

Falcon PCIe Expansion Solution

User Manual

- Falcon 4109
- Falcon 4118

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Note

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



Caution

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



Warning

A WARNING indicates a potential for property damage, personal injury, or death.

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1. Introduction

1.1 Key Features


- PCIe device composability
- Device surprise-add and remove
- PCIe port configuration
- Real-time cluster topology
- System performance monitoring
- Role-based authentication and access control

1.2 System Modes

There are two system modes for Falcon PCIe Expansion solutions. The **Standard mode** is limited to single host connection and does not support device dynamic allocation or host port bifurcation. The **Advanced mode** supports multiple host connection and could allocated devices to hosts dynamically. You could activate the Advanced mode with **Premium License**.

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Standard mode	Advanced mode
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ System monitor▪ Power control from GUI▪ Download system performance data from GUI▪ Firmware update▪ User management▪ Limited to single host	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ System monitor▪ Power control from GUI▪ Download system performance data from GUI▪ Firmware update▪ User management▪ Multiple host▪ Device hot plug (OS has to support)▪ Port configuration (bifurcation)▪ Device dynamic allocation▪ Mode switch

 Advanced mode requires following host BIOS setting:

Host BIOS → Advanced → PCIe/PCI/PnP configuration

- Enable 4G decode
- Set MMIOHBase to 56T (if possible)
- Set MMIO High Size to 512G or higher (if possible)

2. Technical Specification

2.1 Chassis

Falcon 4109

Model	Falcon 4109
BMC/mCPU	Aspeed AST2500
PCIe Switch	PEX 88096; PCIe 4.0
PCIe Slots	8x PCIe4.0 x8 FHFL and 1x PCIe 4.0x16 FHFL
Slot Power	75 W, slot 1,2,7 and 8 supports +225W PCIe 8 pin power
Host Interface	SFF-8644 connectors
Fan	4x 120x120x38mm; 6700 RPM; hot swap
Operating Temp.	0°C ~ 35°C (32°F ~ 95°F)
Dimension	174(H) x 320(W) x 466(D) mm
Weight	12.75 Kg

Falcon 4118

Model	Falcon 4118
BMC/mCPU	Aspeed AST2500
PCIe Switch	PEX 88096; PCIe 4.0
PCIe Slots	16x PCIe4.0 x8 FHFL and 2x PCIe 4.0x16 low-profile
Slot Power	75 W, slot 1,2,7 and 8 (both drawers) supports +225W PCIe 8 pin power.
Host Interface	SFF-8644 connectors
Fan	6x 120x120x38mm; 6700 RPM; hot swap
Operating Temp.	0°C ~ 35°C (32°F ~ 95°F)
Dimension	5U; 219(H) x 435(W) x 450(D) mm
Weight	21.7 Kg

2.2 Accessories

External Cable

Interface	Mini-SAS HD
Connector	SFF-8644 to SFF-8644
Bandwidth	PCIe Gen4 x4 (per cable)
Type	Copper
Length	2m

PSU

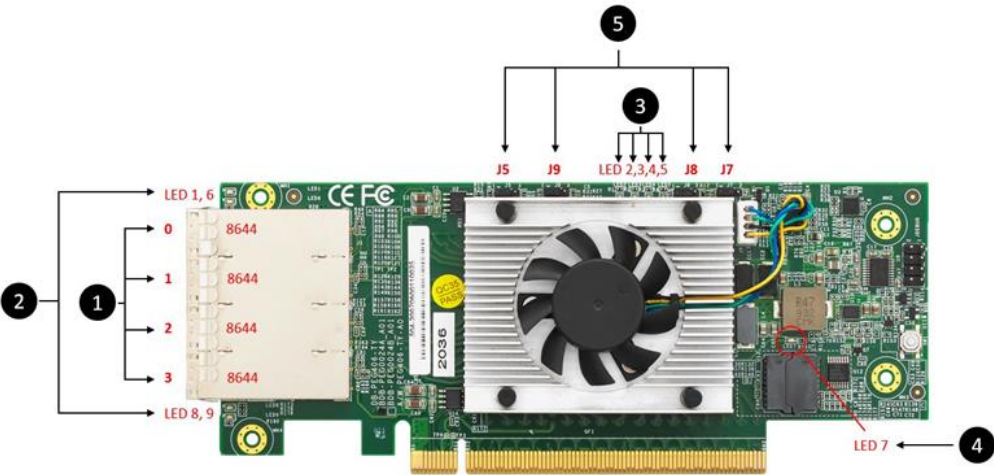
PSU	1200 W		
AC Input	100-127V	200-240V	100-240V
DC Output	+12V		+12Vsb
	82A	98A	2.1A
Efficiency	94% at full load		
Lifespan	250,000+ hrs.		
Operating Env.	0°C ~ 56°C 85% relative humidity (non-condensing)		
80 PLUS Certified	Platinum		

Host Adapter

Form factor	PCIe Low-profile; MD2; PCIe 4.0 x16
Connector	Quad SFF-8644
PCIe switch	PEX 88032; PCIe 4.0
Dimension	160(L) x 68(H) mm

Host Adapter Guide:

- 1. SFF-8644 connectors
- 2. Connection LED
- 3. PCIe link LED
- 4. Heartbeat LED
- 5. Jumpers




 Each jumper has 3 pins. Please pay attention to the labels on PCB, ▽sign indicates pin 1.
Image 1 illustrates pin number. *Image 2* illustrates the setting for [Pin 1, 2]

Image 1

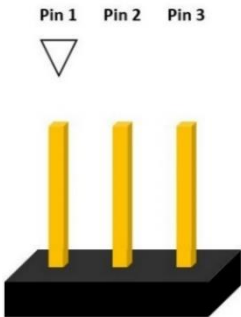
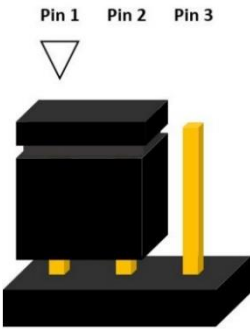


Image 2



● LED Signals

LED No.	Component	Signal indication			
1	SFF-8644 connector 0	<div><div></div> Good</div>	<div><div></div> Incorrect</div>	<div><div></div> No connection</div>	
2	PCIe link speed	<div><div></div> PCIe Gen 4</div>		<div><div></div> PCIe Gen 3</div>	
3,4,5	Port configuration	3	4	5	Config.
		<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	1 x16 lanes
		<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	2 x8 lanes
		<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	4 x4 lanes
6	SFF-8644 connector 1	See LED 1 signal indication.			
7	PCIe Switch Status	<div><div></div> Good</div>		<div><div></div> Error</div>	
8	SFF-8644 connector 2	See LED 1 signal indication.			
9	SFF-8644 connector 3	See LED 1 signal indication.			

● Jumpers

Jumper	Function	Setting		
J5	Reserved Jumper	--		
J7, J8	PCIe bifurcation	J7	J8	Config.
		Pin 1, 2	Pin 1, 2	1 x16 lanes
		Pin 2, 3	Pin 1, 2	2 x8 lanes
		Pin 1, 2	Pin 2, 3	4 x4 lanes
J9	Mode	J9		Config.
		Pin 1, 2		Host mode
		Pin 2, 3		Target mode

2.3 Compatible Devices

Devices	
Accelerator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nvidia A10 ▪ Nvidia RTX A4000
Storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Intel® P4500, P4600, P4800X ▪ Samsung PM1725a, PM1725b, PM1733, PM1735
NIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mellanox ConnectX®-4, ConnectX®-5, ConnectX®-6



Devices listed above are devices that have been tested. Standard PCIe devices may also be compatible.

If you can't find your device on the list or is planning to use our products with special PCIe device, please contact sales@h3platform.com for help.

3. Requirements

3.1 CPU

Intel	Xeon E5 V3 family or later.
AMD	EPYC 7001 series or later.



Also requires a vacant PCIe x16 slot on the host server for host adapter card installation. (PCIe Gen3 or later)

3.2 Host OS

	Standard Mode	Advanced mode
Ubuntu	No limitations	16.04 LTS, 18.04 LTS, 20.04 LTS
Windows		Build 1903-20H2
Cent OS / RHEL		7.3-8.0



Advanced mode is not limited to the OS listed above. The listed OS are recommended as they have been tested to support PCIe device hot plug.

3.3 BIOS

Host BIOS Capability

- 4G decode
- MMIOBase > 56T
- MMIO High size >512G
- PCI Access Control Services (ACS) disability.



Enabling ACS may impact GUP P2P support. However, it does not affect the operation of Falcon PCIe Expansion solutions.

3.4 Web Browsers

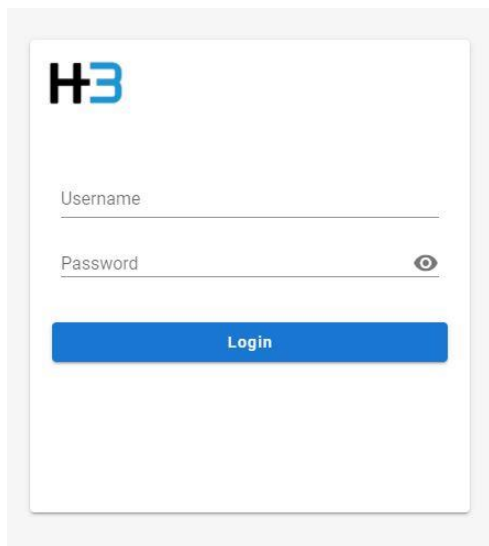
Mozilla Firefox	Please update to the latest version.
Google Chrome	Please update to the latest version.

4. Graphical User Interface

4.1 Log-In

Every time you access the GUI, you will be asked to log in.

Please enter your **Username** and **Password**.

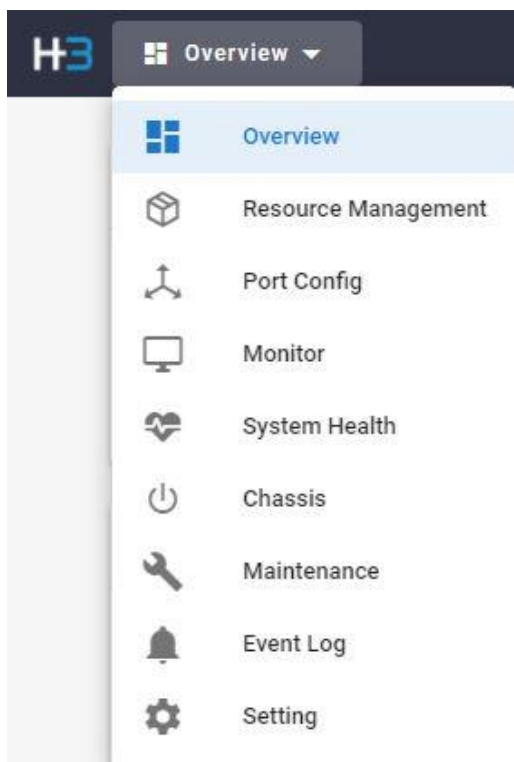


The login form features the H3 logo at the top left. Below it are two input fields: 'Username' and 'Password'. The 'Password' field includes a toggle icon (an eye) to switch between visible and hidden states. A blue 'Login' button is positioned below the password field.

4.2 Functions

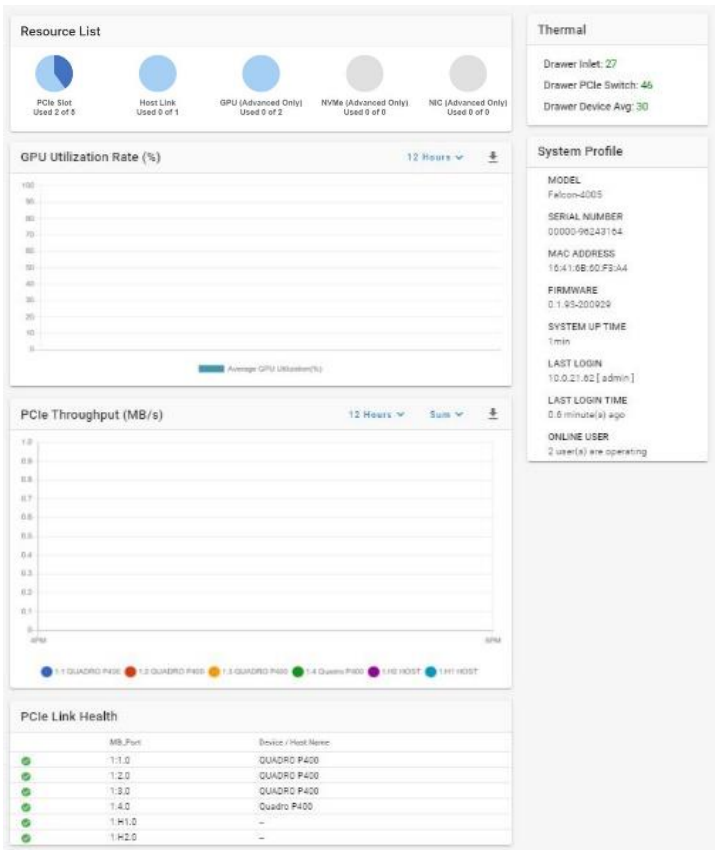
The menu at the top (or top-left corner) of the page shows all the available functions.

Please find details of each function in the relative section.

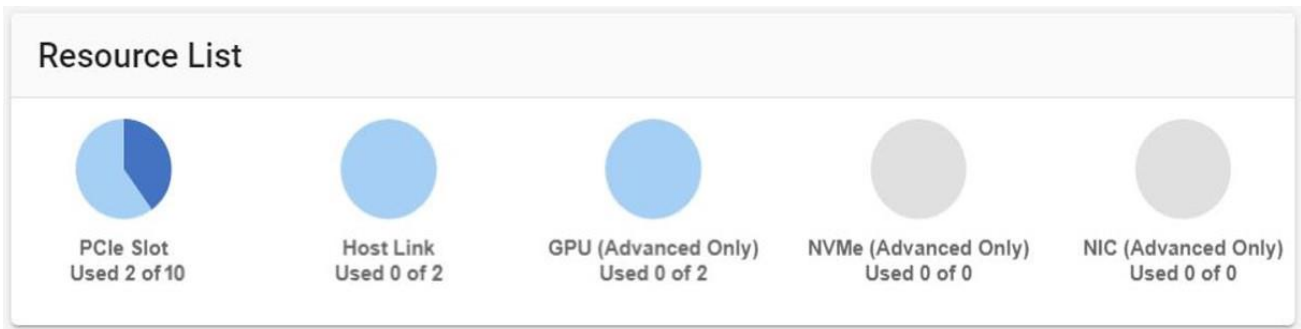


4.2.1 Overview

The Overview page sorts out the basic performance data of the Falcon PCIe Expansion system.



Resource List



The Resource List provides PCIe device usage and host port usage information. Usage of specific device types (GPU, NVMe SSD, FPGA and NIC) features can be accessed with **Premium License** activated.

“Used” indicates the number of devices that are currently assigned to hosts.
e.g. *Used 2 of 10.*
There are 10 devices installed in Falcon system, 2 of them are assigned to the host(s).

GPU Utilization Rate(%)

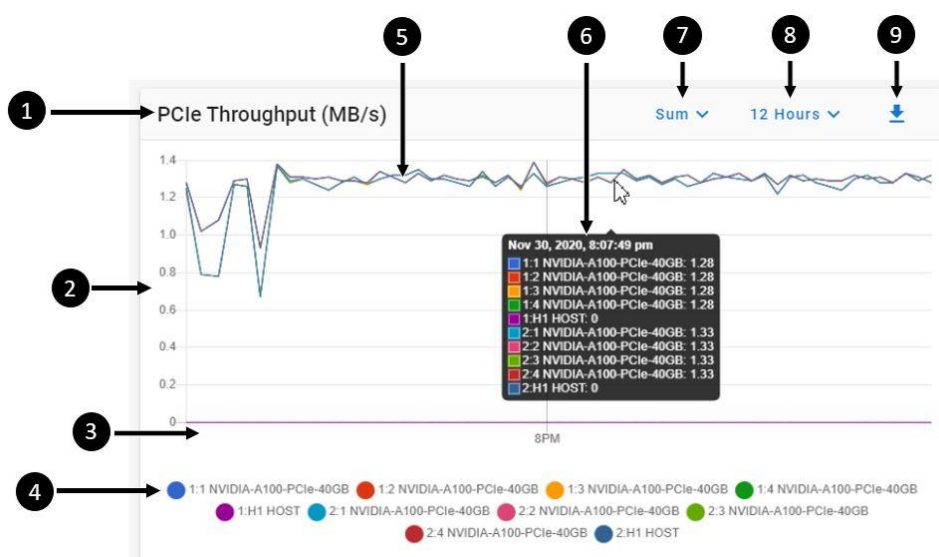


In the GPU utilization chart, users can check the GPU utilization of a specific GPU in a specific period. Y-axis represents the utilization rate and X-axis represents a specific GPU. The data is read from PCIe devices directly, only the compatible devices with the out-band information will be shown here.

1. Graph title:	GPU Utilization Rate (%)
2. Utilization rate:	The average GPU utilization, scaled from 0~100%.
3. Bar graph:	Utilization rate of the GPUs, displayed in bar graphs.
4. Device number:	Displayed as [Drawer #]:[slot#]. E.g., 1:1 represents device on slot 1 of drawer 1
5. Display period:	The graph will display the utilization rate of the GPUs in the past hours. (1-, 12-, 24-, or 72-hours options available)
6. Download:	Download the GPU utilization data (up to the past 72 hours)

Only shows the utilization rate of GPU devices.

PCIe Throughput (MB/s)



1. Graph title:	PCIe Throughput (MB/s)
2. Throughput rate:	The numbers on throughput rate scale (MB/s) will change as throughput changes.
3. Time:	The X-axis display system times. (per hour)
4. Devices:	List all the devices installed. Every device has a unique color indicator.
5. Throughput curve:	The curve of PCIe throughput of each device, distinguished by the color.
6. List down menu:	Displays throughput of each device at a specific time point. Move the mouse over the curve to see this menu.
7. Traffics:	Select traffic types to display on the throughput graph. There are three types: Ingress, Egress, and Sum.
8. Display period:	The graph will display the throughput rate of the devices in the past hours. (1, 12, 24, or 72-hours options available)
9. Download:	Download the PCIe throughput data. (Up to the past 72 hours)

PCIe Link Health

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→ PCIe Link Health

	Status	Port#	Port-Type	Name
2	✓	3 1:2.0	4 Device	5 QUADRO P400
	✓	1:4.0	Device	QUADRO P400
	✓	1:H1.0	Host	

1. Graph title:	PCIe Link Health
2. Health status:	Green=healthy, Red=error, Gray=no link.
3. Port #:	PCIe port number.
4. Port type:	Indicates whether the PCIe port is a device port or host port.
5. Device name:	The name of the device linked to the PCIe port.

Thermal

Displays the average temperature of each component (in °C) in the Falcon PCIe chassis is displayed.

Green = good, **Amber** = moderate, **Red** = overheat

Thermal	
Drawer-1 Board	28 °C
Drawer-1 Device Avg	38 °C
Drawer-1 PCIe Switch	64 °C
Drawer-2 Board	32 °C
Drawer-2 Device Avg	40 °C
Drawer-2 PCIe Switch	58 °C



Falcon System will shut down automatically when the system detects any device temperature >85°C for over 10 seconds.

This temperature threshold is adjustable, please see Advanced Config → Thermal Control for more detail.

System Profile


The System Profile displays basic system information of the machine.

System Profile	
Model	Falcon- 4118
Serial Number	504-20060501310073
MAC Address	8C:AE:49:10:00:0C
Firmware	0.2.82-210513
System Up Time	5d:22h:20m:40s
Last Login	10.0.21.68 [admin]
Last Login Time	2 hour 25 minutes ago
Online User	2 user(s) are operating
IP Address	10.0.24.200 (Static)

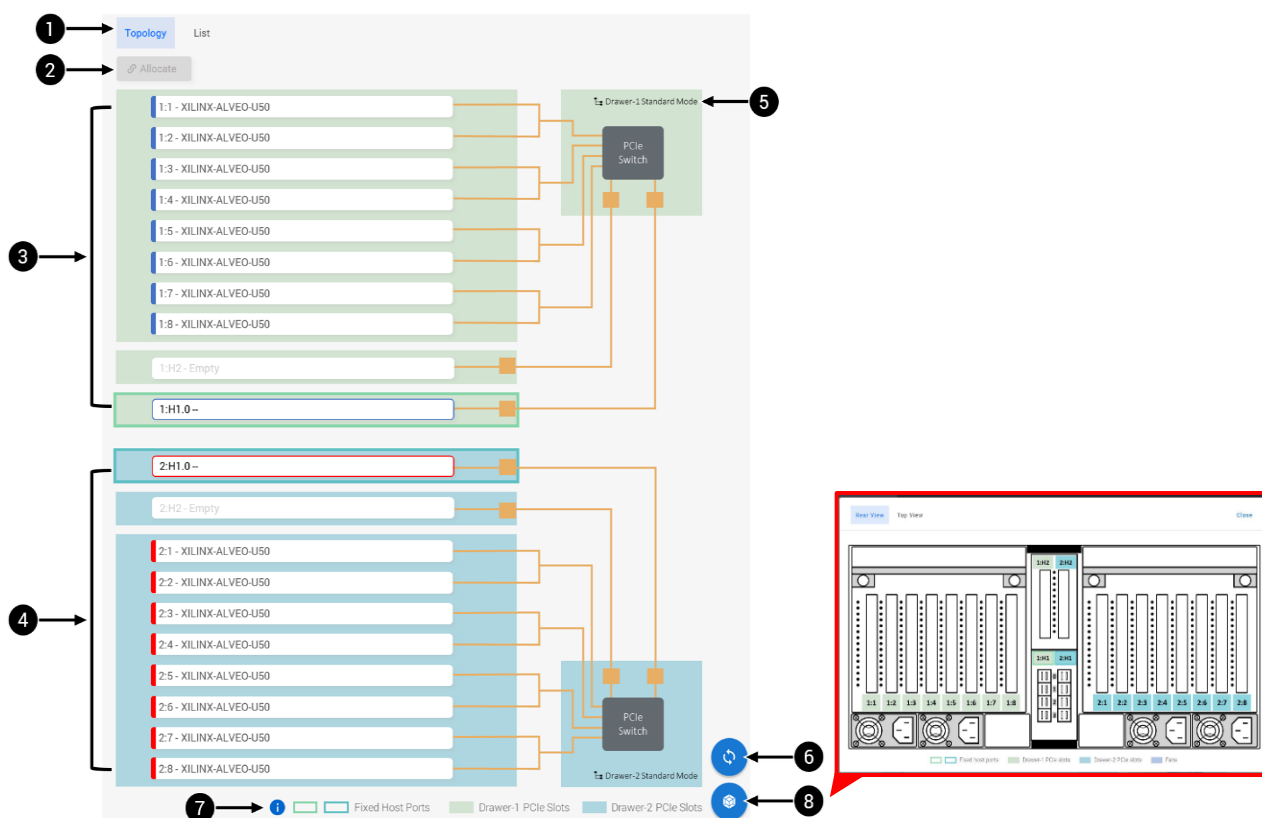
Model:	Chassis model name.
Serial number:	Serial number of this machine.
Mac address:	Mac address of this machine.
Firmware:	BMC firmware version.
System up time:	Time since the system is powered-on.
Last login:	The last user.
Last login time:	The time of last login
Online user:	The number of users currently online.
IP address:	The IP address of this machine.

4.2.2 Resource Management

There are two tabs under Resource Management, Topology and List. The topology view shows the graph of hosts, devices, and PCIe switch. The list view lists all the devices and hosts in a table.

 Device provisioning can only be done under Topology tab.

Topology View



1. Display mode:	Select Topology or List view for resource management.
2. Allocate:	This button is used when allocating resources. (See <i>Device Allocation</i> section for detail)
3. Drawer 1 PCIe ports:	PCIe ports topology of drawer 1.
4. Drawer 2 PCIe ports:	PCIe ports topology of drawer 2. (Falcon 4118)
5. System mode:	Displays the current system mode of the drawer.
6. Refresh:	Refresh the topology display.
7. Legends:	Help users to identify components in the topology view.
8. Port label:	Port label diagram that helps users to identify PCIe ports.

● Port Information



- 1. **Color tag:** Indicates which host that the device is assigned too. The color is corresponding to the color frame of host port. (E.g., the device is assigned to 1:H1, color=Blue)
- 2. **Port & device:** Port number and device name.

List View

Slot #	Status	Assigned Host	Device Name	Type	Temp. (°C)	Link Capability (Curr / Max)	
1:1.0	Attached	1:H1.0	XILINX-ALVEO-U50	FPGA	40	G4x8/G4x8	⌵
1:2.0	Attached	1:H1.0	XILINX-ALVEO-U50	FPGA	43	G4x8/G4x8	⌵
1:3.0	Attached	1:H1.0	XILINX-ALVEO-U50	FPGA	36	G4x8/G4x8	⌵
1:4.0	Attached	1:H1.0	XILINX-ALVEO-U50	FPGA	42	G4x8/G4x8	⌵
1:5.0	Attached	2:H1.0	XILINX-ALVEO-U50	FPGA	37	G4x8/G4x8	⌵
1:6.0	Attached	2:H1.0	XILINX-ALVEO-U50	FPGA	39	G4x8/G4x8	⌵
1:7.0	Attached	2:H1.0	XILINX-ALVEO-U50	FPGA	45	G4x8/G4x8	⌵
1:8.0	Attached	2:H1.0	XILINX-ALVEO-U50	FPGA	43	G4x8/G4x8	⌵

1:1.0 Attached 1:H1.0 XILINX-ALVEO-U50 FPGA 34 G4x8/G4x8

Product Name : XILINX-ALVEO-U50
Board Part No. : 900-59212-2500-000
Temperature : 34
Serial No. : 501211101A7X
VBIOS Version : 86.07.68.00.01
Image Version : G212.0500.00.01

Vendor ID : 10de
Sub System ID : 11be
Device ID : 1cb3
UUID : -
Fan Speed : -
Build Date : 2019/03/21

1. Slot #:	This column shows the slot number.
2. Status:	The status of the device.
3. Assigned host:	The host that the device is assigned to.
4. Device Name:	Model name of the device
5. Device type:	The type of the device. (GPU, NVMe SSD, FPGA, NIC...)
6. Temperature:	The temperature of the device.
7. Link capability:	Link capability of the device / Link capability of the PCIe slot. Displayed in [PCIe generation x lanes]
8. Device details:	Click on the drop-down icon to show detailed information of the device.
9. Refresh:	Click to refresh the list.
10. Port label:	Port label diagram that helps users to identify PCIe ports.

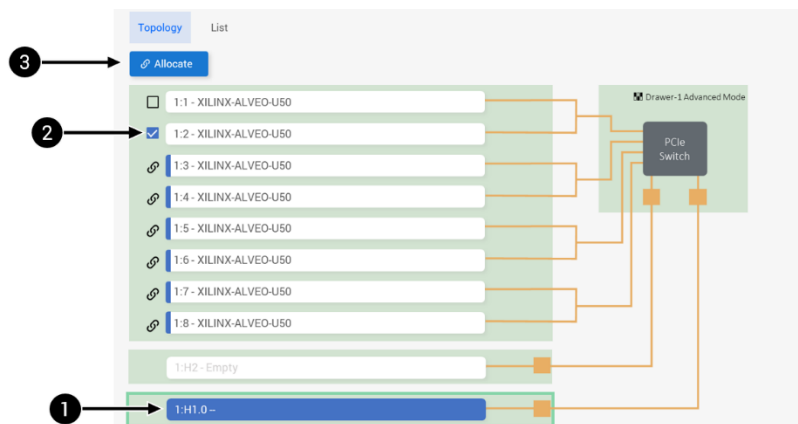
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Assign Devices

Device allocation is only enabled in **Advance mode**.

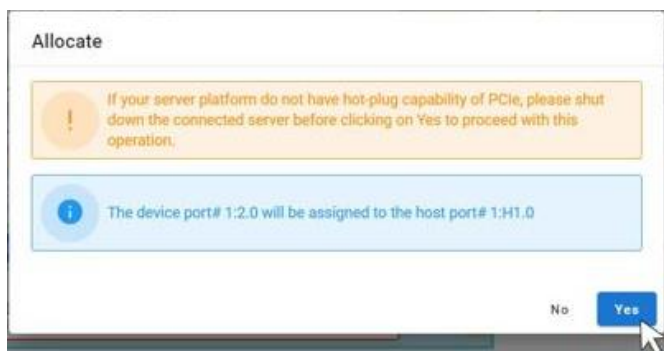
Select **Topology** view to assign devices.


1. Select the host.
2. Select the available device.
3. Click "Allocate" to assign.



 Users could select multiple devices at a time for batch assignment.

Confirmation window will pop-up. Click "Yes" to proceed. Then Click "OK" to finish the process.



 The link icon and color tag should appear when the device is successfully assigned.

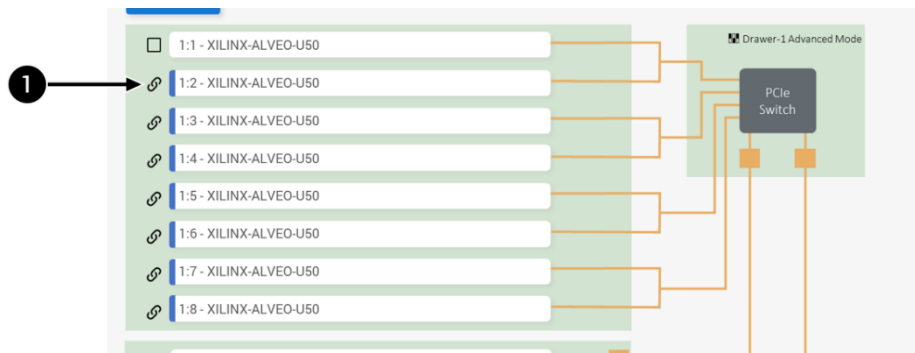



Unassign Device


Release device is only enabled in **Advance mode**.

Select **Topology** view to unassign devices.

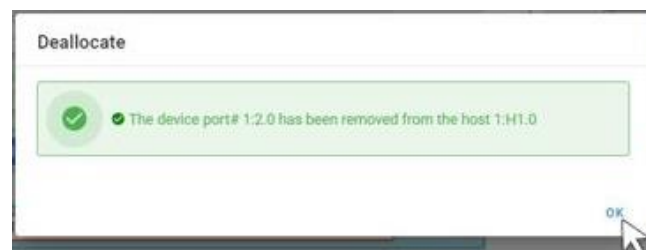
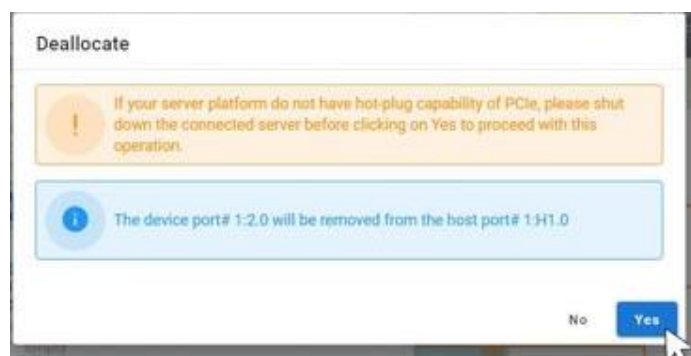
1. Click the link icon next to the target device.



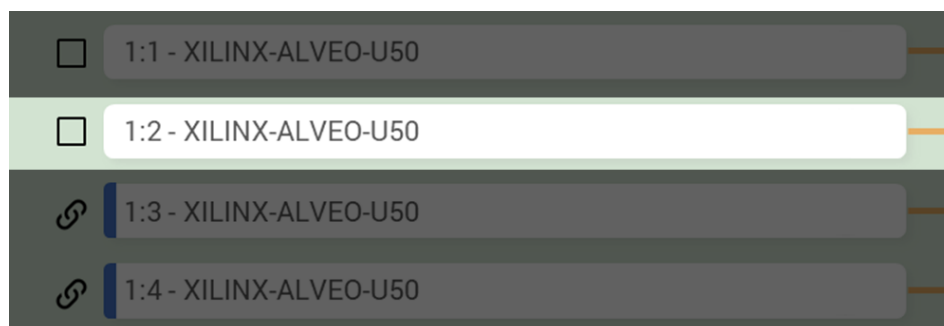
 Users can only unassign one device at a time.

 Please make sure that the host OS device driver releases the device properly for successful hot plug. See [P.47](#) for details.

Confirmation window will pop-up. Click “Yes” to proceed. Then Click “OK” to finish the process.

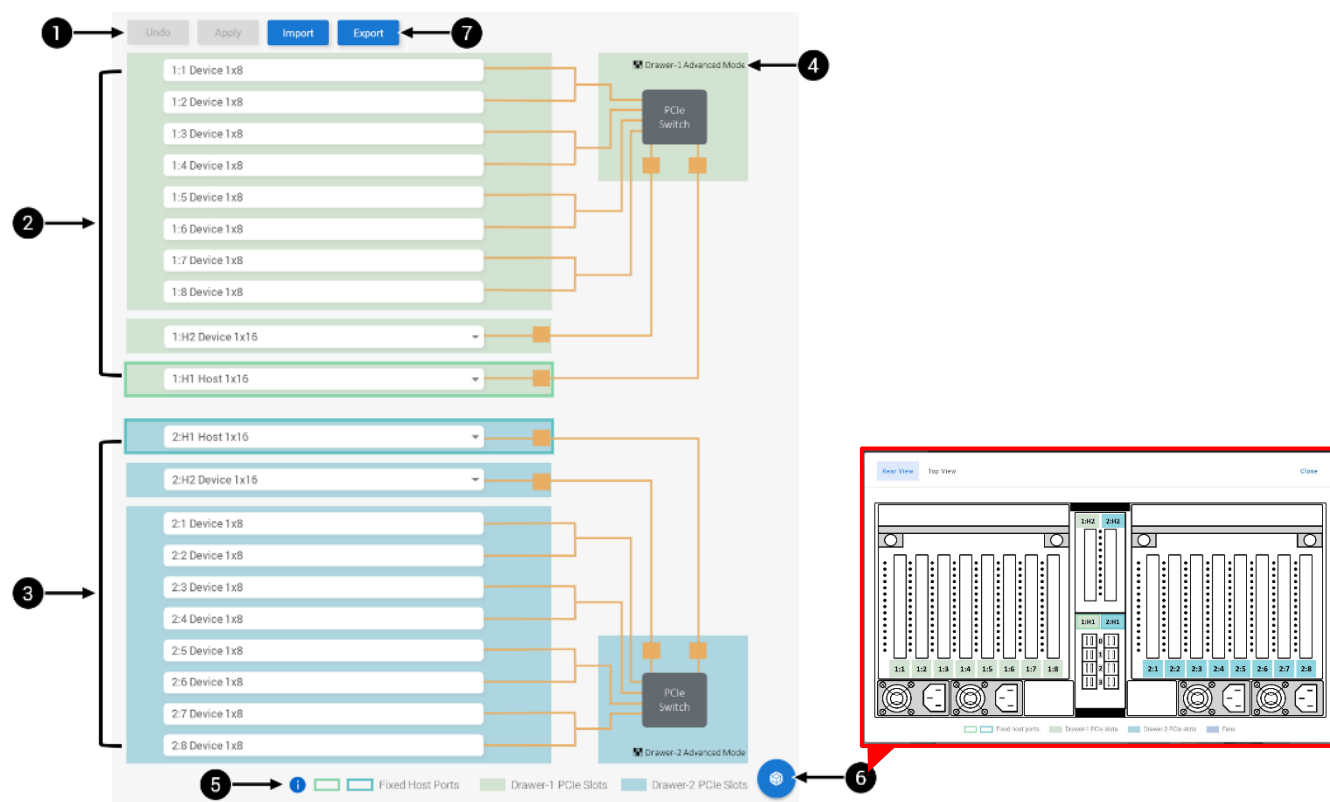


 The link icon and color tag should disappear when the device is successfully unassigned.



4.2.3 Port Configuration

Falcon GPU solution allows user defined PCIe port configurations. All PCIe ports are default to 16 lanes (PCIe 4.0). The lanes can be configured into 2x8 lanes or 4x4lanes depending on the custom requirements.



1. Undo & Apply:	Undo or apply configuration settings. (See <i>Configure Ports</i> section for details)
2. Drawer 1 PCIe ports:	PCIe ports topology of drawer 1.
3. Drawer 2 PCIe ports:	PCIe ports topology of drawer 2. (Falcon 4118)
4. Legends:	Help users to identify components.
5. System mode:	Displays the current system mode of the drawer.
6. Port label:	Port label diagram that helps users to identify PCIe ports.
7. Import & Export:	Import a past configuration setting or export the current setting. (File format = <i>.h3reg</i>)

Configure Ports

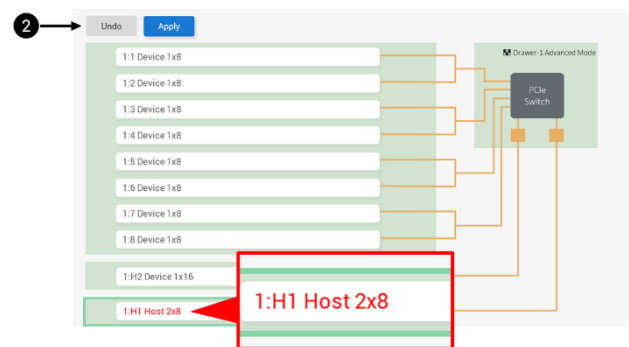
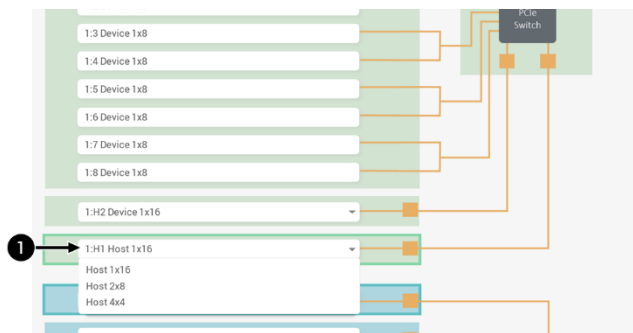
Port configuration is only enabled in **Advanced mode**.

Configurable ports include: 1:H1, 1:H2, 2:H1 (Falcon 4118), and 2:H2 (Falcon 4118)


i 1:H1 and 2:H1 are fixed to host ports, users can only modify the bifurcation settings.

2:H1 and 2:H2 can be configured into either device or host ports, bifurcation is only available for host mode.

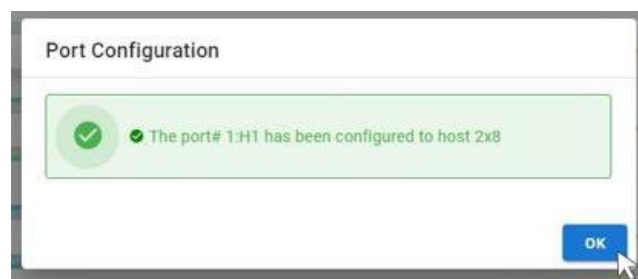
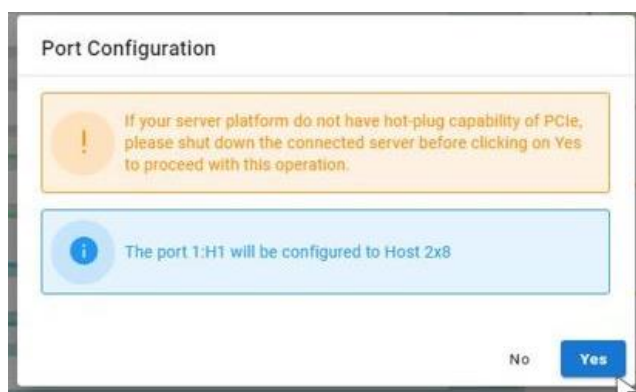
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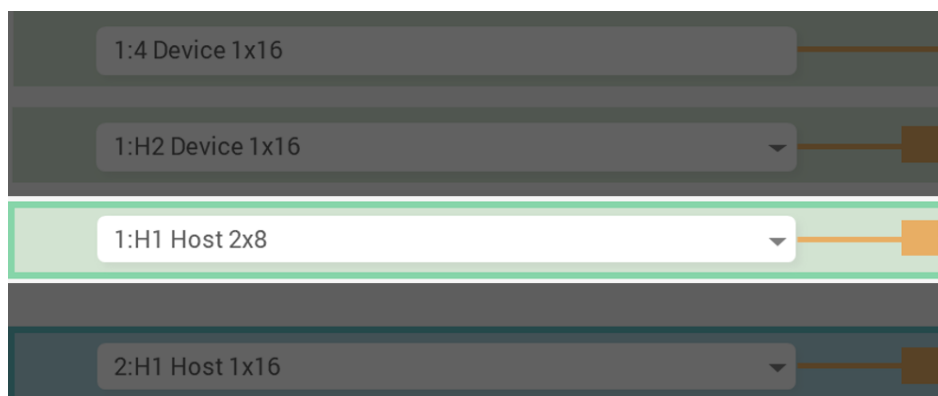
1. Click the drop-down icon of the PCIe port and select the desired configuration.
2. Click "Apply" to apply the configuration, or "Undo" to discard the configuration.

 The text in **Red** indicates that the configuration is not yet applied.

Confirmation window will pop-up. Click "Yes" to proceed. Then Click "OK" to finish the process.





 The text should turn **Black** when the configuration is successfully applied.




Hardware Setup for Multiple Hosts

Port bifurcation allows more host connections to Falcon GPU Chassis. A x16 host port that have been bifurcated would be divided into two (x8) or four (x4) ports, each given a sub host port number. Please follow the connection guide for the system to recognize the host machines correctly.

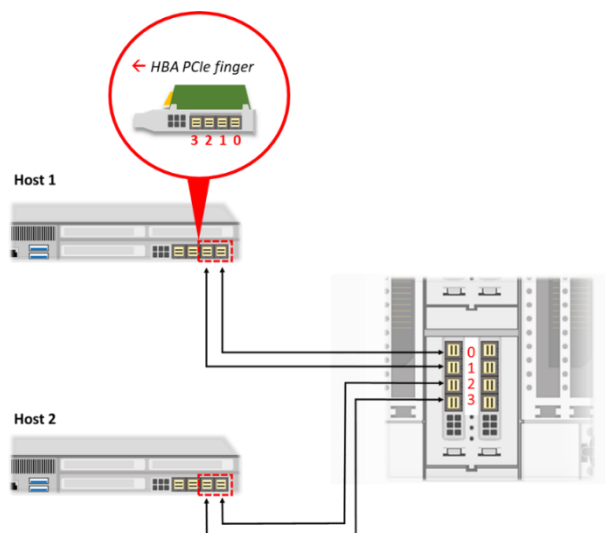
 Please pay attention to the direction which the HBA is installed in the following diagrams. If your HBA is installed in a different direction, make sure the right connectors are used.

 The guide is demonstrated with host port 1:H1. Also applicable to 2:H1 or 1:H2 and 2:H2 host mode.

 Mixing the cabling order may cause system error.

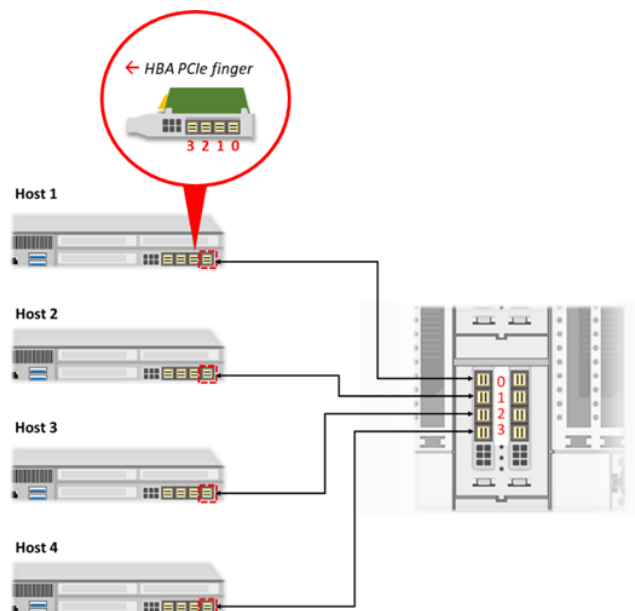
Host port 2x8 configuration

Host side	Use connector 0&1 on the HBAs
Chassis Side	Connector 0&1 for host 1:H1.0 Connector 2&3 for host 1:H1.1



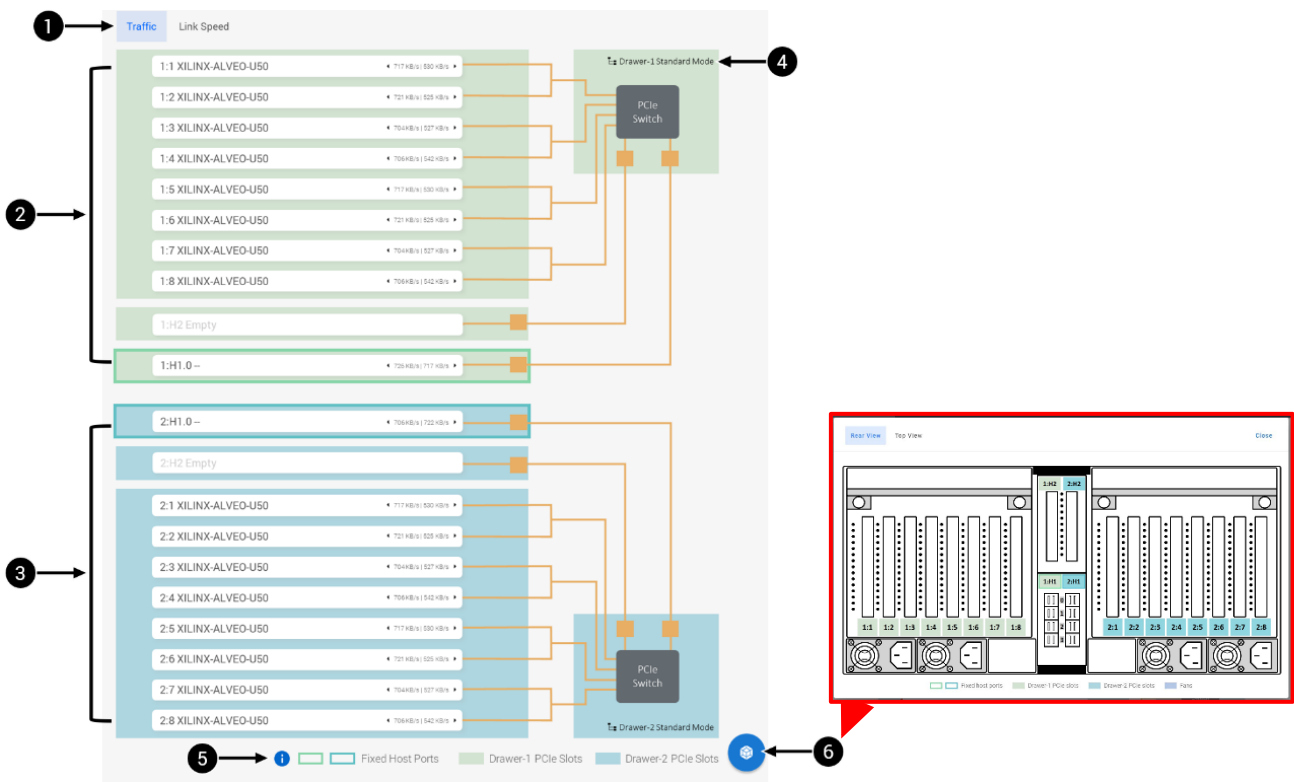
Host port 4x4 configuration

Host side	Use connector 0 on the HBAs
Chassis Side	Connector 0 for host 1:H1.0 Connector 1 for host 1:H1.1 Connector 2 for host 1:H1.2 Connector 3 for host 1:H1.3



4.2.4 Monitor

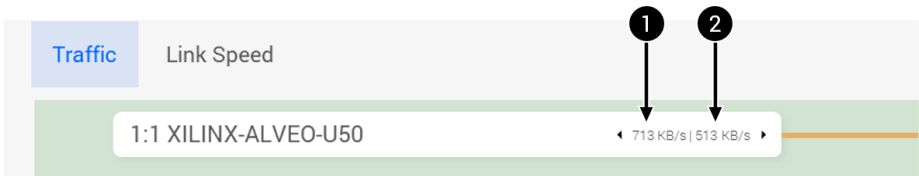
Under Monitor page, users can see the real-time **traffic** and **link speed** of each PCIe port.



1. Sub-menu:	Select to display Traffic or Link speed information.
2. Drawer 1 PCIe port:	PCIe ports topology of drawer 1.
3. Drawer 2 PCIe port:	PCIe ports topology of drawer 2. (Falcon 4118)
4. Legends:	Help users to identify components.
5. System mode:	Displays the current system mode of the drawer.
6. Port label:	Port label diagram that helps users to identify PCIe ports.

Traffic

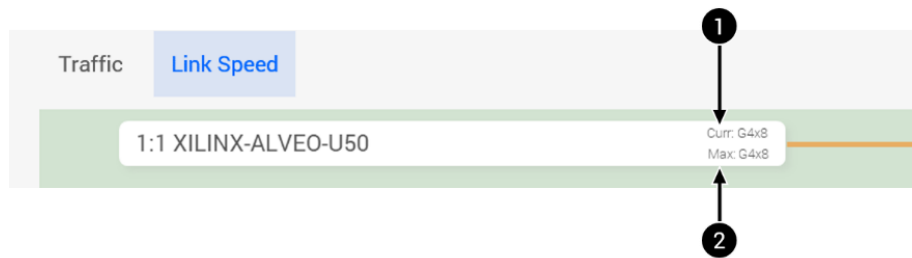
The real-time traffics will show up in the right side of every PCIe port.






1. Ingress traffic:	PCIe switch to device traffics.
2. Egress traffic:	Device to PCIe switch traffics.

Link Speed

The link speed will show up in the right side of every PCIe port.

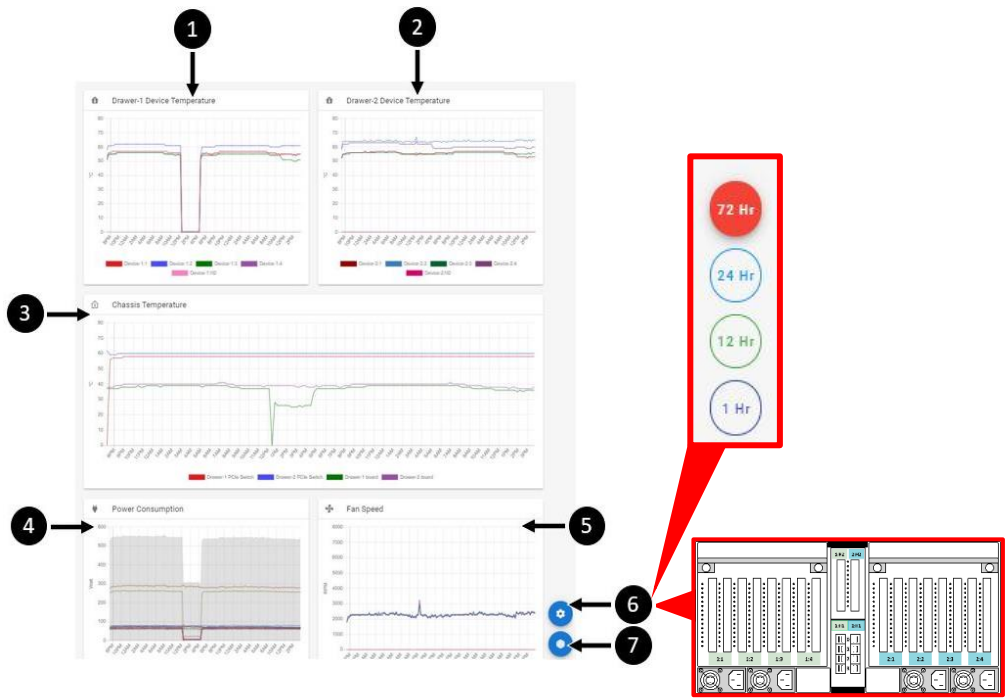


1. Current link speed:	The current link speed of the device.
2. Maximum link speed:	The maximum link speed of the PCIe port.

-  Link speed display format: **[PCIe generation x Lanes]**
E.g., Nvidia A100 is a PCIe Gen4 x16 device, the **current link speed** should display G4x16.
-  Max link speed should be G4x16, the current link speed is depending on the device.
-  If the link speed does not meet the specification, try power cycle the PCIe slot.

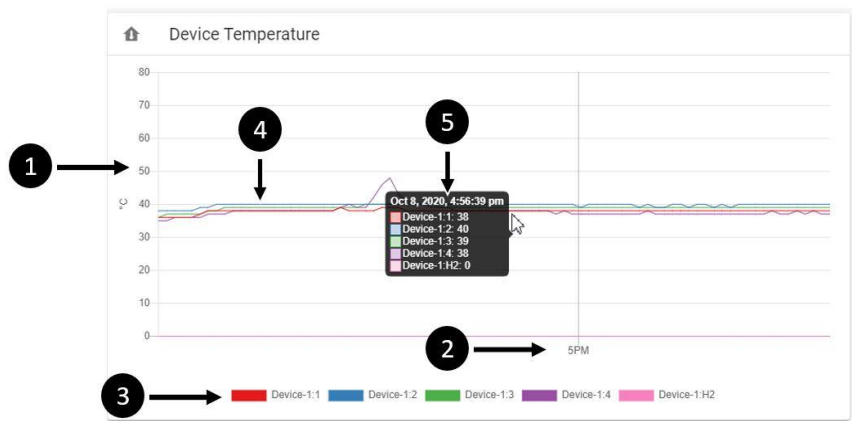
4.2.5 System Health

The System Health page provides consolidated health information of the chassis. Including **Drawer and Device temperatures, Chassis temperature, Power consumptions, and Fan speeds.**



1. Drawer 1 device temp.:	see Device Temperature Graph section for details.
2. Drawer 2 device temp.:	see Device Temperature Graph section for details. (Falcon 4118)
3. Chassis temp.:	see Chassis Temperature Graph section for details.
4. Power consumption:	see Power Consumption Graph section for details.
5. Fan speed:	See Fan Speed Graph section for details.
6. Port label:	Port label diagram that helps users to identify PCIe ports.
7. Time period:	Select time interval for all graphs.

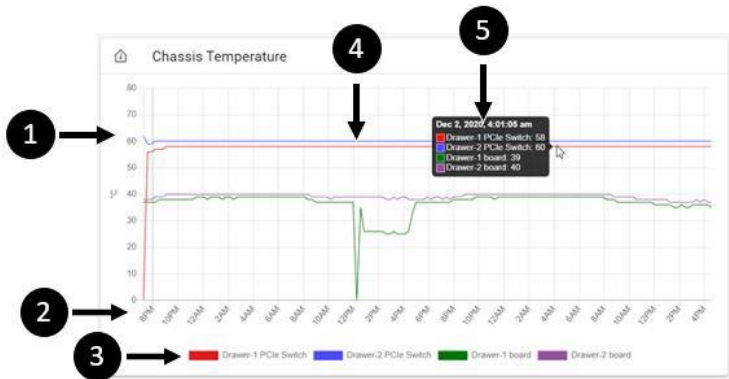
Device Temperature Graph



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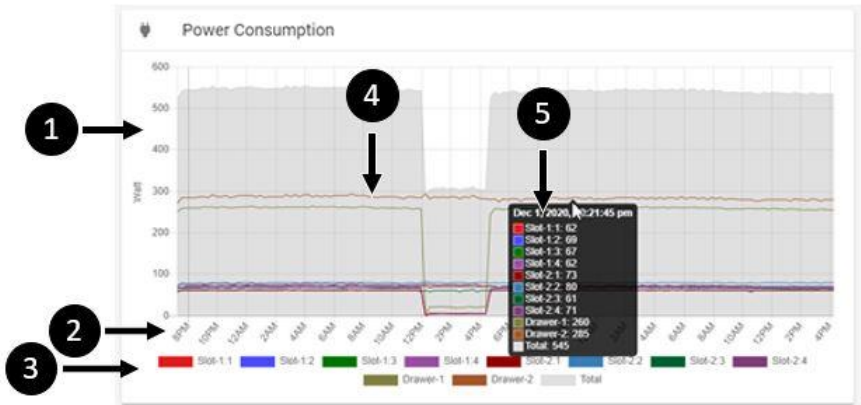
1. Temperature:	Temperature scale in degree Celsius.
2. Time:	Time scale in hours.
3. Device:	Devices in the drawer, each given a color tag. (E.g., Device 1:2 = Blue)
4. Temperature curve:	Temperature curves of the devices, colors are corresponding to the device color tag. (E.g., Blue curve = temperature of device 1:2 in the given time period)
5. Instantaneous temp.:	Hover the cursor on the graph, the temperature of all devices at the specific time will be shown in the black menu.

Chassis Temperature Graph




1. Temperature:	Temperature scale in degree Celsius.
2. Time:	Time scale in hours.
3. Components:	Components in the chassis, each given a color tag. (E.g., PCIe switch 2 = Blue)
4. Temperature curve:	Temperature curves of the components, colors are corresponding to the component color tag. (E.g., Blue curve = temperature of PCIe switch 2 in the given time period)
5. Instantaneous temp.:	Hover the cursor on the graph, the temperature of all components at the specific time will be shown in the black menu.

Power Consumption Graph

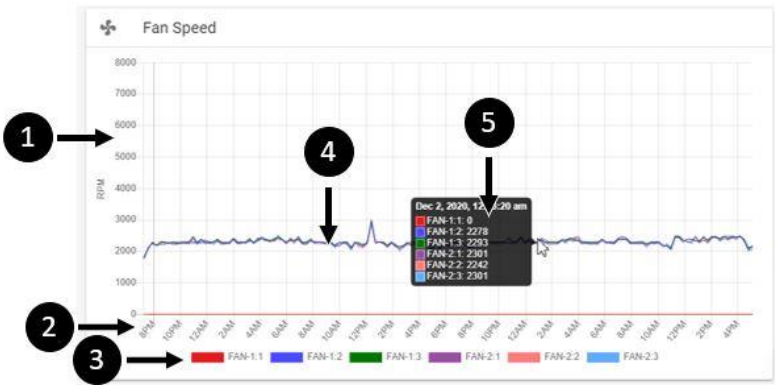


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1. Power consumption:	Power consumption scale in Watts.
2. Time:	Time scale in hours.
3. Devices:	Devices, each given a color tag. (E.g., Device 2 = Blue)
4. Power consumption curve:	Power consumption curves of the components, colors are corresponding to the component color tag. (E.g., Blue curve = temperature of PCIe switch 2 in the given time period)
5. Instantaneous power consumption:	Hover the cursor on the graph, the power consumption of all components at the specific time will be shown in the black menu.

 The grey area represents the overall power consumption. (Sum of all devices)

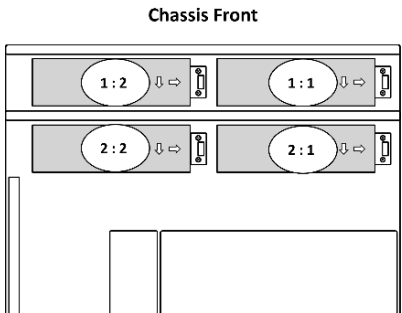
Fan Speed Graph



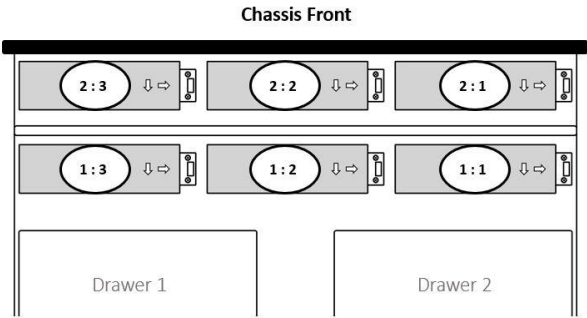
1. Fan speed:	Fan speed scale in RPM.
2. Time:	Time scale in hours.
3. Fans:	Fans, each given a color tag. (E.g., Fan 1:2 = Blue)
4. Fan speed curve:	Fan speed curves of the fans, colors are corresponding to the color tags. (E.g., Blue curve = fan speed of fan 1:2 in the given time period)
5. Instantaneous fan speed:	Hover the cursor on the graph, the fan speed of all fans at the specific time will be shown in the black menu.

 Fan numbers:

(Falcon 4109)

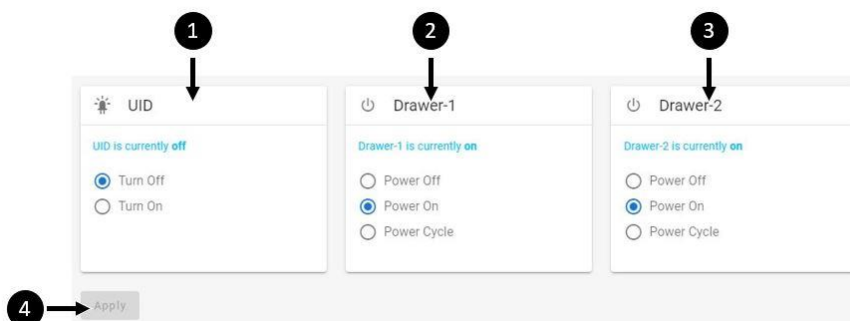


(Falcon 4118)



4.2.6 Chassis

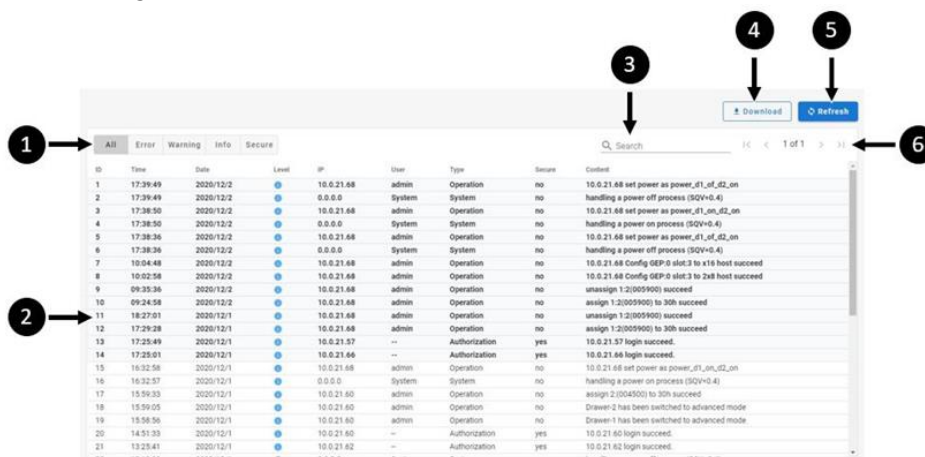
Under Chassis page, users can control the power of chassis UID, and the power of the GPU drawers separately. The LCD will blink when Falcon GPU chassis UID is turned on. When you turn the drawer off, only the drawer will be turned off, other components in the chassis (fans, PCIe switch, BMC...) would remain powered on.





1. UID power:	Control chassis UID.
2. Drawer 1 power:	Control the power of drawer 1.
3. Drawer 2 power:	Control the power of drawer 2. (Falcon 4118)
4. Apply:	Apply power settings.

4.2.7 Event Logs

In the Event Logs page, users will find consolidated logs. The logs are filtered by log levels, users can find specific logs by levels or using the search bar.



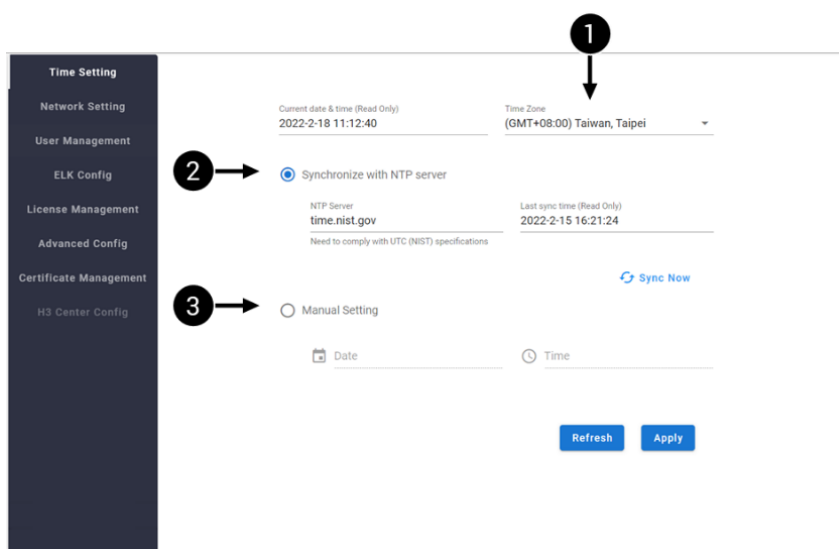
1. Log Categories:	Filter logs by categories.
2. Logs:	Event logs ordered from newest to oldest.
3. Search bar:	Search for specific logs.
4. Download:	Download all event logs in .csv format.
5. Refresh:	Refresh the logs.
6. Page:	Select pages of logs.

-  Logs in bold text are unread logs.
-  **Error:** highest severity, events that may damage the system.
- Warning:** moderate severity, events that requires attention.
- Info:** regular system events.
- Log-ins:** user account related activities.

4.2.8 Setting

System settings includes **Time setting**, **Network setting**, **User Management**, **ELK configuration**, **License management**, **Advanced config.**, and **Certificate management**.

Time Setting





The screenshot shows the 'Time Setting' page. On the left is a sidebar with navigation links: Time Setting, Network Setting, User Management, ELK Config, License Management, Advanced Config, Certificate Management, and H3 Center Config. The main content area has the following elements:

- Callout 1:** Points to the 'Time Zone' dropdown menu, which is currently set to '(GMT+08:00) Taiwan, Taipei'.
- Callout 2:** Points to the 'Synchronize with NTP server' radio button, which is selected. Below it, the 'NTP Server' is set to 'time.nist.gov'.
- Callout 3:** Points to the 'Manual Setting' radio button, which is unselected. Below it, there are input fields for 'Date' and 'Time'.

Other visible elements include: 'Current date & time (Read Only)' showing '2022-2-18 11:12:40', 'Last sync time (Read Only)' showing '2022-2-15 16:21:24', a 'Sync Now' button, and 'Refresh' and 'Apply' buttons at the bottom.

1. Time zone:	Set / modify system time zone.
2. Sync. with NTP server:	Sync the system with a NTP server. (Requires NT server IP address)
3. Manual Setting:	Set / modify date and time with calendar tool.

-  After modifying NTP server IP, please click "Sync Now", the NTP server IP will be updated immediately.
-  Please click "Apply" after modifying time settings in order to keep the settings.

Network Setting

1. TCP/IP Setting:

- Obtain IP address automatically.
- Use static IP address. (Requires IP address, subnet mask, and default gateway)

2. DNS Setting:

- Obtain DNS server address automatically.
- Use custom DNS server. (Requires DNS server address)

3. Apply:

Apply the new settings.

User Management

1. Search bar:

Search for specific user account.

2. User accounts:

Shows the username, user role, and UUID of each account.

3. Action:

Edit user account. Change password. Delete user account.

4. Create account

Create new user account.

"admin" account cannot be deleted.

See **User Roles and Authorities** section (P. 27) for user role details.

● User Roles and Authorities

	Admin	User_Admin	User	Guest
Read PCIe Resource	0	0	0	0
Read Chassis Info	0	0	0	0
Read System Logs	0	0	0	X
Manage PCIe Resource	0	0	0	X
Change Password	0	0	0	X
Read System Settings	0	0	X	X
Read Maintenance Info	0	0	X	X
Read Security Logs	0	0	X	X
User Account Management	0	0	X	X
Modify System Setting	0	0	X	X
Maintenance Operation	0	0	X	X
Premium License Setting	0	X	X	X

ELK Configuration

The screenshot shows the 'ELK Config' section in a web interface. On the left is a sidebar menu with options: Time Setting, Network Setting, User Management, ELK Config (highlighted), License Management, Advanced Config, Certificate Management, and H3 Center Config. The main content area has a checkbox labeled 'Send event logs to ELK server'. Below it are input fields for 'IP Address' and 'TCP port'. At the bottom are three buttons: 'Refresh', 'Send A Test Log', and 'Apply'. Three numbered callouts are present: '1' points to the checkbox, '2' points to the 'Send A Test Log' button, and '3' points to the 'Apply' button.

1. Set up ELK server:	Check the box to enable ELK server setting. (Requires ELK server IP and TCP port)
2. Send test log:	Send a test log to the ELK server.
3. Apply:	Apply ELK server setting.

License Management

● Software License Details:

Time Setting
Network Setting
User Management
ELK Config
License Management
Advanced Config
Certificate Management
H3 Center Config

Software License Details PCIe Configuration Editor

1 License Name Falcon 4 Series PCIe Advanced Feature Permit
Manufacturer H3platform, Inc.
Active no
License Key NA
Type basic

How To Buy The Premium License ⓘ

2 Activate License

Upload License

Premium License Key

Cancel Apply

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. License information: | Current software license details. |
| 2. Activate License: | Activate premium license key. |

● PCIe Configuration Editor

Time Setting
Network Setting
User Management
ELK Config
License Management
Advanced Config
Certificate Management
H3 Center Config

Software License Details PCIe Configuration Editor

Drawer-1

Subsystem Device ID
0fc2
Comply with hexadecimal 4

Subsystem Vendor ID
4833
Comply with hexadecimal 4

PCIe Serial Number
48338cae491000e4
Comply with hexadecimal 16

Drawer-2



Subsystem Device ID
0fc2
Comply with hexadecimal 4

Subsystem Vendor ID
4833
Comply with hexadecimal 4

PCIe Serial Number
48338cae49100205
Comply with hexadecimal 16

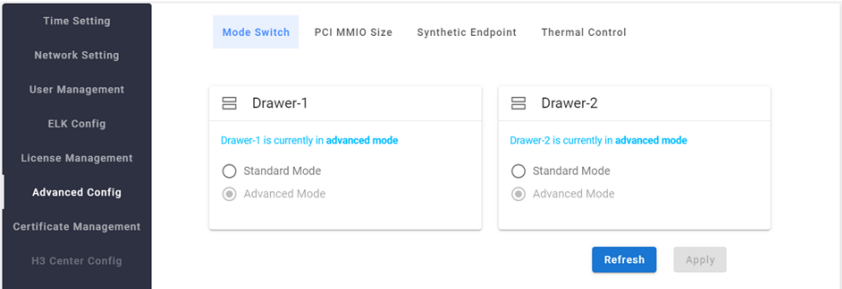
Refresh Undo Apply

This feature allows user to apply the subsystem device ID, subsystem vendor ID, and PCIe serial number to the Atlas (the PCIe switch that controls a drawer). Above information would be shown on the PCIe tree (depend on the OS) to help users identifying PCIe switches when there are multiple of them.


-  Drawer-2 option does not exist for Falcon 4109.
-  This feature is for advanced users with higher-level of knowledge and familiarity to PCIe. Incorrect setting may cause system error.

Advanced Config

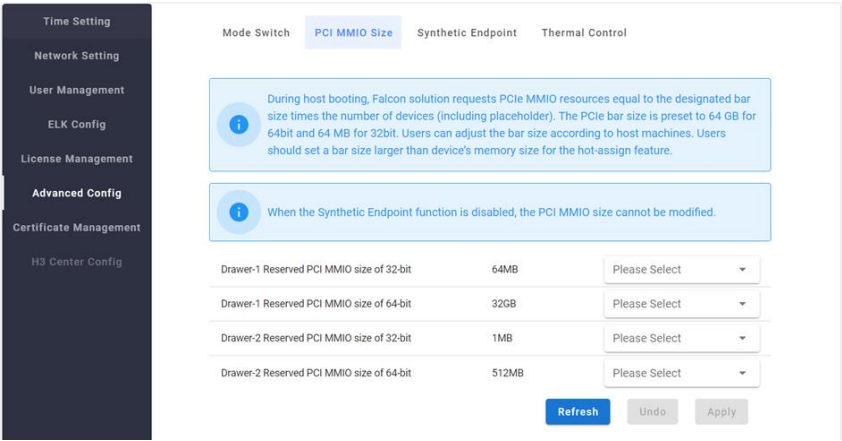
- Mode Switch



Modify Falcon PCIe Expansion system modes. Must click “Apply” for mode switch to take effect.


 Drawer-2 for Falcon 4118.

- PCIe MMIO Size



This feature only takes effect when the **synthetic endpoint** is enabled. (See **Synthetic Endpoint** section P. 31 for more information)

Users can set the MMIO size that each device is able to reserve from host machines. The set MMIO size refers to the MMIO size that every device can reserve. The MMIO size should be equal or greater than the memory size of your PCIe device.

 E.g., If the MMIO size for drawer 1 is set to be 64GB, the total MMIO size that drawer 1 reserves from the host will be 32GB x 8devices=256GB (assuming that the drawer is fully equipped with devices).

● Synthetic Endpoint

The screenshot shows the 'Synthetic Endpoint' configuration page. On the left is a dark sidebar with a menu containing: Time Setting, Network Setting, User Management, ELK Config, License Management, **Advanced Config**, Certificate Management, and H3 Center Config. The main content area has tabs for Mode Switch, PCI MMIO Size, **Synthetic Endpoint**, and Thermal Control. A blue information box at the top states: 'In advanced mode, Falcon series supports hot-adding PCIe devices to connected system (host). The purpose of synthetic endpoints is to having the system (host) pre-allocate PCIe MMIO resources to the synthetic endpoints at boot time for eventual hot-allocating of actual devices.' Below this are two sections for 'Drawer-1' and 'Drawer-2'. Each section shows 'Drawer-1 is currently enabled' and 'Drawer-2 is currently enabled' with radio buttons for 'Enabled' (selected) and 'Disabled'. At the bottom right are 'Refresh' and 'Apply' buttons.

When synthetic endpoint is enabled, the Falcon GPU chassis will reserve PCIe MMIO resources from host machines (at boot up phase) for successful device hot plug.

When synthetic endpoint is not enabled, users would have to restart the host machines every time for PCIe scan after re-allocating devices.

● Thermal Control

The screenshot shows the 'Thermal Control' configuration page. The sidebar is identical to the previous page. The main content area has tabs for Mode Switch, PCI MMIO Size, Synthetic Endpoint, and **Thermal Control**. The 'Fan Control' section has radio buttons for 'Auto' (selected) and 'Manual'. Below is a table showing fan speeds for six slots:

FAN-1:1	FAN-1:2	FAN-1:3	FAN-2:1	FAN-2:2	FAN-2:3
2443 RPM	2438 RPM	2484 RPM	2489 RPM	2477 RPM	2436 RPM

A note below the table states: 'Note : It take 3-5 seconds of the new setting to activate.' The 'Upper Critical Threshold' section shows 'Current : 90 °C' and a dropdown menu set to '90 °C'. A text box explains: 'The fan speed will increase to 100% RPM at 87.30 °C. The overheat protection will be triggered when exceeding the upper critical threshold.' The 'Overheat Protection By Slots' section has radio buttons for 'Enabled' (selected) and 'Disabled'. A text box explains: 'When a drawer slot device temperature exceeds the critical threshold for 10 seconds, the device slot will be powered off. When two or more device slots are triggered, the entire drawer will be turned off.' At the bottom right are 'Undo', 'Apply', and 'Refresh' buttons.

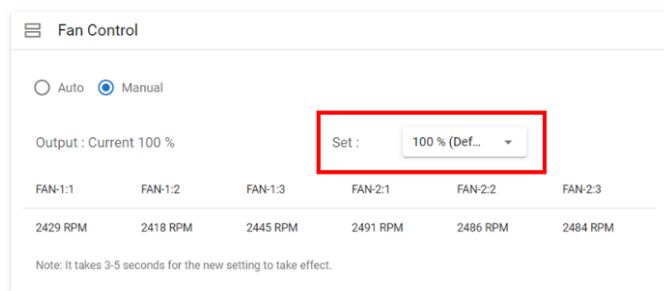
Users can set the fan speed and temperature threshold for Falcon GPU system. Please set a number that suits your devices' spec. This number effects the overheat protection mechanism explained as following:

⚠ Please monitor device and chassis temperature closely when setting the parameters. Any damage caused by overheating due to inappropriate fan speed setting is not warranted.


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Fan Control

Users can set the fan speed. Select "Manual" to set custom fan speed.



The screenshot shows the 'Fan Control' interface. At the top, there are two radio buttons: 'Auto' and 'Manual', with 'Manual' selected. Below this, it says 'Output : Current 100 %'. A red box highlights the 'Set :' dropdown menu, which is currently set to '100 % (Def...)'. Below the dropdown, there are six columns representing different fans: FAN-1:1, FAN-1:2, FAN-1:3, FAN-2:1, FAN-2:2, and FAN-2:3. Each column shows a current RPM value: 2429 RPM, 2418 RPM, 2445 RPM, 2491 RPM, 2486 RPM, and 2484 RPM respectively. At the bottom, a note states: 'Note: It takes 3-5 seconds for the new setting to take effect.'


 The output limit applies to all fans together. The value in percentage relative to the max performance of the fan. The minimum fan speed users can set is 20%.

Temperature threshold:

When a device reaches the set threshold for over 10 seconds, the drawer will be turned off automatically.

Overheat Protection by Slot:

When a device/component reaches the threshold for over 10 seconds, the **specific slot** will be turned off instead of the entire drawer. However, when two or more devices/components reach the threshold for 10 seconds simultaneously, the entire drawer will be turned off.

 There will always be a **Fatal threshold** (equal to the critical threshold +3°C). When any device/component reaches the fatal threshold, the entire drawer will shut down **immediately**.

Certificate Management

● Current Information

Time Setting
Network Setting
User Management
ELK Config
License Management
Advanced Config
Certificate Management
H3 Center Config

Current Information Generate Upload

Validity
Not Before: Feb 11 05:09:47 2017 GMT
Not After : Feb 9 05:09:47 2027 GMT
Subject: C=TW, ST=Taiwan, L=Taipei, O=H3 Platform, OU=Falconwith RDs, CN=Falconwith
Subject Public Key Info:
Public Key Algorithm: rsaEncryption
Public-Key: (2048 bit)

Download

Shows the current SSL certificate information

● Generate

Time Setting
Network Setting
User Management
ELK Config
License Management
Advanced Config
Certificate Management
H3 Center Config

Current Information Generate Upload

Country / Region
TW

State / Province
Taipei

Locality / City
New_Taipei_City

Organization
H3_Platform_INC

Organization Unit
H3_IT_Security_DEP

Common Name
Falcon_40XX

Email
support@h3platform.com

Domain Name 1
-


Domain Name 2
-

Remote IP 1
-

Remote IP 2
-

Load Default Generate

Generate a self-trusted SSL certificate. This certificate is only legitimate to the installed machines and will not be recognized by others on public network (the IP/domain will be recognized as unsafe site). This certificate will expire when IP or domain of this machine changes.

 Users will have to install the certificate on every machine that needs to access the Falcon GUI via public internet.

● Upload


Time Setting
Network Setting
User Management
ELK Config
License Management
Advanced Config
Certificate Management
H3 Center Config

Current Information Generate Upload

Upload file

Upload

Upload an SSL certificate for this machine.

 To allow Falcon GUI to be accessed via open network, it is recommended to register an SSL certificate from a certification authority, so that the certificate is trusted by any visitor's browser automatically.

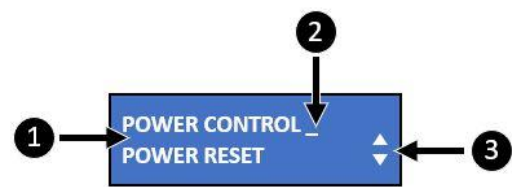
5. LCD

Users can control the chassis with the LCD module on the chassis.

- ⏮ Wake LCD / Enter sub-menu / Select.
- ▶ Right / Enter sub-menu.
- ◀ Left / Back.
- ▲ Up
- ▼ Down.



5.1 Operation



1. Functions:	List of functions accessible from LCD module.
2. Cursor:	Indicating which function is being selected. Press ▶ button to enter the sub-menu.
3. Scrollbar:	Use ▲ and ▼ button to scroll up and down.

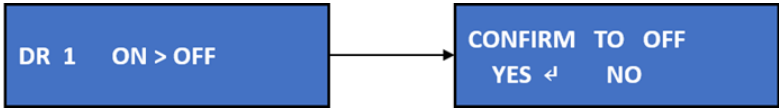
5.2 Menu

Falcon GPU Chassis LCD – Menu

	Layer 1	Layer 2	Layer 3
Model name (IP address)	Power control	Drawer 1 on/off	-
		Drawer 2 on/off (Falcon 4118)	
	Power reset	Drawer 1 reset	-
		Drawer 2 reset (Falcon 4118)	
	System	Serial number	-
		Firmware version	
		System mode	
	Slot	Drawer 1 device ports	-
		Drawer 1 host ports	
		Drawer 2 device ports (Falcon 4118)	
		Drawer 2 host ports (Falcon 4118)	
	Devices	Drawer 1 device ports	Traffics
		Drawer 2 device ports (Falcon 4118)	Status
	Hosts	Drawer 1 host ports	Device name
		Drawer 2 host ports (Falcon 4118)	Temperature
	Health	PSU	Attached devices
		Fan	PSU status
	Temperature	PCIe switch temperature	-
		Device temperature	
	Network	IP address	-
		Subnet mask	
		Gateway	
		DNS	
		Network setting	Static / DHCP
	Reset to default	-	-

5.2.1 Power control

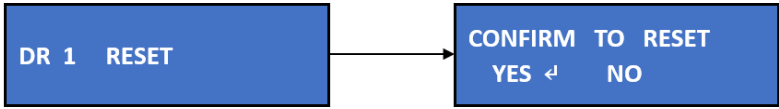
Power control turns the selected drawer either on or off.



Select a drawer to power on or off, press ↵ to proceed.
Select “Yes” to confirm, “No” to decline.

5.2.2 Power reset

Power reset runs a full power cycle (restart) on the selected drawer.



Select a drawer to power reset, press ↵ to proceed.
Select “Yes” to confirm, “No” to decline.

5.2.3 System

View system information, including **Serial number**, **Firmware version**, and **System mode**.

S/N: 123-456789
1011121314 ▼

BMC FW VER.:
1.2.345-678910- ▲▼

D1-ADVANCED
D2-ADVANCED ▲

- S/N Chassis serial number
- FW VER. Firmware version
- D1 Drawer 1
- D2 Drawer 2

5.2.4 Slot

Device Port

View device slot information, including **Link speed** and **Availability**.
Device port includes **drawer 1, 1:1~1:8**, and **drawer 2, 2:1~2:8** (Falcon 4118)

1:1	G4x8 / AVL	▲
1:2	G4x8 / ATT	▼

Display:	Status:										
[Drawer : slot] [PCIe Gen x Lanes] / [Status]											
	<table><tr><td>AVL</td><td>The device is available.</td></tr><tr><td>ATT</td><td>The device is attached to a host.</td></tr><tr><td>MTY</td><td>The device slot is empty.</td></tr><tr><td>ERR</td><td>Device error.</td></tr><tr><td>OFF</td><td>The device slot is turned off.</td></tr></table>	AVL	The device is available.	ATT	The device is attached to a host.	MTY	The device slot is empty.	ERR	Device error.	OFF	The device slot is turned off.
AVL	The device is available.										
ATT	The device is attached to a host.										
MTY	The device slot is empty.										
ERR	Device error.										
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Host Port

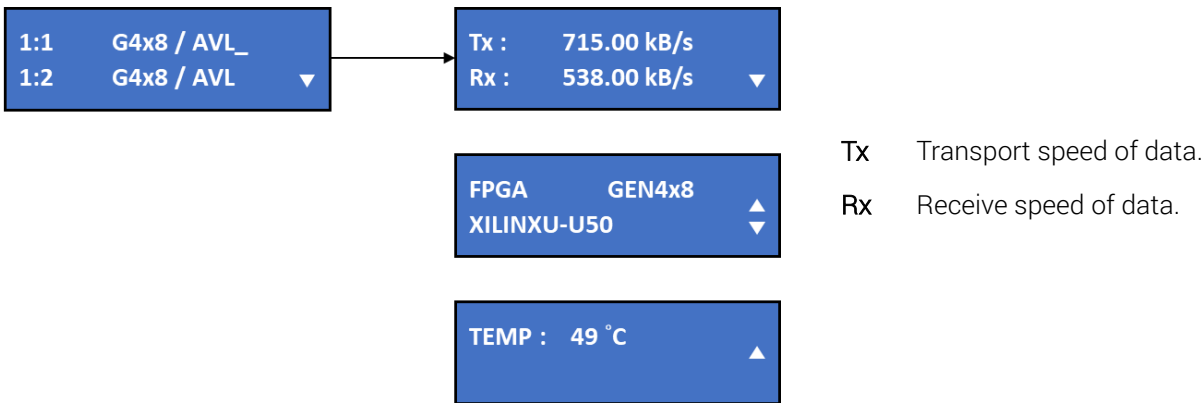
View how many host machines are connected to each host port.
Host port includes **1:H1, 1:H2**, and **2:H1, 2:H2** (Falcon 4118)

1:H1	1 Host	▲
1:H2	1 Host	▼

Display:
[Host port number] [number of host machines]

5.2.5 Devices

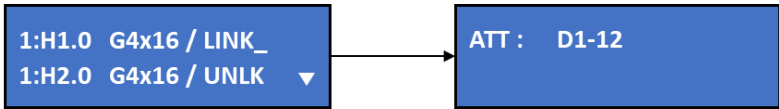
View device performance, including **Traffics**, **Status**, **Device name**, and **Temperature**.
Device slot includes **drawer 1, 1:1~1:8**, and **drawer 2, 2:1~2:8** (Falcon 4118)



5.2.6 Hosts

View host port information, including **Link speed**, **Status**, and **Attached devices**.

Host port includes 1:H1, 1:H2, and 2:H1, 2:H2 (Falcon 4118)



Host port display:

[Host port] [PCIe Gen x Lanes] / [Status]

Status:

LINK	The device is available.
UNLK	The device is attached to a host.

Attached devices display:

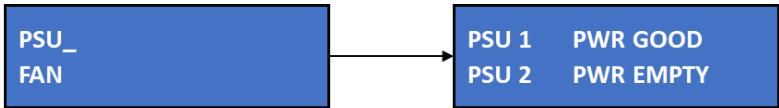
[Drawer] [Slot(s)]

ATT Attached devices.

i There is **no space between** two slot numbers when multiple devices are attached.
E.g., "D1-12" indicates that **device 1** and **device 2** of **drawer 1** are both attached.

5.2.7 Health

PSU



Display:

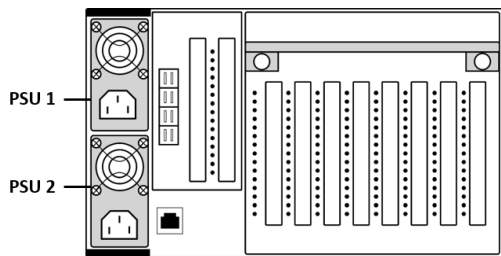
[PSU] [PCIe Gen x Lanes] / [Status]

Status:

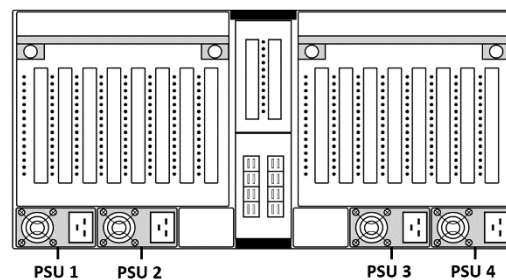
GOOD	PSU working well.
EMPTY	PSU socket empty or not detected.

i PSU numbers:

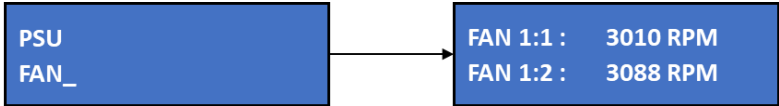
(Falcon 4109)



(Falcon 4118)

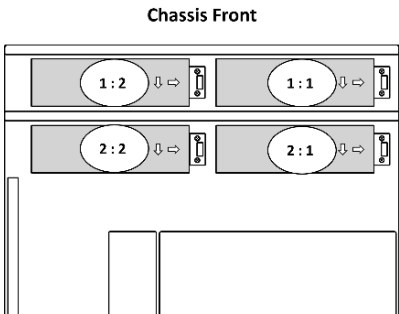


Fan

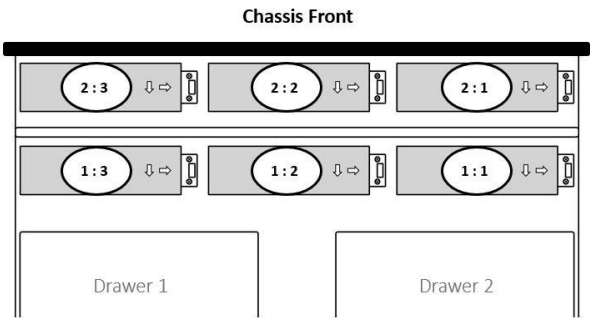


Display:
[Fan] [RPM]

Fan numbers:
(Falcon 4109)



(Falcon 4118)



5.2.8 Temperature

View temperature (in °C) of PCIe switches and devices.
Switch including **PCIe switch 1** and **PCIe switch 2** (Falcon 4118).
Device slot includes **drawer 1, 1:1~1:8**, and **drawer 2, 2:1~2:8** (Falcon 4118)



SW PCIe switch



5.2.9 Network

View system network setting, including **IP address**, **Subnet mask**, **Gateway**, **DNS**. (Read only)

Setting IP address of the system

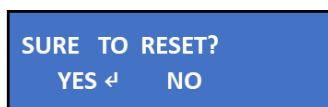


When selecting "Static", users have to key in the IP address manually. (Adjust each digit with ▲ and ▼)

When selecting DHCP, the system will generate an IP address automatically.

5.2.10 Reset to default

Reset Falcon system **IP address**, **Gateway**, and **GUI Log-in account** to default.



Select "Yes" to start reset, "No" to decline.



Default **IP address**, **Gateway**, and **Log-in account** as below:

Default IP address	169.254.100.100
Default gateway	0.0.0.0
Log-in username	admin (lower case)
Log-in password	admin (lower case)

6. Part Replacement


If any of your fans or PSU is out of order, it is recommended to order the parts from H3 Platform directly. Please visit <https://www.h3platform.com/> for details.

6.1 Fans

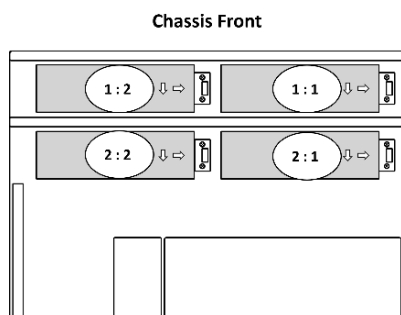
Please use the suitable fans for replacement, damages caused by incompatible fan installation are not warranted. (See **Hardware Specification** for details)

Remove the top cover to replace fans. (Front cover for Falcon 4118)

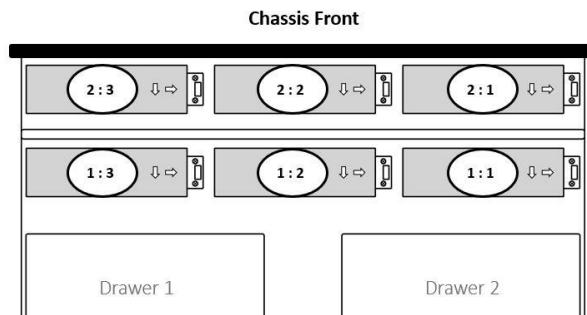
The fans can be hot plugged. User Simply remove the fan that is out of order.

 Fan numbers:

(Falcon 4109)



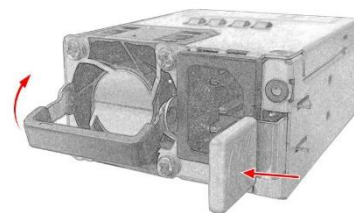
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6.2 Power Supply Unit

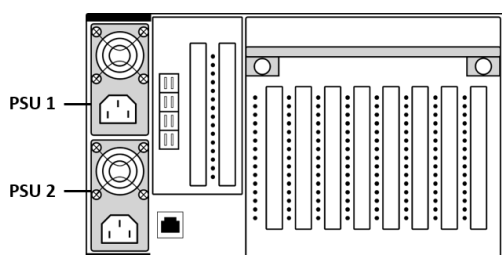
Please select the suitable power supply units for replacement, damages caused by incompatible power supply units are not warranted.

Lift the handle and press the release button to unlock the PSU.

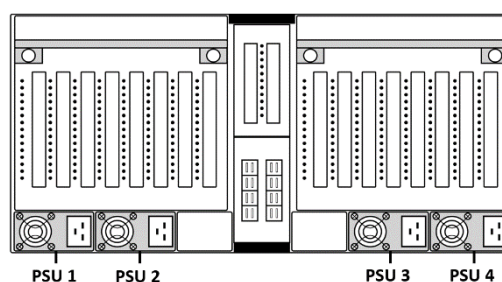


 PSU numbers:

(Falcon 4109)



(Falcon 4118)

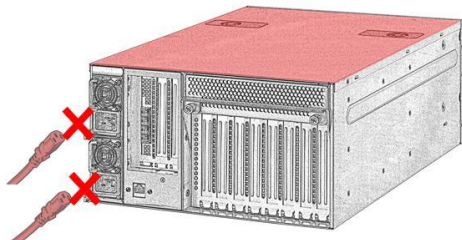


7. Operational Safety

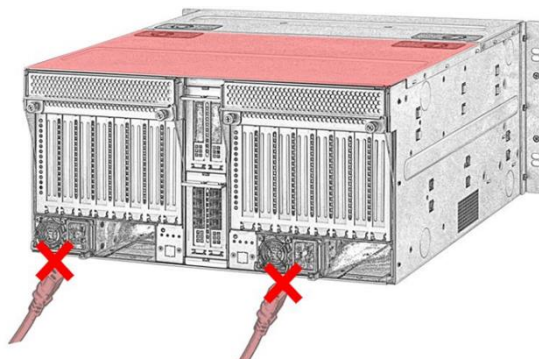
Please power-off the entire chassis before opening the top cover. Especially when installing/replacing devices for the riser slot.



(Falcon 4109)



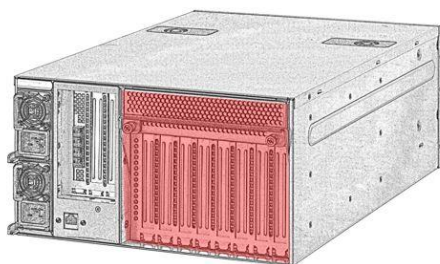
(Falcon 4118)



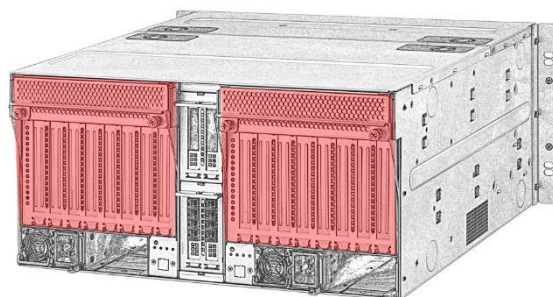
Please power-off the drawer before you draw them out of the chassis.



(Falcon 4109)



(Falcon 4118)



Power off the drawer from **GUI-Chassis** (see P. 25) or from **LCD-Power control** (P. 35).

8. Trouble Shooting

PCIe out of resource

When PCIe out of resource occurs, following message may appear during POST causing the server to halt.

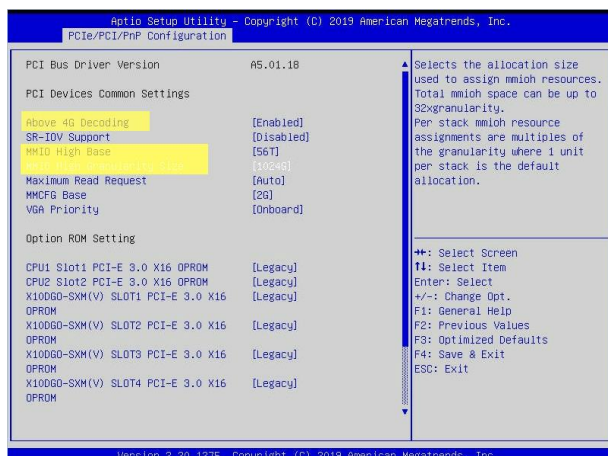
Error Messages:

- PCIe out of resource.
- PCIe resource error.
- Insufficient PCI resources detected.
- There is not enough available PCI memory.

Resolution

Disconnect Falcon chassis from the host, go to the **host BIOS → Advanced settings**

Enable 4G decoding, set **MMIO High Size** to **512G** or higher.



● Example 1: SuperMicro Server

1. Temporarily remove the connection of GPU expansion chassis. (unplug the cable)
2. Go to the BIOS **Advanced**
 - a. Advanced->PCIe/PCI/PnP configuration-> Above 4G Decoding to **Enabled**.
 - b. Advanced->PCIe/PCI/PnP Configuration->MMIOHBase to **56T**.
 - c. Advanced->PCIe/PCI/PnP Configuration->MMIO High Size to **512G** or higher.
3. Connect the GPU expansion chassis to the server and see if the server boots properly.

● Example 2: Intel Xeon Phi Server

1. Temporarily remove the connection of GPU expansion chassis (unplug connected cable).
2. Update the BIOS and firmware to the latest revision.
3. Go to **Advanced > PCI Configuration**
 - a. Set Maximize Memory below 4 GB to **Disabled**.
 - b. Set Memory Mapped I/O above 4 GB to **Enabled**.
 - c. Set Memory Mapped I/O Size to **512 G** or higher.
4. Connect the GPU expansion chassis to the server and see if the server boots properly.

GPU P2P underperforming

Make sure that your GPU supports peer-to-peer function.

Disable the **PCI Access Control Services (ACS)**.

IO virtualization (VT-d for Intel platform, or IOMMU for AMD platform) can interfere with GPU Direct by redirecting all PCI point-to-point traffic to the CPU root complex, causing a significant performance reduction or even a hang. You can check whether ACS is enabled on PCI bridges by executing following commands:

```
# sudo lspci -vvv | grep ACSctl
```

If it shows “**SrcValid+**”, then ACS might be enabled. Looking at the full output of `lspci`, one can check if a PCI bridge has ACS enabled.


If PCI switches have ACS enabled, it needs to be disabled. On some systems this can be done from the BIOS by disabling IO virtualization or VT-d and ACS.

Disabling IO virtualization

Host BIOS → **IO** or **Advanced**

Disable VT for Direct IO (VT-d) for Intel platforms.

Disable IOMMU for AMD platforms.


 Other platforms may have different name for the IO virtualization function. Please ask your server vendor if the function cannot be found.

PCIe link health error

If you find the status of PCIe link health showing “Error”, there may be Physical signal issue or PCIe TLP(Transaction Layer Packet) error between the PCIe slot and your PCIe device. It may have an impact on performance (e.g., latency and bandwidth), but no data/information is lost and PCIe fabric remains reliable. Such errors are corrected by hardware and no software intervention is required. You may try the following steps to improve it:

Re-install the PCIe device – The error may be caused by incorrection installment of the PCIe device card. Please unplug the card and plug it again.

Change a slot – The PCIe signal is slight varied due to different internal length within PCB board. Please install the card on another slot to check whether it is improved.

 Make sure that the device is on the compatible list of your Falcon model.

Failure to assign/remove a device

Users might encounter failure to assign or remove devices.

Error Messages:

- The device port# {slot} failed to assign to the {host}
- The device port# {slot} failed to remove from the {host}

These errors may be due to the following reasons:

- Incompatible device or improper operation.
- Host OS does not process device hot-plug fast enough.
- High frequency operations that cause temporary PCIe switch lag.
- The firmware of the device did not initiate properly.
- Other electronic or signal issue.



There are many hardware and software components included, a tiny error occurred in any of them may cause failure to assign/remove devices. However, this issue can usually be solved with retries.

Resolution

Make sure that the device is on the compatible list.

Wait for a minute then retry assigning/ removing the device.

● If it still fails, please check your hardware:

Make sure the device is in good condition.

- Make sure that the power cable is properly connected
- Make sure that the device is properly plugged into the PCIe slot
- Clean the PCIe slot and the gold finger of the device
- Power-cycle the device

Make sure that the host is properly linked to Falcon chassis.

- Make sure that the mini-SAS HD cables are properly connected (see cabling guide)
- Make sure that the HBA is properly installed on the host machine
- Reboot the host machine

Retry assigning/removing the device.

If it still fails, try rebooting the whole system.

Information does not display properly on GUI

Try refreshing the page with the refresh button on the page.



Update the browser to the latest version.


Supported Browsers

- Google Chrome
- Mozilla Firefox

If the above steps do not fix the issue, try rebooting the Falcon PCIe Expansion system.

Failure to access GUI

Make sure that the management port is connected to your network.

-  The ethernet port on the Falcon PCIe chassis is the management port. For Falcon 4109, the management port is at the tail side of the chassis. For Falcon 4118, the management port is at the face side of the chassis.

Make sure that the client and the Falcon system are under the same domain.

- If the LCD on the chassis is functioning, please check your network.
- If the LCD is not functioning, the BMC of Falcon system may have hanged, try rebooting the system.

Forget the IP address of Falcon PCIe Expansion system or GUI log-in identity.

- Check the LCD on the chassis for the IP address.
- If that does not help, Try reset Falcon PCIe Expansion system to default. (See Reset to default section P. 39).

Device Link Down

When device links are not detected by the Falcon PCIe Expansion system, the link speed data will not display on the **GUI-Monitor** page.

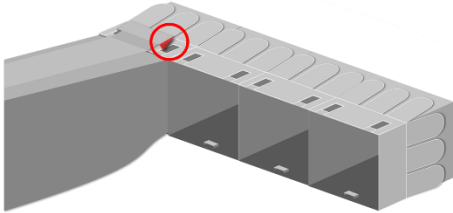
Please check if the device is on the **Compatible List** (P. 6) of your Falcon solution model.

If so, try rebooting the Falcon PCIe Expansion system.

Host Link Down

Host link down can happen when there is **improper cable connection** or when the system is **booted in incorrect sequence**.

Please check the connection of external cables on both host adapter and Falcon chassis.



Make sure the teeth are hooked into the openings, so that the SFF-8644 connectors are properly connected.

● Booting sequence

After connecting the host machines to the Falcon PCIe chassis, please boot up the Falcon PCIe Expansion system first. Only boot up the host machines after Falcon PCIe Expansion system is ready.



The Falcon system is ready when the LCD displays Falcon **model name** and the **IP address**.



Device Unassign (Hot plug) Incompletion

This issue is because the device is still in use by some processes or when hot plug function is not well supported. Therefore, when unassigning the device, the OS hot-plug driver is unable to release the device (e.g., lspci remains unchanged with the GPUs still present) as the driver is still connected to the device.

● NVIDIA GPUs

The following 2 processes are enabled under Linux for GPUs at host OS boot, the **X server** and the **Nvidia persistence mode**. To unassign a GPU successfully, please disabled all processes involving the GPU.

Disable X server process

- `# sudo init3`

Disable Nvidia persistence mode

- `# sudo nvidia-smi -pm0`

Check Nvidia persistence mode status

- `# sudo nvidia-smi -i <target gpu id> -q` (example next page)



GPUs from other manufacturers (non-Nvidia) may have similar processes that are called differently. Please contact your GPU manufacturers if you could not disable the processes for successful hot plug.

Checking Nvidia persistence mode - Linux

```
[root@devilray ~]#  
[root@devilray ~]#  
[root@devilray ~]# nvidia-smi  
Tue Jun 28 22:14:09 2022  
+-----+  
| NVIDIA-SMI 465.19.01      Driver Version: 465.19.01      CUDA Version: 11.3      |  
+-----+  
| GPU   Name               Persistence-M| Bus-Id        Disp.A | Volatile Uncorr. ECC |  
| Fan   Temp   Perf      Pwr:Usage/Cap|      Memory-Usage | GPU-Util  Compute M. |  
|                               |                    |            MIG M. |  
+-----+  
| 0    NVIDIA A100-PCI...    On       | 00000000:70:00.0 Off  |          0          |  
| N/A   43C    P0         40W / 250W | 0MiB / 40536MiB | 0%      Default |  
|                               |                    |            Disabled |  
+-----+  
| 1    NVIDIA A40           On       | 00000000:71:00.0 Off  |          0          |  
| 0%    31C    P8         12W / 300W | 0MiB / 45634MiB | 0%      Default |  
|                               |                    |            N/A      |  
+-----+  
  
+-----+  
| Processes:                                                       GPU Memory |  
|  GPU   GI    CI          PID    Type    Process name                        Usage    |  
|  ID    ID                                     |  
+-----+  
| No running processes found                                     |  
+-----+  
[root@devilray ~]# nvidia-smi -q -i 0 |grep -i persis  
Persistence Mode           : Enabled  
[root@devilray ~]# nvidia-smi -q -i 1 |grep -i persis  
Persistence Mode           : Enabled  
[root@devilray ~]#
```

● Mellanox ConnectX® Series

Execute the following command from the host side to unbind ConnectX® NICs from its driver.

Unbind ConnectX® NICs

- `# echo [devuce_bus_#] > /sys/bus/pci/drivers/mlx5_core/unbind`

● FPGAs

Please contact your FPGA manufacturers if you could not disable the processes and unbind from driver for successful hot plug.

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