

SupremeRAID™

User Guide for Windows

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INTRODUCTION

SupremeRAID™ is the most powerful, high-speed data protection solution specially designed for NVMe SSDs. SupremeRAID™ installs a virtual NVMe controller onto the operating system and integrates a high-performance, AI processor equipped PCIe RAID card into the system to manage the RAID operations of the virtual NVMe controller.

This document explains how to install the SupremeRAID™ software package for Windows and how to manage the RAID components using the command-line interface.

Software Module Overview

There are two major components of the SupremeRAID™ Software Module:

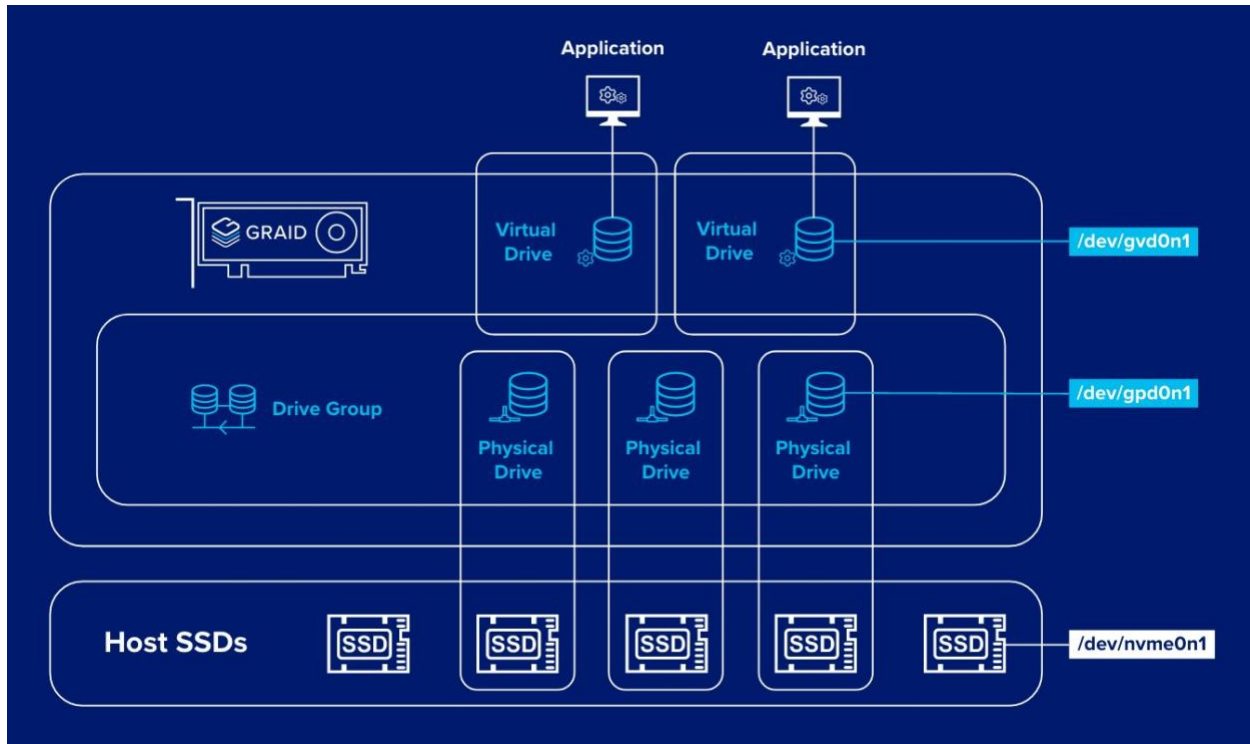
- **graidctl** — The command-line management tool.
- **graid_server** — The management daemon that handles requests from **graidctl** to control the driver.

SUPREMER RAID™ SPECIFICATIONS

SupremeRAID™ Driver Specifications	
Supported Models	SR-1000, SR-1010, SR-1001
Supported RAID levels	RAID 0, 1, 5, 6, 10,
Recommended minimum drive number for each RAID level	RAID 0: at least one drives RAID 1: at least two drives RAID 5: at least three drives RAID 6: at least four drives RAID 10: at least two drives
Maximum number of physical drives	32
Maximum number of drive groups	4
Maximum number of virtual drives per drive group	8
Maximum size of the drive group	Defined by the physical drive sizes

RAID Components

There are three major RAID logical components in SupremeRAID™, the Physical Drive (PD), the Drive Group (DG), and the Virtual Drive (VD).



Physical Drive (PD)

Since NVMe drives are not directly attached to the SupremeRAID™ controller, you must tell the controller which SSDs can be managed. Once an SSD has been created as a physical drive, the SupremeRAID™ driver unbonds the SSD from the operating system, meaning the device node (`.\PHYSICALDRIVEx`) will disappear and is no longer accessible. At the same time, a corresponding device node is created by the SupremeRAID™ driver. You can check the SSD information, such as the SSD model or SMART logs, using this device node. To control and access the SSD using `nvmeXn1`, you must first delete the corresponding physical drive.

SupremeRAID™ supports up to 32 NVMe SSD physical drives.

Drive Group (DG)

The main component of RAID logic is a RAID group. When the drive group is created, the SupremeRAID™ driver initializes the physical drives with the corresponding RAID mode to ensure that the data and the parity are synchronized. There are two types of initialization processes.

- **Fast Initialization:** When all the physical drives in the drive group (DG) support the deallocate dataset management command, the SupremeRAID™ driver performs fast initialization by default, meaning the drive group state is optimized immediately.
- **Background Initialization:** Performance will be slightly affected by the initialization traffic, but you can still create the virtual drive and access the virtual drive during a background initialization.

Currently, SupremeRAID™ supports 4 drive groups, with a maximum of 32 physical drives in one drive group.

Virtual Drive (VD)

The virtual drive is equivalent to the RAID volume. You can create multiple virtual drives in the same drive group for multiple applications. The corresponding device node (`.\PHYSICALDRIVEx`) appears on the operating system when you create a virtual drive, and you can make the file system or running application directly on this device node. Currently, the SupremeRAID™ driver supports 8 virtual drives in each drive group.

Features Overview

The SupremeRAID™ presents a range of features that facilitate convenient data storage methods and incorporate diverse protection mechanisms to ensure data integrity. The following will outline key features that contribute to achieving our objectives and fostering a foundational understanding of our services.

Ensuring Data Integrity with Consistency Checks

The SupremeRAID™ is designed to provide high reliability and data integrity levels. A key feature that enables this is the consistency check function.

The consistency check function allows administrators to ensure that the data stored on the SupremeRAID™ system is intact and uncorrupted. These checks can be performed on a regular schedule or manually initiated as needed. When a consistency check is completed, the system compares the data on each disk to identify any discrepancies or errors.

Depending on the settings chosen by the administrator, the consistency check function can either automatically fix any errors that are found or stop the check and alert the administrator to any detected errors. This feature provides administrators with flexibility and control over how the system responds to errors.

For detailed information about graid commands for the consistency check, see

[Using Consistency Checks to Ensure Data Integrity.](#)

Note: The consistency check function is not supported on SupremeRAID™ systems configured in RAID0 mode because RAID0 does not provide data redundancy and does not require data consistency checks.

INSTALLATION

This section describes installing the SupremeRAID™ software package for Windows.

Prerequisites

Before installing the software package, ensure that the system meets the following requirements:

- Minimum system requirements:
 - CPU: 2 GHz or faster with at least 8 cores
 - RAM: 16 GB
 - Supported operating system: see [Drivers & Documentation](#) section on our website.
 - An available PCIe Gen3 or Gen4 x16 slot
- The SupremeRAID™ card must be installed into a PCIe x16 slot.
- Make sure a SupremeRAID™-compatible SSD drive is being used. For a list of compatible drives, see the [Drivers & Documentation](#) section on our website.

BIOS Setting

- Recommended to enable the P-state option or switch it to 'Native Mode' to prevent any performance issues.
- Optional to disable the IOMMU(AMD)/VT-d(intel) function in the system BIOS (Usually in BIOS Advanced page).

Note: The IOMMU(AMD) or VT-d(intel) function must be enabled if you want to use virtualization service like ESXi. Please refer to the [ESXi Virtual Machine Support use GPU Passthrough](#) section for more information.

Operation System Setting

- Recommend disabling Windows 11 "Sleep Mode", which is enabled by default. However, running the system in this mode might lead to unforeseen errors. To prevent this, it's recommended to manually disable the "Sleep Mode" feature.
- Recommend disabling the "Fast Startup" option, as it can cause similar issues related to "Sleep Mode." Ensure that all Intel chipsets are installed to prevent any undefined devices from appearing in the system.

Installing the Hardware

ESD Warning

Electronic components and circuits are sensitive to Electrostatic Discharge (ESD). When handling any circuit board assemblies including Connect Tech carrier assemblies, it is recommended that ESD safety precautions be observed. ESD safe best practices include, but are not limited to:

- Leaving circuit boards in their antistatic packaging until they are ready to be installed.
- Using a grounded wrist strap when handling circuit boards, at a minimum you should touch a grounded metal object to dissipate any static charge that may be present on you.
- Only handling circuit boards in ESD safe areas, which may include ESD floor and table mats, wrist strap stations and ESD safe lab coats.
- Avoiding handling circuit boards in carpeted areas.
- Try to handle the board by the edges, avoiding contact with components.

Installation Procedure

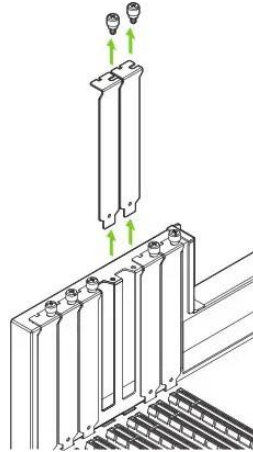
This section helps you to install SupremeRAID™ into your system.

Step 1 Power down your system.

Step 2 Unplug the power cord from the AC power source.

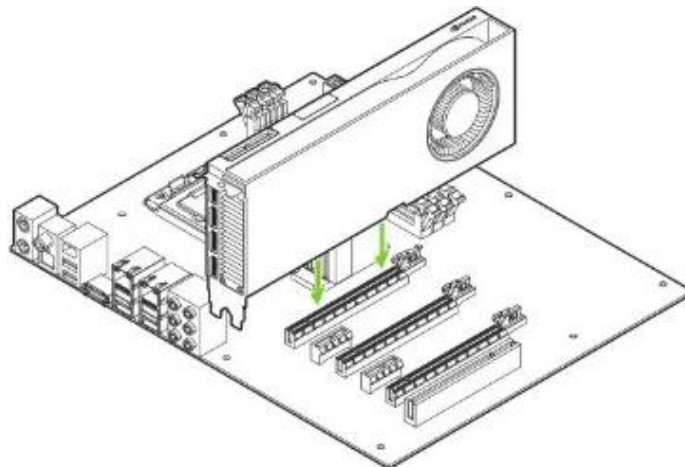
Step 3 Remove the side panel from your system to gain access to the motherboard.

Step 4 If your system has a PCIe card, remove it. If a retention bar is holding the card in place, remove the screw securing the card. If there is no existing PCIe card, remove the access covers from the primary x16 PCI express slot.



Note: The SupremeRAID™ SR-1010 is dual-slot card and requires you to remove two adjacent slot covers. The SupremeRAID™ SR-1000 and SupremeRAID™ SR-1001 are single slot cards and require only a single slot.

Step 5 Install the card into the primary x16 PCI Express slot. Press gently on the card until it is seated securely in the slot and reattach the SupremeRAID™ card bracket retention mechanism.



Note: Install the SupremeRAID™ card into the primary x16 PCI Express slot. The SupremeRAID™ SR-1010 is dual-slot card and covers the adjacent slot. The SupremeRAID™ SR-1000 and SupremeRAID™ SR-1001 are single-slot cards. For more information, see [NVIDIA RTX Ampere Architecture-Based Graphics Card User Guide](#).

Step 6 Secure the card to the system frame using the screw(s) you removed in step 4.

Step 7 Install the side panel you removed in step 3.

Installing the Software Driver

Note: You must install the NVIDIA driver before installing the SupremeRAID™ driver for Windows.

To install the SupremeRAID™ driver on Windows systems:

Step 1 Download the latest version of the NVIDIA driver and the SupremeRAID™ driver on our website, see [Drivers & Documentation](#).

Dependency	
NNVIDIA Driver for Windows 2019	512.15
Driver Package	
SR-1001 / SR-1000 / SR1010	Drivers & Documentation

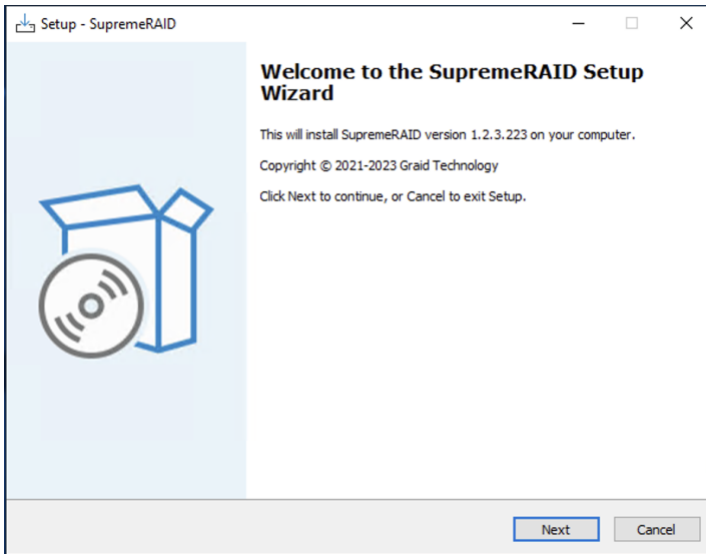
Note: Please ensure to download and run the installer corresponding to your respective SupremeRAID™:

- SR-1001: graid-sr-1.2.3-xx.xxxxxxx.001.x64-WHQL.exe
- SR-1000: graid-sr-1.2.3-xx.xxxxxxx.000.x64-WHQL.exe
- SR-1010: graid-sr-1.2.3-xx.xxxxxxx.010.x64-WHQL.exe

Step 2 Install the NVIDIA driver and follow the instructions.



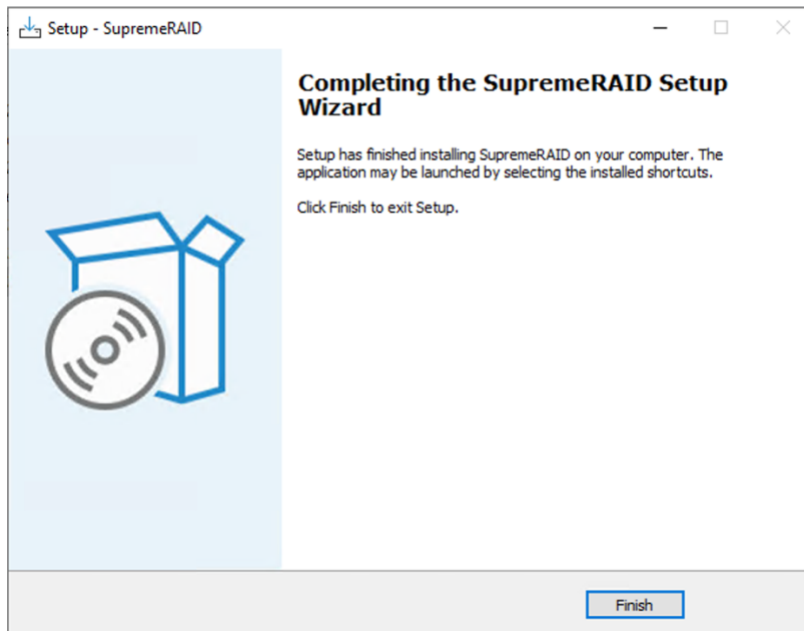
Step 3 Install the SupremeRAID™ driver and follow the instructions.



Step 4 In the end-user license agreement page, you can scroll down the license content. After you review the license, accept the agreement, and click Next to proceed.



Step 5 Install the SupremeRAID™ driver page.

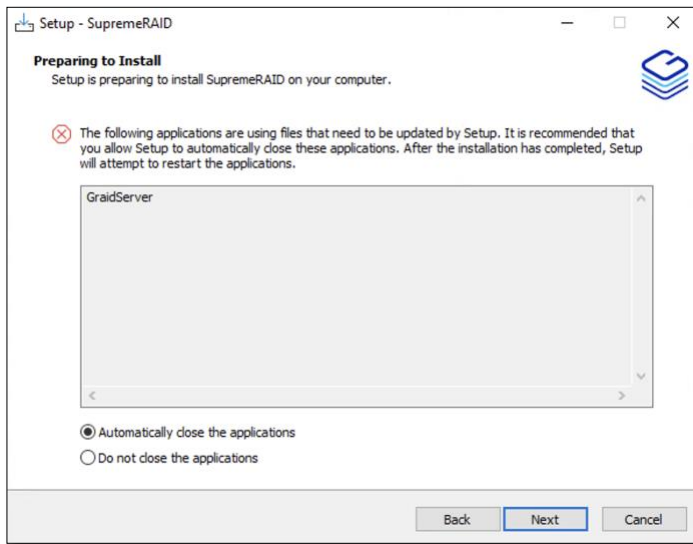


Upgrading the Software

To upgrade the software:

Step 1 Download the newest SupremeRAID™ driver and execute the installer.

Step 2 When the warning message appears, follow the instructions to uninstall the previous driver.



COMMANDS AND SHORTCUTS

Syntax

Use the following syntax to run `graidctl` commands from the terminal window:

```
> graidctl [command] [OBJECT_TYPE] [OBJECT_ID] [flags]
```

where **command**, **OBJECT_TYPE**, **OBJECT_ID**, and **flags** are:

- **command**: Specifies the operation to perform on one or more resources, for example create, list, describe, and delete. **OBJECT_TYPE**: Specifies the object type. Object types are case-sensitive, for example `license`, `physical_drive`, and `drive_group`.
- **OBJECT_ID**: Specifies the object ID. Some commands support simultaneous operations on multiple objects. You can specify the **OBJECT_ID** individually, or you can use a dash to describe an **OBJECT_ID** range.

For example, to delete physical drives 1, 3, 4, and 5 simultaneously:

```
> graidctl delete physical_drive 1 3-5
```

- **flags**: Specifies optional flags.

For example `--force` is forcing SupremeRAID to delete a physical drive

```
> graidctl delete physical_drive 0 --force
```

`--json` (Supported in coming version)

Print output in json format. This option might assist with API implementation.

```
> graidctl list virtual_drive --format json
```

To get help, run `graidctl help` from the terminal window.

Command and Subcommand Quick Reference

General

Category	Commands	Alias	Sub-Commands	alias
Common	version			
License	apply		license	lic
	describe	desc	license	lic

Resources

Category	Commands	Alias	Sub-Commands	alias
NVMe Drive	list	l, ls	nvme_drive	nd
Physical Drive	create	c, cre, crt	physical_drive	pd
	icreate	ic, icre, icrt	physical_drive	pd
	delete	d, del	physical_drive	pd
	describe	desc	physical_drive	pd
	edit	e	physical_drive	pd
	list	l, ls	physical_drive	pd
	replace	en	physical_drive	pd
Drive Group	create	c, cre, crt	drive_group	dg
	icreate	ic, icre, icrt	drive_group	dg
	delete	d, del	drive_group	dg
	describe	desc	drive_group	dg

Category	Commands	Alias	Sub-Commands	alias
	edit	e	drive_group	dg
	list	l, ls	drive_group	dg
Virtual Drive	create	c, cre, crt	virtual_drive	vd
	icreate	ic, icre, icrt	virtual_drive	vd
	delete	d, del	virtual_drive	vd
	describe	desc	virtual_drive	vd
	edit	e	virtual_drive	vd
	list	l, ls	virtual_drive	vd
Config	describe	desc	config	conf
	edit	e	config	conf
	delete	d, del	config	conf
	restore	Re	Config	conf
Event	delete	d, del	event	ev
	list	l, ls	event	ev

Features

Category	Commands	Alias	Sub-Commands	alias
Consistency Check	describe	desc	consistency_check	cc
	set		consistency_check	cc
	start		consistency_check	cc
	stop		consistency_check	cc

Managing Licenses

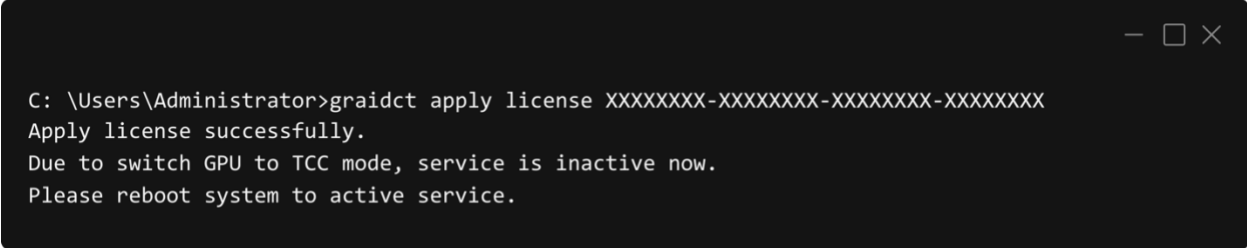
You can apply the license and check license information. To complete the installation, apply the license.

Applying the License

To apply the license and complete the installation, run:

```
> graidctl apply license <LICENSE_KEY>
```

Output example applying invalid license and valid license:



```
C:\Users\Administrator>graidctl apply license XXXXXXXX-XXXXXXX-XXXXXXX-XXXXXXX
Apply license successfully.
Due to switch GPU to TCC mode, service is inactive now.
Please reboot system to active service.
```

Note: When applying the license, you might need to provide the serial number of the NVIDIA GPU to Graid Technology Technical Support. To obtain the NVIDIA GPU serial number, run the following command: > `nvidia-smi -q | findstr -i serial`

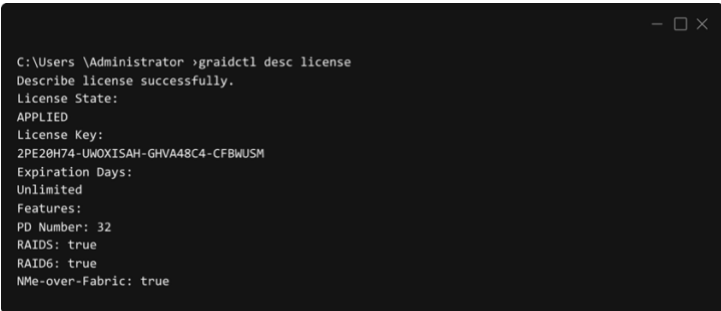
After applying license, would set NVIDIA driver to TCC mode automatically. You need to reboot the system to enable graid driver.

Checking License Information

To obtain the license information, run:

```
> graidctl describe license
```

Output example:



```
C:\Users\Administrator >graidctl desc license
Describe license successfully.
License State:
APPLIED
License Key:
2PE20H74-UOXISAH-GHVA48C4-CFBMUSM
Expiration Days:
Unlimited
Features:
PD Number: 32
RAIDS: true
RAID6: true
NMe-over-Fabric: true
```

Output content:

Field	Description
License State	The current state of your license.
License Key	The applied license key.
Feature	The feature set of the license key.
ExpDays	The expiration date of the license key.

The license state:

State	Description
UNAPPLIED	The license was not applied.
APPLIED	A valid license was applied.
INVALID	A valid license was applied, but a valid RAID card cannot be detected.

Checking the SupremeRAID™ Driver Version

You can prompt the version command to check graidservice information.

Checking the Driver Version

To obtain the graidservice version information, issue:

```
> graidctl version
```

Output example:

```
C:\Users\Administrator>graidctl version
Graidctl version successfully.
graidctl version:      1.2.3-106.gc7fa45ed.010
graid_server version:  1.2.3-106.gc7fa45ed.010
graid kernel driver version: 1.2.3-106
```


Resources

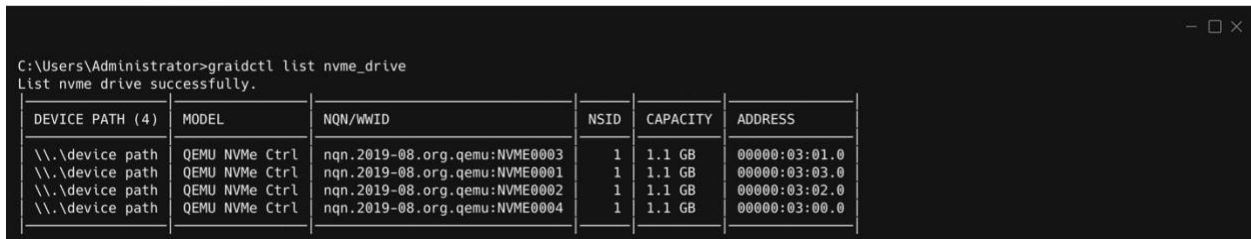
Viewing Host Drive Information

Listing the NVMe Drives

To list all the directly attached NVMe drives, that can be used to create physical drives, run:

```
> graidctl list nvme_drive
```

Output example:



Output content:

Field	Description
License State	The license state.
License Key	The applied license key.
Feature	The feature set of the license key.
ExpDays	The expiration date of the license key.

Managing Physical Drives

Creating a Physical Drive

To create a physical drive, run:

```
> graidctl icreate physical_drive [flag]
```

Or

```
> graidctl c pd < NQN|WWID> [flag]
```

Tip: The "icreate" command enables you select the specific drive to use to create the physical drive. Only NVMe drives can be used to create physical drives.

Output example for simultaneously creating multiple physical drives with the device path and NQN:

```
C:\Users\Administrator>graidctl icreate physical_drive
? Choose one or more NVMe devices: [Use arrow to move, space to select, <right> to all, <left> to none, type to filter]
> [x] Device Path:\\.\scsi\disk&ven_nvme&prod_qemu_nvme_ctrl#7828cfbaa2&0&000000#(53f56307-b6bf-11d0-94f2-00a0c91efb8b), NQN/WWID:nqn.2019-08.org.qemu:NVME0001, Model:QEMU NVMe Ctrl, Capacity:1.1 GB
> [x] Device Path:\\.\scsi\disk&ven_nvme&prod_qemu_nvme_ctrl#7837ce0091&0&000000#(53f56307-b6bf-11d0-94f2-00a0c91efb8b), NQN/WWID:nqn.2019-08.org.qemu:NVME0002, Model:QEMU NVMe Ctrl, Capacity:1.1 GB
> [x] Device Path:\\.\scsi\disk&ven_nvme&prod_qemu_nvme_ctrl#7810b6ac7&0&000000#(53f56307-b6bf-11d0-94f2-00a0c91efb8b), NQN/WWID:nqn.2019-08.org.qemu:NVME0003, Model:QEMU NVMe Ctrl, Capacity:1.1 GB
> [x] Device Path:\\.\scsi\disk&ven_nvme&prod_qemu_nvme_ctrl#784766c1&0&000000#(53f56307-b6bf-11d0-94f2-00a0c91efb8b), NQN/WWID:nqn.2019-08.org.qemu:NVME0004, Model:QEMU NVMe Ctrl, Capacity:1.1 GB
-

C:\Users\Administrator>graidctl icreate physical_drive
? Choose one or more NVMe devices: Device Path:\\.\scsi\disk&ven_nvme&prod_qemu_nvme_ctrl#7828cfbaa2&0&000000#(53f56307-b6bf-11d0-94f2-00a0c91efb8b), NQN/WWID:nqn.2019-08.org.qemu:NVME0001, Model:QEMU NVMe Ctrl, Capacity:1.1 GB, Device Path:\\.\scsi\disk&ven_nvme&prod_qemu_nvme_ctrl#7837ce0091&0&000000#(53f56307-b6bf-11d0-94f2-00a0c91efb8b), NQN/WWID:nqn.2019-08.org.qemu:NVME0002, Model:QEMU NVMe Ctrl, Capacity:1.1 GB, Device Path:\\.\scsi\disk&ven_nvme&prod_qemu_nvme_ctrl#7810b6ac7&0&000000#(53f56307-b6bf-11d0-94f2-00a0c91efb8b), NQN/WWID:nqn.2019-08.org.qemu:NVME0003, Model:QEMU NVMe Ctrl, Capacity:1.1 GB, Device Path:\\.\scsi\disk&ven_nvme&prod_qemu_nvme_ctrl#784766c1&0&000000#(53f56307-b6bf-11d0-94f2-00a0c91efb8b), NQN/WWID:nqn.2019-08.org.qemu:NVME0004, Model:QEMU NVMe Ctrl, Capacity:1.1 GB
? Create new physical drive now? Yes
Icreate physical drive PD0 (nqn.2019-08.org.qemu:NVME0001) successfully.
Icreate physical drive PD1 (nqn.2019-08.org.qemu:NVME0002) successfully.
Icreate physical drive PD2 (nqn.2019-08.org.qemu:NVME0003) successfully.
Icreate physical drive PD3 (nqn.2019-08.org.qemu:NVME0004) successfully.

C:\Users\Administrator>
```

Note: Ensure that the system or other applications are not on the physical drive before creating or replacing it.

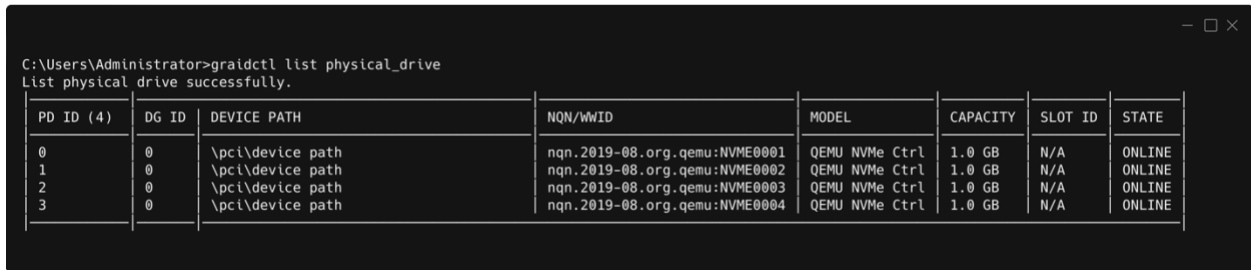
Flag	Description
-h, --help	Help for the list physical_drive command
-f, --dblfwd	Door Bell Forwarding

Listing the Physical Drives

To list all the physical drives, run:

```
> graidctl list physical_drive
```

Output example:



Output content:

Field	Description
SLOT ID	This field displays the slot ID of the corresponding NVMe drive. Note that the PD ID is not related to the SLOT ID, and that you must set the physical drives using the PD ID.
DG ID	This field displays the drive group ID of the physical drive.
PD ID	This field displays the PD ID. The PD ID is a unique ID provided by the SupremeRAID™ driver when the physical drive is created. It is not related to any SSD information such as slot ID or NQN. The ID is used for any subsequent operations.
NQN/WWID	This field displays the NQN or WWID of corresponding NVMe drive.
MODEL	This field displays the model number of the corresponding NVMe drive.
CAPACITY	This field displays the capacity of corresponding NVMe drive.
STATE	This field displays the physical drive state.

Physical drive state:

State	Description
ONLINE	The physical drive was added to a drive group and is ready to work.
HOTSPARE	The physical drive is configured as hot spare drive.
FAILED	The physical drive is detected but it is not functioning normally.
OFFLINE	The physical drive is marked as offline.
REBUILD	The physical drive is being rebuilt.
MISSING	The physical drive cannot be detected.
UNCONFIGURED_GOOD	The physical drive did not join a drive group.
UNCONFIGURED_BAD	The physical drive did not join any drive group and is not functioning normally.

Deleting the Physical Drives

To delete physical drives, run:

```
> graidctl delete physical_drive <PD_ID>
```

Output example for deleting multiple physical drives simultaneously:

```
C:\Users\Administrator>graidctl delete pd 0
Delete physical drive failed: Failed to delete some PDs.
Delete physical drive PD0 failed: PD0 is still used by DG0

C:\Users\Administrator>graidctl delete pd 0-1 3
Delete physical drive successfully.
Delete physical drive PD0 successfully.
Delete physical drive PD1 successfully.
Delete physical drive PD3 successfully.
```

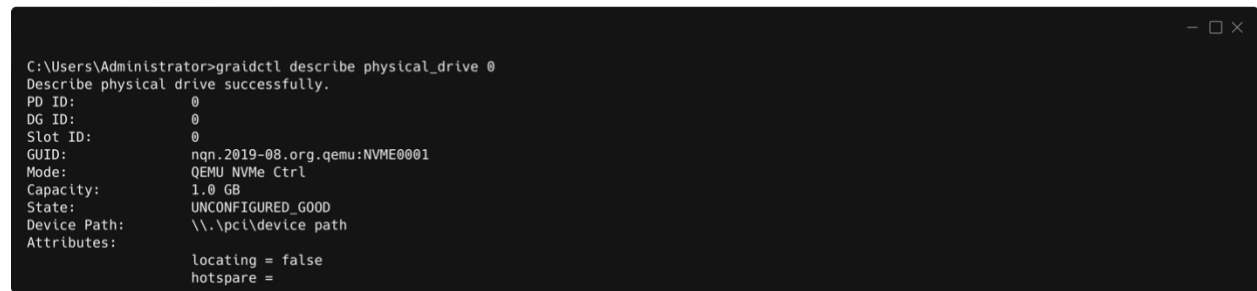
The output shows that a physical drive cannot be deleted when it is part of a drive group.

Describing a Physical Drive

To check the detailed information for a physical drive, run:

```
> graidctl describe physical_drive <PD_ID>
```

Output example:



```
C:\Users\Administrator>graidctl describe physical_drive 0
Describe physical drive successfully.
PD ID:          0
DG ID:          0
Slot ID:        0
GUID:           nqn.2019-08.org.qemu:NVME0001
Mode:           QEMU NVMe Ctrl
Capacity:       1.0 GB
State:          UNCONFIGURED_GOOD
Device Path:    \\.\pci\device path
Attributes:
    locating = false
    hotspare =
```

Locating a Physical Drive

To locate a physical drive, run:

```
> graidctl edit physical_drive <PD_ID> locating start
```

To stop locating a physical drive, run:

```
> graidctl edit physical_drive <PD_ID> locating stop
```

Marking a Physical Drive Online or Offline

To mark a physical drive as online or offline, run:

```
> graidctl edit physical_drive <PD_ID> marker <offline|online>
```

Note: Marking a physical drive as offline, even briefly, will puts the physical drive in the REBUILD state.

Assigning a Hot Spare Drive

To assign a physical drive as global hot spare, run:

```
> graidctl edit physical_drive <PD_ID> hotspare global
```

To assign a physical drive as the hot spare for a specific drive group, run:

```
> graidctl edit physical_drive <PD_ID> hotspare <DG_ID>
```

To assign a physical drive as a hot spare for multiple drive groups, use a comma (,) to separate the drive group IDs.

Replacing a Nearly Worn-out or Broken SSD

Step 1 Mark the physical drive as bad using the following command. (You can skip this step if the physical drive is in the MISSING or other abnormal state.)

```
> graidctl edit pd <OLD_PD_ID> marker bad
```

Step 2 Replace the NVMe SSD. The state of the prior physical drive will indicate FAILED.

Step 3 Check the NQN of the new SSD.

```
> graidctl list nvme_drive
```

Step 4 Create a new physical drive on the new SSD.

```
> graidctl create physical_drive <NEW_SSD_NQN>
```

Step 5 Replace the physical drive.

```
> graidctl replace physical_drive <OLD_PD_ID> <NEW_PD_ID>
```

Step 6 Delete the old physical drive.

```
> graidctl delete physical_drive <OLD_PD_ID>
```

Managing Drive Groups

Creating a Drive Group

To create a drive group, run:

```
> graidctl create drive_group <RAID_MODE> (PD_IDs) [--background-init]
```

Output example showing three drive groups were created:

```
PS C:\> graidctl create drive_group raid1 0-1
Create drive group DG0 successfully.
PS C:\> graidctl create drive_group raid5 2-4
Create drive group DG1 successfully.
PS C:\> graidctl create drive_group raid6 5-9
Create drive group DG2 successfully.
```

Required parameters:

Option	Description
RAID_MODE	This field specifies the RAID mode of the drive group. Entries must be all uppercase or all lowercase. (For example, RAID6 or raid6 are both correct)
PD_IDs	This field specifies the ID of the physical drive joining the drive group.

Optional parameters:

Option	Description
backgroundinit	Default option. Use standard methods to initialize the drive group. When all the physical drives in the drive group support the deallocate dataset management command, it is used to synchronize the data, or parity, between the physical drives during the creation of the drive group.

Note: Wait for the drive group initialization to complete. DO NOT power-off or reboot the system when the drive_group state is INIT/RESYNC/RECOVERY.

Use the command below to check drive_group state:

```
> graidctl list drive_group
```

Listing Drive Groups

To list all drive groups, run:

```
> graidctl list drive_group
```

Output example:

```
PS C:\> graidctl list drive_group
List drive group successfully.
```

DG ID	MODE	VD NUM	CAPACITY	FREE	USED	STATE
0	RAID1	0	3.2 TB	3.2 TB	0 B	OPTIMAL
1	RAID5	0	6.4 TB	6.4 TB	0 B	OPTIMAL
2	RAID6	0	9.6 TB	9.6 TB	0 B	OPTIMAL

Output content:

Field	Description
DG ID	This field displays the drive group ID.
MODE	This field displays the drive group RAID mode.
VD NUM	This field displays the number of virtual drives in the drive group.
CAPACITY	This field displays the total usable capacity of the drive group.
FREE	This field displays the unused space of the drive group.
USED	This field displays the used space of the drive group.
STATE	This field displays the drive group state.

Drive Group STATE:

STATE	Description
OFFLINE	The drive group does not function normally. This condition is usually caused when the number of damaged physical drives exceeds the limit.
OPTIMAL	The drive group is in optimal state.
DEGRADED	The drive group is available and ready, but the number of missing or failed physical drives has reached the limit.
PARTIALLY_DEGRADED	The drive group is available and ready for use, but some physical drives are missing or failed.
RECOVERY	The drive group is recovering.
FAILED	The drive group does not function normally.
INIT	The drive group is initializing.
RESYNC	The drive group is re-synchronizing. This condition usually occurs when the system encounters an abnormal crash. Do not replace the physical drive in this state until the resynchronization process is complete.
RESCUE	The drive group is in rescue mode.

Deleting Drive Groups

To delete drive groups, run:

```
> graidctl delete drive_group <DG_ID>
```

```
C:\Users\Administrator>graidctl delete drive_group 2
Delete drive group failed: Failed to delete some DGs.
Delete drive group DG2 failed: DG0 still has 1VD(s)

C:\Users\Administrator>graidctl delete dg 0-1 3
Delete drive group successfully.
Delete drive group DG0 successfully.
Delete drive group DG1 successfully.
Delete drive group DG3 successfully.
```

You cannot delete a drive group that contains a virtual drive.


In this example, drive group 1 was not deleted because it contains a virtual drive. Drive groups 0 and 2 were deleted successfully.

Describing a Drive Group

To display detailed information for a drive group, run:

```
> graidctl describe drive_group <DG_ID>
```

Output example:



```
C:\Users\Administrator>graidctl describe drive_group 0
Describe drive group successfully.
DG ID:          0
Mode:           RAID5
Capacity:       3.0 GB (3019898880 B)
Free Space:     3.0 GB (3019898880 B)
Used Space:     0 B
State:          OPTIMAL
PD IDs:         [0 1 2 3]
Number of VD:   0
Attributes:     rebuild_speed = high
```

Managing Background Task Speed

To set the background task speed for a drive group, run:

```
> graidctl edit drive_group <DG_ID> rebuild_speed {low|normal|high}
```

Locating Physical Drives in the Drive Group

To locate all the physical drives in the drive group, run:

```
> graidctl edit drive_group <DG_ID> locating start
```

To stop locating all the physical drives in drive group, run:

```
> graidctl edit drive_group <DG_ID> locating stop
```

Degradation and Recovery

When multiple drive groups require simultaneous recovery, the drive groups recover individually.

When multiple physical drives in the same drive group require rebuilding, the physical drives are rebuilt simultaneously.

Rescue Mode

When a damaged drive group is initialized, or when a recovering drive group encounters an abnormal system crash, the data integrity of the drive group is affected. In this event, the drive group is forced offline to prevent data from being written to the drive group. To read the data for the drive group, force the drive group to go online using Rescue mode.

Note: A drive group in Rescue mode is read-only. Rescue mode cannot be disabled.

To enter the rescue mode, run:

```
> graidctl edit drive_group <DG_ID> rescue_mode on
```

Managing Virtual Drives

Creating a Virtual Drive

To create a virtual drive, run:

```
> graidctl create virtual_drive <DG_ID> [<VD_SIZE>]
```

Output example:

```
PS C:\> graidctl create virtual_drive 0
Create virtual drive VD0 in DG0 successfully.
PS C:\> graidctl create virtual_drive 1 100G
Create virtual drive VD0 in DG1 successfully.
PS C:\> graidctl create virtual_drive 2 1T
Create virtual drive VD0 in DG2 successfully.
```

Listing Virtual Drives

To list virtual drives, run:

```
> graidctl list virtual_drive [--dg-id=<DG_ID>] [--vd-id=<VD_ID>]
```

Output example:

```
PS C:\> graidctl list virtual_drive
List virtual drive successfully.
```

VD ID (4)	DG ID	SIZE	DEVICE PATH	STATE
0	0	3.2 TB	\\.\PHYSICAKDRIVE1	OPTIMAL
0	1	100 GB	\\.\PHYSICAKDRIVE2	OPTIMAL
0	2	1.0 TB	\\.\PHYSICAKDRIVE3	OPTIMAL
1	2	1.0 TB	\\.\PHYSICAKDRIVE4	OPTIMAL

Output content:

Field	Description
DG ID	This field displays the drive group ID.
VD ID	This field displays the virtual drive ID.
SIZE	This field displays the usable size of the virtual drive.
DEVICE PATH	This field displays the device path of the virtual drive.
NQN	This field displays the NQN of the virtual drive.
STATE	This field displays the virtual drive state. It is identical to the drive group state.

Note: Do not perform I/O before the virtual drive is initialized and the device path (for example, /dev/gdg0n) is created.

Virtual Drive STATE: Identical to the drive group state.

STATE	Description
OFFLINE	The drive group does not function normally. This condition is usually caused when the number of damaged physical drives exceeds the limit.
OPTIMAL	The drive group is in optimal state.
DEGRADED	The drive group is available and ready, but the number of missing or failed physical drives has reached the limit.
PARTIALLY_DEGRADED	The drive group is available and ready for use, but some physical drives are missing or failed.
RECOVERY	The drive group is recovering.
FAILED	The drive group does not function normally.
INIT	The drive group is initializing.
RESYNC	The drive group is re-synchronizing. This condition usually occurs when the system encounters an abnormal crash. Do not replace the physical drive in this state until the re-synchronization process is complete.
RESCUE	The drive group is in rescue mode.

Deleting Virtual Drives

To delete virtual drives, run:

```
> graidctl delete virtual_drive <DG_ID> <VD_ID> [--force]
```

Output example:

```
PS C:\> graidctl delete virtual_drive 0 0
Delete virtual drive VD0 from DG0 successfully.
PS C:\> graidctl delete virtual_drive 2 0-1
Delete virtual drive VD1 from DG2 successfully.
Delete virtual drive VD0 from DG2 successfully.
```

The example shows that a virtual drive being used by the application cannot be deleted without adding the force flag.

To create a RAID-5 virtual drive with 5 NVMe SSDs:

Step 1 Create a physical drive.

```
> graidctl icreate physical_drive

Create physical drive PD0 successfully.
Create physical drive PD1 successfully.
Create physical drive PD2 successfully.
Create physical drive PD3 successfully.
Create physical drive PD4 successfully.
```

Step 2 Create a drive group.

```
> graidctl create drive_group raid5 0-4
Create drive group DG0 successfully.
```

Step 3 Create a virtual drive.

```
> graidctl create virtual_drive 0
```

Step 4 Check the device path of the new virtual drive.

```
> graidctl list virtual_drive --dg_id=0
```

Step 5 Delete the virtual drive.

```
> graidctl delete virtual_drive [DG_ID] [VD_ID]
```

Adjusting or Updating Configuration Settings for the SupremeRAID™ Add-on

The add-on for SupremeRAID™ provides enhanced configuration options and allows you to fine-tune system settings to meet your specific needs. Follow these steps to ensure that the add-on is configured optimally for maximum system performance.

Editing Configuration Settings

To edit the configuration, issue the following command:

```
> graidctl edit config <config_name> <value> [flags]
```

or

```
> graidctl e conf <config_name> <value> [flags]
```

Configuration options:

Field	Description
SED	Add single SED key for specific device

Output example:

```
C:\Users\Administrator>graidctl edit config sed nqn.2019-08.org.qemu:NVME0001
Enter Key: Edit config successfully.
```

Describing Configuration Settings

To describe the configuration, issue the following command:

```
> describe config <config_name> [flags]
```

OR

```
> desc conf <config_name> [flags]
```

Configuration options

Field	Description
SED	Obtain the SED key information
LED	Obtain the imported LED configuration files

Output example:

```
C:\Users\Administrator>graidctl describe config sed
Describe config successfully.
Totally 1 SED keys.
Device GUIDs:
nqn.2019-08.org.qemu:NVME0004
```

Deleting Configuration Settings

To delete the configuration, issue the following command:

```
> graidctl delete config <config_name> [flags]
```

OR

```
> graidctl del conf <config_name> [flags]
```

Configuration options:

Field	Description
SED	Obtain the SED key information

Output example:

```
C:\Users\Administrator>graidctl delete config sed all
Do you really want to delete all SED key?
Repeat IMEANTODELETEALL to continue: IMEANTODELETEALL
Delete config successfully.
```


Restoring SupremeRAID™ Configuration Settings

To scan all NVMe and SCSI drives and restore the latest SupremeRAID™ configuration, issue the following command:

```
> RAIDCTL restore config [flags]
```

OR

```
> RAIDCTL re conf [flags]
```

Flag	Description
-h, --help	Help for the restore config command
-a, --auto	Selects the last configuration automatically

Output example:

```
C:\Users\Administrator>sc.exe stop RAIDSERVER

SERVICE_NAME: RAIDSERVER
        TYPE               : 10  WIN32_OWN_PROCESS
        STATE                : 3   STOP_PENDING
                        (NOT_STOPPABLE, NOT_PAUSABLE, IGNORES_SHUTDOWN)
        WIN32_EXIT_CODE      : 0   (0x0)
        SERVICE_EXIT_CODE  : 0   (0x0)
        CHECKPOINT          : 0x2
        WAIT_HINT           : 0xea60

C:\Users\Administrator>RAIDCTL restore config
Skip \\.\PhysicalDrive0: no config found
Skip \\.\PhysicalDrive1: no config found
Skip \\.\PhysicalDrive2: no config found
Found the following configs:
0: Device \\.\PhysicalDrive5, UUID 8469ef41-8264-b327-f22c-94e707742c29, Epoch 156, Time 2023-09-03 21:23:55 -0700 PDT
1: Device \\.\PhysicalDrive4, UUID 8469ef41-8264-b327-f22c-94e707742c29, Epoch 153, Time 2023-08-31 23:22:22 -0700 PDT
2: Device \\.\PhysicalDrive6, UUID 8469ef41-8264-b327-f22c-94e707742c29, Epoch 156, Time 2023-09-03 21:23:55 -0700 PDT
3: Device \\.\PhysicalDrive3, UUID 8469ef41-8264-b327-f22c-94e707742c29, Epoch 156, Time 2023-09-03 21:23:55 -0700 PDT
Please select one config to restore (0-3): 0
Restore to C:\Program Files\SupremeRAID\conf\RAID.conf (y/N)? y
Restore config RAID.conf successfully.
```

Managing Events

Listing Events

To check detailed information from record, issue the following command:

```
> RAIDCTL list event [flags]
```

OR

```
> graidctl ls event [flags]
```

Flag	Description
-h, --help	Help for the list event command
-c, --component	[string] Filter events by component
-n, --max_entries	[int32] Limit the number of events returned
-o, --output	[string] Output to a file
-s, --severity	[string] Filter events by severity

Output example:

```
C:\Users\Administrator>graidctl list event -n 10 -s INFO -c dg
List event successfully.
[2023-08-31 23:00:36 -0700 PDT][INFO][DG][2] State transitted from UNKNOWN to OPTIMAL.
[2023-08-31 23:00:36 -0700 PDT][INFO][DG][2] Drive group created.
[2023-08-31 23:00:47 -0700 PDT][INFO][DG][3] State transitted from UNKNOWN to OPTIMAL.
[2023-08-31 23:00:47 -0700 PDT][INFO][DG][3] Drive group created.
[2023-08-31 23:01:05 -0700 PDT][INFO][DG][0] Drive group deleted.
[2023-08-31 23:01:05 -0700 PDT][INFO][DG][1] Drive group deleted.
[2023-08-31 23:01:05 -0700 PDT][INFO][DG][3] Drive group deleted.
[2023-08-31 23:04:04 -0700 PDT][INFO][DG][2] Drive group deleted.
[2023-08-31 23:04:18 -0700 PDT][INFO][DG][0] State transitted from UNKNOWN to OPTIMAL.
[2023-08-31 23:04:18 -0700 PDT][INFO][DG][0] Drive group created.
```

Deleting Events

To delete events, issue the following command:

```
> graidctl delete event [flags]
```

OR

```
> graidctl del event [flags]
```

Flag	Description
-h, --help	Help for the delete event command
-d, --date	[string] Delete event entries before the date
-e, --entries	int32] Keep the latest number of entries Default: -1

Using Consistency Checks to Ensure Data Integrity

The consistency check operation verifies that the data is correct in DGs that use RAID levels 1, 5, 6, and 10. In a system with parity, for example, checking consistency calculates the data on one drive and compares the results to the contents of the parity drive.

Note: You cannot perform a consistency check on RAID 0 because it does not provide data redundancy. Additionally, a consistency check can only run when the DG is in OPTIMAL or PARTIALLY_DEGRADED state.

The consistency check function records all events to the event database, and `graidctl` provides commands to retrieve the events. The maximum number of event entries is 1,000. The system deletes event entries periodically. You can also delete entries manually.

Starting Consistency Checks Manually

To start a consistency, check manually, issue the following command:

```
> graidctl start consistency_check manual_task [flags]
```

OR

```
> graidctl start cc [flags]
```

Related command flags:

Flag	Description
-h, --help	Help for the start consistency_check manual command
-p, --policy	[string] Specify CC policy [stop_on_error/auto_fix]

DG state:

Enabling a consistency check task adds the following annotations beside the output string of the DG state.

DG State	Description
OPTIMAL	Normal state without enabling consistency check
OPTIMAL (!)	Inconsistency found
OPTIMAL (cc)	Consistency check ongoing
OPTIMAL (cc!)	Consistency check ongoing and inconsistency found

Output example:

```

C:\Users\Administrator>graidctl start consistency_check manual_task 0 1 -p stop_on_error
Start consistency check successfully.

C:\Users\Administrator>graidctl start consistency_check manual_task 0 -p auto_fix
Start consistency check successfully.
    
```

Stopping Consistency Check


To stop a consistency check task, issue the following command:

```
> graidctl stop consistency_check current_task [flags]
```

or

```
> graidctl stop cc current_task [flags]
```

Output example:



```
C:\Users\Administrator>graidctl stop consistency_check current_task
Stop consistency check successfully.
```

Scheduling Consistency Checks

To schedule a consistency check task, issue the following command:

```
> graidctl set consistency_check schedule_mode
<off|continuously|hourly|daily|weekly|monthly><yyyy/mm/dd> <hh> [flags]
```

or

```
> graidctl set cc schedule_mode
<off|continuously|hourly|daily|weekly|monthly> <yyyy/mm/dd> <hh> [flags]
```

After enabling a consistency check task, the DG state will include the following annotations beside the output string of the DG state.

DG State	Description
OPTIMAL	Normal state without enabling consistency check
OPTIMAL (!)	Inconsistency found
OPTIMAL (cc)	Consistency checks ongoing
OPTIMAL (cc!)	Consistency checks ongoing and inconsistency found

Output example:

```
C:\Users\Administrator>graidctl set cc schedule_mode daily 2023/8/29 10
Set consistency check successfully.
```

Viewing Consistency Check Information

To view detailed consistency check information, issue the following command:

```
> graidctl describe consistency_check [flags]
```

or

```
> graidctl desc consistency_check [flags]
```

Flag	Description
-h, --help	Help for the describe consistency_check command

Output Example

```
C:\Users\Administrator>graidctl describe consistency_check current_task
Describe consistency check successfully.
Schedule Mode:      daily
Schedule Base:     2023-08-29 10:00:00 -0700 PDT
Excluded DGs:     [0]
Policy:            auto_fix
Next Schedule:    2023-09-01 10:00:00 -0700 PDT
```

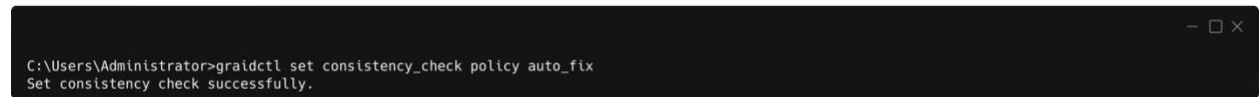
Setting the Consistency Check Policy

To set a consistency check policy, issue the following command.

Note: By default, the consistency check runs on all drive_groups. To exclude drive groups, run the `xcluded_dgs` command.

```
> graidctl set consistency_check policy <auto_fix|stop_on_error> [flags]
```

Output example:



```
C:\Users\Administrator>graidctl set consistency_check policy auto_fix  
Set consistency check successfully.
```

Excluding Drive Groups from the Consistency Check Policy


To exclude some drive groups from a consistency check policy, issue the following command:

```
> graidctl set consistency_check excluded_dgs <DG_IDs>
```

or

```
> graidctl set cc excluded_dgs <DG_IDs>
```

Output example:



```
C:\Users\Administrator>graidctl set consistency_check excluded_dgs 0  
Set consistency check successfully.
```


ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS

Manually Migrating the RAID Configuration Between Hosts

To manually migrate the RAID configuration between hosts:

Step 1 Periodically backup the configuration file `%PROGRAMFILES%\graid SupremeRAID\conf\graid.conf` from the original host. To move the configuration file to another system.

Step 2 Setup the target host and ensure that the `graid` service is stopped.

Step 3 Move all SSDs from the original host to the new host.

Step 4 Copy the configuration backup file to the new host using the same path.

Step 5 Start the `graid` service directly if the original card also moved to the new host.

```
> sc start graidserver
```

Otherwise, you must apply the new license of the new SupremeRAID™ card on the new host.

```
> graidctl apply license <LICENSE_KEY>
```

Note: When the target host already contains an installed and running SupremeRAID™ card, stop and restart the service using the `graid.conf` file from the original system.

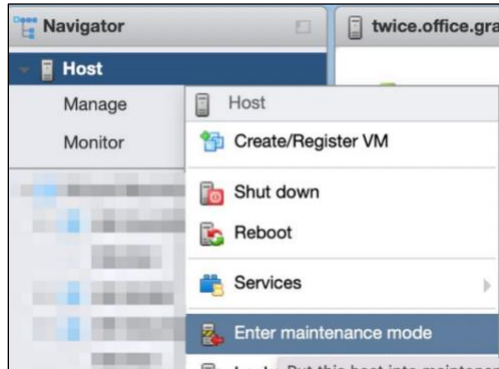
ESXi Virtual Machines Support Using GPU Passthrough

You can create virtual machines with SupremeRAID™ support to maximize performance.

Hypervisor support: VMWare ESXi 7.0U3 / ESXi8.0

Configuring Hosts for NVIDIA GPU Device Passthrough

Step 1 Put ESXi host into maintenance mode. From the Navigator menu, select Host > Enter maintenance mode.

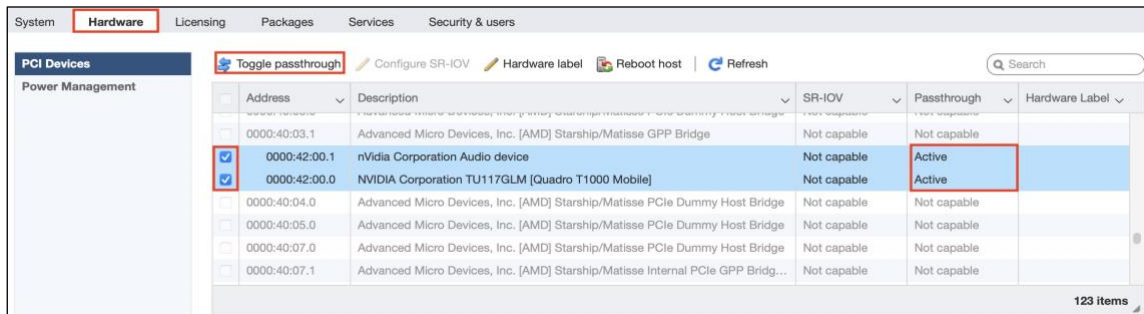


Step 2 Manage the PCI device passthrough. From the Navigator menu, select **Manage > Hardware > PCI Devices**. The Passthrough Configuration page appears listing all of the available pass-through devices.

Step 3 Select the NVIDIA T1000 (Quadro T1000 Mobile) and its audio device.

Step 4 Click **Toggle passthrough**.

Step 5 Check the Passthrough status. It should be **Active**.



Configuring Virtual Machines

Note: When the T1000 PCI device is assigned to the virtual machine, you must set the memory reservation to accommodate the fully configured memory size.

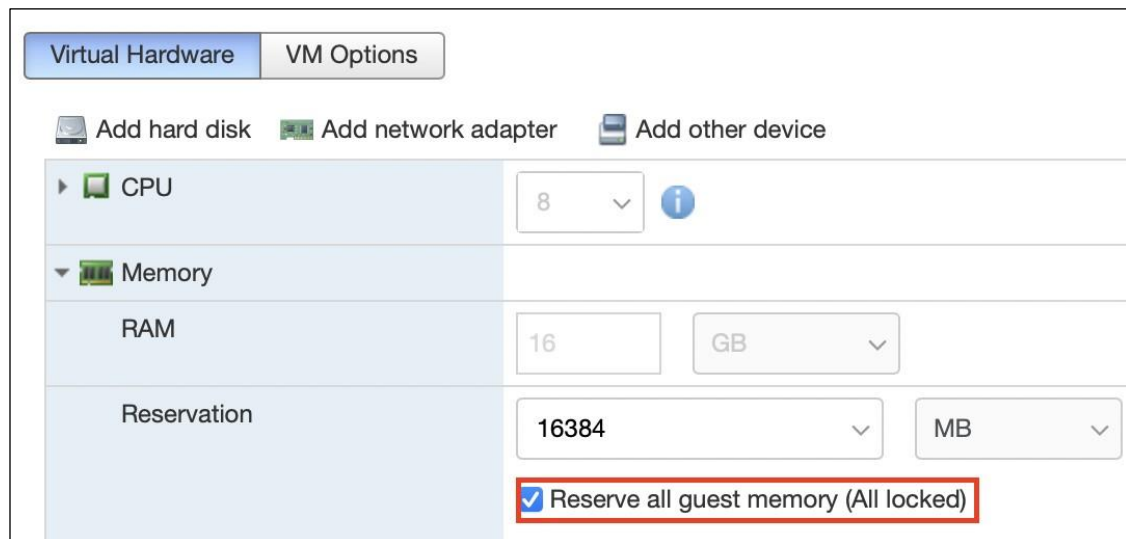
Step 1 Attach PCI devices to virtual machines. From the Edit VM setting page, choose **Virtual Hardware > Add other device > PCI device**.

Step 2 Choose Quadro T1000 and its Audio device as the two PCI devices.



Step 3 Choose **Virtual Hardware > Memory**.

Step 4 Check **Reserve all guest memory (All locked)**.



Step 5 Enable point-to-Point (P2P) on the Virtual Machine for best performance. From the Edit VM setting page, choose VM Options > Advanced > Configuration Parameters > Edit Configuration....

The screenshot shows the VMware VM Options configuration page. The 'VM Name' is 'tiff-Ubuntu'. The 'Advanced' section is expanded, showing 'Settings' with 'Enable logging' checked. The 'Configuration Parameters' section at the bottom has an 'Edit Configuration...' button highlighted with a red box.

Step 6 Add below parameters.

```
hypervisor.cpuid.v0 = FALSE  
pciPassthru.allowP2P = TRUE  
pciPassthru.use64bitMMIO = TRUE  
pciPassthru.64bitMMIOSizeGB = 64
```

Using Self-Encrypting Drives

A self-encrypting drive (SED) uses native full-disk encryption. SupremeRAID™ supports SEDs and SED key management. When the SED key is configured, SupremeRAID™ uses the imported key to unlock the SED.

Prerequisites

- Users can utilize SED management tools such as **sedcli** or **sedutil** for the complete management lifecycle of SED-supported drives.
- You must configure the SED key using the **graidctl** tool before creating the physical drives.
- Collect the NQN/WWID of the NVMe drives, as these are necessary information while using SED function.
- Prepare the SED key for each drive.

Limitations

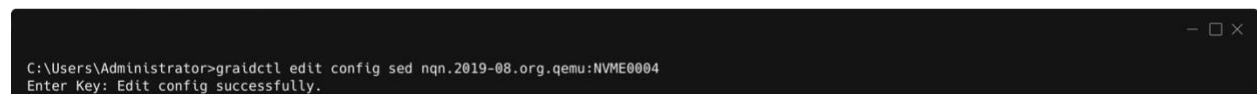
- Only NVMe drives are supported.
- Only the “global” range parameter is supported.

Importing a Single SED Key Using NQN/WWID

To import a single SED key using NQN/WWID, issue the following command:

```
> graidctl edit config sed <NQN/WWID>
```

The following figure shows an example.



```
C:\Users\Administrator>graidctl edit config sed nqn.2019-08.org.qemu:NVME0004
Enter Key: Edit config successfully.
```

Importing a Batched SED Key Using NQN/WWID

To import a batched SED key using NQN/WWID, issue the following command:

```
> graidctl edit config sed file <filename> file content format:
<NQN1/WWID1>, <KEY1>
<NQN1/WWID1>, <KEY2>
```

...

```
<NQnN/WWIDn>, <KEYn>
```

Displaying SED Key Information

To display SED key information, issue the following command:

```
> graidctl describe config sed
```

The following figure shows an example.



```
C:\Users\Administrator>graidctl describe config sed
Describe config successfully.
Totally 1 SED keys.
Device GUIDs:
nqn.2019-08.org.qemu:NVME0004
```

Deleting SED Keys

To delete a SED key, issue the following command:

```
> graidctl delete config sed <GUID>
```

The following figure shows an example.

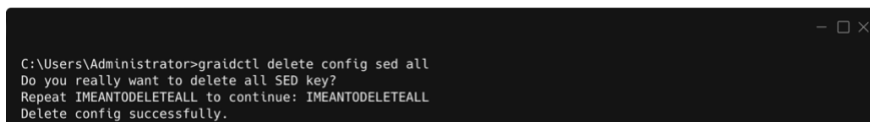


```
C:\Users\Administrator>graidctl delete config sed nqn.2019-08.org.qemu:NVME0001
Delete config successfully.
```

To delete all SED keys, issue the following command:

```
> graidctl delete config sed all
```

The following figure shows an example.



```
C:\Users\Administrator>graidctl delete config sed all
Do you really want to delete all SED key?
Repeat IMEANTODELETEALL to continue: IMEANTODELETEALL
Delete config successfully.
```

Setup Mail Notification Service

SupremeRAID™ offers a daemon service in Windows that enables users to receive email notifications for monitoring service status. This includes actions like creating or deleting physical drives (PD), drive groups (DG), or virtual drives (VD) and so on.

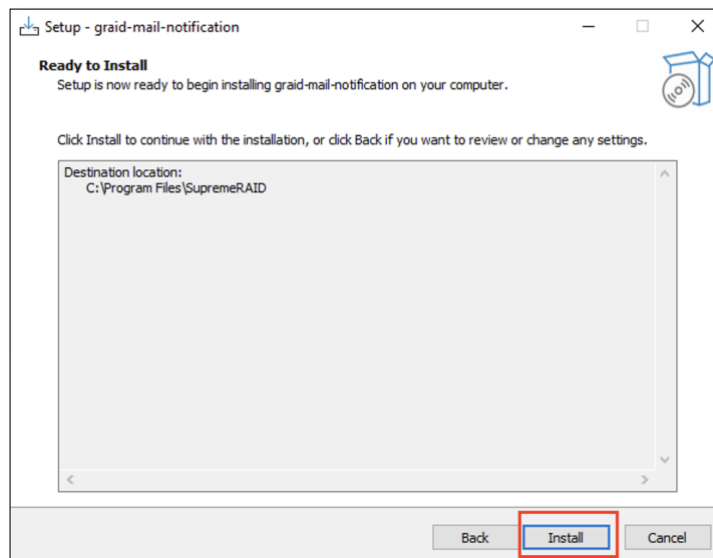
Install the Mail Notification Service

Step 1 Download the Mail Notification installation package.

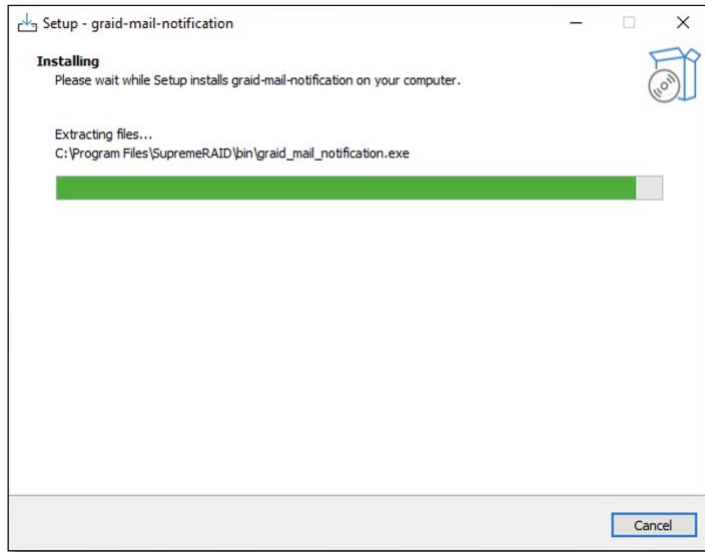
Driver Package	
graid-mail-notification	Download link

Step 2 Execute the Mail Notification package and install the service.

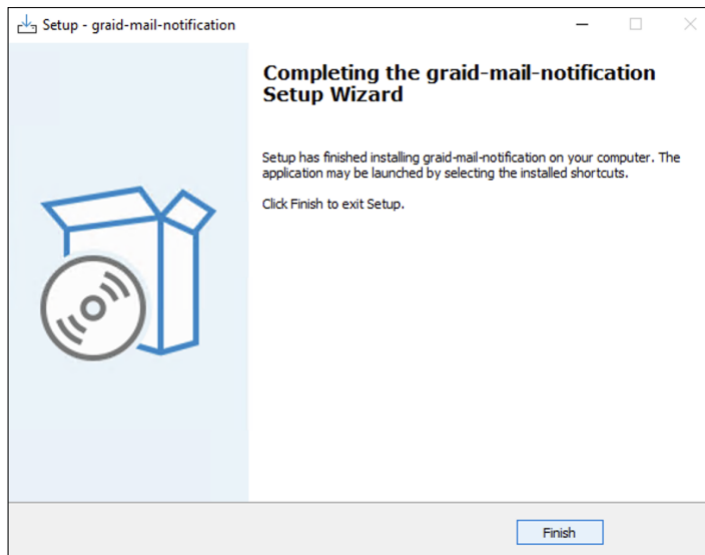
A Click Install button to start installation process.



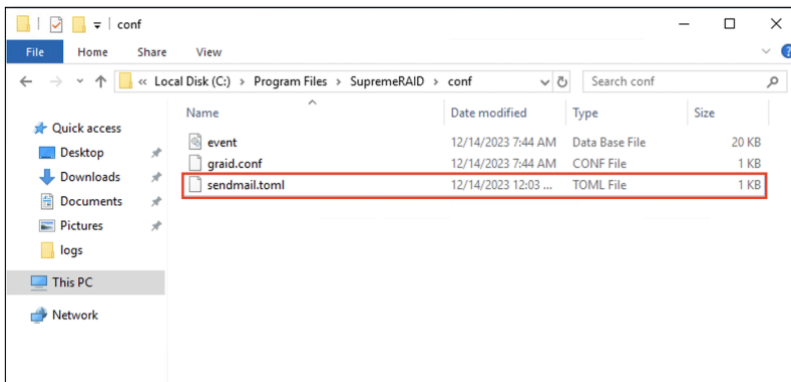
B Wait until the installation process is finished.



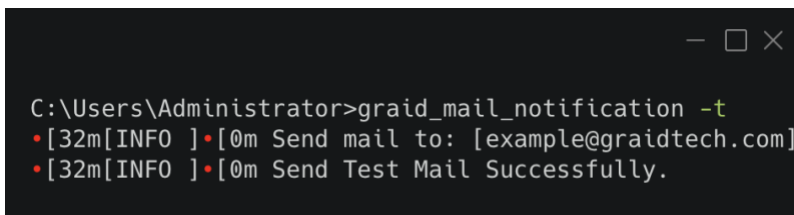
C Finished the installation process.



Step 3 Edit the configuration file named `sendmail.toml` located in the `C:\Program Files\SupremeRAID\conf` directory.



Step 4 Send a testing mail to specified email address.



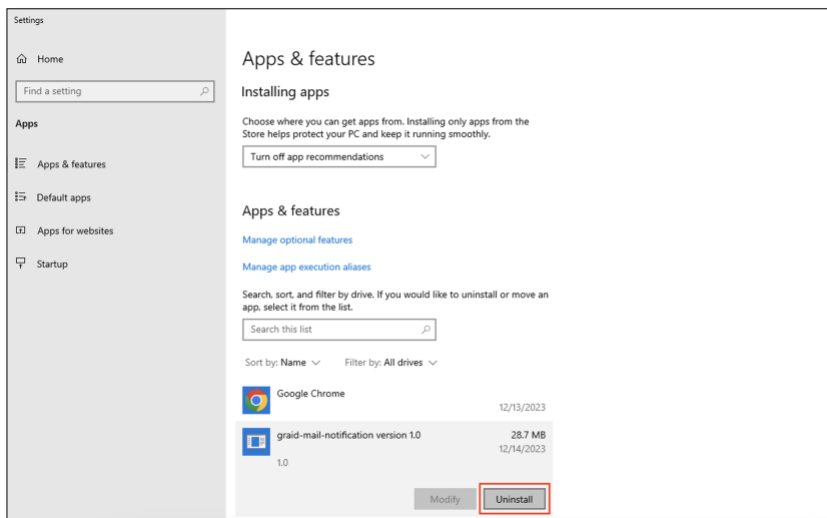
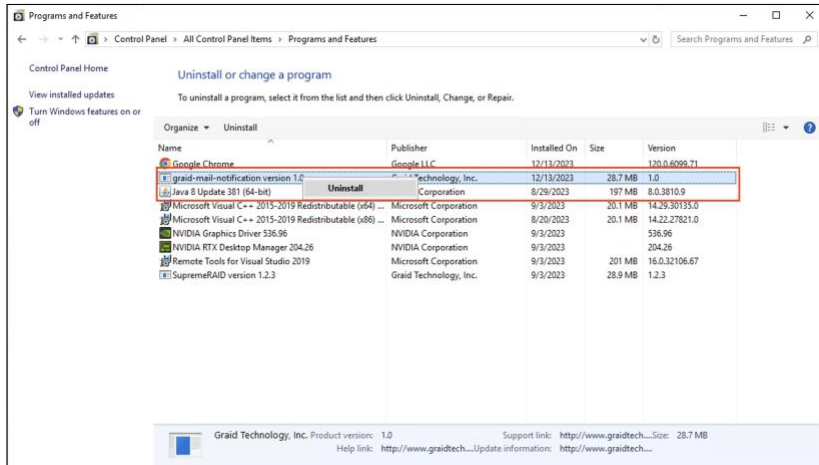
```
$ graid_mail_notification -t
```

Step 5 Check if the mail is received correctly.

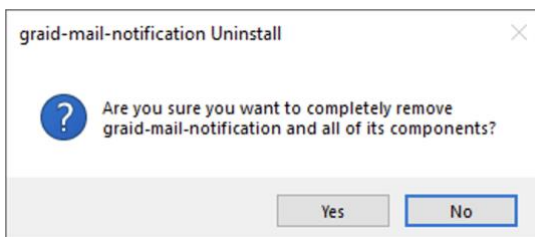
Note: The mail daemon service will monitor for changes every 30 seconds and send an email to the user's specified address whenever it detects events that alter the SupremeRAID™ status with required severity.

Remove the Mail Notification Service

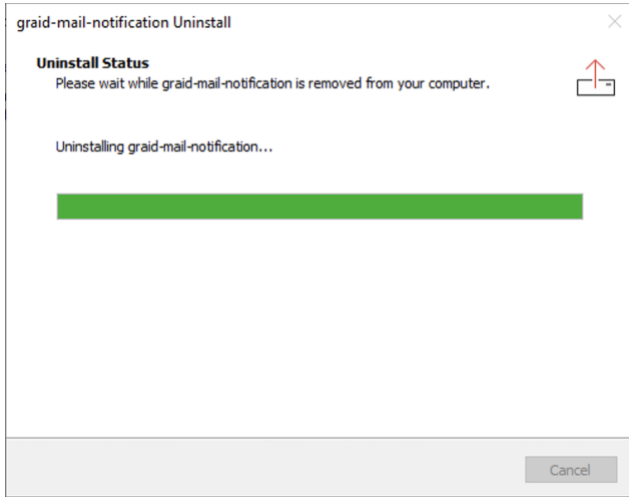
Step 1 The Mail Notification service can be uninstalled via the 'Control Panel' and the 'Settings'.



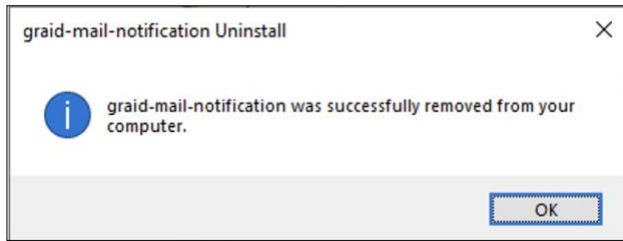
Step 2 Confirm the uninstallation of the Mail Notification service.



Step 3 Execute the following steps to complete the uninstallation of the Mail Notification service.



Step 4 Finish the uninstallation process.



TROUBLESHOOTING

Sequential Read Performance is not as Expected on a New Drive Group

Unlike SAS/SATA hard drives, many NVMe SSDs support the deallocate dataset management command. Using this command, you can reset all data in the NVMe SSD immediately, eliminating the need to synchronize data between physical drives when creating a drive group.

But for other SSDs, the performance is not as expected when reading unwritten sectors after issuing the deallocate dataset management command. While this behavior also impacts the performance of the new drive group, it does not affect the applications because they do not read sectors that do not contain data.

To test SupremeRAID™ performance, write the entire virtual drive sequentially using a large block size.

Kernel Log Message "failed to set APST feature (-19)" Appears When Creating Physical Drives

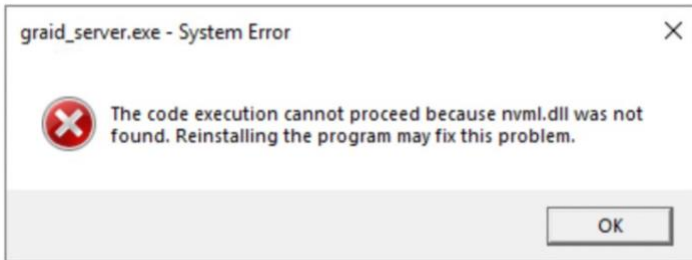
Some NVMe SSD models might display a "failed to set APST feature (-19)" message in the kernel log when creating the physical drive.

When SupremeRAID™ creates the physical drive, the SSD is unbound from the operating system so that SupremeRAID™ can control the SSD. During the unbinding process, when the APST feature is enabled, the NVMe driver attempts and fails to set the APST state to SSD, and the error message is issued.

This message is expected and can be ignored. SupremeRAID™ is functioning normally.

Installer Error Message: "... nvml.dll not found..." Appears When Installing the SupremeRAID™ Driver

Error message:

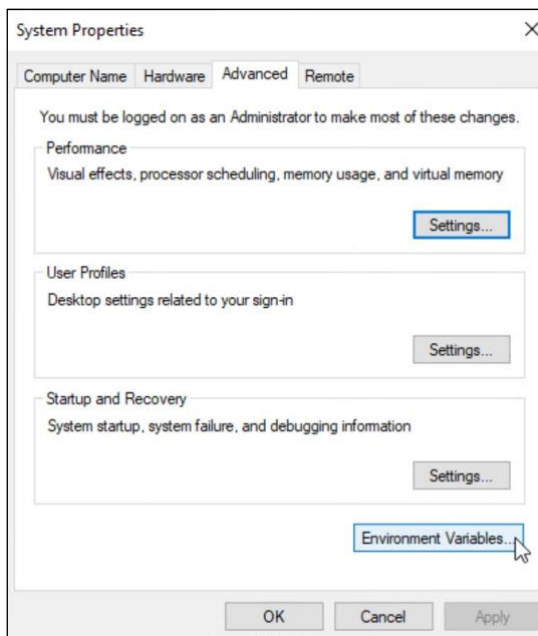


During installation the SupremeRAID™ driver must detect the presence of the NVIDIA driver. However, the NVIDIA driver does not automatically append the installation folder to the environment variables during its installation. This condition prevents the SupremeRAID™ driver from detecting the NVIDIA driver and causes the error message. Appending the NVSMI folder path to the environment variables fixes the issue.

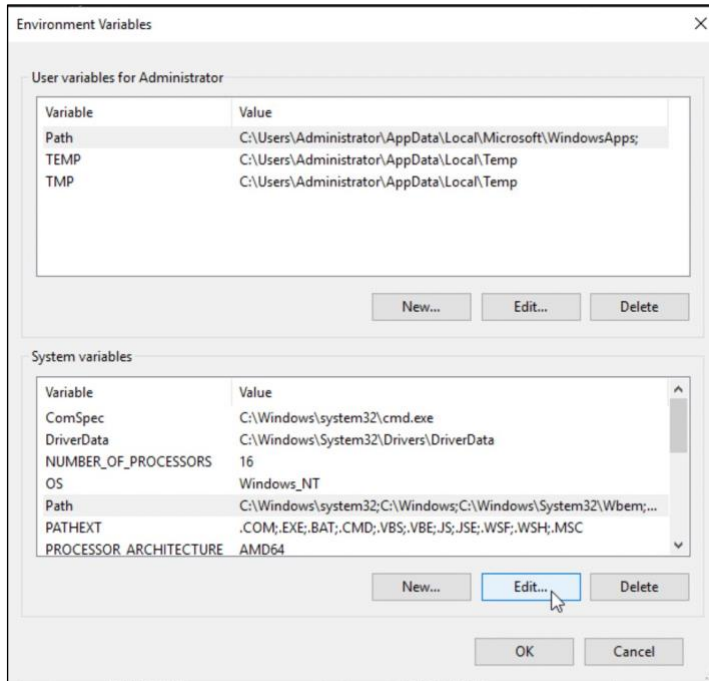
To append the NVSMI folder path to the environment variables:

Step 1 Press "Windows Key + R" and type sysdm.cpl to open the System Properties dialog.

Step 2 Select the Advanced tab and click Environment Variables....

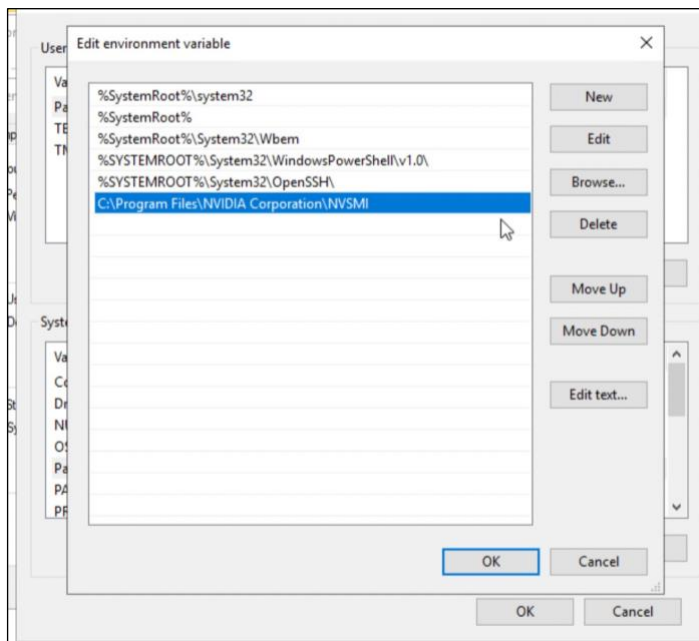


Step 3 From the Environment Variables dialog, select the Path row and click Edit.



Step 4 Add the NVSMI path, save it, and reboot the system.

NVSMI path: %PROGRAMFILES%\NVIDIA Corporation\NVSMI\



Error Message: "graid service is not running"

Use either of the following methods to check the status of the graid service.

To check the graid service using a command prompt or PowerShell:

Step 1 From a command prompt or PowerShell, run:

```
sc.exe query graidserver
```

Step 2 If the service is not "RUNNING", type the following command and wait a moment before checking its status again.

```
sc.exe start graidserver
```

Output example:

```
PS C:> graidctl list nvme_drive
GRAID service is not running

PS C:> sc.exe query graidserver

SERVICE_NAME: graidserver
        TYPE               : 10  WIN32_OWN_PROCESS
        STATE                : 1  STOPPED
        WIN32_EXIT_CODE       : 0  (0x0)
        SERVICE_EXIT_CODE    : 0  (0x0)
        CHECKPOINT           : 0x0
        WAIT_HINT            : 0x0

PS C:> sc.exe start graidserver

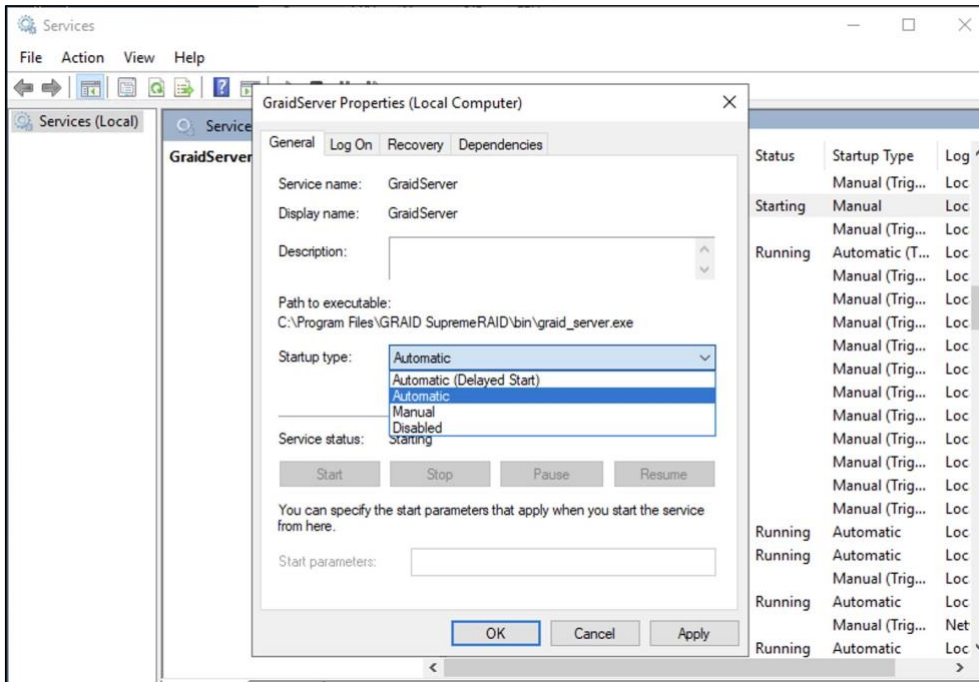
SERVICE_NAME: graidserver
        TYPE               : 10  WIN32_OWN_PROCESS
        STATE                : 2  START_PENDING
                           (NOT_STOPPABLE, NOT_PAUSABLE, IGNORES_SHUTDOWN)
        WIN32_EXIT_CODE       : 0  (0x0)
        SERVICE_EXIT_CODE    : 0  (0x0)
        CHECKPOINT           : 0x1
        WAIT_HINT            : 0x1d4c0
        PID                  : 4500
        FLAGS                 :

PS C:> sc.exe query graidserver

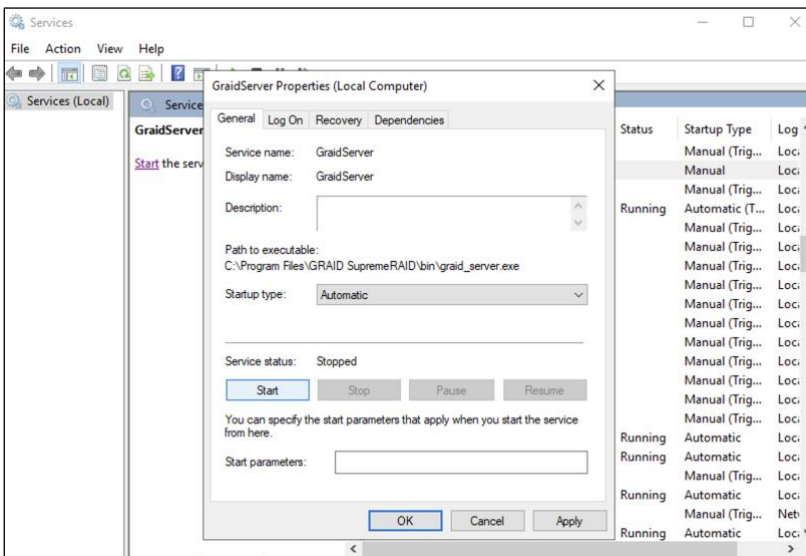
SERVICE_NAME: graidserver
        TYPE               : 10  WIN32_OWN_PROCESS
        STATE                : 4  RUNNING
                           (STOPPABLE, NOT_PAUSABLE, ACCEPTS_PRESHUTDOWN)
        WIN32_EXIT_CODE       : 0  (0x0)
        SERVICE_EXIT_CODE    : 0  (0x0)
        CHECKPOINT           : 0x0
        WAIT_HINT            : 0x0
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To check the graid service using Windows Service Manager

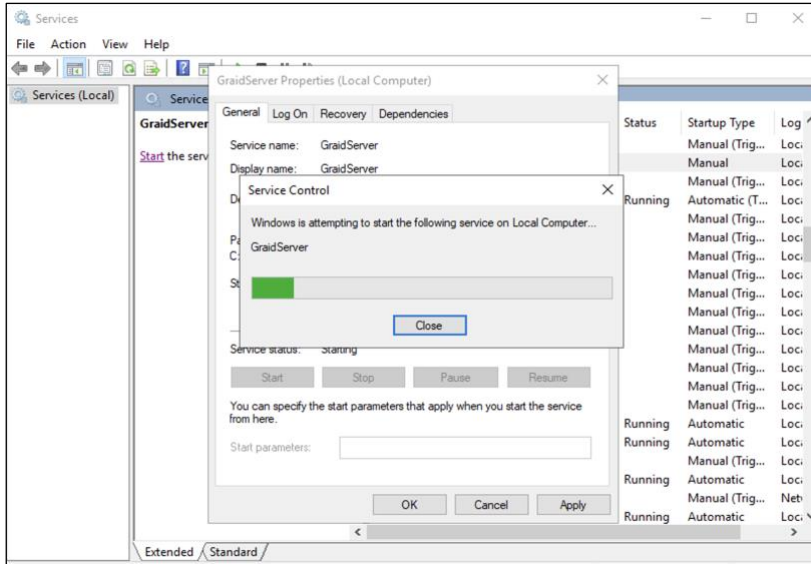
Step 1 From the GraidServer Properties dialog, ensure that the Startup type: option is set to "Automatic".



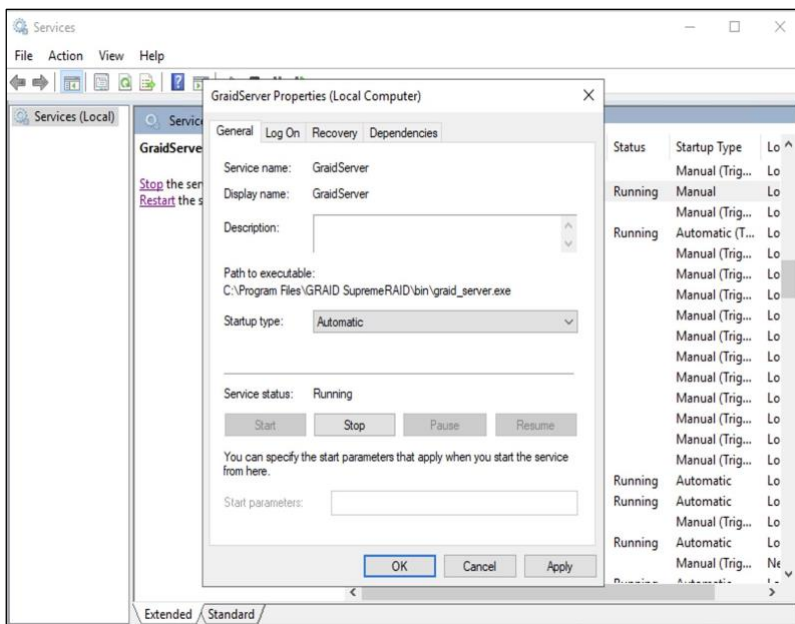
Step 2 Open Windows Service Manager and search "graidserver" to check its status.



Step 3 If the service is not "Running", click Start and wait a moment for the process to complete.



Step 4 Check the service state, make sure the state already transited to "Running".



Different LED Blink Patterns on the Backplane

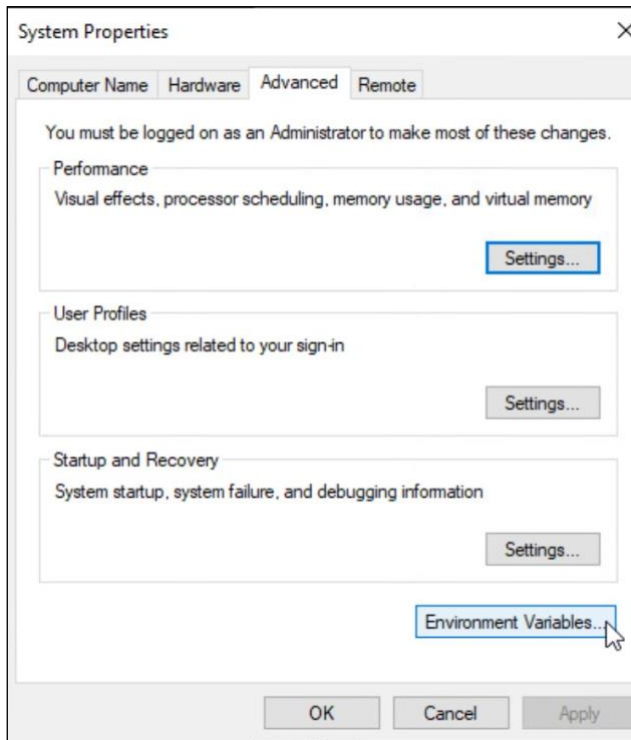
You might notice that the HDD/SSD activity indicator blink pattern is different on SupremeRAID™ than on traditional RAID cards.

SupremeRAID™ does not require a buffering or caching mechanism to improve read/write performance like traditional RAID cards. This feature causes SupremeRAID™ indicators to blink differently than traditional RAID cards.

'graidctl' is not recognized as an internal or external command

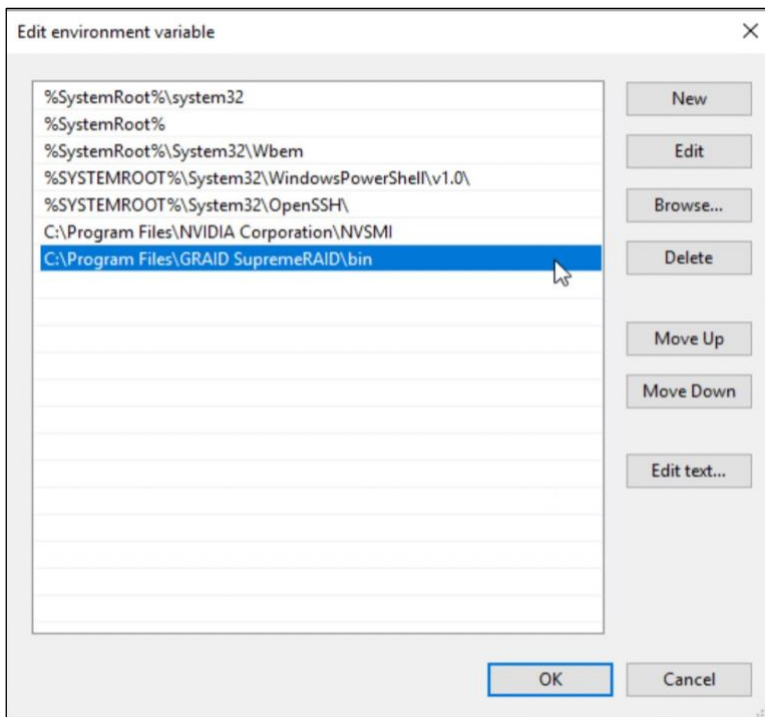
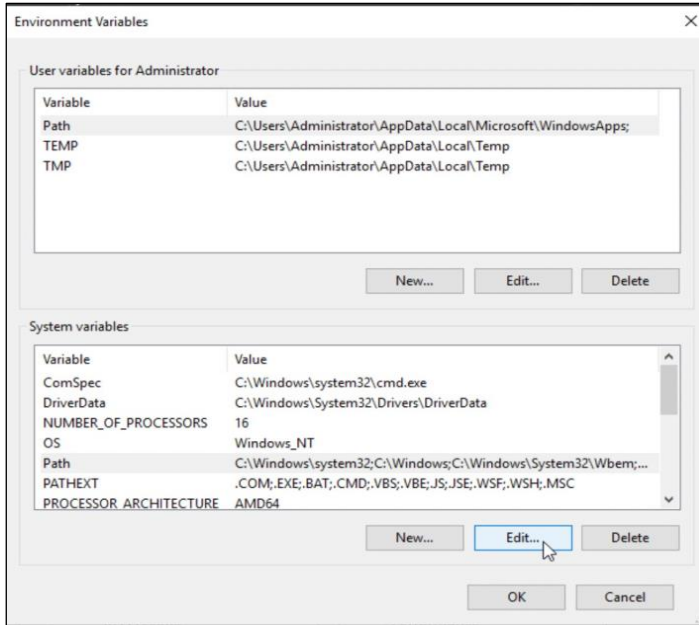
Step 1 Press "Windows Key + R" and type "sysdm.cpl" to open the System Properties dialog.

Step 2 Select the **Advanced** tab and click **Environment Variables....**



Step 3 From the Environment Variables dialog box, select the **Path** row and click **Edit**.

Step 4 Add the SupremeRAID™ driver path, and then save it and reboot the system.



To change directories to the SupremeRAID™ driver folder: From the PowerShell or command prompt running as administrator, change to the directory containing the SupremeRAID™ driver folder.

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