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MURAL Hardware Installation Reference Guide for Rack Servers

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Overview

The Cisco Unified Computing System C240 M3 rack server is designed for both performance and expandability over a wide range of storage-intensive infrastructure workloads from big data to collaboration.

The enterprise-class UCS C240 M3 server extends the capabilities of Cisco’s Unified Computing System portfolio in a 2U form factor with the addition of the Intel® Xeon E5-2600 v2 and E5-2600 series processor family CPUs that deliver the best combination of performance, flexibility and efficiency gains.

In addition, the UCS C240 M3 server provides 24 DIMM slots, up to 24 drives and 4 x 1 GbE LOM ports to provide outstanding levels of internal memory and storage expandability along with exceptional performance.

The following sections explain the architecture of a UCS C240 M3 Rack Server.

Server Front View

The following figure illustrates the front view of the UCS C240 M3 server.

The following table illustrates the labels marked in the figure:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Labels</th>
<th>Properties</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1.</td>
<td>KVM connector (KVM cable that provides two USB, one VGA, and one serial connector). For more information, see &quot;Overview&quot; above.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.</td>
<td>Drives (up to 12 Disk 3.5&quot; or 24 Disk 2.5-inch hot-swappable drives)</td>
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<tr>
<td>3.</td>
<td>Power button/power status LED</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4.</td>
<td>Identification button/LED</td>
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**KVM Connector**

The following figure illustrates the KVM Connector.

![KVM Connector Diagram]

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<tr>
<td>1.</td>
<td>Connector (to server front panel)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.</td>
<td>DB-9 serial connector</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3.</td>
<td>VGA connector (for a monitor)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4.</td>
<td>Two-port USB 2.0 connector (for a mouse and keyboard)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Server Rear View**

The following figure shows a rear view of the server.

![Server Rear View Diagram]

The figure below illustrates a more detailed view.
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<tr>
<td>1.</td>
<td>Power supplies (up to two).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.</td>
<td>Standard-profile PCIe slot on riser 2: PCIe 5—full-height, 3/4-length (approximately 10.5 in. long), x16 lane width, x24 connector, GPU ready, and supports Cisco Virtual Interface Card (VIC).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3.</td>
<td>PCIe slot on riser 2: PCIe 4—half-height, half-length (9.64 in.), x8 lane width, x16 connector, no NCSI2 support.</td>
</tr>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>VGA video connector.</td>
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<tr>
<td>5.</td>
<td>Serial connector (RJ-45).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6.</td>
<td>USB 2.0 port.</td>
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<tr>
<td>8.</td>
<td>USB 2.0 port.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9.</td>
<td>Quad 1-GbE ports (LAN1, LAN2, LAN3, and LAN4).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10.</td>
<td>Standard-profile PCIe slots on riser 1(three): PCIe 1—full-height, 3/4-length, x8 lane width, x16 connector PCIe 2—full-height, 3/4-length (approximately 10.5 in. long), x16 lane width, x24 connector, GPU ready, and supports Cisco Virtual Interface Card (VIC) PCIe 3—full-height, half-length, x8 lane width, x16 connector.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11.</td>
<td>Rear Identification button/LED.</td>
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</table>

**Note:** PCIe slot 1 is not available when a double-width GPU is installed in slot 2.
Configuring CIMC Utility Using a Console

Cisco Integrated Management Controller configuration is required for the first time to assign IP and user settings, so that server can be accessed and managed through web console.

To configure CIMC using console, perform the following steps:

1. Connect all required cables with given port details. For Example: Power cable, KVM Console cable, Monitor, Keyboard & Mouse and CIMC Management cable.

2. Power **ON** the server. The following screen is displayed after the server is turned ON.

3. On the following screen that is displayed, press **F8** key for CIMC setup.
A flash screen is displayed. Wait while the system enters **CIMC Configuration Utility**.

The following image illustrates the CIMC configuration window.

4. On the configuration window, configure the parameters as specified:
   - As per label 1, set the **Static IP**. If DHCP needs to be assigned, then enable the DHCP Enabled tab by checking the box given alongside.
- As per label 2, set the password for **CIMC Access**. (Default credentials are admin/password)
- Press **F10** key to save the configuration. This takes about 45 sec.
- Press **ESC** key to exit the configuration window.

A system reboot will be prompted. After reboot, assigned CIMC IP can be viewed at the configuration screen.

The following image illustrates the IP address being displayed.
Accessing CIMC Web

To access CIMC through Web, perform the following steps:

1. Open the web browser and type the CIMC IP address to launch CIMC Web Console. Log in using appropriate credentials. You can also use default user-name and password.

   The following image illustrates the log in page.

   ![Login Page]

2. Click **Server > Summary**. On the Server Summary pane, Power ON the server by clicking on the option. If it was ON earlier, turn it off and power on again.

   The following image illustrates the actions performed in above step.
3. Click **Launch KVM Console**. The console window is launched.

The following image illustrates the console window.
Configuring RAID using the RAID Controller BIOS

There are two methods which can be used for RAID Configuration in Rack Server.

- Configuring RAID using the RAID Controller BIOS
- Configuring RAID through CIMC Web Console

To perform RAID Configuration using RAID Controller BIOS, perform the following steps:

1. Power ON the server. The following screen is displayed on the console.

   ![Screen showing RAID configuration options](image1)

2. Press Ctrl+H to launch RAID Controller BIOS.
3. On the BIOS interface, select Adapter in Adaptor No. using the radio button and click Start.

   The following image illustrates the action performed in the above step.

   ![Adapter selection interface](image2)

   An interface showing unconfigured disks is displayed.

4. Click Configuration Wizard.
5. Click New Configuration on the wizard interface and click Next to clear old configuration and create new.
The following image demonstrates the above step.

6. You will be asked to confirm if you want to clear the configuration. Click **Yes** to proceed and continue with the setup.

7. Select an appropriate configuration method and click **Next**.
8. If you have chosen Manual Configuration, then choose an unconfigured drive to proceed with the manual configuration. Move the drive to Drive Groups by clicking Add to Array.

This is illustrated in the figure below:

9. To configure automatically, click Automatic Configuration and click Next.

10. Click Accept to acknowledge the set configuration.
11. In the confirmation box, click **Yes** to save the configuration.

12. On the next confirmation box that asks to initialize the Virtual Disk, click **Yes**.

   The following figure highlights the above step:

13. Select and set **Virtual Drive** as **Boot Drive** and click **Go**.
14. The current state of all the Virtual and Physical disks can be seen. Click **Exit** to exit the application.

The configuration is complete. A system reboot is suggested at the end of the process.
Configuring RAID through CIMC Web Console

To perform RAID Configuration using CIMC Web Console, perform the following steps:

1. Launch the web browser and type in the CIMC IP to log in using default credentials.

The following image illustrates the interface that appears after log in.

2. Click **Storage > Physical Drive Info** to view all the configured/unconfigured drives.
3. Click **Virtual Drive Info**. No virtual disks are shown as they are not yet configured.

4. Select **Controller Info** tab. Click **Create Virtual Drive from Unused Physical Drives** to configure virtual drives.
5. From the drop down menu, select **Raid Level**.

6. With the chosen Raid Level, select **Physical Drives** and move them to **Drive Group**.

The following image illustrate the steps given above with Raid Level 1 selected.
7. After selecting one of the items in the **Drive Groups**, type the **Virtual Drive Name** in **Virtual Drive Properties** section and then click **Create Virtual Drive**.

The following image highlights the above step.

8. Click **Physical Drive** Info. The two drives can now be seen **Online**, which means they are configured and are a part of raid group.

Select any un-configured disk and in order to make it a hot spare and click **Make Dedicated Hot Spare**.
9. In the dialog box, select **Virtual Drive Number** and click **Make Dedicated Hot Spare**.

The following image illustrates the above step.
OS Installation through CIMC Virtual Console

To perform OS installation through CIMC Virtual Console, follow the steps given below:

1. Launch the web browser and type the CIMC IP to log in using default credentials.

2. Click **Remote Presence** from the user interface.

3. In the remote presence section, click **Virtual Media** tab and **Enable** remote presence. Save the changes to apply the setting.

   The following image illustrates the check box to be enabled.
4. Click **Launch KVM Console**.

5. The interface will show no operating system being installed on the system. In the **Tools** menu, click **Launch Virtual Media**.

6. In order to add any OS .iso image, select the image and click **Add Image**.
7. Select the path for the .iso image.

The following figure illustrates the step above.

8. Enable **Mapped** check box. The following figure illustrates the check box to be enabled.

9. From the VMware boot menu, select **ESXi** Installer. The server starts booting through a .iso image.