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INTEGRATED DELL(TM) REMOTE ACCESS CONTROLLER 6 (iDRAC6) Version 2.20

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This document contains updated information about the Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller 6.

For more information about iDRAC6, including installation and configuration information, see the "Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller 6 (iDRAC6) Enterprise for Blade Servers Version 2.2 User Guide" and the "Dell OpenManage(TM) Server Administrator User's Guide." These documents are located on the Dell Support website at "support.dell.com/manuals".

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CRITICALITY

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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

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SUPPORTED SYSTEMS

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iDRAC6 is supported on the following Dell PowerEdge(TM) systems in the Dell PowerEdge M1000e system enclosure:

- * Dell PowerEdge M610
- * Dell PowerEdge M710

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SUPPORTED MANAGED SERVER OPERATING SYSTEMS

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The iDRAC6 is supported by the following operating systems:

* Microsoft(R) Windows Server(R) 2003 family

The Windows Server 2003 family includes

- Windows Server 2003 R2 (Web, Standard and Enterprise Editions) with SP2 (x86)
- Windows Server 2003 R2 (Standard, Enterprise and DataCenter Editions) with SP2 (x64)
- Windows Server 2003 R2 SBS (Standard and Premium Editions) with SP2

* Microsoft Windows Server 2008 SP2 with core (Web, Standard, Enterprise and DataCenter Editions) (x86)

* Microsoft Windows Server 2008 SP2 with core (Standard, Enterprise, and DataCenter Editions) (x64)

* Microsoft Windows Server 2008 EBS SP2 (Standard and Premium Editions)

* Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 (Web, Standard, Enterprise and DataCenter Editions) (x64)

* Microsoft Windows Server 2008 HPC Edition

* SUSE(R) Linux Enterprise Server (SLES) 10 SP3

* SUSE Linux Enterprise Server (SLES) 11

* Red Hat(R) Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 4.7 (x86_32, x86_64)

* RHEL 4.8 (x86_32, x86_64)

* RHEL 5 Update 3 (x86_32, x86_64)

* VMware(R) ESX 3.5 Update 4

* VMware ESX 4.0 Update 1

* ESXi 3.5 Update4 Flash

* ESXi 4.0 Update1 Flash

* XenServer 5.5 - SD, USB, HDD

* Hyper-v Server and Hyper-V

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SUPPORTED WEB BROWSERS
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* Microsoft Internet Explorer(R) 6.0 with SP2 for Microsoft Windows(R) XP, Windows 2003 Server Gold, Windows 2003 Server SP1, and Windows 2003 Server SP2

- * Microsoft Internet Explorer 7.0 for Windows 2003 Server Gold, Windows 2003 Server SP1, Windows 2003 Server SP2, Windows Server 2008, Windows XP and Windows Vista(R)
- * Microsoft Internet Explorer 8.0 for Windows 2003 Server Gold, Windows 2003 Server SP1, Windows 2003 Server SP2, Windows Server 2008, Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows XP and Windows Vista(R). IE8 requires JRE version 1.6.14 or later
- * Mozilla Firefox 3.0 on Windows 2003 Server Gold, Windows 2003 Server SP1, Windows 2003 Server SP2, Windows 2000 Pro, Windows XP, Windows Server 2008, Windows Vista, RHEL 4, RHEL 5, SLES 10 and SLES 11

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FIRMWARE VERSIONS

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Recommended firmware versions for CMC and BIOS:

- * CMC Firmware: 2.2
- * Dell PowerEdge M610 BIOS: 1.3.x or later
- * Dell PowerEdge M710 BIOS: 1.3.x or later

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RELEASE HIGHLIGHTS (FIRMWARE VERSION 2.20)

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- * PK Authentication command line interface support
- * Open LDAP and OpenDS directory service support
- * Active Directory DNS SRV lookup
- * Enhanced VFlash support
- * Improved home page
- * Additional WS-Man profile support
- * Expanded Mezzanine card support
- * Remote Enablement enhancements
- * Provides the ability to launch vKVM/vMedia by entering a URL and through CMC
- * Remote Services enhancements including remote firmware inventory and firmware update, enhanced auto-discovery, and enhanced remote operating system installation

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KNOWN ISSUES FOR iDRAC6 2.20

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This section provides additional information about known issues with the iDRAC6 Firmware version 2.20:

- * Remote Services: When using TFTP to download an ISO image to the VFlash, if the image exceeds the partition size, no error message is flagged. Subsequent operations on the ISO however will fail.

- * Remote Services: Installing SLES 11 remotely is not functional at this point.
- * If you reconfigure your client system's display language, ensure that the "Language for non-Unicode programs" setting matches the selected "Display language". If these settings do not match, some or all of the ActiveX vKVM display elements (menu items, dialogs, and so on) may not display properly. For more information about setting the display language and system locale, see the Windows Help and Support center on your system.
- * After a firmware downgrade, the iDRAC6 configuration needs to be reset to default values using "RACADM racresetcfg" or using the iDRAC6 Configuration Utility (Ctrl-E) in POST. This is not applicable when upgrading iDRAC6 firmware.
- * For Remote Enablement auto-discovery, ensure that you do not assign a user ID with spaces on the provisioning server. This is because even though this user ID will be successfully downloaded and provisioned on iDRAC6 during the auto-discovery process, the account will not be usable as iDRAC6 rejects any user ID with spaces.
- * For ESX 4.0, if you try to install Dell Update Packages (DUPs), Systems Build and Update Utility or OpenManage Server Administrator (OMSA) using vMedia, the installation fails. To work around this issue, disable the "System Services" using iDRAC6 Configuration Utility (Ctrl-E) in POST, and then use the OM DVD. The "System Services" can be re-enabled after the OM DVD installation is complete.
- * If you run DUPs when vFlash is in use, the vFlash is disconnected and reconnected. If a write operation is in progress, this action can corrupt the vFlash contents.
- * Reboot the managed system running on VMware ESX 3.x operating system after an iDRAC6 update is completed. This ensures that the VMware ESX operating system re-enumerates the virtual devices and enables virtual floppy and virtual CD-ROM features of the iDRAC6. After the reboot, virtual devices including virtual floppy, work as expected.
- * The iDRAC6 can be updated using the DOS utility when DOS is booted using PXE. However, the new firmware image has to be on a local media on the system for this to work properly. Local media can be a RAMDISK, HD or a USB key on the server. Alternatively, the update of iDRAC6s on multiple systems has to be sequenced. It should be done one system after the other, with the first system completing update and the second system starting update and on to the third after the second is done, and fourth after the third is done, and so on.
- * On systems running Windows operating systems, the Internet

Explorer window(s) for any media will not close by themselves if you remove the media. You must close the window(s) after you remove the media.

On systems running Linux operating systems, the Internet Explorer window(s) for any media will close by themselves if you remove the media.

* iDRAC6 Linux DUPs do not support VMware ESX 4.0 operating systems. If the Linux DUP for iDRAC6 is run on VMware ESX 4.0, the DUP will fail.

You can update iDRAC6 using one of the following methods:

- CMC GUI-based update
- iDRAC6-GUI-based update
- Remote RACADM-based update

* If you receive the message "A webpage is not responding on the following website" in Internet Explorer 8.0, see:

"<http://blogs.msdn.com/ie/archive/2009/05/04/ie8-in-windows-7-rc-reliability-and-telemetry.aspx>"

"<http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=970858>"

* In Internet Explorer 7.0, if several tabs are open and you launch the iDRAC6 remote console, all the tabs are hidden while the remote console is open. If the tab warning is turned off and you close the remote console, all the tabs and the browser will close without warning.

To prevent this, go to "Internet Properties" > "Tabs" > "Settings" and select the "Warn me when closing multiple tabs" option.

* If multiple iDRAC6 web GUI sessions are launched through CMC single sign-on, "racadm getssninfo" will show information only for the first session.

* To use iVMCLI on Microsoft Windows Vista operating systems, the user requires administrator privileges. If iVMCLI is run on Vista to connect a CD or ISO image without administrator privileges, it appears to be working, but will eventually timeout and ask the user to check network/proxy settings. This same command will work if the 'cmd' prompt is opened with administrator privileges.

* If a vMedia drive is disconnected using the "OS eject" option, then the drive may not be available until the operating system re-enumerates the USB devices. For the operating system to auto-detect the vMedia drive, the iDRAC6 vMedia device

can be reattached by doing the following:

Go to "System" > "Console/media" > "Configuration", select "Set Attach Virtual Media to Detach" and click "Apply". Next, "Set Attach Virtual Media to Attach" and click "Apply".

- * The "racresetcfg" command in RACADM restores all properties to their default values except "cfgDNSRacName" in the "cfgLanNetworking" group.
- * The actual time for the "racresetcfg" command within racadm to execute may vary depending on the network speed.
- * The iDRAC6 Linux DUP cannot be run on 64-bit RHEL 4 Update 7 due to known issues in that OS. See the RedHat KB article <http://kbase.redhat.com/faq/docs/DOC-3402> to use the DUP on RHEL 4 Update 7.
- * Smart Card login fails after a logout from the same browser window. Open a new browser window to login.
- * When using RACADM to configure iDRAC6 when using a configuration file, indexed groups will not operate properly.
- * When using remote RACADM to configure iDRAC6 when using a configuration file, changing objects which affect the network connection will stop the rest of the configuration file from taking effect.
- * There are some RACADM objects which cannot be configured using a configuration file. Configure one object at a time.

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