Dell PowerEdge FN I/O Aggregator
Installation Guide
Notes, Cautions, and Warnings

NOTE: A NOTE indicates important information that helps you make better use of your computer.

CAUTION: A CAUTION indicates either potential damage to hardware or loss of data and tells you how to avoid the problem.

WARNING: A WARNING indicates a potential for property damage, personal injury, or death.
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About this Guide

This guide provides site preparation recommendations and step-by-step procedures for rack mounting, installing and replacing pluggable modules, and connecting to a power source.

After you have completed the hardware installation and power-up of the Dell PowerEdge FN I/O Aggregator, for software configuration information, refer to the Dell Networking Operating System (OS) Configuration Guide for the Dell PowerEdge FN I/O Aggregator and for command line interface (CLI) information, refer to the Dell Networking OS Command Line Reference Guide for the Dell PowerEdge FN I/O Aggregator.

⚠️ CAUTION: To avoid electrostatic discharge (ESD) damage, wear grounding wrist straps when handling this equipment.

⚠️ WARNING: Only trained and qualified personnel can install this equipment. Read this guide before you install and power up this equipment. This equipment contains two power cords. Disconnect both power cords before servicing.

⚠️ WARNING: This equipment contains optical transceivers that comply with the limits of Class 1 laser radiation.

⚠️ WARNING: When no cable is connected, visible and invisible laser radiation may be emitted from the aperture of the optical transceiver ports. Avoid exposure to laser radiation and do not stare into open apertures.

Information Symbols

This book uses the following information symbols:

📝 NOTE: The Note icon signals important operational information.

⚠️ CAUTION: The Caution icon signals information about situations that could result in equipment damage or loss of data.

⚠️ WARNING: The Warning icon signals information about hardware handling that could result in injury.
WARNING: The ESD Warning icon requires that you take electrostatic precautions when handling the device.

Related Publications

For more information about the Dell PowerEdge FN I/O Aggregator, refer to the following documents:

- Dell Networking OS Configuration Guide for the Dell PowerEdge FN I/O Aggregator
- Dell Networking OS Command Line Reference Guide for the Dell PowerEdge FN I/O Aggregator
- Dell Networking OS Release Notes for the Dell PowerEdge FN I/O Aggregator

NOTE: For the most recent documentation and software, visit Dell Networking Technical Support (registration for access to some sections is required): http://www.dell.com/support/manuals.
Introduction

This document provides basic information about the Dell PowerEdge FN I/O Aggregator, including how to install and perform the initial configuration. For information about how to configure and monitor switch features, refer to the Dell Networking OS Configuration Guide for the Dell PowerEdge FN I/O Aggregator, which is available on the Dell Support website at http://support.dell.com/manuals.

Product Description

The aggregator is a multi layer, 12x10 Gigabit Ethernet switch that operates in a Dell PowerEdge FX2 server chassis, which can support up to eight servers and two aggregator switches with four uplink interfaces each.

The Dell PowerEdge FX2 server chassis is managed by a single chassis management controller (CMC), which is similar to the CMC unit on the Dell PowerEdge M1000e and provides management connectivity to two I/O modules and the Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller (iDRAC) units of all eight servers.
Unpack the Switch

When unpacking each switch, make sure that the following items are included:

- One Dell PowerEdge FN I/O Aggregator
- One USB type A-to-DB-9 female cable
- Getting Started Guide
- Safety and Regulatory Information
- Warranty and Support Information
- Software License Agreement

Unpacking Steps

NOTE: Before unpacking the switch, inspect the container and immediately report any evidence of damage.

1. Place the container on a clean, flat surface and cut all straps securing the container.
2. Open the container or remove the container top.
3. Carefully remove the switch from the container and place it on a secure and clean surface.
4. Remove all packing material.
5. Inspect the product and accessories for damage.
Hardware Overview

This section contains information about device characteristics and modular hardware configurations for the Dell PowerEdge FN I/O Aggregator.

I/O Panel

All fixed data ports (4 x 1/10G uplink ports) are on the I/O panel. The I/O panel includes:

- Four fixed data ports
- USB Console port
- USB Storage port
- Light emitting diodes (LEDs)

![I/O Panel Diagram]

**Figure 1. I/O Panel**

1 – USB Console Port
2 – USB Storage Port
3 – Activity and Link Status LEDs
4 – Four fixed data Ports

**NOTE:** The LED displays for system status are on both sides of the chassis. The fan and power status LEDs are on the Utility panel.
Power Supplies

The Dell PowerEdge FX2 server chassis supports two hot-swappable power supply units (PSUs).

NOTE: You must install the PSUs at your site.

PSUs are field-replaceable. To ensure power redundancy and adequate cooling, install two power supplies in the switch. When running with full redundancy (two PSUs installed and running), you can remove and replace a PSU while the other PSUs are running without disrupting traffic.

Fans

The Dell PowerEdge FX2 server chassis supports eight fan trays.

NOTE: You must install the fans at your site.

Port Numbering

When installed in a server enclosure, the Dell PowerEdge FN I/O Aggregator ports are numbered from 1 to 12. Ports from 1 to 8 are internal server-facing ports. Ports from 9 to 12 are external ports numbered from the left to the right of the switch.

The following three Aggregators are supported with the external interfaces on the front:

- FN 410S (4x10G SFP+)
- FN 410T (4x10G Base-T)
- FN 2210S (4x10G Combo ports with Ethernet and Fibre Channel)

The properties of the Combo card are:

- Ports 9 and 10 are fibre channel (FC) type and support eight Gigabit FC, by default.
- Ports 11 and 12 are Ethernet type and support 10 Gigabit Ethernet, by default.
- You can convert ports 9 and 10 to Ethernet type by using the `port mode` command.

To configure a port, specify the slot (from 0 to 5; default: 0) and port number (from 1 to 12) in the `interface port-type slot/port` command, where `slot` is the unit number of the aggregator displayed in the `show system brief` command. For example:

```
Dell(conf)# interface tengigabitethernet 0/4
```

System Status

You can view the aggregator status information in several ways, including LEDs and boot menu options. You can also view status information through the `show` commands and with the simple network management protocol (SNMP). The aggregator includes LED displays as shown in the following figure.
Figure 2. System LED Displays (I/O Panel)

1 – System Status LED

2 – System Power LED

The following table lists the LED definitions for the aggregator.

Table 1. System LED Displays

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<tr>
<th>System LED</th>
<th>LED Color/Display</th>
<th>Description</th>
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| Power      | • Green           | • Power is being supplied to the switch.  
|            | • Off             | • The switch does not have power.         |
| Status     | • Blue            | • The switch is operating normally as a standalone switch or as a stack master.  
|            | • Off             | • The switch is not the stack master.     |
|            | • Amber           | • A fault has occurred, or the switch is booting.                                    |

**NOTE:** The front-end ports also contain LEDs that provide information about the link status and traffic activity on a port.

**NOTE:** When the ingress air temperature exceeds 60°C, the Status LED turns amber and a major alarm is triggered.

Table 2. SFP+ and 10G BaseT Port LEDs

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<th>Label</th>
<th>LED Color/Display</th>
<th>Description</th>
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| Link LED    | • Off             | • The port is down.  
|            | • Solid green     | • The port is up and can transmit traffic at maximum speed. A SFP+ or BaseT port can transmit at 10G.  
|            | • Solid amber     | • The port is up and is transmitting traffic at lower than maximum speed. A SFP+ or BaseT port is transmitting at 1G. |
| Activity LED| • Off             | • No traffic is being transmitted or received on the port.                      |
|            | • Blinking green  | • Traffic is being transmitted or received on the port.                        |
Installation

This switch installation procedure assumes the Dell PowerEdge FX2 server chassis is installed correctly. For complete instructions for installation, refer to the Dell PowerEdge FX2 server chassis Installation Guide.

Before You Begin

Before installing the switch, ensure that the chosen installation location meets the following site requirements:

- Clearance — There is adequate front and back clearance for operator access. Allow clearance for cabling, power connections, and ventilation.
- AC/DC power cord — The cord reaches from the power outlet to the Utility-panel connector.
- Cabling — The cabling is routed to avoid sources of electrical noise such as radio transmitters, broadcast amplifiers, power lines, and fluorescent lighting fixtures.
- Airflow — The airflow around the switch and through the vents is unrestricted.
- Ambient Temperature — The ambient switch operating temperature range is 10°C to 40°C (50°F to 104°F).

**NOTE:** Decrease the maximum temperature by 1°C (1.8°F) per 300 m (985 ft.) above 900 m (2955 ft.).
- Relative Humidity — The operating relative humidity is 8% to 85% (non-condensing) with a maximum humidity gradation of 10% per hour.
- Switch — The switch is installed in an environment as free as possible from dust and foreign conductive material (such as metal flakes from construction activities). Cooling mechanisms, such as fans and blowers in the switch, can draw dust and other particles causing contaminant buildup inside the chassis, which can result in system malfunction.
Installing and Configuring the Aggregator

After you unpack the aggregator, refer to the following flowchart for an overview of the steps you must follow to install the switch and perform the initial configuration.

Figure 3. Aggregator — Installation and Configuration Flowchart
Installing the Aggregator in a PowerEdge Chassis

After you unpack the aggregator, slide the switch into one of the open I/O module slots in the back of a Dell PowerEdge FX2 server chassis.

The Dell PowerEdge FX2 server chassis is a 2U rack-mountable blade chassis that holds:

- Server modules: Eight quarter-width sleds or four half-width sleds.
- Switch modules: Two I/O aggregators or two pass-through modules.

Install server blades in the front of the chassis; install I/O modules in the back of the chassis.

After you slide the aggregator in so that the connectors on the back of the blade are inserted into the chassis midplane, the switch automatically powers on. The CMC in the chassis validates that the switch blade is a supported I/O module before powering it on.

When the aggregator powers on, the bootloader loads the image in the local flash memory. The image initializes the hardware and brings the switch up in operational mode.

Connecting a Console Terminal

To configure the switch, after the aggregator powers on, complete all the external cabling connections and connect a terminal to the switch.

To monitor and configure the aggregator with the serial console, use the USB console port on the front panel of the switch to connect it to a VT100 terminal or to a computer running VT100 terminal emulation software. The console port is implemented as a data terminal equipment (DTE) connector.
To use the console port, you will need the following equipment:

- VT100-compatible terminal, or a desktop, or a portable computer with a serial port running VT100 terminal emulation software, such as Microsoft HyperTerminal.
- A serial cable (provided) with a USB type-A connector for the console port and DB-9 connector for the terminal.

To connect a terminal to the switch console port, perform the following tasks:

1. Connect the DB-9 connector on the serial cable to the terminal or computer running VT100 terminal emulation software.
2. Configure the terminal emulation software as follows:
   a. Select the appropriate serial port (for example, COM 1) to connect to the console.
   b. Set the data rate to 115200 baud.
   c. Set the data format to 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, and no parity.
   d. Set the flow control to none.
   e. Set the terminal emulation mode to VT100.
   f. Select Terminal keys for Function, Arrow, and Ctrl keys. Ensure that the setting is for Terminal keys (not Microsoft Windows keys).

   The default enable password is calvin.
3. Connect the USB connector on the cable directly to the switch console port. The console port is located on the left side of the front end ports.

For information about how to access the CMC to configure the Dell PowerEdge FN I/O Aggregator, refer to the Dell Chassis Management Controller (CMC) User’s Guide on the Dell Support website at http://www.dell.com/support/manuals. The CMC online help provides information about how to use the Web interface.

For more information about the Aggregator configuration, refer to the Dell Networking Configuration Guide for the Dell PowerEdge FN I/O Aggregator.

Auto-Configuration

After the Aggregator powers on, it auto-configures and is operational with the following software features enabled:

- VLANs: In Standalone mode, all ports are configured as members of all VLANs (4094). All VLANs are up and can send or receive Layer 2 traffic.
- Data center bridging capability exchange protocol (DCBX).
- Fiber Channel over Ethernet (FCoE) connectivity.
- FCoE initiation protocol (FIP) snooping.
- Hybrid ports: Ports are administratively up and auto-configured to operate as hybrid ports to transmit tagged and untagged VLAN traffic.
- Internet small computer system interface (iSCSI) optimization.
- Internet group management protocol (IGMP) snooping.
- Jumbo frames: Ports are set to a maximum transmission unit (MTU) of 12,000 bytes.
- Link aggregation: All uplink ports are configured in a single link aggregation group (LAG) (LAG 128).
- Link layer discovery protocol (LLDP): Enabled on all ports.
• Link tracking: Enables server-facing links to be brought up only if the uplink LAG is operationally up.
• NPIV Proxy Gateway: The default port mode of 2 FC and 2 Ethernet ports in FN 2210S provides NPIV Proxy Gateway functionality.

**Stacking**

In the Dell PowerEdge FN I/O Aggregator, the FN 410S and FN 410T support stacking. The FN 2210S does not support stacking.

The Aggregator supports both ring and daisy-chain topology and stacking of the same type. FN 410S and FN 410T support two-unit in-chassis stacking and up to six units stacking across the chassis.

In Stack mode, the lower two external Ethernet ports (ports 9 and 10) operate as stack links. In Programmable MUX (PMUX) mode, you can configure any of the external Ethernet ports to operate as stack links.

**Assembling a Switch Stack**

After you complete the initial configuration, the Aggregator is powered up and operational. FN 410S and FN 410T support two-unit in-chassis stacking and up to six units stacking across chassis.

**Cabling the Switch Stack**

Dell PowerEdge FN I/O Aggregators are connected to operate as a single stack in a ring topology using the SFP+ or Base-T ports on the front end ports 9 and 10. To create a stack in either a ring or daisy-chain topology, you can use two units on the same chassis or up to six units across multiple chassis.

**Prerequisite:** Before you attach the stacking cables, all Aggregators in the stack must be powered up with the default or reconfigured settings.

To connect stacking ports, use only Dell authorized cables (separately purchased). For example:

1. Insert a cable in port 9 on the first Aggregator.
2. Connect the cable to port 10 on the next aggregator.
3. Continue this pattern on up to 6 Aggregators.
4. Connect a cable from port 9 on the last Aggregator to port 10 on the first Aggregator. This creates a ring topology.

**NOTE:** The resulting topology allows the stack to function as a single switch with resilient failover capabilities.

**Programmable MUX Mode**

Standalone mode is the zero-touch auto-configuration default mode of the aggregator. If you want the flexibility to configure different settings, change the aggregator to PMUX mode. PMUX mode provides additional CLI commands to customize the software configuration as needed.
Technical Specifications

The aggregator is an I/O module and installed with the Dell PowerEdge FX2 server chassis for communication.

**NOTE:** Replace the battery only with the same or equivalent type. Dispose of the batteries according to the manufacturer’s instructions.

Table 3. Environmental Parameters

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<td>Storage temperature</td>
<td>-40° to 158°F (-40° to 70°C)</td>
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<td>Relative humidity</td>
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<td>Storage humidity</td>
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<td>Maximum thermal output</td>
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Table 4. Power Requirements

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<td>Maximum current draw per system</td>
<td>10A per power supply</td>
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<td>Maximum power consumption</td>
<td>1920W (high Line) 900 (low line)</td>
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IEEE Standards

The aggregator complies with the following IEEE standards:

- 802.3 CSMA/CD
- 802.3u 100BaseTx
- 802.3z (1000BaseSX)
- 802.3z/ab 1000BaseT
- 802.3ap 10GBase-KR
- 802.3x flow control
Agency Compliance

USA Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Statement

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, under Part 15 of the FCC rules. These limits are designated to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy. If it is not installed and used in accordance to the instructions, it may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference, in which case users will be required to take whatever measures necessary to correct the interference at their own expense. Properly shielded and grounded cables and connectors must be used in order to meet FCC emission limits. Dell Networking is not responsible for any radio or television interference caused by using other than recommended cables and connectors or by unauthorized changes or modifications in the equipment. Unauthorized changes or modification could void the user’s authority to operate the equipment. This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

• This device may not cause harmful interference
• This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation

Canadian Department of Communication Statement

Industry Canada Class A emission compliance statement
This Class A digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

Avis de conformité à la réglementation d’Industrie Canada
Cet appareil numérique de la classe A est conforme à la norme NMB-003 du Canada.

European Union EMC Directive Conformance Statement

This product is in conformity with the protection requirements of EU Council Directive 2004/108/EC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to electromagnetic compatibility. Dell Networking cannot accept responsibility for any failure to satisfy the protection requirements resulting from a nonrecommended modification of this product, including the fitting of non-Dell option cards.

This product has been tested and found to comply with the limits for Class A Information Technology Equipment according to CISPR 22/European Standard EN 55022. The limits for Class A equipment were
derived for commercial and industrial environments to provide reasonable protection against interference with licensed communication equipment.

⚠️ **WARNING**: This is a Class A product. In a domestic environment, this device may cause radio interference, in which case, you may be required to take adequate measures.

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**Japan: VCCI Compliance for Class A Equipment**

⚠️ **WARNING**: Use the AC power cords with Dell Networking equipment only. Do not use Dell Networking AC power cords with any unauthorized hardware.

This is Class A product based on the standard of the Voluntary Control Council For Interference by Information Technology Equipment (VCCI). If this equipment is used in a domestic environment, radio disturbance may arise. When such trouble occurs, the user may be required to take corrective actions.

⚠️ **WARNING**: 本製品に同梱いたしております電源コードセットは、本製品専用です。本電源コードセットは、本製品以外の製品ならびに他の用途でご使用いただくことは出来ません。製品本体には同梱された電源コードセットを使用し、他製品の電源コードセットを使用しないで下さい。
Korean Certification of Compliance

Korean Package Label

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Safety Standards and Compliance Agency Certifications

- CUS UL 60950-1, Second Edition
- CSA 60950-1-03, Second Edition
- EN 60950-1, Second Edition
- EN 60825-1, First Edition
- FDA Regulation 21CFR 1040.10 and 1040.11
- IEC 60950-1, Second Edition, including all National Deviations and Group Differences

Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC)

Emissions

- International: CISPR 22: 2006, Class A
- Australia/New Zealand: AS/NZS CISPR 22:2009, Class A
• Canada: ICES-003, Issue-4, Class A
• Europe: EN55022 2006 (CISPR 22: 2006), Class A
• Japan: VCCI V-3/2011.04 Class A
• USA: FCC CFR47 Part 15, Subpart B, Class A

Immunity

• EN 300 386 v1.5.1:2010 EMC for Network Equipment
• EN55022 2006, Class A
• EN 61000-3-2 Harmonic Current Emissions
• EN 61000-3-3 Voltage Fluctuations and Flicker
• EN 61000-4-2 ESD
• EN 61000-4-3 Radiated Immunity
• EN 61000-4-4 EFT
• EN 61000-4-5 Surge
• EN 61000-4-6 Low Frequency Conducted Immunity

Product Recycling and Disposal

You must recycle or discard this system according to applicable local and national regulations. Dell Networking encourages owners of information technology (IT) equipment to responsibly recycle their equipment when it is no longer needed. Dell Networking offers various product return programs and services in several countries to assist equipment owners in recycling their IT products.

Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive for Recovery, Recycle and Reuse of IT and Telecommunications Products

Dell Networking switches are labeled in accordance with European Directive 2002/96/EC concerning waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE). The Directive determines the framework for the return and recycling of used appliances as applicable throughout the European Union. This label is applied to various products to indicate that the product is not to be thrown away, but rather reclaimed upon end of life per this Directive.

Figure 6. The European WEEE symbol

In accordance with the European WEEE Directive, electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) is to be collected separately and to be reused, recycled, or recovered at end of life. Users of EEE with the WEEE marking per Annex IV of the WEEE Directive, as shown above, must not dispose of end of life EEE as unsorted municipal waste, but use the collection framework available to customers for the return,
Specifications | 47 recycling and recovery of WEEE. Customer participation is important to minimize any potential effects of EEE on the environment and human health due to the potential presence of hazardous substances in EEE.

Dell Networking products, which fall within the scope of the WEEE, are labeled with the crossed-out wheelie-bin symbol, as shown above, as required by WEEE.

Technical Support

Dell Networking Technical Support provides a range of documents and tools to assist you with effectively using Dell Networking equipment and mitigating the impact of network outages.

Accessing Dell Networking Technical Support

The URL for Dell Networking Support is [www.dell.com/support](http://www.dell.com/support).

- On the Dell Networking Support page, enter your service tag if you have it. You can also access general support information from this page.