

# ACS-8960 Controller User Manual

U160 SCSI/2Gb FIBRE to SATA RAID

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# Preface

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Reorient or relocate the receiving antennas.

Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.

Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circlet different from that to which the receiver is connected.

Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

#### Warning:

A shielded-type power cord is required in order to meet FCC emission limits and also to prevent interference to the nearby radio and television reception. It is essential that only the supplied power cord be used.

Use only shielded cables to connect I/O devices to this equipment.

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## About this manual

#### Intended user

This manual is designed and written for users of the ACS-8960 RAID controller. The user should ideally be familiar with RAID planning and data storage operations and have experience in electronic or computer engineering.

#### Organization of the manual

This manual contains the following sections:

- Chapter 1: **Introduction** provides details of key features, checklists of package contents and user requirements, and an overview of the controller box and its features.
- Chapter 2: **Installation** guides you through process of installing DRAM in ACS-8960 and integrating the controller into a system. This chapter also details procedures for replacing components.
- Chapter 3: **Quick Setup** explains how to set up an array in seconds.
- Chapter 4: Accessing the Monitor Utility tells you how to access and start using the firmware-based Monitor Utility on the host terminal.
- Chapter 5: **Configuration** details and explains the rich configuration options available for ACS-8960 arrays, using either the control panel or Monitor Utility.
- Appendix A: **Troubleshooting** helps you deal with encountered problems in the form of Q&A.
- Appendix B: Introduction to RAID levels contains all the information you need to understand the features of different RAID levels.
- Appendix C: **Introduction to Serial ATA** gives a full introduction to the disk interface standard used by ASS-8960.
- Appendix D: **Control Panel Messages** defines the status and error messages of the control panel LCD display.
- Appendix E: **Glossary** defines relevant technical terms used in this manual.
- Appendix F: Specifications list technical specification of ACS-8960.
- Appendix G: **Record of Settings** provides tables for you to record all ACS-8960 settings and parameters.
- Appendix H: Contact Us lists contact details of Accusys business units around the world.



# Using this manual

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This guide contains all the information you need to set up and start using your RAID controller and to monitor its performance in real time. It is intended to be read in a linear manner, though some instructions may not be applicable to all users. Users may also prefer to skip more familiar sections, but each of the steps below must be completed.

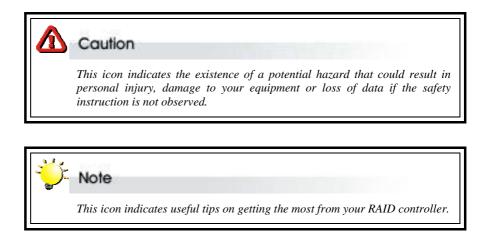
The setup process will follow these steps:

Step 1 Prepare:	<ul> <li>Familiarize yourself with the features and capabilities of ACS-8960 (Chapter 1)</li> <li>Make sure you have everything (Chapter 1)</li> </ul>
Step 2 Install:	<ul> <li>Install SODIMM cache memory and attach the necessary cables (Chapter 2)</li> <li>Turn on (Chapter 2)</li> </ul>
Step 3 Configure:	<ul> <li>Perform Quick Setup (Chapter 3, optional)</li> <li>Open Monitor Utility (Chapter 4, recommended)</li> <li>Configure (Chapter 5)</li> </ul>
	Note ACS-8960 is available in two configurations differing in their host interfaces: ⇒ SCSI (host) to Serial ATA (disk) ⇒ Fibre (host) to Serial ATA (disk) This manual contains the information necessary to set up both configurations. Where procedures for the two configurations differ, they are described separately and clearly marked.



### **Guide to conventions**

Important information that users should be aware of is indicated with the following icons:



Important terms, commands and programs are put in Boldface font.

Screen text is given in screen font.

#### **Related documents for reference**

ACSView/AccuSet User's Manual: A guide to the GUI applications designed for use with Accusys 8 series and 9 series RAID controllers. The applications serve as handy and effective tools for remote, cross-platform monitoring and control of RAID Controllers.



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Chapter 1

# Introduction

This chapter introduces the features and capabilities of ACS-8960.

You will find:

- ⇒ A full introduction to your ACS-8960 RAID controller
- ⇒ Details of key features and supplied accessories
- ⇒ A checklist of package contents
- ⇒ A checklist of what else you need to start installation

### **Overview**

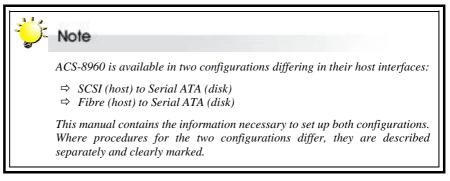
Congratulations on your selection of the Accusys 8960 (ACS-8960) – a high-performance and extremely flexible RAID (Redundant Array of Independent/Inexpensive Disks) controller. RAID is a storage technology used to improve the processing capabilities of the storage system, providing a combination of reliability and performance.

ACS-8960 is designed to meet today's demand for higher storage solutions. Ideally suited for integration with databases, e-mail, web servers and imaging systems, ACS-8960 provides maximum data protection and exceptional performance. ACS-8960 is designed for easy integration, smooth data expansion and server migration.

ACS-8960 is the ultimate flexible RAID solution. It can manage five different RAID levels, providing functions including

- Striping (RAID 0)
- Striping with Mirroring (RAID 0+1)
- Mirroring and Duplexing (RAID 1)
- Striping with Parity on Dedicated Disk (RAID 3)
- Striping with Interspersed Parity (RAID 5)

As a result, the ACS-8960 RAID Controller offers a higher range of choices and better security.





# **Key Features**

ACS-8960 features the following:

- Support for RAID Levels 0, 1, 0+1, 3 and 5
- Independence from host system
- Independence from operating system
- Intel i80303 64-bit RISC high performance processor
- Supports high performance Serial ATA hard disk drives
- Supports Dual Ultra160 SCSI or 2G fibre channel
- Supports 16 Serial ATA1 channels
- Superior Accusys Array Management Firmware
- Flexible cache size of up to 512MB
- Supports up to 16 logical units
- Supports on-line capacity expansion.
- Automatic Hot Swap, Hot Spare and Drive Rebuild Support
- Bad sector reassignment
- Programmable FAX event notification
- Remote monitoring through RS232 terminal interface
- UPS support through standard UPS interface

#### **Serial ATA Compatible**

ACS-8960 is designed for use with the latest generation of high performance HDDs. The serial ATA disk interface offers 150 MByte/s data transfer, the capacity for hot-plugging, and compatibility with parallel ATA standards. Serial ATA cables can reach up to 1 meter (2.5 times the maximum length of IDE ribbon cables) and are far narrower than ribbon cables. This leads to improved ventilation inside system cases and wider options for disk placement. For further details of Serial ATA, turn to Appendix C.

#### **Three Operating Modes**

ACS-8960 operates in three modes: Self-Diagnostic Mode, Configuration Mode and Operation Mode.

#### Self-Diagnostic Mode

To ensure flawless operation, ACS-8960 has a built-in self-diagnostic utility. Self-diagnostic Mode is entered automatically upon power up, or after the ACS-8960 has been reset. In this mode, all components are tested, and any potential problems are reported. Once the tests are complete, ACS-8960 switches automatically to Operation Mode.

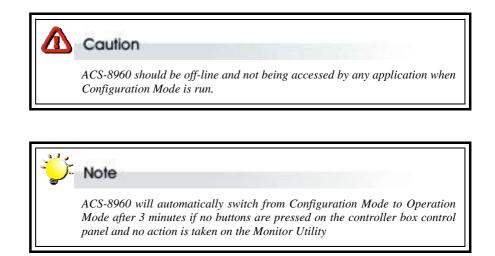
Self-Diagnostic Mode runs three major tests. The first diagnostic test covers the CPU and supporting core logic chips, the internal bus, memory, SCSI controller, Serial ATA controllers, and RS-232 controllers. The second diagnostic test checks for the presence of disks on each individual disk channel and the functionality of each disk found. The final diagnostic test checks RAID functionality.



#### **Configuration Mode**

Configuration Mode enables the RAID administrator to configure and modify the settings of ACS-8960 and fine-tune the configuration. Configuration Mode is entered from Operation Mode:

- 1. When the Enter button on the control panel is pressed, or:
- 2. When the Monitor Utility is invoked from the remote terminal.



Full details on changing configurations are given in Chapter 5

#### **Operation Mode**

Operation Mode is the default state of ACS-8960. In this mode, the controller box front panel LCD continuously displays the current status of ACS-8960. A typical display looks like the following:

```
ACS-8960
1111111111111 S → 1 → [Raid No.]
```

A full explanation of control panel LCD messages is given in Appendix C.

#### **Two Configuration Utilities**

There are three ways to configure ACS-8960:

#### **Control Panel**

ACS-8960 can be configured directly using the LCD control panel.

#### **Monitor Utility**

This embedded menu-based configuration utility is accessed through the host computer terminal.



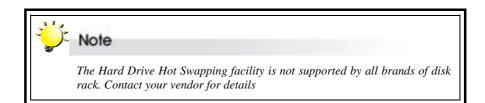


#### **Array Management**

The unique ACS-8960 array management firmware utilizes multitasking real-time kernel technology to manage the controller. Additional features are real-time I/O load analysis, on-line diagnostics, event logging and broadcasting, and device inventory management. These features can be accessed locally or via modem to allow centralized monitoring and control of the ACS-8960.

#### Hard Drive Hot Swapping

Hot Swapping allows for the removal and installation of disk drives without interruption of data access while the ACS-8960 system is in use. This is usually performed when there is no Hot Spare drive configured. There is no need to power down the system.



#### Automatic Global Hot Spare

Hot Spare allows for the automatic replacement of a failed drive without requiring intervention from the administrator. When a disk fails the ACS-8960 will automatically replace the faulty drive with the configured hot spare disk.

The Global Spare Drive does not serve only a specified logical drive. When a member drive from any of the logical drives fails, the Global Spare Drive will join that logical drive and automatically start to rebuild.

#### **Automatic Drive Rebuild**

If a member drive in a logical drive fails, the controller will first check whether there is a **Local Spare Drive** assigned to this logical drive. If yes, it will automatically start to rebuild.

If there is no Local Spare Drive available, the controller will search for a **Global Spare Drive**. If there is a Global Spare Drive, it will automatically rebuild the logical drive.

If neither Local Spare Drive nor Global Spare Drive is available, the controller will not try to rebuild unless the user applies a manual forced-rebuild.

#### **Instant Remote Notification**

ACS-8960 supports but does not require additional software for system monitoring and analysis. The ACS-8960 array management firmware continuously monitors the system activity and immediately launches the fax event notification feature if any failure occurs. Up to two pager numbers and two fax numbers can be notified instantaneously and repeatedly for extra insurance.

#### **UPS Support**

ACS-8960 supports the use of an uninterruptible power supply. In the event of a power breakdown, a UPS will keep the RAID controller online long enough for its internal cache memory to be saved to a hard drive.





# Before you begin

#### What's in the box

Some vendors may ship certain components as standard, while other vendors treat the same component as optional. In its most basic configuration, your package should include the following:

#### ACS-8960 SCSI-SATA package

- ACS-8960 Controller Box ×1 with:
  - ACS-7482 SCSI daughter board
- ACS-8960 Controller User's Manual ×1
- Serial ATA cables ×16
- 3-in-1 Combo Cable ×1
- Mounting screws (bag) ×1

# ACS-8960 FC-to-SATA (copper version) package

- ACS-8960 Controller Box ×1 with:
  - ACS-7140 daughter board
- ACS-8960 Controller User's Manual ×1
- Serial ATA cable x 16
- 3-in-1 Combo Cable ×1
- 3-pin to HSSDC cable x 2 (optional)
- HSSDC to HSSDC cable x 2 (optional)
- Mounting screws (bag) ×1

# ACS-8960 FC-to-SATA (optical version) package

- ACS-8960 Controller Box ×1 with:
  - ACS-7141 daughter board
  - ACS-5160 bridge board
- ACS-8960 Controller User's Manual ×1
- Serial ATA cable x 16
- 3-in-1 Combo Cable ×1
- HSSDC2 to DC2 cable (50cm) x 2
- 10-pin power cable x 1
- Mounting screws (bag) ×1





#### What else you need

- Serial ATA hard disk drives (different RAID levels requires different numbers of HDDs. Turn to Appendix B to determine how many HDDs you require)
- Disk array enclosure
- SCSI cable (SCSI host interface only)
- Fibre cable with two 3-pin PTP connectors (fibre host interface only)
- Small form-factor pluggable (SFP) cable (fibre host interface optical version only)
- SODIMM memory module
- Host computer with SCSI interface (SCSI configuration)
- Host computer with Fibre interface (Fibre configuration)
- External power connector (same type as for HDD)
- Static grounding strap or electrostatic discharge (ESD) safe work area
- Dedicated terminal or PC with third party communication software that supports ANSI terminal emulation (required for viewing Monitor Utility)

#### > Note

For non-proprietary accessories, such as memory modules, cables, etc., your vendor may be able to recommend compatible and reliable brands.

#### Note

The hard drives in a RAID should match in size and speed. All drives in any array should be identical models with the same firmware versions. RAIDs can use any size drive, however the smallest drive will determine the size of the array.

# Note

There's no set formula to determine how much cache memory to use, but as a general rule, a workstation, with mostly very large files, such as for audio or video editing and playback, graphics or CAD files, can benefit from a large cache. File servers, with multiple random access of varying file size, generally have little or no performance improvement with additional cache.



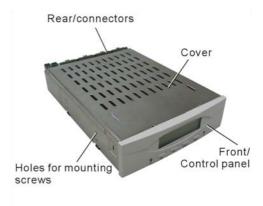
ACS-8960 disk arrays do not require the installation of different drivers for use with different operating systems. ACS-8960 is independent and transparent to the host operating system.





# Familiarizing yourself with the RAID controller

#### Overview



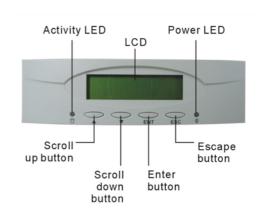
#### **Control Panel**

The two-line, 16-character **LCD** displays the status and configuration information for ACS-8960.

The **Scroll buttons** are used to scroll through screens and highlight menu items

The Enter button is used to select an option

The **Escape button** is used to cancel a selection or return to the previous menu



The Power LED lights solid when power is on

The Activity LED indicates that the RAID is being accessed:

Activity LED status Controller status	
<ul> <li>Flashing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Data being accessed</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Solid</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Unprocessed data still cached in memory</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Unlit</li> </ul>	No activity

Full details on configuring with the control panel are given in Chapter 5. A full list of LCD display messages is given in Appendix C.





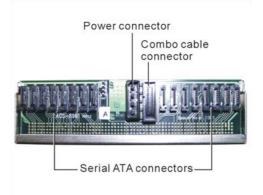
#### **Rear view**

All ports are located on the rear panel of the controller.

There are 16 **Serial ATA connectors**, numbered one to 16 from right to left.

The **Combo connector** is for the insertion of the combo cable introduced below.

The **Power connector** fits a standard hard drive power cable head.



# **Supplied accessories**

#### 3-in-1 Combo Cable

The combo cable includes the following connectors:

- An RS232 connector to link to the host terminal COM port enabling use of the monitor utility
- A modem connector enabling the automatic dispatch of alert faxes
- A monitor connector enabling various monitoring facilities. The default pin assignments are:

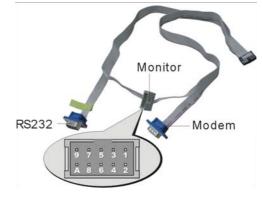
Pins 1+3: Fan failure

Pins 2+4: Temperature failure

Pins 5+7: Power source failure

Pins 6+8: UPS warning

Pins 9 and A are unassigned



#### **RS232 Connection for VT-100/ANSI Terminal-Emulation**

The ACS-8960 controller can be configured via a PC running a VT-100 or ANSI terminal-emulation. In order to connect to a PC, you may need to connect an additional interface cable to the combo cable, which converts the RS-232 signal of the 10-pin header connector into a 9-pin D-sub male connector. The pin-layout of the 9-pin D-sub male connector is similar to that of a PC's serial power and is set as a DTE device.



#### **Default Serial Port Settings**

Property	Default
Baud Rate (bps)	19200
Stop Bit	1
Data Bit	8
Parity	None

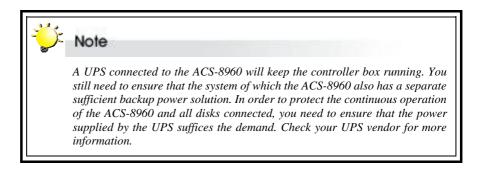
The baud rate can be changed using the interface on the front panel.

#### **Modem Connection**

ACS-8960 can be connected to a modem to allow remote notification in the event of an error. If a modem is properly connected to the modem header of the combo cable, you can configure the ACS-8960 to notify the administrator in case of malfunction. Supported notification devices are fax and pager.

#### **UPS Connection**

The ACS-8960 controller can be connected to a UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supply) device for additional power supply security. In the event of any power failure on the main power connector, the UPS will take over and assure sustained operation for a certain period of time.







Chapter 2

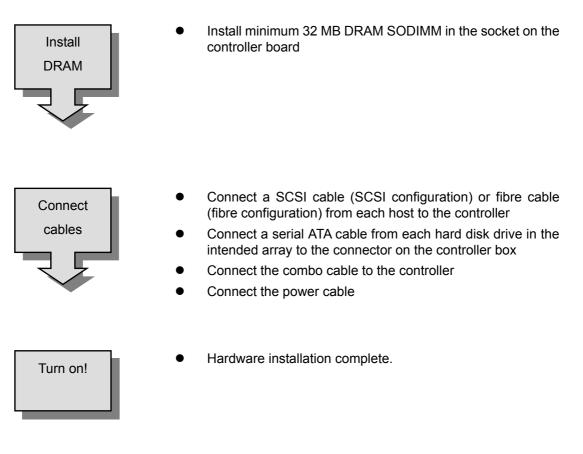
# Installation

This chapter presents:

- An overview of the ACS-8960 hardware, including the two available configurations
- ⇒ Full instructions on changing hardware configurations
- ⇒ Instructions on how to install and upgrade DRAM
- $\Rightarrow$  Instructions on cabling

## Installation flowchart

Installation of ACS-8960 is simple. This chapter will lead you though the following steps:





# **Pre-installation notices**

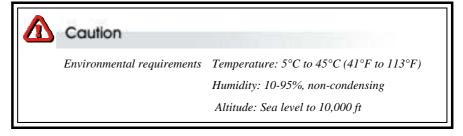
## Caution

Before starting any kind of hardware installation, please ensure that all power switches have been turned off and all power cords disconnected to prevent personal injury and damage to the hardware

### Caution

To avoid overheating, ACS-8960 should be installed in a well-ventilated area and in such a way that sufficient airflow is maintained across the controller chips.

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







### Hardware configurations

ACS-8960 is supplied in two configurations – with either a SCSI or a fibre host interface. There are three versions in total, each with a different daughterboards. Other components of the two configurations (controller board, backboard, control panel and controller box) and are identical.

#### SCSI to Serial ATA

The SCSI to Serial ATA package contains the ACS-7482 daughterboard. The serial number is printed on the daughterboard.



#### Fibre to Serial ATA (copper version) The Fibre to Serial ATA (copper version)

package contains the ACS-7140 (copper cable) daughterboard. The serial number is printed on the daughterboard

Fibre to Serial ATA (optical version) The Fibre to Serial ATA (optical version)

package contains the ACS-7141 (optical cable) daughterboard. ACS-7141 requires the use of an additional bridge board, ACS-5160 which acts as the host interface.

The serial number is printed on each component.

ACS-5160 requires a separate power cable as indicated.

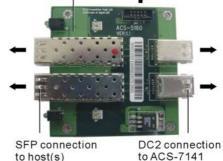
The bridge board links to the host(s) through a small form-factor pluggable (SFP) cable (a separate cable is required for each of the two host channels)

The bridge board links to the daughterboard through the HSSDC2 cable(s) provided.



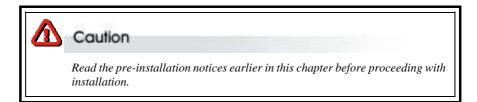


ACS-5160 Power





# **Changing hardware configurations**



Most users should not need to replace components but users need to remove components to install or remove a SODIMM module. Instructions on installing and removing SODIMM are given separately in the next section. This section provides instructions for the removal and installation of the following components:

- Control Panel
- Backplane
- Daughterboard
- Controller board
- In order to access internal components, Remove any screws securing the top cover. Remove the cover by sliding it back and lifting off.

The position of the removable components is shown in the figure on the right.





#### Removing / replacing control panel

To remove the control panel:

- 1. Release the two latches securing the control panel to the controller box casing.
- 2. Ease the control panel forward out of the controller box.
- 3. Release the two control panel cables from the control panel.



To **install** the control panel:

Connect the two control panel cables to the control panel.

Slot the control panel into position, ensuring that the two latches lock the control panel into position on the controller box casing.

#### Removing / replacing the daughterboard

To **remove** the daughterboard:

Lift the daughterboard gently but firmly to disconnect it from the controller board connectors.

To install the daughterboard:

Line the daughter board connectors up with the controller board connectors and press down firmly.





#### Removing / replacing backplane

To **remove** the backplane:

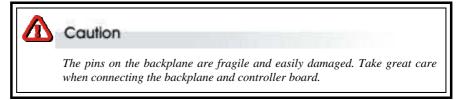
- Remove the daughterboard (see previous section).
- Remove four screws securing the controller board to the controller box casing.
- Gently push the two sides of the controller box apart and ease out the backplane, and controller board (still connected to each other).
- Detach the backplane from the controller board and daughterboard.





#### To install the backplane:

Align the controller board connector with the backplane connector pins and push together firmly, so that the pins are fully inserted.



Slide the controller board and backplane board into the controller box and ease into the correct position.

Secure the controller board to the controller box casing using four screws. Replace the daughter board.



#### Removing / replacing controller board

To **remove** the controller board:

Remove the daughterboard (see previous section).

Remove the backplane (see previous section).

Remove any installed SODIMM (see instructions on following page).

To install the controller board:

Connect the backplane to the controller board and install in controller box casing (see previous section).

Secure the controller board to the controller box casing using four screws.

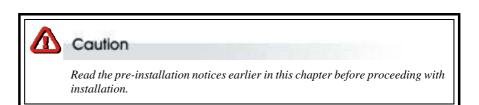
Install a SODIMM (see next section).

Replace the daughter board.

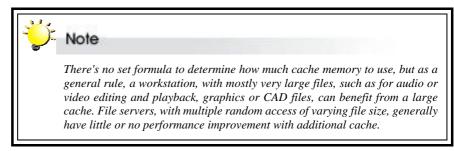
Attach the control panel cables



# Installing / Upgrading SODIMM



ACS-8960 is normally supplied without any DRAM installed. The ACS-8960 controller requires a minimum 32 MB DRAM SODIMM installed in the socket on the controller board in order to operate.



#### **SODIMM specifications:**

Minimum	Recommended
<ul> <li>144-pin SDRAM SODIMM module (PC-100, 60~80 ns).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>SDRAM</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>SODIMM, with or without parity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>With parity, for security</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Minimum of one SODIMM with 32 MB. The memory card socket can support 32, 64, 128, 256 or 512 MB of memory.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Minimum of 32 MB. More memory (up to 512MB) equals better performance: the size of the memory module defines the cache writing space available to the ACS-8960.</li> </ul>

#### Architecture of supported SODIMM:

SDRAM Architecture	
<ul> <li>512 MB</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>16 (32M x 8)</li> </ul>
■ 256 MB	<ul> <li>16 (16M x 8) or</li> <li>8 (32M x 8)</li> </ul>
■ 128 MB	<ul> <li>16 (8M x 8), 8 (16M x8), 8 (8M x16) or</li> <li>4 (16M x 16)</li> </ul>
• 64 MB	<ul> <li>8 (8M x 8), 8 (4M x 16) or</li> <li>4 (8M x 16)</li> </ul>
• 32 MB	• 4 (4M x 16)



#### Installing SODIMM

To install a SODIMM, ensure the system power is off and disconnected. Then:

Remove any screws securing the controller box cover, then slide the cover back and lift off.

Remove the daughter board.

Insert a memory card at a 45-degree angle into the memory card socket on the controller board so that the gold teeth of the card are no longer visible.

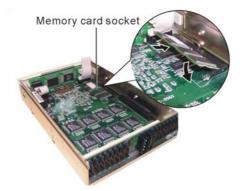
Press the card down firmly until the latches lock it into place.

#### **Removing SODIMM**

Remove the daughter board (if any has been installed).

Release the latches securing the SODIMM to the controller board. The SODIMM will pop up.

Lift the SODIMM gently out of the memory card socket.







# **Host connection**



Read the pre-installation notices earlier in this chapter before proceeding with host connection.

#### **SCSI** configuration

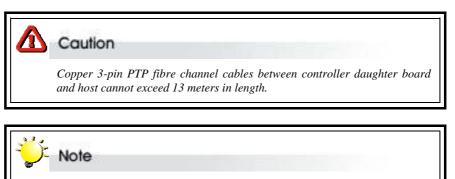
Connect a SCSI cable from the host system SCSI card to one of the SCSI connectors on the daughter board. Users setting up a dual host configuration should connect two SCSI cables – one linking to each host.

SCSI cable



#### Fibre configuration (copper version)

Slot the two 3-pin PTP connectors of the system-linked fibre channel cable into the connectors on the daughter board. Users setting up a dual host configuration should connect two fibre channel cables – one linking to each host.



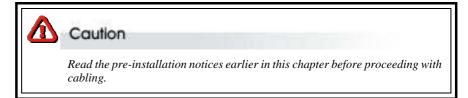
The two connectors for each fibre channel port on the daughter board are marked as transmission (Tx or Out) or reception (Rx or In) with respect to the controller. The PTP connectors must be inserted correctly: This requires the user to be certain whether the cable is labeled with respect to the device end or controller end. For instance, the transmission terminal of a cable labeled with respect to the device end will connect to the reception connector of the controller.

#### Fibre configuration (optical version)

- 1. Use an HSSDC2 cable to connect the bridge board (ACS-5160) to the daughterboard. Users setting up a dual host configuration should connect two cables.
- 2. Connect the bridge board to each host using a separate small form-factor pluggable (SFP) module and optical cable.



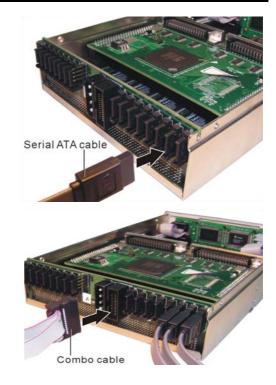
## Cabling

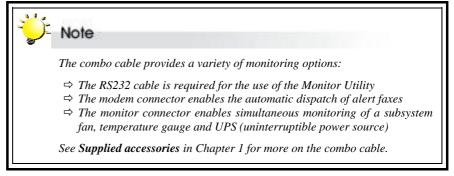


Ensure that each of the host systems is connected to the daughterboard as described in the previous section.

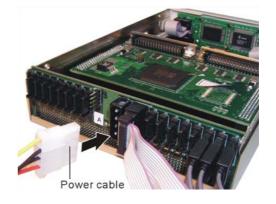
Connect a serial ATA cable from each hard disk drive in the intended array to a connector on the backplane. The disk channels are numbered one to 16 from right to left.

Connect the combo cable to the connector on the backplane. The notch on the combo cable connector should be aligned with the corresponding slot on the backplane connector to ensure correct insertion.





Connect a power cable to the connector on the backplane. The power input connector is identical to a standard hard drive power connector.





## Turning on for the first time

When cabling is complete, ACS-8960 can be turned on. This should be done in the following order:

- 1. First turn on the power source
- 2. Then boot the host computer(s)

When ACS-8960 is running, you are ready to configure one or more RAIDs. You have the following options:

- 1. Turn to Chapter 3 to perform a quick setup of a single array using the control panel.
- 2. Turn to Chapter 4 to access the Monitor Utility. Once the Monitor Utility is accessed, you can perform a Quick Setup (Chapter 3) or complete configuration (Chapter 5) with either the control panel or Monitor Utility.
- 3. Turn to Chapter 5 to perform a full configuration using the control panel.

# **Turning off**

When turning off ACS-8960, users are advised to first shut down the server, then power off ACS-8960.

# Restarting

When restarting ACS-8960, users are advised to first restart the server, then power on ACS-8960.



Chapter 3

# Quick setup

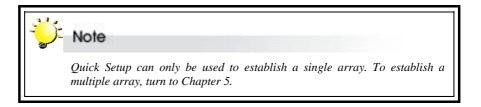
Once ACS-8960 is set up and connected, the array should be initialized. The initialization process is automatic.

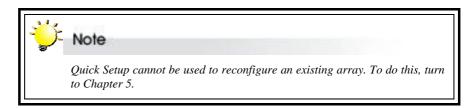
By performing Quick Setup, users can establish an array in seconds. There are two ways to perform Quick Setup:

- $\Rightarrow$  Using the control panel
- ⇒ Using the embedded Monitor Utility

Both methods are explained in this chapter.

Both methods are explained in this chapter. The control panel can be accessed immediately, so Quick Setup can be completed very quickly using this method. Use of the Monitor Utility requires a connection to be established first between the host terminal and ACS-8960.





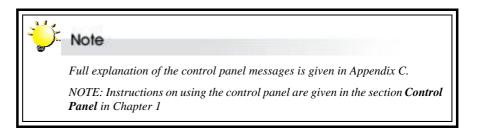


# Quick Setup with the control panel

1. Turn on ACS-8960. The controller will enter self-diagnostic mode and automatically enter Operation Mode. A typical operation mode screen is shown.

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- Press Enter to enter configuration mode. You will be prompted to enter the Password. The default password is 00000000 (eight zeros). To enter this, simply press Enter eight times. Press Enter again to submit.
- 3. You enter the main menu. The first item on the main menu is the Quick Setup submenu. Press **Enter** to select.

Enter Passwd:	
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Main menu	
0 Quick Setup	

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	The contents of other submenus are explained in detail in Chapter 5.

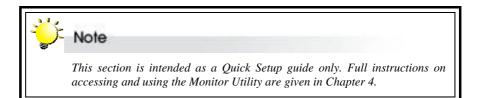
4. The Quick Setup submenu lists the RAID levels available (0, 1, 3, 5 and 0+1). Scroll through the list until the appropriate level for the RAID you want to set up is showing. Press **Enter**.

0 Quick Setup Level 0+1





# Quick Setup with the monitor utility



Users wishing to perform Quick Setup via the monitor utility must first establish a connection between the host terminal and ACS-8960. Follow the instructions in Chapter 5, *Accessing the Monitor Utility*. Then:

- 1. Press Ctrl and D together to launch the Monitor Utility.
- 2. Press Enter. You will be prompted to enter a password.
- 3. Enter the Default Password 00000000 (eight zeros. Press Enter.
- 4. The Main Menu will appear.
- 5. Use the arrow keys to select **0 Quick Setup**. Press Enter.

AID 8960-16 xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	Testing disk connection	13	14 OK.
MENU	Testing disk connection	15	16 OK.
	Testing disk connection	10	11 OK.
+Password:+	Use LBA Mode		
1 ++	DISK: # 7 not installed		
	DISK: # 3 not installed		
	DISK: #10 not installed		
	DISK: #11 not installed		
	DISK: #16 not installed		
	DISK: #14 not installed		
	DISK: #12 not installed		
	DISK: # 1 not installed		
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	DISK: # 8 not installed		
	DISK: # 6 not installed		
	DISK: # 4 not installed		
	DISK: #15 not installed		
	DISK: #13 not installed		
	DISK: # 9 not installed		
	DISK: # 2 not installed		



- 6. The Quick Setup submenu lists the RAID levels available (0, 1, 3, 5 and 0+1). Scroll through the list until the appropriate level for the RAID you want to set up is highlighted. Press **Enter**.
- 7. You will be prompted for confirmation of your selection. Select **Yes** and press **Enter**.

RAID 8960-16 xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	Testing disk connection 13 14 OK.
MENU	Testing disk connection 15 16 OK.
+Main Menu+	Testing disk connection 10 11 OK.
0 Quick Setup	Use LBA Mode
1 +Quick Setup+	DISK: # 7 not installed !
2 Level 5	DISK: # 3 not installed !
3  Level 3	DISK: #10 not installed !
4  Level 1	DISK: #11 not installed !
5  Level 0	DISK: #16 not installed !
6  Level 0+1	DISK: #14 not installed
<b></b> ++	DISK: #12 not installed !
	DISK: # 1 not installed
	DISK: # 5 not installed
	DISK: # 8 not installed !
	DISK: # 6 not installed !
	DISK: # 4 not installed !
	DISK: #15 not installed !
	DISK: #13 not installed !
	DISK: # 9 not installed !
	DISK: # 2 not installed !



Chapter 4

# Accessing the Monitor Utility

Configuration of ACS-8960 can be accomplished using either the control panel or the embedded Monitor Utility, a convenient menu-based configuration utility, which is accessed though a dedicated terminal or host computer.

This chapter explains how to establish a connection between ACS-8960 and the host computer so that the Monitor Utility can be used. If you do not intend to access the Monitor Utility, this chapter can be ignored.

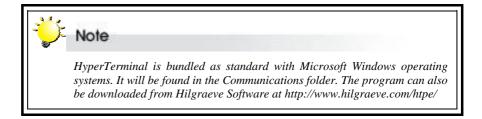
## Establishing a terminal connection

The Monitor Utility can be accessed from a dedicated terminal or a host PC with third party communication software that supports ANSI terminal emulation.

To use a dedicated terminal, simply connect the terminal to the RS232 head of the RAID controller's combo cable.

To access the Monitor Utility from a host PC, ensure that the RS232 head of the RAID controller's combo cable is attached to the host computer's COM port before. A connection must then be established between the host computer and the ACS-8960 RAID controller. This is done by means of a terminal program, such as HyperTerminal. This section outlines the process to set up a HyperTerminal connection.

Other terminal programs may be used in place of HyperTerminal to communicate with the RAID controller. However, the setup process for other terminal software may differ from that outlined in this chapter.





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 Launch HyperTerminal from the desktop of the host computer (Start > Programs > Accessories > Communications > HyperTerminal).

- The Connection Description dialog box will appear (if this is the first time you have run HyperTerminal, you will first be prompted to enter information about your location). Enter a name to identify the RAID controller connection (e.g. Accusys or 8960) and select an icon to represent the connection. Press OK.
- The Connect to dialog box appears. Select COM1 or COM2 from the Connect using: dropdown menu, depending on which port is linked to ACS-8960. Click OK.
- The COM Properties dialog box will appear. Set the following values: Bits per second: 19,200

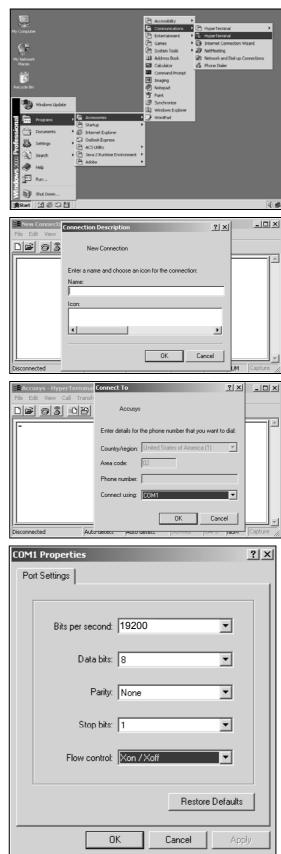
Data bits: 8

Parity: None

Stop bits: 1

Flow Control: Xon/Xoff

5. Click **OK**. The HyperTerminal connection to ACS-8960 is now established.

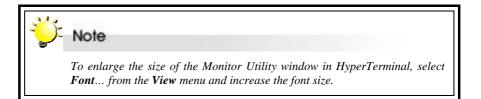




## **Using the Monitor Utility**

Once a connection has been set up between ACS-8960 and the host computer:

- 1. Make sure ACS-8960 is turned on
- 2. Press the Ctrl and D keys together to launch the Monitor Utility.



## RAID controller and Monitor Utility firmware model numbers

## **Control Panel LCD output**

LCD   RAID 8960-16 xxx:	OUTPUT	13 14 OK.
   	Testing disk connection Testing disk connection Use LBA Mode	
	DISK: # 7 not installed DISK: # 3 not installed DISK: #10 not installed	i i 🧃
	DISK: #11 not installed DISK: #16 not installed	
	DISK: #14 not installed DISK: #12 not installed DISK: # 1 not installed	L! # L! #
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	DISK: #13 not installed DISK: # 9 not installed DISK: # 2 not installed	
+	Move Cursor:AZSX, Tab:Swit	ch to Menu Area
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Menu window	Control keys	Output window

The Monitor Utility has four sections:

The **Top Bar** lists the RAID controller model number and the firmware (Monitor Utility) model number.

The **Control Panel LCD Output** panel mirrors the appearance of the controller box LCD. Full explanation of LCD messages is given in Appendix C.

The **Menu window** is the space into which menus are called up. Full instructions on navigating through the menus are given in Chapter 4.

The **Output window** displays the current status of the RAID controller and RAID.

The **Control keys** enable the user to navigate through and between the output and menu areas.





## Monitor utility control keys

The monitor utility control keys differ depending on which area is active: Menu area or Output area. The control keys are listed at the bottom of the Monitor Utility screen.

## Menu area controls

- A / ↑ Move cursor up
- $Z / \downarrow$  Move cursor down
- Esc Cancel a selection / return to previous menu
- Enter Select an option
- Tab Switch to Output area

## **Output area controls**

- A / ↑ Move cursor up
- $Z/\downarrow$  Move cursor down
- $S/ \leftarrow$  Scroll to top of output list
- $X / \rightarrow$  Scroll to bottom of output list
- Tab Switch to Output area





Chapter 5

# Configuration

This chapter explains how to access and implement the complete suite of ACS-8960 configuration options using either the Monitor Utility or control panel. It contains:

- $\Rightarrow$  An outline of the configuration process
- $\Rightarrow$  An explanation of the configuration menu structure
- $\Rightarrow$  Instructions on accessing the configuration menus
- ⇒ Diagrams of all menu options
- ⇒ Explanations of menu options
- ⇒ Instructions on how to update the ACS-8960 firmware

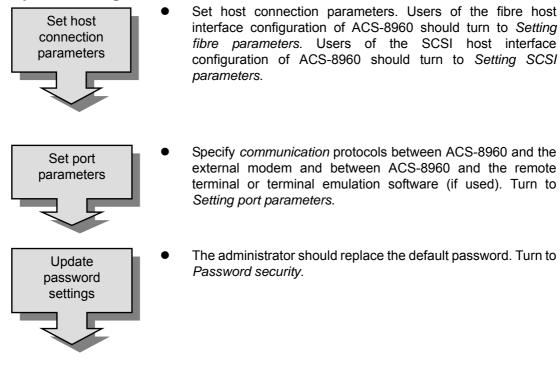
## **Configuration overview**

There are two aspects to configuration:

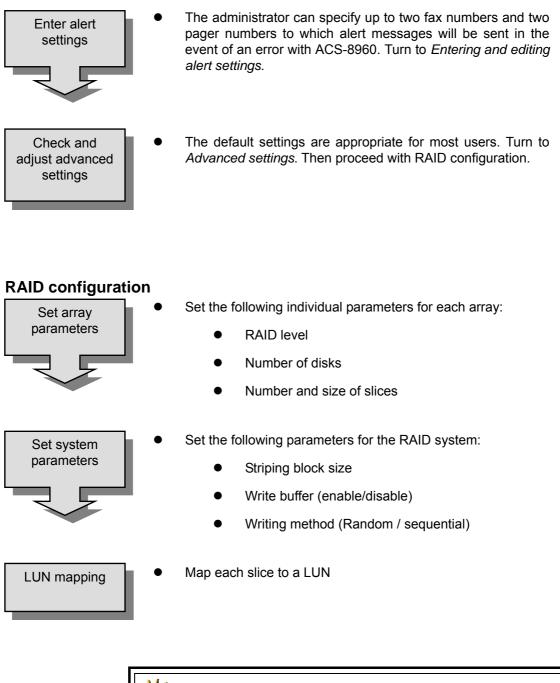
- Configuration of the RAID system and communication parameters
- Setting up and configuration of arrays within the RAID system

Users are advised to attend first to the system, then to the arrays.

## System configuration











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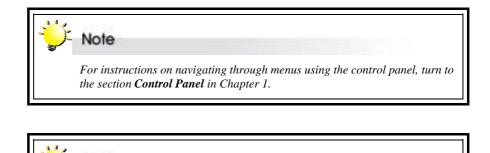
## How to configure ACS-8960

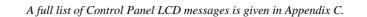
There are two ways to configure ACS-8960:

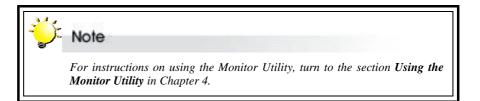
- Using the Control Panel
- Using the Monitor Utility

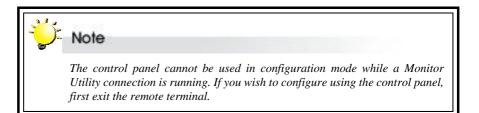
These two methods are functionally identical. Only the interface differs. In each, the user scrolls through menus and submenus to locate and select the desired configuration option.

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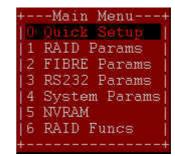


## Finding your way around the menus

The main menu is the hub for all configuration choices. It consists of seven submenus and one hidden submenu. All configuration options are exercised from within these submenus. The main menus, as viewed from the Monitor Utility, for the two available hardware configurations of ACS-8960 are shown below:

	Main Menu
٥	Quick Setup
	RAID Params
2	SCSI Params
3	RS232 Params
4	System Params
5	NVRAM
6	RAID Funcs

SCSI host interface configuration

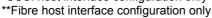


Fibre host interface configuration

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The table below is a quick reference resource to help you find your way around the submenus:

Name of submenu	Functions	
<ul> <li>Quick setup</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Quickly establish a single RAID – see Chapter 3</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>RAID params</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Set parameters for a single or multiple arrays</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>SCSI params*</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Set SCSI parameters such as SCSI ID, speed and LUN mapping</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Fibre params**</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Set Fibre parameters, such as hard loop ID, connection mode, data rate and LUN mapping and enable/disable SAN masking</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>RS232 params</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Set parameters for modem connection and RS232 connection to terminal</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>System params</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Set / enable / disable password security</li> <li>Configure fax and pager alert settings</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>NVRAM</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Save new configurations and restart RAID controller</li> </ul>	
RAID funcs     *SCSI host interface confi	<ul> <li>Initialize and check RAID 5 / 3 arrays</li> <li>Add and remove disks to existing arrays</li> <li>View system statistics</li> <li>Cancel error messages</li> <li>Alarm settings</li> <li>Expand array</li> <li>Update firmware</li> </ul>	





## Accessing the main menu

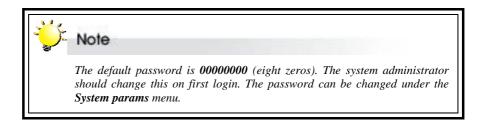
The section describes in detail the steps needed to call up the main menu using both the Monitor Utility and Control Panel.

## **Using Monitor Utility**

- 1. Run HyperTerminal (or the terminal program used to establish an RS232 connection with ACS-8960) and open the connection established with ACS-8960 in Chapter 4.
- 2. Press Ctrl D to launch the Monitor Utility. The menu area will be blank.
- 3. The Output area is active, press Tab once to switch to the Menu area.
- 4. With the Menu area active, press Enter. You will be prompted to enter a password.

AID 8960-16 xxxxxxxxxxxxxx	Testing disk connection 13 14 OK.
MENU	- Testing disk connection 15 16 OK.
	Testing disk connection 10 11 OK.
+Password:+	Use LBA Mode
1 00000000 1	DISK: # 7 not installed !
++	DISK: # 3 not installed !
	DISK: #10 not installed !
	DISK: #11 not installed !
	DISK: #16 not installed !
	DISK: #14 not installed !
	DISK: #12 not installed !
	DISK: # 1 not installed !
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5. Enter the password.





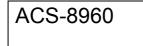
6. Press Enter. The Main Menu will appear.

RAID 8960-16 xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	Testing disk connection 13 14 OK.
MENU	- Testing disk connection 15 16 OK.
Main Menu+	Testing disk connection 10 11 OK.
0 Quick Setup	Use LBA Mode
1 RAID Params	DISK: # 7 not installed !
2 SCSI Params	DISK: # 3 not installed !
3 RS232 Params	DISK: #10 not installed !
4 System Params	DISK: #11 not installed !
5 NVRAM	DISK: #16 not installed !
6 RAID Funcs	DISK: #14 not installed !
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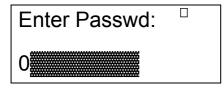
Note

The main menu varies slightly depending on the hardware configuration of the model purchased. The main menu of the fibre host interface configuration has a fibre params submenu. The main menu of the SCSI host interface configuration has a SCSI params submenu. These submenus are dealt with separately in this chapter.

## **Control Panel**



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- 1. Turn on ACS-8960. The controller will enter self-diagnostic mode and automatically enter Operation Mode. A typical operation mode screen is shown
- 2. Press Enter to enter configuration mode. You will be prompted to enter the Password. The default password is 00000000 (eight zeros). To enter this, simply press Enter eight times. Press Enter again to submit.



The default password is **00000000** (eight zeros). The system administrator should change this on first login. The password can be changed under the **System params** menu. See Password Security.



Main menu 0 Quick Setup

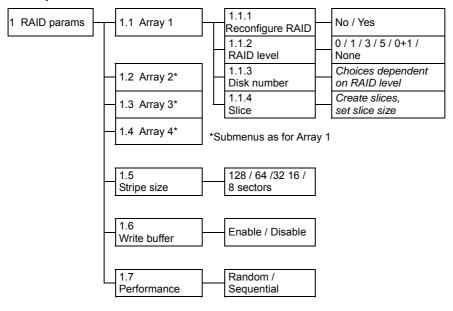
3. You enter the main menu. Use the scroll keys to highlight the names of submenus and press **Enter** to select.

Note

The main menu varies slightly depending on the hardware configuration of the model purchased. The main menu of the fibre host interface configuration has a fibre params submenu. The main menu of the SCSI host interface configuration has a SCSI params submenu. These submenus are dealt with separately in this chapter.

## Setting array parameters

The parameters of the single or multiple ACS-8960 RAIDs are set and reconfigured from the **RAID params** submenu located at Main menu > RAID Params menu.



To set array parameters, follow these steps for each array individually:

- 1. Signal intent to re-configure RAID (1.1.1)
- 2. Choose a RAID level (1.1.2)
- 3. Indicate number of disks in array (1.1.3)
- 4. Partition the array into one or more slices (1.1.4)

Then, set these parameters for the arrays collectively:

- 5. Set the striping block size (1.1.5)
- 6. Enable or disable the buffer for write operations to memory (1.1.6)
- 7. Set writing method as random or sequential (1.1.7)

Finally,

8. Go to the NVRAM menu to save the new configuration (6.1)



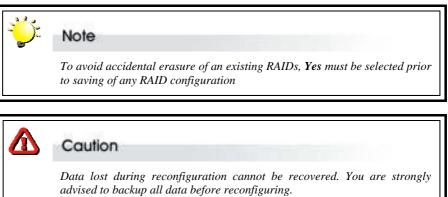
## **RAID** params menu

## 1.1 Array 1

Configure / reconfigure array 1

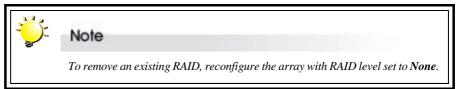
## 1.1.1 Re-configure RAID

Select No or Yes.



## 1.1.2 RAID level

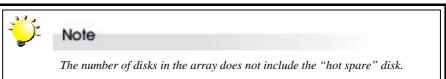
Select 0, 1, 0+1, 3, 5 or None.



## 1.1.3 Disk number

Select the number of disks in the RAID.

## Note Ensure the required number of disks for all arrays is connected before configuring an array. RAID Level 3 and 5 require a minimum of 3 disks, RAID Level 1 a minimum of 2 disks, RAID Level 0 a minimum of 1 disk, and RAID 0+1 a minimum of 4 disks.



## 1.1.4 Slice

Open this submenu to partition the array into different slices (identified as Slice 0, Slice 1 etc.). All RAID capacity is assigned by default to Slice 0 - i.e. to a single partition.

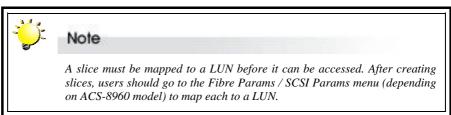
## 1.1.4.1~ Slice 0~

1.1.4.8 Slice 7





Input the size in MB of each slice. All RAID capacity is assigned by default to Slice 0. If the user reduces the size of Slice 0, all excess capacity will be assigned automatically to Slice 1, and so on through the list. Slices (partitions) are created in this way. If no capacity is allocated to a slice, that slice will not be created.



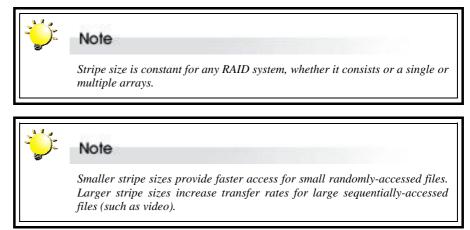
- 1.2 Array 2
- 1.3 Array 3

## 1.4 Array 4

Configure / reconfigure arrays 2, 3 and 4 (ignore if a single array is sufficient)

## 1.5 Stripe size

Set the striping block size, either 8, 16, 32, 64 or 128 sectors (Default: 128 sectors).



## 1.6 Write buffer

Enable or Disable buffer for write operations to memory (Default: Enable).

## 1.7 Performance

Set writing method as Random or Sequential.

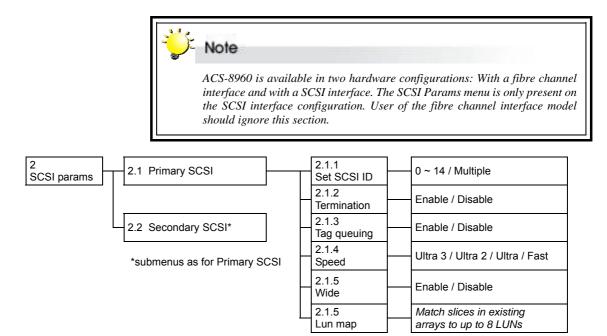
÷	Note			
	Sequential is best suited to saving large amount of data, Random to saving smaller amounts of data.			
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## **Setting SCSI parameters**

The parameters of the SCSI connection(s) to the host(s) are set and reconfigured from the SCSI Params submenu located at Main menu > SCSI Params menu. The settings are needed to avoid conflict with the SCSI adapter or other SCSI devices



## SCSI params menu

## 2.1 Primary SCSI

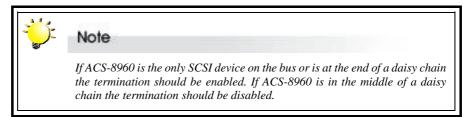
Submenu for configuring Primary SCSI settings

## 2.1.1 Set SCSI ID

Select 0 to 14 or Multiple (Default: 0). ID 7 is reserved for the SCSI card.

## 2.1.2 Termination

**Enable** or **Disable** (Default: Enable). Disable termination is a terminator has been installed on each SCSI bus



## 2.1.3 Tag queuing

**Enable** or **Disable** (Default: Enable). Tag Queuing allows ACS-8960 to process multiple requests from the host without having to serialize the operations thus improving performance.

#### 2.1.4 Speed

Ultra 3, Ultra 2, Ultra or Fast (Default: Ultra 3). See table below for settings.



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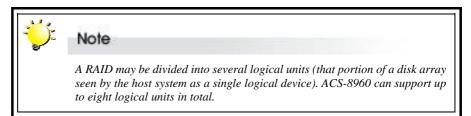
## 2.1.5 Wide

#### Enable or Disable (Default: Enable).

SCSI Interface	Wide	Fast	Ultra	Ultra2	Ultra 3
SCSI-2	Disable	[ENT]			
Wide SCSI	Enable	[ENT]			
Ultra SCSI	Disable		[ENT]		
Ultra Wide SCSI	Enable		[ENT]		
Ultra 2 SCSI	Enable			[ENT]	
Ultra 160 SCSI	Enable				[ENT]

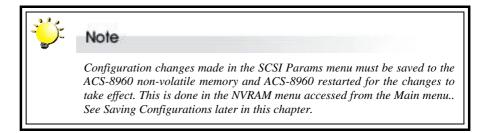
#### 2.1.6 Lun Map

Select a *Logical Unit Number* (LUN 0 to LUN 7) and a corresponding slice on which to map it.



#### 2.2 Secondary SCSI

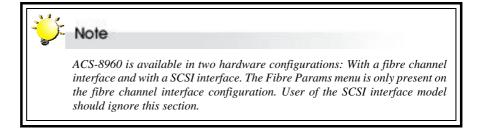
Submenu for configuring Secondary SCSI settings for use in multiple host topology (submenu items as above)





## Setting fibre parameters

The parameters of the fibre channel connection(s) to the host(s) are set and reconfigured from the Fibre Params submenu located at Main menu > Fibre Params menu.



2 Fibre paramn	-2.1 Primary FC	2.1.1 Enable Hard Loop ID	Enable / Disable	
		-2.1.2 Set Hard Loop ID		
	2.2 Secondary FC*	2.1.3 Set Connection Mode	Arbitration Loop / Point-To-Point	r
	*submenus as for Primary FC	-2.1.4 Set Data Rate	1 Giga Bits / 2 Gi Auto-Negotiated	ga Bits /
		2.1.5 Lun map	Match slices in example.	
	-2.3 SAN Mask -	2.3.1 Visible for all hosts		Enable / Disable
			2.3.1.2 Port2	Enable / Disable
		-2.3.2 SAN Mapping	2.3.2.1 Port1	2.3.2.1.1~2.3.2.1.8         Select         Yes /           Select Host         LUN         No
			2.3.2.2 Port2*	
		-2.3.3 Edit WWN Table	2.3.3.1~2.3.3.8 Select Host	*Submenus a for 2.3.2.1 Port1
		2.3.4 View WWN Table	]	
		2.3.5 View SAN Mapping	2.3.5.1 Port1	
			2.3.5.2 Port2	



## Fibre params menu

## 2.1 Primary Fibre

Submenu for configuring Primary Fibre settings

## 2.1.1 Enable Hard Loop ID

**Enable** Hard Loop ID if you wish to enter the ID manually. **Disable** to have the ID set by the controller (Default: Disable).

## 2.1.2 Set Hard Loop ID

Enter the Hard Loop ID for this controller (only applicable if 2.1.1 is set to Enable).

## 2.1.3 Set Connection Mode

Arbitration Loop or Point-to-Point (Default: Arbitration Loop).

## 2.1.4 Set Data Rate

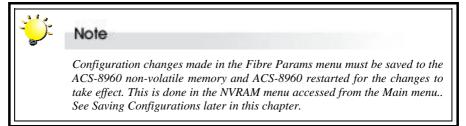
1 Giga-bits, 2 Giga-bits or Auto-negotiated (Default: Auto-negotiated).

## 2.1.5 Lun Map

Select a LUN (LUN 0 to LUN 7) and a corresponding slice on which to map it.

## 2.2 Secondary FC

Submenu for configuring Secondary Fibre Channel settings for use in multiple host topology (submenu items 2.2.1 to 2.2.5 as above)



## 2.3 SAN Mask

SAN Mask (LUN Masking) is a differentiation tool for use on fibre networks based on the unique Worldwide Name (WWN) of each fibre card. SAN Masking allows an administrator to specify which hosts are able to see the RAID controller.

## 2.3.1 Visible For All Hosts

Use this submenu to select whether the RAID controller is visible to connected hosts.

## 2.3.1.1 / Select Port

2.3.1.2

**Port 1** or **Port 2**. The two ports are equivalent to the two host channels. Then choose **Enable** (to allow hosts on that channel to view ACS-8960) or **Disable** (to make ACS-8960 invisible to hosts on that channel).

## 2.3.2 SAN Mapping



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SAN Mapping allows the administrator to map individual LUNs to a specified host thereby limiting access to certain slices to single hosts even in a dual host configuration.

#### 2.3.2.1 / Select Port

2.3.2.2

Port 1 or Port 2. The two ports are equivalent to the two host channels.

#### 2.3.2.x.1 Select Host

2.3.2.x.8

Select Host 1 ~ Host 8, then select LUN (LUN 0 ~ LUN 7) and confirm selection.

#### 2.3.3 Edit WWN Table

This submenu allows the administrator to enter individual host WWNs to the controller.

#### 2.3.3.1 ~ Select Host

2.3.3.8

Select Host 1 ~ Host 8 and enter WWN value (Default: 000000000000000).

### 2.3.4 View WWN Table

Select to view a list of host WWNs in the output window (this information cannot be viewed from the control panel).

## 2.3.5 View SAN Mapping

Use this submenu to view a table indicating mapping of LUNs to hosts in the output window (this information cannot be viewed from the control panel). In the table, **Y** signifies mapping and **N** signifies no mapping.

#### 2.3.5.1 / Select Port

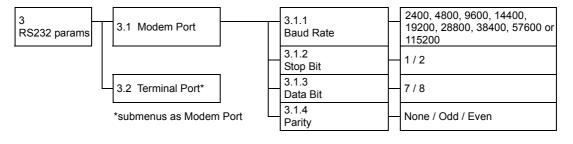
2.3.5.2

Port 1 or Port 2. The two ports are equivalent to the two host channels.

## Setting port parameters

## RS232 Params menu

The administrator should specify the communication protocols between ACS-8960 and the external modem and between ACS-8960 and the remote terminal or terminal emulation software. This is done in the **Modem Port menu** located at Main menu > RS232 Params menu > Modem Port menu and the **Terminal Port menu** located at Main menu > RS232 Params menu > Terminal Port menu.





## **Modem Port menu**

## 3.1 Modem port

Set the baud rate, Stop bit, data bit and parity parameters for the modem port to match those of the modem (see modem product documentation).

## 3.1.1 Baud Rate

**2400**, **4800**, **9600**, **14400**, **19200**, **28800**, **38400**, **57600** or **115200** (Default: 19,200)

- 3.1.2 Stop Bit 1 or 2 (Default: 1)
- 3.1.3 Data Bit 7 or 8 (Default: 8)
- 3.1.4 Parity None, Odd or Even (Default: None)

## **Terminal Port menu**

## 3.2 Terminal Port

Set the baud rate, Stop bit, data bit and parity parameters for the terminal port to match those of the host.

#### 3.2.1 Baud Rate

**2400**, **4800**, **9600**, **14400**, **19200**, **28800**, **38400**, **57600** or **115200** (Default: 19,200; Recommended: 115,200)

## 3.2.2 Stop Bit

1 or 2 (Default: 1)

## 3.2.3 Data Bit

7 or 8 (Default: 8)

## 3.2.4 Parity

None, Odd or Even (Default: None)

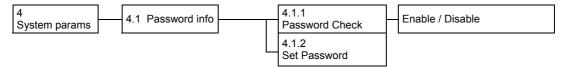
Note The remote terminal settings and those of ACS-8960 must match. So, if the administrator increases the Baud rate of the ACS-8960 port, the baud rate of the terminal emulation software (e.g. HyperTerminal) connection must likewise be increased.



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## **Password security**

The administrator can enable password security and set the password from the **Password Info** submenu located at Main menu > System Params menu > Password Info



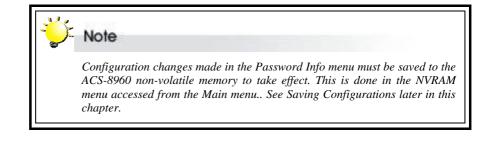
## Password Info menu

#### 4.1.1 Passwd check

**Enable** or **Disable** the Password security feature. When enabled, users will be asked to enter the password when first accessing the main menu (Default: Disable).

#### 4.1.2 Set Passwd

Enter a password of up to eight alphanumeric figures. The default password is **00000000** (eight zeros).

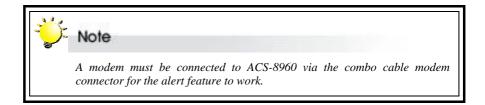


## **Entering and editing alert settings**

The administrator can specify two fax numbers and two pager numbers to which alert messages will be sent in the event of an error with ACS-8960. To configure alert settings, follow the instructions in succeeding sections to:

- 1. Configure pager settings
- 2. Configure fax settings
- 3. Configure modem

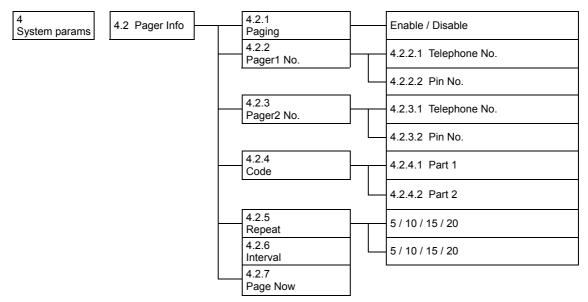
Update settings in the NVRAM submenu





## **Pager alert settings**

Pager alert settings are all entered and edited from the **Pager Info** submenu, located at Main menu > System Params menu > Pager Info



## Pager Info menu

## 4.2.1 Paging

Enable or Disable the Pager alert function (Default: Disable)

## 4.2.2 Pager1 No.

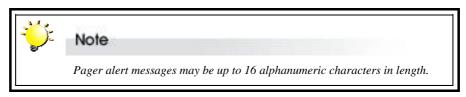
Enter the first pager's terminal **telephone number** (also called the 'port number' or 'TAP port number') and the pager **pin number** (if required for pager). Maximum 16 characters.

## 4.2.3 Pager2 No.

Enter the second pager's terminal telephone number (also called the 'port number' or 'TAP port number') and the pager pin number (if required for pager). Maximum 16 characters.

## 4.2.4 Code

Enter the alert message for pager 1 under **Part 1**. Enter the alert message for pager 2 under **Part 2**.



## 4.2.5 Repeat #

Select how many times the alert message(s) should be sent: **5**, **10**, **15** or **20** times (Default: 5).



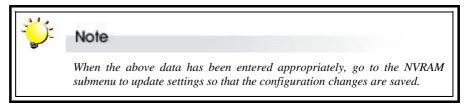
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#### 4.2.6 Interval

Select the interval between dispatch of repeated alert messages: **5**, **10**, **15** or **20** minutes (Default: 5).

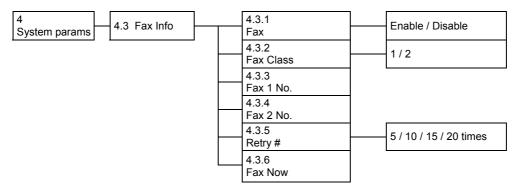
## 4.2.7 Page Now

Instruct ACS-8960 to send a test pager alert immediately.



## **Fax alert settings**

Fax alert settings are entered and edited from the **Fax Info** submenu, located at Main menu > System Params menu > Fax Info



The fax content is the system data displayed from the Statistic submenu (7.7)

## Fax Info menu

## 4.3.1 FAX

**Enable** or **Disable** the Fax alert function (Default: disable).

## 4.3.2 FAX Class

Define the Fax class supported by the modem, either 1 or 2.

#### 4.3.3 FAX1 No.

Enter the first fax number (two alert fax numbers can be input).

## 4.3.4 FAX2 No.

Enter the second fax number (two alert fax numbers can be input).

## 4.3.5 Retry #

Select how many times the alert message(s) should be sent: **5**, **10**, **15** or **20** times (Default: 5).

#### 4.3.6 FAX Now

Instruct ACS-8960 to send a test fax alert immediately.



The alert fax header should be input in the **Company Info** submenu, located at Main menu > System Params menu > Company Info



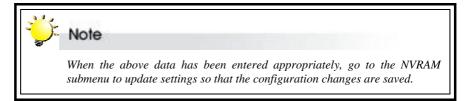
## **Company Info menu**

#### 4.4.1 String 1

Enter the first line of information to be used as the alert fax header (up to 16 alphanumeric characters).

## 4.4.2 String 2

Enter the second line of information to be used as the alert fax header (up to 16 alphanumeric characters).



## **Modem settings**

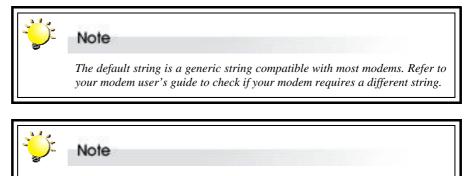
Before the fax and pager alerts are used the default Modem Initialization string should be confirmed or a new string entered. Do this in the **Modem Init St** submenu, located at Main menu > System Params menu > Modem Init St

4		]	4.4.1
System params	4.5 Modem Init St		String 1

## Modem Init St menu

## 4.5 Modem Init St

Configures the modem you are using for the remote notification feature.

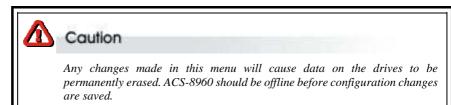


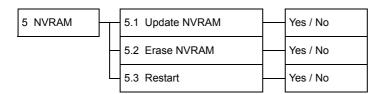
Configuration changes made in the System Params menu must be saved to the ACS-8960 non-volatile memory for the changes to take effect. This is done in the NVRAM menu accessed from the Main menu. See Saving Configurations later in this chapter.



## Saving configurations

Any configuration changes made by the administrator must be saved to the non-volatile memory (NVRAM). This is done in the **NVRAM menu** accessed from the Main menu





## NVRAM menu

## 5.1 Update NVRAM

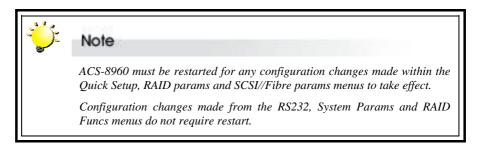
Yes or No (default: No) Select Yes to store latest configuration settings in NVRAM

## 5.2 Erase NVRAM

Yes or No (default: No) Select Yes to clear contents of NVRAM and restore configuration defaults

#### 5.3 Restart

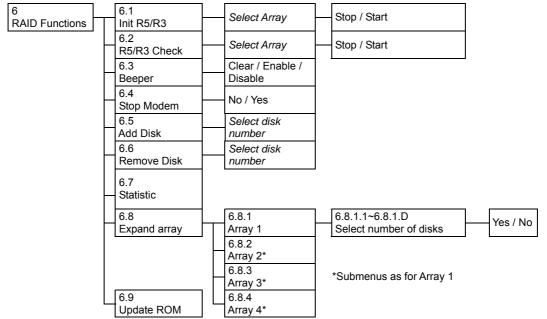
Yes or No (default: No) Select Yes to restart ACS-8960.





## **Advanced settings**

## **RAID Functions menu**



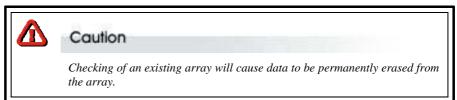
## 6.1 Init R5/R3

Select **Array 1, 2, 3** or **4** and then **Stop** or **Start** (Default: Stop) Initialize an existing RAID 5 or RAID 3 array



## 6.2 R5/R3 Check

Select **Array 1, 2, 3** or **4** and then **Stop** or **Start** (Default: Stop) Check a RAID 5 or RAID 3 array for errors.



## 6.3 Beeper

**Clear** (to silence a sounding beeper), **Enable** or **Disable** beeper function (Default: Enable).

## 6.4 Stop Modem

#### No or Yes

Select **Yes** to halt the transmission of subsequent alert faxes / pager messages when the message has been received and acknowledged (Default: No).





#### 6.5 Add Disk

Select disk number (1 to 16) Add a disk to an existing configuration while ACS-8960 is online (Default: None).

#### 6.6 Remove Disk

Select disk number (1 to 16) Remove a disk from an existing configuration while ACS-8960 is online. This function enables the administrator to shutdown a potentially faulty disk. If a spare drive is present, it will automatically be added (Default: None).

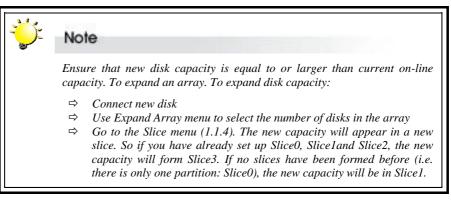
#### 6.7 Statistic

Display system data in Monitor Utility Output window (this information cannot be viewed from the control panel). Data includes:

- Current settings saved in NVRAM
- Statistical analysis of read and write operations plus percentage of cache hits

#### 6.8 Expand Array

Select array to be expanded (Array 1 to Array 4) and then the number of disks in the new array.

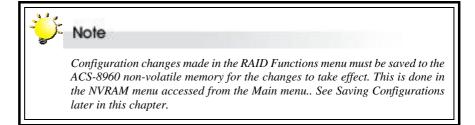


## Caution

*Expanding an array increases array capacity but data may sometimes be lost. You are strongly advised to make a system backup before proceeding.* 

#### 6.9 Update ROM

Use this option to update the ACS-8960 programmable firmware. See *Updating the Firmware* later in this chapter.



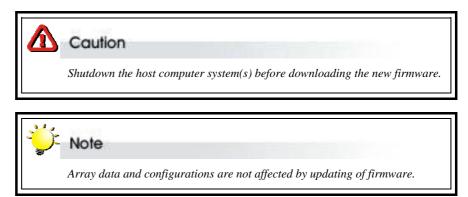




## **Updating the Firmware**

ACS-8960 is shipped with firmware installed. The user may however wish to download new or upgraded editions of the firmware to the controller. Ask your vendor about the latest firmware edition or refer to the website www.accusys.com.tw

A terminal emulation program, such as HyperTerminal, is required to download firmware.



To update the firmware:

Open the Update ROM submenu (69) located at Main menu > RAID funcs > Update ROM menu.

+Main Menu+  D Quick Setup    1 RAID Params    2 SCSI Params    3 RS232 Params
J ROZUZ FAIAMS
4 System Params
5 NVRAM
6 +RAID Funcs+
+ 61 Init R5/R3
62 R5/R3 Check
63 Beeper
64 Stop Modem
65 Add Disk
66 Remove Disk
67 Statistic
68 Expand Array
169 Hodate POM

You will be asked: Are you ready to download the new firmware?(Y/N) ,Type Y to continue. When asked: *Are you sure*? (Y/N), type Y to reconfirm.





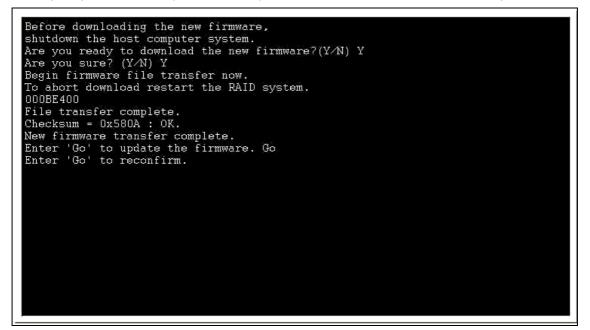
Locate the updated firmware file to send. If using HyperTerminal, go to the **Transfer** menu and select **Send Text File...** 

Accusys - HyperTerminal (Unlicensed)				
File Edit View Call	Transfer	Help		
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		e File		
	Captur	re Text		
	Send Text File			
	Capture to Printer			

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Send firmware file as a text file. The file will start to download. When prompted, enter Go (case sensitive) to update the firmware.

When prompted, enter **Go** (case sensitive) to reconfirm. The firmware will start to update.



If asked whether you want to replace the existing file, enter Yes.

RAID 8960-16 xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	Testing disk connection 13 14 OK.
MENU	- Testing disk connection 15 16 OK.
Main Menu+	Testing disk connection 10 11 OK.
0 Quick Setup	Use LBA Mode
1 RAID Params	DISK: #12 not installed !
2 SCSI Params	DISK: # 1 not installed !
3 RS232 Params	DISK: # 5 not installed !
4 System Params	DISK: # 7 not installed !
5 NVRAM	DISK: # 3 not installed !
6 RAID Funce	DISK: #10 not installed !
+	DISK: #11 not installed
	DISK: #16 not installed
	DISK: #14 not installed !
	DISK: #13 not installed !
	DISK: # 9 not installed !
	DISK: # 2 not installed !
	DISK: # 8 not installed !
	DISK: # 6 not installed !
	DISK: # 4 not installed !
	DISK: #15 not installed !



Appendix A

# Troubleshooting

## Problems setting up

## Newly installed memory fails during Self-Test or is not detected.

Possible Cause: The Memory SO-DIMM module may not be properly seated or may not be supported by ACS-8960.

Fix: Re-sit the memory module in the socket and retry. If it continues to fail try moving it to the other memory socket. Make sure the correct memory type is being installed. ACS-8960 supports 144-pin SO-DIMM SDRAM.

#### Unable to access ACS-8960 after the operating system boots up.

Possible Cause: ACS-8960 is not configured.

Fix: Make sure ACS-8960 is configured for a RAID level. If no RAID level is configured the operating system will not detect ACS-8960 as a disk drive.

#### ACS-8960 does not recognize the HDDs

Possible Cause: HDD jumper setting problem.

Fix: Make sure all drive jumpers are set to "master"

## I try to set up an array using Quick Setup but fail. Why?

Possible Cause: If the error message Array1 Exists! appears, an array has already been configured. Quick Setup can only be used to set up new RAIDs.

Fix: Reconfigure the array from the RAID params submenu

## **Problems during operation**

## The front panel LCD displays alternating "Zz" characters.

Possible Cause: These characters are displayed when the cache is full with write request data that have not been processed. Requests from the host are halted to flush the data in the cache.

Fix: None needed.

## The front panel LCD displays alternating "Ww" characters.

Possible Cause: These characters are displayed to indicate that write requests in the cache are being processed. When these characters are displayed, ACS-8960 will halt requests from the host (see above).

Fix: Make sure the *Write Buffer* option of the *RAID Params* menu is enabled. In addition, more cache memory may be required. By increasing the cache memory, the write buffer space increases and will be able to handle the higher write requests.





### LCD display shows owooos

Possible Cause: "W" means "warning" - there are many bad sectors on your HDD. Fix: Change hard drives.

## Invalid NVRAM message appears

Possible Cause: NVRAM error or malfunction.

Fix: Save settings and restart the controller. If the problem persists, contact your vendor.

## Data loss for Windows 2000 during system shutdown

Possible Cause: RAID controller is a built-in host and some data is still in cache buffer during system shutdown.

Fix 1: Set Cache Off

Fix 2: To shutdown, select Restart system and wait for about 30 seconds, then turn off power.

Fix 3: Shutdown host OS after shutting down controller.

## **Remote terminal problems**

#### Unable to access Configuration Mode using the remote terminal interface.

Possible Cause 1: The terminal communication settings do not match the settings of the ACS-8960 RS-232 interface.

Fix: The default settings for the RS-232 port are 19,200 Baud rate, 8 Data bits, 1 Stop bit, No Parity, and XON/XOFF Flow control. Make sure the terminal is configured for these settings. If the settings were changed in Configuration Mode, verify the settings of the ACS-8960 in the RS-232 Params, Terminal option and change the terminal settings accordingly.

Possible Cause 2: Incompatible RS232 cable.

Fix: Cross pins on the RS-232 cable as shown below (or use a null modem cable). The only pins used are 2.3 & 5.

123456789 X I

123456789

## Alert message problems

## I am unable to send a Page or FAX using the modem port.

Possible Cause 1: The Page and Fax options are not enabled.

Fix: Go to the Configuration Mode and enable Page and FAX notification via the System Params menu option.

Possible Cause 2: The default modem initialization string is not compatible with your modem.



Fix: Change the modem initialization string in the System Params option. Refer to your modem manual for its initialization string.

Modem Model	Initialization String	Baud Rate	FAX Class
Motorola ModemSURFR V.34 28.8	AT&D\Q1E	Up to 38400	1 & 2
Multitech Multimodem 2834ZDX	AT&D0&E5E0	Up to 38400	2 only
Hayes Accura 288 V.34+FAX	AT&D0&K4E0	38400 only	1 & 2
Practical Peripherals PM144MT II	AT&K4	Up to 38400	2 only
GVC F-1128V/T2	AT&D0&B1&H2	38400 only	1 & 2
US Robotics Sportster 28800	AT&H2&I1&R1&B1	38400 only	1 only

The following modem models require their own initialization strings.

## **SCSI** problems

ACS-8960 is not properly identified by the SCSI adapter during initialization of the computer system.

Possible Cause: The SCSI ID set for the ACS-8960 is being used by another SCSI device attached to the same SCSI card.

Fix: Select the Set SCSI ID option from the SCSI Params menu and specify a different SCSI ID. Most SCSI host adapters provide an onboard ROM BIOS, or software utility, that displays the devices attached and their SCSI IDs. Disconnect ACS-8960 from the SCSI host adapter card and during the system boot, or by running the utility, note the SCSI IDs already in use.

## The ACS-8960 is identified as all SCSI IDs.

Possible Cause: The SCSI ID set for ACS-8960 is identical to the reserved SCSI ID used by the SCSI card in your system.

Fix: Select the Set SCSI ID option from the SCSI Params menu and specify a different SCSI ID. Most SCSI host adapter cards reserve SCSI ID 7 for the card ID.

#### The SCSI host adapter card does not detect ACS-8960.

Possible Cause: Incorrect termination in a daisy chain configuration or a loose cable in a stand-alone configuration.

Fix: In a daisy chain configuration, verify that only the SCSI host adapter and the last SCSI device is terminated. To change termination settings of ACS-8960, use the SCSI Params menu SCSI Termination option to enable or disable termination.





## Appendix B

# Introduction to RAID levels

The ACS-8960 can support the following RAID levels: 0, 1, 3, 5 and 0+1.

Which is the right level for you? The answer depends on the application you use your RAID for.

**RAID Level 0** offers high transfer rates, and is ideal for large blocks of data where speed is of importance. Computer Aided Design, Graphics, Scientific Computing, Image and Multimedia applications are all good examples. If one drive in a RAID 0 array fails however, the data on the whole array is lost.

**RAID Level 5** arrays offer high I/O transaction rates, and are the ideal choice when used with on-line transaction processing applications, such as those used in banks, insurance companies, hospitals, and all manner of office environments. These applications typically perform large numbers of concurrent requests, each of which makes a small number of disk accesses. If one drive in a RAID 5 array fails, the lost data can be rebuilt from data on the functioning disks.

**RAID Levels 3 and 5** both offer a good level of fault tolerance and overall system reliability at a reasonable cost for redundancy overhead.

**RAID Level 1** may be an appropriate choice if cost and performance are of significantly less importance than fault tolerance and reliability.

**RAID Level 0** may conversely be a suitable choice if fault tolerance and reliability are not important.

This appendix provides a summary of the features of each RAID level to enable users with differing requirements to makes the best choice.

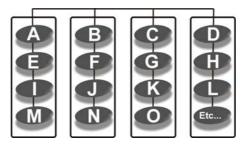


## RAID 0

RAID 0 links each drive in the array as one huge drive. Storage capacity is determined by the smallest drive in the array. That capacity is then applied to format all other drives in the array. If using a 40 GB, 60 GB, and 50 GB drive in a RAID 0 array, your system will see one huge drive of 120 GB (40 GB×3).

RAID 0 offers double or more performance under sustained data transfers when one drive per ATA port is used. In such a configuration, unlike SCSI, ATA drives are always available to the system. SCSI requires more management of the SCSI bus.

<b>RAID 0:</b> Striped disk array without fault tolerance				
<ul> <li>Characteristics:</li> <li>RAID 0 implements a striped disk array, the data is broken down into blocks and each block is written to a separate disk drive.</li> <li>I/O performance is greatly improved by spreading the I/O load across many channels and drives.</li> <li>Fastest and most efficient array type but offers no fault-tolerance.</li> <li>Storage capacity = (No. of disks) × (capacity of smallest disk)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Recommended use:</li> <li>Video production and editing</li> <li>Image editing</li> <li>Pre-press applications</li> <li>Any application requiring high bandwidth</li> </ul>			



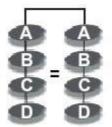
Arrangement of data blocks saved on a Level 0 array



## RAID 1

RAID 1 is commonly referred to as Disk Mirroring, Disk Shadowing or Disk Duplexing as all data is duplicated across both disks. As data is identical on both disks, storage capacity is that of the smaller disk. RAID1 has poor performance for write operations but very high performance for read intensive operations.

<ul> <li>RAID 1: Mirroring</li> <li>Characteristics: <ul> <li>Better Read transaction rate then single disks, same Write transaction rate as single disks.</li> <li>100% redundancy of data means no rebuild of data is necessary in case of disk failure, just a copy to the replacement disk.</li> <li>All the disks have the same data.</li> <li>Raid level 1 requires two drives.</li> <li>Storage capacity = Capacity of smaller disk</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Recommended use: <ul> <li>Accounting</li> <li>Payroll</li> <li>Financial</li> <li>Any application requiring high availability</li> </ul>
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Arrangement of data blocks saved on a Level 1 array



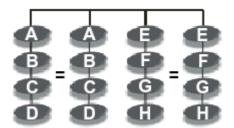
## RAID 0+1

RAID 0+1 combines mirroring and striping functions on a minimum of four hard disks. Mirroring provides full redundancy and protects data in case of multiple drive failure (providing that data on one of each mirrored pair of drives is intact).

**RAID 0+1:** *Combination of striping and mirroring* 

## **Characteristics:**

- This configuration provides optimal speed and reliability.
- Requires even number of disks (minimum 4 disks)



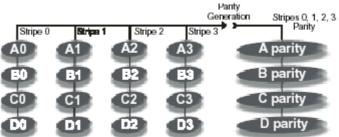
Arrangement of data blocks saved on a Level 0+1 array



#### RAID 3

RAID 3 uses a mathematical expression that compares data from two drives and calculates a third piece of data called "parity". Should one of the drives fail, parity data can be used to rebuild the failed data. Under RAID 3, parity data is stored on a dedicated parity disk. If two or more disks were to fail however, data would be lost. Data on RAID 3 is byte-interleaved. While the low ratio of parity disks to data disks ensures high efficiency, the parity disk is accessed more than the others and so is also more likely to fail.

Characteristics	Decommonded user
<ul> <li>Characteristics:</li> <li>The data block is subdivided, i.e. striped, and written on the data disks. Stripe activity is generated on Writes, recorded on the parity disk, and checked on Reads.</li> <li>Very high Read and Write data transfer rates.</li> <li>Disk failure has a low impact on throughput.</li> <li>Low ratio of ECC (Parity) disks to data disks means high efficiency.</li> <li>Requires a minimum of three drives.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Video editing</li> <li>Any application requiring high</li> </ul>



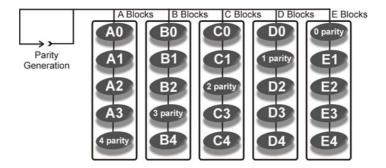
Arrangement of data blocks saved on a Level 3 array



#### RAID 5

RAID 5 uses a mathematical expression that compares data from two drives and calculates a third piece of data called "parity". Should one of the drives fail, parity data can be used to rebuild the failed data. Under RAID 5, parity data is stored across all drives in the array. This maximizes the amount of storage capacity available from all drives in the array while still providing data redundancy. Data on RAID 5 is block-interleaved.

<b>RAID 5:</b> Independent data disks with distributed parity blocks		
<ul> <li>Characteristics:</li> <li>Each entire data block is written on a data disk. Parity for blocks in the same rank is generated on Writes, recorded in a distributed location and checked on Reads.</li> <li>Highest Read data transaction, medium Write data transaction rate.</li> <li>Relatively low ratio of ECC (Parity) disks to data disks means high efficiency (compared to other RAID levels).</li> <li>Good aggregate transfer rate.</li> <li>Storage capacity = (No. of disks – 1) × (capacity of smallest disk)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Recommended use:</li> <li>File and application servers</li> <li>Database servers</li> <li>WWW, E-mail and News servers</li> <li>Intranet servers</li> <li>Most versatile Raid level</li> </ul>	



Arrangement of data and parity blocks saved on a Level 5 array



### Appendix C

## Introduction to Serial ATA

Serial ATA is a disk-interface technology that is an evolutionary advance on Parallel ATA (IDE). Compatible with today's software and OS-transparent, Serial ATA offers several compelling advantages for RAID storage solutions. These include cables that are easier to route and install; smaller connectors; faster and more reliable performance; and backwards compatibility. This section introduces and gives an overview of the advantages of using Serial ATA in RAID.

#### Cabling

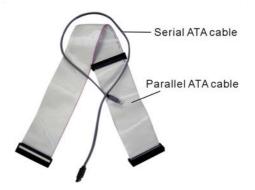
Serial ATA requires just seven wires (a differential pair for both transmit and receive, as well as three grounds) working at a low voltage (0.7volts). Parallel ATA (IDE) on the other hand transmits through 40 wires.

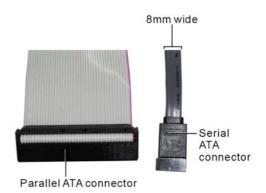
With far fewer wires, Serial ATA connectors and cables are narrower (just 8mm wide), easier to manipulate and connect and do not block airflow within a system case. Heat in Serial ATA systems disperses more easily, aiding system stability.

A further bonus of Serial ATA is that cables can stretch up to one meter in length giving RAID system administrators great flexibility in setting up their arrays. IDE cables by contrast cannot exceed 40cm.

#### Simplicity of configuration

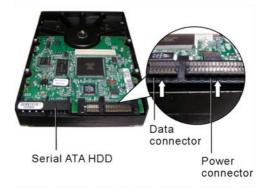
Serial ATA is based around point-to-point connections with a single cable for each drive. The master/slave, "daisy-chaining", and termination issues associated with Parallel ATA are eliminated.





#### Hot-Swap capability

Serial ATA drives can be connected and disconnected at any time with no need to power down the system. RAID system administrators benefit from a more flexible and scalable system. Upgrades and expansion of arrays can be performed in an instant.





#### Performance

Serial ATA technology delivers up to 1.5Gb/sec of performance to each drive within a disk drive array – more than enough to help you get the most out of the current generation of hard drives.

Serial ATA is also more reliable than Parallel ATA: instructions as well as data are checked for errors, resulting in higher reliability, and less frequent corruption of data.

Electrical interference is reduced by the use of differential signaling (which also reduces the need for grounding).

#### **Cost effectiveness**

The scalability of Serial ATA solutions means that RAIDs can be built, expanded and reconfigured according to requirements with minimal cost to the administrator.

Serial ATA-compatible HDDs are priced similarly to Parallel ATA equivalents, their improved performance notwithstanding.

Serial ATA is also fully backwards compatible. Users can swap easily between formats and use Parallel ATA drive in a Serial ATA drive array (this may require use of a cabling adapter). Such flexibility ensures that Serial ATA can provide low cost solutions.



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#### Appendix D

## **Control Panel Messages**

#### Status messages

When ACS-8960 is in operation mode, scroll buttons  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  and  $\mathbf{\Delta}$  can be used to display the following system data:

- Installed Memory
- RAID Capacity
- Firmware Version
- Serial Number
- CPU Type
- RAID Members
- RAID Level
- SCSI ID
- SCSI LUN

The table below explains the meaning of status messages:

Field / Symbol	Description
ACS-8960	The ACS-8960 model number.
00000008	The 8 or 16 disks channel status. The first left O is channel 1. You can press [♥] button to view the next page. Other symbols are:
х	Disk not installed
А	Disk being Added
0	Disk On-line (Single array)
1	Array 1 Disk On-line (Multiple array)
2	Array 2 Disk On-line (Multiple array)
3	Array 3 Disk On-line (Multiple array)
4	Array 4 Disk On-line (Multiple array)
J	JBOD (Just Bundle of Disks)
S	Spare disk
R	Disk removed
I	Disk is being checked
R5	RAID level (0, 1,0+1,3, 5)
ID:0	SCSI ID (0 - 15)
	Alternating cursor indicating operational status.



#### **Error Messages**

The following is a listing of the error messages generated by ACS-8960 and their meaning.

- Legend: x= Number of disk channel
  - y= Total number of disks detected by the controller
  - z= Number of disks specified in 1 RAID Params, 3 Disk Number menu option.

Error Message	Explanation
Number of disks found = y, needed = z	The number of disks found (y) does not match the number of disks configured for. The number of disks needed (z) is required.
Disk x not installed!	A disk drive (x) is not installed or is unable to be accessed.
Disk x previously removed!	A disk (x ) was removed due to a failed disk or by the operator.
Too many RAID members failed!	The minimum number of disks required for the RAID configuration failed to initialize.
RAID not configured!	RAID cannot be configured due to too few good disks available or no RAID configuration has been performed.
Disk x is too small!	A disk capacity being added to an existing RAID configuration is less than the configured disks. To add a disk to an existing configuration the disk must be the equal size or greater.
Disk x format ERROR!	Disk (x) failed during the format. Possible bad disk.
Init RAID5 ERROR!	The RAID 5 initialization failed. Possible bad disk. Use Disk Check to identify faulty disk.
Disk x add ERROR!	Disk (x) being added failed. Possible bad disk. Use Disk Check to identify faulty disk.
Parity ERROR: blk ? !!	A parity byte was unable to be read/write. Blk ? is the block (sector) on the disks that failed. Possible bad disk.



Error Message	Explanation
RAID 5 Check ERROR!	The R5 Check function failed. Possible wrong RAID configuration or not initialized (Init RAID5).
UPS interrupt detected !	A power outage was detected by the UPS and notified the ProRAID via the UPS port
Param vendor ID ERROR!	The information in NVRAM has been erased. The configuration is lost.
Param checksum ERROR!	The information in NVRAM has been erased. The configuration is lost.
SCSI chip ERROR!	The SCSI interface of the ProRAID controller is faulty.
Testing Serial	The RS-232, Modem, or UPS port is faulty.
Do_IDE_Cmd: wait DRQ	The IDE interface is waiting for DRQ signal to go off in command phase.
Do_IDE_Cmd ERROR ? !	An error (?) occurred in IDE interface. Use Disk Check to identify faulty disk channel.
IDE_ISR: wait Master Int	IDE interface is waiting for an interrupt from a disk.
IDE_ISR: wait IDE Busy off	IDE interface is waiting for disk to be free.
IDE_ISR: status ?	IDE disk drive current status (?)
IDE_ISR: wait DRQ	To wait for disk drive to turn off DRQ in Interrupt phase.
IDE_ISR: DRQ ON	Indicates DRQ is not free in Interrupt phase.
DISK: status ?, error: ? !!	The status (status ?) and error (error: ?) returned by the disk based on the ATA-2 Specification.
DISK: #X type=?, blkno=?, resid=?	The disk (x) failed to respond to a request by the controller (type=?). The block number (blkno=?) where the request failed. The remaining sectors (resid=?)
DISK: Initialize #? ERROR!	The disk (x) was unable to be initialized by the controller. Possible bad disk.



Error Message	Explanation
DISK: #x is off-line!	Disk number (x) failed and was removed from the RAID configuration.
DISK: #x not installed!	The disk (x) has not been detected by the controller. Possible bad disk.
DISK: #x ERROR status ? !	The disk (x) caused an error. The status (?) returned by the disk per ATA-2 Specification.
ERROR: Not a hard disk!	The controller does not recognize the device installed.
ERROR: Disk parameters ERROR!	The controller was unable to read the disks parameters (Cylinder, Heads, Sectors, Multi-Sector). Possible bad disk.
ERROR: No multi-sector mode!	The disk does not support the ATA-2 multi-sector transfer function. The disk is an older IDE disk.
ERROR: IORDY not support!	Disk does not support IORDY. Possible older IDE disk that does not support ATA-2 Specification. Must replace disk.
DISK: #? Remap area overflow !	The area used to re-map bad sectors is full.
DISK: #? Blk no: ? is remapped.	Block number (?) is detected as a bad sector and has been re-mapped.
DISK: #? Remap area is empty!	No re-map sectors are available while the controller detected bad sectors.
Modem time-out!	The modem did not respond to the page or FAX notification request. Modem may be turned off or not connected.
All modem operations are canceled!	User stopped the modem from sending a page or FAX notification.
Training FAIL!	Fax Class 1 support modem fails in training phase.
Page transfers FAIL!	The page notification failed. Modem may be turned off or not connected.
FAX: Modem is busy!	The modem is currently is use and unable to send a FAX notification.



Error Message	Explanation
Paging: Modem is busy!	The modem is currently is use and unable to send a page notification.
Invalid NVRAM	The information stored in the NVRAM area is invalid and unable to be used.
No Configuration	The ProRAID is currently not configured for any RAID level.
Config ERROR	The current configuration failed to be verified. Possible fault disk or disk off-line.
Not enough Disk	Number of disks required for the RAID Level is missing. Possible faulty disks or disks off-line.
Fail Fan	The cooling fan of chassis is failed.
WARM Temp	The inside temperature of chassis is too high.
Fail Power	The redundant have occurred error.



#### Appendix E



#### Array

See Disk Array.

#### **Array Management Software**

The body of software that provides common control and management for a disk array. Array Management Software most often executes in a disk controller or intelligent host bus adapter, but may also execute in a host computer. When it executes in a disk controller or adapter, Array Management Software is often referred to as Firmware.

#### Cache

Controller memory used to speed up data transfer to and from a disk.

#### **Disk Array**

A collection of disks from one or more commonly accessible disk controllers, combined with a body of Array Management Software. Array Management Software controls the disks and presents them to the array operating environment as one or more virtual disks.

#### **Disk Striping**

The practice of dividing data into blocks and writing the blocks across several drives for increased performance.

#### **Disk Mirroring**

The practice of duplicating data on different sets of disks in an array.

#### Firmware

See Array Management Software.

#### **Host Computer**

Any computer system to which disks are directly attached and accessible for I/O. Mainframes, and servers, as well as workstations and personal computers, can all be considered host computers in the context of this manual, as long as they have disks attached to them.

#### Hot Spare

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A physical drive, not part of an array, on which the controller can rebuild data if an array drive malfunctions.





#### **Hot Swap**

The substitution of a (usually defective) unit by a replacement that takes place while the system is online.

#### Logical Unit

Disk storage space on one or more physical drives that appears to the host computer as a single drive.

#### LUN (Logical unit number)

The number assigned to a logical unit. Slices of a RAID are assigned (mapped to) LUNs by which they appear to the host computer.

#### Mirroring

See Disk Mirroring.

#### Parity

Parity information is redundancy information calculated from actual data values. If any single piece of data is lost, the data remaining and the parity information can be used together to compute the lost data. Parity information can either be stored on a separate, dedicated drive, or be mixed with the data across all the drives in the array.

#### RAID (Redundant Array of Independent / Inexpensive Disks)

A disk array in which part of the storage capacity is used to store redundant information about user data stored on the remainder of the storage capacity. The redundant information enables regeneration of user data in the event that one of the array member disks or the access path to it fails. See Parity. Different RAID levels offer different data throughput speeds and fault tolerance (data redundancy). RAID 0 does not feature redundant information but is nonetheless considered a special type of RAID.

#### SCSI

Small Computer System Interface.

#### Slice

A partition of an array. See LUN.

#### Striping

See Disk Striping.

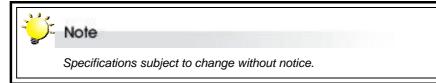




Appendix F

# Specifications

Item	Specifications	
Operation System	OS Independent and Transparent	
CPU	Intel i80303 64-bit RISC microprocessor	
SCSI I/O Processor	LSI 53C1010R	
RAID Level	0, 1, 3, 5, 0+1	
Cache Memory	Up to 512MB	
SCSI Channel to Host	2(Max) Ultra 160 SCSI LVD	
Fibre Channel to Host	2(Max) Optional for 2Gb FC upgrade	
Serial ATA1 Channel to Device	16(Max) SATA1 with Ultra DMA 150	
Data Transfer Rate	Up to 160MB	
Tagged Command Queuing	Yes, up to 256 Commands	
Stripe Size	Variable	
Write Option	Write through or Write back	
Hot Swap	Yes	
On Line Expansion	Yes	
Hot Spare	Yes (Rebuild Transparently & Automatically)	
Remote Management	RS-232 terminal emulation for configuration and monitoring	
Remote Alerts	Fax, Pager	
Local Alerts	Built-in buzzer	





Appendix G

# **Record of Settings**

### **HDD** Information

Channel	Brand	Model	Capacity
1			GB
2			GB
3			GB
4			GB
5			GB
6			GB
7			GB
8			GB
9			GB
10			GB
11			GB
12			GB
13			GB
14			GB
15			GB
16			GB

### **RAID Parameters**

#### **Array Parameters**

Array 1		
RAID Level	$\Box 0 \Box 1 \Box 0+1 \Box 3 \Box 5$	
Disk Numbers	1       2       3       4       5       6       7       8         9       10       11       12       13       14       15       16	
Spare Disk	🗌 No 🗌 Yes Channel:	
Slice 0	GB	
Slice 1	GB	
Slice 2	GB	
Slice 3	GB	
Slice 4	GB	
Slice 5	GB	
Slice 6	GB	
Slice 7	GB	



Array 2		
RAID Level		
Disk Numbers	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4 □ 5 □ 6 □ 7 □ 8 □ 9 □ 10 □ 11 □ 12 □ 13 □14 □15 □16	
Spare Disk	🗌 No 🗌 Yes Channel:	
Slice 0	GB	
Slice 1	GB	
Slice 2	GB	
Slice 3	GB	
Slice 4	GB	
Slice 5	GB	
Slice 6	GB	
Slice 7	GB	

Array 3		
RAID Level		
Disk Numbers	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4 □ 5 □ 6 □ 7 □ 8 □ 9 □ 10 □ 11 □ 12 □ 13 □14 □15 □16	
Spare Disk	🗌 No 🗌 Yes Channel:	
Slice 0	GB	
Slice 1	GB	
Slice 2	GB	
Slice 3	GB	
Slice 4	GB	
Slice 5	GB	
Slice 6	GB	
Slice 7	GB	



	Array 4	
RAID Level	0 1 0+1 3 5	
Disk Numbers	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4 □ 5 □ 6 □ 7 □ 8 □ 9 □ 10 □ 11 □ 12 □ 13 □14 □15 □16	
Spare Disk	🗌 No 🗌 Yes Channel:	
Slice 0	GB	
Slice 1	GB	
Slice 2	GB	
Slice 3	GB	
Slice 4	GB	
Slice 5	GB	
Slice 6	GB	
Slice 7	GB	

### RAID system parameters

RAID System Parameters	
Stripe size	8 16 32 64 128
Write buffer	Enable Disable
Performance	🗌 Random 🔲 Sequential



### SCSI Parameters

Primary SCSI	
SCSI ID	$ \bigcirc 0 \ \bigcirc 1 \ \bigcirc 2 \ \bigcirc 3 \ \bigcirc 4 \ \bigcirc 5 \ \bigcirc 6 \blacksquare 7 $ $ \bigcirc 8 \ \bigcirc 9 \ \bigcirc 10 \ \bigcirc 11 \ \bigcirc 12 \ \bigcirc 13 \ \bigcirc 14 $
Termination	Enable Disable
TAG Queuing	Enable Disable
Speed	🗌 Ultra 3 🔲 Ultra 2 🗌 Ultra 🗌 Fast
Wide	Enable Disable
LUN 0 to Slice	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
LUN 1 to Slice	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
LUN 2 to Slice	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
LUN 3 to Slice	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
LUN 4 to Slice	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
LUN 5 to Slice	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
LUN 6 to Slice	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
LUN 7 to Slice	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
	Secondary SCSI
SCSI ID	Secondary SCSI         □ 0 □ 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4 □ 5 □ 6 ■ 7         □ 8 □ 9 □ 10 □ 11 □ 12 □ 13 □14
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Termination	□ 0 □ 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4 □ 5 □ 6 ■ 7         □ 8 □ 9 □ 10 □ 11 □ 12 □ 13 □ 14         □ Enable □ Disable
Termination TAG Queuing	0       1       2       3       4       5       6       7         8       9       10       11       12       13       14         Enable       Disable         Enable       Disable
Termination TAG Queuing Speed	0 □ 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4 □ 5 □ 6 ■ 7     8 □ 9 □ 10 □ 11 □ 12 □ 13 □14     Enable □ Disable     Enable □ Disable     Ultra 3 □ Ultra 2 □ Ultra □ Fast
Termination TAG Queuing Speed Wide	0 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7     8 9 10 11 12 13 14     Enable Disable     Enable Disable     Ultra 3 Ultra 2 Ultra Fast     Enable Disable
TerminationTAG QueuingSpeedWideLUN 0 to Slice	0       1       2       3       4       5       6       7         8       9       10       11       12       13       14         Enable       Disable         Enable       Disable         Ultra 3       Ultra 2       Ultra       Fast         Enable       Disable         0       1       2       3       4       5       6       7
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TerminationTAG QueuingSpeedWideLUN 0 to SliceLUN 1 to SliceLUN 2 to Slice	<ul> <li>0</li> <li>1</li> <li>2</li> <li>3</li> <li>4</li> <li>5</li> <li>6</li> <li>7</li> <li>8</li> <li>9</li> <li>10</li> <li>11</li> <li>12</li> <li>13</li> <li>14</li> </ul> Enable <ul> <li>Disable</li> <li>Ultra 3</li> <li>Ultra 2</li> <li>Ultra Fast</li> <li>Enable</li> <li>Disable</li> </ul> 0 <ul> <li>1</li> <li>2</li> <li>3</li> <li>4</li> <li>5</li> <li>6</li> <li>7</li> </ul> 0 <ul> <li>1</li> <li>2</li> <li>3</li> <li>4</li> <li>5</li> <li>6</li> <li>7</li> </ul>
TerminationTAG QueuingSpeedWideLUN 0 to SliceLUN 1 to SliceLUN 2 to SliceLUN 3 to Slice	0       1       2       3       4       5       6       7         8       9       10       11       12       13       14         Enable       Disable         B       Disable       Disable         B       Disable       Disable         Ultra 3       Ultra 2       Ultra       Fast         Enable       Disable       Disable         0       1       2       3       4       5       6       7         0       1       2       3       4       5       6       7         0       1       2       3       4       5       6       7         0       1       2       3       4       5       6       7         0       1       2       3       4       5       6       7         0       1       2       3       4       5       6       7         0       1       2       3       4       5       6       7         0       1       2       3       4       5       6       7
TerminationTAG QueuingSpeedWideLUN 0 to SliceLUN 1 to SliceLUN 2 to SliceLUN 3 to Slice	0       1       2       3       4       5       6       7         8       9       10       11       12       13       14         Enable       Disable         Enable       Disable         Ultra 3       Ultra 2       Ultra       Fast         Enable       Disable         0       1       2       3       4       5       6       7         0       1       2       3       4       5       6       7         0       1       2       3       4       5       6       7         0       1       2       3       4       5       6       7         0       1       2       3       4       5       6       7         0       1       2       3       4       5       6       7         0       1       2       3       4       5       6       7         0       1       2       3       4       5       6       7         0       1       2       3       4       5       6       7         0       1

### **Fibre Parameters**

	Primary FC	
Hard Loop ID	☐ Enable ☐ Disable ID:	
Connection Mode	Arbitration Loop Point-To-Point	
Data Rate	<ul> <li>1 Giga-Bits</li> <li>2 Giga-Bits</li> <li>Auto-Negotiated</li> </ul>	
LUN 0 to Slice	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	
LUN 1 to Slice	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	
LUN 2 to Slice	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	
LUN 3 to Slice	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	
LUN 4 to Slice	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	
LUN 5 to Slice	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	
LUN 6 to Slice	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	
LUN 7 to Slice	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	
Host 1 to LUN	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	
Host 2 to LUN	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	
Host 3 to LUN	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	
Host 4 to LUN	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	
Host 5 to LUN	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	
Host 6 to LUN	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	
Host 7 to LUN	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	
Host 8 to LUN	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	



Secondary FC	
Hard Loop ID	Enable Disable     ID:
Connection Mode	Arbitration Loop  Point-To-Point
Data Rate	<ul> <li>1 Giga-Bits</li> <li>2 Giga-Bits</li> <li>Auto-Negotiated</li> </ul>
LUN 0 to Slice	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
LUN 1 to Slice	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
LUN 2 to Slice	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
LUN 3 to Slice	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
LUN 4 to Slice	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
LUN 5 to Slice	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
LUN 6 to Slice	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
LUN 7 to Slice	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Host 1 to LUN	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Host 2 to LUN	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Host 3 to LUN	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Host 4 to LUN	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Host 5 to LUN	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Host 6 to LUN	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Host 7 to LUN	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Host 8 to LUN	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7



#### San mask parameters

San Mask Parameters	
Visible to Hosts	Port 1: Enable Disable
	Port 2: Enable Disable
Host 1	WWN Value:
Host 2	WWN Value:
Host 3	WWN Value:
Host 4	WWN Value:
Host 5	WWN Value:
Host 6	WWN Value:
Host 7	WWN Value:
Host 8	WWN Value:

### **Port Parameters**

#### **Modem Port**

Modem Port	
Baud Rate	
	□ 28800 □ 38400 □ 57600 □ 115200
Stop Bit	
Data Bit	
Parity	□ None □ Odd □ Even

### **Terminal Port**

Terminal Port	
Baud Rate	<ul> <li>□ 2400 □ 4800 □ 9600 □ 14400 □ 19200</li> <li>□ 28800 □ 38400 □ 57600 □ 115200</li> </ul>
Stop Bit	□ 1 □ 2
Data Bit	□ 1 □ 2
Parity	🗌 None 🔲 Odd 🗌 Even



### **Password Settings**

Password	
Password Check	🗌 Enable 🗌 Disable
Set Password	Default :0000000 New :

### **Pager Settings**

Pager	
Paging	🗌 Enable 🔲 Disable
Pager 1 No	Tel No. : Pin No. :
Code	
Pager 2 No	Tel No. : Pin No. :
Code	
Repeat	□ 20 □ 15 □ 10 □ 5
Interval	□ 20 □ 15 □ 10 □ 5

### **Fax Settings**

Fax	
FAX	🗌 Enable 🔲 Disable
FAX Class	
FAX 1 No.	
FAX 2 No.	
Retry	

Company Information	
String 1	
String 2	

#### **Modem Settings**

Modem String		
Modem Initialize String	Default: AT&D0&K4E0	



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