

### Xserve G5 PCI Hardware RAID Card User's Guide

Includes instructions for installing and configuring your card

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### About the Xserve G5 PCI Hardware RAID Card

# The Xserve G5 PCI Hardware RAID Card offers enhanced reliability and performance for data transfer and storage on your Xserve G5 server.

Key features of the PCI Hardware RAID Card and its management software include:

- Data transfer of up to 150 MB per second per channel
- Support for RAID levels 0, 1, and 5
- Ports for three internal SATA drives
- A built-in hardware engine for RAID parity
- 64 MB of error-correcting (ECC) RAID cache
- Battery backup for the RAID cache (battery cable must be connected on the card)
- Hardware support for hot swapping, automatic hot sparing, and drive rebuilding

To install your new RAID card in an Xserve G5, you must install it in a PCI slot, bypassing the main logic board SATA controllers to allow the RAID card to control the three builtin drive bays. When configuring the RAID card for the first time, you must reformat the drives to create at least one RAID volume and then reinstall Mac OS X Server software.

*Note:* By bypassing the SATA controllers, your PCI Hardware RAID Card will not support FireWire Target Disk Mode.

The PCI Hardware RAID Card requires Mac OS X Server version 10.3.5 or later. The card also requires that the Xserve G5 have BootROM version 5.1.7f0 or later. You can determine your system's BootROM version by opening System Profiler (in the Utilities folder) or by running the command-line utility system\_profiler.

*Warning:* When you install the PCI Hardware RAID Card, you must completely reformat your Xserve G5 internal drives and reinstall the Mac OS X Server software. Be sure to back up any data and system configuration information on your Xserve G5 before proceeding with the card installation.

The PCI Hardware RAID Card is designed to be installed in the Xserve G5 only. It cannot be used with other Xserve models or with Power Mac computers. It is also not supported by Xserve G5 Compute Node configurations that have a single drive bay.

For optimal configuration, Apple recommends using the RAID card with three Apple drive modules of the same size. With three drives, the RAID card supports RAID levels 0, 1, and 5. With two drives, the card supports RAID levels 0 and 1.

*Warning:* To avoid damaging its internal components or the components you want to install, always turn off and then unplug your Xserve G5. Wait 5 to 10 minutes for it to cool down. Do not attempt to install items inside it while it is plugged in.

### Installing Your Xserve G5 PCI Hardware RAID Card

## This chapter provides instructions for installing the RAID card in your Xserve G5.

#### **Before You Install**

*Important:* Before installing the card, be sure to back up all information on the Xserve G5.

If the server's BootROM needs to be updated, be sure to do so before installing the card. To obtain the latest version of the BootROM, use Software Update or go to www.apple.com/support/xserve.

When working on components within the server, always guard against static electricity. Touch a metal surface to ground yourself before handling the RAID card and working inside the server. When installing components, it's wise to wear a wrist grounding strap that prevents static electricity from discharging into server components. Be sure to connect the end of the strap to the system.

#### Installing the PCI Hardware RAID Card

Be sure to turn off the server before opening it and installing the RAID card.

#### To install the PCI Hardware RAID Card:

1 Shut down the server.

Be sure to alert users that the server will be unavailable for a period of time.

Disconnect all the cables from the back panel of the server.

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2 Move to the front of the server and open it to its full length. Remove the server from the rack (leaving the cover in place) and put the server on a sturdy flat surface.

See "Opening and Closing the Server" on page 72 of the *Xserve G5 User's Guide* for details.

**3** Loosen the thumbscrew on the PCI slot covers on the back panel and swivel open the small metal piece that holds the thumbscrew.



4 Locate the PCI slots at the back left side of the server.



You must install the PCI Hardware RAID Card in the bottom slot. If you have an existing card in that slot, move it to the upper slot to free up the lower slot for the RAID card.

- 5 To prepare to install the card, do one of the following:
  - *If you need to remove a card from the bottom slot,* grasp the card on the sides and carefully pull it toward the side of the server. Set the card on a cushioned surface, taking care not to touch the connectors.



- *If the bottom slot is empty,* remove the slot cover (which came loose when you loosened the cover's thumbscrew on the back panel).
- **6** Remove the RAID card from its packaging, holding it by its corners and taking care not to touch the gold connectors or any of the components on the card.
- 7 Orient the card so that components are facing up and place it on a clean surface.

**8** Locate the battery (at the lower-right side of the card) and carefully plug the battery cable into its connector (beside the battery) on the card.



Note: The battery cable's connector only fits one way into the connector on the card.

**9** Turn the card over and align the card's connector with the expansion slot in the riser and carefully press it into the slot until the connector is inserted all the way into the slot.

Attach the PCI Hardware RAID Card to the PCI riser by pushing it in sideways. Be sure to engage the card in the slot on the back panel.



If the card doesn't line up with the "fence" on the back panel, it is not installed correctly. Press the card gently but firmly until the connector is fully inserted.

• Don't rock the card from side to side; instead, press the card straight into the slot.

- Don't force the card. If you meet a lot of resistance, pull the card out. Check the connector and the slot for damage or obstruction, then try inserting the card again.
- Pull the card gently to see if it is properly seated. If it resists and stays in place, and if its gold connectors are barely visible, the card is connected.
- **10** Prepare to install the standoff support piece to connect the card's corner to the bottom of the chassis. Mark the position of the standoff on the server's black mylar insulation.

Attach the plastic standoff to the card as shown *without* removing the paper covering on the bottom of the standoff's base. The standoff passes through the hole in the corner of the card. You will remove the paper covering on the standoff's base later to reveal sticky tape.



With your fingernail or a small blunt instrument mark the position of the standoff on the black plastic sheet underneath it. The mark should only be temporary. You are indicating the position for the double-stick tape square that will go under the plastic sheet to secure it.

### 11 Remove the card from the PCI slot and tape the black mylar insulation sheet to the bottom of the server.

Lift up the corner of the plastic sheet and adhere the square piece of double-stick tape to the metal chassis floor directly below the spot you marked. Remove the paper covering on the top of the tape and lay down the plastic sheet again, adhering it to the tape square.



**12** Re-install the card in the bottom PCI slot with the standoff in place. Remove the paper covering from the standoff's bottom and press the standoff against the insulation sheet.

Remove the paper covering on the bottom of the standoff's base to reveal the sticky tape. Carefully reinstall the card in the bottom PCI slot and press down firmly on the standoff to secure the card assembly to the plastic sheet.



13 Close the PCI card cover and tighten its thumbscrew.



14 Remove the PCI fan by prying off its cover and lifting the fan and cover up above the server.

Removing the fan allows you to connect the cables to the RAID card and to determine which connectors need to go where.



You can use a flat-blade screwdriver to pry off the PCI fan and cover. Insert the screwdriver blade next to the tab on the side of the server and carefully pop the cover straight up. Do not yank the assembly away, because it is still attached to the server by a cable.

- **15** Disconnect the cables that attach the fan and cover to the main logic board and set the fan and cover aside.
- 16 Locate and remove the existing main logic board SATA cables.



You should save these cables in case you ever want to remove the RAID card from your Xserve and re-enable the main logic board SATA controllers.

- 17 Locate the SATA cables provided with the PCI Hardware RAID Card kit. Check the lengths of the three cables for the hardware RAID card and connect the straight end of each cable to the RAID card's ports in the following sequence:
  - Longest cable (blue banded) to port 0 (the port nearest the metal "fence" at the end)
  - Middle-length cable (red banded) to port 1 (second from fence)
  - Shortest cable (white banded) to port 2 (third from fence)

#### Important: Do not connect any cable to port 3. This port cannot be used.



- **18** Connect the right-angle end of each cable to the ports on the drive module controller board as follows:
  - Shortest cable to the connector marked Drive 3
  - Middle-length cable to the connector marked Drive 2
  - Longest cable to the connector marked Drive 1

*Warning:* Be sure to connect the cables exactly as described here or unreliable operation may result.

**19** Replace the PCI fan and cover by connecting the fan's cable, lining up the fan's post with the post on the logic board, and pressing the fan and cover into place.



The SATA cables should be tucked under the housing of the PCI fan and should not interfere with fan operation.

20 Close the server and reinsert it in the rack. Reconnect all cords and cables.

### Configuring the Xserve G5 PCI Hardware RAID Card

## Configuring your PCI Hardware RAID Card and RAID volume is a four-step process.

You must:

- Start up the Xserve G5 from the Mac OS X Server CD.
- Use the megaraid command-line tool to create a RAID volume. Megaraid is a RAID management tool that can create logical drives using one or more physical drives. You can also use it to monitor and manage logical or physical drives.
- Format the RAID volume.
- Install Mac OS X Server on the new RAID volume.

*Warning:* After you install the PCI Hardware RAID Card, you must completely reformat your Xserve G5 internal drives and reinstall the Mac OS X Server software. Be sure to back up any data and system configuration information on your Xserve G5 before proceeding with the card installation.

### Starting Up From the Mac OS X Server CD

- 1 Insert the Mac OS X Server Install CD 1 into the CD-ROM drive.
- 2 With the server power off, hold down the system identifier button as you press the power button.

Continue holding down the system identifier button until the top row of blue lights blinks sequentially.

3 Release the system identifier button.

The rightmost light in the bottom row turns on, signaling that you have selected option number 1," Boot from CD."

4 Press and hold down the system identifier button for at least 2 seconds until all lights in the top row are on, and then release the button.

The system begins starting up from the CD.

*Note:* If Open Firmware Security is turned on for your system, you cannot start up using the buttons in front panel mode. If this is the case, the two rows of lights on the front panel flash twice when you try to enter a boot command with the system identifier button. The system then resumes its normal startup sequence.

#### Configuring a RAID Volume

You can use the megaraid command-line tool to manage the hardware RAID card and configure a RAID volume. Megaraid is provided on the Mac OS X Server Install CD 1.

You must configure the RAID card to provide at least one volume before you can install Mac OS X Server on the system and start up from the RAID card. You can execute megaraid commands in one of two ways:

- If your server has a monitor and keyboard connected, choose Install > Open Terminal from the Installer menu bar. With Terminal open, you can run megaraid commands to configure the card.
- If your server doesn't have a monitor or keyboard (headless), you can go to another system and use ssh to access the server.

From another Mac OS X or Mac OS X Server system on the same network subnet, open Terminal and type "ssh root@xxx.xxx.xxx" (where xxx.xxx.xxx is the IP address of the server you want to access).

Or, choose Go > Connect To Server from the menu bar and select "ssh". Enter Root for the user name, and for the password, enter the first 8 digits of the serial number of the Xserve.

#### Finding the Server IP Address

If you don't know the IP address and the remote server is on the local subnet, you can use the sa\_srchr command to identify all computers on the local subnet:

/System/Library/serversetup/sa\_srchr 224.0.0.1

Admin Tools must be installed on your system to use the sa\_srchr command.

You can also use Server Assistant to see information about the computers on the local subnet. Open Server Assistant, select "Install software on a remote computer," and click Continue to access the Destination pane and generate the information.

#### Using Megaraid to Create a RAID Volume Creating a Single RAID Volume

Depending on the number of drives in your Xserve G5, you can create the following volume configurations:

Drives	Possible configurations
1 drive	JBOD, RAID 0
2 drives	JBOD, RAID 0, RAID 1
3 drives	JBOD, RAID 0, RAID 1 with hot spare, RAID 5

JBOD mode, the default configuration of the RAID card, presents each hard drive connected to the card as a standalone volume. JBOD mode is only available if you do not create a RAID volume. Once you create a RAID volume, JBOD mode is no longer available. To return the RAID card to its default configuration in JBOD mode, use the command megaraid -destroyconfig.

*Warning:* The megaraid -destroyconfig command destroys any existing RAID configuration and all data on the volume is lost.

 To automatically configure a single RAID volume with the optimum configuration and RAID level for the number of drive modules installed in your Xserve, type:

megaraid -create auto

When issued on a two-drive configuration, the command builds a RAID 1 (mirrored) volume. For a three-drive configuration, the command builds a RAID 5 volume.

#### **Creating Two RAID Volumes**

 To create two RAID volumes of equal size using the same automatic configuration rules mentioned above, type:

```
megaraid -auto -numld 2
```

#### **Creating Multiple RAID Volumes**

You can also create more advanced RAID configurations, including creating multiple logical drives, using the megaraid -create command with specific parameters.

• To create a RAID 5 volume 100 MB in size using all three drives, type:

```
megaraid -create R5 -drive 0 1 2 -size 100
```

If "-size" is omitted, the volume will be created using all available remaining capacity.

• To create a RAID 1 volume 50 MB in size using the first two drives, type:

```
megaraid -create r1 -drive 0 1 -size 50
```

 To create a RAID 0 striped volume across the first two drives, with stripe size of 64K, write cache enabled, read ahead enabled, and a cached io policy, type:

```
megaraid -create r0 -drive 0 1 -stripesize 64 -writecache enable -
readahead on -iopolicy cached
```

#### Formatting the RAID Volume

After building the RAID volume, you must format the volume with a file system.

- If you are configuring the server locally using a monitor and keyboard, choose Installer > Open Disk Utility. Select the RAID volume and click Erase. Choose Mac OS Extended (Journaled) from the Volume Format pop-up menu, and click Erase.
- *If you are configuring the server remotely*, use the diskutil command to format the volume.

#### Terminating the Session

- If you are configuring the server locally using a monitor and keyboard, quit Terminal. You may now proceed with installation of Mac OS X Server on the newly created RAID volume.
- If you are configuring the server remotely, terminate your ssh connection and open the Remote Install Assistant to remotely connect to your Xserve and begin Mac OS X Server remote installation.

#### Installing Mac OS X Server Software on the RAID Volume

 Install the Mac OS X Server software on your newly configured RAID volume using the Install CDs.

*Important:* In an Xserve G5 system with the optional PCI Hardware RAID Card installed, you must restart the system before you can install Mac OS X Server on volumes created with the hardware RAID card's megaraid command-line tool if your system does not allow installing or displays a red badge. Not restarting the system will result in all volumes displaying a red badge indicating that these volumes cannot accept Mac OS X Server.

### **Command Reference**

## This chapter describes the megaraid commands you can use to work with your PCI Hardware RAID Card.

The commands are listed directly below. The following section explains the function and parameters of each command.

- megaraid -alarm -on | -off | -silence
- megaraid -changepolicy ld [-writecache enable | disable][-readahead on | off | adaptive] [-iopolicy direct | cached]
- megaraid -changestate pd -online | -fail
- megaraid -chkcon ld -start | -stop | -status
- megaraid -create auto [-numld n]
- megaraid -create R0 | R1 | R5 -drive { 0 1 2 3} [-stripesize n] [-size x] [-writecache enable | disable] [-readahead on | off | adaptive][-iopolicy direct | cached]
- megaraid -destroyconfig [-yes]
- megaraid -flash flashFileName
- megaraid -initialize ld -start | -stop | -status
- megaraid -rebuild pd -start | -stop | -status
- megaraid -showadapter
- megaraid -showconfig [ld]
- megaraid -showdevices
- megaraid -spare pd -create | -delete

*Note:* You can use the man megaraid command to see the online reference of the megaraid commands. You can also use all megaraid commands with a [-log file] parameter and all the displayed information is logged with date and time in the file you specify.

#### Megaraid Commands Functions

megaraid -alarm -on | -off | -silence Turns the alarm on, off, or to silence. When the alarm is set to silence, it turns off for current failure, but will turn on again for next failure.

megaraid -changepolicy ld [-writecache enable | disable] [-readahead on | off | adaptive] [-iopolicy direct | cached] [-log file] Changes the policy of an existing logical drive. The parameter ld must be the logical drive ID. This option applies to all RAID levels; however, the policies apply only to individual logical drives.

```
megaraid -changestate pd -online | -fail
```

Changes the state of an existing physical drive to online or fail.

megaraid -chkcon ld -start | -stop | -status [-log file] Starts, stops, or checks the status (percentage of progress) of a consistency check for a particular

logical drive. The parameter ld is the logical drive ID.

megaraid -create auto [-numld n] [-log file]

Automatically destroys all current configured logical drives and creates a RAID level based on the physical drive or drives present. It can create from 1 to 40 logical drives depending on the number of logical drives (numld n) parameter. By default numld is 1.

Default values are as follows:

- stripe size 64K
- writecache disabled
- readcache off
- iopolicy direct

megaraid -create R0 | R1 | R5 -drive { 0 1 2 3} [-stripesize n] [size x] [-writecache enable | disable] [-readahead on | off | adaptive] [-iopolicy direct | cached] [-log file]

Creates a logical drive and adds it to the existing configuration. The RAID level and participating physical drives' parameters are required. All other parameters are optional. If size is not specified, then the remaining size of the array will automatically be used. If stripe size and cache policy parameters are not specified then the default values are used. The stripe size parameter is in kilobytes and valid stripe sizes are 16, 32, 64, and 128 kilobytes. The size parameter is in megabytes. You cannot create a logical drive smaller than100 MB. After you create a logical drive, you can change the cache policy using the changepolicy command.

megaraid -destroyconfig [-yes] [-log file]

Clears the configuration. If you don't specify the yes parameter, the system prompts for confirmation before clearing the configuration.

```
megaraid -flash flashFileName [-log file]
```

Flashes new firmware from the "flash file" to the adapter. The new firmware becomes operational only after the system is restarted.

```
megaraid -initialize ld -start | -stop | -status [-log file]
```

Initializes, starts, stops, or displays the status (percentage of progress) of a particular logical drive. The parameter ld is the logical drive ID.

```
megaraid -rebuild pd -start | -stop | -status [-log file]
```

Rebuilds, starts, stops, or displays the status of a particular physical drive. The parameter pd is the physical drive ID.

megaraid -showadapter [-log file]

Displays information about the adapter including product identification, battery status, number of logical drives created, cache size, and more.

megaraid -showconfig [1d] [-log file]

Displays the RAID configuration of the system, including logical drive ID, RAID level, size, status, and participating physical drives. The logical drive status can be "failed," "degraded," or "optimal." You cannot access a failed logical drive nor recover data from it. You can access all data on a degraded logical drive (without a failure) even if all attached physical drives are not in good condition. A degraded logical drive state does not apply to RAID 0 because RAID 0 is not a redundant array. A logical drive reported in the optimal state is in perfect condition.

megaraid -showdevices [-log file]

Displays all drives connected to the PCI Hardware RAID Card. The command displays drive ID, identification, size, status, and any SMART alerts. The status of a drive is reported as "online," "failed," "ready," "hotspare," and "not responding."

megaraid -spare pd -create | -delete [-log file]

Creates or deletes a global hotspare. You can create hot spares from a ready pool of devices. After deletion, a hot spare drive becomes a ready drive. The parameter pd is the physical drive ID.

### Xserve G5 PCI Hardware RAID Card Specifications

- PCI 2.2 compliant 64-bit, 33 or 66 MHz PCI
- Four (three available for use) internal 150 MB/s Serial ATA connectors
- Intelligent RAID processor with hardware XOR generation and checking
- 64 MB ECC SDRAM RAID controller cache
- RAID levels 0, 1, and 5
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