

Dell™ PowerEdge™ Diagnostics

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User's Guide

Notes and Notices



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



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

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Introduction

Dell™ PowerEdge™ Diagnostics is a stand-alone suite of diagnostic programs or test modules for PowerEdge systems. PowerEdge Diagnostics allows you to run diagnostic tests on chassis and storage components such as hard drives, physical memory, and network interface cards (NICs.) You can use the graphical user interface (GUI) or the command line interface (CLI) to run diagnostic tests on the hardware that PowerEdge Diagnostics discovers on your system.

Supported Operating Systems

- Microsoft® Windows Server® 2003 R2 with SP2, Standard and Enterprise editions
- Microsoft Windows Server 2003 Web Edition with SP2 (x86)
- Microsoft Windows Server 2003 x64 R2 with SP2, Standard, Enterprise, and Datacenter editions
- Microsoft Windows Storage Server 2003 x64 R2 Express, Standard, Workgroup, and Enterprise editions
- Microsoft Windows Unified Data Storage Server 2003 Gold; Standard and Enterprise x64 editions
- Microsoft Windows Small Business Server 2003 R2 Standard and Premium editions
- Microsoft Windows® 2000 Server and Advanced Server with SP4
- Red Hat® Enterprise Linux® AS, ES, WS (version 4) (x86)
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux AS, ES, WS (version 4) (x86_64)
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux Server (version 5) Gold (x86)
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux Server (version 5) Gold (x86_64)
- SUSE® Linux Enterprise Server 9 (SP2/SP3) (x86_64)
- SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 10 Gold (x86_64)

Devices Supported by PowerEdge Diagnostics

PowerEdge Diagnostics provides diagnostics for the following hardware devices:

- CD drives
- DVD drives
- CD-RW/DVD combination drives
- Diskette drives
- NICs

- Internal modems
- SCSI controllers
- RAID controllers (see "Diagnostics for RAID Controllers, SAS Controllers, SCSI Controllers, and Attached Hard Drives")
- Hard drives
- Serial ports
- Dell Remote Access Controllers (DRAC 4 and DRAC 5)
- USB controllers
- Tape drives (see "Diagnostics for Tape Drives, Autoloaders, and Libraries")
- Tape autoloaders and libraries (see "Diagnostics for Tape Drives, Autoloaders, and Libraries")
- DIMMs
- SAS controllers
- External storage enclosures

Diagnostics Features

PowerEdge Diagnostics offers the following features:

- **Discovering Devices**
This feature enables PowerEdge Diagnostics to enumerate and discover all testable devices on your PowerEdge system. Enumeration occurs when the application is launched. If your system hardware has changed, restart the application to re-enumerate the devices on the system.
- **Device and Test Selection**
This feature enables you to select the devices on which you want to run diagnostic tests and the tests you want to run on the selected device. See "Running Diagnostic Tests."
- **Diagnostic Test Review**
This feature enables you to review the selected diagnostic tests that you want to run. See "Running Diagnostic Tests."
- **Diagnostic Test Status**
This feature enables you to view the status of the diagnostic tests that are running. See "Running Diagnostic Tests."
- **Diagnostic Test Results**
This feature enables you to view the results of the diagnostic tests. See "Running Diagnostic Tests."

- **Help**

This feature allows you to view the help information for the various diagnostic tests and devices.

To view a description of a device or a diagnostic test, select the device or the test and select the **Help** tab in the GUI or run the `pediags --help` command in the CLI.

- **Quick Test**

This feature enables you to use a faster algorithm to run a test. See "Configuring the Test Execution Settings."

- **Saving Configuration and Results**

This feature enables you to save the system configuration and test results. See "Using Dell PowerEdge Diagnostics."

- **Number of Passes**

This feature enables you to run the selected tests for a specified number of iterations. The minimum value is 1 and the maximum is 20.



NOTE: In the CLI mode, PowerEdge Diagnostics allows for a maximum number of 999 passes.

- **Run Time**

This feature allows you to specify the duration (in minutes) a diagnostic test should run. This feature is available only in the CLI version of PowerEdge Diagnostics.



NOTE: Tests stop executing after they complete 72 hours or 999 passes, whichever occurs first.

- **Auto Logging**

PowerEdge Diagnostics saves the diagnostic test results, in XML format, in an auto-generated file (`result.xml`). The file is available in the `%systemdrive%\dell\diagnostics\log` directory (where `%systemdrive%` is the system drive) for Microsoft® Windows® operating systems and in `/var/log/dell/diagnostics/log` for Linux operating systems. The maximum size of the log file is 512 KB. PowerEdge Diagnostics removes the log entries in a first-in-first-out (FIFO) fashion when the size of the log file reaches the upper limit. s

Setting Up Dell PowerEdge Diagnostics

This section describes the process for setting up Dell™ PowerEdge™ Diagnostics.

Before You Begin

- Read the setup requirements and ensure that your system meets or exceeds the minimum requirements.
- Read the PowerEdge Diagnostics readme file provided with this application. The readme contains the latest information about PowerEdge Diagnostics in addition to information about known issues.

Things to Remember

- PowerEdge Diagnostics is engineered to diagnose hardware problems on individual systems. PowerEdge Diagnostics does not address problems that arise at the network level, unless the problem resides with a NIC on a single system.
- The hard drive diagnostic tests are designed to run as low-priority background tasks to limit their effect on other hard drive I/O activity. Because of their low priority, it is recommended that you limit drive activity while running the hard drive diagnostic tests. The tests may run slowly or even stop when another hard drive I/O activity is running simultaneously. However, the tests resume when the hard drive I/O activity stops.
- PowerEdge Diagnostics runs concurrently with all other applications running on your system. When you run diagnostic tests, the additional system load is significant and impacts the performance of your system and all running applications. If you are running critical applications that require rapid response or consume significant system resources, take appropriate precautions before running these diagnostics. Close all non-essential applications and run diagnostic tests only during non-peak hours.
- Running PowerEdge Diagnostics simultaneously in graphical user interface (GUI) and command line interface (CLI) modes is not supported.
- If two or more identical USB devices are connected to the same USB controller/root hub, the Node Detection Test cannot determine the changes if these devices are swapped within the same controller/root hub.

Setup and Diagnostic Requirements

PowerEdge Diagnostics must be set up on each managed system to run diagnostics locally.

Managed System Requirements

- 128 MB RAM
- A minimum of 40 MB free space on the system drive (C: on Windows or /opt on Linux.)
- A supported operating system installed on your PowerEdge system. See "Supported Operating Systems."
- Dell-qualified device drivers and firmware to run diagnostics on RAID controllers, RAID-attached hard drives, tape drives, tape autoloaders, and tape libraries. See the documentation that accompanied your device for more information or access the latest drivers and firmware from the Dell Support website at support.dell.com. For a list of the latest drivers and firmware versions for RAID controllers, see "Diagnostic Dependencies for Supported RAID Controllers."

Diagnostic Requirements

- You must be logged in with Administrator privileges to run PowerEdge Diagnostics.
- Table 2-1 lists the devices and the dependencies that are required for each operating system to run PowerEdge Diagnostics. If these device dependencies are not met, PowerEdge Diagnostics exhibits the default behavior described in the table.

Table 2-1. Device Dependencies

Device	Operating System	Dependency	Default Behavior
Intel® NIC	Microsoft® Windows®	Intel PROSet Utility for Microsoft Device Manager or Intel PROSet management agent. You can access the Intel PROSet Utility for Microsoft Device Manager from either the <i>Dell PowerEdge Service and Diagnostic Utilities</i> CD or from the Dell Support website at support.dell.com .	Intel vendor network tests are not available.
Intel NIC	Windows 2000	Driver version 9.2.24.1 or greater.	Intel NIC diagnostic tests may not function properly.
	Windows Server® 2003 (32-bit and 64-bit)	Driver version 9.2.24.1 or greater for PCI-X NICs. Driver version 9.6.31.0 or greater for PCIe NICs.	

NOTE: For systems that have a PCIe Intel network interface card (NIC), Intel PROSet Utility for Microsoft Device Manager is required for the Intel network adapter diagnostics in Microsoft Windows. If you have a PCI-X Intel NIC, install either the Intel PROSet for Microsoft Device Manager or the Intel PROSet management agent to enable Intel network adapter diagnostics. If you have any other Dell-supported Intel NIC, you must install the Intel PROSet management agent. If these requirements are not met, the Intel vendor tests will not be available (only the default network diagnostics are available).

Table 2-1. Device Dependencies (continued)

Device	Operating System	Dependency	Default Behavior
Adaptec [®] RAID Controllers on PowerEdge SC systems	Microsoft Windows	RAID Storage Manager (RSM) version 1.0 or later.	The diagnostic tests for the PERC320/DC RAID controller, the hard drives attached to the PERC320/DC RAID controller, and the hard drives attached to the SCSI39320 may not function properly or may not be available.
Adaptec RAID Controllers on all other PowerEdge systems	Microsoft Windows	Storage Management Service version 1.0 or later.	PowerEdge Diagnostics may not enumerate the RAID controller. The diagnostic tests for hard drives attached to the Adaptec RAID controller may not be available.
Adaptec RAID Controllers on all PowerEdge systems	Red Hat [®] Enterprise Linux [®] and SUSE [®] Linux Enterprise Server	Adaptec driver (aacraid) with version greater than 1.1.2 must be installed.	The diagnostic tests for hard drives attached to the Adaptec RAID controller may not function properly.
DRAC 4	Microsoft Windows, SUSE Linux Enterprise Server, and Red Hat Enterprise Linux	Remote Access Controller component on Windows, Remote Access Core component on Linux.	All tests fail with an internal warning indicating that the drivers and services are not installed.
Dual In-line Memory Modules (DIMMs)	Red Hat Enterprise Linux and SUSE Linux Enterprise Server	Open Intelligent Platform Management Interface (OpenIPMI) driver. You can download the OpenIPMI driver component from the Dell Support website at support.dell.com .	If either the Dell OpenManage systems management software or the OpenIPMI driver are not available, the Memory Status Test fails with a warning message stating that the Hardware Application Programming Interface is either not installed or has not started.
DRAC 5	Red Hat Enterprise Linux and SUSE Linux Enterprise Server	OpenIPMI driver. You can download the OpenIPMI driver component from the Dell Support website at support.dell.com .	The DRAC 5 hardware will not be detected and the diagnostic tests will not be available.
USB Controllers	Red Hat Enterprise Linux and SUSE Linux Enterprise Server	usbutils package (version 0.11 or above.)	Diagnostic tests for USB devices will not be available.

Table 2-1. Device Dependencies (continued)

Device	Operating System	Dependency	Default Behavior
All supported devices	Red Hat Enterprise Linux and SUSE Linux Enterprise Server	pciutils package (version 2.1.11 or above.)	PowerEdge Diagnostics installation fails.
Broadcom® NIC	Red Hat Enterprise Linux and SUSE Linux Enterprise Server	bnx2 driver version 1.4.51 or greater. tg3 driver version 3.71 or greater.	PowerEdge Diagnostics GUI may not function properly.



NOTE: Memory diagnostics are not supported on the following PowerEdge systems as they do not support IPMI: SC420, SC430, SC440, SC1420, and SC1430.

Setting Up Diagnostics

The PowerEdge Diagnostics installation files, for Microsoft Windows and Linux operating systems, are available at the Dell Support website at support.dell.com.



NOTE: Ensure that you accept the End-User License Agreement (EULA) while installing PowerEdge Diagnostics.

Installing PowerEdge Diagnostics on Microsoft Windows

The following steps show how to install PowerEdge Diagnostics on systems running supported Microsoft Windows operating systems.

- 1 Run the .exe file to start the installer.
- 2 The **Welcome to the Dell PowerEdge Diagnostics 2.9 Wizard** screen appears.
- 3 Click **Next**.
- 4 The **Dell Software License Agreement** displays.
- 5 Click **I Agree** to accept the terms of the agreement.
- 6 Click **Install** to accept the default directory path or, click **Browse** and navigate to the directory where you want to install PowerEdge Diagnostics, and click **Install**.

- 7 Click **Finish**.
- 8 Click **Start**→**Programs**→**PowerEdge Diagnostics 2.9** and select **PowerEdge Diagnostics GUI** to run in GUI mode or select **PowerEdge Diagnostics CLI** to run in CLI mode.



NOTE: The option to run PowerEdge Diagnostics from the **Start** menu is available only to the Administrator who installed the application. All other Administrators must use the **StartDiags** shortcut inside the installation folder to run the application.



NOTE: To uninstall PowerEdge Diagnostics 2.9, click **Start**→**Programs**→**PowerEdge Diagnostics 2.9**→**Uninstall**.



NOTE: Uninstallation of Dell PowerEdge Diagnostics requires a minimum free space of 40 KB on your system drive.

To run PowerEdge Diagnostics in the CLI mode on Microsoft Windows and Linux operating systems, run the **pediags** program from **x\oldiags\bin** (where x is the installation directory.)



NOTE: Always run the **pediags** program from **x\oldiags\bin**. Do not install and run the **pediags** program from a network-mapped drive. Some network-diagnostic tests disconnect the network.

Installing PowerEdge Diagnostics on Linux

The following steps show how to install PowerEdge Diagnostics on systems running supported Linux operating systems.

- 1 Extract the **tar.gz** file to a desired location. The extracted files contain an install script (**install.sh**) and the required installation packages.
- 2 Run **install.sh** to install these packages.
- 3 The Dell Software License Agreement displays.
- 4 Type **Y** to accept the terms of the agreement.
- 5 All the files needed to run the application are extracted to the default install directory, **/opt/dell/pediags**.
- 6 Run **startDiags.sh** in the **/opt/dell/pediags** directory, to launch PowerEdge Diagnostics.



NOTE: Do not extract or copy **startDiags.sh** to another directory and attempt running the application.



NOTE: Running PowerEdge Diagnostics on a read-only file system is not supported.



NOTE: To uninstall the application, run **uninstall.sh**. This file is located in the installation directory.

The PowerEdge Diagnostics GUI, which is a 32-bit application, does not function on Red Hat Enterprise Linux (x86_64) systems if Compatibility Arch Support packages are missing.

Your Red Hat Enterprise Linux (x86_64) system may display the following message when you try launching PowerEdge Diagnostics:

```
Compatibility Arch Support package(s) [gtk, pango, and
redhat-artwork] is not installed on this system. For details on
installing the package(s) please refer to the README file.
```

To resolve the issue, perform the following actions:

- 1 Run the Red Hat Package Management Utility (**redhat-config-packages**).
- 2 Select the **Compatibility Arch Support** check box in the **Package Management** window and click **Details**. A new window, **Compatibility Arch Support Details**, displays.
- 3 Select **gtk**, **pango**, and **redhat-artwork** packages for installation and click **Close**.
- 4 Click the **Update** button in the **Package Management** window.



NOTE: Running multiple instances of PowerEdge Diagnostics is not supported.

Using Dell PowerEdge Diagnostics

Dell™ PowerEdge™ Diagnostics can be accessed in two ways: from a graphical user interface (GUI) and from a command line interface (CLI.) This section describes both the interfaces.

Using the GUI

When you launch PowerEdge Diagnostics in the GUI mode, the splash screen appears indicating the progress of device-discovery, until enumeration is complete. The splash screen also provides important information related to the running of PowerEdge Diagnostics. Discovery or enumeration of the devices occurs only when the application is launched. If your system hardware has changed, restart the application to re-enumerate the devices on your system.



NOTICE: Connecting or removing a USB or a CD/DVD device from a Red Hat® Enterprise Linux® system or SUSE® Linux Enterprise Server while the enumeration is in progress may cause the system to hang.



NOTE: If the system fails to discover USB controllers, ensure that the USB Controllers are enabled in the BIOS and USB Controller support is set to **ON with BIOS support** in the BIOS Setup menu.

Menu Options

The **File** menu provides the following menu options:

- **Exit:** Use this option to exit the application.
- **Save Configuration:** Use this option to save the configuration details of the devices detected by PowerEdge Diagnostics. The configuration details are saved to **config.html**, which is contained in an archive file. You can specify any name for this archive file, for example, **config.zip**. This option is available only when PowerEdge Diagnostics is not running any tests. If you face any system or device problems, you can save the configuration details in the **config.zip** file and provide the file when contacting technical support.



NOTE: The **Save Configuration** option is available only in the GUI version of PowerEdge Diagnostics.

- **Save Results:** Use this option to save the test result details. The test result details are saved to an HTML file (**results.html**), which is contained in an archive file. You can specify any name for this archive file, for example, **results.zip**. You can use this option only after all the tests that are running are complete. When contacting technical support for any system or device problem, you can save the result details and send the file to technical support.



NOTE: The **Save Results** option is available only in the GUI version of PowerEdge Diagnostics.

The **Help** menu provides the following menu options:

- **User Guide:** This option allows you to access the *Dell PowerEdge Diagnostics User's Guide*, which is available in the HTML format.
- **About:** This option provides the version information of Dell PowerEdge Diagnostics running on your system.

Diagnostics Interface

The PowerEdge Diagnostics GUI is divided into two sections:

- Diagnostic Selection
- Diagnostic Information

Diagnostic Selection





Use this section to select and organize how devices and tests are displayed.

Selection Options

Use this list box to organize how tests and detected devices are displayed. You can select any of the three options from this list box.

Group by connection	Use this option to organize the Select Test(s) to Run pane display as a tree structure with the connection as the nodes and with the applicable devices and the tests listed under them.
Group by device	Use this option to organize the Select Test(s) to Run pane display as a tree structure with the devices as the nodes and the tests applicable to each device listed under them. If the device is grayed out, it implies that there are no tests available for the device. However, you can still view the configuration details of the device.
Group by tests	Use this option to organize the Select Test(s) to Run pane display as a tree structure with the tests as the nodes and the applicable devices listed under them.

The following table describes the icons in the **Select Test(s) to Run** pane.

	Indicates a device.
	Indicates a device with a non-critical error or warning associated.
	Indicates a test.
	Indicates a test with a non-critical error or warning associated. A test warning message is displayed on mouseover.

Select All: Click this button to select all the devices and tests displayed in the **Select Test(s) to Run** pane.

Remove All: Click this button to remove all the selected devices and tests in the **Select Test(s) to Run** pane.

Select Test(s) to Run

Use this section to select the devices and tests to be executed. The section is organized according to the option you selected in the **Selection Options** list box.

If the display is grouped by devices:

- Select the check box next to the device, to select all the tests listed for the device.
- You can also expand the device node and select individual tests that you want to run.

If the display is grouped by tests:

- Select the check box next to the test, to select all the devices listed for the test.
- You can also expand the test node and select the individual devices on which you want to run the tests.



NOTE: You can select a device in the **Diagnostic Information** section, and view its corresponding configuration details highlighted in the **Configuration** tab.

Diagnostic Information

Use this section to view the system configuration and operational status information. In addition, you can run selected tests and view the results of these tests.

Configuration


Use this tab to view the operational status of the detected devices and their configuration details. To view the configuration details for a device, select the device from the **Select Test(s) to Run** pane. The configuration details of the selected device are highlighted in this page and are listed under the following headings.

Device Name: The name of the device.

Device Attribute: Lists the device attributes. The following are the device attributes.

Status	Specifies the operational status of the device.
Description	Specifies a brief description.
Class	Specifies the class to which the device belongs. For example, the device COM1 belongs to the class Serial Port.
Location	Specifies the location of the device in the system. For example, system board.
Additional Information	Specifies any additional information. For example, if the device is embedded on the system board, the value Embedded is displayed against this field.

Value: Specifies a value against each attribute of a device.

Additional Hardware Information: Provides additional hardware information of a device, if available, under the **Configuration** tab. When additional hardware is available, the information icon  appears next to the device name in the **Configuration** tab. Double-click the row to view additional hardware information for the device. See "Appendix" for more information.

Tests Selected

Use this tab to run the tests you selected in the **Select Test(s) to Run** pane. This tab contains the following sections.

Diagnostic Tests Selected: This list box displays all the tests selected in the **Select Test(s) to Run** pane.

Diagnostic Options: Use this section of the **Tests Selected** tab to run the selected tests. This section contains the following controls.

Run Tests	Starts the selected tests. You can run multiple tests at the same time.
Quick Test	Uses a faster algorithm to conduct a specific test. If no errors are reported after running in Quick Test mode and you still suspect that the tested hardware has problems, it is recommended that you clear (deselect) Quick Test mode and run the same test again.
Number of Passes	Specifies the number of iterations for the selected test. The minimum value is 1 and the maximum is 20.



NOTE: Double-click the row of a particular test in the **Status** tab, to view detailed information.

Status

Use this tab to view the status of the tests that are currently running or have completed execution.

Elapsed Time and **Overall Progress** appear as part of **Status**. **Elapsed Time** is shown in the format of hh:mm:ss and is the amount of time that elapsed, since the job group of tests started to run. **Overall Progress** is the cumulative progress of all the tests in the current job group.

The status of each test is displayed under the following column headings:







- **ID:** Auto-generated test ID.
- **Device:** The device on which the test is running.
- **Test:** The test that is executing.
- **Progress:** Test progress indicated in percentage.
- **Cur. Pass:** Indicates the current pass that is running if you selected the **Number of Passes** option for the test.
- **Total Pass:** Indicates the total number of passes that you specified to run if you selected the **Number of Passes** option for the test.

- Status:** Indicates the current status of a test. Double-click on a test item to view details that include device name, device description, device location, test name, and test description. The following text indicators specify the test status:

Completed	Specifies that the test has completed.
Suspended	Specifies that the test was suspended. You can suspend a test manually only. Not all diagnostic tests support the Suspend feature.
Aborted	Specifies that the test was aborted. You can abort a test manually only. Not all diagnostic tests support the Abort feature.
Executing	Specifies that the test is running.
Ready	Specifies that the test has not started but has been queued up for execution. You can abort any test when it is in the Ready state.

- Result:** Specifies the result of a test in the form of symbols. For example, the **Status** column of a test might show as **Completed**, but the **Result** column specifies whether the test completed successfully. Double-click a result item to view details such as device name, device description, device location, test name, test description, and the overall result of the test

The following table describes the various icons and the test result indicators they represent:

	The test completed successfully.
	The test is being executed.
	The test was aborted.
	Non-critical errors were encountered during the execution of the test.
	The test failed.
	The test was suspended.

Result

Use this tab to view the results of the tests executed along with a brief description about the outcome of each test.

The **Result** column in this tab briefly describes the test outcome. In addition, you can double-click anywhere in the row to view the corresponding result message. For example, if a test failed, the **Result** column will display the problem encountered and any actions you must take.

Right-click to bring up the **Delete/Delete All Completed** menu. Select **Delete** to remove the test results of an individual test and **Delete All Completed** to remove all test results of all completed tests from the **Status** tab and the **Results** tab.

Using the Command Line Interface

To run the application in CLI mode, run `pediags` from `x/oldiags/bin`, where **x** is the installation directory. In Windows operating systems you can also click **Start→Programs→PowerEdge Diagnostics 2.9→PowerEdge Diagnostics CLI** to run the application in CLI mode.



NOTICE: Connecting or removing a USB or a CD/DVD device from a Red Hat Enterprise Linux system or SUSE Linux Enterprise Server while the enumeration is in progress may cause the system to hang.

Primary CLI Commands

The following commands carry out the functions of PowerEdge Diagnostics:

- `pediags --help`

This command displays short text help for CLI commands.

- `pediags --show all`

This command lists all device classes and tests available.

- `pediags <DEVICECLASS> --help`

This command displays text help for the `<DEVICECLASS>` you specify. For example, if you type the following command, `pediags modem --help`, this command displays help information for the devices listed as modems and the different tests associated with the modems. `<DEVICECLASS>` is the package name of the device, for example, `network` and `cddvd`.

- `pediags <DEVICECLASS> --show [device|test|all] [<Index Options>] [<Details Option>] [fmt=lst|tbl|xml]`

This command displays the list of device classes, tests, or both device classes and tests. The default option is `all` that displays both device classes and tests. You can specify index options and choose the format in which you want the output to be displayed. The parameters should follow the particular order in which they are listed above, format options must always be the last parameter.

For example, the command, `pediags network --show test test-index=1,2,3 fmt=tbl`, displays the tests whose index numbers are 1, 2, and 3 in a table format.

If you type the following command, `pediags network --show device device-index=1,2,3 fmt=tbl`, this command displays the device classes whose index numbers are 1, 2, and 3 in a table format.

Use `pediags <DEVICECLASS> --show device details=true` to view additional device information, if available.

The `details=true` option works only with "`--show device`". For example, to see additional hardware information for the SCSI devices, enter `pediags Scsidevdiag --show device details=true`.

- `pediags <DEVICECLASS> --run [<Index Options>] [<Test Settings>] [fmt=lst|tbl|xml]`


This command runs tests on the device class you select. You can specify index options, test settings, and choose the format in which you want the results to be displayed. The parameters should follow the particular order in which they are listed above and format options must always be the last parameter.


In the **<Test Settings>** parameter, you can specify **quicktest** as **true** or **false** and you can specify the number of iterations or passes for the selected test. Passes specifies the number of passes to execute.


For example, the command, `pediags network --run test-index=1,2,3 quicktest=true passes=6 fmt=tbl`, runs six iterations of the tests whose index numbers are 1, 2, and 3 on the network device class. The results are then displayed in a tabular format.

- `pediags <DEVICECLASS> --run time= x` (where **x** is the number of minutes you want the test to run.)

This command allows you to run a diagnostic test for a specified duration. For example, `pediags scsidevdiag --run device-index=1 test-index=1 time=30` runs the diagnostic test whose index is 1 on the SCSI device whose device-index is 1 for 30 minutes. Tests stop executing after they complete 72 hours or 999 passes, whichever occurs first.

 **NOTE:** Runtime of the `passes` parameter is limited to 3 days (72 hours). The minimum number of iterations supported is 1 and the maximum is 999.

 **NOTE:** Always specify the `time` parameter in minutes and enter the `time` parameter after the `--run` parameter.

 **NOTE:** Running the `pediags` command on the device class from two different consoles simultaneously may display the message: System resources may have already been used by another diagnostics instance.

Aborting PowerEdge Diagnostics in CLI Mode Using <Ctrl><C>

Using <Ctrl><C> to abort with the `--show` command does not cause the action to abort. When running tests, you may use <Ctrl><C> at any point of time during the execution sequence to stop the test. No output may be available and the test may exit with a blank message. This may occur if the execution of the `pediags` command has been interrupted even before the diagnostic test has started. If you abort a test that has already started, the test may abort with a **Test was aborted by the user** result event if the **Abort** feature is supported by the particular test. For multiple passes, even if the test supports **Abort**, the test may not abort with the **Test was aborted by the user** result event. This might occur because the multiple pass test may have been aborted during the transition from one pass to another.

Tests that do not support the **Abort** feature will always run to completion. See Table 4-1 for a complete list of tests that support any or all of the **Abort**, **Suspend**, and **Quick Test** features.

Scripting With the CLI

The PowerEdge Diagnostics CLI allows administrators to write batch programs or scripts to be executed by the operating system. For an enterprise with many systems, an administrator could write a script that runs diagnostic tests on system components to determine their health.

In many cases, the CLI allows a user with a very well-defined task in mind to retrieve information about the system rapidly. You can redirect the diagnostic output to a file using the operating system’s redirection feature.

You can also use the exit codes explained in the following table when writing scripts.

0	The test has a passed result.
1	The test has a warning result.
2	The test has a failed result.
3	The application failed because of dependency issues or runtime issues.

Exit codes 0, 1, and 2 are applicable for only test execution (irrespective of multiple or single pass). The exit code is the aggregate status of all the tests executed. For example, out of 20 tests, if there is one test result with a warning and another test with a failed result with all other tests being successful, the final exit code will be 2. The exit code for a failed result will take precedence over an exit code for a warning result.

Scheduling Diagnostics

Using your operating system’s task-scheduling features, you can schedule PowerEdge Diagnostics to run diagnostic tests on your system.


Running Dell PowerEdge Diagnostics in GUI Mode

This section provides step-by-step instructions on running Dell™ PowerEdge™ Diagnostics in graphical user interface (GUI) mode.

Running Diagnostic Tests


To run diagnostic tests, perform the following steps:


- 1 Launch the application.
- 2 In the **Diagnostic Selection** section on the left, select the appropriate option from the **Selection Options** drop-down menu.
 - Select the **Group by connection** option to view the connections as nodes with the corresponding devices and tests displayed under each connection.
 - Select the **Group by device** option to list the system devices. All of the tests available for each device are displayed under the device.

 **NOTE:** If a device is grayed out, the device does not have any tests available. Configuration information for this device is displayed in the **Configuration** tab.

 - Select the **Group by test** option to list all the available tests with the corresponding devices displayed under each test.
- 3 Select the check boxes corresponding to the tests that you want to run.


In the **Diagnostic Information** section on the right, the **Tests Selected** tab lists the currently selected diagnostic tests. Click **Run Tests** to execute the selected tests.


 **NOTE:** The **Warning** row displays the non-critical icon to indicate that tests with possible non-critical errors have been selected. Double-click the icon to view the test warning.


 **NOTE:** The tests are queued for execution in the order in which they were selected. To stop tests from queuing, click the **Stop** button on the **Queuing Diagnostic Tests** window.


- 4 Click the **Status** tab to monitor the status of the test execution.
 - To abort a running test, right-click the test and select **Abort**. Select **Abort All** to stop all the queued tests.
 - To suspend a running test, right-click the test and select **Suspend**.
 - To resume a suspended test, right-click the test and select **Resume**.

The icons in the **Result** column indicate the status of each test.

The **In Progress** icon () indicates that the test is currently being executed.


The **Aborted** icon () indicates that the test was aborted.


 **NOTE:** Not all diagnostic tests support the **Abort** option. If a test's status is **Ready**, it can be aborted. Only tests that support the **Abort** option can be aborted when in the **Executing** state. See Table 4-1.


The **Suspended** icon () indicates that the test was suspended and may be restarted again at a later time.

 **NOTE:** Not all diagnostic tests support the **Suspend** feature. See Table 4-1.

The **OK** icon () indicates that the test executed successfully and no errors were encountered.

 **NOTE:** The **Abort/Suspend/Abort All** options are not available until a few seconds after queuing is complete. All queued tests must have the **Status** column filled in the table for the **Abort/Suspend/Abort All** option to be available.

The non-critical icon () indicates that non-critical errors were encountered during the execution of the test.

The **Critical** icon () indicates that the test has failed.

- 5 Click the **Results** tab to see a brief description of the test execution result. The **Results** column contains a brief description of the results of the tests. You can also double-click anywhere in the row to see the details of a particular test, which is displayed as a pop-up window. For example, if the application encountered a non-critical error while executing a test, the **Results** column displays a brief description of the nature of the error and any actions to take.

Configuring the Test Execution Settings

You can configure the test execution setting to use a faster algorithm to conduct the test. Perform the following steps:

- 1 Select the tests you want to run in the **Diagnostic Selection** section.
- 2 Click the **Tests Selected** tab in the **Diagnostic Information** section. All the selected tests are displayed.

- 3 Select the **Quick Test** check box in the **Diagnostic Options** section at the bottom. If this option is available for one of the selected tests, the test is run in this mode.



NOTE: The **Quick Test** feature is not a supported test mode for all tests. Only a few tests support this feature. See Table 4-1 for supported test modes.



NOTE: If no errors are reported after running in **Quick Test** mode and you suspect that the hardware still has problems, it is recommended that you **deselect Quick Test** and run the test again.

- 4 Use the **Number of Passes** option to specify the number of times you want the tests to run. The minimum value is 1 and the maximum is 20.


Table 4-1 lists the tests that support any or all of the **Abort**, **Suspend**, and **Quick Test** test features.


Table 4-1. Supported Tests for Abort, Suspend, and Quick Test

Test	Device	Abort	Suspend	Quick Test
Hayes Basic Command Test	Modem	X		
Hayes Extended Command Test	Modem	X		
S-Registers Test	Modem	X		
Read Exerciser Test	CD/DVD drive	X	X	X
Linear Seek Test	Diskette drive	X	X	X
Funnel Seek Test	Diskette drive	X	X	X
Read-Write Test	Diskette drive	X	X	
Adaptec Array Disk Test	Hard drive	X		X
LSI Array Disk Test	Hard drive	X		X
IDE Hard Disk Test	Hard drive	X		X
SCSI Disk Test	Hard drive	X		X
Adaptec RAID Controller Hardware Test	RAID controller	X		
LSI RAID Controller Hardware Test	RAID controller	X		
Post Result Test	DRAC	X	X	
Tape Media Test	Tape drive, autoloader, and library	X	X	X
Tape Self Test	Tape drive, autoloader, and library	X		
Tape Changer Slot to Slot test	Autoloader and library	X		X
Tape Changer Slot to Drive test	Autoloader and library	X		X
Tape Changer Slot to IE test	Autoloader and library			X
Disk Self Test	SAS and SATA drives	X		X

Table 4-1. Supported Tests for Abort, Suspend, and Quick Test *(continued)*

Test	Device	Abort	Suspend	Quick Test
Controller Log Test	PERC 5/i Integrated, PERC 5/i Adapter, and PERC 5/E Adapter	X		X
Enclosure Log Test	PowerVault MD1000	X		X
Phy Integrity Test	PowerVault MD1000	X		X
Disk Blink Test	SAS and SATA drives	X		


 **NOTE:** The Dell Remote Access Controller (DRAC) diagnostic tests require the RAC software components to be present on your system. See your DRAC user guide for more details.


 **NOTE:** Tape Media Test does not support the **Abort** option on LTO-4 drives.

Supported Devices

This section lists the devices that can be tested using Dell™ PowerEdge™ Diagnostics.

Diagnostics for Tape Drives, Autoloaders, and Libraries

 **NOTE:** Install Dell-qualified device drivers to run diagnostic tests on tape drives, tape autoloaders, and tape libraries. See the documentation that accompanied your device. The latest device drivers are available at the Dell Support website at support.dell.com.

 **NOTE:** On Linux operating systems, diagnostic tests for SATA hard-disks and controllers are not available.

PowerEdge Diagnostics supports the following hardware devices.

Tape Drives

PowerEdge Diagnostics supports diagnostics for the following tape drives:

- Dell PowerVault™ 100T DDS4
- Dell PowerVault 100T DAT72
- Dell PowerVault 110T DLT1
- Dell PowerVault 110T VS80
- Dell PowerVault 110T DLT VS160
- Dell PowerVault 110T SDLT 220
- Dell PowerVault 110T SDLT 320
- Dell PowerVault 110T LTO-2
- Dell PowerVault 110T LTO-2-L
- Dell PowerVault 110T LTO-3
- Dell PowerVault LTO-3 - 060
- Dell PowerVault LTO-4 - 120 (internal only)

Tape Autoloaders and Libraries

PowerEdge Diagnostics supports diagnostics for the following tape arrays, tape autoloaders, and tape libraries:

- Dell PowerVault 122T-VS80
- Dell PowerVault 122T-SDLT 320

- Dell PowerVault 122T-LTO-2
- Dell PowerVault 124T-DLT VS160
- Dell PowerVault 124T-LTO2-LC
- Dell PowerVault 124T-LTO-3
- Dell PowerVault 132T-SDLT 320
- Dell PowerVault 132T-LTO-2
- Dell PowerVault 132T-LTO-3
- Dell PowerVault 136T-SDLT 220
- Dell PowerVault 136T-SDLT 320
- Dell PowerVault 136T-LTO-2
- Dell PowerVault 136T-LTO-3
- Dell PowerVault ML6000-LTO-2
- Dell PowerVault ML6000-LTO-3

External Storage Enclosures

- Dell Powervault MD1000
- Dell PowerVault 220 and 221S

Removable Disk Drives

- Dell PowerVault RD1000 Internal SATA Drive

Diagnostics for RAID Controllers, SAS Controllers, SCSI Controllers, and Attached Hard Drives



NOTE: For a list of firmware requirements that are required for each controller, see "Diagnostic Dependencies for Supported RAID Controllers."

This section lists the diagnostics supported on systems running Microsoft® Windows® or Red Hat® Enterprise Linux® or SUSE® Linux Enterprise Server. PowerEdge Diagnostics supports diagnostics for the following RAID and SCSI controllers as well as for the hard drives that are attached to RAID, SCSI, and IDE controllers, depending on the installed operating system.



NOTE: PowerEdge Diagnostics does not run diagnostic tests on IDE controllers.



NOTE: PowerEdge Diagnostics enumerates and displays the diagnostic tests for the hard drives that are connected to SAS 5/iR (Adapter and Integrated) and SAS 5/i Integrated controllers. However, diagnostic tests for these controllers themselves are unavailable.

Diagnostics Supported on Systems Running Microsoft Windows, Red Hat Enterprise Linux, and SUSE Linux Enterprise Server

On systems running Windows, Red Hat Enterprise Linux and SUSE Linux Enterprise Server, PowerEdge Diagnostics supports diagnostics for the following controllers and the hard drives that are attached to these controllers:

- PERC 3/DC
- PERC 3/QC
- PERC 3/SC
- PERC 3/Di
- PERC 320/DC
- PERC 4/SC
- PERC 4/DC
- PERC 4e/DC
- PERC 4/Di
- PERC 4e/Di
- PERC 4e/Si
- PERC 4/IM
- PERC 5/E
- PERC 5/i Integrated
- PERC 5/i Adapter
- SAS 5/iR (Integrated/Adapter)
- SAS 5/i Integrated
- ICH 7R
- ESB2 SATA
- CERC SATA 1.5/6 Channel
- CERC ATA 100 4/CH.
- Adaptec® 39160 SCSI Controller
- Adaptec 39320A-R PCI-X SCSI controller



NOTE: The CERC ATA 100 4/CH is not supported on Linux operating systems. It is supported only on Windows operating systems.

Diagnostic Dependencies for Supported RAID Controllers

Overview

Dell™ PowerEdge™ Diagnostics requires Dell-qualified device drivers and firmware to run diagnostic tests on RAID controllers, SCSI controllers, and attached hard drives.

System administrators who are responsible for diagnosing their storage devices with the latest installed operating system need a complete matrix showing the elements that are compatible with a particular storage controller. Each version of the storage controller in turn supports a specific array of elements, including:

- Version of the Array Manager, Storage Management Service, or RAID Storage Manager
- Dell PowerEdge system
- Firmware version number required for a particular controller
- Supported operating systems, where each operating system requires a specific driver



NOTE: The firmware, BIOS, and driver versions mentioned in the tables below are minimum-required versions. See the Dell Support website at support.dell.com for the latest versions.

PERC 320/DC

Table 6-1 shows the elements supported by the PERC 320/DC controller.

Table 6-1. PERC 320/DC Supported Elements

PERC Firmware Version	Windows® 2000 Driver	Windows Server® 2003 Driver
4.0.0.5812	N/A	4.0.0.5810

PERC 3/DC and 3/QC

Table 6-2 shows the elements supported by the 3/DC and 3/QC controllers.

Table 6-2. PERC 3/DC and 3/QC Supported Elements

PERC Firmware Version	Windows Server 2003 Driver	Linux Driver (Red Hat® Enterprise Linux® 4)
199A	6.46.2.32 (32-bit) 6.46.3.64 (64-bit)	2.20.4.4

PERC 3/Di

Table 6-3 shows the elements supported by the PERC 3/Di controller.

Table 6-3. PERC 3/Di Supported Elements

PERC Firmware Version	Windows Server 2003 Driver	Linux Driver (Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4)
2.8.1.6098	2.8.0.6084	1.1.5.2372.1

PERC 4/SC

Table 6-4 shows the elements supported by the PERC 4/SC controller.

Table 6-4. PERC 4/SC Supported Elements

PERC Firmware Version	Windows Server 2003 Driver	Linux Driver (Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4)
352B	6.46.2.32 (32-bit) 6.46.3.64 (64-bit)	2.20.4.4

PERC 4/DC

Table 6-5 shows the elements supported by the PERC 4/DC controller.

Table 6-5. PERC 4/DC Supported Elements

PERC Firmware Version	Windows Server 2003 Driver
351S (64-bit)	6.46.3.64 (64-bit)

PERC 4e/Di

Table 6-6 shows the elements supported by the PERC 4e/Di controller.

Table 6-6. PERC 4e/Di Supported Elements

PERC Firmware Version	Windows Server 2003 Driver	Linux Driver (Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4)	SUSE® Linux Enterprise Server (version 9 and 10)
522A	6.46.2.32 (32-bit) 6.46.3.64 (64-bit)	2.20.4.4	2.20.4.7

PERC 4e/DC

Table 6-7 shows the elements supported by the PERC 4e/DC controller.

Table 6-7. PERC 4e/DC Supported Elements

PERC Firmware Version	Windows Server 2003 Driver	Linux Driver (Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4)	SUSE Linux Enterprise Server (version 9 and 10)
522A	6.46.2.32 (32-bit) 6.46.3.64 (64-bit)	2.20.4.4	2.20.4.7

PERC 4e/Si

Table 6-8 shows the elements supported by the PERC 4e/Si controller.

Table 6-8. PERC 4e/Si Supported Elements

PERC Firmware Version	Windows Server 2003 Driver	Linux Driver (Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4)
522A	6.46.2.32 (32-bit) 6.46.3.64 (64-bit)	2.20.4.4

PERC 4/IM

Table 6-9 shows the elements supported by the PERC 4/IM controller.



NOTE: The following requirements are necessary to diagnose this controller in SCSI mode.

Table 6-9. PERC 4/IM Supported Elements

PERC Firmware Version	Windows Server 2003 Driver	Linux Driver (Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4)
1.03.23.90	1.09.11	Native

PERC 4/Di

Table 6-10 shows the elements supported by the PERC 4/Di controller.

Table 6-10. PERC 4/Di Supported Elements

PERC Firmware Version	Windows Server 2003 Driver	Linux Driver (Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4)
422A	6.46.2.32 (32-bit) 6.46.3.64 (64-bit)	2.20.4.4

PERC 5/E Adapter, PERC 5/i Integrated, and PERC 5/i Adapter

Table 6-11 shows the elements supported by the PERC 5/E Adapter, PERC 5/i Integrated, and PERC 5/i Adapter controllers.

Table 6-11. PERC 5/E Adapter, PERC 5/i Integrated, and PERC 5/i Adapter Supported Elements

PERC Firmware Version	Windows 2000 Driver	Windows Server 2003 Driver	Linux Driver (Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4)	Linux Driver (Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5)	SUSE Linux Enterprise Server (version 9 and 10)
5.1.1	2.8.0.32	2.8.0.32 (32-bit) 2.8.0.64 (64-bit)	00.00.03.06	00.00.03.06	00.00.03.06

CERC SATA 1.5/6 Channel

Table 6-12 shows the elements supported by the CERC SATA 1.5/6 Channel controller.

Table 6-12. CERC SATA 1.5/6 Channel Supported Elements

PERC Firmware Version	Windows Server 2003 Driver	Linux Driver (Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4)
4.1.0.7417	4.1.0.7010 (32-bit) 4.1.1.7038 (64-bit)	1.1.5-2392

CERC ATA 100 4/CH

Table 6-13 shows the elements supported by the CERC ATA 100 4/CH Channel controller.

Table 6-13. CERC ATA 100 4/CH Channel Supported Elements

PERC Firmware Version	Windows Server 2003 Driver	Linux Driver (Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4)
6.62	6.41.2.32	2.10.1

CERC SATA 1.5/2S

Table 6-14 shows the elements supported by the CERC SATA 1.5/2S Channel controller.

Table 6-14. CERC SATA 1.5/2S Supported Elements

PERC Firmware/BIOS Version	Windows Server 2003 Driver
NA	6.0.50.5 (32-bit) 6.0.3643.4 (64-bit)

SAS 5/iR (Adapter and Integrated), SAS 5/i Integrated, and SAS 5/E Adapter

Table 6-15 shows the elements supported by the SAS 5/iR (Adapter and Integrated), SAS 5/i Integrated, and SAS 5/E Adapter.

Table 6-15. SAS 5/iR (Adapter and Integrated), SAS 5/i Integrated, and SAS 5/E Adapter Supported Elements

PERC Firmware/BIOS Version	Windows 2000 Driver	Windows Server 2003 Driver	Linux Driver (Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4)	Linux Driver (Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5)	SUSE Linux Enterprise Server (version 9 and 10)
00.10.47.00	1.24.0.2	1.24.0.02	03.02.83.12	4.00.00.00	03.02.83.12 (version 9)
06.12.02.00					4.00.00.00 (version 10)

Appendix

Table A-1. Additional Hardware Information for Storage Diagnostics

Parameter	Description
Total Moves	Total number of AutoLoader moves.
Drive Loads	Number of loads to the drive from magazines and mail slot.
Mailslot Exports	Number of times a cartridge was exported from the system.
Mailslot Imports	Number times a cartridge was imported into the system.
Magazine Moves	Number of moves between storage slots.
Magazine Loads	Number of times a cartridge was moved from a storage slot to the drive.
Servo Hard Error	The number of unrecoverable errors.
Drive Soft Error	Each field is a count of the number of times high-level recoverable error was reported for that component.
Rotation Recovery Action	Each field is a count of the number of times recovery actions were required in that axis to perform an operation.
System Moves	Total system moves would include every point to point movement that was made regardless of slot.
System Pick Retries	Total Pick-retries regardless of slot.
System Put Retries	Total Put-retries regardless of slot.
Element Total Puts	The Total Puts field indicates the total number of cartridge-puts to the element location.
Element Total Picks	The Total Picks field indicates the total number of cartridge-picks from the element location.
Element Total Put Retries	The Total Put Retries field indicates the total number of retry-puts to the element indicated by the element address.
Element Total Pick Retries	The Total Pick Retries field indicates the number of retry-pick Operations from the element address.
Firmware	Firmware version on the tape device.
Last Clean	Indicates the number of hours since the Last-clean was done.
Clean Required	Set to Yes if cleaning-required condition exists.
Replace Cleaning Tape	Yes if cleaning tape needs replacement.

Table A-1. Additional Hardware Information for Storage Diagnostics *(continued)*

Parameter	Description
Number of Drive Cleans	Drive cleaning cycle count.
Number of Tape Cleans	Specifies the number of cleaning sessions per cartridge.
Power On Hours (POH)	Amount of time a tape drive has been turned on.
Tape Motion Hours/Cylinder on Hours (COH)	This represents the amount of time the tape drive has been used for backups and restores.
Load Count	This counter indicates the number of times a tape cartridge was loaded. Some drives increment this value when a tape cartridge is inserted and some increment this value when a tape drive is unloaded.
Number of Cleans	Specifies the number of cleaning sessions per cartridge.
Time in COH when Incompatible media was last loaded.	Time stamp in COH
Time in POH when the Over temperature condition occurred – returns zeros	Time stamp in POH
Time in POH when the Power issue condition occurred	Time stamp in POH
Total Number of Cleaning	Total number of Cleanings that are done using a cleaning tape.
Time since last cleaning	Time stamp in hours.
Time in COH of last emergency eject	Time stamp in COH.
Media Type: total time in COH	Total COH for specified media type.
Sense codes (List of latest four Sense Codes)	Various codes and parameter are listed. For example, Sense Key, Additional Sense Code, and Additional Sense Code Qualifier.
Lifetime Meters of Tape Processed	Cumulative physical length of tape that has been written over its lifetime.
Time in MMH since Last Successful Cleaning	Media motion (head) hours since last successful cleaning operation.
Time in MMH since Second Last Successful Cleaning	Media motion (head) hours since second last, successful cleaning operation.
Time in MMH since Third Last Successful Cleaning	Media motion (head) hours since third last, successful cleaning operation.

Table A-1. Additional Hardware Information for Storage Diagnostics *(continued)*

Parameter	Description
Power On Hours when Force Reset and/or Emergency Eject occurred	Lifetime Power On Hours when the last operator initiated forced reset and/or emergency eject occurred.
MediaType	Type of media that is loaded at the time the command terminated with Check Condition status else 00h.
DensityCode	Density code of the medium loaded at the time the command terminated with Check Condition status else 00h.
MMHShort	Number of media motion hours at the time the command terminated with Check Condition status.
Repeat Bit	0 - indicates one occurrence of sense key and additional sense code information in the parameter entry. 1 - indicates multiple, consecutive occurrence of sense key and sense code information in the parameter entry.
Firmware Version	Firmware version at the time the command terminated with Check Condition status.
MMH Since Last Clean	Media Motion hours since Last Successful Cleaning at the time the command terminated with Check Condition status.
Opcode	Operation Code at the time the command terminated with Check Condition status.
Medium ID Number	If the media is present at the time the command terminated with Check Condition status, MediumID Number contains: 1, Barcode field value 2, Medium Serial Number 3, Vendor-specific value. If media is not present MediumID Number contains 20h.

