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RAX™ 840-IR

ISCSI GIGABIT ETHERNET TO SATA II
EXTERNAL RAID SYSTEM

USER MANUAL

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RAX 840-IR



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1 Default GUI Login Information

The following login and password information can be used to easily log into the GUI (See Section 7 for instructions on how to log in to and use the GUI).

Administrator Account

This account has read and write privileges.
Username: admin
Password: 1234

User Account

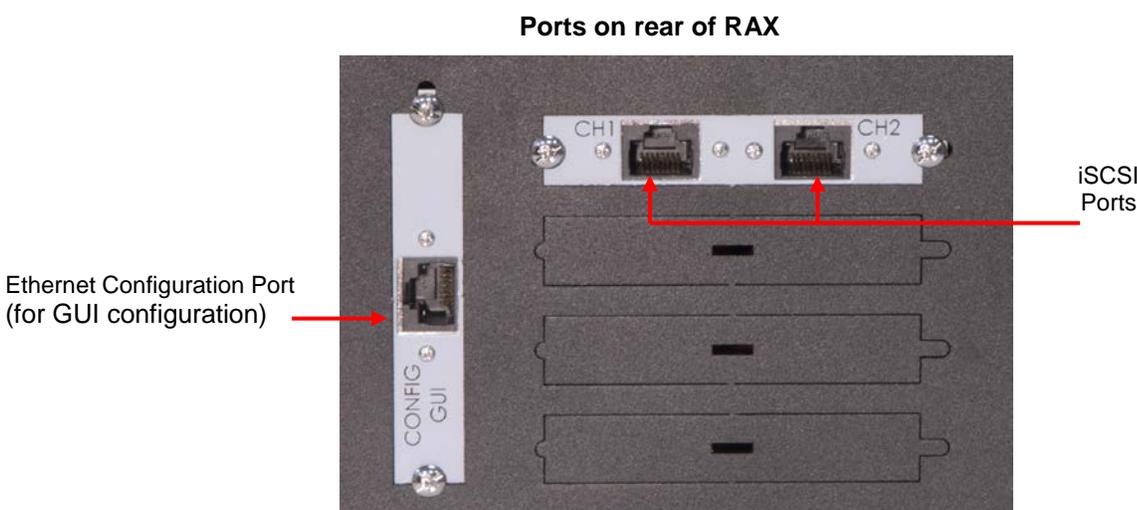
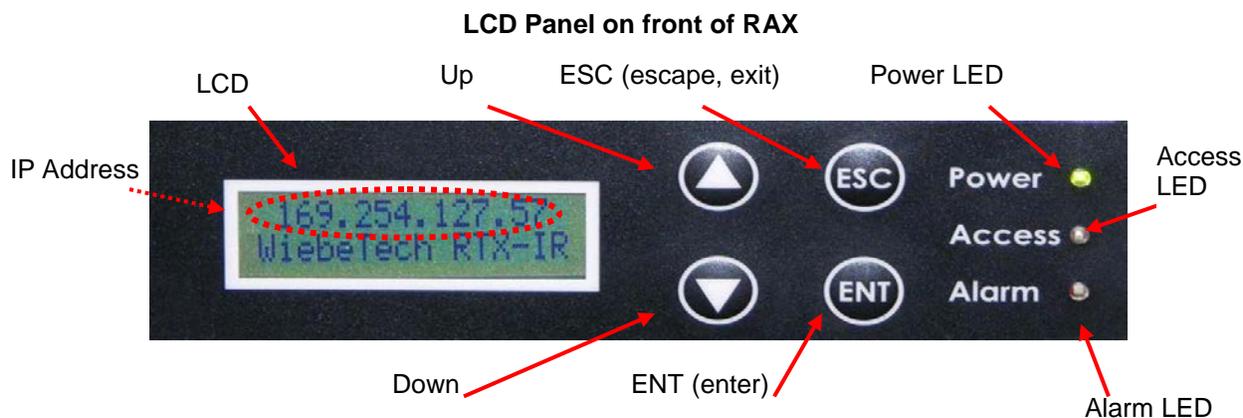
This account has read-only privileges.
Username: user
Password: 1234

2 Pre-Installation Steps

2.1 RAX Accessories: Please contact CRU-DataPort if any items are missing or damaged.

RAX Unit	1
Power Cord	2
Ethernet Cable	2
Packet of DataPort Keys	1

2.2 Identifying the Parts of RAX



2.3 Warnings and Notices: *Please read the following before beginning installation.*

General Care

-  The main circuit boards of the HDD carriers are susceptible to static electricity. Proper grounding is strongly recommended to prevent electrical damage to the enclosure or other connected devices, including the computer host. Avoid all dramatic movement, tapping on the unit, and vibration.
-  Avoid placing the HDD carriers close to magnetic devices, high voltage devices, or near a heat source. This includes any place where the product will be subject to direct sunlight. Do NOT allow water to make contact with the carrier or receiving frame.
-  Before starting any type of hardware installation, ensure that all power switches have been turned off and all power cords have been disconnected to prevent personal injury and damage to the hardware.
-  To avoid overheating, RAX should be operated in a well-ventilated area and in such a way that sufficient airflow is maintained across the controller chips.

RAID

-  Use only hard drives that are in perfect condition. Avoid using drives that have ever developed bad sectors during previous usage. This could lead to possible device failure or loss of data.
-  RAX supports SATA hard drives of various specifications and different capacities. However, we recommend using drives of the same brand and type for optimal performance. If drives of different capacities are used in a RAID, the capacity of the smallest drive will determine how much of each drive is used. The additional capacity on the larger drives will not be used by the RAID.
-  RAID level 0 will allow you to use the full combined capacity of the drives, and offers the best data transfer speeds. However, RAID 0 offers no protection for the data. If one drive fails in a RAID 0, the data on all of the drives is irretrievably lost. Before creating a RAID, investigate the various RAID types and choose the one that is best for your needs.
-  Always back up data before switching RAID types. **Switching RAID types will destroy current data.** You must reformat your drives afterwards.

2.4 Terminology

Terminology	
RAID	Redundant Array of Independent Disks. There are different RAID levels with different degrees of data protection, data availability, and performance.
JBOD	“Just a Bunch Of Disks”. JBOD needs at least one hard drive.
PD	Physical Disk. Belongs to the member disk of one specific RAID group.
RG	RAID Group. A collection of removable media. One RG consists of a set of VDs and owns one RAID level attribute.
VD	Virtual Disk. Each RG could be divided into several VDs. The VDs from one RG have the same RAID level, but may have different volume capacity.
LUN	Logical Unit Number. A unique identifier for a SCSI device which enables computers to differentiate among separate SCSI devices.
GUI	Graphical User Interface.
RAID cell	The number of subgroups of PDs in an RG.
DS	Dedicated Spare disk. A spare disk dedicated to one specific RG and is used when another disk in the RG fails.
GS	Global Spare disk. A spare disk that is shared among all RGs and is used when another disk in an RG fails.
WWN	World Wide Name. A unique identifier that identifies a particular PD.
CHAP	Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol. An optional security mechanism to control access to RAX through its iSCSI data ports.
iSNS	Internet Storage Name Service. This protocol allows automated discovery, management, and configuration of iSCSI devices on a TCP/IP network.

3 Introduction to RAID

A RAID (Redundant Array of Independent Disks) is an array of multiple hard drives that are combined in a way that provides faster performance and/or data safety. Your RAX unit is capable of creating and managing several different varieties of RAID. You may choose your preferred RAID level based on factors such as disk capacity, desired data safety, and desired performance.

3.1 Summary of RAID Levels

RAX supports RAID Levels 0, 1, 3, 5, 6, 0+1, 10, 30, 50, 60, & JBOD. RAID Level 5 is most commonly used by those seeking an optimal balance of speed and data safety.

RAID Features and Performance				
RAID Level	Description	Min. Drives	Data Redundancy	Data Transfer Rate
0	Also known as striping. Data distributed across multiple drives in the array. <i>There is no data protection.</i>	2	No data protection	Very high
1	Also known as mirroring. All data replicated on two separate disks. This is a high availability solution, but due to the 100% duplication, only half the total disk capacity is available for data storage.	2	1 drive	Reads are higher than a single disk; Writes are similar to a single disk
3	Also known as Bit-Interleaved Parity. Data and parity information is subdivided and distributed across all disks. Parity must be equal to the smallest disk capacity in the array. Parity information normally stored on a dedicated parity disk.	3	1 drive	Reads are similar to RAID 0
5	Also known as Block-Interleaved Distributed Parity. Data and parity information is subdivided and distributed across all disks. Can withstand the failure of one drive. The total capacity of all but one of the drives is available for data storage.	3	1 drive	Reads are similar to RAID 0
6	Two parity bits are used to create double redundancy. Can withstand the failure of two drives. The total capacity of all but two of the drives is available for data storage.	4	2 drives	Slightly less than RAID 5
0+1	Also known as a mirror of striped drives. Data and parity information is subdivided and distributed across all disks. Parity must be equal to the smallest disk capacity in the array. Parity information normally stored on a dedicated parity disk.	4	1 drives*	Transfer rates are similar to RAID 0
10	Also known a stripe of mirrors. Data is striped across two separate disks and mirrored to another disk pair.	4	1 drives*	Transfer rates are similar to RAID 0
30	Also known as Striping Dedicated Parity Array. RAID 30 breaks up data into smaller blocks, and then stripes the blocks of data to each RAID 3 RAID set.	6	2 drives**	Transfer rates are similar to RAID 0
50	RAID 50 combines the straight block-level striping of RAID 0 with the distributed parity of RAID 5	6	2 drives**	Transfer rates are similar to RAID 0
60	RAID 60 combines the straight block-level striping of RAID 0 with the distributed double parity of RAID 6	8	4 drives***	Transfer rates are similar to RAID 0
JBOD	Just A Bunch of Disks. This is not an actual RAID level as each disk is treated as its own entity.	1	0 drives	Very high

**If both drives in either the RAID 0 or RAID 1 set fail, then the entire RAID will fail. If only one drive in each of the RAID 0 and RAID 1 sets fail, then the RAID is preserved.*

*** One drive from each of the striped RAID sets could fail without loss of data. If two drives in the same striped RAID set fail, then the entire RAID will fail.*

****Two disks from each of the RAID 6 sets could fail without loss of data. The loss of three disks in the same striped RAID 6 set fails, then the entire RAID will fail.*

4 Introduction to iSCSI

4.1 What is iSCSI?

iSCSI is a technology that allows a data storage device to be accessed over a TCP/IP network using SCSI protocols. When your computer's OS receives a request for data access, it generates a SCSI command and then sends an IP packet across a network or direct Ethernet connection. A software utility known as an iSCSI initiator is used to generate the SCSI commands. Such a utility must be installed on the computer before it can access an iSCSI storage device (See Section 8 for installation instructions).

4.2 What is the Benefit of iSCSI?

An iSCSI storage device can be placed anywhere throughout a network, so the device can reside at a great distance from the computer which accesses it. It is also a very fast connection when used on a gigabit network, achieving speeds of 100 megabytes (MB)/sec or more. The connection it uses (RJ45—standard Ethernet port) is commonly found on desktop and laptop computers, so there is no need to purchase potentially expensive host bus adapters to provide a connection.

4.3 What is iSCSI Not?

iSCSI storage devices are not Network Attached Storage (NAS) devices. They have no built-in server capabilities and therefore cannot be accessed by more than one computer at a time. Multiple computers can only access the data if the iSCSI device is first attached to a single computer which is then set up as a server.

5 Installation Steps

5.1 Hard Drive Installation

- a) Pull the ejection handle on the TrayFree bay to open the bay door.
- b) Insert a bare SATA hard drive into the bay. Make sure it is label-side to the left with the SATA connection on the drive inserted first.
- c) Shut the bay door.
- d) You can optionally secure each bay door. Doing so is not necessary to operate RAX. Insert an RAX Key into its key lock and turn it 90 degrees clockwise.
 - **Sticker Card**
Use the stickers on the provided sticker card to label each drive. This will prevent the drives from getting mixed up when they are removed from the bays.

5.2 Tips for mounting RAX840-IR

- **Use a support system to mount the unit.** RAX840-IR requires slide rails or other support system to be rack-mounted. The front mounting brackets will not allow the unit to be mounted without additional support.
- **Operating temperature:** Ensure that the unit is mounted in a room that is kept below 40° C (104° F) and that the unit receives proper air flow.
- **Make sure that the unit is level before securing it into place.**
- **Connections:** Do not overload the supply circuit when connecting the equipment and ensure that the unit is properly grounded.

5.3 Operating RAX

- a) Connect RAX to a computer or network using the included Ethernet cable. Plug one cable into the “CH-1” port. You can optionally plug a second cable into the “CH-2” port. The purpose of having multiple iSCSI channels is to provide redundancy/failover and increased performance.
- b) Connect RAX to a power outlet with the included power cords.
- c) Install the hard drives into RAX (See Section 5.1).
- d) Flip the power switch on the rear of the unit to turn on RAX.
- e) If you have not yet configured RAX for access, refer to Sections 6, 7, and 8. Section 6 will tell you how to connect RAX to your network or computer. Section 7 contains instructions for accessing the GUI and creating a usable RAID set. Section 8 contains instructions on how to access RAX through an iSCSI initiator.
- f) Format the drive. When a hard drive is first used with RAX, or when a RAID set has been created and the user connects to RAX through an iSCSI initiator, it will show up as a blank, unallocated drive. You’ll need to format the drive in RAX before you can use it. See Section 9 for instructions on how to format the drive with Mac or Windows operating systems. **Note that formatting a drive will erase all data on the drive, so be sure to back up your data before installing the hard drives into this enclosure and before beginning this operation.**

5.4 Recovering from a Failed RAID

If one hard drive of a RAID set with data redundancy has failed or has been unplugged or removed, then the status of the RAID Group will report that the RAID is degraded and RAX will automatically search for a spare disk to rebuild the RAID. If none are found, RAX will search for a global spare disk. If neither are found, it will wait for the user to remove the failed hard drive and insert a working replacement.

6 Network Configuration

6.1 Connecting RAX to Your Network or Computer

- a) Plug an Ethernet cable into the Config GUI port on the rear of RAX.
- b) Connect the other end of the Ethernet cable to your network. This usually means plugging it into a router or hub. In an office environment, you may have a network jack built into your office wall. If a network connection is not available, you can connect the Ethernet cable directly to an RJ45 (Ethernet) port on your computer.
- c) Connect the power cable to the rear of RAX and to a grounded electrical outlet.
- d) Turn on RAX’s power using the switch on the rear panel and the switch on the front of the unit.

6.2 Using the LCD to Configure the Config GUI Port

RAX has both an LCD interface and a GUI. The LCD interface has only basic functionality and is mainly used to configure the IP address of the Config GUI port. Once the Config GUI has been configured, the GUI can be used to fully configure RAX.

6.2.1 Navigating the LCD menu

Use the four function keys, ▲ (Up), ▼ (Down), **ESC** (Escape) and **ENT** (Enter) to manipulate the LCD interface. After pressing **ENT** (Enter) key, you can use the ▲ (Up) and ▼ (Down) keys to select a function. If there is an alarm or error message, the LCD will display the related information.

6.2.2 LCD Functions

System Info	Displays the details of RAM and firmware.
Alarm Mute	Turns off the alarm sound when an error occurs.
Reset/Shutdown	Resets or shuts down the controller.
Quick Install	To use “Quick Install” to set up a volume by three steps. CRU-DataPort does not recommend

	using the Quick Install option to set up your RAX. For quick set-up of a RAID, refer to Section 7.7.1.
Volume Wizard	Smart steps to create a volume. Please refer to Section 7.7.1 for detailed operation steps in the web GUI.
View IP Setting	Display the current IP address, subnet mask, and gateway.
Change IP Config	Sets the IP address, subnet mask, and gateway. You can choose to use DHCP server (for IP address allocation) or manually specify the IP address.
Reset to Default	Restores factory defaults: Default Administrator Name: admin Default Administrator Password: 1234 Default User Name: user Default User Password: 1234 Default IP address: 192.168.0.1 Default subnet mask: 255.255.255.0 Default gateway: 192.168.0.254

6.2.3 RAX LCD Menu Diagram

Use the following chart for reference when following the instructions in Section 6.2.4 for setting up RAX according to your network type.

Main Menu	2 nd Menu Screen	3 rd Menu Screen	4 th Menu Screen	5 th Menu Screen	6 th Menu Screen
CRU-DataPort RAX	[System Info.]	[Firmware Version x.x.x] [RAM Size xxx MB]			
	[Alarm Mute]	[ENT:OK ESC: Back]			
	[Reset/Shutdown]	[Reboot] [Shutdown]	[ENT:OK ESC: Back] [ENT:OK ESC: Back]		
	[Quick Install]	RAID 0 RAID 1 RAID 3 RAID 5 RAID 6 RAID 0+1 xxx GB	[Apply The Config]	[ENT:OK ESC: Back]	
	[Volume Wizard]	[Local] RAID 0 RAID 1 RAID 3 RAID 5 RAID 6 RAID 0+1	[Use default algorithm]	[Volume Size] xxx GB	[Apply The Config] [ENT:OK ESC: Back]
	[View IP Setting]	[IP Config] [Static IP] [IP Address] [DHCP IP] [IP Subnet Mask] [255.255.255.0] [IP Gateway] [192.168.010.254]			
	[Change IP Config]	[DHCP] [Static IP]	[ENT:OK ESC: Back] [IP Address] [IP Subnet Mask]	Adjust IP address Adjust Submask IP	

			[IP Gateway]	Adjust Gateway IP	
			[Apply IP Setting]	[ENT:OK ESC: Back]	
	[Reset to Default]	[ENT:OK ESC: Back]			

6.2.4 Instructions for Differing Network Connection Types

DHCP-Enabled Network

On DHCP networks, a new IP address is dynamically assigned to RAX’s Config GUI port as soon as the network detects it. You can determine this address by checking the LCD interface on the front of RAX. It will appear in this format: xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx. Simply type this IP address into a web browser on your computer. This will access RAX’s GUI, which you will use to configure the unit.

Static Network

a) Check your computer’s IP address, subnet mask, and gateway. Mac users can find this information in System Preferences → Network.

To do this in Windows, open Network and Sharing Center in the Control Panel (Also called “View Network Status and Tasks” under the “Network and Internet” category). On the left pane, select “Change adapter settings”. Right-click on your network (likely called Local Area Connection) and select Properties. On the new window that opens, select “Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4)” and click the Properties button. Your computer’s IP address, subnet mask, and gateway will be displayed.

b) On RAX’s LCD interface, press ENT and then scroll up or down to **Change IP Setting**. Press ENT.

c) Scroll up or down to find **Static**. Press ENT.

d) Change the IP address to closely match what your computer is using. Or, if you are on a business network, have your IT administrator assign you an IP address. The IP address you select must **NOT** be in use by another device.

For example, if your computer's IP address is 192.168.0.9, you might change RAX's IP to 192.168.0.7. **On smaller networks, each of the first three octets must be the identical to your computer's IP address!** When changing the IP address you'll notice that a box flashes over the digit to be changed. While the digit is selected, press ▲ (Up) or ▼ (Down) to change it. Press ENT to move to the next digit.

e) After the IP address is set, enter the subnet mask address **exactly** as it is shown on your computer’s TCP/IP settings.

f) Next, enter the gateway address **exactly** as it is shown on your computer’s TCP/IP settings.

g) Confirm the settings change. To confirm, press ▲ (Up) for “yes” and then press ENT again.

h) Type RAX’s new IP address into a web browser on your computer. This will access RAX’s GUI, which you will use to configure the unit.

Direct Connection to a Computer

The instructions are similar to those for a static network (see above), except that your computer will not have an IP address assigned if it's not a part of a network. Since RAX and your computer must have similar IP addresses, you will assign an IP address to your computer based upon the default IP address of RAX.

a) Check RAX's LCD to find out the IP address of the Config GUI configuration port. It will appear in this format: xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx.

b) Next, change your computer's IP address so that all but the last three digits match RAX 's address. For example, if RAX's IP address is 169.254.12.62, you might assign your computer the number 169.254.12.63 (assuming no other computer on the network is already using that number). The process of changing your computer's IP address varies depending on its operating system.

Mac users can go to System Preferences → Network.

For modern Windows operating systems, open Network and Sharing Center in the Control Panel (Also called "View Network Status and Tasks" under the "Network and Internet" category). On the left pane, select "Change adapter settings". Right-click on your network (likely called Local Area Connection) and select Properties. On the new window that opens, select "Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4)" and click the Properties button. By default, your computer is probably set to receive a new IP address automatically. Change the setting to manual configuration and then type in the IP address.

c) Using the same process as the previous step, change the computer's Subnet Mask setting to match RAX's Subnet Mask setting.

d) Finally, use RAX's LCD interface to change RAX 's Gateway setting. It should match the IP address you assigned to your computer. When changing the gateway address you'll notice that a box flashes over the digit to be changed. While the digit is selected, press ▲ (Up) or ▼ (Down) to change it. Press ENT to move to the next digit. After the gateway address is set, press ENT all the way to the end and confirm the settings change. To confirm, press ▲ (Up) for "yes" and then press ENT again.

e) Launch a web browser and type RAX's IP address into the URL bar, as if it were a website. This will access RAX's GUI, which you will use to configure the unit.

The tables below show example settings. The first table shows the type of settings that will appear by default. The next table shows how the settings might look after you've made changes.

	RAX	Computer
IP Address	169.254.12.62	(blank)
Mask	255.255.000.000	(blank)
Gateway	000.000.000.000	(blank)

Before making changes

	RAX	Computer
IP Address	169.254.12.62	169.254.12.63
Mask	255.255.000.000	255.255.000.000
Gateway	169.254.12.63	(blank)

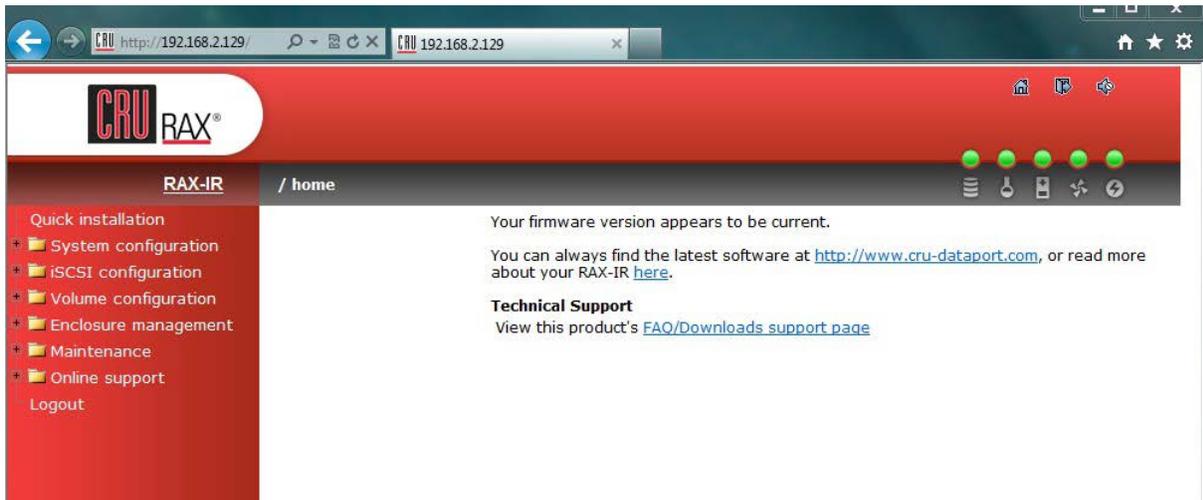
After making changes

Connecting From Home to Office

RAX can also be used over the Internet. If you are connecting to a RAX at your office from home, you will need to contact your IT administrator to set up a VPN client in order to log in to the office network. Once you have logged in to the office network, you can access RAX just as if you were actually at your office (see instructions for DHCP-enabled Network, Static Network, or Direct Connection to a Computer, depending on how your office network is configured).

7 Using the GUI

You will use the web browser-based GUI to set up a RAID and create logical volumes on RAX. After setting up access to the GUI and accessing it through a web browser (see Section 6.2 for instructions), the GUI's main page should load, displaying several options to the left. When you click on any option, you will be prompted for a username and password. The default administrator username is "**admin**" and the default password is "**1234**."



7.1 GUI Indicators

The top right hand corner of the GUI window displays several indicators.



RAID light: Green indicates that the RAID is working properly. Red indicates a RAID error. If no RAID is set up, the light will remain green.



Temperature light: Green indicates normal. Red indicates abnormal system temperature and probable overheating.



Voltage light: Green indicates normal. Red indicates abnormal voltage status like a power surge or a bad power supply.



Fan light: Green indicates that the fan is working properly. Red indicates a malfunctioning fan that needs to be replaced. (only applies to RAX610-IR and 801-IR).

7.2 Overview of GUI Architecture

- Quick installation
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- Enclosure management
 - SES configuration
 - Hardware monitor
 - S.M.A.R.T.
- Maintenance
 - System information
 - Upgrade
 - Reset to factory default
 - Import and export
 - Event log
 - Reboot and shutdown
- Online support
 - Product Information and Specs
 - FAQ and Downloads
- Logout

7.3 Manually Creating a Usable RAID Set

Use these sets of instructions to create a usable RAID set. To quickly create a RAID 0, 1, 3, 5, 6, or 0+1 set using the Volume Creation Wizard, see Section 7.6.1.

7.3.1 Manually Creating a RAID Group

To manually create a usable RAID set, you will first need to create a new RAID Group.

- a) Click the “Create” button at the bottom of the page to open the RAID Group creation screen.

No.	Name	Total (GB)	Free (GB)	#PD	#VD	Status	Health	RAID
No RAID group available.								
								Create

- b) Enter a name for the new RAID Group in the first field, and then select your desired RAID type or JBOD from the dropdown box. CRU-DataPort recommends RAID 5 for maximum performance, capacity, and security. For more information on RAID, see Section 3. Click “Select PD” to select the drives that will be added to the RAID Group.

Name :

RAID level : RAID 0

RAID PD slot : Select PD

Write cache : Enabled

Standby : Disabled

Readahead : Enabled

Command queuing : Enabled

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Note: Drives must be marked as Free Disks before they can be added to a RAID Group. To set drives to Free Disks, see Section 7.7.2, subsection “Modifying Physical Disks”.

- c) All available Free Disks will be displayed. Check the drives that you wish to add to the RAID Group, then click “Confirm”.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Slot	Size (GB)	RG name	Status	Health	Usage	Vendor	Serial	Rate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	148		Online	Good	Free disk	Hitachi	PVF904ZF0JD50N	SATA 3.0Gb/s
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	148		Online	Good	Free disk	Hitachi	PVF904ZF0N7TGN	SATA 1.5Gb/s
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	148		Online	Good	Free disk	Hitachi	PVF904ZF0NNVHN	SATA 3.0Gb/s
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4	148		Online	Good	Free disk	Hitachi	PVF904ZF0NHM2N	SATA 3.0Gb/s
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5	148		Online	Good	Free disk	Hitachi	PVF904ZF0N7Y8N	SATA 3.0Gb/s
<input type="checkbox"/>	6	465		Online	Good	Free disk	Hitachi	GEA534RF03RLTA	SATA 3.0Gb/s
<input type="checkbox"/>	7	148		Online	Good	Free disk	Hitachi	PVF904ZF0NS7LN	SATA 3.0Gb/s
<input type="checkbox"/>	8	465		Online	Good	Free disk	Hitachi	GEA534RF031A7A	SATA 3.0Gb/s

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Confirm

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- d) The selected Physical Disks will now be displayed in the RAID Group creation screen. Enable or Disable Write Cache, Standby, Readahead, and Command Queuing based on your needs. Most RAID Groups will be fine with the default settings. Then click “Next” to proceed to the confirmation screen.

Name : CRU
RAID level : RAID 5
RAID PD slot : 1 2 3 4 5 Select PD
Write cache : Enabled
Standby : Disabled
Readahead : Enabled
Command queuing : Enabled

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- e) On the confirmation screen, verify that the RAID level is correct and all of the disks you selected are displayed under “RAID PD slot”, then click “Confirm” to create the RAID Group.

Create CRU : RAID 5
RAID cell : 1
RAID PD slot : 1 2 3 4 5

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- f) The RAID Group will now display on the main RAID Group screen. To finish manually creating a usable RAID set, a Virtual Disk still must be created and a Logical Unit must be attached. Go to the next section, “Manually Creating a Virtual Disk”.

If you opted to create JBOD drives, skip to Section 8.3.3, “Manually Attaching a Logical Unit” as Virtual Disks have already been created for each JBOD drive.

No.	Name	Total (GB)	Free (GB)	#PD	#VD	Status	Health	RAID
1	CRU	595	595	5	0	Online	Good	RAID 5

7.3.2 Manually Creating a Virtual Disk

After a RAID Group has been created, you can create associated Virtual Disks. You must create at least one Virtual Disk to access the drives of RAX with a computer.

- a) Click the “Create” button at the bottom of the page to open the Virtual Disk creation screen.

No.	Name	Size (GB)	Write	Priority	Bg rate	Status	Type	Health	R %	RAID	#LUN	RG name
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No virtual disk available.

Create

- b) You will see the screen below. Fill in the information and then click “Confirm”. Each field is explained below the picture.

Name :	<input type="text"/>
RG name :	QUICK29862 <input type="text"/>
Capacity :	1041 <input type="text"/> GB <input type="text"/>
Stripe height (KB) :	64 <input type="text"/>
Block size (B) :	512 <input type="text"/>
Read/Write :	<input type="radio"/> Write-through cache <input checked="" type="radio"/> Write-back cache
Priority :	<input checked="" type="radio"/> High priority <input type="radio"/> Medium priority <input type="radio"/> Low priority
Bg rate :	4 <input type="text"/>
Readahead :	Enabled <input type="text"/>
Erase :	None <input type="text"/>

Name

Enter a name for the Virtual Disk.

RG Name

Choose the RAID Group to which the Virtual Disk will be added.

Capacity

Enter the capacity of the Virtual Disk. The default uses the maximum capacity of the associated RAID Group. If you wish to create multiple Virtual Disks on the selected RAID Group, you will need to reduce the capacity below the maximum so that there is space left on the RAID Group for additional Virtual Disks.

Stripe height (KB)

Determines how RAX organizes the RAID. Normally the default option is preferred.

Block size

Determines the minimum file size for files that will be stored on the Virtual Disk. Higher block sizes can result in more wasted space if many small files are saved to the drive, but are necessary to take advantage of high capacity RAID's. **If you are creating a Virtual Disk over 2TB in size for use with MacOS 10.4.x or older, or for use with Windows XP, you must increase the block size to 4096KB to take advantage of the full capacity of the Virtual Disk.**

Read/Write

Allows selection of cache type. Normally the default option is preferred.

Priority

Determines the priority that RAX will give to RAID activities (rebuild and initialization) versus priority given to file transfers. “High priority” will result in slower file transfers during initialization, but provide for faster initialization.

BG Rate

Background Task Priority. The higher the number, the more priority will be given to background input/output.

Readahead

Choose whether file prefetching should be enabled.

Erase

Wipes out the original data in the Virtual Disk to prevent the OS from recognizing it. The options are "None", "First 1GB", and "Full Disk."

- c) After the RAID builds, the Virtual Disk will now display on the main Virtual Disk screen. If you have enabled an Erase option, **do not** shut down or reboot RAX while the Virtual Disk is initializing or the erase process will stop.

To finish manually creating a usable RAID set, at least one Logical Unit must be attached. Go to the next section, "Manually Attaching a Logical Unit".

No.	Name	Size (GB)	Write	Priority	Bg rate	Status	Type	Health	R %	RAID	#LUN	RG name
1	VCTest	1041	WB	HI	4	Initializing	RAID	Optimal	1	RAID 5	0	QUICK29862

Create

7.3.3 Manually Attaching a Logical Unit

You will need to attach at least one Logical Unit to a Virtual Disk to access its RAID Group, although multiple Logical Units can be attached to the same Virtual Disk.

- a) Click the "Attach" button to attach a Logical Unit to a Virtual Disk.

Host	LUN	Permission	VD name	#Session
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No logical unit available.

Attach

- b) You will see the screen below. Fill in the information. Select the Virtual Disk to which you wish to attach a Logical Unit. The Host name can remain as an asterisk if you want any host to access the Virtual Disk. Otherwise, change the field to limit access to specific hosts. Then select the LUN that will be used. The default setting on this is acceptable. Finally, select the permissions that hosts accessing this Logical Unit will have. Then click "Confirm".

VD :

Host (iSCSI initiator name) :

LUN :

Permission : Read-only Read-write

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Confirm

- c) The main Logical Unit Screen will now display the Logical Unit you have just created. If you've been following the instructions for manually creating a usable RAID set, you have now completed setup and can now access the RAID set through iSCSI initiator software (see Section 8 for installation and connection instructions).

Host	LUN	Permission	VD name	#Session
*	0	Read-write	VD1	0

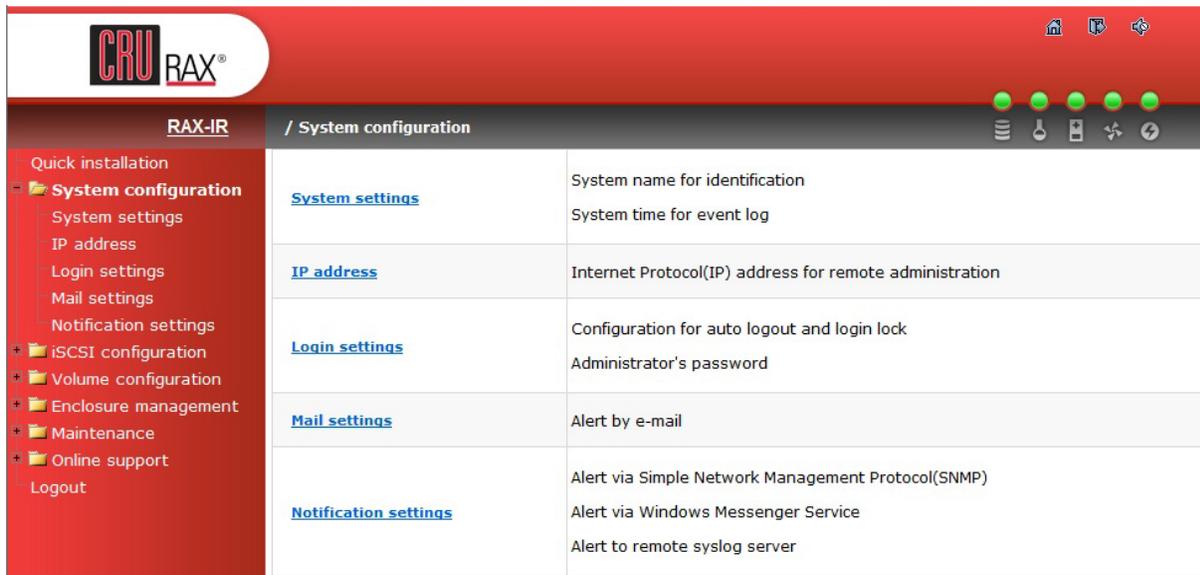
7.4 Quick Installation

CRU-DataPort does not recommend using the Quick Installation option to set up your RAX. For quickly setting up a RAID, refer to Section 7.7.1.

Quick Install uses all physical disks in RAX and the maximum amount of space they contain to create a RAID Group using one Virtual Disk. There will be no space set aside for spares. If some disks are used in other RAID Groups, Quick Install cannot be run.

7.5 System Configuration

The System Configuration menu gives access to a number of options used to configure RAX system properties. Click on "System Configuration" to access the following menu options: System Settings, IP Address, Login Settings, Mail Settings, and Notification Settings.



7.5.1 System Settings

System Settings allows you to view and change the system name, change the date and time, and turn the System Indication LED on or off.

System Name

The default system name is "RAX-IR". To change the system name, simply click in the box displaying the system name and highlight or delete the part of the name you wish to change, then type the new name and click the "Confirm" button at the bottom of the page.

Date and Time

The Date and Time option allows you to change the date and time settings of RAX. To change the date or time, check the “Change date and time” check box and then click in the field that you wish to change. Highlight or delete the information, then type in the new information and click the “Confirm” button at the bottom of the page.

To change the time zone, click the drop down box and then scroll up or down until you reach the correct time zone. Then choose that time zone and click the “Confirm” button at the bottom of the page.

Date and time

Change date and time

Current time :

Time zone : ▼

Setup date and time manually

Date : / /

Time : : :

NTP

Server :

After confirming, a dialog box will appear verifying that changes have been made.

Alternatively, an NTP (Network Time Provider) can be used to sync RAX’s time information with that of a standardized server. To use an NTP, click the NTP check box, then input the server information in the server field.

Date and time

Change date and time

Current time :

Time zone : ▼

Setup date and time manually

Date : / /

Time : : :

NTP

Server :

Click the “Confirm” button at the bottom of the page to update the time settings. A dialog box will appear to inform you that the changes have been made. The updated settings will reflect the time settings of the NTP.

System Indication

To turn the System Indication LED on or off, select the “Confirm” button in the System Indication box. After confirming, a dialog box will appear verifying that changes have been made. To reverse this action, press the “Confirm” button again.

7.5.2 IP Address

The IP Address option lists RAX's MAC address and allows you to view and modify the IP information of the Config GUI port on RAX. This option does not allow the administrator to configure the IP address of the individual data ports. This must be done using the LCD interface on the front of RAX (Section 6.2).

MAC address	
MAC address :	00:00:00:00:00:00

Address	
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	DHCP
<input type="radio"/>	BOOTP
<input type="radio"/>	Static
Address :	192.168.2.2
Mask :	255.255.255.0
Gateway :	192.168.2.1

DNS	
DNS :	192.168.2.200

Port	
HTTP port :	80
HTTPS port :	443
SSH port :	22

An RAX configured for DHCP.

7.5.3 Login Settings

The Login Settings page allows you to configure the Auto Logout and Login Lock features, as well as change the administrator account and user passwords.

Login Configuration

- Auto Logout will automatically log the user out of the system after a set period of 5 minutes, 30 minutes, or 1 hour of inactivity.
- Login Lock prevents multiple users from using the GUI simultaneously. Both features are disabled by default. To enable a feature, click on the dropdown menu associated, select the new option, and click the "Confirm" button.

Login configuration	
Auto logout :	- Disabled - ▾
Login lock :	- Disabled - ▾

Admin Password

The Admin Password option allows you to change the password for the administrator account, which is used to access and modify the settings in the GUI. **The default username is 'admin' and the password is '1234'**. To change the password, click on the "Change admin password"

check box. Then enter the old password in the first field. Type the new password in the second and third field and finally click the “Confirm” button at the bottom of the page.

Admin password

Change admin password

Old password :

Password :

Confirm :

A dialog box will appear asking for verification. Click “OK.” After the password has been changed, another dialog box will appear to inform you that the password has been changed.

User Password

The User password option allows you to change the password for the user account, which is used to view, but not modify the settings in the GUI. **The default username is ‘user’ and the password is ‘1234’.** To change the password, click on the “Change user password” check box. Then enter the old password in the first field. Type the new password in the second and third field and finally click the “Confirm” button at the bottom of the page.

User password

Change user password

Password :

Confirm :

7.5.4 Mail Settings

RAX can be configured to send email to up to 3 addresses when events, warnings, and errors occur. Contact your IT administrator to set up an email address for RAX and to input the proper SMTP settings.

Mail

Mail-from address :

Mail-to address 1 :

Send events 1 : INFO WARNING ERROR

Mail-to address 2 :

Send events 2 : INFO WARNING ERROR

Mail-to address 3 :

Send events 3 : INFO WARNING ERROR

SMTP relay

SMTP server :

Authentication :

Account :

Password :

Confirm :

7.5.5 Notification Settings

Notification Settings allows you to configure the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP), Windows Messenger events, the System Log server, Event Log filters, and enable or disable the internal buzzer.

SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol)

SNMP can be configured to send trap messages to up to three different addresses on the network. To add an address, simply enter the IP address of the receiving server or computer, then click the “Confirm” button at the bottom of the page. Note: The receiving server must be configured to receive SNMP messages.

SNMP	
SNMP trap address 1 :	<input type="text"/>
SNMP trap address 2 :	<input type="text"/>
SNMP trap address 3 :	<input type="text"/>
Community :	public
MIB file download :	<input type="button" value="download"/>
Send events :	<input type="checkbox"/> INFO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WARNING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ERROR

For more information on SNMP, you may wish to consult the third party website:

<http://www.systemdisc.com/snmp>

Messenger

RAX can be configured to send instant messages to up to 3 addresses when events, warnings, or errors occur.

Messenger	
Messenger IP/Computer name 1 :	<input type="text"/>
Messenger IP/Computer name 2 :	<input type="text"/>
Messenger IP/Computer name 3 :	<input type="text"/>
Send events :	<input type="checkbox"/> INFO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WARNING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ERROR

Syslog Server (System Log Server)

The Syslog Server option allows configuration for error, warning, and information reporting via a port on the server. Enter the server IP under Server IP/hostname and the port used in the UDP Port line (the default port is 514). The Facility can be changed between “User”, “Kern”, and “Local1” through “Local7” using the dropdown box. Select the check boxes for “Info”, “Error”, and “Warning” that pertain to the information that you want to have reported.

Syslog server	
Server IP/hostname :	<input type="text"/>
UDP Port :	514
Facility :	User <input type="button" value="v"/>
Event level :	<input type="checkbox"/> INFO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WARNING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ERROR

Event Log Filter

The Event Log Filter allows you to display event messages. To configure what types of messages are displayed, select the check boxes for “Info”, “Error”, and “Warning” that pertain to the information that you want to have reported. The options for Pop Up Events will display those events as a pop-up notification in your browser. The options for Show on LCM will display the selected events in RAX IR’s LCD screen.

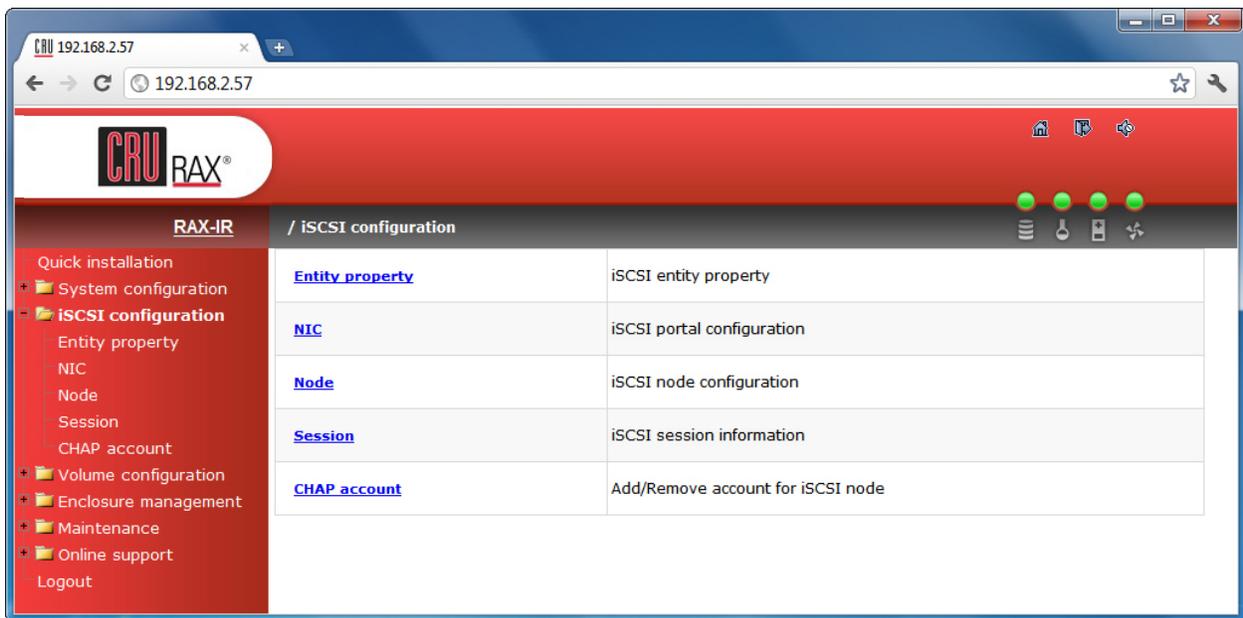
Event log filter	
Pop up events :	<input type="checkbox"/> INFO <input type="checkbox"/> WARNING <input type="checkbox"/> ERROR
Show on LCM :	<input type="checkbox"/> INFO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WARNING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ERROR

Buzzer

To disable the buzzer, place a checkmark next to “Always disable buzzer,” and click the “Confirm” button at the bottom of the page.

7.6 iSCSI Configuration

The iSCSI configuration menu options are generally used to modify the connection properties of RAX. Click on “iSCSI configuration” to access the following menu options: Entity Property, NIC, Node, Session, and CHAP Account.



7.6.1 Entity Property

The Entity Property option allows you to add an Internet Storage Name Service (iSNS) server IP address to the iSNS server group, to which the iSCSI initiator can send queries. Simply enter the iSNS IP address in the iSNS IP field and click “Confirm”. Note: Setting an iSNS is not necessary to use RAX.

Entity name : iqn.2001-02.com.cru-dataport:rax-ir-000c28092

iSNS IP :

Confirm

7.6.2 NIC

Click on “NIC” to view the IP settings of the two gigabit Ethernet data ports. You will see the following information:

Name	LAG	LAG No	DHCP	IP address	Netmask	Gateway	Jumbo frame	MAC address	Link
LAN1	No	N/A	Yes	192.168.2.1	255.255.255.0	192.168.2.1	Disabled	00:00:00:00:00:00	Up
LAN2	No	N/A	No	192.168.2.2	255.255.255.0	192.168.2.254	Disabled	00:00:00:00:01:00	Down

NIC Column Descriptions	
Name	LAN1 corresponds to the port labeled CH-1 (Channel 1) on the back of RAX, while LAN2 corresponds to the port labeled CH-2 (Channel 2).
LAG	Displays whether Link Aggregation is enabled or disabled.
LAG No	Displays the LAG number.
DHCP	Shows whether the channel has DHCP enabled.
IP Address	Displays the IP address currently in use by the channel.
Netmask	Displays the subnet mask being used by the channel.
Gateway	Displays the IP gateway. In a DHCP network, it will display the IP of the router to which RAX is connected.
Jumbo Frame	Displays whether jumbo frames are enabled or disabled. The maximum jumbo frame size is 3900 bytes.
MAC Address	Displays the MAC address of each channel.
Link	Displays the status of each channel. If an Ethernet cable is connecting RAX to a network or computer, the Link will display “Up”.

Hover your mouse cursor over the appropriate button in the “Name” column to reveal a menu of configurable options.

IP Settings for iSCSI Ports

Click on this option in order to enable DHCP or to manually set up a channel’s IP Address, Netmask, and Gateway. Fill in the appropriate information and then click the “Confirm” button.

Set the Default Gateway

Sets the selected channel as the default gateway for RAX. To disable the default gateway, hover your mouse cursor over the appropriate button in the “Name” column again and select the “Disable default gateway” option. Only one channel can be the default gateway.

Enable Jumbo Frames

Enables jumbo frames for the associated channel. To disable jumbo frames, hover your mouse cursor over the appropriate button in the “Name” column again and select the “Disable jumbo frames” option. The maximum jumbo frame size is 3900 bytes.

Ping Host

Opens a dialog box in which the user can input the host’s IP address to initiate a ping test.

7.6.3 Node

The Node option displays RAX’s entity name, which will be seen by the iSCSI initiator, and allows you to

toggle CHAP (Challenge Handshake Authorization Protocol) on or off.

CHAP is disabled by default. To turn on CHAP, click the “Authenticate” button. This will bring up a screen with a dropdown box. Click the dropdown box and select “CHAP”, then click the “Confirm” button.

Authentication : CHAP ▾



After turning on CHAP authentication, you must set up at least one CHAP account (see Section 7.6.5).

7.6.4 Session

The session function allows you to view information on a session initiated by an iSCSI initiator application (see Section 8), including Initiator Name, TPGT, Error Recovery Level, and Error Recovery Count.

Hover your mouse over the button in the “No.” column and click on “List connection.” It will list all the connections of the session.

7.6.5 CHAP Account

CHAP (Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol) is a common iSCSI authentication method. When CHAP is enabled, RAX will require authentication at login through an iSCSI initiator (see Section 8). Authentication also occurs at various times during the connection, by way of transferring the username, initiator password (also called “initiator secret”), and target password (also called “target secret”). RAX uses the same value for initiator secret and target secret. For added security, the authentication information is hashed and a token is sent instead of the information itself.

- a) To use CHAP, you will need to turn on CHAP authentication (see Section 7.6.3) and then follow the steps there to set up a CHAP account.
- b) After clicking on the “CHAP Account” option, you will see the following screen:



Click “Create” to create a new user. This brings up a screen with fields for User, Secret, and Confirm. Enter a user name in the first field, and a 12-16 character password to use as the secret in the second and third fields. Click the “Confirm” button.



c) The new CHAP account will appear on the main CHAP account screen:

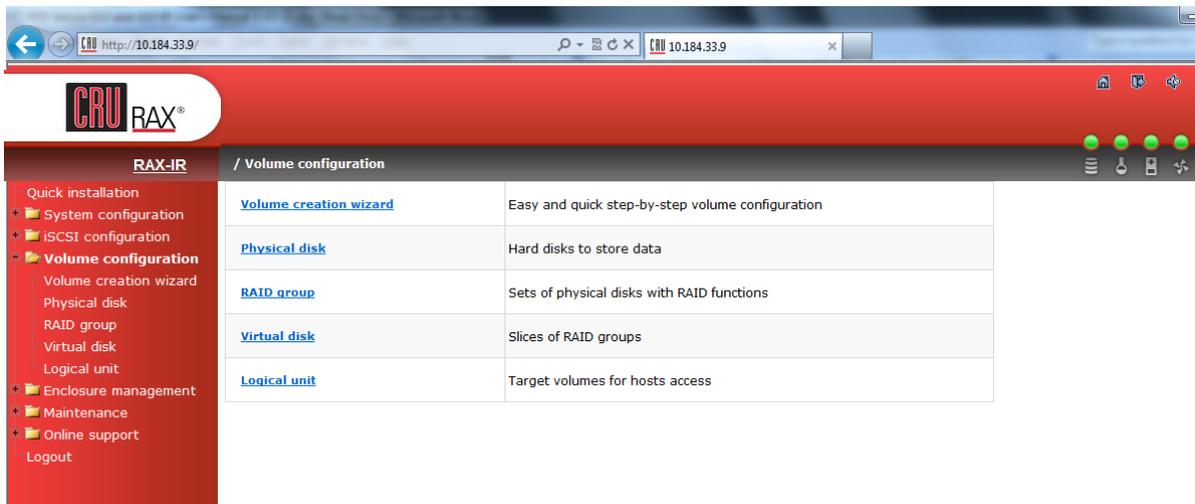


Modifying the CHAP Account

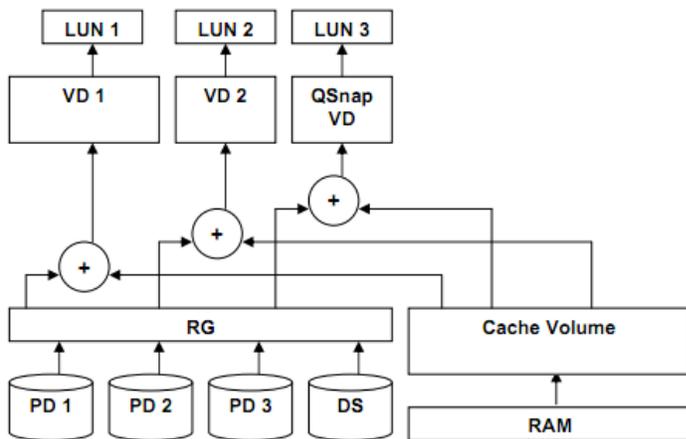
Hover your mouse cursor underneath the username to bring up a menu. Select “Modify user information” to change the username and password, or select “Delete” to remove the user. A confirmation box will appear. Click “OK” and the username will be deleted from RAX.

7.7 Volume Configuration

The Volume Configuration menu provides the options you will use to set up one or RAID volumes of varying levels on RAX. Click on Volume Configuration to view the following menu options: Volume Creation Wizard, Physical Disk, Volume Group, User Data Volume, Cache Volume, and Logical Unit.



The following diagram describes the relationship of RAID components in RAX.



Each RAID Group can be divided into several Virtual Disks. The Virtual Disks in one RAID Group share the same RAID level, but may have different volume capacity. All Virtual Disks share the Cache Volume to execute a data transfers. A Logical Unit Number (LUN) is a unique identifier that the computer uses to distinguish and access SCSI devices.

7.7.1 Volume Creation Wizard

Click on the “Volume Creation Wizard” option to easily set up your RAX with a RAID 0, 1, 3, 5, 6, or 0+1 set. For using higher RAID types or configuring the drives for JBOD access, see Section 7.3.

If any disks are not assigned to a Virtual Disk, it will walk you through a series of steps to create a usable RAID set. If there are previous RAID Group or Virtual Disk configurations present, the wizard may limit the choices you can select in the following steps.

- a) Select your desired RAID Level from the drop-down box, then click the “Next” button. The drop-down box displays the drive capacity next the RAID Level.

RAID level :

- b) Choose how many disks you wish to use in the new RAID Group. The default algorithm uses all of the disks not already assigned to a RAID Group. Or you can choose how many disks you want the new RAID Group to use by selecting the “Customization” radio button and then using the drop-down box to select the number of disks. The drop-down box displays the drive capacity next the number of disks.

Use default algorithm
 Customization
 RAID group:

On the next screen, fill in the size in MB for how large you want the new RAID Group to be, then click the “Next” button. The maximum size is filled in by the wizard automatically, so in most cases you simply need to click the “Next” button.

Volume size (GB):

Step 4 summarizes the choices you have made. If anything is incorrect, select the “Back” button and navigate backwards through the steps to change your options. If everything looks fine, click “Confirm.” The GUI will navigate to the Virtual Disk page which now shows a new Virtual Disk with the name similar to “QUICK#####”. Your Virtual Disk is now initializing and may take several hours to complete.

RAID level: RAID 5
 RAID group: new rg
 Volume size (GB): 1041

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7.7.2 Physical Disk

Click the Physical Disk option to view and modify the status of the drives installed in RAX.

Slot	Size (GB)	RG name	Status	Health	Usage	Vendor	Serial	Rate	Write cache	Standby	Readahead	Command queuing
1	931		Online	Good	Free disk	Seagate	6VPB58QJ	SATA 3.0Gb/s	Enabled	Disabled	Enabled	Enabled
2	931		Online	Good	Free disk	Seagate	9VPB8CF7	SATA 3.0Gb/s	Enabled	Disabled	Enabled	Enabled
3	931		Online	Good	Free disk	Seagate	6VPB5C7J	SATA 3.0Gb/s	Enabled	Disabled	Enabled	Enabled
5	931		Online	Good	Free disk	Seagate	9VPB4HKD	SATA 3.0Gb/s	Enabled	Disabled	Enabled	Enabled
6	931		Online	Good	Free disk	Seagate	5VP3W5H6	SATA 3.0Gb/s	Enabled	Disabled	Enabled	Enabled

The following information is displayed:

Physical Disk Column Descriptions	
Slot	The slot number of the hard drive. "1" corresponds to the top bay of RAX , "8" to the bottom bay. Hover your mouse cursor over the button below the slot number to bring up configuration options for that particular hard drive, which are detailed below.
Size	The logical capacity of the drive. Can be displayed in megabytes (MB) or gigabytes (GB).
RG Name	The name of the RAID Group to which the drive is assigned, if any.
Status	Displays the operational status of the disk. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online → The hard drive is online. • Rebuilding → The hard drive is being rebuilt. • Transitioning → The hard drive is being migrated or is being replaced by another disk during rebuilding. • Scrubbing → The hard drive is being scrubbed.
Health	Displays general operational health of the disk. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good → The hard drive is good. • Failed → The hard drive has failed. • Error Alert → The hard drive's S.M.A.R.T. monitoring system is reporting an error. • Read Errors → The hard drive has unrecoverable read errors.
Usage	Displays how the disk is currently being used. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RAID Disk (RD) → The hard drive has been assigned to a RAID Group. • Free Disk (FD) → The hard drive is free for use. • Dedicated Spare (DS) → The hard drive has been set as a dedicated spare of a RAID Group. • Global Spare (GS) → The hard drive has been set as a global spare of all RAID Groups.

Vendor	Displays the manufacturer of the hard drive.
Serial	Displays the serial number of the hard drive.
Rate	Displays the transfer speed of the hard drive. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SATA 1.5Gb/s → SATA1 disk • SATA 3.0Gb/s → SATA2 disk RAX IR does not support 6G speed. When a 6G drive is inserted it will only show the speed as 3G.
Write cache	The hard drive's write cache is enabled or disabled. The default setting is Enabled.
Standby	The hard drive will automatically spin down to save power. The default setting is Disabled.
Readahead	The hard drive has file prefetching enabled. The default setting is Enabled.
Command Queuing	Newer hard drives can queue multiple commands and handle them one by one. The default setting is Enabled.

Modifying Physical Disks

Hover your mouse cursor over the button below the slot number to bring up a series of options for that particular hard drive.

Set Free Disk

Frees the disk from the RAID Group it is attached to and makes it free for use. If the disk is not currently attached to a RAID Group, this option is grayed out.

Set Global Spare

Sets the disk as a spare disk for all existing RAID Groups.

Set Dedicated Spare

Opens a page that allows the administrator to attach the disk as a spare to a specific RAID Group.

Disk Scrub

Scrubs the disk with specific data patterns to more securely erase its data.

Upgrade

Opens a page that allows the administrator to upgrade the hard drive firmware. The administrator may simultaneously upgrade all the hard drives in RAX that are identical to the one selected.

Turn on Indication LED

Turns on the indication LED for the bay in which the physical disk resides.

More information

Displays more details about the hard drive.

7.7.3 RAID Group

The RAID Group screen displays information about all existing RAID Groups. For instructions on how to create a RAID Group, see Section 7.3.1.

No.	Name	Total (GB)	Free (GB)	#PD	#VD	Status	Health	RAID
1	CRU	595	595	5	0	Online	Good	RAID 5

The RAID Group screen displays the following information:

RAID Group Column Descriptions	
No.	The RAID Group number. Hover your mouse cursor over the button below the RAID Group number for configuration options.
Name	The name of the RAID Group.
Total	The total capacity of the RAID Group. The drop-down box allows the user to view the capacity in either MB or GB.
Free	The capacity of the RAID Group that hasn't yet been assigned to a Virtual Disk. The drop-down box allows the user to view the capacity in either MB or GB.
#PD	The number of hard drives in the RAID Group.
#VD	The number of Virtual Disks that have been created as part of the RAID Group.
Status	The status of the RAID Group. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online → The RAID Group is online. • Offline → The RAID Group is offline. • Rebuild → The RAID Group is currently being rebuilt. • Migrate → The RAID Group is currently being migrated. • Scrubbing → The RAID Group is being scrubbed. • Parity Checking → The RAID Group's parity is being checked.
Health	The health of the RAID Group. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good → The RAID Group is good. • Failed → The RAID Group has failed. • Degraded → The RAID Group is not healthy and incomplete, due either to a removed hard drive or a failed drive.
RAID	The RAID level of the RAID Group.

Modifying RAID Groups

Hover your mouse cursor over the button below the RAID Group number to bring up a series of options for that particular RAID Group.

Migrate

Allows the administrator to change the RAID Group's RAID level or add disks to the RAID without data loss. The total size of the new RAID Group must be larger or equal to the original RAID Group or the action will trigger an "Invalid RG config" error.

Move

Allows the administrator to change which disks on which the RAID Group exists without losing data. The total size of the new RAID Group must be larger or equal to the original RAID Group or the action will trigger an "Invalid RG config" error.

Activate

Activate RAID Group disk roaming. This option can only be executed when the RAID Group status is offline.

Deactivate

Deactivate the RAID Group disk roaming. This option can only be executed when the RAID Group is online.

Confirm Parity Check

Regenerates parity for the RAID Group. Only applies to RAID sets with parity.

Delete

Deletes the RAID Group.

Set Disk Property

Enable or disable write caching, standby, readahead, and command queuing.

More Information

Displays more details about the RAID Group.

7.7.4 Virtual Disk

The Virtual Disk screen displays any existing Virtual Disks and allows you to create and delete Virtual Disks. For instructions on how to create a Virtual Disk, see Section 7.3.2.

No.	Name	Size (GB)	Write	Priority	Bg rate	Status	Type	Health	R %	RAID	#LUN	RG name
1	QUICK11157	1041	WB	HI	4	Online	RAID	Optimal	13	RAID 5	1	QUICK29862

Virtual Disk Column Descriptions	
No.	The Virtual Disk number. Hover your mouse cursor over the button below the Virtual Disk number for configuration options.
Name	The name of the Virtual Disk.
Size	The total capacity of the Virtual Disk. Can be displayed in MB or GB.
Write	The write status of the Virtual Disk. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WT → Write Through • WB → Write Back • RO → Read Only
Priority	Displays the priority that RAX will give to RAID activities (rebuild, initialization) versus priority given to file transfers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HI → High Priority • MD → Medium Priority • LO → Low Priority
BG Rate	Background Task Priority. 4 / 3 / 2 / 1 / 0 → The default value is 4. The higher the number, the more priority will be given to background input/output.
Status	The status of the Virtual Disk. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online → The Virtual Disk is online. • Offline → The Virtual Disk is offline. • Initiating → The Virtual Disk is being initialized. • Rebuild → The Virtual Disk is being rebuilt. • Migrate → The Virtual Disk is being migrated. • Rollback → The Virtual Disk is being rolled back. • Parity Checking → The Virtual Disk is undergoing a parity check.
Type	Indicates that the Virtual Disk is part of a RAID Group.
Health	The health of the Virtual Disk. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optimal → The Virtual Disk is working well and there is no failed physical disk within the RAID Group. • Degraded → At least one disk from the RAID Group that the Virtual Disk belongs to is failed or removed from RAX . • Failed → The RAID Group that the Virtual Disk belongs to has failed and cannot recover from data loss. • Partially Optimal → The Virtual Disk has experienced recoverable read errors. After passing a parity check, the health status will change to Optimal.
R%	Shows the percentage completed of an initialization or RAID rebuild.

RAID	Displays the RAID level.
#LUN	The number of Logical Unit Numbers that are attached to the Virtual Disk.
RG Name	The name of the RAID Group to which the Virtual Disk belongs.

Modifying Virtual Disks

Hover your mouse cursor over the button below the Virtual Disk number to bring up a series of options for that particular Virtual Disk.

Extend

Extend the Virtual Disk capacity.

Confirm Parity Check

Regenerates parity for the RAID Group. This option allows the administrator to regenerate parity when a parity/data inconsistency is found, or to check parity/data consistency only.

Delete

Deletes the Virtual Disk.

Set Property

Allows the administrator to change the Virtual Disk name, change the write status, priority, background task priority, and enable or disable Readahead.

Attach LUN

Attach a Logical Unit Number to the Virtual Disk.

Detach LUN

Detach a Logical Unit Number from the Virtual Disk.

List LUN

Lists all Logical Unit Numbers attached to the Virtual Disk.

More Information

Displays more details about the Virtual Disk, including the LUNs that have been attached to it.

7.7.5 Logical Unit

The Logical Unit is what your computer will use to access and manage SCSI devices. For instructions on how to attach a Logical Unit to a Virtual Disk, see Section 7.3.3.

Host	LUN	Permission	VD name	#Session
*	0	Read-write	VD1	0



The following information is displayed:

Logical Unit Column Descriptions	
Host	The host address which can access the attached Virtual Disk. An asterisk indicates that any host may access the attached Virtual Disk. Hover your mouse cursor over the button below the Host for configuration options.
LUN	The Logical Unit Number (LUN).
Permission	Displays the permissions given to hosts accessing the RAID set through this Logical Unit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read-Write → Has permissions to read and write to the disks. • Read-Only → Has permission to read but not write to the disks.

VD Name	The name of the associated Virtual Disk.
#Session	The number of host sessions currently accessing the Logical Unit.

Modifying Logical Units

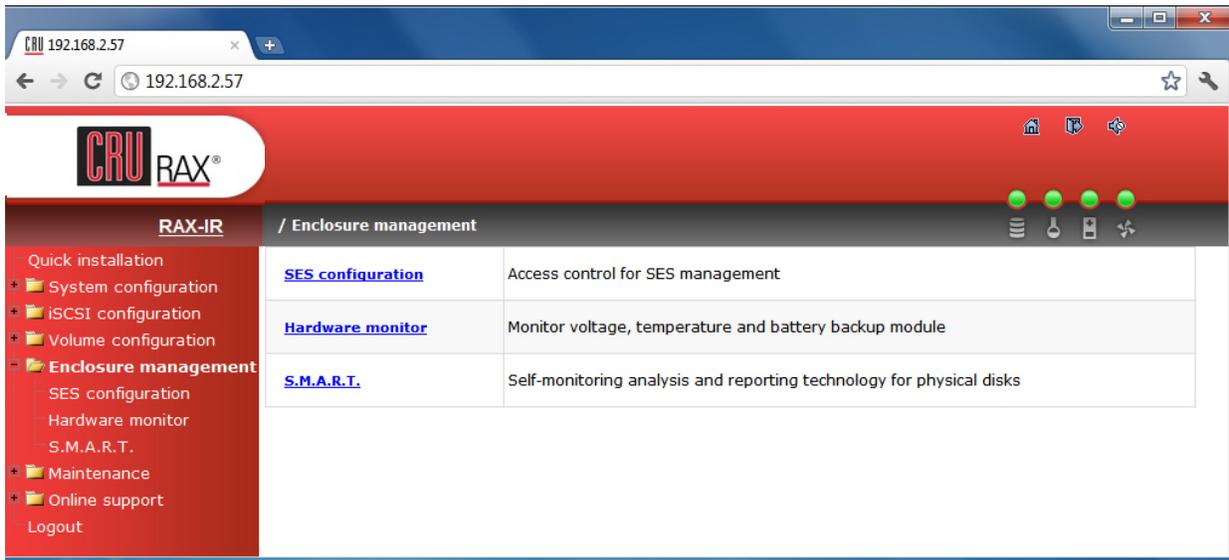
Hover your mouse cursor over the button below the Host to bring up a series of options for that particular Logical Unit.

Detach

Detaches the Logical Unit from a Virtual Disk and deletes it.

7.8 Enclosure Management

Enclosure management gives access to the following menu options: SES Configuration, Hardware Monitor, and S.M.A.R.T.



7.8.1 SES Configuration

SCSI Enclosure Services, or SES, is a command set that is used to manage and sense the state of the power supplies, cooling devices, displays, indicators, and individual drives of a SCSI device. RAX is an SES compliant enclosure. However, in order to use manage RAX using SES you must have the appropriate software installed on your computer. An example is SMARTMon, a S.M.A.R.T. disk monitor, offered by Santools at www.santools.com.

To enable SES on RAX , you must have a Virtual Disk set up and a Logical Unit attached. Once you have done this, navigate to SES Configuration and simply click the “Enable” button, then click “Confirm”. The SES-enabled LUN will show up on the main SES screen.

Host	LUN
*	0

Disable

7.8.2 Hardware Monitor

The Hardware Monitor displays information about the voltages and temperatures of RAX .

Temperature :

Type	Item	Value	Status
Voltage	Onboard +1.2V	+1.18 V (min = +1.08 V, max = +1.32 V)	OK
	Onboard +3.3V	+3.34 V (min = +3.04 V, max = +3.56 V)	OK
	Onboard +5V	+5.07 V (min = +4.60 V, max = +5.40 V)	OK
	Onboard +12V	+12.23 V (min = +11.04 V, max = +12.96 V)	OK
	Onboard +1.8V	+1.84 V (min = +1.62 V, max = +1.98 V)	OK
Temperature	Core Processor	+45.0 (C) (hyst = +0.0 (C), high = +80.0 (C))	OK
	iSCSI NIC	+49.0 (C) (hyst = +0.0 (C), high = +65.0 (C))	OK
	Location 1	+42.5 (C) (hyst = +0.0 (C), high = +65.0 (C))	OK
Cooling	FAN1	1824 RPM	OK
	FAN2	2033 RPM	OK

Auto shutdown :

Confirm

Auto Shutdown

When this checkbox is enabled, RAX will automatically shut down if any of each items' voltage or temperature strays outside of the minimum or maximum displayed values. Auto shutdown is enabled by default to protect the hardware of RAX.

7.8.3 S.M.A.R.T.

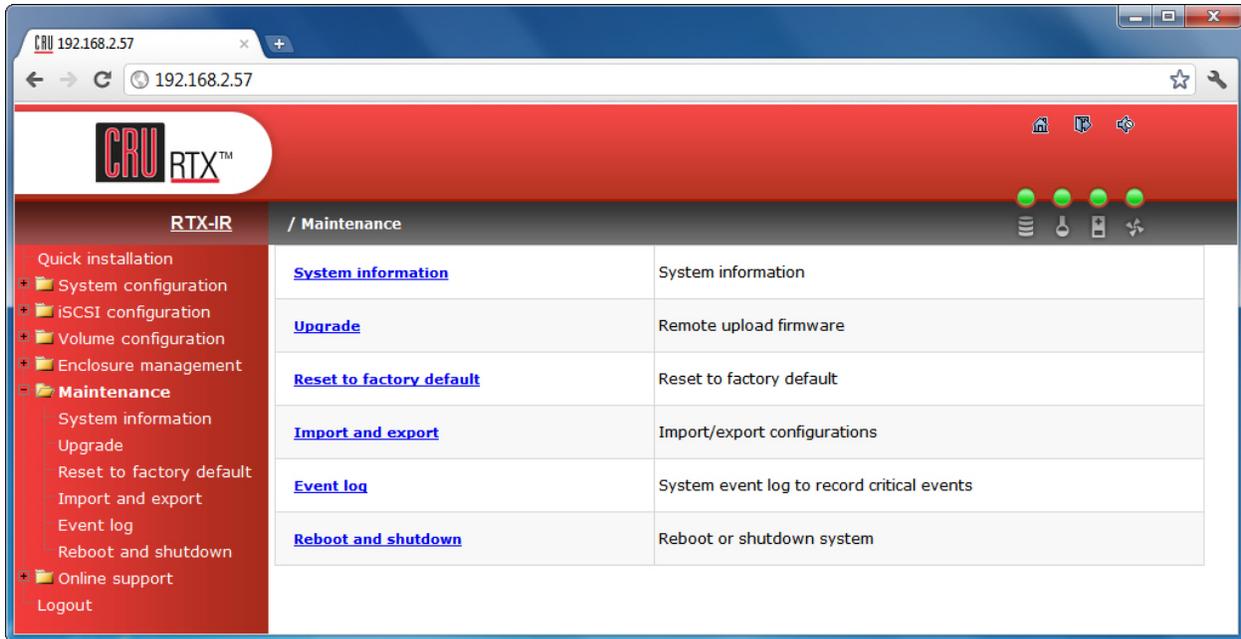
S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring Analysis and Reporting Technology) is a diagnostic tool for hard drives that gives advanced warning in some cases of hard drive failure. S.M.A.R.T. measures various attributes of a hard drive at all times to detect if certain values have moved outside of a certain range. The S.M.A.R.T. option allows you to view the S.M.A.R.T. status of all of your hard drives.

Slot	Read error rate	Spin up time	Reallocated sector count	Seek error rate	Spin up retries	Calibration retries	Temperature <input type="text" value="(C)"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>
1	117(6)	95(0)	100(36)	72(30)	100(97)	N/A	28
2	111(6)	95(0)	100(36)	72(30)	100(97)	N/A	29
3	119(6)	95(0)	100(36)	71(30)	100(97)	N/A	30
5	117(6)	94(0)	100(36)	71(30)	100(97)	N/A	31
6	107(6)	95(0)	100(36)	63(30)	100(97)	N/A	32

RAX's S.M.A.R.T. technology only supports SATA drives. SAS drives do not have this function and will display "N/A" in the GUI.

7.9 Maintenance

The Maintenance screen gives access to the firmware and configuration functions: System Information, Upgrade, Reset to Factory Default, Import and Export, Event Log, and Reboot and Shutdown.



Click on System Information to display RAX's hardware profile information.

System information

RTX-IR 1.1.0-c1 (build 20111222-000000)

CPU type

XSC3-IOP8134x Family rev 9 (v5I)

Installed system memory

ECC Unbuffered DDR-II 1024MB

Controller serial no.

001378C28074

Backplane ID

MAE_08

7.9.2 Upgrade

The upgrade function allows you to upgrade the firmware of RAX. **DO NOT USE THIS FUNCTION WITHOUT SPECIFIC INSTRUCTION FROM CRU-DATAPORT TECHNICAL SUPPORT.** Doing so could result in malfunction of your RAX.

7.9.3 Reset to Factory Default

The Reset to Factory Default option allows you to restore settings to the factory defaults. Click on the "Confirm" button to verify.

Confirm reset to factory default?

Confirm

7.9.4 Import & Export

The Import & Export function allows you to import or export a firmware configuration file. **DO NOT USE THIS FUNCTION WITHOUT SPECIFIC INSTRUCTION FROM CRU-DATAPORT TECHNICAL SUPPORT.** Doing so could result in malfunction of your RAX.

7.9.5 Event Log

The Event Log allows you to view event messages. Check or uncheck the checkboxes of "Info", "Warning", and "Error" filter the events displayed. Click the "Download" button to save the entire event log as a text file. Click the "Clear" button to clear all event logs. Click the "Mute" button to stop the alarm if it is engaged.

Show events : INFO WARNING ERROR

Type	Time	Content
INFO	Thu, 26 Jan 2012 16:12:51	[CTR1] All event logs are cleared

Download

Mute

Clear

7.9.6 Reboot and Shutdown

The Reboot and Shutdown feature allows you to reboot or shutdown RAX's RAID and LCD controllers. Note: Choosing "Shutdown" will not shut down the physical components of RAX (fans, drives, power supply). However, it will flush data from the cache to the physical drives, which is recommended to prevent data corruption before physically shutting down using the power switch on the back of the unit.

7.10 Online Support

This screen contains helpful links to cru-dataport.com, including one for the "Product Information and Specs" of your unit and one for "FAQs and Downloads".

7.11 Logout

This screen allows you to log out of and exit the GUI.

8 iSCSI Initiator Software

8.1 Software Installation

This is a required step. Any computer must have initiator software installed before it can connect to an iSCSI device such as RAX. Both freeware and commercial software utilities are available for this purpose.

Note: Initiator software is not required for additional computers that share files with the host computer attached to RAX. In such a scenario, the host computer acts as a server to the other computers. Only the computer directly accessing RAX needs initiator software.

8.1.1 Windows

Windows Vista and 7 already include the iSCSI software, no download is necessary.

If necessary, users can download free Microsoft iSCSI Initiator software at the following URL:

<http://www.microsoft.com/download/en/details.aspx?id=18986>

8.1.2 MacOS X

Studio Network Solutions makes globalSAN iSCSI initiator, a free-to-try utility for MacOS X, available here:

<http://www.studionetworksolutions.com/support/faq.php?pi=11&fi=51>

ATTO Technologies also makes a commercial iSCSI initiator for MacOS X:

<http://www.attotech.com/xtend.html>

8.1.3 Linux

Open-iSCSI initiator software is available for Linux users to download.

Website: <http://www.open-iscsi.org/>

Readme: <http://www.open-iscsi.org/docs/README>

8.2 Access RAX Using iSCSI Initiator Software

This software can be launched by double-clicking on the iSCSI Initiator icon in the Administrative Tools folder in the Control Panel.

8.2.1 Windows XP

After you launch the initiator you'll see a window with several tabs, with the "General" tab opened by default.

- a) If you have set up CHAP in the RAX GUI, input the proper information by clicking on “General” tab and then clicking on the “Secret” button.
- b) Select the "Discovery" tab. Under Target Portals, click the "Add" button and enter the IP address for the RAX's CH-1 or CH-2 port (depending which connection link is shown as “Up” on the NIC screen).
- c) Next, select the "Targets" tab. You should see a selection for the RAX in this Targets tab.
- d) Select that target and click "Log on." Leave the default settings alone and click “OK”.
If the log-on is successful you'll now be able to use the RAX just like any other disk attached to your computer.

8.2.2 Windows Vista and Windows 7

- a) After you launch the initiator, input the IP address for the RAX's CH-1 or CH-2 port (depending which connection link is shown as “Up” on the NIC screen).
- b) Click on the “Quick Connect...” button.
If the log-on is successful you'll now be able to use the RAX just like any other disk attached to your computer.

Note: The Quick Connect feature does not support advanced connection types like CHAP. For instructions on connecting to an iSCSI target using advanced settings, visit the following URL:

[http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ee338480\(v=ws.10\).aspx#BKMK_ConnectAdvanced](http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ee338480(v=ws.10).aspx#BKMK_ConnectAdvanced)

8.2.3 GlobalSAN iSCSI Initiator for MacOS

This software can be launched by double-clicking on the globalSAN iSCSI icon in System Preferences.

- a) After you launch the initiator you'll see the globalSAN window pop up. Press the Add button (“+”) and choose Portal from the dropdown menu to add a new portal.
- b) On the Add Portal dialog box, enter the IP address for the RAX's CH-1 or CH-2 port depending which connection link is shown as “Up” on the NIC screen, and then click OK.
- c) If you have set up CHAP in the RAX GUI input the proper information by clicking on the “Authentication Settings” button.
- d) Select the new target in the list to the left, then select the appropriate connection from the list that opens up on the right side and click the “Connect” button.
If the log-on is successful you'll now be able to use the RAX just like any other disk attached to your computer.

9 Usage with Mac and Windows Operating Systems

9.1 Usage with Mac OS X

9.1.1 Compatibility

RAX supports 3.5” SATA hard drives.

9.1.2 Formatting a Drive

To format, use Mac OS X's Disk Utility (found in the applications folder).

- a) Click on the drive in the window to the left (see picture below).
- b) Click the Erase tab in the window to the right (see picture below).

- c) Select the format type. Most users prefer Mac OS Extended with Journaling (HFS+), which is required for compatibility with Time Machine (OS 10.5 or newer). If you need to use RAX with both Mac and Windows computers, select MS-DOS File System instead.
- d) Enter a name for the new volume and then click “Erase” to start the process.



9.1.3 Mounting and Unmounting Volumes

Mounting Volumes

If the hard drives installed in RAX are already formatted with the correct Security Key inserted into the Mini-USB Security Key Port, an icon representing RAX's volume will appear (mount) on the desktop. You can begin using the volume right away. If the volume is unformatted, a message will appear on the desktop saying that the disk is unreadable. Use OS X's Disk Utility to easily format the drive (see section above).

Unmounting Volumes

First, eject the data volume by dragging the volume's icon to the trash bin, or by selecting the icon then pressing Command-E. Next, log off the volume in your iSCSI initiator software. If you are using the globalSAN initiator, you log off from the “Targets” tab. Disconnecting in this way allows you to reconnect quickly later. Another way of preventing delays is to keep your iSCSI initiator software open at all times. You can minimize it and allow it to run in the background. Closing the software and then reopening it can cause a lengthy delay before access to RAX is allowed.



NOTE: It is strongly suggested that you disable automatic sleep mode on your Mac. You can still put the Mac to sleep manually at any time as long as you follow the above procedures. This will prevent reconnection difficulties.

9.1.4 Creating a Boot Drive

To activate this feature, you must first install OS X on the volume in RAX. The easiest way to do this is to clone an existing system drive using a utility such as Carbon Copy Cloner or Super Duper. Next, go to System Preferences → Startup Disk. A window will list the available bootable volumes. Select the volume from which you wish to boot. Another method is to hold down the Option key during boot up. A screen should appear that allows you to select the volume you wish to use. This is useful if you wish to boot from RAX hard drive only some of the time.

9.2 Usage with Windows Operating Systems

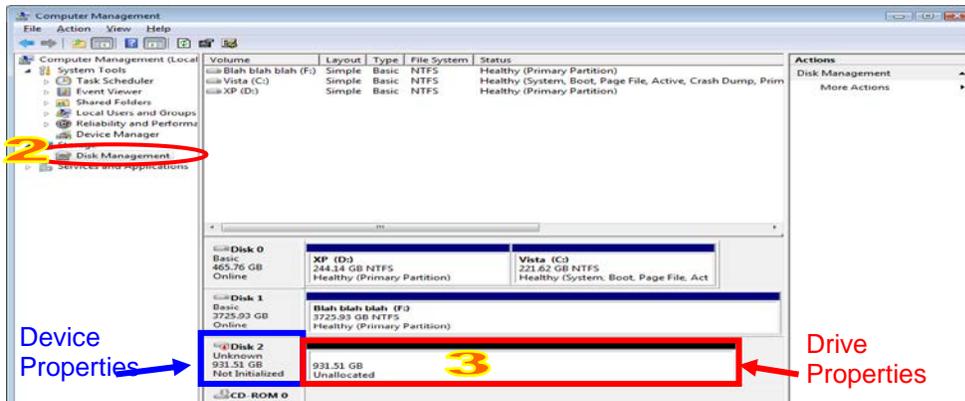
9.2.1 Compatibility: RAX supports 3.5” hard drives.

9.2.2 Formatting a Drive: To format, use the Disk Management utility.

a) Right-click on My Computer, then select Manage. The Computer Management window will open.

b) In the left pane of this window, left-click on Disk Management.

c) The volume should appear in the list of Disks in the lower middle/right pane (see picture below). You may need to scroll down to see it. If the volume is already formatted, you can identify it easily by its volume name. If it's unformatted, the Drive Properties Box will say “Unallocated” and you'll need to initialize the disk before formatting it. Initialize the disk by right-clicking the Device Properties Box and selecting Initialize Disk.



d). To format the volume, right-click the Drive Properties Box and select “Format”.

e) If you are prompted to select a partition type, select MBR for volumes 2TB or smaller, or GPT for volumes larger than 2TB. Note: Windows XP does not support GPT or volumes larger than 2TB.

f) Click through several more windows, leaving the default settings (unless you need to change them), until you see a window that allows selection of a file system. Choose NTFS and enter a name for the new volume. Be sure to check the box labeled “Perform a quick format” unless you want to completely erase any data on the drive and have time to wait. A quick format should take less than a minute, while standard formatting may take several hours.

g) Click “Next” and then “Finish” to start the format process. When the format is complete, the Drive Properties Box will update to show the new volume name. The new volume can now be found by double clicking on the My Computer icon on the desktop.

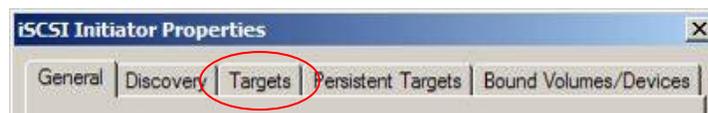
9.2.3 Mounting and Unmounting Volumes

Mounting Volumes

If the hard drives inside of RAX are already formatted with the correct Security Key inserted into the Mini-USB Security Key Port, you can begin using the volume right away. When RAX is properly connected and turned on, a window may open to allow you access to the volume. If no window appears, find the volume by double-clicking the “My Computer” icon.

Unmounting Volumes

Log off the volume using your iSCSI initiator software. In the Microsoft initiator, you can log off from the “Targets” tab.



10 RAID Is Not a Backup

Because RAX features redundant RAID modes which protect against a hard drive mechanical failure, it is an excellent part of any backup strategy. However, a RAID is not, in itself, a complete backup strategy. Many things besides hard drive failure can damage or erase your data:

- Corruption caused by unexpected disconnection during data access (e.g. a cable is unplugged during a data transfer, or the computer crashes or loses power while writing to the drives)
- Corruption or destruction caused by viruses or other malware
- Sabotage by a disgruntled employee or acquaintance
- Theft of your RAX
- Natural disasters such as fire, flooding, etc.

Considering these possibilities, any single copy of your important data must always be considered at risk. That's why backing up is so important. Follow the 3-2-1 backup rule. Data should exist in three different places on two different storage media and at least one of those copies should be maintained offsite. Without an effective backup strategy, recovering data may be impossible, or the cost of data recovery may be quite expensive. The CRU warranty does not cover costs associated with data loss (nor do the warranties of other hard drive manufacturers).

Plan accordingly and backup data to minimize downtime!

11 Event Notifications

Physical Disk Events

Level	Type	Description
Info	PD inserted	Disk <slot> is inserted into system
Warning	Disk removed	Disk <slot> is removed from system
Error	HDD read error	Disk <slot> read block error
Error	HDD write error	Disk <slot> write block error
Error	HDD error	Disk <slot> is disabled
Error	HDD IO timeout	Disk <slot> gets no response
Info	PD upgrade started	PD [<string>] starts upgrading firmware process
Info	PD upgrade finished	PD [<string>] finished upgrading firmware process
Warning	PD upgrade failed	PD [<string>] upgrade firmware failed

Physical HW Events

Level	Type	Description
Warning	ECC single	Single-bit ECC error is detected at <address>
Error	ECC multiple	Multi-bit ECC error is detected at <address>
Info	ECC dimm	ECC Memory is installed
Info	ECC none	Non-ECC Memory is installed
Info	SCSI bus reset	Received SCSI Bus Reset event at the SCSI Bus <number>
Error	SCSI host error	SCSI Host allocation failed
Error	SATA enable device fail	Failed to enable the SATA PCI device
Error	SATA EDMA mem fail	Failed to allocate memory for SATA EDMA
Error	SATA remap mem fail	Failed to remap SATA memory IO space
Error	SATA PRD mem fail	Failed to initialize SATA PRD memory manager
Error	SATA revision ID fail	Failed to get SATA revision ID
Error	SATA reg fail	Failed to set SATA register
Error	SATA init fail	Core failed to initialize the SATA adapter
Error	SATA diag fail	SATA Adapter diagnostics failed
Error	Mode ID fail	SATA Mode ID failed
Error	SATA chip count error	SATA chip count error
Info	SAS port reply error	SAS HBA port <number> reply terminated abnormally
Info	SAS unknown port reply error	SAS frontend reply terminated abnormally
Info	FC port reply error	FC HBA port <number> reply terminated abnormally
Info	FC unknown port reply error	FC frontend reply terminated abnormally

EMS Events

Level	Type	Description
Info	Power install	Power(<string>) is installed
Error	Power absent	Power(<string>) is absent
Info	Power restore	Power(<string>) is restored to work
Error	Power fail	Power(<string>) is not functioning
Warning	Power detect	PSU signal detection(<string>)
Info	Fan restore	Fan(<string>) is restored to work
Error	Fan fail	Fan(<string>) is not functioning
Info	Fan install	Fan(<string>) is installed
Error	Fan not present	Fan(<string>) is not present
Error	Fan over speed	Fan(<string>) is over speed
Warning	Thermal level 1	System temperature(<string>) is higher
Error	Thermal level 2	System overheated(<string>)!!!
Error	Thermal level 2 shutdown	System overheated(<string>)!!! The system will auto-shutdown immediately.
Error	Thermal level 2 CTR shutdown	The controller will auto shutdown immediately, reason [Overheated(<string>)].
Warning	Thermal ignore value	Unable to update thermal value on <string>
Warning	Voltage level 1	System voltage(<string>) is higher/lower.
Error	Voltage level 2	System voltages(<string>) failed!!!
Error	Voltage level 2 shutdown	System voltages(<string>) failed!!! The system will autho shutdown immediately.
Error	Voltage level 2 CTR shutdown	The controller will auto shutdown immediately, reason [Voltage abnormal(<string>)].
Info	UPS OK	Successfully detect UPS
Warning	UPS fail	Failed to detect UPS
Error	UPS AC loss	AC loss for system detected
Error	UPS power low	UPS Power Low!!! The system will auto-shutdown immediately.
Warning	SMART T.E.C.	Disk <slot> S.M.A.R.T. Threshold Exceed Condition occurred for attribute <string>
Warning	SMART fail	Disk <slot>: Failure to get S.M.A.R.T. information
Warning	RedBoot failover	RedBoot failover event occurred
Warning	Watchdog shutdown	Watchdog timeout shutdown occurred
Warning	Watchdog reset	Watchdog timeout reset occurred
Info	Console Login	<username> login from <IP or serial console> via Console UI
Info	Console Logout	<username> logout from <IP or serial console> via Console UI
Info	Web Login	<username> login from <IP> via Web UI
Info	Web Logout	<username> logout from <IP> via Web UI
Info	Log clear	All event logs are cleared
Warning	Send mail fail	Failed to send event to <email>

LVM Events

Level	Type	Description
Info	RG create OK	RG <name> has been created
Info	RG create fail	Failed to create RG <name>
Info	RG delete	RG <name> has been deleted
Info	RG rename	RG <name> has been renamed as <name>
Info	VD create OK	VD <name> has been created.

Info	VD create fail	Failed to create VD <name>
Info	VD delete	VD <name> has been deleted
Info	VD rename	The name of VD <name> has been renamed to <name>
Info	VD read only	Cache policy of VD <name> has been set as read only
Info	VD write back	Cache policy of VD <name> has been set as write-back
Info	VD write through	Cache policy of VD <name> has been set as write-through
Info	VD extend	Size of VD <name> extends
Info	VD attach LUN OK	VD <name> has been LUN-attached
Info	VD attach LUN fail	Failed to attach LUN to VD <name>
Info	VD detach LUN OK	VD <name> has been detached
Info	VD detach LUN fail	Failed to detach LUN from bus <number> SCSI ID <number>, LUN <number>
Info	VD init started	VD <name> starts initialization
Info	VD init finished	VD <name> completes initialization
Warning	VD init failed	Failed to complete initialization of VD <name>
Info	VD rebuild started	VD <name> starts rebuilding
Info	VD rebuild finished	VD <name> completes rebuilding
Warning	VD rebuild failed	Failed to complete rebuild of VD <name>
Info	VD migrate started	VD <name> starts migration
Info	VD migrate finished	VD <name> completes migration
Error	VD migrate failed	Failed to complete migration of VD <name>
Info	VD scrub started	Parity checking on VD <name> starts
Info	VD scrub finished	Parity checking on VD <name> completes with <address> parity/data inconsistency found
Info	VD scrub aborted	Parity checking on VD <name> stops with <address> parity/data inconsistency found
Info	RG migrate started	RG <name> starts migration
Info	RG migrate finished	RG <name> completes migration
Info	RG move started	RG <name> starts move
Info	RG move finished	RG <name> completes move
Info	VD move started	VD <name> starts move
Info	VD move finished	VD <name> completes move
Error	VD move failed	Failed to complete move of VD <name>
Info	RG activated	RG <name> has been manually activated
Info	RG deactivated	RG <name> has been manually deactivated
Info	VD rewrite started	Rewrite at LBA <address> of VD <name> starts
Info	VD rewrite finished	Rewrite at LBA <address> of VD <name> completes
Warning	VD rewrite failed	Rewrite at LBA <address> of VD <name> failed
Warning	RG degraded	RG <name> is in degraded mode
Warning	VD degraded	VD <name> is in degraded mode
Error	RG failed	RG <name> is failed
Error	VD failed	VD <name> is failed
Error	VD IO fault	I/O failure for stripe number <address> in VD <name>
Warning	Recoverable read error	Recoverable read error occurred at LBA <address> - <address> of VD <name>
Warning	Recoverable write error	Recoverable write error occurred at LBA <address> - <address> of VD <name>
Error	Unrecoverable read error	Unrecoverable read error occurred at LBA <address> - <address> of VD <name>
Error	Unrecoverable write error	Unrecoverable write error occurred at LBA <address> - <address> of VD <name>
Error	Config read rail	Config read failed at LBA <address> - <address> of PD <slot>
Error	Config write fail	Config write failed at LBA <address> - <address> of PD

		<slot>
Error	CV boot error adjust global	Failed to change size of the global cache
Info	CV boot global	The global cache is OK
Error	CV boot error reate global	Failed to create the global cache
Info	PD dedicated spare	Assign PD <slot> to be dedicated spare disk of RG <name>
Info	PD global spare	Assign PD <slot> to Global Spare Disks
Warning	PD read error	Read error occurred at LBA <address> - <address> of PD <slot>
Warning	PD write error	Write error occurted at LBA <address> - <address> of PD <slot>
Warning	Scrub wrong parity	The parity/data inconsistency is found at LBA <address> - <address> when checking parity on VD <name>
Warning	Scrub data recovered	The data at LBA <address> - <address> is recovered when checking parity on VD <name>
Info	PD freed	PD <slot> has been freed from RG <name>
Info	RG imported	Configuration of RG <name> has been imported
Info	RG restored	Configuration of RG <name> has been restored
Info	VD restored	Configuration of VD <name> has been restored
Info	PD scrub started	PD <slot> starts disk scrubbing process
Info	Disk scrub finished	PD <slot> completed disk scrubbing process
Info	Large RG created	A large RG <name> with <number> disks included is created
Info	Weak RG created	A RG <name> made up disks across <number> chassis is created
Info	RG size shrunk	The total size of RG <name> shrunk
Info	VD erase finished	VD <name> finished erasing process
Warning	VD erase failed	The erasing process of VD <name> failed
Info	VD erase started	VD <name> starts erasing process

iSCSI Events

Level	Type	Description
Info	iSCSI login accepted	iSCSI login from <IP> succeeds
Info	iSCSI login rejected	iSCSI login from <IP> was rejected, reason [<string>]
Info	iSCSI logout recvd	iSCSI logout from <IP> was received, reason [<string>]

System Maintenance Events

Level	Type	Description
Info	System shutdown	System shutdown
Info	System reboot	System reboot
Info	System console shutdown	System shutdown from <string> via Console UI
Info	System web shutdown	System shutdown from <string> via Web UI
Info	System button shutdown	System shutdown via power button
Info	System LCM shutdown	System shutdown via LCM
Info	FW upgrade start	System firmware upgrade starts
Info	FW upgrade success	System firmware upgrade succeeds
Warning	FW upgrade failure	System firmware upgrade is failed
Error	IPC FW upgrade timeout	System firmware upgrade timeout on another controller
Info	Config imported	<string> config imported

HAC Events

Level	Type	Description
Info	RG owner changed	The preferred owner of RG <name> has been changed to controller <number>
Info	Force CTR write through	Controller <number> forced to adopt write-through mode on failover
Info	Restore CTR cache mode	Controller <number> restored to previous caching mode on failback
Info	Failover complete	All volumes in controller <number> completed failover process
Info	Failback complete	All volumes in controller <number> completed failback process
Info	CTR inserted	Controller <number> is inserted into system
Error	CTR removed	Controller <number> is removed from system
Error	CTR timeout	Controller <number> gets no response
Error	CTR lockdown	Controller <number> is locked down
Error	CTR memory NG	Memory size mismatch
Error	CTR firmware NG	Firmware version mismatch
Error	CTR lowspeed NG	Low speed inter link is down
Error	CTR highspeed NG	High speed inter link is down
Error	CTR backend NG	SAS expander is down
Error	CTR frontend NG	FC IO controller is down
Info	CTR reboot FW sync	Controller reboot, reason [Firmware synchronization completed]

12 Working With Volumes Over 2TB in Size

Although RAX can create data volumes larger than 2TB, some older operating systems cannot access such volumes. This is because they support only 32-bit LBA (Logical Block Addressing).

Newer operating systems should be able to use 2TB+ volumes without difficulty. You will simply need to do one of the following two things while creating a Virtual Disk:

- Change the LBA to 64-bit
- Increase the block size to 4096

Windows

Neither of the options above will work for operating systems older than Windows XP. You need to make more than one Virtual Disk, each less than 2000GB in size. Each Virtual Disk also needs a different LUN.

Mac OS

Although Mac OS 10.4.x supports only 32-bit LBA, increasing the block size to 4096 will allow you to create a 2TB+ volume that is usable by the OS.

Linux

Versions of Linux vary, but using one of the above methods may allow you to create a 2TB+ volume that your distribution can use.

13 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q I created one volume, but my computer sees two of them. Why?

A There may be two Logical Unit Numbers (LUN) assigned to that volume. To check this, use the GUI. Navigate to "Volume Configuration" and then "Logical Unit". If there are two Logical Units for the same volume, hover your mouse over the button for one of them in the "Host" column and click on "detach."

Note: You may still see two volumes until you restart your computer.

Q I've hooked up the Config GUI port to my DHCP-enabled network, but the LCD displays an IP address that is not on my network and I cannot connect to the GUI control panel using that IP address in my web browser.

A This may occur if you plugged in the Config GUI after RAX has already started up and initialized, or if you previously configured RAX for a static network or direct connection. The solution is to use the LCD interface to obtain a DHCP address. Press "ENT", then use the ▲ (Up) or ▼ (Down) arrows to scroll to the option "Change IP Config". Press "ENT". The screen will say "DHCP". Press "ENT", then press the ▲ (Up) arrow to select "Yes". Press "ENT". RAX will now attempt to acquire a DHCP address. This new address will be displayed on the main screen of the LCD.

Q When I try to log on to RAX using the IP address under the iSCSI configuration menu, nothing happens.

A Sometimes when you first set up RAX you'll need to reattach the Logical Unit if it doesn't work the first time.

Q How many computers can connect to one data volume on the iSCSI unit?

A The short answer is one computer to one volume. This is the safest and suggested usage of RAX. If two people are accessing files on the same volume at the same time, there is a very high chance that data corruption will occur. There are a few file systems that can handle different users manipulating the same volume, but they are not supported by Mac OS or Windows. However, if the users connected to the volume have read-only access, then corruption will not be an issue.

Q When I make more than one volume, I still see all volumes when connecting to the iSCSI IP address. How am I supposed to allow only one person per volume if that's the case?

A When you attach a Logical Unit to a Virtual Disk you'll probably notice a "Host" field with an asterisk as the default selection. This means that any iSCSI Initiator will be able to connect to that volume through that Virtual Disk. All iSCSI Initiators have a unique name. You can use this name to restrict access to only certain computers. For example, if my initiator is assigned the name `iqn.199105.com.microsoft:username01.crudataport.local`, and if I put that name into the host field when attaching a Logical Unit, then only my specific computer will be able to connect to that volume. You can use this to give one person read access and everyone else write access by attaching two Logical Units to one Virtual Disk.

Q If I connect one computer to RAX and then share the files from that computer, can more than one computer access the files? Would the other computers need iSCSI initiators installed on them?

A One computer at a time can directly access RAX, but files on RAX can be shared from that computer to other computers. In such a scenario, the computer attached to RAX acts as a server. Only the server computer requires an iSCSI initiator. The other computers do not need special software.

Q What is the difference between iSCSI and NAS (Network Attached Storage)?

A The difference between iSCSI and NAS is that a NAS does not need a computer to act as a server.

Q I put my computer to sleep, and now it's having trouble reconnecting to RAX. How can I prevent this?

A To prevent difficulties such as this, follow the shutdown procedure documented in the LCD menu diagram in Section 6.2.3. CRU-DataPort also suggests that you disable automatic sleep on your computer so it does not go into sleep mode without preparing RAX for disconnection.

Still need help? Please contact our Technical Support team at <http://www.cru-dataport.com/support> or call us toll free at (800) 260-9800.

14 Technical Specifications

Product Models:	RAX840-IR
Raid Levels Supported:	RAID 0, 1, 3, 5, 6, 0+1, 10, 30, 50, 60, & JBOD
Host Interfaces:	Dual Gigabit Ethernet
Data Interface Speeds:	Up to 200MB/s (network dependent)
Drive Types Supported:	3.5-inch SATA (Serial-ATA) hard disk drives
Online Auto-Rebuild:	Yes
LED Indicators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alarm Indicator • Power Indicator • Access Indicator
Security:	Separate key lock for each HDD
Controller Display:	LCD screen with yellow backlight/control panel
Operating System Requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windows XP, Vista, Windows 7 • Mac OS X 10.2.6 or later • Linux distributions using Kernel version 2.4 or above
Power Supply:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input: 100-240VAC • Output: 350 Watts
Cooling Fans:	Two 60mm and one 120mm fans
Compliance:	EMI Standard: FCC Part 15 Class A, CE EMC Standard: EN55022, EN55024 FIPS: FIPS 140-2, FIPS PUB 197
Unit Weights:	52.6 lbs with drives, 41.4lbs without drives
Dimensions:	177mm (H) x 481mm (W) x 503mm (D)
Technical Support	We don't expect anything to go wrong with your CRU product. But if it does, Tech Support is standing by and ready to help. Contact us at http://www.cru-dataport.com/support . We also offer phone support at (800) 260-9800 and (866) 744-8722.

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In the event that you experience Radio Frequency Interference, you should take the following steps to resolve the problem:

- 1) *Ensure that the case of your attached drive is grounded.*
- 2) *Use a data cable with RFI reducing ferrites on each end.*
- 3) *Use a power supply with an RFI reducing ferrite approximately 5 inches from the DC plug.*
- 4) *Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.*

