

LEOPARD V1



Starting Guide

(version 1.0)

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Introduction

Leopard servers is a single 1.5 U (10U) and 1/3 width barebone for Open Rack

Each motherboard have a SFP+ interface based on Mellanox MCX341A chipset with Out-of-band IPMI remote management.

Out-of-the-box, servers does not have any operating system installed.

Prerequisites

IPMI interfaces are by default configured to get an IP address through DHCP. So, servers remote interfaces have to be wired on a network with a DHCP server configured to give them IP address.

Server commissioning

First, SFP+ for remote management must be plugged. It is important to do it prior to plug the power cable because BMC chips on both motherboards will start immediately after the power cable is plugged and they will try to perform the DHCP sequence to get their IP addresses. If network is not reachable already the BMC startup will fail.



After power on, it usually takes less a minute for IPMI interface to be up and running.

IPMI Management

Check IPMI interface is up

On servers, IPMI Out-of-band interface is by default activated in the BIOS and the interface should be able to receive UDP IPMI requests. IPMI calls can be done for instance using a client like IPMITool¹. IPMITool is available for many operating systems. In the rest of this document, IPMI request examples will be formalized using this tool.



The remote management is only available using the IPMI interface. There is no Web interface embedded in the BMC.

Here comes some checks that can be done to ensure IPMI Out-of-band interface is up and running.

1. Check network

First, be sure that you plugged network cable on server before you plug it on the bus bar. IPMI interface starts and tries to get an IP address through DHCP (also, that means a DHCP server must be present on the network).

2. Look for IPMI IP addresses

Then, check that IPMI interface have an IP address. You can achieve that looking at leases in your DHCP server or using a nmap command to look for IP addresses listening on UDP 623.

Example of nmap command to discover Leopard's IPMI interfaces

```
$ nmap -sU -p 623 192.168.0.0/24 | grep -B 5 'Quanta Computer'
```



1. Don't forget to replace the network address by your own
2. With a network bigger than /24 this can be long

¹ <https://sourceforge.net/projects/ipmitool/>

Using this command, you should get an output looking something like

```
Nmap scan report for DCMI089E013CEC63 (192.168.0.145)
Host is up (0.074s latency).
PORT      STATE      SERVICE
623/udp   open|filtered asf-rmcp
MAC Address: 08:9E:01:3C:EC:63 (Quanta Computer)
--

Nmap scan report for 192.168.0.187
Host is up (0.30s latency).
PORT      STATE      SERVICE
623/udp   open|filtered asf-rmcp
MAC Address: 08:9E:01:3C:FB:CF (Quanta Computer)
```

If so, UDP IPMI interfaces are up.



On the motherboard, near the SFP+ connector, a sticker shows two MAC addresses, the ME MAC is the IPMI MAC address and the P0 MAC is the “normal” MAC address used by the operating system for the network interface.



Perform IPMI requests

IPMI requests examples using IPMITool



The default credentials are login: USERID and password: PASSWORD

1/ Checking the status of the server

```
$ ipmitool -I lanplus -H 192.168.0.187 -U user -P password chassis power status

Chassis Power is off
```

2/ Starting the server

```
$ ipmitool -I lanplus -H 192.168.0.187 -U user -P password chassis power on  
  
Chassis Power Control: Up/On
```

3/ Checking the status of the server again

```
$ ipmitool -I lanplus -H 192.168.0.187 -U user -P password chassis power status  
  
Chassis Power is on
```

4/ Show some metrics about the server

```
$ ipmitool -I lanplus -H 192.168.0.187 -U user -P password sdr
```

Outlet Cntr Temp	36 degrees C	ok
Inlet Temp	27 degrees C	ok
PCH Temp	50 % degrees C	ok
P0 Therm Margin	-33 degrees C	ok
P1 Therm Margin	-24 degrees C	ok
P0 DIMM Temp	no reading	ns
P1 DIMM Temp	no reading	ns
HSC0 Input Power	146 Watts	ok
HSC0 Input Volt	12.62 Volts	ok
CPU0 Tjmax	90 degrees C	ok
CPU1 Tjmax	90 degrees C	ok
SYS_Fan0	2925 RPM	ok
SYS_Fan1	3000 RPM	ok
TSOD SMBus Sts	0xe8	ok
CPU Therm Trip	0x36	ok
Pwr Thresh Evt	0xfb	ok
Battery Mon	0xe1	ok
SEL Status	0xb7	ok
DCMI Watchdog	0xa6	ok
Processor Fail	0x91	ok
Chassis Pwr Sts	0x76	ok
Thermal Limit 1	Not Readable	ns



Don't forget to replace hostname, username and password by your own.

BIOS setup access

Access to the BIOS configuration can be done in two different ways:

1. Using a screen and a keyboard
2. Using IPMI Serial-Over-Lan (SOL) feature

1. Using a screen and a keyboard

First, the server does not have a graphic card out-of-the-box. So, you need to install one on the PCIe slot.

Then, follow these steps

- Plug a screen on the graphic card
- Plug an USB keyboard on the external USB port
- Start the server (either with IPMI or with the red power button on the motherboard)
- Wait for the server to boot.
- Press DEL or F2 key to enter bios setup

2. Using IPMI Serial-Over-Lan (SOL) feature

The Serial-Over-Lan (SOL) feature allows to redirect the serial port to the network interface encapsulated in IPMI protocol. As long as the redirection of BIOS to the serial is enabled (this is the default configuration), we can access to BIOS setup screens from a terminal using the SOL feature with IPMITool.

To do so, we need first to ask the server to go into the BIOS setup after the next restart

```
$ ipmitool -I lanplus -H 192.168.0.187 -U user -P pass chassis bootdev bios
```

Then, we either start or reset the server depending on its current power status

```
$ ipmitool -I lanplus -H 192.168.0.187 -U user -P pass power on
```

Or

```
$ ipmitool -I lanplus -H 192.168.0.187 -U user -P pass power reset
```

Finally, we activate the SOL and wait for the BIOS screen

```
$ ipmitool -I lanplus -H 192.168.0.187 -U user -P pass sol activate
```



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Once this is done, you should get the BIOS setup screen into your console. You can then navigate through menus using your keyboard as usual.

```

    Aptio Setup Utility - Copyright (C) 2017 American Megatrends, Inc.
    Main  Advanced  IntelRCSetup  Server Mgmt  Boot  Save & Exit
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| BIOS Information                                ^|Set the Date. Use Tab |
| BIOS Vendor          American Megatrends      *|to switch between Data |
| Core Version         5.009                     *|elements.             |
| Compliancy           UEFI 2.3.1; PI 1.2        *|                   |
| Grantley RC version  1.07                      *|                   |
| Project Version      F06_3A21.DDR3            *|                   |
| Build Date and Time  05/18/2017 08:26:31      *|                   |
|                               *|                   |
| CPU Information                                           *|                   |
| Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2678 v3 @ 2.50GHz      *|-----|
| CPU Signature        000306F2                  *|><: Select Screen    |
| Processor Cores      12                        *|^v: Select Item      |
| Microcode Patch      00000035                  +|Enter: Select       |
|                               +|+/-: Change Opt.         |
| Memory Information    +|F1: Help for more Keys          |
| Current Memory Speed  1600 MHz                 +|F8: Previous Values  |
| Total Memory          256 GB (DDR3)             +|F9: Optimized Defaults|
|                               +|F10: Save & Reset         |
| PCH Information      v|ESC: Exit                 |
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Hardware maintenance

For hardware maintenance, see online documentation

https://opencompute.dozuki.com/c/Leopard_for_Open_Rack_V1