

## **Product Support Notice**

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Severity/risk level High

Urgency Immediately

Name of problem

PSN027105u - Avaya Solutions Platform 100 Series Dell® R640 Avaya Certified BIOS/Firmware Update,

Version 11.0

Products affected

Avaya Solutions Platform 100 Series Dell® R640

NOTE: Avaya Converged Platform (ACP) was rebranded to Avaya Solutions Platform(ASP) in December of 2019 Problem description

October 25, 2023 Update: Reference PSN027106u - Avaya Solutions Platform 100 Series Dell® R640 Avaya Certified BIOS/Firmware Update, Version 12.0 for the latest BIOS/FW update available.

#### **Notes:**

- Per Dell, iDRAC9 firmware version 5.10.00.00 introduced HTTP/HTTPS connection changes that may impact user connections when specifying FQDN address. Please reference Dell Article Number 000193619 for additional details.
- Avaya Solutions Platform 100 Series Dell® R640 Avaya Certified BIOS/Firmware Update Version 11.0 iDRAC9 update addresses RACADM security vulnerability (CVE-2022-34435) identified in <u>DSA-2022-265</u>.
- Avaya Solutions Platform 100 Series Dell® R640 Avaya Certified BIOS/Firmware Update Version 11.0 BIOS update addresses multiple CVEs related to *Improper SMM Communication Buffer Verification Vulnerability* identified in <u>DSA-2022-204</u>.
- Urgent PERC H750 RAID Controller firmware update see <u>Dell PERC RAID Controller release notes</u> for details.
- Avaya certified BIOS/FW updates should be applied as soon as possible to ensure robust security protection, performance
  and defense against known issues. BIOS/FW versions should always be checked whenever any maintenance activity is being
  performed on the server. This would include but is not limited to application updates/upgrades, server swaps, server
  remastering, new installations. It is recommended that the BIOS/FW update be performed prior to any other activity.

Avaya is providing an approved/certified update bundle for BIOS and Firmware on the ASP 100 Series Dell® R640 servers. This is inclusive of ASP 110, ASP 120, ASP 130 with the *following exceptions* for ASP 110.

Code	Description
700514273	ASP 110 DELL R640 SRVR P5 EQX SNR
700514861	ASP 110 DELL R640 SRVR P5 ACCS

This bundle is designated **Version 11.0** and is customer installable.

Avaya Solutions Platform 100 Series Dell® R640 servers are supplied under OEM relationship and managed differently than commercially available servers from the vendor.

Support, warranty and repair are through Avaya's processes, not through the OEM vendor's support process.

ASP 100 Series Server configurations are engineered for specific application needs. No hardware substitutions or additions are allowed. Servers cannot be repurposed.

Lifecycle Hardware and BIOS and firmware updates are managed by the Avaya Common Server team in conjunction with application R&D teams.

These servers must NOT be updated with BIOS or firmware updates from the vendor's web site.

Only Avaya provided updates can be used. Updating directly from the vendor's web site will result in an unsupported configuration.

You should always utilize the Avaya certified, bundled release. Do NOT upgrade individual components. This ensures that components interoperate in the manner in which they have been tested.

Resolution

**Acquiring Update Tool** 

The ASP 100 Series Dell® R640 BIOS/Firmware update DVD is to be burned from the ISO file (**R640fw-v11.0.iso**) available from plds.avaya.com via PLDS Download ID: **ASP000000014**.

Download the **R640fw-v11.0.iso** to your PC and burn the image to a DVD. Ensure that the checksum of the downloaded image matches what is posted on PLDS. Burning the ISO as an image will create a bootable DVD disc.

Read through all steps below before inserting and running the BIOS/Firmware update disc that you have created. It is always best practice to perform a complete backup of the system before any firmware or hardware maintenance. After executing the procedures, the following components will be updated to the versions contained on the v11.0 disc.

ASP 100 Series Dell® R640 BIOS/Firmware update tool (v11.0) disc contains the following. Rows highlighted in grey note an update over the previous v10.2 version introduced in PSN027103u.

Table 1: ASP 100 Series Dell® R640 BIOS/Firmware v11.0

Device Information	Firmware package release name	Firmware Version
iDRAC9 with Lifecycle Controller	iDRAC-with-Lifecycle- Controller_Firmware_D92HF_LN64_6.00.30.00_A00.BIN	6.00.30.00
R640 BIOS	BIOS_W77H1_LN64_2.16.1.BIN	2.16.1
PERC H730/H730P/H830 Mini/Adapter	SAS-RAID_Firmware_700GG_LN_25.5.9.0001_A17.BIN	25.5.9.0001
PERC H750 Adapter	SAS-RAID_Firmware_N31CJ_LN64_52.21.0-4606_A02.BIN	52.21.0-4606
Intel Gigabit 4P I350-t rNDC	Network_Firmware_F52F0_LN_21.5.9_A02.BIN	21.5.9
Broadcom Gigabit Ethernet BCM 5720	Network_Firmware_DFF48_LN64_22.00.6.BIN	22.00.6
Intel X710, XXV710, and XL710 adapters (only for high end ASBCE server)	Network_Firmware_GXJ5G_LN_21.5.9_A02.BIN	21.5.9
CPLD firmware for PowerEdge R640	CPLD_Firmware_9N4DH_LN_1.0.6_A00.BIN	1.0.6
Dell SEP Firmware for 14G Servers	Firmware_VV85D_LN_4.35_A00_06.BIN	4.35
Dell 12Gb Expander Firmware for 14G Servers	Firmware_60K1J_LN_2.52_A00.BIN	2.52
HGST Cobra F 600GB HDD 12Gbps SAS 3.5 10K 512n HUC101860CSS200	SAS-Drive_Firmware_X4FMC_LN_FU45_A00.BIN	FU45
Firmware version FJ39 for HGST drives. Vendor model numbers HUC101830CSS204, HUC101812CSS204, and HUC101860CSS204	SAS-Drive_Firmware_8MDXT_LN_FJ40_A00.BIN	FJ40
Toshiba Phoenix M4 MU3 SSD ISE 1920GB 2.5 SAS	SAS-Drive_Firmware_0RTJ1_LN_AS0B_A00.BIN	ASOB

12Gbps 512nModel		
Firmware version ST33 for Seagate drives. Vendor model numbers ST600MM0069 and ST1200MM0099	SAS-Drive_Firmware_G23XY_LN64_ST36_A00.BIN	ST36
Firmware version EA04 for Toshiba drives. Vendor model numbers AL14SEB030NY, AL14SEB060NY and AL14SEB120NY	SAS-Drive_Firmware_TGCJ8_LN_EA05_A00.BIN	EA05
Toshiba AL14SE Lite SAS12 3.5 10K 512n (NS PD) Model Number: AL14SEB060N	SAS-Drive_Firmware_66RK9_LN_DH02_A00.BIN	DH02
Firmware version BS05 for Seagate HDD Thunderbug 2.5 SAS12 10K 512n drive. Vendor model numbers: ST600MM0238 and ST300MM0078	SAS-Drive_Firmware_2R4CX_LN_BS05_A00.BIN	BS05
TOSHIBA AL15SE ISE 2.5 600GB SAS12 10K 512NModel Number: AL15SEB060NYVendor Number: HDEBL84DAB51	SAS-Drive_Firmware_0T1RG_LN_EF06_A00.BIN	EF06
Toshiba Phoenix M4 WI SSD ISE 400GB 2.5 SAS 12Gbps 512n Model	SAS-Drive_Firmware_1DJXX_LN_AS10_A00.BIN	AS10
OS COLLECTOR 6.0	Diagnostics_Application_0G1JH_LN64_6.0_A00_01.BIN	6.0
Dell Diagnostics to verify proper operation of the hardware. Enterprise UEFI Diagnostics	Diagnostics_Application_R30YT_LN64_4301A73_4301.74_01.BIN	4301A73
OS Driver Pack for PowerEdge 14G servers. This Driver Pack contains applicable storage, NIC, and video drivers to support OS installation using the Dell Lifecycle Controller	Drivers-for-OS-Deployment_Application_FWF25_LN_22.10.01_A00.BIN	22.10.01
iDRAC Service Module (iSM) is a lightweight software service that better integrates operating system (OS) features with iDRAC and can be installed on Dell yx2x or later generation of PowerEdge servers.	Systems-Management_Application_XJ9W8_LN64_4.3.0.0_A01.BIN	4.3.0.0

### **Gracefully shut down the server according to Application Procedures**

It is always best practice to perform a complete backup of the system before any firmware or hardware maintenance.

### **Firmware Update Procedures**

- 1. A Monitor, USB keyboard and mouse will be required to run the update tool.
- 2. Open DVD tray at server power up, insert the firmware update disc and close tray. Server will boot from update disc.
- 3. A hardware boot screen will first appear note that the BIOS version displayed may vary depending on when the server was originally shipped.



4. By default, Dell Deployment Toolkit(DTK) will boot from DVD:

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Dell Bootable ISO (UEFI Mode)

Media Check
Exit

Use the ▲ and ▼ keys to change the selection.

Press 'e' to edit the selected item, or 'c' for a command prompt.

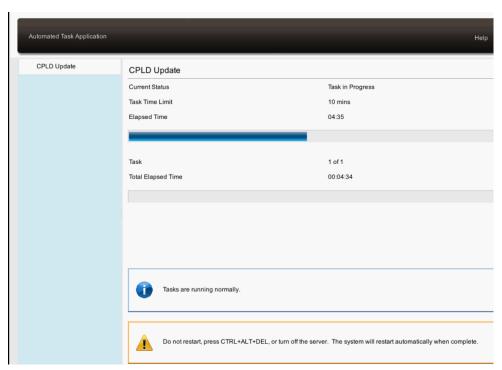
The selected entry will be started automatically in 3s.
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5. Booting the DTK can take up to 10 minutes. If the server does not boot from disc, verify that the disc is correctly inserted in the DVD drive (drive LED is intermittently active) and verify the media is burned correctly. Verify boot order has DVD drive before RAID controller. Once DTK has booted, an inventory of the server will be run to determine what packages should be installed. After inventory collection, DTK will begin updating eligible components that require an update. Package installation status is displayed. Ensure packages install successfully. Select <Enter> when all updates have run and the user is prompted to *Press Enter to reboot*... **Do not reboot the server until prompted.** 

6. If DTK runs, but no packages require updating, the following screen will be displayed with the message *No Applicable Update(s) Available*. Press <Enter> to reboot the server when prompted and check firmware versions. See section in this PSN on "Check Firmware Versions".

- 7. If the DTK tool will not run, power-off server and remove power cord(s) for 1 minute. Re-insert power cords, power-up server and repeat firmware update process. Verify DVD media is in good condition and has been correctly burned. Verify boot order is set such that DVD drive is set before HDD. To verify boot order: when server is powering up select <\( F2 > System Setup/System BIOS/Boot Settings/Boot Sequence. \) Verify Embedded SATA Port Optical Drive is first in boot order followed by the RAID Controller. Adjust the boot order and save if necessary following on the screen directions.
- 8. If the BIOS needed to be updated, the new BIOS version is finalized AFTER the reboot. After the reboot, the server will display the screen shown below. Note that the "Updating BIOS From" version will vary based on if the BIOS/FW has been kept current. In the example below, BIOS 2.10.0 is from the Avaya certified v8.0 BIOS/FW version.
  - a. DO NOT POWER DOWN THE SERVER.
  - b. WAIT for the BIOS update and any additional updates (CPLD) to complete.
  - c. Server may reboot multiple times.
  - d. Do Not Power Down the server.





- 9. Once firmware updates are completed and finalized, **the DVD should be removed from the server** by pressing the eject button on the front of the DVD tray, otherwise the operating system (OS) will not boot and the DVD Firmware update disc will run again. Once the DVD is removed, the OS will begin to boot.
- 10. When the server starts to boot the OS, select <F10> to enter the Lifecycle Controller in order to verify the firmware updates. If the server has already booted the OS, or did not detect <F10>, simply reboot the server and select <F10> when prompted to verify the firmware updates.



11. If prompted, cancel out of the *Settings/Language and Keyboard* screen by pressing <esc>. Then select *Firmware Update* → *View Current Versions*:

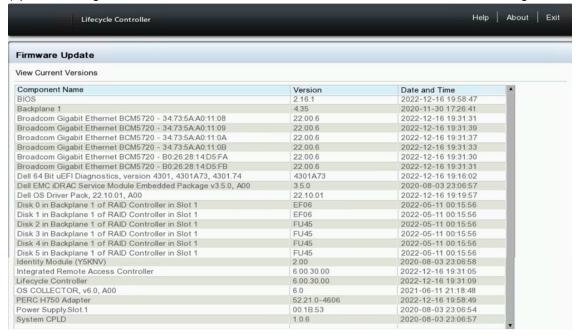


12. Verify versions as noted in **Table 1: ASP 100 Series Dell® R640 BIOS/Firmware v11.0** of this PSN. Ensure the following are updated to the versions listed in the table: *BIOS* = 2.16.1, *Broadcom Gigabit Ethernet* = 22.00.6, *Integrated Remote Access Controller (IDRAC)* = 6.00.30.00, *Lifecycle Controller* = 6.00.30.00, *Intel Gigabit 4P I350-t rNDC* = 21.5.9 (Cascade Lake v1 server) and PERC H730P Mini = 25.5.9.0001 (Cascade Lake v1 server), PERC H750 Adapter = 52.21.0-4606 (Cascade Lake v2 server). Additional packages (i.e. OS Collector 14G, System CPLD, etc.) may update also depending on the vintage of server being updated.

Examples provided below for Cascade Lake v2 and Skylake and Cascade Lake v1 after updating to ASP 100 Series Dell® R640 Avaya Certified BIOS/Firmware v11.0.

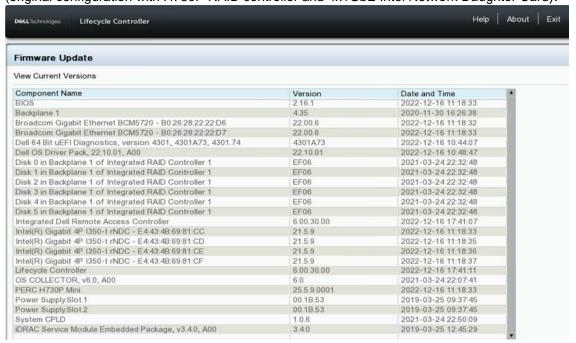
## Cascade Lake v2 Server type

(updated configuration with H750 RAID controller and 4x1GbE Broadcom Network Daughter Card):



### Skylake and Cascade Lake v1 Server type

(original configuration with H730P RAID controller and 4x1GbE Intel Network Daughter Card):



- 13. After verifying the version information, select **Exit** in the upper right corner of the screen and then <YES> to reboot the server.
- 14. If a firmware package did not install, power-off the server and remove power cord(s) for 1 minute. Re-insert power cords, power-up server and repeat firmware update process.

#### Workaround or alternative remediation

N/A.

#### Remarks

January 16, 2023: Issue 1.

October 25, 2023: Issue 2 – Updated to reference PSN027106u as the latest BIOS/FW available.

## **Patch Notes**

Backup before applying the patch

Always.

Download

N/A.

Patch install instructions Service-interrupting?

N/A.

Verification

N/A.

Failure

N/A.

Patch uninstall instructions

N/A.

# **Security Notes**

The information in this section concerns the security risk, if any, represented by the topic of this PSN.

Security risks

N/A.

Avaya Security Vulnerability Classification

N/A.

Mitigation

N/A.