

CHAPTER 3

Maintaining the Server

This chapter describes how to diagnose server system problems using LEDs. It also provides information about how to install or replace hardware components, and it includes the following sections:

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- Status LEDs and Buttons, page 3-2
- Preparing for Server Component Installation, page 3-7
- Installing or Replacing Server Components, page 3-11

Server Monitoring and Management Tools

Cisco Integrated Management Interface (CIMC)

You can monitor the server inventory, health, and system event logs by using the built-in Cisco Integrated Management Controller (CIMC) GUI or CLI interfaces. See the user documentation for your firmware release at the following URL:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps10739/products_installation_and_configuration_guides_list.html

Server Configuration Utility

Cisco has also developed the Cisco Server Configuration Utility for C-Series servers, which can aid and simplify the following tasks:

- Monitoring server inventory and health
- Diagnosing common server problems with diagnostic tools and logs
- Setting the BIOS booting order
- Configuring some RAID configurations
- Installing operating systems

This utility is pre-installed on an internal Cisco Flexible Flash card inside the server (see Overview of the Pre-Installed Cisco Flexible Flash Card, page 3-61). You can also download the ISO from Cisco.com. See the user documentation for your version of the utility at the following URL:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps10493/products_user_guide_list.html

Status LEDs and Buttons

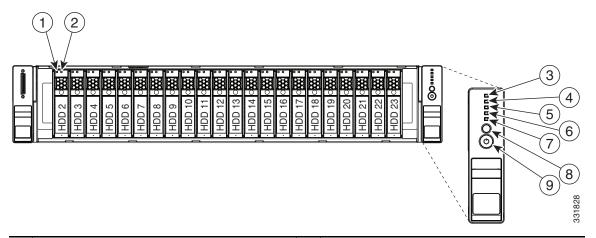
This section describes the location and meaning of LEDs and buttons and includes the following topics

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- Rear Panel LEDs and Buttons, page 3-4
- Internal Diagnostic LEDs, page 3-6

Front Panel LEDs

Figure 3-1 shows the front panel LEDs. Table 3-1 defines the LED states.

Figure 3-1 Front Panel LEDs



1	Hard drive fault LED	6	Fan status LED
2	Hard drive activity LED	7	System status LED
3	Network link activity LED	8	Identification button/LED
4	Power supply status LED	9	Power button/power status LED
5	Temperature status LED		_

Table 3-1 Front Panel LEDs, Definitions of States

LED Name	State	
Hard drive fault	Off—The hard drive is operating properly.	
	Amber—This hard drive has failed.	
	Amber, blinking—The device is rebuilding.	
Hard drive activity	Off—There is no hard drive in the hard drive sled (no access, no fault).	
	• Green—The hard drive is ready.	
	• Green, blinking—The hard drive is reading or writing data.	
Network link activity • Off—The Ethernet link is idle.		
• Green—One or more Ethernet LOM ports are link-active, but there is no		
	• Green, blinking—One or more Ethernet LOM ports are link-active, with activity.	

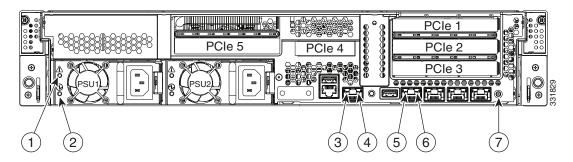
Table 3-1 Front Panel LEDs, Definitions of States (continued)

LED Name	State				
Power supply status	• Green—All power supplies are operating normally.				
	• Amber, steady—One or more power supplies are in a degraded operational state.				
	• Amber, blinking—One or more power supplies are in a critical fault state.				
Temperature status	Green—The server is operating at normal temperature.				
	• Amber, steady—One or more temperature sensors have exceeded a warning threshold.				
	• Amber, blinking—One or more temperature sensors have exceeded a critical threshold.				
Fan status	Green—All fan modules are operating properly.				
	• Amber, steady—One fan module has failed.				
	• Amber, blinking—Critical fault, two or more fan modules have failed.				
System status	Green—The server is running in normal operating condition.				
	• Green, blinking—The server is performing system initialization and memory check.				
	• Amber, steady—The server is in a degraded operational state. For example:				
	 Power supply redundancy is lost. 				
	- CPUs are mismatched.				
	- At least one CPU is faulty.				
	 At least one DIMM is faulty. 				
	 At least one drive in a RAID configuration failed. 				
	• Amber, blinking—The server is in a critical fault state. For example:				
	- Boot failed.				
	 Fatal CPU and/or bus error is detected. 				
	 Server is in over-temperature condition. 				
Identification	Off—The Identification LED is not in use.				
	Blue—The Identification LED is activated.				
Power button/Power status LED	Off—There is no AC power to the server.				
	• Amber—The server is in standby power mode. Power is supplied only to the CIMC and some motherboard functions.				
	• Green—The server is in main power mode. Power is supplied to all server components.				

Rear Panel LEDs and Buttons

Figure 3-2 shows the rear panel LEDs and buttons. Table 3-2 defines the LED states.

Figure 3-2 Rear Panel LEDs and Buttons



1	Power supply fault LED	5	1-Gb Ethernet link speed LED
2	Power supply AC OK LED	6	1-Gb Ethernet link status LED
3	1-Gb Ethernet dedicated management link status LED	7	Identification button/LED
4	1-Gb Ethernet dedicated management link speed LED		_

Table 3-2 Rear Panel LEDs, Definitions of States

LED Name	State					
Power supply fault	Off—The power supply is operating normally.					
	• Amber, blinking—An event warning threshold has been reached, but the power supply continues to operate.					
	• Amber, solid—A critical fault threshold has been reached, causing the power supply to shut down (for example, a fan failure or an over-temperature condition).					
Power supply AC OK	AC power supplies:					
	• Off—There is no AC power to the power supply.					
	• Green, blinking—AC power OK, DC output not enabled.					
	• Green, solid—AC power OK, DC outputs OK.					
	DC power supplies:					
	• Off—There is no DC power to the power supply.					
	• Green, blinking—DC power OK, DC output not enabled.					
	• Green, solid—DC power OK, DC outputs OK.					
1-Gb Ethernet dedicated	Off—link speed is 10 Mbps.					
management link speed	Amber—link speed is 100 Mbps.					
	• Green—link speed is 1 Gbps.					

Table 3-2 Rear Panel LEDs, Definitions of States (continued)

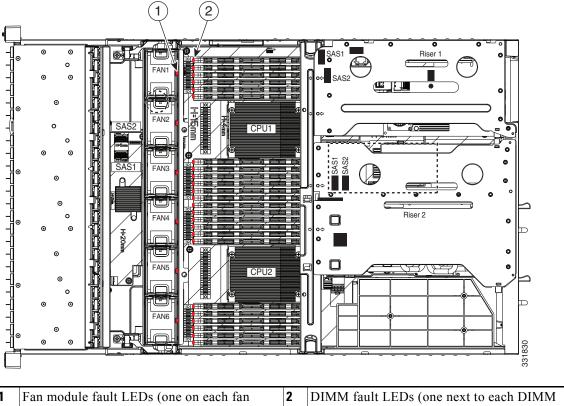
LED Name	State			
1-Gb Ethernet dedicated	Off—No link is present.			
management link status	Green—Link is active.			
	• Green, blinking—Traffic is present on the active link.			
1-Gb Ethernet link speed	Off—link speed is 10 Mbps.			
	• Amber—link speed is 100 Mbps.			
	• Green—link speed is 1 Gbps.			
1-Gb Ethernet link status	Off—No link is present.			
	• Green—Link is active.			
	• Green, blinking—Traffic is present on the active link.			
Identification	Off—The Identification LED is not in use.			
	Blue—The Identification LED is activated.			

Internal Diagnostic LEDs

The server is equipped with a SuperCap voltage source that can activate internal component fault LEDs up to one half-hour after AC power is removed. The server has internal fault LEDs for fan modules and DIMMs.

To use these LEDs to identify a failed component, press the front or rear Identification button (see Figure 3-1 or Figure 3-2) with AC power removed. An LED lights amber to indicate a failed component. See Figure 3-3 for the locations of these internal LEDs.

Figure 3-3 Internal Diagnostic LED Locations



1	Fan module fault LEDs (one on each fan	2	DIMM fault LEDs (one next to each DIMM
	module)		socket on the motherboard)

Table 3-3 Internal Diagnostic LEDs, Definition of States

LED Name	tate				
Internal diagnostic LEDs (all)	Off—Component is functioning normally.				
	Amber—Component has failed.				

Preparing for Server Component Installation

This section describes how to prepare for component installation, and it includes the following topics:

- Required Equipment, page 3-7
- Shutting Down and Powering Off the Server, page 3-7
- Removing and Replacing the Server Top Cover, page 3-8
- Replaceable Component Locations, page 3-9
- Serial Number Location, page 3-10
- Color-Coded Touch Points, page 3-10

Required Equipment

The following equipment is used to perform the procedures in this chapter:

- Number 2 Phillips-head screwdriver
- Electrostatic discharge (ESD) strap or other grounding equipment such as a grounded mat

Shutting Down and Powering Off the Server

The server can run in two power modes:

- Main power mode—Power is supplied to all server components and any operating system on your drives can run.
- Standby power mode—Power is supplied only to the service processor and the cooling fans and it is safe to power off the server from this mode.

You can invoke a graceful shutdown or an hard shutdown by using either of the following methods:

- Use the CIMC management interface.
- Use the **Power** button on the server front panel. To use the **Power** button, follow these steps:
- **Step 1** Check the color of the Power Status LED (see the "Front Panel LEDs" section on page 3-2).
 - Green—the server is in main power mode and must be shut down before it can be safely powered off. Go to Step 2.
 - Amber—the server is already in standby mode and can be safely powered off. Go to Step 3.
- **Step 2** Invoke either a graceful shutdown or a hard shutdown:



To avoid data loss or damage to your operating system, you should always invoke a graceful shutdown of the operating system.

- Graceful shutdown—Press and release the **Power** button. The operating system performs a graceful shutdown and the server goes to standby mode, which is indicated by an amber Power Status LED.
- Emergency shutdown—Press and hold the **Power** button for 4 seconds to force the main power off and immediately enter standby mode.
- **Step 3** Disconnect the power cords from the power supplies in your server to completely power off the server.

Removing and Replacing the Server Top Cover

To remove or replace the top cover of the server, follow these steps:



You do not have to remove the cover to replace hard drives or power supplies.

Step 1 Remove the top cover (see Figure 3-4).

- a. Loosen the captive thumbscrew that secures the rear edge of the cover to the chassis.
- **b.** Press the release button.
- **c.** Using the rubber finger pads, push the top cover toward the server rear about one-half inch (1.27 cm), until it stops.
- **d.** Lift the top cover straight up from the server and set it aside.

Step 2 Replace the top cover:

a. Place the cover on top of the server about one-half inch (1.27 cm) behind the lip of the chassis front cover panel. The cover should sit flat.

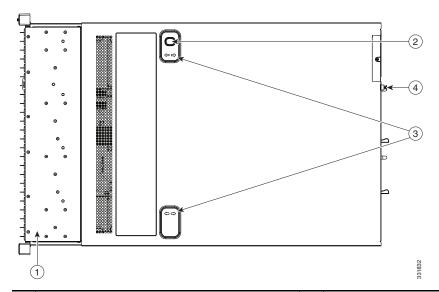


Note

The rear of the cover has a wrap-around flanged edge that must be correctly aligned with the chassis rear edge when sliding the cover forward.

- b. Slide the top cover toward the front cover panel until it stops and the release button locks.
- **c.** Tighten the captive thumbscrew that secures the rear edge of the cover to the chassis.

Figure 3-4 Removing the Top Cover

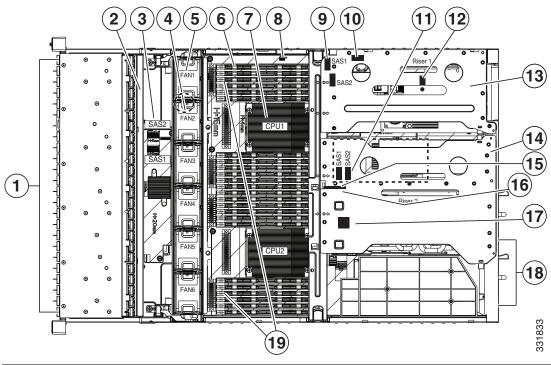


1	Front cover panel	3	Rubber finger pads (two)
2	Release button	4	Captive thumbscrew

Replaceable Component Locations

This section shows the locations of the components that are discussed in this chapter. The view in Figure 3-5 is from the top down with the top cover and air baffles removed.

Figure 3-5 Replaceable Component Locations



1	Drives (hot-swappable, accessed through front panel)	11	Optional mezzanine RAID controller card, mini-SAS connectors SAS1 and SAS2
2	Drive backplane	12	Trusted platform module socket on motherboard
3	Drive backplane expander	13	PCIe riser 1 (three full-height slots)
4	RTC battery (on motherboard under fan tray)	14	PCIe riser 2 (one full-height slot and one half-height slot)
5	Fan modules (six, hot-swappable)	15	Cisco Flexible Flash card slot SD2
6	DIMM slots on motherboard (24)	16	Cisco Flexible Flash card slot SD1
7	CPUs and heatsinks (two)	17	Internal USB 2.0 port on motherboard
8	SCU upgrade ROM header (PBG DYNAMIC SKU)	18	Power supplies (two, hot-swappable access through rear panel)
9	Integrated RAID mini-SAS connectors on motherboard, SASPORT 1 and SASPORT2	19	RAID backup unit mounting locations (two, on air baffle not shown in this view)
10	Software RAID 5 key header (SW RAID KEY)		

The Technical Specifications Sheet for this server, which includes component part numbers, is at: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/prod/collateral/ps10265/ps10493/C240M3_SFF_SpecSheet.pdf.

Serial Number Location

The serial number for the server is printed on a label on the top of the server, near the front.

Color-Coded Touch Points

This server has color-coded touch points that indicate thumbscrews and latches on replaceable and hot-swappable components.

- Hot-swappable components have green plastic touch points. This includes the internal cooling fans and the power supplies. (An exception is the drive trays on the front panel, which are hot-swappable but not green).
- Some replaceable but non-hot-swappable components have light-blue plastic touch-points.

Installing or Replacing Server Components



Blank faceplates and cover panels serve three important functions: they prevent exposure to hazardous voltages and currents inside the chassis; they contain electromagnetic interference (EMI) that might disrupt other equipment; and they direct the flow of cooling air through the chassis. Do not operate the system unless all cards, faceplates, front covers, and rear covers are in place.

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When handling server components, wear an ESD strap to avoid damage.



You can press the Identification button on the front panel or rear panel to turn on a flashing Identification LED on the front and rear panels of the server. This allows you to locate the specific server that you are servicing when you go to the opposite side of the rack. You can also activate these LEDs remotely by using the CIMC interface. See the "Status LEDs and Buttons" section on page 3-2 for locations of these LEDs.

This section describes how to install and replace server components, and it includes the following topics:

- Replacing Hard Drives or Solid State Drives, page 3-12
- Replacing a Drive Backplane, page 3-15
- Replacing Fan Modules, page 3-20
- Replacing DIMMs, page 3-24
- Replacing CPUs and Heatsinks, page 3-29
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Replacing Hard Drives or Solid State Drives

This section includes the following information:

- Drive Population Guidelines, page 3-12
- Drive Replacement Procedure, page 3-13

Drive Population Guidelines

The server is orderable in three different versions, each with one of three different front panel/backplane configurations:

- Cisco UCS C240 (small form-factor (SFF) drives, with 24-drive backplane and expander). Holds up to twenty-four 2.5-inch hard drives or solid state drives.
- Cisco UCS C240 (small form-factor (SFF) drives, with 16-drive backplane, no expander). Holds up to sixteen 2.5-inch hard drives or solid state drives.



When the server has the 16-drive backplane, only the first 16 drive bays are used.

• Cisco UCS C240 (large form-factor (LFF) drives, with 12-drive backplane and expander). Holds up to twelve 3.5-inch hard drives.

The drive-bay numbering is shown in Figure 3-6 and Figure 3-7.

Figure 3-6 Drive Numbering, Small Form-Factor Drives

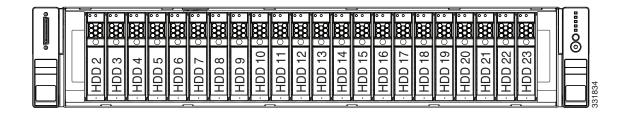
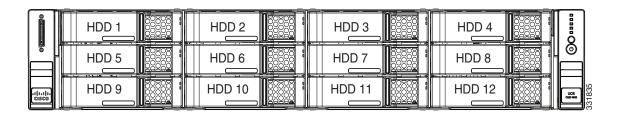


Figure 3-7 Drive Numbering, Large Form-Factor Drives



Observe these drive population guidelines for optimal performance:

• When populating drives, add drives in the lowest numbered bays first (populate HDD1 to HDD24).



Sixteen-drive backplane option: If your SFF drives server has the 16-drive backplane installed, only the first 16 drive bays are used, with population order HDD1 to HDD16. Keep blanking trays in the empty eight bays to ensure optimal air flow and cooling.

- Keep an empty drive blanking tray in any unused bays to ensure optimal air flow and cooling.
- You can mix hard drives and solid state drives in the same server. However, You cannot configure a logical volume (virtual drive) that contains a mix of hard drives and SSDs. That is, when you create a logical volume, it must contain all hard drives or all SSDs.



The large form-factor drives version of the server does not support 3.5-inch solid state drives.

Drive Replacement Procedure

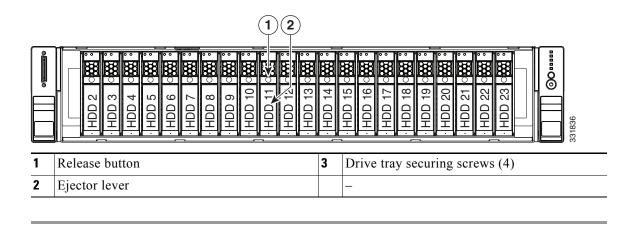
To replace or install a hot-pluggable hard drive, follow these steps:



You do not have to shut down or power off the server to replace hard drives or solid state drives (SSDs) because they are hot-pluggable.

- **Step 1** Remove the drive that you are replacing or remove a blank drive tray from an empty bay:
 - a. Press the release button on the face of the drive tray. See Figure 3-8.
 - **b.** Grasp and open the ejector lever and then pull the drive tray out of the slot.
 - **c.** If you are replacing an existing drive, remove the four drive-tray screws that secure the drive to the tray and then lift the drive out of the tray.
- **Step 2** Install a new drive:
 - **a.** Place a new drive in the empty drive tray and replace the four drive-tray screws.
 - b. With the ejector lever on the drive tray open, insert the drive tray into the empty drive bay.
 - **c.** Push the tray into the slot until it touches the backplane, then close the ejector lever to lock the drive in place.

Figure 3-8 Replacing Hard Drives



Replacing a Drive Backplane



The Small Form-Factor (24-drive or 16-drive) and Large Form-Factor (12-drive) backplanes and their corresponding chassis drive bays are factory-configurable options. When replacing a backplane, you must replace it with the same version of the backplane.

To install or replace a drive backplane, follow these steps:



The 16-drive backplane option does not use a SAS expander. You are instructed to skip steps that involve the SAS expander in the following procedure, if your server has the 16-drive backplane.

- Step 1 Prepare the server for component replacement:
 - a. Power off the server as described in the "Shutting Down and Powering Off the Server" section on page 3-7.
 - b. Slide the server out the front of the rack far enough so that you can remove the top cover. You might have to detach cables from the rear panel to provide clearance.



If you cannot safely view and access the component, remove the server from the rack.

- c. Remove the top cover as described in "Removing and Replacing the Server Top Cover" section on
- Step 2 Remove all drives and any empty drive trays from the server.



Label the drive trays as you remove them to aid replacement.

- Step 3 Remove the fan tray from the server (see Figure 3-9).
 - a. Pinch the blue-plastic lever at each end of the fan tray to release the lever from the chassis.
 - Simultaneously rotate both levers up 90-degrees. The cam action of the levers lifts the fan tray up and disengages the six fan modules from their connectors on the motherboard.
 - **c.** Lift the fan tray straight up and remove it from the chassis.
- Step 4 Disconnect all cables from the backplane.
- If your server has a SAS expander, disconnect cables from this expander. (The SFF 16-drive backplane Step 5 option does not use an expander.)
- Step 6 Disconnect the first backplane power harness cable from the motherboard to provide clearance. This is motherboard connector BACKPLANE POWER1, between fan connectors 5 and 6 (see Figure 3-9).
- Loosen the two captive thumbscrews that secure the backplane to the chassis (see Figure 3-9). Step 7
- Lift the backplane assembly, including steel tray and any expander card straight up from the chassis and Step 8 set it on an antistatic mat.



If your SFF server has the 16-drive backplane, it does not use a SAS expander. Skip to Step 11.

- **Step 9** Remove the SAS expander card from the backplane assembly:
 - **a.** Use a #2 Phillips-head screwdriver to remove the two screws that secure the SAS expander to the backplane assembly steel tray (see Figure 3-10).
 - **b.** Pull the SAS expander from the sockets on the drive backplane and then set the SAS expander aside on an antistatic mat.
- **Step 10** Install the SAS expander card to the new backplane assembly:
 - a. Push the two connectors on the SAS expander into the two sockets on the backplane assembly.
 - **b.** Use a #2 Phillips-head screwdriver to install the two screws that secure the SAS expander to the backplane assembly steel tray (see Figure 3-10).
- **Step 11** Align the backplane assembly steel tray with the guides on the chassis walls, and then lower it evenly to the chassis floor.
- **Step 12** Tighten the two captive thumbscrews that secure the backplane to the chassis.
- **Step 13** Reconnect the power harness cable to the motherboard connector BACKPLANE POWER1.
- **Step 14** If your server has a SAS expander, reconnect SAS cables to the SAS expander. (The SFF 16-drive backplane option does not use an expander.)
- **Step 15** Reconnect all cables to the backplane.
- **Step 16** Replace all drives and drives trays to the drive bays.
- **Step 17** Replace the fan tray.
 - **a.** With the blue-plastic lever at each end of the fan tray in the upright and open position, set the fan tray in place in the chassis. Use the chassis guides at each end of the fan tray to keep the fan tray level and straight.
 - **b.** Rotate each blue-plastic lever down to the locked position. Stop when the levers click and lock.
- **Step 18** Replace the top cover.
- **Step 19** Replace the server in the rack, replace cables, and then power on the server by pressing the **Power** button.

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Figure 3-9 Replacing the Drive Backplane

1	Backplane assembly captive thumbscrews (two)		Location of motherboard connector BACKPLANE POWER 1
2	SAS expander cable connectors	4	Fan tray blue-plastic locking levers

Replacing a SAS Expander

The SAS expander is a card that plugs directly into the drive backplane. See Appendix C, "RAID Controller Considerations" for more information about supported RAID controllers.



The SAS expander is required for the SFF 24-drive option and the LFF 12-drive option. The SFF 16-drive option does not use the SAS expander.

To install or replace a SAS expander, follow these steps:

Step 1 Prepare the server for component replacement:

- **a.** Power off the server as described in the "Shutting Down and Powering Off the Server" section on page 3-7.
- **b.** Slide the server out the front of the rack far enough so that you can remove the top cover. You might have to detach cables from the rear panel to provide clearance.



If you cannot safely view and access the component, remove the server from the rack.

- **c.** Remove the top cover as described in "Removing and Replacing the Server Top Cover" section on page 3-8.
- **Step 2** Remove the fan tray from the server (see Figure 3-10).
 - a. Pinch the blue-plastic lever at each end of the fan tray to release the lever from the chassis.
 - **b.** Simultaneously rotate both levers up 90-degrees. The cam action of the levers lifts the fan tray up and disengages the six fan modules from their connectors on the motherboard.
 - **c.** Lift the fan tray straight up and remove it from the chassis.
- **Step 3** Disconnect all cables from the SAS expander.
- **Step 4** Remove the SAS expander:
 - **a.** Use a #2 Phillips-head screwdriver to remove the two screws that secure the SAS expander to the backplane assembly steel tray (see Figure 3-10).

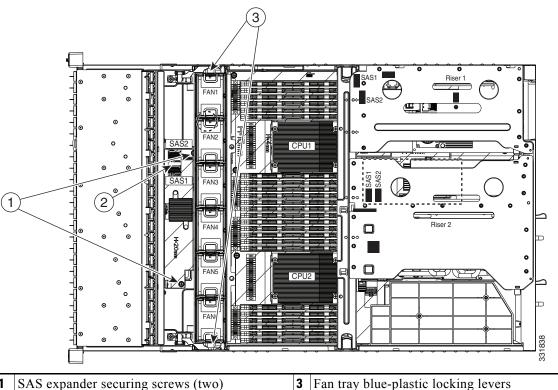


The motherboard heatsinks in front of the DIMM slots have sharp corners. When you pull the SAS expander from the backplane, use caution to avoid injuring your fingers.

- **b.** Pull on both corners of the SAS expander to disengage it from the sockets on the drive backplane and then set the SAS expander aside on an antistatic mat.
- **Step 5** Install the new SAS expander:
 - **a.** Push the two board-edge connectors on the new SAS expander into the two sockets on the backplane.
 - **b.** Use a #2 Phillips-head screwdriver to install the two screws that secure the SAS expander to the backplane assembly steel tray (see Figure 3-10).
- **Step 6** Reconnect SAS cables to the new SAS expander.

- **Step 7** Replace the fan tray.
 - **a.** With the blue-plastic lever at each end of the fan tray in the upright and open position, set the fan tray in place in the chassis. Use the chassis guides at each end of the fan tray to keep the fan tray level and straight.
 - **b.** Rotate each blue-plastic lever down to the locked position. Stop when the levers click and lock.
- **Step 8** Replace the top cover.
- **Step 9** Replace the server in the rack, replace cables, and then power on the server by pressing the **Power** button.

Figure 3-10 Replacing the SAS Expander



1	SAS expander securing screws (two)	3	Fan tray blue-plastic locking levers
2	SAS expander cable connectors		

Replacing Fan Modules

The six hot-pluggable fan modules in the server are numbered as follows when you are facing the front of the server.

Figure 3-11 Fan Module Numbering

FAN 1 FAN 2 FAN 3 FAN 4 FAN 5 FAN 6	FAN 4 FAN 5 FAN 6
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There is a fault LED on the top of each fan module that lights amber if the fan module fails. To operate these LEDs from the SuperCap power source, remove AC power cords and then press the Identification button. See also Internal Diagnostic LEDs, page 3-6.

To replace or install a hot-pluggable fan module, follow these steps:



You do not have to shut down or power off the server to replace fan modules because they are hot-pluggable. However, to maintain proper cooling, do not operate the server for more than one minute with any fan module removed.

Step 1 Remove a fan module that you are replacing (see Figure 3-12):

a. Slide the server out the front of the rack far enough so that you can remove the top cover. You might have to detach cables from the rear panel to provide clearance.



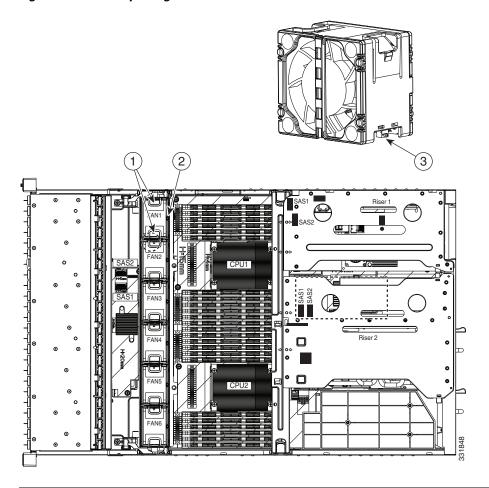
If you cannot safely view and access the component, remove the server from the rack.

- **b.** Remove the top cover as described in "Removing and Replacing the Server Top Cover" section on page 3-8.
- **c.** Grasp and squeeze together the two plastic finger-latches on the top of the fan module and then lift straight up to disengage the fan connector from the motherboard.

Step 2 Install a new fan module:

- **a.** Set the new fan module in place, aligning the connector on the bottom of the fan module with the connector on the motherboard (see Figure 3-12).
- **b.** Press down gently on the fan module until the finger-latches click and lock in place.
- **c.** Replace the top cover.
- **d.** Replace the server in the rack.

Figure 3-12 Replacing Fan Modules



1	Finger latches on each fan module	2	Fan module fault LED on each fan module
		3	Connector on underside of fan module

Replacing the Motherboard RTC Battery



There is danger of explosion if the battery is replaced incorrectly. Replace the battery only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer. Dispose of used batteries according to the manufacturer's instructions. [Statement 1015]

The real-time clock (RTC) battery retains system settings when the server is disconnected from power. The RTC battery is on the motherboard under the fan tray.

The battery type is Panasonic CR2032 or equivalent.

To replace or install the motherboard CMOS battery, follow these steps:

Step 1 Remove the RTC battery (see Figure 3-13):

- **a.** Power off the server as described in the "Shutting Down and Powering Off the Server" section on page 3-7.
- **b.** Slide the server out the front of the rack far enough so that you can remove the top cover. You might have to detach cables from the rear panel to provide clearance.



If you cannot safely view and access the component, remove the server from the rack.

- **c.** Remove the top cover as described in "Removing and Replacing the Server Top Cover" section on page 3-8.
- **d.** Remove the fan tray from the server (see Figure 3-13).
 - 1. Pinch the blue-plastic lever at each end of the fan tray to release the lever from the chassis.
 - 2. Simultaneously rotate both levers up 90-degrees. The cam action of the levers lifts the fan tray up and disengages the six fan modules from their connectors on the motherboard.
 - 3. Lift the fan tray straight up and remove it from the chassis.
- **e.** Gently remove the battery from its holder on the motherboard. Use a small screwdriver or pointed object under the battery to gently pry upward.

Step 2 Install an RTC battery:

a. Insert the battery into its holder and press down until it clicks in place.



Note

The positive side of the battery marked "3V+" should face upward.

- **b.** Replace the fan tray.
 - 1. With the blue-plastic lever at each end of the fan tray in the upright and open position, set the fan tray in place in the chassis. Use the chassis guides at each end of the fan tray to keep the fan tray level and straight.
 - **2.** Rotate each blue-plastic lever down to the locked position. Stop when the levers click and lock.
- **c.** Replace the top cover.
- **d.** Replace the server in the rack, replace cables, and power on the server by pressing the **Power** button.

Riser 2

Riser 2

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Figure 3-13 Replacing the Motherboard RTC Battery

1 RTC battery holder on motherboard (under fan tray)

Fan tray blue-plastic locking levers

Replacing DIMMs

This section includes the following topics:

- Memory Performance Guidelines and Population Rules, page 3-24
- DIMM Replacement Procedure, page 3-27



DIMMs and their sockets are fragile and must be handled with care to avoid damage during installation.



Cisco does not support 3rd-party DIMMs. Using non-Cisco DIMMs in the server might result in system problems or damage to the motherboard.



To ensure the best server performance, it is important that you are familiar with memory performance guidelines and population rules before you install or replace memory.

Memory Performance Guidelines and Population Rules

This section describes the type of memory that the server requires and its effect on performance. The section includes the following topics:

- DIMM Slot Numbering, page 3-25
- DIMM Population Rules, page 3-25
- Memory Mirroring, page 3-27

DIMM Slot Numbering

Figure 3-14 shows the numbering of the DIMM slots.

C2 C3 D1 D2 D3 \oplus **⊕** CPU 1 Ф Front of Server B2 **B**1 АЗ A2 Α1 G1 G2 G3 H1 H2 H3 \oplus 0 CPU₂ 0 F3 F2 F1 E3 E2

Figure 3-14 CPUs and DIMM Slots on Motherboard

DIMM Population Rules

Observe the following guidelines when installing or replacing DIMMs:

- Each CPU supports four memory channels.
 - CPU1 supports channels A, B, C, and D.
 - CPU2 supports channels E, F, G, and H.
- Each channel has three DIMM slots (for example, channel A = slots A1, A2, and A3).
 - A channel can operate with one, two, or three DIMMs installed.
 - If a channel has only one DIMM, populate slot 1 first (the blue slot).
- When both CPUs are installed, populate the DIMM slots of each CPU identically.
 - Fill blue #1 slots in the channels first: A1, E1, B1, F1, C1, G1, D1, H1
 - Fill black #2 slots in the channels second: A2, E2, B2, F2, C2, G2, D2, H2
 - Fill black #3 slots in the channels third: A3, E3, B3, F3, C3, G3, D3, H3

- Any DIMM installed in a DIMM socket for which the CPU is absent is not recognized. In a single-CPU configuration, populate the channels for CPU1 only.
- Although 1600 MHz DIMMs can be run in Power Saving Mode (low-voltage 1.35 V operation), 1600 MHz operation is supported only when the DDR mode is set to Performance Mode (see "Enabling Low-Voltage DIMM Operation.") A 1600 MHz DIMM with DDR mode set to Power Saving Mode operates at 1066 MHz.
- Observe the DIMM mixing rules shown in Table 3-4.
- Memory mirroring reduces the amount of memory available by 50% because only one of the two populated channels provides data. When memory mirroring is enabled, DIMMs must be installed in sets of 4, 6, 8, or 12 as described in Memory Mirroring, page 3-27.
- Note the following restrictions when using UDIMMs. Even though a UDIMM might be rated at 1600 MHz, actual operational speeds are slower because of the Intel implementation.
 - UDIMMs do not support 3 DIMMs per channel (3 DPC) configurations.
 - In Performance Mode (1.5 V operation), UDIMMs run at 1333 MHz in 1 DPC and 2 DPC configurations.
 - In Power Saving Mode (1.35 V operation), UDIMMs run at 1066 MHz in 1 DPC and 2 DPC configurations.

Table 3-4 DIMM Mixing Rules for C240 M3 Servers

DIMM Parameter	DIMMs in the Same Channel	DIMMs in the Same Bank
DIMM Capacity: RDIMM = 4, 8, or 16 GB LRDIMM = 32 GB UDIMM = 4 GB	 You can mix different capacity DIMMs in the same channel (for example, A1, A2, A3). You cannot mix 32 GB LRDIMMs with any RDIMM or UDIMM. You cannot mix 4 GB UDIMMs with any RDIMM or LRDIMM. 	 You can mix different capacity DIMMs in the same bank. However, for optimal performance DIMMs in the same bank (for example, A1, B1, C1, D1) should have the same capacity. You cannot mix 32 GB LRDIMMs with any RDIMM or UDIMM. You cannot mix 4 GB UDIMMs with any RDIMM or LRIMM.
DIMM Speed: 1866-, 1600-, or 1333-MHz	You can mix speeds, but DIMMs will run at the speed of the slowest DIMMs/CPUs installed in the channel.	You can mix speeds, but DIMMs will run at the speed of the slowest DIMMs/CPUs installed in the bank.
DIMM Type: RDIMMs, LRDIMMs, or	You cannot mix DIMM types in a channel.	You cannot mix DIMM types in a bank.

Enabling Low-Voltage DIMM Operation

You can enable low voltage (1.35 V) DIMM operation for all DIMMs in the server. There is a setting in the BIOS Setup utility that you can use to change the DDR memory mode to Power Saving mode, as described in the following procedure:

Step 1 Enter the BIOS setup utility by pressing the **F2** key when prompted during bootup.

UDIMMs

- Step 2 Select the Advanced tab.
- Step 3 Select Low Voltage DDR Mode.
- Step 4 In the pop-up window, select either Power Saving or Performance Mode:
 - Power Saving Mode–Prioritizes low-voltage memory operation.
 - Performance Mode–Prioritizes performance memory operation. If you mix low-voltage DIMMs with standard DIMMs, the system defaults to this setting.
- **Step 5** Press **F10** to save your changes and exit the setup utility.

Memory Mirroring

When memory mirroring is enabled, the memory subsystem simultaneously writes identical data to two channels. If a memory read from one of the channels returns incorrect data due to an uncorrectable memory error, the system automatically retrieves the data from the other channel. A transient or soft error in one channel does not affect the mirrored data, and operation continues unless there is a simultaneous error in exactly the same location on a DIMM and its mirrored DIMM. Memory mirroring reduces the amount of memory available to the operating system by 50% because only one of the two populated channels provides data.



You must choose to enable memory mirroring in the server BIOS setup utility, under Advanced > Memory Configuration > Mirroring.

If you choose to enable memory mirroring, populate the DIMM slots in the order shown in Table 3-5.

Table 3-5 Memory Mirroring DIMM Population

Number of DIMMs per CPU	CPU 1 Population	CPU2 Population
4	A1, B1; A2, B2	E1, F1; E2, F2
6	A1, B1; A2, B2; A3, B3	E1, F1; E2, F2; E3, F3
8	A1, B1; C1, D1; A2, B2; C2, D2	E1, F1; G1, H1; E2, F2; G2, H2
10	A1, B1; C1, D1; A2, B2; C2, D2; A3, B3	E1, F1; G1, H1; E2, F2; G2, H2; E3, F3
12	A1, B1; C1, D1; A2, B2; C2, D2; A3, B3; C3, D3	E1, F1; G1, H1; E2, F2; G2, H2; E3, F3; G3, H3

DIMM Replacement Procedure

This section includes the following topics:

- Identifying a Faulty DIMM, page 3-27
- Replacing DIMMs, page 3-28

Identifying a Faulty DIMM

Each DIMM slot has a corresponding DIMM fault LED. See Figure 3-3 for the locations of these LEDs.

The LEDs light amber to indicate a faulty DIMM. To operate these LEDs from the SuperCap power source, remove AC power cords and then press the Identification button. See also Internal Diagnostic LEDs, page 3-6.

Replacing DIMMs

To install a DIMM assembly, follow these steps:

Step 1 Remove the DIMMs that you are replacing:

- **a.** Power off the server as described in the "Shutting Down and Powering Off the Server" section on page 3-7.
- **b.** Slide the server out the front of the rack far enough so that you can remove the top cover. You might have to detach cables from the rear panel to provide clearance.



If you cannot safely view and access the component, remove the server from the rack.

- **c.** Remove the top cover as described in "Removing and Replacing the Server Top Cover" section on page 3-8.
- **d.** Identify the faulty DIMM by observing the DIMM slot fault LEDs on the motherboard (see Figure 3-3).
- e. Open the ejector levers at both ends of the DIMM slot, then lift the DIMM out of the slot.

Step 2 Install a new DIMM:



Note Before

Before installing DIMMs, refer to the population guidelines. See Memory Performance Guidelines and Population Rules, page 3-24.

- **a.** Align the new DIMM with the empty slot on the motherboard. Use the alignment key in the DIMM slot to correctly orient the DIMM.
- **b.** Push down evenly on the top corners of the DIMM until it is fully seated and the ejector levers on both ends lock into place.
- **c.** Replace the top cover.
- **d.** Replace the server in the rack, replace cables, and then power on the server by pressing the **Power** button.

Replacing CPUs and Heatsinks

This section contains the following topics:

- Special Information For Upgrades to Intel E5-2600 v2 Series CPUs, page 3-29
- CPU Configuration Rules, page 3-29
- CPU Replacement Procedure, page 3-30
- Additional CPU-Related Parts To Order With RMA Replacement Motherboards, page 3-35

Special Information For *Upgrades* to Intel E5-2600 v2 Series CPUs



You must upgrade your server firmware to the required minimum level *before* you upgrade to Intel E5-2600 v2 Series CPUs. Older firmware versions cannot recognize the new CPUs and this results in a non-bootable server.

The minimum software and firmware versions required for the server to support Intel E5-2600 v2 Series CPUs are as follows:

Table 3-6 Minimum Requirements For Intel E5-2600 v2 Series CPUs

Software or Firmware	Minimum Version	
Server CIMC	1.5(3)	
Server BIOS	1.5(3)	
Cisco UCS Manager (UCSM-managed system only)	2.1(3)	

Do one of the following actions:

- If your server's firmware and/or Cisco UCS Manager software are already at the required levels shown in Table 3-6, you can install the CPU hardware by using the procedure in this section.
- If your server's firmware and/or Cisco UCS Manager software is earlier than the required levels, use the instructions in the Cisco UCS C-Series Servers Upgrade Guide for Intel E5-2600 v2 Series CPUs to upgrade your firmware. After you upgrade, return to the procedure in this section to install the CPU and heatsink hardware.

CPU Configuration Rules

This server has two CPUs. Each CPU supports four DIMM channels (12 DIMM slots). See Figure 3-14.

- The server can operate with one CPU or two identical CPUs installed.
- The minimum configuration is that the server must have at least CPU1 installed. Install CPU1 first, then CPU2.



The following restrictions apply when using a single-CPU configuration: the maximum number of DIMMs is twelve, the internal mezzanine card slot is unavailable, and PCIe riser 2, which contains PCIe slots 4 and 5, is unavailable.

CPU Replacement Procedure



CPUs and their motherboard sockets are fragile and must be handled with care to avoid damaging pins during installation. The CPUs must be installed with heatsinks and their thermal pads to ensure proper cooling. Failure to install a CPU correctly might result in damage to the server.



The Pick-and-Place tools used in this procedure are required to prevent damage to the contact pins between the motherboard and the CPU. Do not attempt this procedure without the required tools, which are included with each CPU option kit. If you do not have the tool, you can order a spare: Cisco PID UCS-CPU-EP-PNP= for 10-, 8-, 6-, 4-, or 2-core CPUs (green); UCS-CPU-EP2-PNP= for v2 12-core CPUs (purple).

To install or replace a CPU heatsink and CPU, follow these steps:

Step 1 Remove the CPU and heatsink that you are replacing:

- **a.** Power off the server as described in the "Shutting Down and Powering Off the Server" section on page 3-7.
- **b.** Slide the server out the front of the rack far enough so that you can remove the top cover. You might have to detach cables from the rear panel to provide clearance.



If you cannot safely view and access the component, remove the server from the rack.

- **c.** Remove the top cover as described in "Removing and Replacing the Server Top Cover" section on page 3-8.
- **d.** Use a Number 2 Phillips-head screwdriver to loosen the four captive screws that secure the heatsink and then lift it off of the CPU.

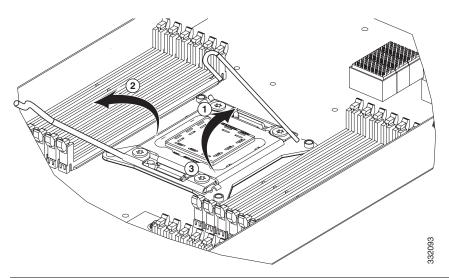


Note

Alternate loosening each screw evenly to avoid damaging the heatsink or CPU.

- e. Unclip the first CPU retaining latch labelled with the ☐ icon, then unclip the second retaining latch labelled with the ☐ icon. See Figure 3-15.
- **f.** Open the hinged CPU cover plate.

Figure 3-15 CPU Heatsink and Socket

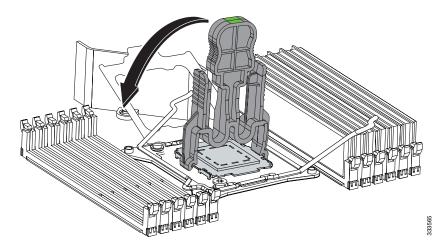


1	CPU retaining latch,	3	Hinged CPU cover plate
2	CPU retaining latch,		_

Step 2 Remove a protective cap or an old CPU from the socket (if present):

- If you are removing an old CPU, skip to Step 3.
- If you are installing a new CPU to a socket that was shipped empty, the socket has a protective cap that is intended to prevent bent contact pins. Use the tool as shown in Figure 3-16 to grasp the protective cap and then pivot to remove the cap.

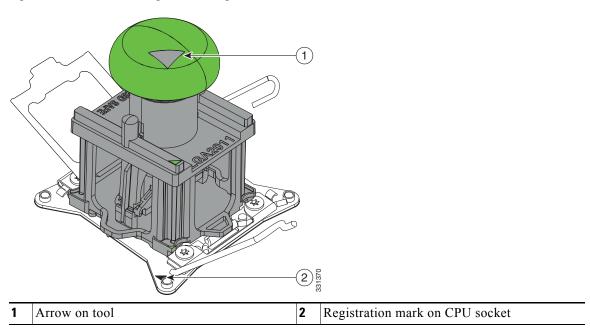
Figure 3-16 Protective Cap Removal Tool



Step 3 Remove an old CPU:

- **a.** Set the Pick-and-Place tool on the CPU in the socket, aligning the arrow on the tool with the registration mark on the socket (the small triangular mark). See Figure 3-17.
- **b.** Press the top button on the tool to grasp the installed CPU.
- c. Lift the tool and CPU straight up.
- **d.** Press the top button on the tool to release the old CPU on an anti-static surface.

Figure 3-17 Removing or Inserting a CPU



Step 4 Insert the new CPU into the Pick-and-Place tool:

- **a.** Remove the new CPU from the packaging and place it on the pedestal that is included in the kit. Align the registration mark on the corner of the CPU with the arrow on the corner of the pedestal (see Figure 3-18).
- **b.** Press down on the top button of the tool to lock it open.
- **c.** Set the Pick-and-Place tool on the CPU pedestal, aligning the arrow on the tool with the arrow on the corner of the pedestal. Make sure that the tabs on the tool are fully seated in the slots on the pedestal.
- **d.** Press the side lever on the tool to grasp and lock in the CPU.
- e. Lift the tool and CPU straight up off the pedestal.

1 Arrow marks for alignment –

Figure 3-18 CPU and Pick-and-Place Tool on Pedestal

Step 5 Install a new CPU:

a. Set the Pick-and-Place tool with CPU over the empty CPU socket on the motherboard.



Note

Align the arrow on the top of the tool with the registration mark (small triangle) that is stamped on the metal of the CPU socket, as shown in Figure 3-17.

- b. Press the top button on the tool to set the CPU into the socket. Remove the empty tool.
- **c.** Close the hinged CPU cover plate.
- d. Clip down the CPU retaining latch with the icon, then clip down the CPU retaining latch with the icon. See Figure 3-15.

Step 6 Install a heatsink:



The heatsink must have a new, undamaged thermal pad on the heatsink-to-CPU surface to ensure proper cooling. If you are replacing a heatsink that was previously used, you must remove the old thermal pad. If you are installing a new heatsink, skip to step d. below.

- **a.** Apply an alcohol-based cleaning solution to the old thermal pad and let it soak for a least 15 seconds.
- **b.** Wipe all of the old thermal pad off the old heatsink using a soft cloth that will not scratch the heatsink surface.

Apply thermal grease from an included syringe to the top of the CPU.
 Apply about 2 cubic centimeters of grease (about half the syringe contents) to the top of the CPU in the pattern that is shown in Figure 3-19.

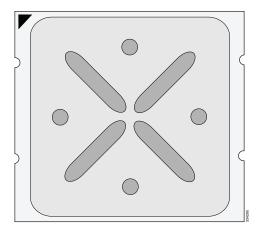


CPU spares come with two syringes of thermal grease; one with a blue cap and one with a red cap. The syringe with the red cap is UCS-CPU-GREASE2=, which is used with this server.



If you do not have a syringe of thermal grease, you can order a spare (UCS-CPU-GREASE2=).

Figure 3-19 Thermal Grease Application Pattern



d. For a new heatsink, peel the protective film from the thermal pad that is on the bottom of the new heatsink.



Note

Do not apply a syringe of thermal grease if you are installing a new heatsink that already has a pre-applied thermal pad.

e. Align the heatsink captive screws with the motherboard standoffs, then use a Number 2 Phillips-head screwdriver to tighten the captive screws evenly.



Note

Alternate tightening each screw evenly to avoid damaging the heatsink or CPU.

- f. Replace the top cover.
- **g.** Replace the server in the rack, replace cables, and then power on the server by pressing the **Power** button.

Additional CPU-Related Parts To Order With RMA Replacement Motherboards

When a return material authorization (RMA) of the motherboard or CPU is done on a Cisco UCS C-series server, there are additional parts that might not be included with the CPU or motherboard spare bill of materials (BOM). The TAC engineer might need to add the additional parts to the RMA to help ensure a successful replacement.

- Scenario 1—You are re-using the existing heatsinks:
 - Heat sink cleaning kit (UCSX-HSCK=)
 - Thermal grease kit for C240 (UCS-CPU-GREASE2=)
 - Intel CPU Pick-n-Place tool: UCS-CPU-EP-PNP= for 10-, 8-, 6-, 4-, or 2-core CPUs (green); or UCS-CPU-EP2-PNP= for v2 12-core CPUs (purple)
- Scenario 2—You are replacing the existing heatsinks:
 - Heat sink (UCSC-HS-C240M3=)
 - Heat sink cleaning kit (UCSX-HSCK=)
 - Intel CPU Pick-n-Place tool: UCS-CPU-EP-PNP= for 10-, 8-, 6-, 4-, or 2-core CPUs (green); or UCS-CPU-EP2-PNP= for v2 12-core CPUs (purple)

A CPU heatsink cleaning kit is good for up to four CPU and heatsink cleanings. The cleaning kit contains two bottles of solution, one to clean the CPU and heatsink of old thermal interface material and the other to prepare the surface of the heatsink.

New heatsink spares have preinstalled thermal interface material covered by a small sheet of plastic. It is important to clean the old thermal interface material off of the CPU prior to installing the heatsinks. Therefore, when ordering new heatsinks it is still necessary to order the heatsink cleaning kit at a minimum.

Replacing a Mezzanine Card

The server has a dedicated socket on the motherboard for a mezzanine-style RAID controller card.



See RAID Controller Considerations, page C-1 for more information about supported cards and cabling.

To install or replace a mezzanine card, follow these steps:

Step 1 Remove the mezzanine card that you are replacing (see Figure 3-20):

- **a.** Power off the server as described in the "Shutting Down and Powering Off the Server" section on page 3-7.
- **b.** Slide the server out the front of the rack far enough so that you can remove the top cover. You might have to detach cables from the rear panel to provide clearance.



If you cannot safely view and access the component, remove the server from the rack.

- **c.** Remove the top cover as described in "Removing and Replacing the Server Top Cover" section on page 3-8.
- **d.** Remove PCIe riser 2 from the server to provide clearance (see Figure 3-20).
- e. Disconnect all cables from the mezzanine card.



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Label the cables before you disconnect them to aid replacement.

- f. Use a #2 Phillips-head screwdriver to remove the two screws that secure the card to the motherboard standoffs.
- **g.** Pull the mezzanine card straight up to disengage it from its motherboard socket, and then remove the card from the chassis.

Step 2 Install a new mezzanine card:

- **a.** Set the new mezzanine card in place on the motherboard, aligning its connector with the motherboard socket.
- **b.** Push down on both ends of the mezzanine card evenly to engage the card's connector with the socket on the motherboard.
- **c.** Use a #2 Phillips-head screwdriver to install the two screws that secure the card to the motherboard standoffs.
- **d.** Reconnect cables to the new mezzanine card. See RAID Controller Considerations, page C-1 for more information about supported cards and cabling.
- **e.** Replace PCIe riser 2 to the server.
- f. Replace the top cover.
- **g.** Replace the server in the rack, replace cables, and then power on the server by pressing the **Power** button.
- h. If this was a replacement card, continue with Restoring RAID Configuration After Replacing a RAID Controller, page C-24.

Mezzanine card connector on motherboard

2 Mezzanine card securing screws (two)

Figure 3-20 Replacing the Mezzanine Card (Shown With PCle Riser 2 Removed)

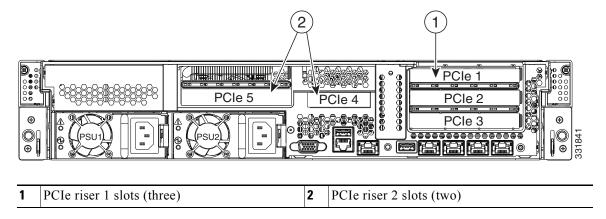
Replacing a PCIe Riser



The older PCIe risers UCSC-PCIE-RL-C240= and UCSC-PCIE-RR-C240= are compatible only with the older version V01 chassis, and have been obsoleted. These parts have been replaced by a new single item (UCSC-GPUKIT1-C240=), which contains left and right risers along with additional hardware to facilitate installation of NVIDIA GPU cards. Order the new UCSC-GPUKIT1-C240= if riser replacement is required on any version of the C240 chassis, or if a version V01 chassis must be upgraded to support an NVIDIA GPU card. See also How to Determine Your Server Version, page 3-49.

The server contains two toolless PCIe risers for horizontal installation of PCIe cards. PCIe riser 2 also includes two internal sockets for Cisco Flexible Flash cards (SD cards). See Replacing a PCIe Card, page 3-40 for specifications of the PCIe slots on the risers.

Figure 3-21 Rear Panel, Showing PCle Slots



To install or replace a PCIe riser, follow these steps:

Step 1 Remove the PCIe riser that you are replacing (see Figure 3-20):

- **a.** Power off the server as described in the "Shutting Down and Powering Off the Server" section on page 3-7.
- **b.** Slide the server out the front of the rack far enough so that you can remove the top cover. You might have to detach cables from the rear panel to provide clearance.



If you cannot safely view and access the component, remove the server from the rack.

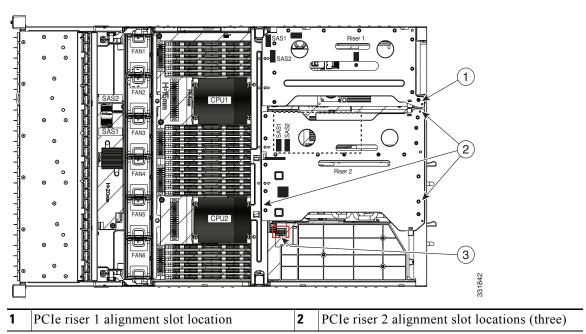
- **c.** Remove the top cover as described in "Removing and Replacing the Server Top Cover" section on page 3-8.
- d. Disconnect external cables from any PCIe cards that are installed in the PCIe riser.
- **e.** Use the finger holes to lift straight up on both ends of the riser to disengage its circuit board from the socket on the motherboard. Set the riser on an antistatic mat.
- f. If the riser has a card installed, remove the card from the riser.

 To remove a card, push down on the retaining clip on the hinged card retainer and then swing open the retainer to free the rear-panel tab of the card (see Replacing a PCIe Card, page 3-40).

Step 2 Install a new PCIe riser:

- **a.** If you removed a card from the old PCIe riser, install the card to the new riser (see Replacing a PCIe Card, page 3-40).
- **b.** Position the PCIe riser over its socket on the motherboard and over its alignment slots in the chassis (see Figure 3-22).
- **c.** Carefully push down on both ends of the PCIe riser to fully engage its circuit board connector with the socket on the motherboard.
- d. Connect external cables to any PCIe cards installed in the riser.
- e. Replace the top cover.
- **f.** Replace the server in the rack, replace cables, and then power on the server by pressing the **Power** button.

Figure 3-22 Replacing the PCle Riser



Replacing a PCIe Card



Cisco supports all PCIe cards qualified and sold by Cisco. PCIe cards not qualified or sold by Cisco are the responsibility of the customer. Although Cisco will always stand behind and support the C-Series rack-mount servers, customers using standard, off-the-shelf, third-party cards must go to the third-party card vendor for support if any issue with that particular third-party card occurs.

This section includes the following topics:

- PCIe Slots, page 3-40
- Replacing a PCIe Card, page 3-41
- Special Considerations for Cisco UCS Virtual Interface Cards, page 3-43
- Special Considerations for Cisco UCS Fusion ioDrive2 Storage Accelerator Cards, page 3-44
- RAID Controller Card Cable Routing, page 3-44
- Installing Multiple PCIe Cards and Resolving Limited Resources, page 3-45

PCIe Slots

The server contains two toolless PCIe risers for horizontal installation of PCIe cards. See Figure 3-23 and Table 3-7.

Figure 3-23 Rear Panel PCle Slots

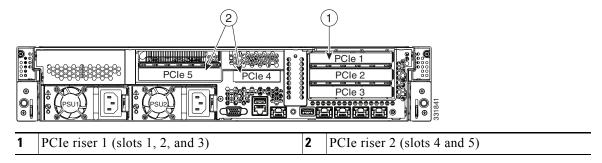


Table 3-7 PCle Expansion Slots

Slot Number	Electrical Lane Width	Connector Length	Card Length ¹	Card Height ²	NCSI ³ Support
1	Gen-3 x8	x16 connector	3/4 length	Full-height	No
2	Gen-3 x16	x24 extended	3/4 length (10.5 in./26.67 cm)	Full-height	Yes ⁴
3	Gen-3 x8	x16 connector	1/2 length	Full-height	No
4 ⁵	Gen-3 x8	x16 connector	1/2 length	Half-height	No
5 6	Gen-3 x16	x24 extended	3/4 length 10.5 in./26.67 cm)	Full-height, also supports double-width cards	Yes

- 1. This is the supported length because of internal clearance.
- 2. This is the size of the rear panel opening.

- 3. Network Communications Services Interface protocol
- 4. Slot 2 can operate when the server is in standby power mode.
- 5. Slot 4 is not available in single-CPU configurations.
- Slot 5 is not available in single-CPU configurations.

Replacing a PCIe Card



For the list of supported PCIe adapters and other components, see the Technical Specifications Sheet at http://www.cisco.com/en/US/prod/collateral/ps10265/ps10493/C240M3_SFF_SpecSheet.pdf.



If you are installing a Cisco UCS Virtual Interface Card, there are prerequisite considerations. See Special Considerations for Cisco UCS Virtual Interface Cards, page 3-43.



If you are installing a RAID controller card, see RAID Controller Considerations, page C-1 for more information about supported cards and cabling.

To install or replace a PCIe card, follow these steps:

Step 1 Remove a PCIe card (or a blank filler panel) from the PCIe riser assembly:

- Shut down and power off the server as described in the "Shutting Down and Powering Off the Server" section on page 3-7.
- Slide the server out the front of the rack far enough so that you can remove the top cover. You might have to detach cables from the rear panel to provide clearance.



If you cannot safely view and access the component, remove the server from the rack.

- c. Remove the top cover as described in the "Removing and Replacing the Server Top Cover" section on page 3-8.
- Disconnect cables from any PCIe cards that are installed in the PCIe riser.



Label the cables when you disconnect them to aid correct connection to the new card.

- e. Use the finger holes to lift straight up on both ends of the riser to disengage its circuit board from the socket on the motherboard. Set the riser on an antistatic mat.
- f. Push down on the securing clip on the hinged card retainer and then swing open the retainer to free the rear-panel tab of the existing card (or blanking panel). See Figure 3-24.



Note

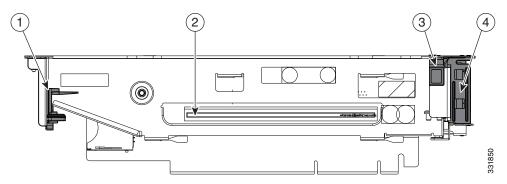
Slot 5 on PCIe riser 2 has an additional plastic retaining clip that stabilizes the front end of a card. Push down on this clip before pulling the card from the riser socket (see Figure 3-24).

g. Pull evenly on both ends of the PCIe card to disengage it from the socket on the PCIe riser (or remove a blanking panel) and then set the card aside.

Step 2 Install a PCIe card:

- **a.** Align the new PCIe card with the empty socket on the PCIe riser.
- b. Push down evenly on both ends of the card until it is fully seated in the socket.Ensure that the card rear panel tab sits flat against the PCIe riser rear panel opening.
- **c.** Close the hinged card retainer over the rear panel tab of the card and push in on the retainer until its clip clicks into place to secure the card.
- **d.** Position the PCIe riser over its socket on the motherboard and over its alignment features in the chassis (see Figure 3-22).
- **e.** Carefully push down on both ends of the PCIe riser to fully engage its circuit board connector with the socket on the motherboard.
- **f.** Connect cables to the PCIe card. See RAID Controller Considerations, page C-1 for more information about supported cards and cabling.
- **g.** Replace the top cover.
- h. Replace the server in the rack, replace cables, and then power on the server by pressing the **Power** button.
- i. If you replaced a RAID controller card, continue with Restoring RAID Configuration After Replacing a RAID Controller, page C-24.

Figure 3-24 PCle Riser card Retainers (Slot 5 on PCle Riser 2 Shown)



	Long card retainer (on riser 2, slot 5 only)	3	Securing clip on hinged card retainer
2	Card socket on riser	4	Hinged card retainer

Special Considerations for Cisco UCS Virtual Interface Cards

Table 3-8 describes the requirements for the supported Cisco UCS virtual interface cards (VICs).

Table 3-8 Cisco UCS C240 Requirements for Virtual Interface Cards

Virtual Interface Card (VIC)	Number of VICs Supported in Server	Slots That Support VICs ¹	Primary Slot For UCS Integration or Cisco Card NIC Mode	Minimum CIMC Firmware	Minimum VIC Firmware	Minimum Nexus OS on an Upstream Nexus Fabric Interconnect
Cisco UCS VIC P81E	2	PCIE 2	PCIE 2	1.4(4)	2.0(2)	5.0
N2XX-ACPCI01		PCIE 5 ²				
Cisco UCS VIC1225	2	PCIE 2	PCIE 2	1.4(6)	2.1(0)	5.0
UCSC-PCIE-CSC-02		PCIE 5				
Cisco UCS VIC1225T	2	PCIE 2	PCIE 2 ³	1.5(1)	2.1(1)	5.0
UCSC-PCIE-C10T-02		PCIE 5				

^{1.} See PCIe Slots, page 3-40.

^{2.} Slot 5 is not available in single-CPU configurations.

^{3.} The Cisco UCS VIC1225T is not supported for UCS integration at this time.

Special Considerations for Cisco UCS Fusion ioDrive2 Storage Accelerator Cards

Table 3-9 describes the requirements for the supported Cisco UCS Fusion ioDrive2 cards.

Table 3-9 Cisco UCS C240 Requirements for Fusion ioDrive2 Cards

Card	Max. Number of Cards Supported	Slots That Support Cards ¹	Minimum CIMC Firmware	Card Height (rear-panel tab)
Cisco UCS 3.0 TB MLC Fusion ioDrive2	4	PCIE 1	1.5(2)	Full height
UCSC-F-FIO-3000M		PCIE 2		
		PCIE 3		
		PCIE 5 ²		
Cisco UCS 1205 GB MLC Fusion ioDrive2	5	All	1.5(2)	Half height ³
UCSC-F-FIO-1205M				
Cisco UCS 785 GB MLC Fusion ioDrive2	5	All	1.5(2)	Half height
UCSC-F-FIO-785M				
Cisco UCS 365 GB MLC Fusion ioDrive2	5	All	1.5(2)	Half height
UCSC-F-FIO-365M				

^{1.} See PCIe Slots, page 3-40.

RAID Controller Card Cable Routing

If the PCIe card that you are installing or replacing is a RAID controller card, see RAID Controller Considerations, page C-1 for cable routing and other guidelines.

^{2.} Slots 4 and 5 are not available in single-CPU configurations.

^{3.} A rear-panel tab adapter is required to fit the half-height cards in full-height slots 1, 2, 3, and 5.

Installing Multiple PCIe Cards and Resolving Limited Resources

When a large number of PCIe add-on cards are installed in the server, the system may run out of the following resources required for PCIe devices:

- Option ROM memory space
- 16-bit I/O space

The topics in this section provide guidelines for resolving the issues related to these limited resources.

- Resolving Insufficient Memory Space to Execute Option ROMs, page 3-45
- Resolving Insufficient 16-Bit I/O Space, page 3-46

Resolving Insufficient Memory Space to Execute Option ROMs

The system has very limited memory to execute PCIe legacy option ROMs, so when a large number of PCIe add-on cards are installed in the server, the system BIOS might not able to execute all of the option ROMs. The system BIOS loads and executes the option ROMs in the order that the PCIe cards are enumerated (Slot 1, Slot 2, Slot 3, etc.).

If the system BIOS does not have sufficient memory space to load any PCIe option ROM, it skips loading that option ROM, reports a system event log (SEL) event to the CIMC controller and reports the following error in the Error Manager page of the BIOS Setup utility:

```
ERROR CODE SEVERITY INSTANCE DESCRIPTION

146 Major N/A PCI out of resources error.

Major severity requires user intervention but does not prevent system boot.
```

To resolve this issue, disable the Option ROMs that are not needed for system booting. The BIOS Setup Utility provides the setup options to enable or disable the Option ROMs at the PCIe slot level for the PCIe expansion slots and at the port level for the onboard NICs. These options can be found in the BIOS Setup Utility Advanced \rightarrow PCI Configuration page.

• Guidelines for RAID controller booting:

If the server is configured to boot primarily from RAID storage, make sure that the option ROMs for the slots where your RAID controllers installed are enabled in the BIOS, depending on your RAID controller configuration.

If the RAID controller does not appear in the system boot order even with the option ROMs for those slots are enabled, the RAID controller option ROM might not have sufficient memory space to execute. In that case, disable other option ROMs that are not needed for the system configuration to free up some memory space for the RAID controller option ROM.

See also Factory-Default Option ROM Settings, page C-6.

• Guidelines for onboard NIC PXE booting:

If the system is configured to primarily perform PXE boot from onboard NICs, make sure that the option ROMs for the onboard NICs to be booted from are enabled in the BIOS Setup Utility. Disable other option ROMs that are not needed to create sufficient memory space for the onboard NICs.

Resolving Insufficient 16-Bit I/O Space

The system has only 64 KB of legacy 16-bit I/O resources available. This 64 KB of I/O space is divided between the CPUs in the system because the PCIe controller is integrated into the CPUs. This server BIOS has the capability to dynamically detect the 16-bit I/O resource requirement for each CPU and then balance the 16-bit I/O resource allocation between the CPUs accordingly during the PCI bus enumeration phase of the BIOS POST.

When a large number of PCIe cards are installed in the system, the system BIOS might not have sufficient I/O space for some PCIe devices. If the system BIOS is not able to allocate the required I/O resources for any PCIe devices, the following symptoms have been observed:

- The system might get stuck in an infinite reset loop.
- The BIOS might appear to hang while initializing PCIe devices.
- The PCIe option ROMs might take excessive time to complete, which appears to lock up the system.
- PCIe boot devices might not be accessible from the BIOS.
- PCIe option ROMs might report initialization errors. These errors are seen before the BIOS passes control to the operating system.
- The keyboard might not work.

To work around this problem, rebalance the 16-bit I/O load using the following methods:

- 1. Physically remove any unused PCIe cards.
- 2. If the system has one or more Cisco virtual interface cards (VICs) installed, disable the PXE boot on the VICs that are not required for the system boot configuration by using the Network Adapters page in the CIMC WebUI to free up some 16-bit I/O resources. Each VIC uses a minimum 16 KB of 16-bit I/O resource, so disabling PXE boot on Cisco VICs would free up some 16-bit I/O resources that can be used for other PCIe cards that are installed in the system.

Installing an NVIDIA GRID or Tesla GPU Card

This section contains the following topics:

- Overview of Software Requirements, page 3-47
- Configuration Rules, page 3-47
- How to Determine Your Server Version, page 3-49
- Installing the GPU Card in Version 01 Servers, page 3-50
- Installing the GPU Card in Version 02 Servers, page 3-55
- Installing Drivers to Support the NVIDIA GPU Cards, page 3-59

Overview of Software Requirements

Server Firmware

Table 3-10 lists the minimum server firmware versions for the GPU cards.

Table 3-10 Server Firmware Minimum Versions

GPU	CIMC/BIOS Minimum Version
NVIDIA GRID K1	1.5(1)
NVIDIA GRID K2	1.5(1)
NVIDIA Tesla K20	1.5(3)
NVIDIA Tesla K20X	1.5(3)

Configuration Rules

The rules for configuring the server with GPUs differ, depending on the server version and other factors. This section includes the following topics:

- General NVIDIA GPU Card Configuration Rules, page 3-48
- NVIDIA GRID GPU Slot Population Rules, page 3-48
- NVIDIA Tesla GPU Slot Population Rules, page 3-48

General NVIDIA GPU Card Configuration Rules



When using NVIDIA GRID GPU cards, the operating temperature range is 32° to 95°F (0° to 35°C).



When using *dual* NVIDIA GPU cards, you must preserve at least 10mm of space between servers to ensure adequate airflow and cooling. The only exception is for NVIDIA GRID K1 GPU cards, which do not require this 10mm gap.

- Mixing different GPU cards in the same server is not supported.
- All GPU cards require two CPUs and two 1200 W power supplies in the server.
- It is not possible to use *dual* NVIDIA GPU cards and a Cisco virtual interface card (VIC) at the same time. This is because dual NVIDIA GPUs must be installed in slots 2 and 5 of the server, and a Cisco VIC must be installed in either slot 2 or slot 5. If you require two GPU cards and 10-Gb Ethernet connectivity, you must chooses a different supported adapter that can be used in a different slot. For supported adapters, see the Technical Specifications Sheet for the Cisco UCS C240 M3 server (Small Form Factor or Large Form Factor) at:

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps10493/products_data_sheets_list.html

NVIDIA GRID GPU Slot Population Rules

Table 3-11 shows the rules for populating NVIDIA GRID K1 or K2 GPU cards in the server.

Table 3-11 NVIDIA GRID GPU Population Rules By Server Version

C240 M3 Server Version	Single K1	Dual K1	Single K2	Dual K2
Server version V01	Slot 5	Slots 2 and 5	Slot 5	Not supported
Server version V02	Slot 5	Slots 2 and 5	Slot 5	Slots 2 and 5

NVIDIA Tesla GPU Slot Population Rules

Table 3-12 shows the rules for populating NVIDIA Tesla K20 or K20X GPU cards in the server.



When using *dual* NVIDIA Tesla GPU cards, you must preserve at least 10mm of space between servers to ensure adequate airflow and cooling.

Table 3-12 NVIDIA Tesla GPU Population Rules By Server Version

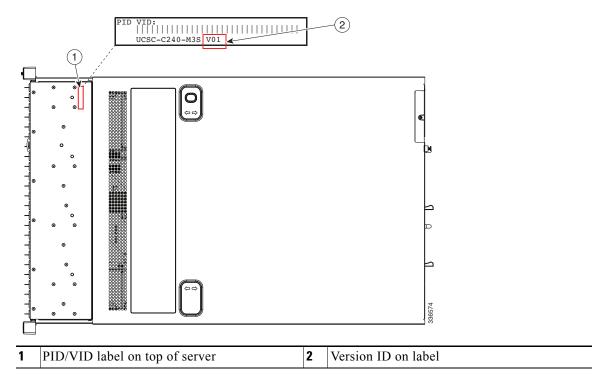
C240 M3 Server Version	Single Tesla GPU	Dual Tesla GPUs
Server version V01	Slot 5	Not supported
Server version V02	Slot 5	Slots 2 and 5

How to Determine Your Server Version

The version of your server can be seen in the version ID on the PID/VID label. The PID/VID label is on the top of the server (see Figure 3-25).

- A version ID with "V01" designates version 01 of the server.
- A version ID with "V02" designates version 02 of the server.

Figure 3-25 Label and Version ID



Installation Procedures

Use one of the following two procedures, depending on your server version:

- If you have a version 01 server, use the procedure in Installing the GPU Card in Version 01 Servers, page 3-50. You are required to upgrade the server with a GPU upgrade kit before you can install the GPU card.
- If you have a version 02 server, use the procedure in Installing the GPU Card in Version 02 Servers, page 3-55. In this case, the GPU upgrade kit is not required.

See How to Determine Your Server Version, page 3-49 if you do not know your server version.

Installing the GPU Card in Version 01 Servers

The procedure in this section requires that you use the GPU upgrade kit to ready the server for GPU card installation.

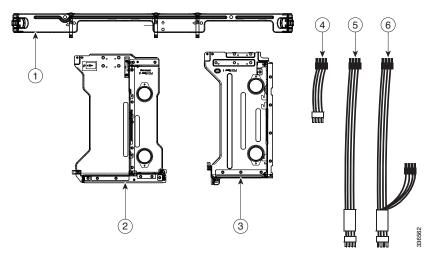
- GPU Upgrade Kit, page 3-50
- Installation Procedure, page 3-51

GPU Upgrade Kit

The GPU upgrade kit includes the following components (see Figure 3-26):

- Two replacement PCIe risers
- One replacement chassis mid-brace
- One 8-to-8 pin power-cable adapter (connects between the motherboard and the GPU power cable)
- One straight GPU power cable (for a single GPU)
- One "Y" GPU power cable (for dual GPUs)

Figure 3-26 Cisco UCS C240 GPU Kit



1	Chassis mid-brace	4	8-to-8 pin GPU power cable adapter
2	PCIe riser 2	5	Straight GPU power cable
3	PCIe riser 1	6	Y GPU power cable

Installation Procedure

Summary of procedure steps:

- 1. Prepare the server for component installation.
- **2.** Replace the chassis mid-brace.
- 3. Connect the 8-to-8 pin power cable adapter and the power cable to the motherboard.
- 4. Install the GPU card into the new replacement riser.
- **5.** Install the new replacement riser into the chassis.
- 6. Connect the power cable to the GPU card.

Use the following procedure to make the necessary chassis and cabling changes to a version 01 server before you install the GPU card.

Step 1 Prepare the server for component installation:

- **a.** Shut down and power off the server as described in the "Shutting Down and Powering Off the Server" section on page 3-7.
- **b.** Slide the server out the front of the rack far enough so that you can remove the top cover. You might have to detach cables from the rear panel to provide clearance.



If you cannot safely view and access the component, remove the server from the rack.

- **c.** Remove the top cover as described in the "Removing and Replacing the Server Top Cover" section on page 3-8.
- d. Remove the air baffle that covers the CPUs and DIMMs.

Step 2 Replace the chassis mid-brace:

- **a.** Remove the existing PCIe risers. Use the finger holes in each PCIe riser to lift straight up on both ends. Set the risers on an antistatic mat.
- **b.** Remove the existing chassis mid-brace. Compress the finger-latches on each end of the mid-brace toward the center, then lift it straight up (see Figure 3-27).
- **c.** Install the new chassis mid-brace. Set the mid-brace in place while compressing the finger-latches on each end toward the center. Release the latches to lock the mid-brace into position.

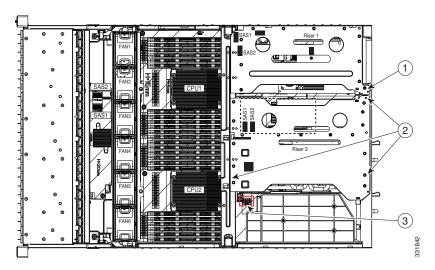
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Figure 3-27 Removing the Chassis Mid-Brace and PCle Risers

Chassis mid-brace finger-latch
 PCIe riser 2 finger holes
 PCIe riser 2 finger holes

Step 3 Connect the 8-to-8 pin power cable adapter to the motherboard connector GPU PWR (see Figure 3-28).

Figure 3-28 GPU PWR Motherboard Connector and PCle Riser Alignment Slots



1	PCIe riser 1 alignment slot location	3	Motherboard connector GPU PWR
2	PCIe riser 2 alignment slot locations (three)		

Step 4 Connect a GPU power cable to the free end of the 8-to-8 pin adapter (see Figure 3-29):

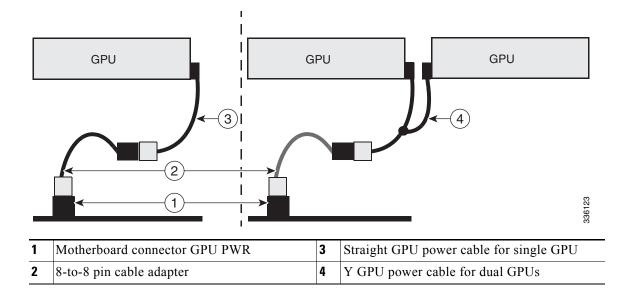
- If you are installing only one GPU, use the straight GPU power cable.
- If you are installing two GPU cards, use the "Y" GPU power cable.



Note

Do not connect the power cable to the GPU card at this point.

Figure 3-29 Cabling Diagram, Single- and Dual-GPU Card Examples





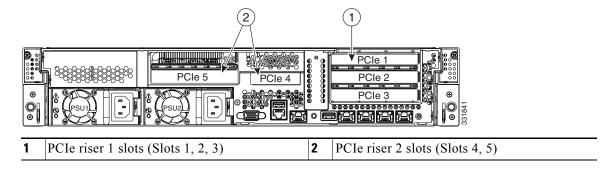
See Configuration Rules, page 3-47 before you install the GPU cards to the risers. Slot population restrictions apply.

Step 5 Install your first GPU card into PCIe slot 5. See Figure 3-30 for the riser and slot locations.



The option ROM for the slot in which you are installing the GPU card must be enabled in the BIOS Setup Utility or it will not be recognized by the system.

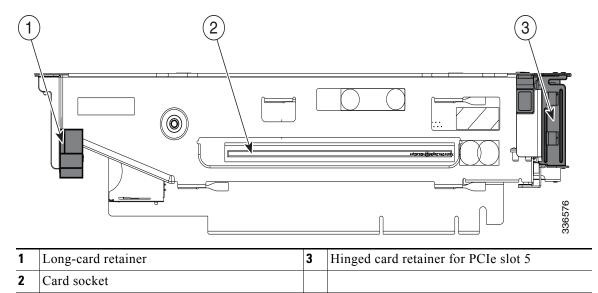
Figure 3-30 Rear Panel, Showing PCle Risers and PCle Slots



- Open the riser's hinged card retainer and the long-card retainer (see Figure 3-31).
- Align the GPU card with the socket on the riser, then gently push the card's edge connector into the socket. Press evenly on both corners of the card to avoid damaging the connector.

c. Close the hinged card retainer, then the long-card retainer over the end of the card.

Figure 3-31 PCle Riser (Slot 5 on PCle Riser 2 Shown)



Step 6 If you are installing a second GPU card, repeat the actions in Step 5 for PCIe slot 2 on the second riser.



Note

When a GPU card is in slot 2, slot 1 is blocked and unavailable for use.

Step 7 Install the new PCIe risers:

a. Install any other PCIe cards that you want to install into the new risers.



If you are installing a Cisco UCS Virtual Interface Card (VIC), see the slot restrictions in Special

Considerations for Cisco UCS Virtual Interface Cards, page 3-43.

b. Install riser 2 first. Position the PCIe riser over its socket on the motherboard and over its alignment slots in the chassis (see Figure 3-28).



Note

It is easier to view and position the riser 2 connector over its socket with riser 1 removed.

- **c.** Carefully push down on both ends of the PCIe riser to fully engage its circuit board connector with the socket on the motherboard. The riser top surfaces should sit flat on the chassis and the mid-brace.
- **d.** Install riser 1.
- **Step 8** Connect the power cable to the GPU cards. See Figure 3-29.
 - If you installed one GPU card, connect the free end of the straight cable to the GPU card power connector that is underneath the chassis mid-brace.
 - If you installed two GPU cards, connect the shorter branch of the Y cable to the GPU card in slot 5. Connect the longer branch to the GPU card in slot 2.



Note

The power connector on the NVIDIA GRID K1 GPU card has only 6 pins, but the power cable has an 8-pin connector. Plug the 8-pin cable connector into the 6-pin connector on the card, aligning the clip and keying features for the correct fit. Pins 4 and 8 on the cable connector do not engage with the connector on the card.



The NVIDIA GRID K2 GPU card has a 6-pin power connector and an 8-pin connector. When you connect the power cable, use the 8-pin connector on the card.



Note

There are cable clips on the underside of the chassis mid-brace through which you can route the power cable.

- **Step 9** Install the air baffle.
- **Step 10** Replace the top cover.
- **Step 11** Replace the server in the rack, replace cables, and then power on the server by pressing the **Power** button.
- Step 12 Continue with Installing Drivers to Support the NVIDIA GPU Cards, page 3-59.

Installing the GPU Card in Version 02 Servers

Use the following procedure to install a GPU card into a version 02 server, for which the GPU upgrade kit is not required. For these newer servers, the new risers and mid-brace are already installed and the power cable adapter is not required because the motherboard connector is already updated.

Step 1 Prepare the server:

- **a.** Shut down and power off the server as described in the "Shutting Down and Powering Off the Server" section on page 3-7.
- **b.** Slide the server out the front of the rack far enough so that you can remove the top cover. You might have to detach cables from the rear panel to provide clearance.
- **c.** Remove the air baffle that covers the CPUs and DIMMs.

Step 2 Remove the PCI risers:

- **a.** Use the finger holes in each PCIe riser to lift straight up on both ends. Set the risers on an antistatic mat.
- **b.** Remove any existing cards from the PCIe slots that you will use for GPUs (slot 5 or slot 2).



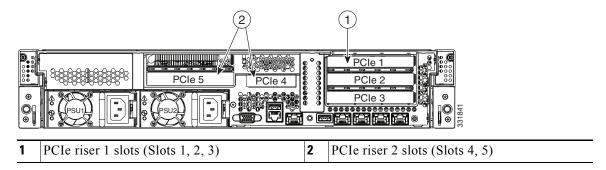
See Configuration Rules, page 3-47 before you install the GPU cards to the risers. Slot population restrictions apply.

Step 3 Install your first GPU card into PCIe slot 5. See Configuration Rules, page 3-47 when planning which slots to use for your card. See Figure 3-32 for the riser and slot locations.



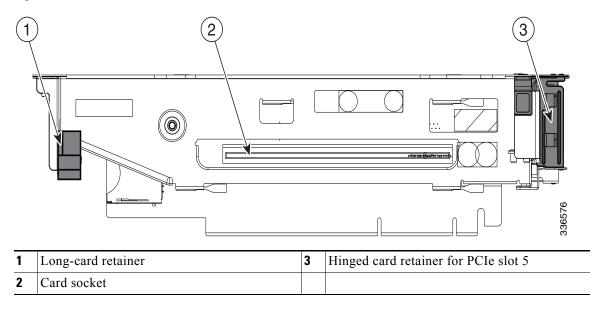
The option ROM must be enabled in the BIOS Setup Utility for the slot in which you are installing the GPU card or it will not be recognized by the system.

Figure 3-32 Rear Panel, Showing PCle Risers and PCle Slots



- a. Open the riser's hinged card retainer and the long-card retainer (see Figure 3-33).
- Align the GPU card with the socket on the riser, then gently push the card's edge connector into the socket. Press evenly on both corners of the card to avoid damaging the connector.
- c. Close the hinged card retainer, then the long-card retainer over the end of the card.

Figure 3-33 PCle Riser (Slot 5 on PCle Riser 2 Shown)



Step 4 If you are installing a second GPU card, repeat the actions in Step 3 for PCIe slot 2 on the second riser.



When a GPU card is in slot 2, slot 1 is blocked and unavailable for use.

Step 5 Install the new PCIe risers:

a. Install any other PCIe cards that you want to install into the new risers.



Note

If you are installing a Cisco UCS Virtual Interface Card (VIC), see the slot restrictions in Special Considerations for Cisco UCS Virtual Interface Cards, page 3-43.

b. Install riser 2 first. Position the PCIe riser over its socket on the motherboard and over its alignment slots in the chassis (see Figure 3-34).



Note

It is easier to view and position the riser 2 connector over its socket with riser 1 removed.

- **c.** Carefully push down on both ends of the PCIe riser to fully engage its circuit board connector with the socket on the motherboard. The riser top surfaces should sit flat on the chassis and the mid-brace.
- **d.** Install riser 1.
- **Step 6** Connect the GPU power cable to motherboard connector GPU PWR (see Figure 3-34).
 - If you installed one GPU card, connect the white end of the straight cable to GPU PWR.
 - If you installed two GPU cards, connect the white end of the Y cable to GPU PWR.
- **Step 7** Connect the power cable to the GPU cards (see Figure 3-35).
 - If you installed one GPU card, connect the free end of the straight cable to the GPU card power connector that is underneath the chassis mid-brace.
 - If you installed two GPU cards, connect the shorter branch of the Y cable to the GPU card in slot 5. Connect the longer branch to the GPU card in slot 2.



Note

The power connector on the NVIDIA GRID K1 GPU card has only 6 pins, but the power cable has an 8-pin connector. Plug the 8-pin cable connector into the 6-pin connector on the card, aligning the clip and keying features for the correct fit. Pins 4 and 8 on the cable connector do not engage with the connector on the card.



Note

The NVIDIA GRID K2 card has a 6-pin power connector and an 8-pin connector. When you connect the power cable, use the 8-pin connector on the card.



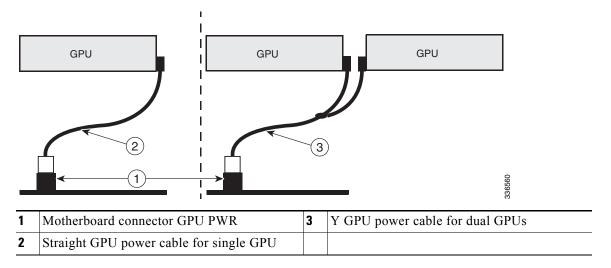
Note

There are cable clips on the underside of the chassis mid-brace through which you can route the power cable.

Figure 3-34 GPU Motherboard Connector and PCle Riser Alignment Slots



Figure 3-35 Cabling Diagram, Single- and Dual-GPU Card Examples



- **Step 8** Replace the air baffle.
- Step 9 Replace the top cover.
- **Step 10** Replace the server in the rack, replace cables, and then power on the server by pressing the **Power** button.
- **Step 11** Continue with Installing Drivers to Support the NVIDIA GPU Cards, page 3-59.

Installing Drivers to Support the NVIDIA GPU Cards

After you install the hardware, you must update to the correct level of server BIOS and then install NVIDIA drivers and other software.

- 1. Update the C240 M3 Server BIOS, page 3-59
- 2. Update the NVIDIA Drivers, page 3-59

1. Update the C240 M3 Server BIOS

Table 3-13 lists the minimum server firmware versions for the GPU cards.

Table 3-13 Server Firmware Minimum Versions

GPU	CIMC/BIOS Minimum Version
NVIDIA GRID K1	1.5(1)
NVIDIA GRID K2	1.5(1)
NVIDIA Tesla K20	1.5(3)
NVIDIA Tesla K20X	1.5(3)

Install the latest Cisco UCS C240 server BIOS by using the Host Upgrade Utility for the Cisco UCS C240 M3 server.

Download the Host Upgrade Utility ISO file as follows:

- **Step 1** Navigate to the following URL: http://www.cisco.com/cisco/software/navigator.html.
- Step 2 Click Servers-Unified Computing in the middle column.
- Step 3 Click Cisco UCS C-Series Rack-Mount Standalone Server Software in the right-hand column.
- **Step 4** Click the name of your model of server in the right-hand column.
- **Step 5** Click Unified Computing System (UCS) Server Firmware.
- **Step 6** Click the release number.
- **Step 7** Click Download Now to download the ucs-server platform-huu-version_number.iso file.
- **Step 8** Verify the information on the next page, then click Proceed With Download.
- Step 9 Continue through the subsequent screens to accept the license agreement and browse to a location where you want to save the file.
- **Step 10** Use the Host Upgrade Utility to update the server BIOS.

The user guides for the Host Upgrade Utility are at: Utility User Guides.

2. Update the NVIDIA Drivers

After you update the server BIOS, you can install NVIDIA drivers to your hypervisor virtual machine.

Step 1 Install your hypervisor software on a computer. Refer to your hypervisor documentation for the installation instructions.

- **Step 2** Create a virtual machine in your hypervisor. Refer to your hypervisor documentation for instructions.
- **Step 3** Install the NVIDIA drivers to the virtual machine. Download the drivers from http://www.nvidia.com/Download/index.aspx.
- **Step 4** Restart the server.
- Step 5 Check that the virtual machine is able to recognize the NVIDIA card. In Windows, use the Device Manager and look under Display Adapters.

Replacing a Cisco Flexible Flash Card

This section includes the following topics:

- Overview of the Pre-Installed Cisco Flexible Flash Card, page 3-61
- Enabling a Cisco Flexible Flash Virtual Drive, page 3-62
- Booting a Cisco Flexible Flash Virtual Drive, page 3-62
- Monitoring and Managing a Cisco Flexible Flash Card, page 3-63
- Synchronizing RAID After Installing a Second Cisco FlexFlash Drive, page 3-63
- Cisco Flexible Flash Card Replacement Procedure, page 3-64

Overview of the Pre-Installed Cisco Flexible Flash Card

The internal slots for these cards are on the circuit board of PCIe riser 2 (see Figure 3-36).



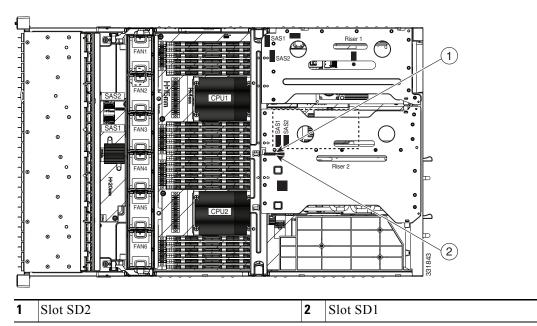
Dual cards are supported only with CIMC 1.5(1) or later. With releases earlier than CIMC 1.5(1), only a single card is supported and it must be in slot SD1.

The Cisco Flexible Flash card is pre-installed with three software bundles, each on one of four preconfigured virtual drives (VDs). The fourth VD allows you to install an OS or embedded hypervisor.

The VDs are configured as follows:

- 1. Cisco UCS Server Configuration Utility (SCU).
- **2.** Hypervisor (HV). This is a VD that you can use for your own purposes.
- 3. Cisco Drivers (Drivers).
- **4.** Cisco Host Upgrade Utility (HUU).

Figure 3-36 Cisco Flexible Flash Card Slot Locations on PCle Riser 2



Enabling a Cisco Flexible Flash Virtual Drive

Each of the VDs on the pre-installed Cisco Flexible Flash card can be separately enabled or hidden from the host. The default as shipped from the factory is for all VDs to be hidden.

To enable VDs and expose them to the host, follow these steps:

- **Step 1** Log in to CIMC interface for the server, using the IP address of the server.
- Step 2 Navigate through GUI tabs to Server > Inventory > Storage.
- **Step 3** Click **FlexFlash-0** in the Storage Adapters list.
- **Step 4** Click on **Configure Operational Profile** in the Actions area.

The Operational Profile dialog opens.

Step 5 Check the box for each VD that you want to enable and expose to the host, then click **Save Changes**.

Booting a Cisco Flexible Flash Virtual Drive

When you want to access the Cisco SCU or Cisco HUU software, you boot its VD with a one-time boot option. When you want to boot the hypervisor (HV) VD, you boot it with a permanent boot order selection. See the following topics in this section:

- Booting the Cisco SCU and Cisco HUU Software VDs, page 3-62
- Booting the Hypervisor VD, page 3-63

Booting the Cisco SCU and Cisco HUU Software VDs

You can access the preinstalled Cisco SCU and Cisco HUU software bundles on a Cisco Flexible Flash card by booting their respective VDs with a one-time boot option:

Step 1 Enable the SCU or HUU VD.

See Enabling a Cisco Flexible Flash Virtual Drive, page 3-62.

- Step 2 In the CIMC GUI interface, navigate through the tabs to Server > BIOS.
- Step 3 Click Configure Boot Override Priority.

The Boot Override Priority dialog opens.

- Step 4 Pull down the menu and select SCU or HUU, then click OK.
- **Step 5** Reboot the server.

The server boots the selected VD.



This is a one-time boot option. After running Cisco SCU or Cisco HUU, the server returns to its previously configured boot path.

Booting the Hypervisor VD

You can boot the hypervisor (HV) VD with a more permanent boot selection. (To change the boot order one time, use the procedure in Booting the Cisco SCU and Cisco HUU Software VDs, page 3-62.

To permanently set the boot order for an HV VD, use the following steps:

- **Step 1** Boot the server and watch for the prompt to press F2 to open the BIOS Setup utility.
- **Step 2** When prompted, press **F2** to open the BIOS Setup utility.
- Step 3 Navigate to the Boot Options tab.
- **Step 4** Use the Boot Options screen to set the HV VD to your desired boot order for the server.

Monitoring and Managing a Cisco Flexible Flash Card

You can monitor and manage your installed Cisco Flexible Flash cards by using the CIMC GUI interface or the CLI interface. See the *Cisco UCS C-Series Rack-Mount Server Configuration Guide* or the *Cisco UCS C-Series Rack-Mount Server CLI Configuration Guide* in the documentation roadmap linked below.

The links to these documents are in the C-Series documentation roadmap:

http://www.cisco.com/go/unifiedcomputing/c-series-doc

Synchronizing RAID After Installing a Second Cisco FlexFlash Drive

After you install or replace a second Cisco FlexFlash drive, you must synchronize the RAID partition by using the Cisco UCS Server Configuration Utility (SCU).

The SCU provides an option to synchronize the Hypervisor VD, configured as a RAID-1 disk. This feature is available only when both Cisco FlexFlash drive slots are populated.

When one member slot of the SD card is corrupt, use this option to synchronize the hypervisor data across two members of the RAID-1 virtual disk. You can initiate this synchronization only if two cards are detected and the RAID-1 group is determined as unhealthy (one member is corrupt).

- **Step 1** Click the Hypervisor Sync icon on the toolbar of the SCU interface.
 - A dialog prompts you to confirm that you want to synchronize the Hypervisor RAID.
- Step 2 Click Yes.
 - A dialog is displayed when the synchronization is complete.
- Step 3 Click OK.

After you click OK, the Hypervisor Sync icon on the toolbar is greyed out.

For more information about the utility, see the Cisco UCS Server Configuration Utility User Guide.

Cisco Flexible Flash Card Replacement Procedure

To install or replace a Cisco Flexible Flash card, follow these steps:

Step 1 Remove the card that you are replacing. See Figure 3-36:

- **a.** Power off the server as described in the "Shutting Down and Powering Off the Server" section on page 3-7.
- **b.** Slide the server out the front of the rack far enough so that you can remove the top cover. You might have to detach cables from the rear panel to provide clearance.



If you cannot safely view and access the component, remove the server from the rack.

- **c.** Remove the top cover as described in "Removing and Replacing the Server Top Cover" section on page 3-8.
- **d.** Use the finger holes to lift straight up on both ends of the PCIe riser 2 to disengage its circuit board from the socket on the motherboard. Set the riser on an antistatic mat.
- e. Locate the Cisco Flexible Flash card that you are replacing on PCIe riser 2. See Figure 3-36.
- f. Push down on the top of the Cisco Flexible Flash card, then release it to allow it to spring up in the slot.
- g. Remove the Cisco Flexible Flash card from the slot.
- **Step 2** Install a Cisco Flexible Flash card:



To be usable for Cisco Flexible Flash, an SD card must be at least 16 GB in size.



Any SD card that is installed into the Cisco Flexible Flash slot is configured with the VD partitioning described in Overview of the Pre-Installed Cisco Flexible Flash Card, page 3-61. This overwrites data on the SD card where Cisco stores the configuration metadata.

a. Insert the Cisco Flexible Flash card into the slot with the label side facing outward.



Dual cards are supported only with CIMC 1.5(1) or later. With releases earlier than CIMC 1.5(1), only a single card is supported and it must be in slot SD1 (see Figure 3-36).

- **b.** Press down on the top of the card until it clicks in the slot and stays in place.
- **c.** Position the PCIe riser over its socket on the motherboard and over its chassis alignment features (see Figure 3-22).
- **d.** Carefully push down on both ends of the PCIe riser to fully engage its circuit board connector with the socket on the motherboard.
- e. Replace the top cover.
- f. Replace the server in the rack, replace cables, and then power on the server by pressing the Power button.

Replacing the LSI RAID Battery Backup Unit or SuperCap Power Module

This server supports installation of two RAID battery backup units (BBUs) or SuperCap Power Modules (SCPMs). The units mount to clips on the removable air baffle (see Figure 3-37).



If you are replacing a BBU on an older card, order the iBBU09 battery backup unit (UCS-RAID-BBU=). The newer SuperCap power module is not compatible with older, non-CacheVault cards.

The SCPM provides approximately 3 years of backup for the disk write-back cache DRAM in the case of sudden power loss by offloading the cache to the NAND flash.



There is danger of explosion if the battery is replaced incorrectly. Replace the battery only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer. Dispose of used batteries according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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To replace the RAID controller BBU or SCPM backup unit, follow these steps:

Step 1 Remove a backup unit (see Figure 3-37).

- **a.** Power off the server as described in the "Shutting Down and Powering Off the Server" section on page 3-7.
- **b.** Slide the server out the front of the rack far enough so that you can remove the top cover. You might have to detach cables from the rear panel to provide clearance.



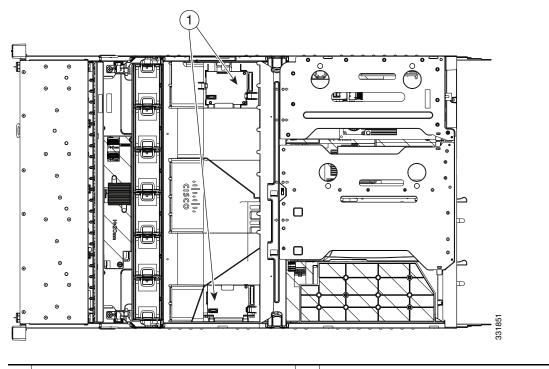
If you cannot safely view and access the component, remove the server from the rack.

- **c.** Remove the top cover as described in the "Removing and Replacing the Server Top Cover" section on page 3-8.
- **d.** Disconnect the cable that is attached to the existing backup unit.
- e. Slide the backup unit free of the clips on the air baffle mounting point (see Figure 3-37).

Step 2 Install a new backup unit:

- a. Slide the new backup unit into the clips on the air baffle mounting point.
- **b.** Connect the cable from the RAID controller to the new backup unit.
- c. Replace the top cover.
- **d.** Replace the server in the rack, replace cables, and then power on the server by pressing the **Power** button.

Figure 3-37 Replacing a BBU or SCPM RAID Backup Unit



1 RAID backup unit mounting points on removable air baffle

Installing a Trusted Platform Module

The trusted platform module (TPM) is a small circuit board that attaches to a motherboard socket. The socket location is on the motherboard, underneath PCIe riser 1 (see Figure 3-38).



For security purposes, the TPM is installed with a one-way screw. It cannot be removed with a standard screwdriver.

To install a trusted platform module (TPM), follow these steps:

Step 1 Prepare the server for component installation.

- **a.** Power off the server as described in the "Shutting Down and Powering Off the Server" section on page 3-7.
- **b.** Slide the server out the front of the rack far enough so that you can remove the top cover. You might have to detach cables from the rear panel to provide clearance.



If you cannot safely view and access the component, remove the server from the rack.

- **c.** Remove the top cover as described in the "Removing and Replacing the Server Top Cover" section on page 3-8.
- **d.** Is there a card installed in PCIe riser 1? See Figure 3-38.
- If there is no card installed in PCIe riser 1, you can access the TPM socket. Go to Step 2.
- If there is a card installed in PCIe riser 1, you must remove the riser. Use the finger holes on the top of PCIe riser 1 to lift straight up on both ends and disengage its circuit board from the socket on the motherboard. Set the riser aside on an antistatic mat.

Step 2 Install a TPM (see Figure 3-38):

- a. Locate the TPM socket on the motherboard, as shown in Figure 3-38.
- **b.** Align the connector that is on the bottom of the TPM circuit board with the motherboard TPM socket. Align the screw hole and standoff on the TPM board with the screw hole adjacent to the TPM socket.
- **c.** Push down evenly on the TPM to seat it in the motherboard socket.
- **d.** Install the single one-way screw that secures the TPM to the motherboard.
- e. If you removed PCIe riser 1, replace it now.
- f. Replace the top cover.
- g. Replace the server in the rack, replace cables, and then power on the server by pressing the Power button.

Step 3 Enable the TPM:

- **a.** Watch during bootup for the F2 prompt, and then press **F2** to enter BIOS setup.
- **b.** Log into the BIOS Setup utility with your BIOS Administrator password.
- c. On the BIOS Setup utility screen, select the Advanced tab.
- **d.** Select **Trusted Computing** to open the TPM Security Device Configuration screen.
- e. Change TPM SUPPORT to Enabled.

f. Press F10 to save your settings and reboot the server.

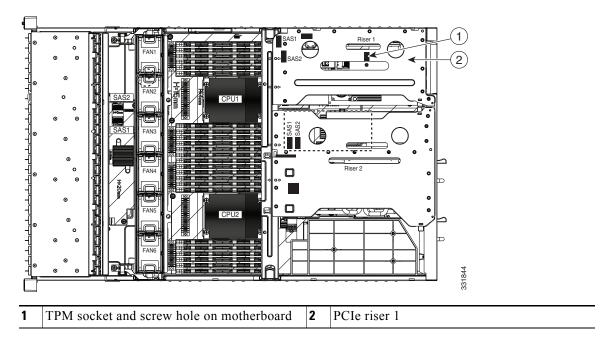
Step 4 Verify that the TPM is now enabled.

- **a.** Watch during bootup for the F2 prompt, and then press **F2** to enter BIOS setup.
- **b.** Log into the BIOS Setup utility with your BIOS Administrator password.
- c. Select the Advanced tab.
- **d.** Select **Trusted Computing** to open the TPM Security Device Configuration screen.
- e. Verify that TPM SUPPORT is Enabled.



If you want to use the Intel Trusted Execution Technology (TXT) feature, it must be enabled in the server BIOS as described in Enabling the Intel Trusted Execution Technology (TXT) Feature For the TPM, page 3-68.

Figure 3-38 TPM Socket Location on Motherboard



Enabling the Intel Trusted Execution Technology (TXT) Feature For the TPM

Intel TXT provides greater protection for information that is used and stored on the business server. A key aspect of that protection is the provision of an isolated execution environment and associated sections of memory where operations can be conducted on sensitive data, invisibly to the rest of the system. Likewise, Intel TXT provides for a sealed portion of storage where sensitive data such as encryption keys can be kept, helping to shield them from being compromised during an attack by malicious code.

To enable the TXT feature, follow these steps:

- **Step 1** Verify that a TPM is now installed and enabled in the server:
 - **a.** Either attach a VGA monitor and USB keyboard to the server, or log in remotely to the CIMC interface of the server and open a virtual KVM console window.
 - **b.** Reboot the server.
 - **c.** Watch during bootup for the F2 prompt, and then press **F2** to enter BIOS setup.
 - d. Log in to the BIOS Setup utility with your BIOS Administrator password.



Note

You must be logged in as the BIOS administrator to perform this procedure. If you have not done so already, set a BIOS administrator password on the Security tab of the BIOS Setup utility.

- e. Select the Advanced tab.
- f. On the Advanced tab, select Trusted Computing to open the TPM Security Device Configuration screen.
- g. Verify that TPM SUPPORT is Enabled. If it is not, set TPM SUPPORT to Enabled.
- h. Press Escape to return to the BIOS Setup utility Advanced tab.
- **Step 2** Enable the Intel Trusted Execution Technology (TXT) feature:
 - **a.** On the Advanced tab, select **Intel TXT(LT-SX)** Configuration to open the Intel TXT(LT-SX) Hardware Support screen.



Note

The Intel Trusted Execution Technology feature can be enabled only when the server has a TPM installed on the TPM header.

- b. Set TXT Support to Enabled.
- Step 3 On the same screen, verify that the Intel Virtualization Technology (VT) and the Intel VT for Directed I/O (VT-d) features are enabled (the factory default).
 - **a.** On the Intel TXT(LT-SX) Hardware Support screen, verify that **VT-d Support** and **VT Support** are both listed as **Enabled**.
 - If they are already enabled, skip to Step 4.
 - If VT-d Support and VT Support are not enabled, continue with the next steps to enable them.
 - b. Press Escape to return to the BIOS Setup utility Advanced tab.
 - **c.** On the Advanced tab, select **Processor Configuration** to open the Processor Configuration screen.
 - d. Set Intel (R) VT and Intel (R) VT-d to Enabled.
- **Step 4** Press **F10** to save your changes and exit the BIOS Setup utility.
- **Step 5** Verify that the Intel TXT, VT, and VT-d features are enabled:
 - a. Reboot the server.
 - **b.** Watch during bootup for the F2 prompt, and then press **F2** to enter BIOS setup.
 - c. Select the Advanced tab.
 - **d.** Select **Intel TXT(LT-SX) Configuration** and verify that TXT Support, VT-d Support, and VT Support are Enabled.

Replacing a SCU Upgrade ROM Module

To remove and replace a module, use the following procedure.

Step 1 Prepare the server for component installation:

- a. Power off the server as described in Shutting Down and Powering Off the Server, page 3-7.
- **b.** Slide the server out the front of the rack far enough so that you can remove the top cover. You might have to detach cables from the rear panel to provide clearance.



If you cannot safely view and access the component, remove the server from the rack.

c. Remove the top cover as described in Removing and Replacing the Server Top Cover, page 3-8.

Step 2 Remove the SCU upgrade ROM module:

- **a.** Locate the module on the motherboard (see Figure C-1).
- **b.** Grasp the printed circuit board of the module and lift it from the header.

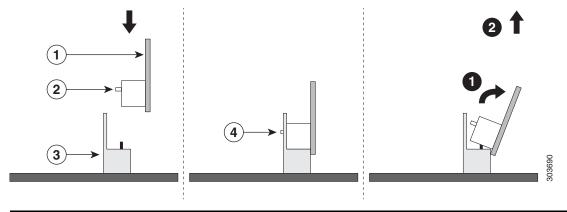


The module has a small retention feature that must have clearance from the header before the module can be pulled up. Tilt the module back, then pull up as shown in Figure 3-39.

Step 3 Install a new SCU upgrade ROM module:

- a. Align the module with the pins in the motherboard header.
- b. Gently press down on the module until it is seated and the retention feature locks into the header.

Figure 3-39 SCU Upgrade ROM Module Retention Feature



1	Printed circuit board on module	3	Motherboard header
2	Retention feature on module	4	Retention feature in installed position

For more information about using the module and embedded RAID, see Embedded MegaRAID Controller, page C-8.

Replacing a Software RAID Key Module

To remove and replace a software RAID key module, use the following procedure.

Step 1 Prepare the server for component installation:

- a. Power off the server as described in Shutting Down and Powering Off the Server, page 3-7.
- **b.** Slide the server out the front of the rack far enough so that you can remove the top cover. You might have to detach cables from the rear panel to provide clearance.



If you cannot safely view and access the component, remove the server from the rack.

c. Remove the top cover as described in Removing and Replacing the Server Top Cover, page 3-8.

Step 2 Remove the software RAID key module:

- **a.** Locate the module on the motherboard (see Figure C-1).
- **b.** Grasp the printed circuit board of the module and lift it from the header.

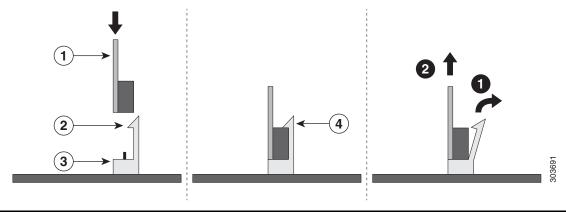


The module must have clearance from the retention clip on the header before the module can be pulled up. Open the retention clip, then pull up as shown in Figure 3-40.

Step 3 Install a new software RAID key module:

- **a.** Align the module with the pins in the motherboard header.
- **b.** Gently press down on the module until it is seated and the retention clip locks over the module.

Figure 3-40 Software RAID Key Module Retention Feature



1	Printed circuit board on module	3	Motherboard header
2	Retention feature on motherboard header	4	Retention feature in installed position

For more information about using the module and embedded RAID, see Embedded MegaRAID Controller, page C-8.

Replacing Power Supplies

The server can have one or two power supplies. When two power supplies are installed they are redundant as 1+1.

- See Power Specifications, page A-2 for more information about the power supplies.
- See Rear Panel LEDs and Buttons, page 3-4 for information about the power supply LEDs.
- See Wiring a DC Power Supply, page 3-73 for information about wiring a DC power supply.

To replace or install a power supply, follow these steps:



If you have ordered a server with power supply redundancy (two power supplies), you do not have to power off the server to replace power supplies because they are redundant as 1+1.



Do not mix power supply types in the server. Both power supplies must be either 650W or 1200W.

Step 1 Remove the power supply that you are replacing or a blank panel from an empty bay (see Figure 3-41):

- **a.** Perform one of the following actions:
 - If your server has only one power supply, shut down and power off the server as described in the "Shutting Down and Powering Off the Server" section on page 3-7.
 - If your server has two power supplies, you do not have to shut down the server.
- **b.** Remove the power cord from the power supply that you are replacing.

For a DC power supply, release the electrical connector block from the power supply by pushing the orange plastic button on the top of the connector inward toward the power supply. Pull the connector block from the power supply.

- c. Grasp the power supply handle while pinching the release lever towards the handle.
- **d.** Pull the power supply out of the bay.
- **Step 2** Install a new power supply:
 - **a.** Grasp the power supply handle and insert the new power supply into the empty bay.
 - **b.** Push the power supply into the bay until the release lever locks.
 - **c.** Connect the power cord to the new power supply.

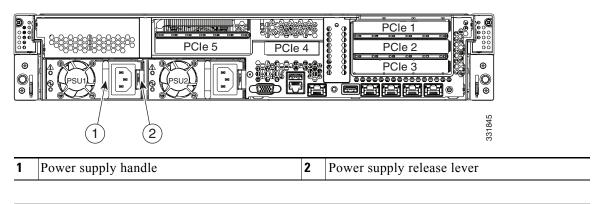
For a DC power supply, push the electrical connector block into the power supply.



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d. If you shut down the server, press the **Power** button to return the server to main power mode.

Figure 3-41 Removing and Replacing Power Supplies



Wiring a DC Power Supply



Warning

A readily accessible two-poled disconnect device must be incorporated in the fixed wiring. Statement 1022



Warning

This product requires short-circuit (overcurrent) protection, to be provided as part of the building installation. Install only in accordance with national and local wiring regulations. Statement 1045



Warning

When installing or replacing the unit, the ground connection must always be made first and disconnected last. Statement 1046



Warning

Installation of the equipment must comply with local and national electrical codes. Statement 1074



Hazardous voltage or energy may be present on DC power terminals. Always replace cover when terminals are not in service. Be sure uninsulated conductors are not accessible when cover is in place. Statement 1075



The recommended wire gauge is 8 AWG. The minimum wire gauge is 10 AWG.

Use the following procedure to connect wires to the DC power supply connector:



Before beginning this wiring procedure, turn off the DC power source from your facility's circuit breaker to avoid electric shock hazard.

- Step 1 Turn off the DC power source from your facility's circuit breaker to avoid electric shock hazard.
- Step 2 Remove the DC power connector block from the power supply. (The spare PID for this connector is UCSC-CONN-930WDC=.)

To release the connector block from the power supply, push the orange plastic button on the top of the connector inward toward the power supply, and then pull the connector block out.

- **Step 3** Strip 15mm (.59 inches) of insulation off the DC wires that you will use.
- **Step 4** Orient the connector as shown in Figure 3-42, with the orange plastic button toward the top.
- Step 5 Use a small screwdriver to depress the spring-loaded wire retainer lever on the lower spring-cage wire connector. Insert your green (ground) wire into the aperture and then release the lever.
- Step 6 Use a small screwdriver to depress the wire retainer lever on the middle spring-cage wire connector. Insert your black (DC negative) wire into the aperture and then release the lever.
- Step 7 Use a small screwdriver to depress the wire retainer lever on the upper spring-cage wire connector. Insert your red (DC positive) wire into the aperture and then release the lever.
- **Step 8** Insert the connector block back into the power supply. Make sure that your red (DC positive) wire aligns with the power supply label, "+ DC".

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+ DC - DC

Figure 3-42 930 W, –48 VDC Power Supply Connector Block

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Wire retainer lever

Orange plastic button on top of the connector

Enabling or Disabling the Internal USB Port

The factory default is for all USB ports on the server to be enabled. However, the internal USB port can be enabled or disabled in the server BIOS. To enable or disable the internal USB port, follow these steps:

- **Step 1** Enter the BIOS Setup utility by pressing the **F2** key when prompted during bootup.
- Step 2 Navigate to the Advanced tab.
- Step 3 On the Advanced tab, select USB Configuration.
- Step 4 On the USB Configuration page, select USB Ports Configuration.
- Step 5 Scroll to USB Port: Internal, press Enter, and then select either Enabled or Disabled from the pop-up menu.
- **Step 6** Press F10 to save and exit the utility.

Replacing a Cisco Flexible Flash Card