RAC 261

ULTRA 320 SCSI to SATA Disk Subsystem

User Manual

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Preface

About this Manual

Thank you for choosing Synergy Global Technology, Inc. products. If you have any questions, please e-mail **support@rackmountmart.com** or call our tech support.

This manual is designed and written for users of the **RAC261**. Users should ideally be familiar and have some experience with RAID planning and data storage operations. However, this manual will provide instructions and education for those who have little or no experience in RAID to install and setup the **RAC261**.

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Chapter 1 Product Overview

1.1 Features

RAC261 Subsystem is a high-performance RAID subsystem built around **RAID** controller with the features listed below:

- Single channel performance is over 240MB/sec
- Snapshot-on-the-box without relying on host software
- SATA II drive interface (Backward-compatible)
- Configurable N-way mirror for high data protection
- On-line volume expansion with no system down-time
- Extensible APIs for host server integration

When properly configured, **RAC261** provides non-stop data storage service with a high degree of fault tolerance through the use of RAID technology and advanced array management features.

RAC261 connects to the host system through an U320 SCSI interface for optimized performance in speed. It can be configured to any RAID level to provide the most reliable data protection and fastest data transfer rates as required by user applications.

RAC261 is designed with a new level of polynomial technology to implement the RAC261 function. RAC261 arrays allow up to two simultaneous HDD failures without impact on the existing data, making the RAC261 the most reliable RAID system.

RAC261 has **SNAPSHOT** feature that can perform an online speedy logical data backup on the controller level without affecting the performance of the server host.

RAC261 offers array migration and expansion technology to give users the flexibility to change RAID levels and increase array capacity for increased performance or data security to meet the changing demands of applications.

RAC261 is the most cost-effective disk array subsystem with completely integrated high-performance and data-protection capabilities that meet or exceed the highest industry standards.

1.2 Specifications

Model Specifications

RAID Engine E

Storage Processor Intel IOP80331 500Mhz

Hybrid Technology SCSI to SATA

Supported RAID Levels 0, 1, 0+1, 3, 5, 6 & JBOD

Memory 256MB DDR333 DIMM (Max. up to 1GB)

Max. HDD Supported 6 x SATA I/II HDDs

Max. HDD Capacity 500GB

Max. System Capacity up to 4.0TB

Host Connection 1- Ultra320 SCSI Port

Remote management via 1-Ethernet Port

RAID management Web browser & SNMP

OS Independent & Transparent Yes

Enclosure Specification

Hot-Swappability 6 x Removable HDD Tray

Drive Failure LED indicator for each HDD

System Fan 3 x 8cm Hot-Swappable fan (Middle)

Power Supply Single PS2 250Watt

460W 1+1 Hot-Swappable Redundant

Temperature built-in thermal & fan sensor

Dimensions(H x W x D) 25.5 " x 21.25 " x 7"

Weight (without disk) 40 Lbs

Power Supply (250W)

Input Range 100 to 240 VAC. 10%

Voltage +5V/25A +12V/10A 47-63Hz

Agency Approval EMI/RFI, CE, FCC B, BSMI

Safety UL, CUL, CB, TUV, CCC

Physical & Environment

Operating Temperature 0°C ~ 40°C

Non-Operating Temperature -10°C ~ 50°C

Relative Humidity 5% to 95% non-condensing

Supported Operating System

Windows 95, 98/98SE, NT, 2000, Millennium, XP, 2003

Mac 9.1 and above, including OSX, OSX Server, XSERVE

Mac 8.6-9.04 support possible with ATTO SCSI HBA.

Linux (all latest builds) which support SCSI.

And all other systems supporting SCSI protocol

Optional Features

- Snapshot on the Box
- N-Way Mirror
- Battery Backup
- System Handle

Manufacturer Warranty

System Warranty 1 Years

Chapter 2 Environment Setup

2.1 Before installation

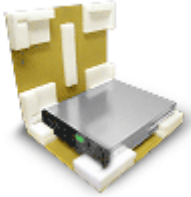
Requirement:

Prepare a host system with a SCSI HBA card. For optimized performance, a SCSI Ultra 320 HBA is recommended. The host system should have one free COM port to be used for the initial setup. The management and configuration web GUI can be accessed remotely after proper setup.

Package contents

- 1 pcs 6x3.5'' SATA-II HDDs Dual U320 SCSI Rackmount RAID Storage Enclosure
- 6 pcs Hot-Swap Removable HDD Tray (Installed)
- 3 pcs Cooling Fan Module (Installed)
- One 400 Watt PS/2 Power Supply (Installed)
- Two SCSI Cables and Two SCSI Terminators
- Heavy Duty Foam Protection
- Accessory Box:
    - Slide-Rail Set
    - Screws for Mounting Hard Drives
    - One Standard Power Cord

RAC261 Dual U320 SCSI Rackmount RAID Storage Enclosure	6 pcs Hot-Swap Removable HDD Tray	Accessory Box (Screws, Power Cord, Slide-Rail Set)
		

SCSI Cables and Terminators	Heavy Duty Foam Protection
	

Optional Items

	**Model Number:** TRAY **Description:** Additional Hot-Swap Removable HDD Tray
	**Model Number:** PSZ460 **Description:** 460+460W PFC PS/2 Redundant Power Supply
	**Model Number:** Upgrade-MT512 **Description:** 512MB Cache Memory Upgrade
	**Model Number:** Upgrade-MT1G **Description:** 1GB Cache Memory Upgrade
	**Description:** Additional Removable Hard Disk Canister
	**Description:** Additional Tape Drive
	**Description:** Additional DVD Drive

Caution

- Before starting any type of hardware installation, please 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, RAC261 should be operated in a well-ventilated area and in such a way that sufficient airflow is maintained across the controller chips.

- Static electricity can damage electronic components. To guard against such damage:
  1. Work in a static-free environment
  2. Wear a grounded anti-static wrist strap
  3. Store uninstalled components in anti-static bags
  4. Handle PCBs by their edges and avoid touching chips and connectors.

- Environmental requirements:
  Temperature: 0°C to 40°C (32°F to 104°F)
  Humidity: 5% to 95%, non-condensing

2.2 Product overview

Front view

Figure 2.2.1

Rear view

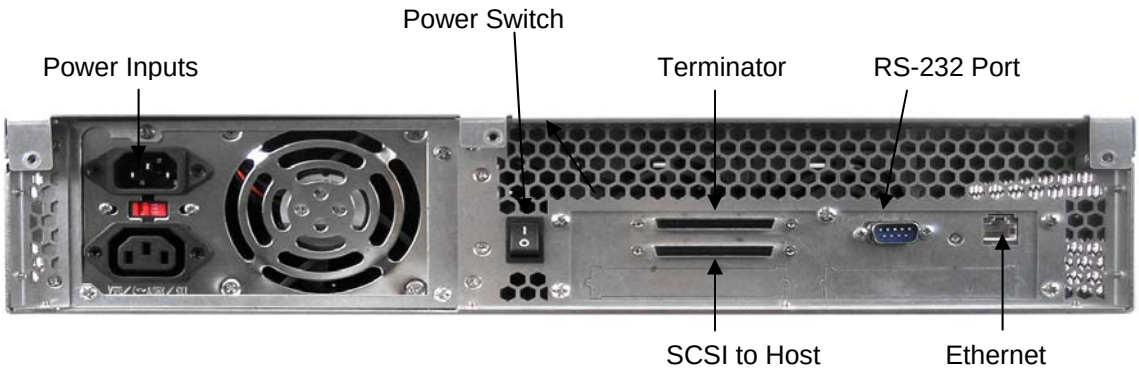


Figure 2.2.2

2.3 Install SATA disks

If the hard drives do not come with the RAID system, please follow the instructions for installation below.

- Press the release button and pull the handle to remove the disk tray. The trays may have to be unlocked first using the key provided. **(Figure 2.3.1, Figure 2.3.2)**
- Insert the disk into the disk tray with the connectors directed toward the open rear of the tray.

Figure 2.3.1

Figure 2.3.2

- Align the mounting holes of the disk with the tray.
- Mount the disk to the disk tray with the screws provided in the accessory pack. **(Figure 2.3.3)**
- Slide the disk tray back into the empty slot of the chassis and make sure the handle clicks into place.
- Lock the tray with key provided to ensure disk security.

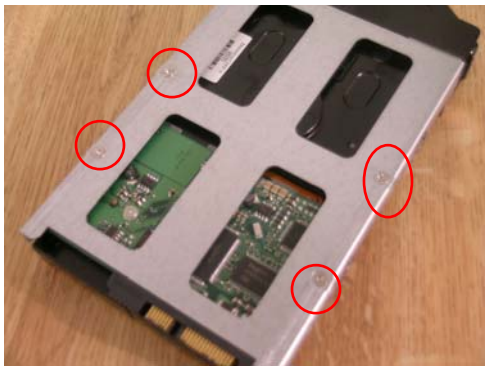


Figure 2.3.3

2.4 Connect cables

Please see Figure 2.2.2 as reference for cable connections.

- Connect power cords. (Both power cords need to be installed for redundant power supplies)
- Connect SCSI Ultra 320 cable and SCSI Ultra 320 terminator. The **RAC261** controller does not have terminator on board and will need an external terminator to properly work.
- Connect console cable to the host server (RS-232).
- Connect LAN cable to your existing network setup (hub or switch).

Chapter 3 GUI Connection

3.1 GUI – http

RAC261 supports graphic user interface to manage the system by any web browser. Be sure to connect LAN cable to the network. The default IP for the system is **192.168.0.200**. The GUI can be accessed by typing the following in the browser URL address bar:

http://192.168.0.200

Clicking on any function for the first time, a dialog window will pop up to authenticate login name and password.

Please check section 4.4.1 for changing IP address.

Login name: **admin**
Default password: **1234**

3.2 RS-232 serial port

Use RS-232 serial cable to connect console port.
Default baud rate: **115200**, 8 bits, 1 stop bit, and no parity.
Terminal type: **vt100**
Login name: **admin**
Default password: **1234**

3.3 Remote control – secure shell

SSH (secure shell) is required for **RAC261** to remote login. The SSH client software is available at the following web site:

SSHWinClient: http://www.ssh.com
Putty: http://www.chiark.greenend.org.uk

Host name: **192.168.0.200**
Login name: **admin**
Default password: **1234**

Note
Using ssh, the IP address has to be setup and the password is required for login.

3.4 LCM

LCM (LCD Control Module): The LCM has four buttons: ▲(up), ▼(down), **ENT** (Enter), and **ESC** (Escape). These are used to control LCM functions.

▲ and ▼ are pressed to scroll through the functions and options.
ENT is pressed to enter functions and to accept selections.
ESC is pressed to exit to previous menu. Holding **ESC** will jump back to main menu.

After the system boots up, the following screen will be shown on the LCM:

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There are 6 functions accessible by the LCM: **Alarm Mute**, **Reset/Shutdown**, **Quick Install**, **View IP Setting**, **Change IP Config**, and **Reset to Default**.

Alarm Mute	Select **Alarm Mute** to mute the alarm.
Reset/Shutdown	Select **Reset** to restart the controller without powering down. Select **Shutdown** to prepare controller for shutdown prior to powering off. Before powering off system, it is recommended to do **Shutdown** from the controller to clear the data from cache.
Quick Install	Select **Quick Install** to setup a RAID array from the available drives. Please see Appendix for RAID level definitions and minimum requirements for each RAID level.
View IP Setting	Select **View IP Setting** to display current IP address, IP subnet mask, and IP Gateway.
Change IP Config	Select **Change IP Config** to modify IP address, IP subnet mask, and IP Gateway.
Reset to Default	Select **Reset to Default** to reset to original manufacture settings. The login and password will return to default: **admin:1234**, and the IP address to default: **192.168.0.1**

Chapter 4 GUI operation

4.1 RAC261 Menu

Quick install	
Quick install	Step 1 / Step 2 / Step 3 / Confirm
System config	
IP address	DHCP / Static
Password	Administrative password change
Date	Date and time setting
Mail	Email alert setting
SNMP	SNMP alert setting
Event log	View event log
Volume config	
Physical disk	Free disc / Global spares / Dedicated spares / Details
Volume group	Create / Delete / Details / Rename / Migrate
User data volume	Create / Delete / Attach LUN / Snapshot / Details / rename / On/Off Line / Set read/write mode / Set priority / Resize Snapshot space / Auto Snapshot
Cache Volume	Create / Delete / Details / Resize
Logical unit	Attach / Detach
Enclosure management	
SAF-TE config	SAF-TE enable/disable
Voltage & Temperature	View current voltage and temperature of system
SMART	View SMART disk monitor
Maintenance	
Upgrade	Remote upgrade firmware
Info	Current system firmware version
Shutdown	Reboot / Shutdown
Logout	
Logout	Logout of system menu

4.2 Login

RAC261 supports graphic user interface to operate and monitor the system via any Web Browser. Be sure to connect LAN cable. The default IP for the system is **192.168.0.200.** Open the browser and type:

http://192.168.0.200

Clicking on any function for the first time, a dialog window will pop up to authenticate login name and password.

Login name: **admin**
Default password: **1234**

Please check section 4.4.1 for changing IP address.

After login, the selections listed can be accessed.

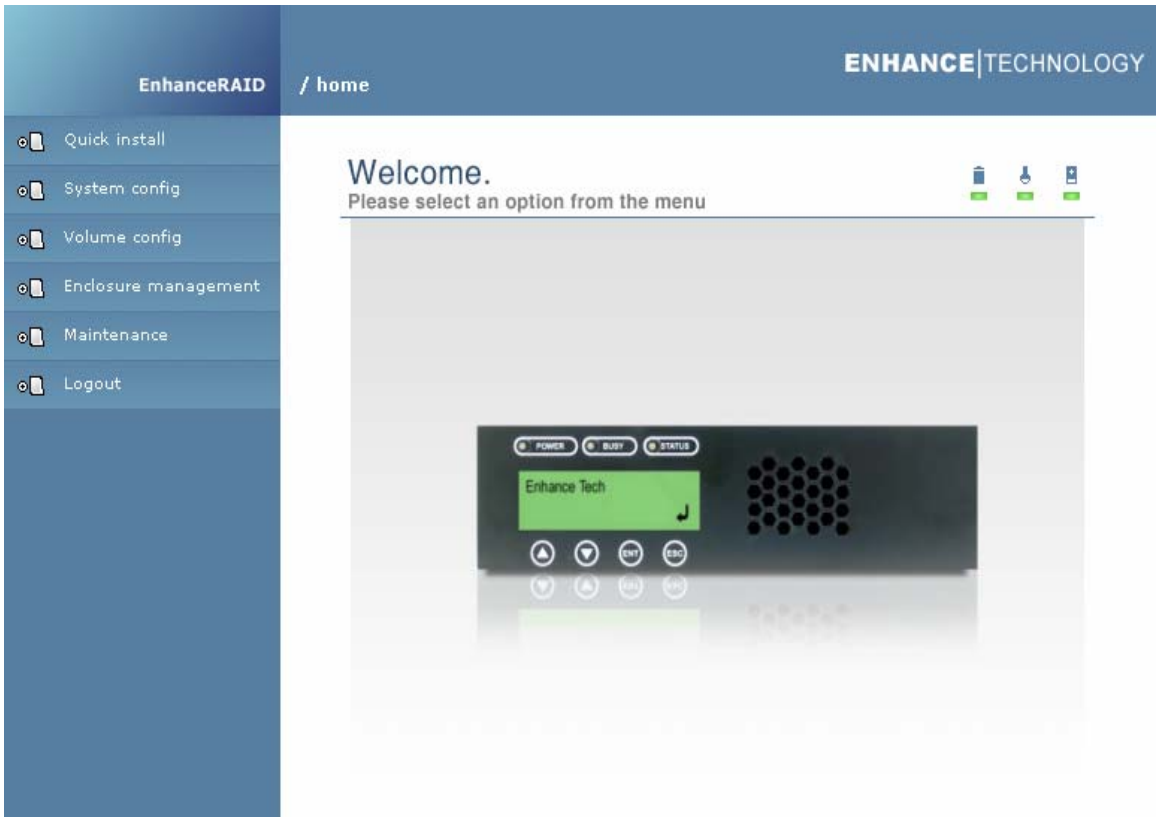


Figure 4.2.1

4.3 Quick install

Use the Quick install function to create a volume easily.

Step 1: Select **Quick install** then choose the RAID Level desired. After choosing the RAID level, click NEXT. It will take you to step 2 for Bus ID, SCSI ID, and LUN setup.

Step 2: In this step, the volume can be customized as needed. Volume size, Bus ID, SCSI ID, and LUN can be assigned specified numbers to be attributed to the volume. The maximum volume size is shown as default. The volume can only be less or equal to the number shown. By default, the Bus ID, SCSI ID, and LUN are set at 0. These numbers can be changed by the pull down menu. Click NEXT after desired volume size and IDs are set.

Note
Other UDVs can be created by Quick Install. The remaining capacity from the Volume Group will be shown and controller will determine the next ID settings to avoid conflicts with other UDVs.

Step 3: Confirm page. Click CONFIRM if all settings are correct.

Done: A summary page with the User data volume will be shown as Figure 4.3.1.

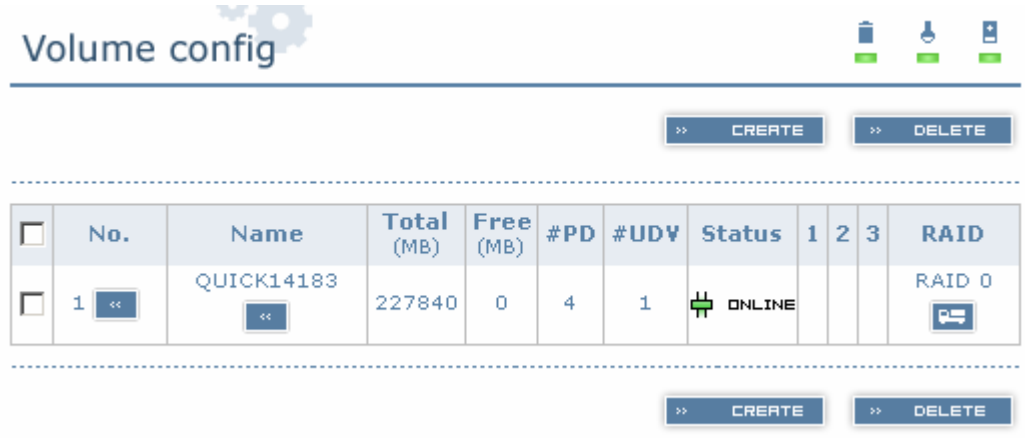


Figure 4.3.1

(Figure 4.3.1: A RAID 0 user data volume with the UDV name "QUICK14183", named by the system itself, with the total available volume size 227840MB, or roughly 230GB.)

4.4 System config

System config selection is for the setting of **IP address**, **Password**, **Date**, **Mail**, **SNMP** and for viewing **Event log**.

Figure 4.4.1

4.4.1 IP address

Enter **IP address** to change IP setting. There are 2 selections, DHCP (Get IP address from DHCP server) or static IP. Manually enter the IP address if setting is on Static.

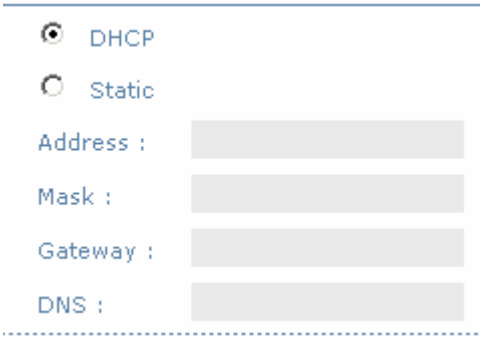


Figure 4.4.1.1

4.4.2 Password

Enter **Password** to change administrator password.

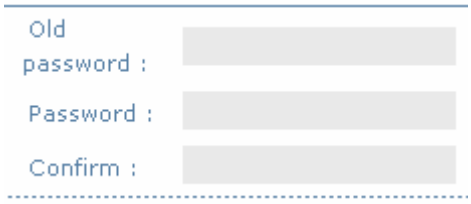


Figure 4.4.2.1

4.4.3 Date

Enter **Date** to set up the current date & time before using.

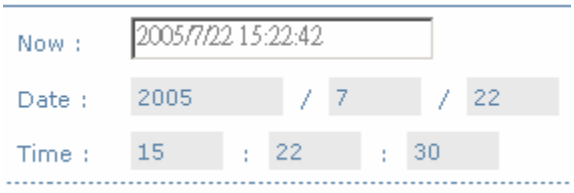


Figure 4.4.3.1

4.4.4 Mail

Enter **Mail** to set up to 3 email addresses for receiving event notification. Some mail servers would check “Mail-from address” and need authentication for anti-spam. Please fill the necessary fields. Check “Send test mail” to send test emails to the specified email addresses.

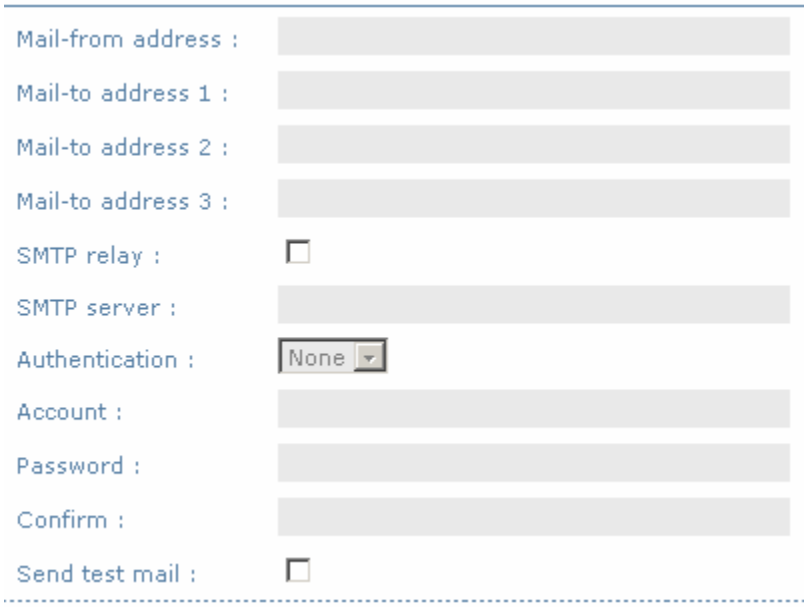


Figure 4.4.4.1

4.4.5 SNMP

Enter **SNMP** to enter up to three SNMP trap for alert via SNMP.

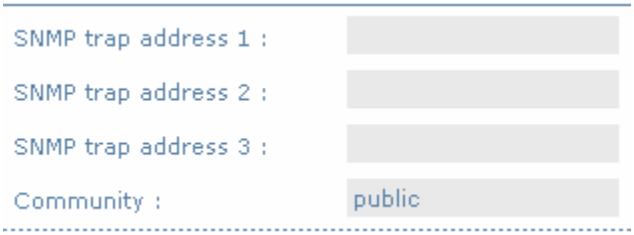
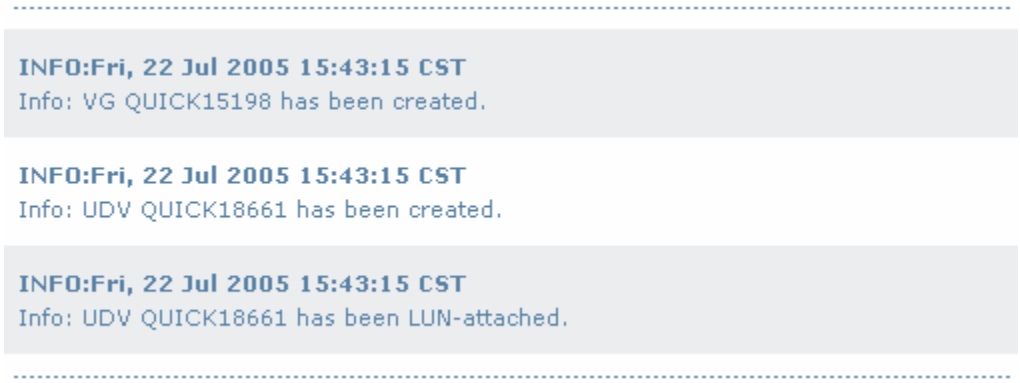


Figure 4.4.5.1

4.4.6 Event log

Enter **Event log** to view the event messages.



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4.5 Volume config

Volume config is for the management and display of volume configurations. Functions include **Physical disk**, **Volume group**, **User data volume**, **Cache volume**, and **Logical unit**.

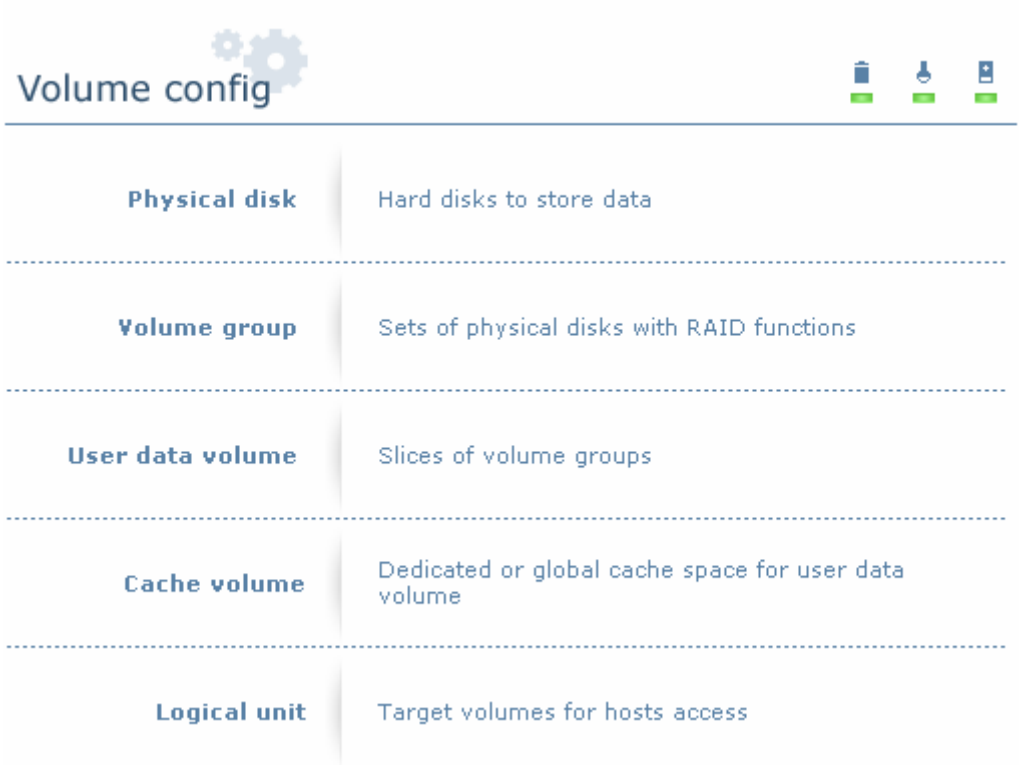

Figure 4.5.1

4.5.1 Physical disk

Enter **Physical disk** to view the status of hard disks installed in the system.

Figure 4.5.1.1

(Figure 4.5.2: Physical disks of slot 2 and 3 have been created for a VG named "R0". Physical disks of slot 1, 5, 6 are free disks. Slot 4 has been set as global spare disk.)

- **PD column description:**

Slot — The actual location of hard disks in relation to the controller. Click « next to the slot number to display the details of the hard disk.

WWN — **W**orld **W**ide **N**ame. It is created automatically when new hard disk is installed. WWN is a unique identifier for Fibre Channel storage network.

Size (MB) — Capacity of hard disk.

VG Name — Related volume group name.

Status — The status of hard disk.

GOOD → The hard disk is good.

FAIL → The hard disk has failed.

Status 1 — RD → **R**AID **D**isk. This hard disk has been set as a member of a RAID array, or a Volume Group.

→ **FR**ee disk. This hard disk is free for use.

→ **D**edicated **S**pare. This hard disk has been set to be a dedicated spare for a specific VG.

→ **G**lobal **S**pare. This hard disk has been set to be a global spare for all VGs.

→ **R**e**S**erve. This disk was part of a VG and contains information from the VG. The reserved status may be caused by removal of drive while system was running. In reserved status, this disk can only be used to rebuild the VG. It can not be used as a member disk of a new VG. To make this disk usable, perform a Free Disc by manually selecting the disk and click 

.

Status 2

R → **R**ecover. The disk is doing recovering.

M→ **M**igration. The disk is doing migration.

- **PD operations description:**

FREE DISC

Set the selected hard disk(s) to be free for use.

GLOBAL SPARES

Set the selected hard disk(s) to be global spares of all VGs.

DEDICATED SPARES

Set the selected hard disk(s) to be dedicated spares of selected VGs.

4.5.2 Volume group

Enter **Volume group** to view the status of each volume group.

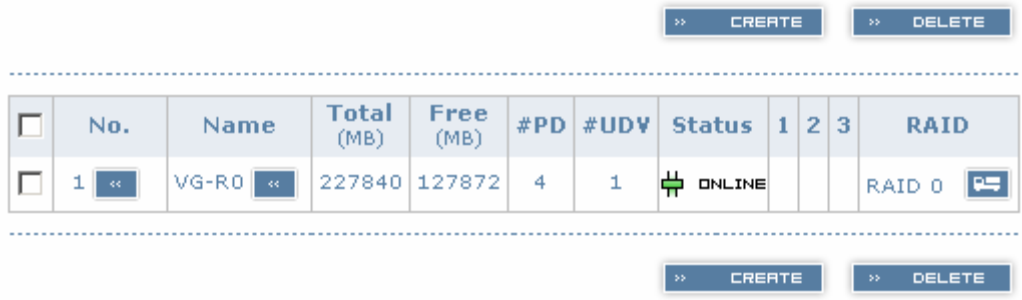

Figure 4.5.2.1

(Figure 4.5.2.1: RAID 0 setup, with 4 physical disks, named "VG-R0", total size is 227GB. One associated UDV of 100GB has been created, so free space is 127GB. VG status is online.)

- **VG column description:**

No. Number of volume group. Click « next to the Volume No. to display details of this VG.

Name Volume group name. Click « next to the Name to change the name of this VG.

Total(MB) Total capacity of this volume group.

Free(MB) Remaining free capacity of this volume group.

#PD The number of physical disks which the volume group is using.

#UDV The number of user data volumes related to this volume group.

Status The status of volume group.

ONLINE → volume group is online.

FAIL → volume group has failed.

Status 1

DG → Degrade mode. This volume group is not complete due to a missing drive or failed drive.

Status 2

R → Recover. This volume group is in process of rebuilding.

Status 3 — **M** → Migration. This volume group is process of migration.

RAID — The RAID level which this volume group is using. The button next to the RAID level is the Migration function. Click to add disk(s) to perform expansion or change the RAID level of the Volume group.

- **VG operations description:**

CREATE — Create a volume group

DELETE — Delete this volume group

4.5.3 User data group

Enter **"User data volume"** function to view the status of each user data volume.

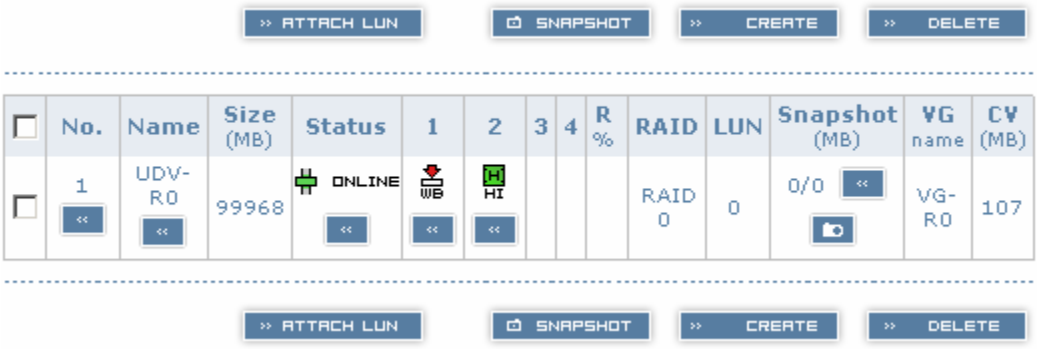

Figure 4.5.3.1

(Figure 4.5.3.1: UDV created under name of "UDV-R0", related to "VG-R0", size is 100GB, status is online, write back, high priority, with cache volume of 107MB.)

- **UDV column description:**

No. Number of this user data volume. Click « below the UDV No. to shows the details of this User data volume.

Name Name of this user data volume. Click « below the UDV Name to change the name this UDV.

Size(MB) Total capacity of this user data volume.

Status The status of this user data volume. Click « to bring this UDV ON or OFF line.

→ user data volume is online.

→ user data volume is offline.

→ user data volume has failed.

Status 1

→ Write Through.

→ Write Back.

→ Read Only.

Click « below the status to change the cache write policy.

Status 2

→ High priority.

→ Mid priority.

→ Low priority.

Click « below the status to change the priority.

Status 3 **I** → user data volume is initializing.
R → user data volume is recovering.

Status 4 **M** → user data volume is in process of migration.
R% → percentage complete for initializing or recovering.

RAID The RAID level that user data volume is using.

#LUN The number of LUNs that this user data volume is attached to.

Snapshot(MB) The volume size that is allocated for snapshot. Click « next to the snapshot to set the desired volume size for snapshot allocation. The two number represent **Free snapshot space / Total snapshot space**. For the snapshot UDV, this column displays the date and time of the snapshot.

VG name The VG name that this user data volume belongs to.

CV (MB) The cache volume that user data volume is using.

- **UDV operations description:**

ATTACH LUN Attach to a Bus ID, SCSI ID and LUN.

» ATTACH

SNAPSHOT Choose a UDV to execute snapshot.

SNAPSHOT

CREATE Create a user data volume function.

» CREATE

DELETE Delete this user data volume function.

» DELETE

4.5.4 Cache volume

Enter **Cache volume** function to view the status of cache volume.

The global cache volume is a default cache volume automatically created after system is powered on. This number can not be deleted or changed. The size of global cache is base on the RAM size. If 256MB RAM is installed, there will be 107MB left for cache volume after memory allocation for system.

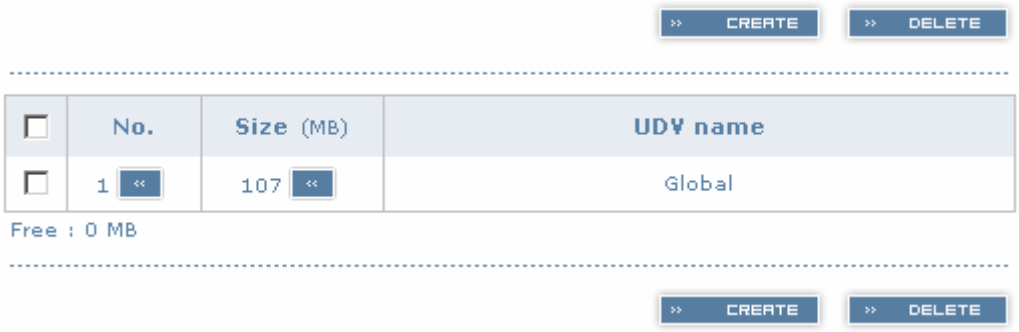

Figure 4.5.4.1

- **CV column description:**

No.	Number of this Cache volume. Click « next to the CV No. to display the details of the cache volume.
Size(MB)	Total capacity of this cache volume Click « next to the CV size to resize the CV. The CV size can be adjusted as needed.
UDV Name	Name of the UDV.

- **CV operations description:**

CREATE 	Create a cache volume function.
DELETE 	Delete this cache volume function.

4.5.5 Logical unit

Enter **Logical unit** function to view the status of attached logical unit of each UDV.

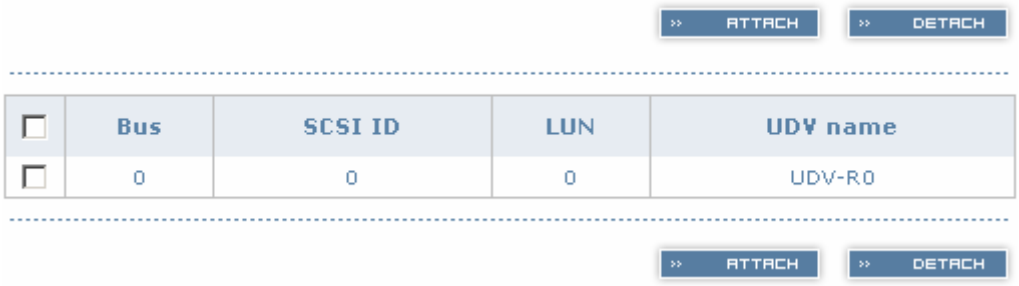

Figure 4.5.5.1

- **LUN operations description:**

ATTACH 	Attach a Bus ID, SCSI ID, and LUN to a user data volume.
DETACH 	Detach a Bus ID, SCSI ID, and LUN from a user data volume.

Note
Note which channel the SCSI cable is connected to. The SCSI ID of the UDV must correspond to the SCSI channel and cable setup.

4.6 Enclosure management

Enclosure management function allows monitoring of enclosure and drive information including **SAF-TE config**, **Voltage and Temperature**, and **Smart** functions.

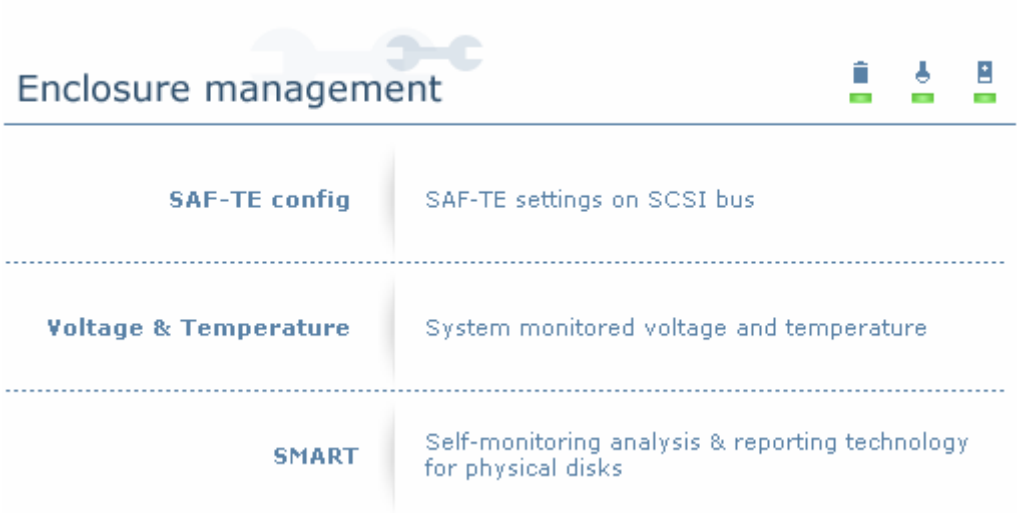

Figure 4.6.1

4.6.1 SAF-TE config

Enter **SAF-TE config** function to enable or disable the management of SAF-TE from buses.

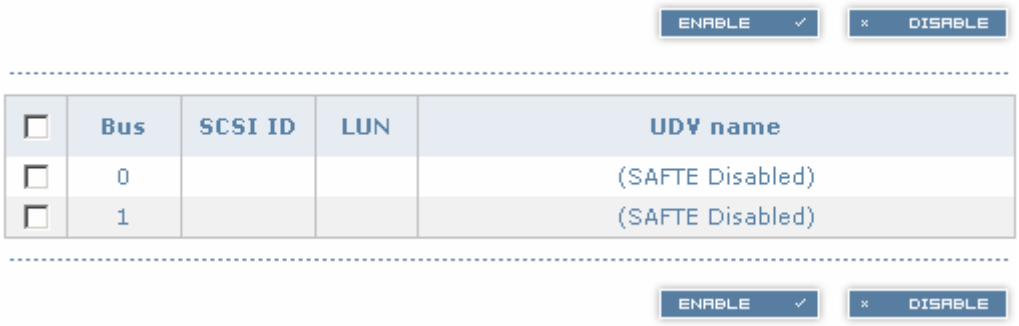

Figure 4.6.1.1

4.6.2 Voltage & Temperature

Enter **Voltage & Temperature** function to view the information of current voltage & Temperature.

Item	Information
+1.35V:	+1.36 V (min = +1.31 V, max = +1.43 V)
+3.3V:	+3.42 V (min = +3.10 V, max = +3.55 V)
+5V:	+5.02 V (min = +4.80 V, max = +5.25 V)
+12V:	+12.23 V (min = +11.40 V, max = +12.80 V)
+2.5V:	+2.61 V (min = +2.45 V, max = +2.70 V)
Core Processor:	+51.0 (C) (hyst = +0.0 (C), high = +70.0 (C))
Location 1:	+40.0 (C) (hyst = +0.0 (C), high = +58.0 (C))
Location 2:	+44.5 (C) (hyst = +0.0 (C), high = +60.0 (C))

Figure 4.6.2.1

4.6.3 SMART

Enter **SMART** function to view SMART (Self-monitoring analysis & reporting technology) for physical disks health information.

Slot	Read error rate	Spin up time	Reallocated sector count	Seek error rate	Spin up retries	Calibration retries	Temperature (C)	Status
1	100 (60)	134 (24)	100(5)	100 (67)	100 (60)		33	GOOD
2	100 (60)	138 (24)	100(5)	100 (67)	100 (60)		35	GOOD
3	100 (60)	125 (24)	100(5)	100 (67)	100 (60)		35	GOOD
4	100 (60)	129 (24)	100(5)	100 (67)	100 (60)		35	GOOD
5	100 (16)	107 (24)	100(5)	100 (67)	100 (60)		35	GOOD
6	100 (60)	129 (24)	100(5)	100 (67)	100 (60)		33	GOOD

Figure 4.6.3.1

4.7 Maintenance

Maintenance function allows operation of the system functions including **Upgrade** of the latest firmware, **Info** to show the system version and **Shutdown** to either reboot or shutdown the system.

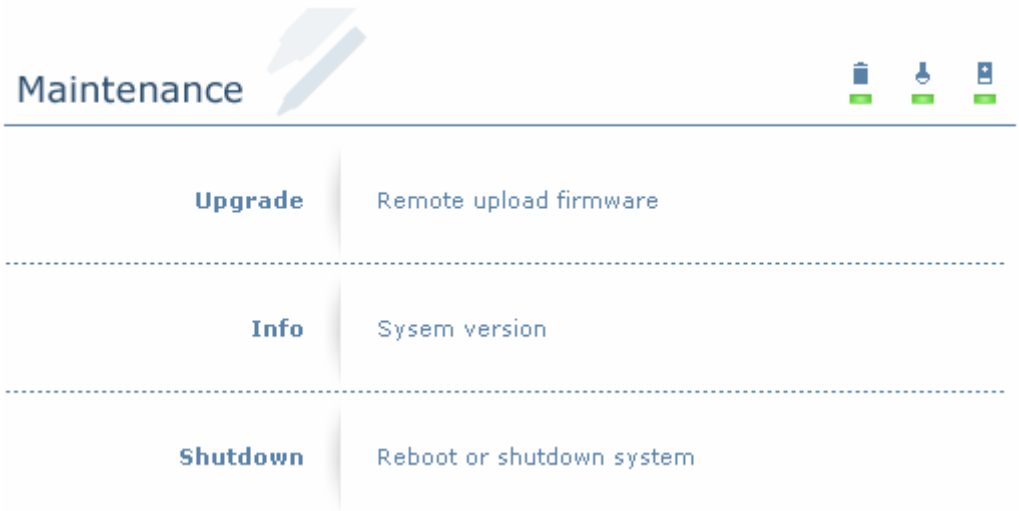

Figure 4.7.1

4.7.1 Upgrade

Enter **Upgrade** function to upgrade firmware. Please contact our tech support to receive the latest firmware. Once the firmware has been downloaded and saved to a designated location, press Browse... to select the file from the saved location. Click CONFIRM to start upgrade automatically. After upgrading finishes, reboot the system.

Figure 4.7.1.1

Note
Please contact us for the latest Firmware

4.7.2 Info

Enter **Info** function to display current system firmware version.

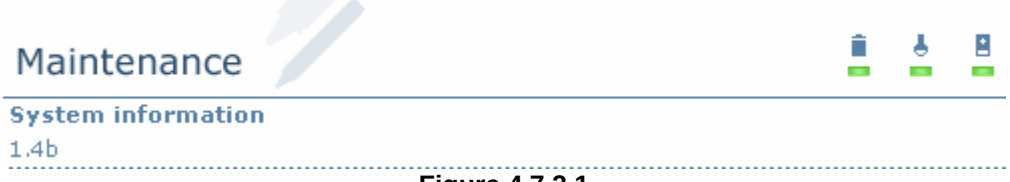

Figure 4.7.2.1

4.7.3 Shutdown

Enter **Shutdown** function to do a shutdown or reboot. Before powering off system, it is recommended to perform a system SHUTDOWN to allow the data from cache to be written to hard disks.

Figure 4.7.3.1

4.8 Logout

For security reason, **Logout** function will allow users to logout of GUI. Login name and password must be entered to get access again.

Figure 4.8.1

Chapter 5 Advanced operations

5.1 Create volume group

To create the volume group, please follow the procedures:

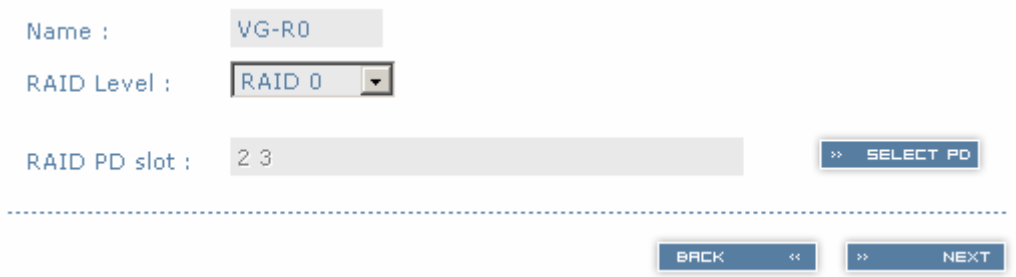

Figure 5.1.1

1. Enter **Volume config**.
2. Enter **Volume group**.
3. Click CREATE .
4. Enter a VG Name, choose a RAID level from the pull down menu, press SELECT PD to choose the PD slot that will be members of this VG, then press NEXT .
5. Check the setting. Press CONFIRM if all settings are correct.
6. Done. A summary page will be created to show the new VG.

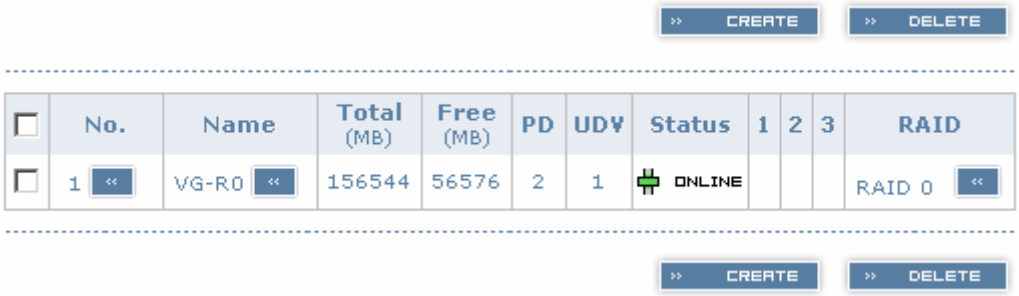

Figure 5.1.2

(Figure 5.1.2: Setup of RAID 0 with 2 physical disks, named “VG-R0”. The total size is 156GB. Because no related UDV has been created yet, free size is still 156GB. VG status is online.)

5.2 Create user data volume

To create a data user volume, please follow the procedures.

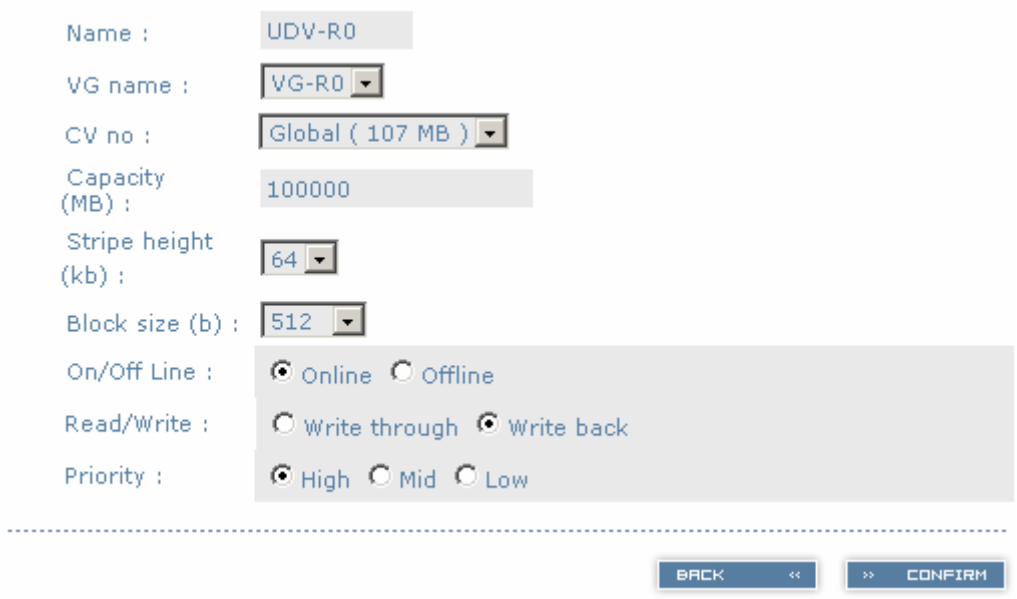

Figure 5.2.1

1. Enter **Volume config**.
2. Enter **User data volume**.
3. Click CREATE .
4. Enter a name for this UDV. Select from which VG that this UDV will be created from. Select the CV no. if a dedicated CV has been created (Global CV will be used as default). Set the capacity to be used for the UDV. Set the desired stripe height, block size, on/off line status, read/write mode and priority. Click CONFIRM after making sure all configurations are set correctly.
5. Done. A summary page will be created to show the new UDV.

Note
If a dedicated cache volume is needed for UDVs, the cache volume will have to be created prior the UDV setup. More detail is in section 5.4

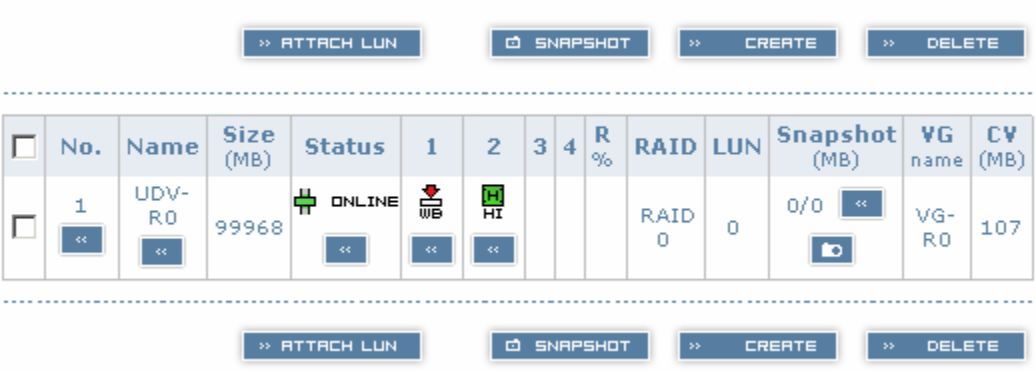

Figure 5.2.2

(Figure 5.2.2: Setup of a UDV named "UDV-R0", created from "VG-R0". The size is 100GB, status is online, write back, high priority with cache volume 107MB.)

Note
VG & UDV can be deleted by simply checking the one you want to delete then click » DELETE.

5.3 Attach and detach Bus ID, SCSI ID, and LUN

This section will describe how to attach and detach Bus ID, SCSI ID, and LUN.

5.3.1 Attach LUN to UDV

There are 2 methods to attach Bus ID, SCSI ID, and LUN to UDVs.

1. Enter **Volume config**, then **User data volume**. Click » ATTACH LUN to enter setup page.
2. Enter **Volume config**, then **Logical unit**. Click » ATTACH to enter setup page.

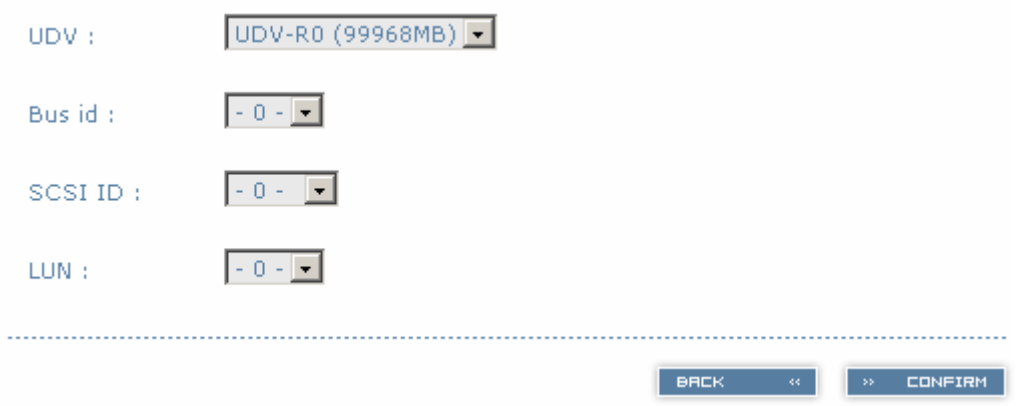

Figure 5.3.1.1

1. Select which UDV to attach.
2. Choose Bus ID, SCSI ID and LUN to attach, and then click CONFIRM.
3. Done.

Note
Note which channel the SCSI cable is connected to. The SCSI ID of the UDV must correspond to the SCSI channel and cable setup.

5.3.2 Detach Bus ID, SCSI ID and LUN from UDV

To detach IDs and LUN from the UDV, please follow the procedures below.

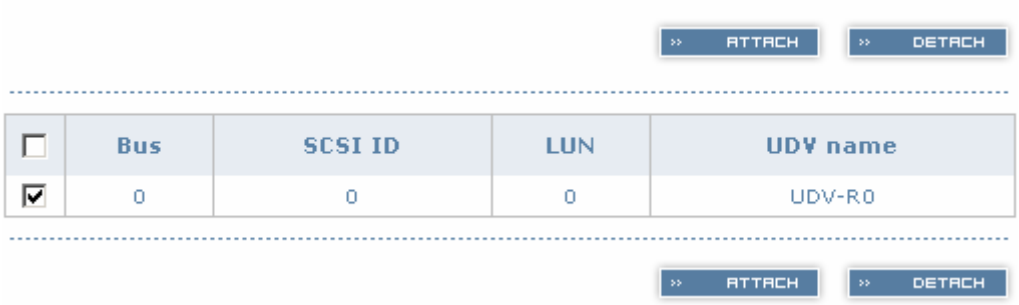

Figure 5.3.2.1

1. Enter **Volume config**.
2. Enter **Logical unit**.
3. Select the UDV by checking the square for the appropriate UDV. Click DETACH.
4. A dialog window will pop up for confirmation. Choose OK.
5. Done.

Note
If you delete a UDV with attached IDs and LUN from the user data volume page, it will detach the IDs and LUN automatically.

5.4 Create dedicated cache

Each UDV will be associated with one specific CV to execute the data transaction, whether it's global CV or dedicated CV. Each CV can be assigned different cache volume size. Unless specified, each UDV will use the default global cache volume. A dedicated cache volume must be created prior to setting up an UDV with the dedicated cache.

The total cache size will depend on the size of the RAM installed. By default, the total cache size is set to global cache. To create a dedicated cache volume, the desired CV size must first be determined then subtracted from the global cache. Resize the global cache by subtracting the amount needed for the CV. Finally create a new CV by setting the remainder cache to the new CV.

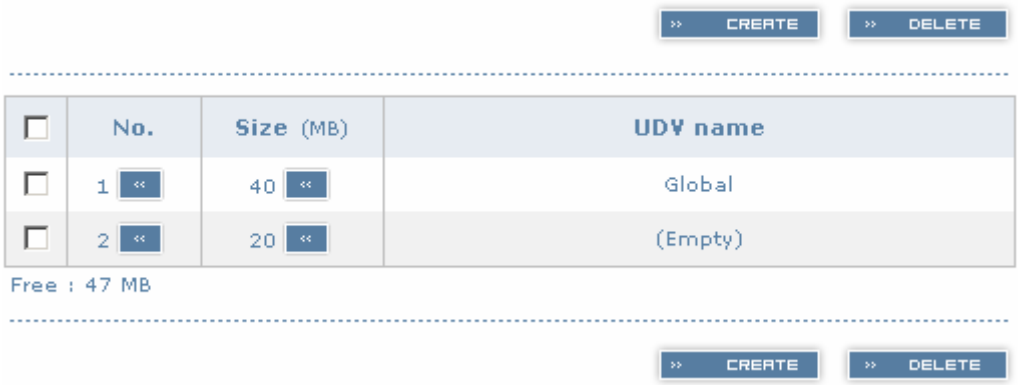

Figure 5.4.1

1. Enter **Volume config**.
2. Enter **Cache volume**.
3. If no more free space remaining for creating a new dedicated cache volume, cut down the global cache size first by clicking « in the size column. After resizing, click CONFIRM to return to cache volume page.
4. Click CREATE to enter the setup page.
5. Fill in the desired size and click CONFIRM .
6. Done.

Note
The minimum global cache volume size should be no less than 40MB. The minimum dedicated cache volume size should be no less than 20MB.

5.5 Set global spare and dedicated spare disks

Spare disks are used to provide an added layer of protection in case a member disk of a VG fails. The system will automatically switch a spare disk in place of a failed disk and start a rebuild. Global spares will be reserved to serve all VGs, while Dedicated spares will serve the only VG it is assigned to.

Figure 5.7.1

(Figure 5.7.1: Physical disk of slot 4 has been set as global spare disk. Physical disk of slot 5 has been set as dedicated spare for VG named "VG-R5".)

1. Enter **Volume config**.
2. Enter **Physical disk**.
3. Select the free disk(s) by checking the square for the disk, then click GLOBAL SPARES to set as global spares.

Or

Select a VG from the upper left pull down menu. Select the free disk(s) by checking the square for the disk, then click DEDICATED SPARES to set as dedicated spare for the selected VG.

Note
The upper left box will not be present if no VG have been created or if the existing VGs are RAID 0 or JBOD. These RAID level will not be able to take advantage of the added protections from spare disks.

5.6 Migration / Expansion

Migration and expansion allows users to change RAID levels to improve performance and reliablity, and to add drives to increase capaciy. For migration and expansion, the total size of new array must be larger or equal to the original array. To perform an expansion, migrate to the same RAID level of the original VG with added drives.

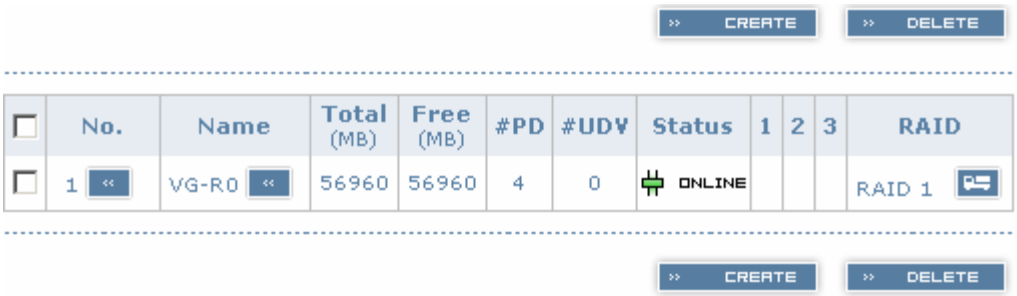

Figure 5.6.1

1. Enter **Volume config**.
2. Enter **Volume group**.
3. Select which VG to perform migration / expansion by clicking in the RAID column next the RAID level.
4. Change the RAID level by selecting from the pull down menu RAID Level : RAID 1 . A warning window will pop up if the current available disks are not enough to support the new RAID level. Click SELECT PD to increase or change hard disks to be included in the new RAID array, then click CONFIRM .
5. Check the setting of RAID level and RAID PD slots and click NEXT .
6. A confirmation page will show details of the current and new RAID array. Start the migration process by clicking CONFIRM .
7. During migration, M will be displayed in status 3 column of the VG page. In User data volume page, the status of the migration will also be shown in status 4 column and the percentage completion of migration in R%.

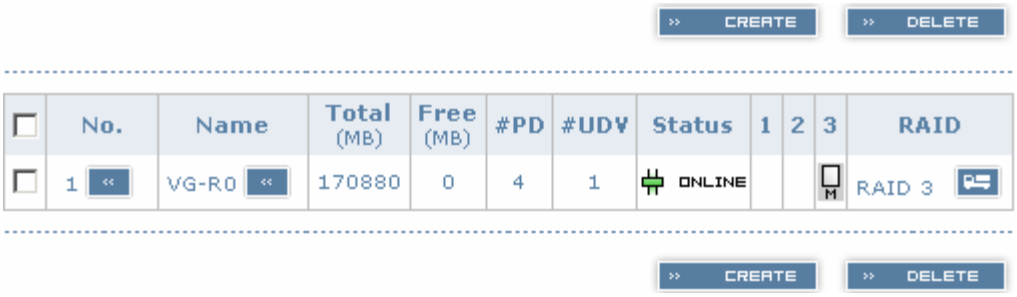

Figure 5.6.2

(Figure 5.6.2: A 4-Way RAID 1 array migrates to RAID 3 array.)

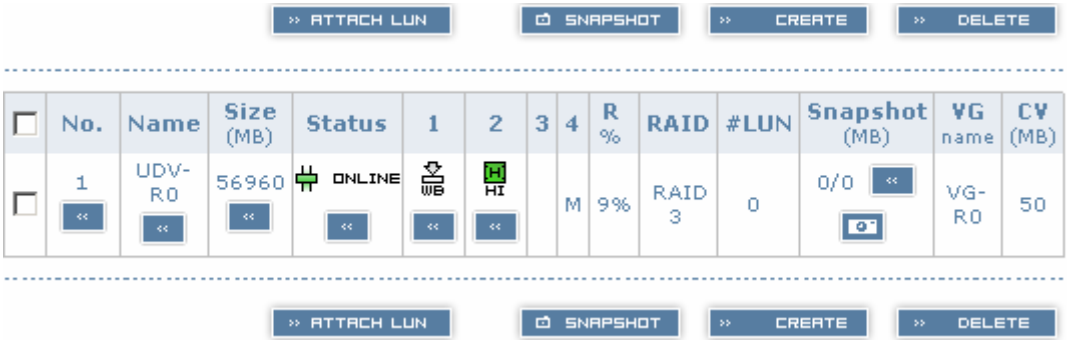

Figure 5.6.3

(Figure 5.6.3: A 4-Way RAID 1 array migrates to RAID 3 array, completion is 9%.)

5.7 Snapshot

Snapshot function allows the user to take an image of the selected UDV at a specific point in time. The snapshot is a mirror image of the UDV with the same data. This feature allows consistent backup of data in minutes, not hours, without system downtime. And since snapshot is done on the controller level, no special software is necessary to do snapshots.

The Snapshot on the Box not only ensures consistent data backup, but also availability. A snapshot can be brought online without lengthy database rebuilds. In the event of data corruption, a last known good snapshot in time can be used to recover a system in minutes, and not hours or days as in traditional backup solutions.

The Snapshot image will automatically become new UDV, you can attach a LUN to this UDV and access it on the host server. Snapshot uses the same disk space of the associated VG. It is recommended to leave at least 20% of VG size for snapshot space. The disk space allocated to snapshot can be customized for each UDV by clicking the « button in the Snapshot Column of User Data Volume info page.

To take a snapshot of the data, please follow the instructions below.

1. Enter **Volume config**.
2. Enter **User data volume**.
3. Setup the Snapshot disk space allocation for the UDV by clicking « in the Snapshot column. The size recommended for the snapshot allocation is 20% of the free space. Click » CONFIRM .
4. The UDV page will now reflect the space allocation for snapshot. There are 2 numbers in Snapshot column. These numbers represent **Free snapshot space / Total snapshot space**.

5. Select the UDV for snapshot by checking the front square and click SNAPSHOT .
6. A snapshot UDV is now created with the date and time stamp of when the image was taken.
7. Attach Bus ID, SCSI, ID, and LUN to the snapshot UDV. Please see section 5.3 for more detail on attaching the IDs and LUN.

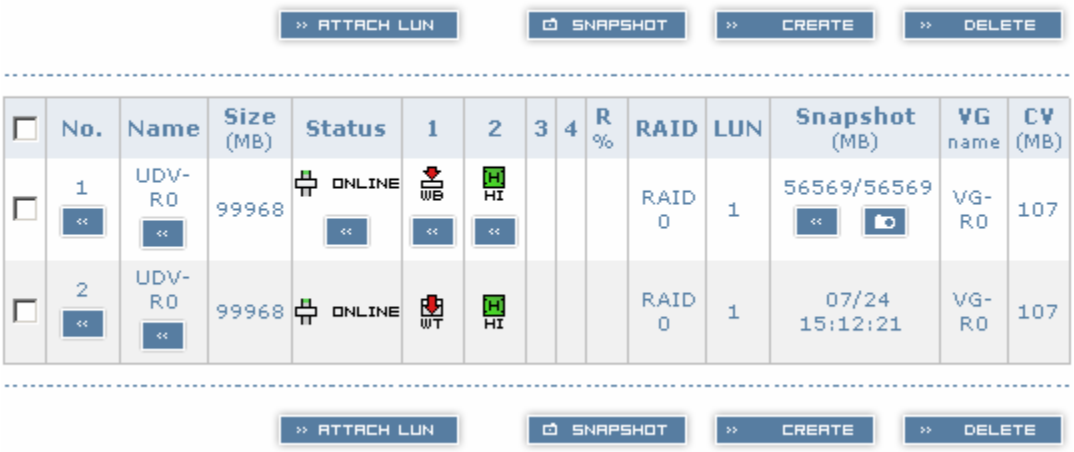

Figure 5.7.1

(Figure 5.7.1: No.1 is a RAID 0 UDV. Snapshot space set to 56GB. No.2 is a snapshot UDV taken on 07/24 15:12:21.)

Snapshot function may have some limits in the current version as described below:

1. Snapshot function is incremental. For example: three snapshots have been taken and named as “snap1” (first), “snap2”, “sanp3” (last). When deleting “snap2”, both of “snap1” and “snap2” will be deleted because “snap1” are related to “snap2”.
2. The max number of snapshots is 8.
3. If snapshot space is full, snapshot UDVs will fail and become unusable.
4. Snapshot UDVs can not migrate with the VG and will be deleted when migration is executed.

5.8 Auto snapshot

Snapshot function can be setup to automatically take images of a UDV at specified period of time or intervals. Please follow these instructions to setup automatic snapshot.

1. Enter **Volume config**.
2. Enter **User data volume**.
3. Create a snapshot space. Please see section 5.7 for more detail.

4. Click  in Snapshot column to set automatic snapshot function.
5. The auto snapshots can be set at weekly, daily, or hourly intervals. Select the number of how many snapshots you will keep. Older snapshots will be overwritten by the newer snapshots. “Hours to take snapshots” allow users to designate which hours to take snapshots for the hourly snapshots. Click  when settings are correct.
6. The system will take snapshots automatically.

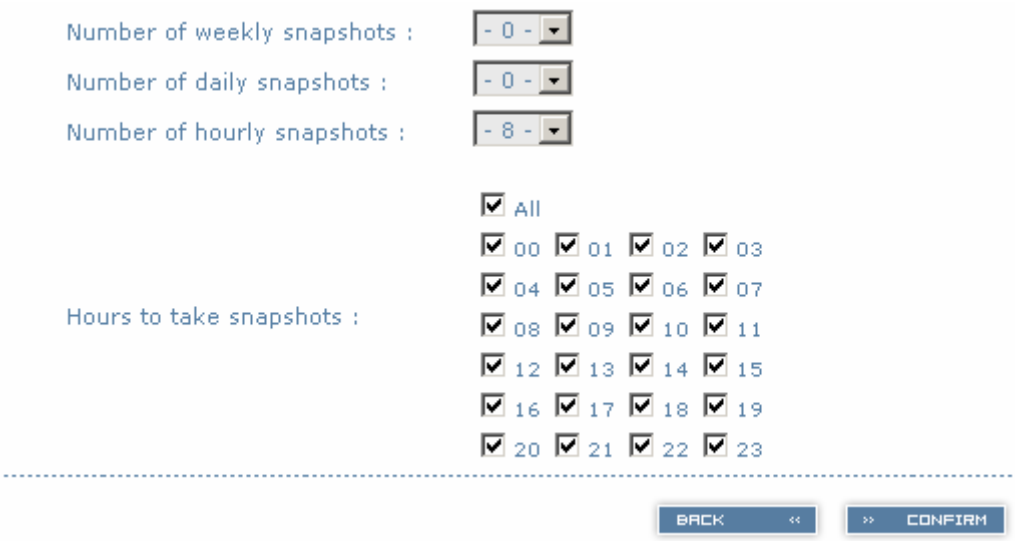

Figure 5.8.1

(Figure 5.8.1: This figure shows the setting for taking snapshots every hour, and newest 8 snapshot copies will be kept.)

Note
Daily snapshot will be taken everyday at 00:01. Weekly snapshot will be taken on every Monday at 00:01.

Chapter 6 Formatting and Partitioning the RAC261

Before the RAC261 array can be fully utilized, it needs to be formatted. During this process, the array can also be customized with partition. As you format the drive, you will have the opportunity to divide the hard drive into sections, called partitions. A partition is a section of the hard drive's capacity that is created to contain file and data.

6.1 Windows Users

After having followed the steps to set the RAID level, create an array and connect the interface cable to the host computer, the RAC261 must now be format and partitioned before it can be used.

1. **Right click My Computer and click Manage.**

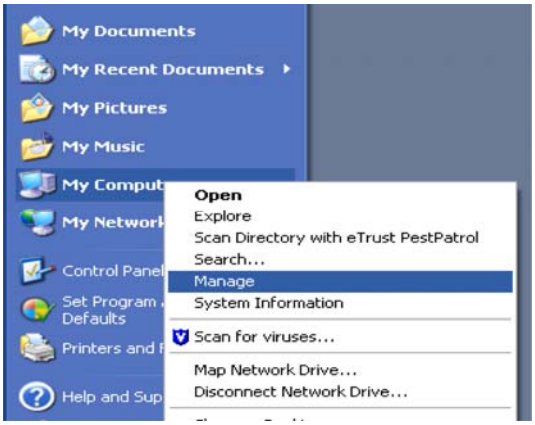

Figure 6.1.1

2. **From the Computer Management window, select Disk Management. (Figure 6.1.2)**

3. **If the Initialize and Convert Disk Wizard window appears, click Cancel.**

4. **Windows operation system will list all the hard drives that are installed on the system. Locate the R6 drives that are represented by the icon. Right click the icon and select Initialize.**

5. **In the drive box to the right shows Unallocated, right click and select New Partition. (Figure 6.1.6)**

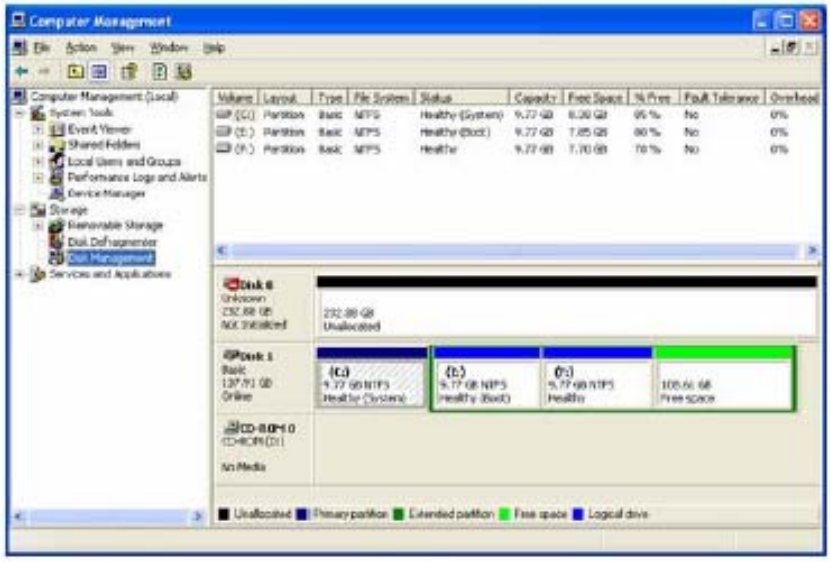

Figure 6.1.2

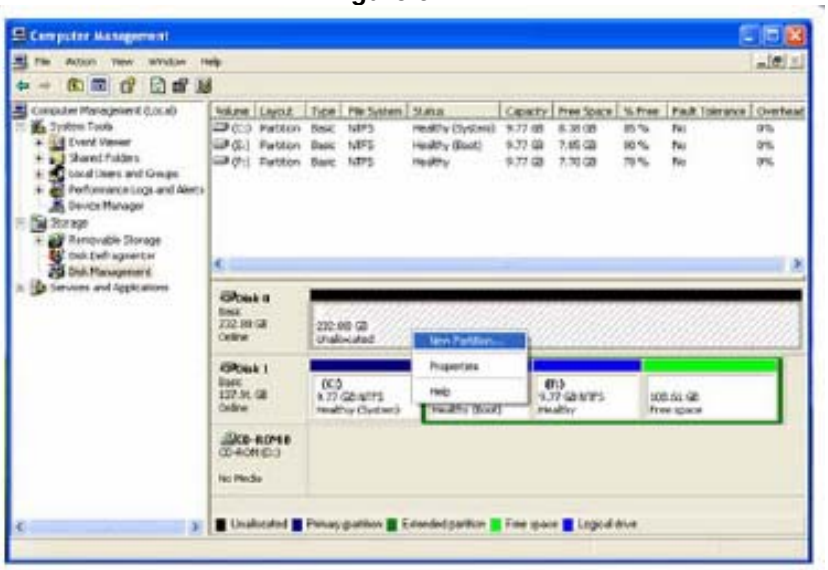

Figure 6.1.3

6. **The New Partition Wizard dialog box will appear, click Next to continue. (Figure 6.1.4)**

7. **After selecting partition type, specifying partition size and assigning drive letter, the Format Partition dialog box (Figure 6.1.5) will appear, you have the option of selecting the Quick Format option. This allow mach fast formatting, however, this disallow Disk Management to**

check the drive sector for errors. Click Next to start the format process.

8. **Your drive should now appear in your My Computer and ready for use.**

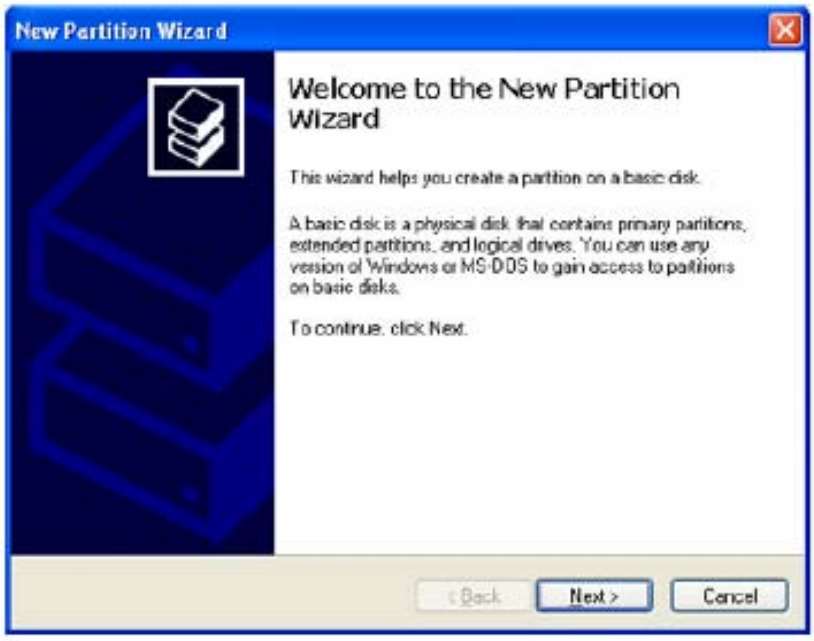

Figure 6.1.4

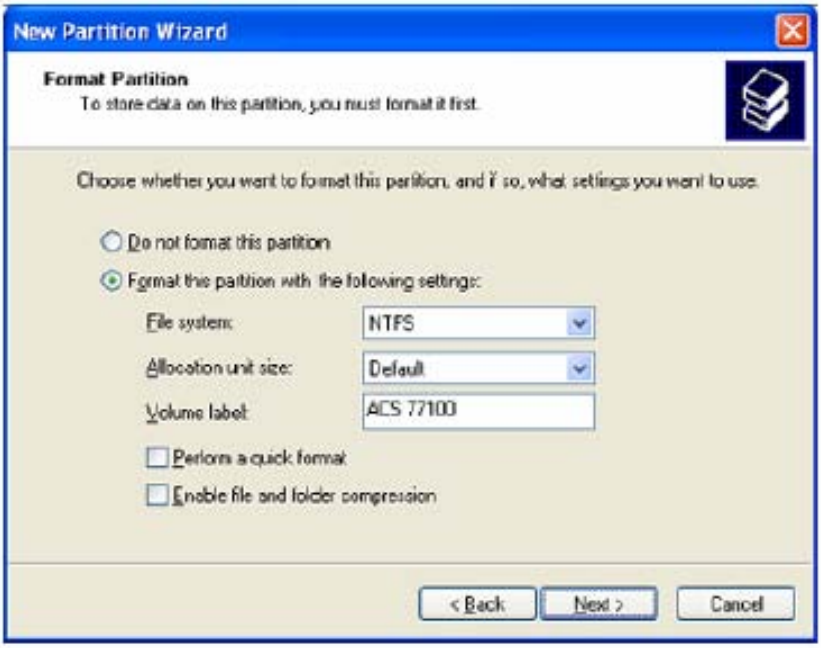

Figure 6.1.5

Caution

Formatting drive will crash all data in the drive.

6.2 Formatting drive over 2TB capacity on Windows Vista

The steps below will guide you to format a drive over 2TB capacity on Window Vista.

1. Right click **Computer** and click **Manage**.
2. From the **Computer Management** window, select **Disk Management**.
3. Windows operation system will list all the hard drives that are installed on the system. Locatethe RAC261 that is represented by the  icon. Right click the icon and select **Initialize Disk**.
4. The **Initialize Disk** dialog box will appear, select the disk number and select the **GPT (GUID Partition Table)** partition style. (Figure 6.2.1)
5. In the drive box to the right shows **Unallocated**, right click and select **New Simple Volume**. (Figure 6.2.2)

Figure 6.2.1

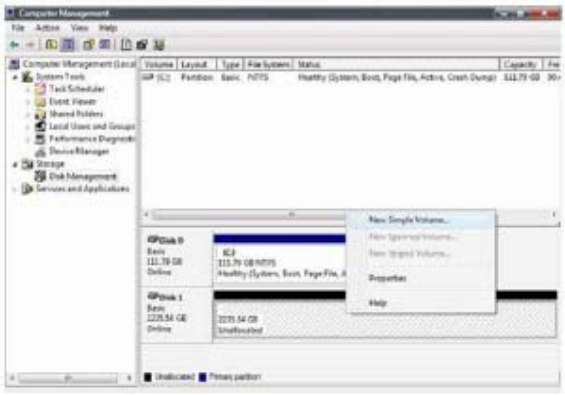

Figure 6.2.2

6. The **New Simple Volume Wizard** dialog box will appear, click **Nex**t to continue.
7. After selecting partition type, specifying partition size and assigning drive letter, the **Format Partition** dialog box will appear, you have the option of selecting the **Quick Format** option. This allow mach fast formatting, however, this disallow Disk Management to check the drive sector for errors. Click Next to start the format process.
8. Your drive should now appear in your **Computer** and ready for use.

Appendix

A.1 Glossary

CV — Cache Volume

Cache is memory used to speed up data transfer to and from a disk. A Cache Volume is assigned to each UDV for execution of the data transaction. Each CV can have different cache memory size.

Types of Cache Volume:

Dedicated Cache is a Cache Volume that is assigned to a specified UDV.

Global Cache is a Cache Volume that is shared by all UDVs.

Degrade mode

Degrade mode is a status alert on the GUI to show which VG has degraded or failed.

GUI — Graphical User Interface

HBA — Host Bus Adapter

HBA is a device that connects the host system to a storage system and allows users to pass and retrieve data on this bus.

Host — Host System

A computer, typically a server or a workstation, which operates and monitors the storage system.

LUN — Logical Unit Number

LUN is the number, identifier, assigned to an UDV that allows the host system to distinguish between different UDVs.

PD — Physical Disk

The PD refers to the actual hard drive that can be selected to be a member of a volume group.

RAID — Redundant Array of Independent Disks

RAID is a disk array consisting of two or more disks to provide fault tolerance and better performance. There are different RAID levels with different degrees of the data protection. Please see Appendix A.2 for more information on RAID levels and minimum requirements.

Reserved

This disk was part of a VG and contains data from the VG. The reserved status may be caused by removal of drive while system was running. In reserved status, this disk can only be used to rebuild the VG. To make this disk usable, perform a Free Disc by manually selecting the disk and click

.

SAF-TE SCSI Accessed Fault-Tolerant Enclosures

SAF-TE commands are used to monitor information about the status of the drives in the array, such as rebuilding, failed, and spare. SAF-TE also monitors certain environmental information about the system such as temperature, voltage, power supply, and fan health.

SCSI Small Computer System Interface

SMART Self-Monitoring, Analysis and Reporting Technology

Monitoring tool to display drive's health status.

Spare Spare Disk

A disk that is assigned that be a spare is used automatically to replace a failed drive in a RAID array or a Volume Group. Spare disks remain idle until the systems detects a failed drive.

Types of Spares:

Dedicated Spare disks 

These are spare disks that only belong to only one specified VG for recovery/rebuilding.

Global Spare disks 

The Global Spare disks are accessible by all VGs to do rebuilding/recovery.

UDV User Data Volume

Each VG could be divided into different UDVs. The UDVs from one VG share the same RAID level, but may have different volume capacity.

VG Volume Group

A Volume Group is a RAID array that consists of multiple physical disks.

Write-Back cache write policy

A caching method that delays copying data modification to system memory until absolutely necessary. This method offers a better performance than write-through method, but at the risk of losing the modifications if the system crashes.

Write-Through cache write policy

A caching method that writes data modifications to both the cache memory and system memory. This method provides data consistency between the cache and system memory, but at a slower performance than the write-back method.

WWN World Wide Name (WWN)

Also known as World Wide Identifier (WWID). WWN is an unique identifier created for each physical disk in a Fibre Channel storage network.

A.2 RAID Explained

RAID 0	Disk striping of any number of drives. Minimum of 2 disks.
RAID 1	Disk mirroring of 2 disks.
N-way mirroring	Disk Mirroring of N disks. Choose N number of disks and set as RAID 1 array.
RAID 3	Striping with parity on the dedicated disk. Minimum of 3 disks.
RAID 5	Striping with interspersed parity over all member disks. Minimum of 3 disks.
RAID 6	2-dimensional parity protection over all member disks. Minimum of 4 disks.
RAID 0+1	Mirroring of RAID 0 volumes. Minimum of 4 disks and array needs to consist of even number of disks.
RAID 10	Striping over RAID 1 volumes. Minimum of 4 disks and array needs to consist of even number of disks.
RAID 30	Striping over RAID 3 volumes. Minimum of 6 disks. With 6 disks, two arrays of RAID 3 are striped into one array as RAID 30.
RAID 50	Striping over RAID 5 volumes. Minimum of 6 disks. With 6 disks, two arrays of RAID 5 are striped into one array as RAID 50.
RAID 60	Striping over RAID 6 volumes. Minimum of 8 disks. With 8 disks, two arrays of RAID 6 are striped into one array as RAID 60.
JBOD	The abbreviation of **"J**ust a **B**unch **O**f **D**isks**"**. JBOD will set the disks as individual disks.