verification logical block address to nonvolatile memory so the media verification can continue from where it stopped prior to a power cycle.

2.4.6 Disk Write Caching

By default, the Integrated RAID firmware disables disk write caching for mirrored volumes to make sure that the write journal entry stored in nonvolatile static RAM (NVSRAM) is always valid. If you enable disk write caching (not recommended), you might cause the disk write log to be invalid.

2.4.7 NVSRAM Usage

The Integrated RAID firmware requires at least a 32-KB NVSRAM to perform write journaling for mirrored volumes on LSI SAS-3 controllers. The NVSRAM also preserves configuration information across reboots. The firmware uses write journaling to verify that the disks in the mirrored volume are synchronized with each other.
2.4.8 **Background Initialization**

Background initialization (BGI) is the process of copying data from primary to secondary disks in a mirrored volume. The Integrated RAID firmware starts BGI automatically as a background task when it creates a volume. The volume remains in the Optimal state while BGI is in progress.

2.4.9 **Consistency Check**

A consistency check is a background process that reads data from primary and secondary disks in a mirrored volume and compares it to make sure the data is identical on both disks. Use the LSI SAS-3 BIOS Configuration Utility to run a consistency check on a mirrored volume.

2.4.10 **Make Data Consistent**

If it is enabled in the Integrated RAID firmware, the make data consistent (MDC) process starts automatically and runs in the background when you move a redundant volume from one LSI SAS-3 controller to another LSI SAS-3 controller. MDC compares the data on the primary and secondary disks. If MDC finds inconsistencies, it copies data from the primary disk to the secondary disk.

2.5 **Creating Mirrored Volumes in BIOS**

This chapter explains how to create Integrated Mirroring volumes with the LSI SAS-3 BIOS Configuration Utility (SAS3 BIOS CU).

2.5.1 **Mirrored Volume Configuration Overview**

The LSI SAS3 BIOS CU is a menu-driven utility program that enables you to easily configure and manage Integrated RAID volumes. You can use the SAS3 BIOS CU to create one or two mirrored volumes on each LSI SAS-3 controller, with up to two optional global hot spare disks. You must connect all disks in a mirrored volume to the same LSI SAS-3 controller.

Although you can use disks of different sizes in mirrored volumes, the smallest disk in the volume determines the logical size of all disks in the volume. In other words, the volume does not use the excess space of the higher-capacity member disks. For example, if you create an Integrated Mirroring Enhanced volume with two 100-GB disks and two 120-GB disks, the volume uses only 100 GB on each of the 120-GB disks.

See Chapter 2 for more information about the features of Integrated Mirroring, Integrated Mirroring + Striping, and Integrated Mirroring Enhanced volumes.

2.5.2 **Creating Mirrored Volumes**

The SAS3 BIOS CU is part of the Fusion-MPT BIOS. When the BIOS loads during the startup sequence and you see the message about the LSI Configuration Utility, press Ctrl-C to start the SAS3 BIOS CU. When you start the SAS3 BIOS CU, the message changes to the following:

*Please wait, invoking SAS Configuration Utility...*

After a brief pause, the main menu (Adapter List window) of the SAS3 BIOS CU appears. On some systems, however, the following message appears next:

*LSI Corp Configuration Utility will load following initialization!*
In this case, the SAS3 BIOS CU loads after the system completes its power-on self-test.

You can configure one or two Integrated Mirroring, Integrated Mirroring + Striping, and Integrated Mirroring Enhanced volumes on each LSI SAS-3 controller. Alternatively, you can configure one mirrored volume and one Integrated Striping volume on the same controller, up to a maximum of 14 disk drives for the two volumes. (The maximum number includes one or two optional hot spare disks for the mirrored volume or volumes.) Additional information about configuring a RAID volume follows:

- All physical disks in a volume must be either SATA (with extended command set support) or SAS (with SMART support). You cannot combine SAS and SATA disks in the same volume. However, you can create one volume with SAS disks and a second volume with SATA disks on the same controller.
- Disks in the volume must have 512-byte blocks and must not have removable media.
- Integrated Mirroring volumes must have two disks, Integrated Mirroring Enhanced volumes contain three disks to ten disks, and Integrated Mirroring + Striping volumes can have four, six, eight, or ten disks.

NOTE LSI strongly recommends that you create global hot spare disks for all mirrored volumes to increase the level of data protection. If a disk in a mirrored volume fails, the Integrated RAID firmware rebuilds it using one of the global hot spares, and the data is safe. If you create two mirrored volumes on an LSI SAS-3 controller, either of the volumes can use the global hot spares if a disk fails.

### 2.5.2.1 Creating an Integrated Mirroring Volume

Follow these steps to create a two-disk Integrated Mirroring (RAID 1) volume with the SAS3 BIOS CU. The steps begin with the Adapter List window that appears when the SAS3 BIOS CU starts.

1. On the Adapter List window, use the arrow keys to select an LSI SAS-3 adapter, and then press Enter.

   The Adapter Properties window appears, as the following figure shows.

   ![Adapter Properties Window](image)

   Figure 3 Adapter Properties Window

2. Use the arrow keys to select RAID Properties, and then press Enter.
   The Create Array window appears.

3. Select Create RAID 1 Volume.
   The Create New Array window appears.
4. Move the cursor to the **RAID Disk** column and select a line that has a **No** entry in this column, indicating that the disk is not already part of the volume you are creating. To add the disk to the new array, change the **No** to **Yes** by pressing the space bar.
   This disk is the *Primary* disk in the array.

   **CAUTION** The SAS3 BIOS CU deletes all existing data from the disks drives when you select them to use in a mirrored volume.

5. Move the cursor to another line and press the space bar to add the second disk to the array.
   This disk is the *Secondary* disk in the array.

6. Press C to create the array.
   A menu window appears.

7. From the menu options, select **Save changes then exit this menu**.
   A message appears briefly, and then the SAS3 BIOS CU returns to the Adapter Properties window. Initialization of the new array continues in the background.

   **NOTE** To create a second Integrated Mirroring volume, repeat these instructions starting with step 2.
   Alternatively, follow the instructions in the following section to create an Integrated Mirroring Enhanced or Integrated Mirroring + Striping volume.

   **NOTE** See the instructions in Section 2.5.3, Managing Hot Spare Disks, if you want to create one or two global hot spares.

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2.5.2.2 Expanding an Integrated Mirroring Volume with OCE

Use the OCE feature to expand the capacity of a two-disk Integrated Mirroring (RAID 1) volume by replacing the original disks with two higher-capacity disk drives while the volume remains online. This process maintains data integrity at all times, even if one of the disks fails during the replacement process. The new disks must have at least 50 GB more capacity than the disks they are replacing, and they must use the same protocol (SAS or SATA) as the disks they are replacing.

Follow these steps to expand an existing RAID 1 volume with OCE.

1. Physically replace one of the two volume disk drives with a drive that has at least 50 GB more capacity.
   If necessary, you can identify the disks in the volume by following the instructions in Section 2.5.4.5, Locating Disk Drives in a Volume.

2. Wait until synchronization completes on the new disk and the volume returns to the Optimal state, as indicated in the Adapter Properties window of the SAS3 BIOS CU.

3. Physically replace the other volume disk drive with a drive that has at least 50 GB more capacity.

4. Again, wait until synchronization completes on the new disk and the volume returns to the Optimal state.

5. In the Adapter List window of the SAS3 BIOS CU, use the arrow keys to select the LSI SAS adapter with the RAID 1 volume, and then press Enter.
   The Adapter Properties window appears.

6. Use the arrow keys to select **RAID Properties**, and then press Enter.
   The Select New Array Type window appears.

7. Select **View Existing Array**.
   The View Array window appears. If necessary, press Alt + N to switch to the RAID 1 volume with the new, higher-capacity disk drives.
8. Select Manage Volume.  
The Manage Volume window appears.

A menu window appears with a warning message and with options to start the expansion process or quit.

10. Press Y to start the expansion.  
The RAID Properties window appears when the expansion process completes.

11. Run a commercial tool specific to the operating system to move or increase the size of the partition on the newly expanded RAID 1 volume.

2.5.3 Managing Hot Spare Disks

You can create one or two global hot spare disks to protect the data on mirrored volumes on an LSI SAS-3 controller. You can also delete hot spare disks.

2.5.3.1 Creating Hot Spare Disks

Follow these steps to add global hot spare disks to an existing volume. The steps begin with the Adapter List window that appears when the configuration utility starts.

1. In the Adapter List window, use the arrow keys to select the LSI SAS-3 adapter on which you want to create hot spare disks, and then press Enter.  
The Adapter Properties window appears.

2. Use the arrow keys to select RAID Properties, and then press Enter.  
The Select New Array Type window appears.

3. Select View Existing Array.  
The View Array window appears. If necessary, press Alt + N to switch to another array on this adapter.

4. Select Manage Volume.  
The Manage Volume window appears, as shown in the following figure.

Figure 4 Manage Volume Window
5. Select **Manage Hot Spares**.
   The Manage Hot Spares window appears.

6. Identify a disk that is not part of a RAID array (that is, the value in the **Drive Status** column is not **RAID**) and that is not already identified as a hot spare disk.
   A global hot spare disk must have 512-byte blocks and nonremovable media. The disk type must be either SATA with extended command set support or SAS with SMART support.

7. Select the **Hot Spr** (Hot Spare) field for this disk, and press the space bar.
   The **Hot Spare** status changes to **Yes**.

8. (Optional) Repeat the preceding step to select a second global hot spare disk.

9. Press C to create the hot spare disk.
   A menu window appears. An error message appears if the selected disk is not at least as large as the smallest disk used in the existing array or arrays. An error message also appears if you try to add a SATA disk as a hot spare for arrays that use SAS disks, or if you try to add a SAS disk as a hot spare for arrays that use SATA disks.

10. Select **Save changes then exit this menu** to create the hot spare disk or disks.
    The SAS3 BIOS CU pauses while it configures the global hot spares.

### 2.5.3.2 Deleting a Hot Spare Disk

Follow these steps to delete a global hot spare disk.

1. Access the Manage Hot Spares window by following the first five steps of the previous section.
2. Select a hot spare disk for deletion, and press C.
3. Select **Save changes then exit this menu** to complete the deletion of the hot spare disk.
   The configuration utility pauses while it removes the global hot spare.

### 2.5.4 Other Configuration Tasks

This section explains how to perform other configuration and maintenance tasks for mirrored arrays.

#### 2.5.4.1 Viewing Array Properties

Follow these steps to view the RAID properties of a mirrored array.

1. In the SAS3 BIOS CU, select an LSI SAS-3 adapter from the adapter list.
   The Adapter Properties window appears.
2. Select **RAID Properties**.
   The Select New Array Type window appears.
3. Select **View Existing Array**.
   The View Array window appears, showing information about the array and each disk in it. The window includes global hot spare information, if any exists.

   **NOTE** If you create one array using SAS disks, another array using SATA disks, and one or two global hot spare disks, the hot spare disks only appear when you view the mirrored array that uses the same type of disks as the hot spare disks.
### 2.5.4.2 Running a Consistency Check

Use the Consistency Check command to verify that the data is synchronized on the mirrored disks in the array.

Follow these steps to run a consistency check on a selected mirrored array:

1. In the Adapter List window, use the arrow keys to select an LSI SAS adapter.  
   The Adapter Properties window appears.
2. Use the arrow keys to select **RAID Properties**, and then press Enter.  
   The Select New Array Type window appears.
3. Select **View Existing Array**.  
   The View Array window appears. If necessary, press Alt + N to switch to another array on this adapter.
4. Select **Manage Volume**.  
   The Manage Volume window appears.
5. Select **Consistency Check** on the Manage Volume window.  
   A menu window appears.
6. Press Y to start the consistency check.  
   The consistency check runs in the background. If it encounters any data miscompares, it stores the information in a bad block table.

### 2.5.4.3 Activating an Array

An array can become inactive if, for example, you remove it from one controller or computer and install it on a different one. The **Activate Array** option permits you to reactivate an inactive array.

Follow these steps to activate a selected array.

1. In the Adapter List window, use the arrow keys to select an LSI SAS adapter and press Enter.  
   The Adapter Properties window appears.
2. Select **RAID Properties**, and then press Enter.  
   The Select New Array Type window appears.
3. Select **View Existing Array**.  
   The View Array window appears. If necessary, press Alt + N to switch to another array on this adapter.
4. Select **Manage Volume**.  
   The Manage Volume window appears.
5. Select **Activate Array** on the Manage Volume window.  
   A menu window appears.
6. Press Y to activate the array.  
   The array becomes active after a pause.

### 2.5.4.4 Deleting an Array

**CAUTION** Before you delete an array, be sure to back up all data on the array that you want to keep.

Follow these steps to delete a selected array.

1. In the Adapter List window, use the arrow keys to select an LSI SAS adapter.  
   The Adapter Properties window appears.
2. Use the arrow keys to select **RAID Properties**, and then press Enter.  
   The Select New Array Type window appears.
3. Select **View Existing Array**.
   The View Array window appears. If necessary, press Alt + N to switch to another array on this adapter.
4. Select **Manage Volume**.
   The Manage Volume window appears.
5. Select **Delete Array**.
   A menu window appears.
6. Either press Y to delete the array, or press N to cancel the deletion process.
   After a pause, the utility deletes the array. If there is another remaining array and one or two hot spare disks, the BIOS checks the hot spare disks to determine if they are compatible with the remaining array. If they are not compatible (too small or wrong disk type), the BIOS deletes them also.

### 2.5.4.5 Locating Disk Drives in a Volume

You can use the SAS3 BIOS CU to locate and identify a specific physical disk drive in a disk enclosure by flashing the drive's LED. You can also flash the LEDs of all the disk drives in a RAID volume, if they are in a disk enclosure.

When you add a disk drive to a new mirrored volume, the LED on the disk drive starts flashing. The LED stops flashing when you finish creating the volume.

To locate disk drives by flashing their LEDs, follow these steps.

1. Select the desired SAS-3 controller on the Adapter List window, and press Enter.
   The Adapter Properties window appears.
   The SAS Topology window appears.
3. Select the disk in the **Device Identifier** column, and press Enter.
   The LED on the disk flashes until you press a key to stop it.
4. To identify all the disk drives in a volume, select the volume in the left column of the SAS Topology window, and press Enter.
   The LEDs flash on all disk drives in the volume until you press a key to stop them.

   **NOTE** The LEDs on the disk drives flash as previously described if the firmware configuration is correct and the drives are in a disk enclosure.

### 2.5.4.6 Selecting a Boot Disk

You can select a boot disk in the SAS Topology window. The next time you boot the computer, the firmware moves this disk to scan ID 0, making it the new boot disk. This feature makes it easier to set BIOS boot device options and to keep the boot device constant during device additions and removals. You can also select an alternative boot device. If the BIOS cannot find the preferred boot device when it loads, it attempts to boot from the alternative device.

Follow these steps to select a boot disk.
1. In the SAS3 BIOS CU, select an adapter from the adapter list.
2. Select the **SAS Topology** option.
   If a device is currently designated as the boot device, the **Device Info** column on the SAS Topology window lists the word **Boot**, as shown in the following figure.
If a device is currently designated as the alternative boot device, the Device Info column shows the word Alt.

3. To select the preferred boot disk, move the cursor to the disk, and press Alt + B.

4. To remove the boot designator, move the cursor to the current boot disk, and press Alt + B. This controller no longer has a disk designated as boot.

5. To change the boot disk, move the cursor to the new boot disk, and press Alt + B. The Boot designator moves to this disk.

6. To select an alternative boot disk, move the cursor to the disk, and press Alt + A.

**NOTE** To change the alternative boot device from one disk to another, follow step 4 and step 5 in this procedure, but press Alt + A instead of Alt + B.
Chapter 3: Integrated Striping

3.1 Overview of Integrated Striping

This chapter provides an overview of the LSI Integrated RAID features that support the creation of striped volumes.

3.1.1 Overview

The LSI Integrated RAID solution enables you to create Integrated Striping volumes for applications that require the faster performance and increased storage capacity of striping. The low-cost Integrated Striping feature has many of the advantages of more expensive RAID striping solutions. An Integrated Striping volume can be the boot disk or a data disk.

The Integrated Striping solution provides better performance and more capacity than individual disks, without burdening the host CPU. The firmware distributes host I/O transactions over multiple disks and presents the disks to the OS as a single volume. In general, striping is transparent to the BIOS, the drivers, and the operating system.

Use the LSI SAS3 BIOS CU to configure Integrated Striping volumes.

3.1.2 Integrated Striping Features

Integrated Striping supports the following features:

- Support for RAID volumes with two disks to ten disks
- Support for two Integrated Striping volumes with up to 14 drives total on a SAS-3 controller
- Support for combining one Integrated Striping volume and one Integrated Mirroring, Integrated Mirroring + Striping, or Integrated Mirroring Enhanced volume on a single controller
- Support for both SAS and SATA drives, although you cannot combine the two types of drives in one volume
- Fusion-MPT architecture
- Easy-to-use SAS-3 BIOS configuration utility
- Error notification
- Disk write caching, which is enabled by default on all Integrated Striping volumes
- Use of metadata to store volume configurations on disks
- OS-specific event log
- Error display inside the Fusion-MPT BIOS
- SES status LED support for drives used in Integrated Striping volumes

3.1.3 Integrated Striping Description

On Integrated Striping volumes, the firmware writes data across multiple disks instead of onto one disk by partitioning each disk’s storage space into 64-KB stripes. The firmware interleaves the stripes in such a way that the combined storage space consists alternately of stripes from each disk.

The following figure shows an example of Integrated Striping. In this example, the firmware writes segment 1 to disk 1, segment 2 to disk 2, segment 3 to disk 3, and so on. When the firmware reaches the end of the disk list, it continues writing data at the next available segment of disk 1.
The following figure shows a logical view and a physical view of an Integrated Striping volume with three disks.

**Figure 7 Integrated Striping – Logical and Physical Views**

Speed is the primary advantage of the Integrated Striping solution because it transfers data to or from multiple disks simultaneously. However, Integrated Striping volumes have no data redundancy. Back up the data on other media to avoid losing unsaved data if one disk fails.
3.2 Creating Integrated Striping Volumes in BIOS

This chapter explains how to create Integrated Striping volumes using the LSI SAS-3 BIOS Configuration Utility (SAS3 BIOS CU).

3.2.1 Integrated Striping Configuration Overview

The LSI SAS3 CU is a menu-driven utility program that enables you to easily configure and manage Integrated RAID volumes. Use the SAS3 BIOS CU to create one or two Integrated Striping volumes on each LSI SAS-3 controller. Each volume contains two drives to ten drives. All disks in an Integrated Striping volume must be connected to the same LSI SAS-3 controller.

Although you can use disks of different sizes in Integrated Striping volumes, the smallest disk in the volume determines the logical size of all disks in the volume. In other words, the firmware does not use the excess space of the higher-capacity member disks. For example, if you create an Integrated Striping volume with two 100-GB disks and two 120-GB disks, the firmware uses only 100 GB on each of the 120-GB disks for the volume. The supported stripe size is 64 KB.

See Chapter 2 for more information about Integrated Striping volumes.

3.2.2 Creating Integrated Striping Volumes

The SAS3 BIOS CU is part of the Fusion-MPT BIOS. When the BIOS loads during boot and you see the message about the LSI Configuration Utility, press Ctrl-C to start the SAS3 BIOS CU. After you start the SAS3 BIOS CU, the message changes to the following:

Please wait, invoking SAS Configuration Utility...

After a brief pause, the main menu of the SAS3 BIOS CU appears. On some systems, however, the following message appears next:

LSI Corp Configuration Utility will load following initialization!

In this case, the SAS3 BIOS CU loads after the system completes its power-on self-test.

Each LSI controller can support one or two Integrated RAID volumes. The volumes can include two Integrated Striping (RAID 0) volumes, two mirrored volumes, or one volume of each type. The two volumes can have a maximum of 14 disk drives. (This configuration includes one or two hot spare disks for mirrored volumes.)

The following guidelines apply when creating an Integrated Striping volume:

- All physical disks in the volume must be either SATA (with extended command set support) or SAS (with SMART support). You cannot combine SAS and SATA disks in the same volume. However, it is possible to configure one volume with SAS disks and one volume with SATA disks on the same controller.
- Disks in the volume must have 512-byte blocks and must not have removable media.
- Integrated Striping volumes must have at least 2 disks and no more than 10 disks. Integrated Striping volumes do not support hot spare disks.
Follow these steps to configure an Integrated Striping volume with the SAS3 BIOS CU. The steps begin with the Adapter List window that appears when the SAS3 BIOS CU starts.

1. On the Adapter List window, select an LSI SAS-3 adapter, and press Enter.
   
   The Adapter Properties window appears, as the following figure shows.

![Adapter Properties Window](image)

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   The Create Array window appears.

3. Select **Create RAID 0 Volume**.
   
   The Create New Array window appears.

4. Move the cursor to the **RAID Disk** column, and select a line that has a *No* entry in this column, which indicates that the disk is not already part of the volume you are creating. To add the disk to the new array, change the *No* to *Yes* by pressing the space bar.

5. Move the cursor to another line and press the space bar to add another disk to the array.
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Creating Integrated Striping Volumes in BIOS

3.2.3 Other Configuration Tasks

This section explains how to perform other configuration and maintenance tasks for Integrated Striping arrays.

3.2.3.1 Viewing Array Properties
Follow these steps to view the RAID properties of an array.

1. In the SAS3 BIOS CU, select an LSI SAS-3 adapter from the adapter list.
   The Adapter Properties window appears.
2. Select RAID Properties.
   The Select New Array Type window appears.
3. Select View Existing Array.
   The View Array window appears, showing information about the array and each disk in it.
4. If the currently displayed array is not the one you want, press Alt + N to view another array on the adapter.

3.2.3.2 Activating an Array
An array can become inactive if, for example, you remove it from one controller or computer and install it on a different one. The Activate Array option permits you to reactivate an inactive array.

Follow these steps to activate a selected array.

1. In the Adapter List window, use the arrow keys to select an LSI SAS adapter and press Enter.
   The Adapter Properties window appears.
2. Select RAID Properties, and then press Enter.
   The Select New Array Type window appears.
3. Select View Existing Array.
   The View Array window appears. If necessary, press Alt + N to switch to another array on this adapter.
4. Select Manage Volume.
   The Manage Volume window appears.
5. Select Activate Array on the Manage Volume window.
   A menu window appears.
6. Press Y to activate the array.
   The array becomes active after a pause.

NOTE
Repeat the previous instructions to create a second Integrated Striping volume, if desired, and if enough additional disks are available.
3.2.3.3 Deleting an Array

CAUTION Before you delete an array, be sure to back up the data.

Follow these steps to delete a selected array.

1. In the Adapter List window, use the arrow keys to select an LSI SAS adapter.
   The Adapter Properties window appears.
2. Use the arrow keys to select RAID Properties, and then press Enter.
   The Select New Array Type window appears.
3. Select View Existing Array.
   The View Array window appears. If necessary, press Alt + N to switch to another array on this adapter.
4. Select Manage Volume.
   The Manage Volume window appears.
5. Select Delete Array.
   A menu window appears.
6. Either press Y to delete the array, or press N to cancel the deletion process.
   After a pause, the utility deletes the array.

3.2.3.4 Locating Disk Drives in a Volume

Use the SAS3 BIOS CU to locate and identify a specific physical disk drive in a disk enclosure by flashing the drive’s LED. Alternatively, use the SAS3 BIOS CU to flash the LEDs of all the disk drives in a RAID volume if they are in a disk enclosure.

When you add a disk drive to a new mirrored volume, the LED on the disk drive starts flashing. The LED stops flashing when you finish creating the volume.

To locate disk drives by flashing their LEDs, follow these steps.

1. Select the desired SAS-3 controller on the Adapter List window and press Enter.
   The Adapter Properties window appears.
   The SAS Topology window appears.
3. Select the disk in the Device Identifier column, and press Enter.
   The LED on the disk flashes until you press a key to stop it.
4. To identify all the disk drives in a volume, select the volume in the left column of the SAS Topology window, and press Enter.
   The LEDs flash on all disk drives in the volume until you press a key to stop them.

NOTE The LEDs on the disk drives flash, as previously described, if the firmware configuration is correct and the drives are in a disk enclosure.
### 3.2.3.5 Selecting a Boot Disk

You select a boot disk in the SAS Topology window. The next time you boot the computer, the firmware moves this disk to scan ID 0, making it the new boot disk. This feature makes it easier to set BIOS boot device options and to keep the boot device constant during device additions and removals. Optionally, you can select an alternative boot device. If the BIOS cannot find the preferred boot device when it loads, it attempts to boot from the alternative device.

Follow these steps to select a boot disk.

1. In the SAS3 BIOS CU, select an adapter from the Adapter List.
2. Select the **SAS Topology** option. If a device is currently designated as the boot device, the **Device Info** column on the SAS Topology window lists the word **Boot**, as the following figure shows.

![Figure 9 Boot Device on SAS Topology Window](image)

If a device is currently designated as the alternative boot device, the **Device Info** column shows the word **Alt**.

3. To select the preferred boot disk, move the cursor to the disk, and press Alt + B.
4. To remove the boot designator, move the cursor to the current boot disk, and press Alt + B.
   This controller no longer has a disk designated as boot.
5. To change the boot disk, move the cursor to the new boot disk, and press Alt + B.
   The **Boot** designator moves to this disk.
6. To select an alternative boot disk, move the cursor to the disk and press Alt + A.

**NOTE** To change the alternative boot device from one disk to another, follow step 4 and step 5 in this procedure, but press Alt + A instead of Alt + B.
4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 Overview

The Human Interface Infrastructure (HII) Configuration Application is a tool used to configure controllers, physical disks, and virtual disks, and to perform other configuration tasks in a pre-boot, Unified Extensible Firmware Interface (UEFI) environment. This document explains how to use the HII interface to perform these tasks.

**NOTE** Different versions of the HII Configuration Application firmware exist for integrated RAID (IR) systems and initiator-target (IT) systems. The Firmware Type property on the View Controller Properties window indicates which version is running.

The IR version of the HII Configuration Application is documented in Section 4.3, Using the Integrated RAID Version. This version lets you view system information, create virtual disks (RAID volumes), and perform other management tasks on controllers, physical disks, and virtual disks.

**NOTE** The HII Configuration Application displays only the logical unit number (LUN) zero devices. It does not display the LUN nonzero devices discovered by the boot services driver (BSD). This behavior is consistent with the Configuration Utility (CU) provided by the LSI® Legacy (Int13) basic input/output system (BIOS).

4.1.2 Controller Support

The HII Configuration Application supports the following Avago SAS-2 and SAS-3 controllers, running IT or IR firmware, and the host bus adapters based on the following controllers.

- LSISAS3004
- LSISAS3008
4.2 Starting the Configuration Application Interface

Follow these steps to start the HII Configuration Application and to access the main configuration menu.

1. Open the BIOS tab. Select **CSM Configuration**.

   **Figure 10 Boot Configuration Menu**

   ![Boot Configuration Menu](image)

2. Choose **Launch storage OpROM policy [UEFI only]** to run the HII configuration.

3. Reboot the system.
4. Enter the BIOS.
5. Open the **Advanced** tab. Use the arrow keys to highlight the controller you want to configure (in the following figure "LSI SAS 3 MPT Controller SAS 3008, ...." has been selected).

**Figure 11 Controller Selection Menu**

![Controller Selection Menu](image)

**NOTE** All the screens are specific to a system BIOS and with different BIOS, the UI will change to a great extent. For example, the LSI controller option might not be present under the UEFI Driver Control panel in every system.
6. Press Enter.
   The controller window appears, as shown in the following figure.

**Figure 12 Controller Window**

![Controller Window Diagram]
7. Either press Enter to continue, or press Esc to return to the previous window and select a different controller. The **Configuration Options** menu appears, as shown in the following figure.

**Figure 13 Configuration Options Menu**

![Configuration Options Menu](image)

**NOTE** The **Virtual Disk Management** option appears only if virtual disks already exist on this controller. Otherwise, this option is hidden.

8. Select one of the following menu options:
   - Select **Controller Management** to view and manage controller properties, create or delete volumes, import or delete foreign volumes, and save controller events.
     See Section 4.3.1, Managing Controllers.
   - Select **Virtual Disk Management** to delete volumes and perform operations on volumes.
     See Section 4.3.2, Managing Virtual Disks.
   - Select **Physical Disk Management** to manage all disks, including bare disks, hot spares and disks in a volume (except foreign volumes that are not yet imported).
     See Section 4.3.3, Managing Physical Disks.
4.3 Using the Integrated RAID Version

The IR version of the HII Configuration Application lets you view controller properties, virtual disk properties, and physical disk properties. The application also lets you perform selected operations on controllers and physical disks.

NOTE To determine which version of the HII Configuration Application is running, view the Firmware Type property on the View Controller Properties window. The value is either IT or IR.

To start the HII Configuration Application and to access the main configuration menu, follow the steps listed in Section 4.2, Starting the Configuration Application Interface. When you complete these steps, the Configuration Options window appears, as shown in the following figure.

Figure 14 Configuration Options Menu
4.3.1 Managing Controllers

When you select **Controller Management** on the **Configuration Options** menu, the **Controller Management** menu appears, as shown in the following figure.

**Figure 15 Controller Management Menu**

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View Controller Properties
Change Controller Properties
Clear Configuration
Save Controller Events

Select to View Controller Properties

F4: Select Screen
F1: Select Item
Enter: Select
+/-= Change Opt.
F1: General Help
F2: Previous Values
F3: Optimized Defaults
F4: Save & Exit
ESC: Exit
```

The **Create Configuration** option does not appear if the maximum number of volumes already exists on the controller, or if not enough available drives exist to create a volume.

The **Clear Configuration** option appears if the HII Configuration Application detects active volumes on the controller.

The **Manage Foreign Configuration** option appears if the HII Configuration Application detects foreign volumes or inactive volumes on the controller.

The following sections explain each menu option.
4.3.1.1 Viewing Controller Properties

Select View Controller Properties from the Controller Management menu to view information, such as controller name and revision, firmware type and version, and number of disks and volumes. The following figure shows a sample View Controller Properties window. The actual information that appears on the window varies for each type of controller.

Figure 16 View Controller Properties Window

The following table explains the controller properties.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Sample Data</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Controller Name</td>
<td>SAS2008</td>
<td>Controller name.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Controller Revision</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Internal controller revision number.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PCI ID (Bus:Dev:Func)</td>
<td>0x20:0x0:0x0</td>
<td>Displayed in Bus:Device:Function format.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PCI Slot Number</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>PCI slot number of the controller.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Host Interface</td>
<td>PCIe</td>
<td>Host interface type.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Physical Disk Count</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Number of disks connected to the controller. Includes bare disks, hot spares, and disks in volumes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Virtual Disk Count</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Number of virtual disks on the controller.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Firmware Type</td>
<td>IR</td>
<td>IR Firmware – Can create and manage volumes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Firmware Version</td>
<td>5.0.0.0</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Default NVData Version</td>
<td>5.0.0.0</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Persistent NVData Version</td>
<td>5.0.0.0</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### 4.3.1.2 Changing Controller Properties

Select **Change Controller Properties** from the **Controller Management** menu to change the legacy boot device or change the rebuild rate for volumes on the controller. The following figure shows the **Change Controller Properties** menu.

**Figure 17  Change Controller Properties Menu**

The **Legacy Boot Device** option is not available in the latest revision of HII. However, an option to disable legacy BIOS is available when the controller is flashed with legacy BIOS.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Sample Data</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Firmware Version</td>
<td>5.00.00.00</td>
<td>Firmware version.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Default NVData Version</td>
<td>5.00.00.00</td>
<td>Firmware default NVData version.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Persistent NVData Version</td>
<td>5.00.00.00</td>
<td>Firmware persistent NVData version.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**NOTE** The Legacy Boot Device option is not available in the latest revision of HII. However, an option to disable legacy BIOS is available when the controller is flashed with legacy BIOS.
4.3.1.2.1 Rebuild Rate

The rebuild rate is the percentage of the compute cycles dedicated to rebuilding failed drives in volumes on this controller. The rebuild rate can be configured between 0 percent and 100 percent. At 0 percent, the rebuild runs only if the firmware is not performing other functions. At 100 percent, the rebuild has a higher priority than any other firmware activity.

NOTE Using a 0 percent or 100 percent rebuild rate is not recommended. The default rebuild rate is 50 percent.

Follow these steps to change the rebuild rate for volumes on this controller.

1. Highlight Rebuild Rate from the pop-up menu and press Enter.
2. Select the desired rebuild rate and press Enter.
3. Highlight Apply Changes and press Enter to change the rebuild rate.

4.3.1.3 Creating a Configuration

Select Create Configuration from the Controller Management menu to create a RAID 0 or RAID 1 volume on the selected controller.

- RAID 0 provides disk striping across all drives in the RAID volume.
  RAID 0 volumes provide very high I/O performance but does not provide any data redundancy. RAID 0 volumes can have from two to ten disk drives.
- RAID 1 volumes duplicate all data from one drive to another drive in the volume.
  RAID 1 volumes provide data redundancy. RAID 1 volumes have two mirrored disk drives, plus one or two optional hot spare drives.
The following figure shows the **Create Configuration** window.

**Figure 18 Create Configuration Window**

Follow these steps to create a configuration.

1. Highlight **Select RAID level** and press Enter.
2. Use the up and down arrow keys to select a RAID level and press Enter.
3. Highlight **Select Physical Disks** and press Enter.

The **Select Physical Disks** window appears, as shown in the following figure.

**Figure 19 Select Physical Disks Window**

This window lists all the drives available for the new configuration.

4. Highlight **Select Interface Type** and press Enter.

5. Select **SAS** or **SATA** from the drop-down menu and press Enter.

6. (Optional) If the system includes both HDDs and SSDs, highlight **Select Media Type** and press Enter.

7. Select **SSD** or **HDD** from the drop-down menu and press Enter.

The list of available drives is now filtered to match the interface type and media type you selected.

8. Select drives for the new RAID volume by highlighting a drive and pressing the space bar.

   Alternatively, highlight **Check All** or **Uncheck All** and press Enter to select or deselect all available drives. The number of drives you can select is limited to the minimum and maximum number of drives that the RAID level supports, as listed on the right side of the window.

9. Highlight **Apply Changes** and press Enter when you finish selecting drives.

   A confirmation window appears.

10. Select **OK** and press Enter.

    The new RAID volume is created.

If enough unused drives remain on the controller, you can create one additional RAID volume on the controller.

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**NOTE** The latest reversion of HII now has options of HDD-512B, SSD-512B, HDD-4K and SSD-4K to specify the physical sector size of the hard disk.
4.3.1.4 Clearing a Configuration

Select **Clear Configuration** from the **Controller Management** menu to delete all existing RAID volumes from the controller. The following figure shows the **Warning** window that appears when you select **Clear Configuration**.

**CAUTION Possible data loss** – When you clear a configuration, all data is deleted from the disks in the configuration. Back up all data that you want to keep before you use this command.

**Figure 20 Clear Configuration Confirmation Window**

Follow these steps to clear a configuration.

1. Press the space bar to select the confirmation option in the brackets.
2. Highlight **Yes** and press Enter.

All existing configurations are cleared from the controller.

4.3.1.5 Managing a Foreign Configuration

Select **Manage Foreign Configuration** from the **Controller Management** menu to import or delete a foreign (inactive) volume.

**NOTE** A foreign configuration is a RAID volume that was created on another controller, and whose member drives have been moved to this controller. You can have up to two volumes on a single controller, which includes foreign configurations and configurations that you create on the controller with the HII Configuration Application.
The following menu appears when you select **Manage Foreign Configuration**.

**Figure 21 Manage Foreign Configuration Menu**

Follow these steps to select and view a foreign configuration.

- **NOTE** To clear all foreign configurations on the controller without selecting or viewing them, highlight **Clear ALL Foreign Configurations** and press Enter.

1. Highlight **Select Foreign Configuration** and press Enter.
2. Select the foreign volume from the drop-down menu and press Enter.
3. Highlight **View Foreign Configuration** and press Enter. The **View Foreign Configuration** menu appears, as shown in the following figure.

**Figure 22 View Foreign Configuration Menu**

The volume number of the selected foreign configuration appears at the top of the window.

4. Import the foreign configuration, or delete it by following the instructions in Section 4.3.1.5.1, Importing a Foreign Configuration and Section 4.3.1.5.2, Clearing a Foreign Configuration.

**4.3.1.5.1 Importing a Foreign Configuration**

*Importing a foreign configuration* means activating an inactive volume that you physically transferred to the controller from another system. You might be unable to import a foreign configuration. The following conditions prevent an import operation from succeeding:

- The volume state is not INACTIVE.
- The volume state is either FAILED or MISSING.
- The volume uses incompatible Gen1 metadata.
- The maximum number of two RAID volumes already exist on this controller.
- The maximum number of supported physical drives are already in use in active volumes on this controller.

Global hot spares also count because they must be activated along with other drives in the foreign volume.
Follow these steps to import a foreign configuration.

1. Highlight **Import Foreign Configuration** on the **View Foreign Configuration** menu and press Enter. The following confirmation window appears.

   **Figure 23 Import Foreign Configuration Confirmation Window**

   ![Import Foreign Configuration Confirmation Window](image)

2. Press the space bar to select the confirmation option in the brackets.

3. Highlight **Yes** and press Enter.

   The foreign or inactive configuration is imported (activated) on the controller.
4.3.1.5.2 Clearing a Foreign Configuration

Follow these steps to clear (delete) a foreign configuration or inactive volume.

1. Highlight **Clear Foreign Configuration** on the **View Foreign Configuration** menu and press Enter.
   The following confirmation window appears.

   **Figure 24 Clear Foreign Configuration Confirmation Window**

   ![Confirmation Window]

   - Clearing the Configuration will destroy all virtual disks and result in data loss on the selected controller.
   - Confirm [Disabled]
   - Yes
   - No

2. Press the space bar to select the confirmation option in the brackets.

3. Highlight **Yes** and press Enter.
   The foreign configuration is cleared from the controller. You can now use the member drives that were part of the configuration to create new virtual drives.
4.3.1.6 Saving Controller Events

Select **Save Controller Events** from the **Controller Management** menu to save the controller events log to a file. The following figure shows the **Save Controller Events** window.

**Figure 25  Save Controller Events Window**

Follow these steps to save the controller events log to a file.

2. Select the appropriate file system from the drop-down menu.
3. Highlight **Available Directories** and press Enter.
4. Select the appropriate directory from the drop-down menu.
   - The path can only go down one directory level; in other words, `/root/one_level`.
5. Highlight **Enter File Name** and press Enter.
6. Type a file name and press Enter.

   The controller events are saved to the selected file in the specified path.

This command saves raw data to the file in hexadecimal format. Do not attempt to read this data. Instead, contact your Fujitsu storage support representative.
4.3.2 Managing Virtual Disks

The following figure shows the window that appears when you select Virtual Disk Management from the Configuration Options menu.

Figure 26 Virtual Disk Management Menu

Select Manage Virtual Disk Properties or Select Virtual Disk Operations to continue.
4.3.2.1 Managing Virtual Disk Properties

The following figure shows the window that appears when you select **Manage Virtual Disk Properties** from the **Virtual Disk Management** menu.

**Figure 27 Manage Virtual Disk Properties Window**

The window displays the virtual disk ID, RAID level, and other information for the first available virtual disk. Follow these steps to see information for a second virtual disk that is defined on this controller.

1. Highlight **Select Virtual Disk** and press Enter.
2. Select the other virtual disk from the drop-down menu.
3. Select the other menu options to view information for the physical disks associated with the virtual disk and to manage global hot spare disks.
4.3.2.1.1 Viewing Associated Physical Disks

The following figure shows the window that appears when you select **View Associated Physical Disks** on the **Manage Virtual Disk Properties** window.

**Figure 28 View Associated Physical Disks Window**

```
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Selected Virtual Disk

Associated Physical Disks
01:0 SATA HDD-512b 149 GB [Disabled]
01:1 SATA HDD-512b 149 GB [Disabled]
01:2 SATA HDD-512b 149 GB [Disabled]
01:3 SATA HDD-512b 149 GB [Disabled]
02:0 SATA HDD-512b 149 GB [Disabled]
02:1 SATA HDD-512b 149 GB [Disabled]

► View Physical Disk Properties
```

**Notes:**
- F1: General Help
- F2: Previous Values
- F3: Optimalized Defaults
- F4: Save & Exit
- ESC: Exit

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Follow these steps to view the properties of a physical disk in the selected virtual disk.

1. Highlight a physical disk and press the spacebar to select it.
   You can select only one physical disk at a time.

2. Highlight **View Physical Disk Properties** and press Enter.
   The **View Physical Disk Properties** window appears, as shown in the following figure.

   **Figure 29 View Physical Disk Properties Window**

   ![View Physical Disk Properties Window](image)

   - **Select Physical Disk**
   - **Physical Disk Properties**
     - **Physical Disk ID**: [0:2:0]
     - **State**: Online
     - **Revision**: FPR4
     - **Device Type**: Direct Access Device
     - **SAS Address**: 27281
     - **Disk Cache Setting**: WriteCache Enabled
     - **Size**: 149 GB
     - **Disk Protocol**: SATA
     - **Serial Number of Disk**: STS160511NS
     - **Hardware Vendor**: HP
     - **Model Number**: STS160511NS
     - **Neg. Disk Drive RPM**: 7200
   - **Neg. Disk Transfer Speed**: 3 Gbps
   - **View More Physical Disk Properties**

   **Select a Physical Disk to view its properties. Physical Disk display format is <Connector : Enclosure : Slot>.

   +/:-: Select Screen  
   T: Select Item  
   Enter: Select  
   +/- : Change Opt.  
   F1: General Help  
   F2: Previous Values  
   F3: Optimized Defaults  
   F4: Save & Exit  
   Esc: Exit

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   **NOTE** If the Databolt™ bandwidth aggregation technology is enabled, (Databolt) will be displayed beside the 6 Gbps Neg. Disk Transfer Speed value.

3. View the information for the physical disk.
   To view more information about the physical disk, highlight **View More Disk Properties** and press Enter. For more information about this window, see Section 4.3.3.1, Viewing Physical Disk Properties.

4. When you finish viewing the properties, press Esc to return to the previous window.
   If needed, select a different physical disk from the drop-down menu to view its properties.
Managing Global Hot Spare Disks

The following figure shows the window that appears when you select Manage Global Hotspare Disks on the Manage Virtual Disk Properties window.

Figure 30  Manage Global Hotspare Disks Window

You can add or delete global hot spare disks for the RAID volumes on the controller. This window lists existing global hot spare disks and compatible disks that you can use to create new global hot spares. The Assign Global Hotspare Disks option will be grayed out, if the topology does not contain a hotspare option and the RAID volume member count is 14.
Follow these steps to add a global hot spare disk.

1. Highlight a compatible disk listed in the upper left of the window and press the spacebar to select it, as shown in the preceding figure.
   - You can only select one disk at a time.
   - The new global hot spare disk is added to the window, as shown in the following figure.

**Figure 31 Manage Global Hotspare Disks Window: New Hotspare Disk**

Follow these steps to delete (unassign) a global hot spare disk.

1. Highlight an existing global hot spare disk and press the spacebar to select it, as shown in the preceding figure.
2. Highlight the Unassign Global Hotspare Disk selection and press Enter.
   - The disk is removed from the list of global hot spare disks.

The following points pertain to the hot spare disk selections.

- The Assign Global Hotspare Disk selection will be grayed out if the topology contains a hot spare and the RAID volume member count, which includes the hot spare count, is 14.
- The Unassign Global Hotspare Disk option will be grayed out if the topology does not contain a hot spare.
- Only compatible Hotspare Disks for the selected volume will be shown.
- Only one Hotspare Disk can be created or deleted at a time.
- A maximum of two Hotspare Disks can be created for the entire RAID configuration.
4.3.2.2 Selecting Virtual Disk Operations

Use the Select Virtual Disk Operations window to perform the following tasks:

- Locate RAID volumes on the controller.
- Delete a selected volume.
- View operations in progress.
- View pending operations.
- Perform a consistency check on the volumes.

**NOTE** The firmware performs background operations serially, based on internal firmware policies that you cannot change. If operations are pending, the operation in progress must complete before the pending operation starts.

The following window appears when you select Select Virtual Disk Operations from the Virtual Disk Management menu.

Figure 32  Select Virtual Disk Operations Window

The window displays information about the operations pending or running on the virtual disk.

**NOTE** If necessary, refresh the window to view updated progress information about the operation. To refresh, exit the window by pressing Esc, then re-enter the window.

Follow these steps to view information for a second virtual disk that is defined on this controller.

1. Highlight Select Virtual Disk and press Enter.
2. Select the other virtual disk from the drop-down menu.

Select the other menu options to view information for the physical disks associated with the virtual disk and to manage global hot spare disks.
4.3.2.2.1 Locating the Physical Disks in a Virtual Disk

Follow these steps to locate and identify the physical disks that form a virtual disk by blinking the drive lights.

**NOTE** This feature works only if the firmware supports blinking drive lights

1. Highlight **Start Locate/Blink** and press Enter.
   The drive lights on the physical disks start blinking.
2. To stop the drive lights from blinking, highlight **Stop Locate/Unblink** and press Enter.

4.3.2.2.2 Deleting a Virtual Disk

Follow these steps to delete a virtual disk from the controller.

**CAUTION Possible data loss** – All data is erased when you delete a virtual disk. Be sure to back up any data you want to keep before you perform this operation.

1. Highlight **Delete Virtual Disk** on the **Select Virtual Disk Operations** window and press Enter.
   The following confirmation window appears.

**Figure 33 Delete Virtual Disk Confirmation Window**

2. Press the space bar to select the confirmation option.
3. Highlight **Yes** and press Enter.
   The selected virtual disk is deleted.
4.3.2.2.3 Stopping and Starting Virtual Disk Operations

You can stop and start some virtual disk operations by using the Stop Operation and Start Operation commands on the Select Virtual Disk Operations window. These commands are available if the operation can be stopped. Otherwise, they are grayed out, as shown in Figure 32, where a background initialization is running.

Follow these steps to stop or start a virtual disk operation.

1. Highlight Stop Operation and press Enter.
   The status of the operation changes to indicate that it has stopped running. If necessary, exit the window by pressing the Esc key and return to it to see the updated status.
2. To restart the operation, highlight Start Operation and press Enter.

4.3.3 Managing Physical Disks

When you select Physical Disk Management on the Configuration Options menu, the following menu appears.

Figure 34  Physical Disk Management Menu

Use the Physical Disk Management windows to view the physical properties of physical disks and perform operations on them. You can view information for unassigned disks or for disks that are hot spares or members of a virtual disk.
4.3.3.1 Viewing Physical Disk Properties

The following window appears when you select View Physical Disk Properties from the Physical Disk Management menu.

**Figure 35 View Physical Disk Properties Window**

```
Select Physical Disk [0:2:0]  
Physical Disk Properties  
Physical Disk ID 0:2:0  
State Ready  
Revision FTA2  
Device Type Direct Access Device  
SAS Address 27286  
Disk Cache Setting WriteCache Enabled  
Size 465 GB  
Disk Protocol SATA  
Serial Number of Disk 9X70W147  
Hardware Vendor FTA  
Model Number ST9500620NS  
Hand Disk Drive RPM 7200  
Neg. Disk Transfer Speed 6 Gbps  
View More Physical Disk Properties

Select a Physical Disk to view its properties. Physical Disk display format is <Connector : Enclosure : Slot>.
```

**NOTE** If the Databolt technology is enabled, (Databolt) will be displayed beside the 6 Gbps Neg. Disk Transfer Speed value.

Follow these steps to view properties for a different physical disk.

1. Highlight Select Physical Disk and press Enter.
2. Select another physical disk from the drop-down menu.
This window displays information for all physical disks connected to this controller. The preceding figure shows a sample window for one type of physical disk. The following table explains the physical disk properties.

**Table 2 Physical Disk Properties**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Sample Data</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Physical Disk ID</td>
<td>0:2:0</td>
<td>The disk is identified in the Connector:Enclosure:Slot format. The connector value is fixed at 0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>State</td>
<td>Ready</td>
<td>The current state of the selected disk. Possible values for this property include Not Configured, Not Compatible, Offline, Online, Hot Spare, Degraded, Rebuilding, Optimal, Unknown, and Ready.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Revision</td>
<td>0442</td>
<td>Disk revision level.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Device Type</td>
<td>Direct Access Device</td>
<td>Indicates whether the disk is a hard disk (direct access device).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SAS Address</td>
<td>5000C500348733B5</td>
<td>Unique disk SAS address.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disk Cache Setting</td>
<td>Write Cache Disabled</td>
<td>Indicates whether the write cache is enabled or disabled.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Size</td>
<td>2794 GB</td>
<td>Disk size, in GB or TB.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disk Protocol</td>
<td>SAS</td>
<td>Disk protocol can be either SAS or SATA and either HDD or SSD.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Serial Number of Disk</td>
<td>1126S0MHTQ</td>
<td>Serial number of the disk.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hardware Vendor</td>
<td>SEAGATE</td>
<td>Vendor-supplied information.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Model Number</td>
<td>ST33000SSSUN3.0T</td>
<td>Vendor-supplied information.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hard Disk Drive RPM</td>
<td>7200</td>
<td>Disk drive RPM speed.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
To view additional physical disk properties, highlight **View More Physical Disk Properties** and press Enter. The following window appears.

**Figure 36 View More Physical Disk Properties Window**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Sample Data</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Physical Disk ID</td>
<td>0:2:0</td>
<td>The disk is identified in the <em>Connector:Enclosure:Slot</em> format. The connector value is fixed at 0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SMART Status</td>
<td>No Errors</td>
<td>SMART Predictive Failure Analysis status.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hotspare</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Yes if the disk is a hot spare, or None.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Associated Virtual Disk</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>The volume ID of the virtual disk to which this disk belongs, or None.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
4.3.3.1.1 Selecting Physical Disk Operations

The following window appears when you select Select Physical Disk Operations from the Physical Disk Management menu.

**Figure 37 Select Physical Disk Operations Menu**

Follow these steps to select a different physical disk.

1. Highlight Select Physical Disk and press Enter.
2. Select another physical disk from the drop-down menu.

4.3.3.1.2 Locating and Identifying a Physical Disk

Follow these steps to locate and identify a physical disk by blinking its drive light.

[NOTE] This feature works only if the firmware supports blinking drive lights

1. Highlight Start Locate/Blink and press Enter.
   The drive light on the selected physical disk starts blinking.
2. To stop the drive light from blinking, highlight Stop Locate/Unblink and press Enter.
3. To locate a different physical drive, highlight Select Physical Disk and press Enter.
4. Select the disk from the drop-down menu.
5. Repeat step 1 and step 2 for this disk.
Appendix A: Using the SAS-3 Integrated RAID Configuration Utility

This appendix explains how to use the command-line-driven SAS-3 Integrated RAID configuration utility (SAS3IRCU) to create and manage Integrated RAID volumes on LSI SAS-3 controllers.

You run SAS3IRCU commands from a command-line prompt or a shell script. When you use a SAS3IRCU command, the program returns a status value to the operating system when it exits.

You can use SAS3IRCU to quickly and efficiently configure Integrated RAID devices on LSI SAS-3 controllers.

NOTE In this appendix, the term *disk* means HDD and solid state drive SSD, and the HDDs or SSDs can support either SAS or SATA protocol.

A.1 Hardware and Software Requirements

SAS3IRCU runs on the following operating system architecture:

- Windows®: x86, x64 (AMD64)
- Linux®: x86, x86_64 (supported with x86 build), PPC64
- UEFI: EFI Byte Code (EBC)
- FreeBSD®: x86 (or i386), AMD64 (or compatible)

SAS3IRCU operates with storage devices that are compliant with existing SCSI standards.

A.1.1 Controller Support

SAS3IRCU supports the following LSI SAS-3 controllers and the host bus adapters based on these controllers:

- LSISAS3008
- LSISAS3004

A.1.2 Operating System and Software Support

SAS3IRCU requires PCI 2.x or PCI 3.0 firmware and MPI v2.5. SAS3IRCU supports the following operating systems.

NOTE LSI recommends that you use the latest version of the driver for any operating system.

- UEFI 2.1 and 2.3
- Linux 2.6 Kernel - Red Hat® Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 5 and higher, SUSE® Linux Enterprise Server (SLES) 10 and higher
- MS-DOS® 6.22 and FreeDOS 1.0
  SAS3IRCU runs on DOS only if the system BIOS supports 32-bit BIOS services, including the PCI BIOS services. SAS3IRCU uses these services to directly access the controller and its interface registers.
- FreeBSD 7.2 and higher in both 32-bit and 64-bit architecture
- VMware® ESXi 5.0 and higher
A.2 Interface Description

Use this syntax for SAS3IRCU commands:

```
sas3ircu <controller_#> <command> <parameters>
```

Use a space to separate the program name, the controller number, the command, and the parameters fields. The format of `<parameters>` is command specific.

Information passes between the user environment and SAS3IRCU through the command line, the standard output and standard error interfaces, and the program return value. It is possible to redirect the output streams as permitted by the operating system. When the program exits, it returns a value of 0 if the command is successful. Otherwise, it returns a value of 1.

If a command fails, SAS3IRCU prints the IOCStatus and IOCLogInfo on the console. This information is useful in determining the cause of the failure.

A.3 Commands

The following table shows which commands SAS3IRCU supports on each operating system.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SAS3IRCU Command</th>
<th>Operating System</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>DOS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CREATE</td>
<td>X</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DELETE</td>
<td>X</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DELETEVOLUME</td>
<td>X</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DISPLAY</td>
<td>X</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HOTSPARE</td>
<td>X</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LIST</td>
<td>X</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>STATUS</td>
<td>X</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CONSTCHK</td>
<td>X</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ACTIVATE</td>
<td>X</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LOCATE</td>
<td>X</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LOGIR</td>
<td>X</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BOOTIR</td>
<td>X</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BOOTENCL</td>
<td>X</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HELP</td>
<td>X</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The commands are not case sensitive. The individual command descriptions use the following conventions:

- Replace text enclosed in `< >` with a required parameter.
- Replace text enclosed in `[ ]` with an optional parameter.
- Enter parameters enclosed in `{ }` one or more times, as required for the command.
- Do not use the command-line definition characters `< >`, `[ ]`, and `{ }` on the command line.
A.3.1 Common Command-Line Parameters

This section describes command-line parameters that are common to more than one command.

- `<controller_#>`
  The unique controller number that the program assigns to each PCI function found on supported controller chips in the system, starting with controller # 0. For example, in a system containing two LSISAS3008 controllers, controller # 0 references the first controller and controller # 1 references the other controller. Use the LIST command to view a list of controllers connected to the system and the controller number for each controller. Valid controller number values are 0 to 255 (decimal).

- `<Enclosure:Bay>`
  The enclosure and bay (or slot) of a peripheral device attached to the bus. The argument must use a colon (:) as a separator and must follow the Enclosure:Bay format. Enclosure is a 16-bit EnclosureHandle value set by the I/O controller (IOC). A value of 0 is invalid. Bay/Slot is a 16-bit slot value set by the IOC. Use the DISPLAY command to determine the enclosure number and slot number of a drive.

A.3.2 CREATE

The CREATE command creates Integrated RAID volumes on LSI SAS-3 controllers.

When you add a disk to an Integrated RAID volume, the volume might not use all of the disk's storage capacity. For example, if you add a 300-GB disk drive to a volume that only uses 200 GB of capacity on each disk drive, the volume does not use the remaining 100 GB of capacity on the disk drive.

The disk identified by the first Enclosure:Bay on the command line becomes the primary disk drive when you create an Integrated Mirroring (RAID 1) volume. If the controller resynchronizes the disk drives, the data on the primary disk drive becomes available when you access the newly created volume.

When the IR firmware creates a RAID 1 volume, it starts a background initialization of the volume. Use the STATUS command to monitor the status of the initialization.

The following restrictions and defaults apply when you create Integrated RAID volumes and hot spare disks:

- All disks that are part of a volume, including hot spares for that volume, must be connected to the same LSI SAS-3 controller.
- The supported RAID levels are RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 1E, and RAID 10.
- You can create a maximum of two Integrated RAID volumes per LSI SAS-3 controller.
- The maximum and minimum disk drives per RAID level are as follows:
  - RAID 0: Max = 10; Min = 2.
  - RAID 1: Max = 2; Min = 2.
  - RAID 1E: Max = 10; Min = 3.
  - RAID 10: Max = 10; Min = 3.
- SAS3IRCU does not permit you to create an Integrated RAID volume that combines SAS and SATA hard disk drives.
- SAS3IRCU does not permit you to create an Integrated RAID volume that combines solid-state drives (SSDs) and hard disk drives.
- SAS3IRCU supports disk drives with 512-byte sectors and disk drives with 4-KB sectors. However, an Integrated RAID volume must use all 512-byte-sector drives or all 4-KB-sector drives. You cannot combine the two types of drives in a single Integrated RAID volume.

**NOTE** Some operating systems do not fully support 4-KB-sector drives. Refer to the documentation for the operating system you are using.
A.3.2.1 Command Line
```
sas3ircu <controller_#> create <volume_type> <size> {<Enclosure:Bay>} [VolumeName] [noprompt]
```

A.3.2.2 Parameters
- `<controller_#>` – The index of the controller for the newly created volume.
- `<volume_type>` – Volume type for the new volume. Valid values are RAID0, RAID1, RAID10, or RAID1E.
- `<size>` – Size of the RAID volume in MB, or MAX for the maximum size available.
- `<Enclosure:Bay>` – The Enclosure:Bay value of the disk drive for the new RAID volume. Determine these values from the output of the DISPLAY command.
- `[VolumeName]` – A user-specified string to identify the volume.
- `[noprompt]` – This optional parameter prevents warnings and prompts from appearing while the command is running.

A.3.3 Program Return Value
- 0x00 SUCCESS: Command completed successfully.
- 0x01 FAILURE: Bad command-line arguments or operational failure.
- 0x02 ADAPTER_NOT_FOUND: Cannot find specified adapter.

A.3.3 DELETE
The DELETE command deletes all RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 10, and RAID 1E Integrated RAID volumes and hot spare drives from the specified LSI SAS-3 controller. The command does not change any other controller configuration parameters.

A.3.3.1 Command Line
```
sas3ircu <controller_#> delete [noprompt]
```

A.3.3.2 Parameters
- `<controller_#>` – The index of the controller with the volume or volumes that you want to delete.
- `[noprompt]` – This optional parameter prevents warnings and prompts from appearing while the command is running.

A.3.3.3 Program Return Value
- 0x00 SUCCESS: Command completed successfully.
- 0x01 FAILURE: Bad command-line arguments or operational failure.
- 0x02 ADAPTER_NOT_FOUND: Cannot find specified adapter.

A.3.4 DELETEVOLUME
The DELETEVOLUME command deletes a specific RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 10 or RAID 1E volume and the associated hot spare drives on the specified controller. The hot spare is deleted only if it is inappropriate for any of the remaining volumes. No other controller configuration parameters are changed. Use the STATUS command or the DISPLAY command to determine the volumeID of the volume you want to delete.

A.3.4.1 Command Line
```
sas3 ircu <controller_#> deletevolume <volumeID> [noprompt]
```
A.3.4.2 Parameters

- `<controller_#>` – The index of the controller with the volume or volumes that you want to delete.
- `<volumeID>` – The volumeID of the specific IR volume that you want to delete.
- `[noprompt]` – This optional parameter prevents warnings and prompts from appearing while the command is running.

A.3.4.3 Program Return Value

0x00  SUCCESS: Command completed successfully.
0x01  FAILURE: Bad command-line arguments or operational failure.
0x02  ADAPTER_NOT_FOUND: Cannot find specified adapter.

A.3.5 DISPLAY

The DISPLAY command displays information about LSI SAS-3 controller configurations, including controller type, firmware version, BIOS version, volume information, physical drive information, and enclosure. See the following sample output example.

The physical device information section displays the duplicate device of a dual-port SAS drive.

A.3.5.1 Command Line

```bash
sas3ircu <controller_> display [filename]
```

A.3.5.2 Parameters

- `<controller_#>` – The index of the controller for which you want to display information.
- `[filename]` – An optional valid filename to store the command output to a file.

A.3.5.3 Program Return Value

0x00  SUCCESS: Command completed successfully.
0x01  FAILURE: Bad command-line arguments or operational failure.
0x02  ADAPTER_NOT_FOUND: Cannot find specified adapter.

A.3.5.4 Sample Output

Following is a sample of the information that the DISPLAY command returns.

```
Read configuration has been initiated for controller 0

Controller information

Controller type : SAS3008
PI Supports     : Yes
PI Mixing       : Enabled
BIOS version    : 7.00.02.00
Firmware version: 00.250.19.0
Channel description : 1 Serial Attached SCSI
Initiator ID    : 112
Maximum physical devices: 62
Concurrent commands supported : 266
Slot            : 3
Segment         : 0
Bus             : 64
Device          : 1
```
Function : 0
RAID Support : Yes

IR Volume information

IR volume 1
Volume ID : 286
PI Supported : Yes
PI Enabled : Yes
Status of volume : Okay (OKY)
Volume wwid : 0677c0fb06777e7b
RAID level : RAID1
Size (in MB) : 139236
Boot : Primary
Physical hard disks :
PHY[0] Enclosure#/Slot# : 1:0
PHY[1] Enclosure#/Slot# : 1:1

Physical device information

Initiator at ID #0

Device is a Hard disk
Enclosure # : 1
Slot # : 0
SAS Address : 5000c50-0-1ab7-3406
State : Optimal (OPT)
Size (in MB)/(in sectors) : 140014/286749487
Manufacturer : SEAGATE
Model Number : ST9146852SS
Firmware Revision : 0005
Serial No : 6TB008T70009038TL1L
GUID : 5000c5001ab73407
Protocol : SAS
Drive Type : SAS_HDD

Device is a Hard disk
Enclosure # : 1
Slot # : 1
SAS Address : 5000c50-0-33ba-3d0e
State : Optimal (OPT)
Size (in MB)/(in sectors) : 286102/585937499
Manufacturer : SEAGATE
Model Number : ST9300603SS
Firmware Revision : 0006
Serial No : 6SE35RZL0000B134JFS2
GUID : 5000c50033ba3d0f
Protocol : SAS
Drive Type : SAS_HDD

Enclosure information

Enclosure# : 1
Logical ID : 51234567:89012345
IR Volume State values are as follows:

- **Okay (OKY)** – The volume is active and drives are functioning properly. User data is protected if the current RAID level provides data protection.
- **Degraded (DGD)** – The volume is active. User data is not fully protected because the configuration has changed or a drive has failed.
- **Failed (FLD)** – The volume has failed.
- **Missing (MIS)** – The volume is missing.
- **Initializing (INIT)** – The volume is initializing.
- **Online (ONL)** – The volume is online.

Physical device State values are as follows:

- **Online (ONL)** – The drive is operational and is part of a volume.
- **Hot Spare (HSP)** – The drive is a hot spare that is available to replace a failed drive in a volume.
- **Ready (RDY)** – The drive is ready for use as a normal disk drive, or it is ready to be assigned to a volume or a hot spare pool.
- **Available (AVL)** – The drive might not be ready, and it is not suitable for use in a volume or a hot spare pool.
- **Failed (FLD)** – The drive failed and is now offline.
- **Missing (MIS)** – The drive has been removed or is not responding.
- **Standby (SBY)** – The device is not a hard-disk device.
- **Out of Sync (OSY)** – The drive, which is part of an IR volume, is not in sync with other drives that are part of the volume.
- **Degraded (DGD)** – The drive is part of a volume and is in degraded state.
- **Rebuilding (RBLD)** – The drive is part of a volume and is currently rebuilding.
- **Optimal (OPT)** – The drive is optimal and is part of a volume.

Physical device Drive Type values are as follows:

- **SAS_HDD** – The drive is a SAS HDD.
- **SATA_HDD** – The drive is a SATA HDD.
- **SAS_SSD** – The drive is a SAS SSD.
- **SATA_SSD** – The drive is a SATA SSD.

Physical device Protocol values are as follows:

- **SAS** – The drive supports SAS protocol.
- **SATA** – The drive supports SATA protocol.

**A.3.6 HOTSPARE**

The HOTSPARE command adds a hot spare drive to spare pool 0 or deletes a hot spare drive. The capacity of the hot spare drive must be greater than or equal to the capacity of the smallest drive in the RAID volume. Determine if this is true by using the DISPLAY command on the drive.

Observe the following rules when creating hot spare disks:

- You cannot create a hot spare disk unless at least one RAID 1, RAID 10, or RAID 1E volume already exists.
- You cannot create a hot spare and add it to an inactive Integrated RAID volume.
For HDDs, you cannot add a SAS hot spare disk if the existing volumes on the controller use SATA disks. You cannot add a SATA hot spare disk if the existing volumes on the controller use SAS disks.

For SSDs, you can add a SAS hot spare SSD to a volume with SATA SSDs and you can add a SATA hot spare SSD to a volume with SAS SSDs, if the Integrated RAID firmware permits it.

The maximum permissible number of hot spare drives is two per controller.

You cannot add an SSD hot spare to a volume that has HDDs, and you cannot add an HDD hot spare to a volume that has SDDs.

**A.3.6.1 Command Line**

`sas3ircu <controller_> hotspare [delete] <Enclosure:Bay>`

**A.3.6.2 Parameters**

- `<controller_>` - The index of the controller on which you want to create the hot spare disk.
- `<Enclosure:Bay>` - The Enclosure:Bay value for the hot spare disk drive. Determine these values from the output of the DISPLAY command. DOS does not support addressing by Enclosure:Bay.
- `[delete]` - This optional command deletes the hot spare disk at Enclosure:Bay.

**A.3.6.3 Program Return Value**

0x00 SUCCESS: Command completed successfully.
0x01 FAILURE: Bad command-line arguments or operational failure.
0x02 ADAPTER_NOT_FOUND: Cannot find specified adapter.

**A.3.7 STATUS**

The STATUS command displays the current status of any existing Integrated RAID volumes and the status of any operation that is currently in progress on the selected controller. If no operation is in progress, SAS3IRCU prints a message indicating this condition before it exits.

**A.3.7.1 Command Line**

`sas3ircu <controller_> status`

**A.3.7.2 Parameters**

- `<controller_>` - The index of the controller with the volumes whose status you want to display.

**A.3.7.3 Program Return Value**

0x00 SUCCESS: Command completed successfully.
0x01 FAILURE: Command-line arguments or operational failure.
0x02 ADAPTER_NOT_FOUND: Cannot find specified adapter.

**A.3.7.4 Sample Output**

Following is an example of the information that the STATUS command returns. In this example, a background initialization is in progress on IR Volume 1, and no operation is in progress on IR Volume 2.

```
Background command progress status for controller 0...
IR Volume 1
  Volume ID: 322
  PI Supported: Yes
  PI Enabled: Yes
  Current operation: Background Init
  Volume status: Enabled
```
Volume state : Optimal
Volume wwid : 054f59a844a86682
Physical disk I/Os : Not quiesced
Volume size (in sectors) : 285155328
Number of remaining sectors : 283997632
Percentage complete : 0.41%
IR Volume 2
Volume ID : 323
Current operation : None
Volume status : Enabled
Volume state : Optimal
Volume wwid : 0e2ca3c68dc5dc20
Physical disk I/Os : Not quiesced
SAS3IRCU: Command STATUS Completed Successfully.
SAS3IRCU: Utility Completed Successfully.

The possible values for the fields in the status data are as follows:
- Current operation: Synchronize, Consistency Check, OCE, Background Init, or None
- Volume status: Enabled or Disabled
- Volume state: [Inactive] Optimal, Degraded, Missing, or Failed
- Physical disk I/Os: Quiesced or Not quiesced

### A.3.8 LIST

The LIST command displays a list of all controllers present in the system, along with each corresponding controller index. You need the controller index as an input parameter for other SAS3IRCU commands.

#### A.3.8.1 Command Line

`sas3ircu list`

#### A.3.8.2 Parameters

None.

#### A.3.8.3 Program Return Value

- 0x00 SUCCESS: Command completed successfully.
- 0x01 FAILURE: Command failed.
- 0x02 ADAPTER_NOT_FOUND: Cannot find specified adapter.

#### A.3.8.4 Sample Output

Following is an example of the output of the LIST command. The format and fields in the output vary depending on the types of installed controllers.

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<tr>
<th>Index</th>
<th>Adapter Vendor</th>
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<td>1000h</td>
<td>00h:01h:00h:00h</td>
<td>1000h</td>
<td>00dah</td>
</tr>
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<td>00h:05h:00h:00h</td>
<td>1000h</td>
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A.3.9 **CONSTCHK**

The CONSTCHK command requests the Integrated RAID firmware to start a consistency check operation on the specified volume.

**A.3.9.1 Command Line**

```bash
sas3ircu <controller_> constchk <volumeId> [noprompt]
```

**A.3.9.2 Parameters**

- `<controller_#>` – The index of the controller on which the consistency check operation runs.
- `<volumeId>` – The volume ID of an Integrated RAID volume, as listed in the DISPLAY command, on which the consistency check operation runs.
- `[noprompt]` – This optional parameter prevents warnings and prompts from appearing while the command is running.

**A.3.9.3 Program Return Value**

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A.3.10 **ACTIVATE**

The ACTIVATE command activates an inactive Integrated RAID volume.

**A.3.10.1 Command Line**

```bash
sas3ircu <controller_> activate <volumeId>
```

**A.3.10.2 Parameters**

- `<controller_#>` – The index of the controller with the volume that requires activation.
- `<volumeId>` – The volume ID of an Integrated RAID volume currently in the Inactive state.

**A.3.10.3 Program Return Value**

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A.3.11 **LOCATE**

The LOCATE command locates a specific drive in a volume by turning on its location indicator and flashing its LED. The command works only for drives installed in a disk enclosure. It does not work for drives attached directly to the controller.

**A.3.11.1 Command Line**

```bash
sas3ircu <controller_> locate <Enclosure:Bay> <action>
```
A.3.11.2 Parameters
- `<controller_#>` – The index of the controller with the drives that you need to locate.
- `<Enclosure:Bay>` – The enclosure and bay number of the drive.
- `<action>` – The possible actions are as follows:
  - ON – Turn on the location indicator of the drive.
  - OFF – Turn off the location indicator of the drive.

A.3.11.3 Program Return Value
- 0x00 SUCCESS: Command completed successfully.
- 0x01 FAILURE: Bad command-line arguments or operational failure.
- 0x02 ADAPTER_NOT_FOUND: Cannot find specified adapter.

A.3.12 LOGIR

The LOGIR command uploads or clears the Integrated RAID log information.

A.3.12.1 Command Line
```
sas3ircu <controller_> logir <action> [filename] [noprompt]
```

A.3.12.2 Parameters
- `<controller_#>` – The index of the controller with the logs that you need to upload or clear.
- `<action>` – The possible actions are as follows:
  - UPLOAD – Upload the controller logs to a file.
  - CLEAR – Clear the controller logs.
- `[filename]` – This optional parameter specifies the filename where the logs must be uploaded. The default filename is LOGIR.LOG.
- `noprompt` – This optional parameter prevents warnings and prompts from appearing while the command is running.

A.3.12.3 Program Return Value
- 0x00 SUCCESS: Command completed successfully.
- 0x01 FAILURE: Bad command-line arguments or operational failure.
- 0x02 ADAPTER_NOT_FOUND: Cannot find specified adapter.

A.3.13 BOOTIR

The BOOTIR command selects an existing RAID volume as the primary boot device.

If an IR volume is selected as the boot device, the DISPLAY command displays this information in the IR Volume information section, if the selected IR boot volume is available to the controller. If you attempt to set a failed RAID volume as the primary boot device, the command fails with a warning message. For example, if volume 322 is in the failed state and you attempt to set it as the primary boot device, SAS3IRCU displays the following error message: SAS3IRCU: Volume specified by 322 is in Failed state!
A.3.13.1 Command Line
```
sas3ircu <controller_> bootir <volumeID>
```

A.3.13.2 Parameters
- `<controller_#>` – The index of the controller with the RAID volume that you want to select as the primary boot device.
- `<volumeID>` – The volume ID of the RAID volume that you want to select as the primary boot device.

A.3.13.3 Program Return Value
- **0x00** SUCCESS: Command completed successfully.
- **0x01** FAILURE: Bad command-line arguments or operational failure.
- **0x02** ADAPTER_NOT_FOUND: Cannot find specified adapter.

A.3.13.4 Sample Output
Following is an example of the output of the BOOTIR command, showing a RAID volume as the primary boot device, after it was selected with the BOOTIR command. The format and fields in the output vary depending on the types of installed controllers.

```
------------------------------------------------------------------------
IR Volume information
------------------------------------------------------------------------
IR volume 1
Volume ID : 174
Status of volume : Degraded (DGD)
RAID level : RAID1
Size (in MB) : 69376
Boot : Primary
Physical hard disks :
PHY[0] Enclosure#/Slot# : 2:8
PHY[1] Enclosure#/Slot# : 2:11
```

A.3.14 BOOTENCL

The BOOTENCL command selects a specific enclosure/slot as the primary boot device. If an enclosure/slot is selected as the boot location, the DISPLAY command displays this information in the Enclosure information section.

A.3.14.1 Command Line
```
sas3ircu <controller_> bootencl <Enclosure:Bay>
```

A.3.14.2 Parameters
- `<controller_#>` – The index of the controller with the enclosure/slot that you want to select as the primary boot device.
- `<Enclosure:Bay>` – The enclosure:bay value of the disk drive that you want to select as the primary boot device.

A.3.14.3 Program Return Value
- **0x00** SUCCESS: Command completed successfully.
- **0x01** FAILURE: Bad command-line arguments or operational failure.
- **0x02** ADAPTER_NOT_FOUND: Cannot find specified adapter.
A.3.14.4 Sample Output

Following is an example of the output of the BOOTENCL command, showing an enclosure:bay value as the primary boot device, after it was selected with the BOOTENCL command. The format and fields in the output vary depending on the types of installed controllers.

------------------------------------------------------------------------
Enclosure information
------------------------------------------------------------------------
Enclosure# : 1
Logical ID : 50000000:80000000
Numslots : 8
StartSlot : 0
Enclosure# : 2
Logical ID : 70000000:6546343f
Numslots : 38
StartSlot : 0
Primary Boot Slot : 2
------------------------------------------------------------------------

A.3.15 HELP

The HELP command displays usage information for the command specified in the input parameter.

A.3.15.1 Command Line

sas3ircu help <commandname>

A.3.15.2 Parameters

- <commandname> – The name of a supported SAS3IRCU command.

A.3.15.3 Program Return Value

0x00 SUCCESS: Command completed successfully.
0x01 FAILURE: Bad command-line arguments or operational failure.