

XCubeDAS CubeView User's Manual

Applicable Models: XD5324D, XD5324S, XD5316D, XD5316S XD5312D, XD5312S, XD5326D, XD5326S



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Model Name	Controller Type	Form Factor, Bay Count, and Rack Unit
XD5324D	Dual Controller	LFF 24-disk 4U Chassis
XD5324S	Single Controller	LFF 24-disk 4U Chassis

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Model Name	Controller Type	Form Factor, Bay Count, and Rack Unit
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XD5316S	Single Controller	LFF 16-disk 3U Chassis

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Model Name	Controller Type	Form Factor, Bay Count, and Rack Unit
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XD5312S	Single Controller	LFF 12-disk 2U Chassis
XD5326D	Dual Controller	SFF 26-disk 2U Chassis
XD5326S	Single Controller	SFF 26-disk 2U Chassis

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Preface

About This Manual

This manual provides technical guidance for designing and implementing QSAN XCubeDAS series DAS system, and it is intended for use by system administrators, DAS designers, storage consultants, or anyone who has purchased these products and is familiar with servers and computer networks, network administration, storage system installation and configuration, storage area network management, and relevant protocols.



CAUTION:

Do NOT attempt to service, change, disassemble or upgrade the equipment's components by yourself. Doing so may violate your warranty and expose you to electric shock. Refer all servicing to authorized service personnel. Please always follow the instructions in this owner's manual.

Related Documents

There are related documents which can be downloaded from the website.

- All XCubeDAS Documents
- XCubeDAS QIG (Quick Installation Guide)
- XCubeDAS Hardware Owner's Manual
- XCubeDAS CubeView User's Manual
- XCubeDAS CLI User's Manual
- Compatibility Matrix
- White Papers
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Information, Tip, and Caution

This manual uses the following symbols to draw attention to important safety and operational information.



INFORMATION:

INFORMATION provides useful knowledge, definition, or terminology for reference.



TIP:

TIP provides helpful suggestions for performing tasks more effectively.



CAUTION:

CAUTION indicates that failure to take a specified action could result in damage to the system.

Conventions

The following table describes the typographic conventions used in this manual.

Conventions	Description		
Bold	Indicates text on a window, other than the window title, including		
	menus, menu options, buttons, fields, and labels.		
	Example: Click the OK button.		



	Indicates a variable, which is a placeholder for actual text provided
	by the user or system.
	Example: copy <i><source-file> <target-file></target-file></source-file></i> .
[] square	Indicates optional values.
brackets	Example: [a b] indicates that you can choose a, b, or nothing.
{} braces	Indicates required or expected values.
	Example: { a b } indicates that you must choose either a or b.
vertical bar	Indicates that you have a choice between two or more options or
	arguments.
/ Slash	Indicates all options or arguments.
underline	Indicates the default value.
	Example: [<u>a</u> b]



1. Overview

Thank you for purchasing QSAN Technology, Inc. products. QSAN CubeView CMS (Central Management Software) is designed for users who purchases XCubeDAS system as space expansion devices without QSAN XCubeSAN as the head unit. It provides basic XCubeDAS system setting and status monitoring. In CubeView, users can monitor and manage system log, disk drive status, enclosure, zoning function, firmware update, and history record of system temperature, voltage, and fan speed. And designate certain disk drives for a dedicated SAS port for security (SAS zoning). Users can also turn on the UID (Unique Identifier) LED of system or the status LED to identify disk drives. The CubeView CMS is an easy management utility for XCubeDAS system users.

1.1. Introduction to CubeView

The CubeView CMS is composed of CubeView client and CubeView agent(s). The following diagram shows the CubeView system architecture.

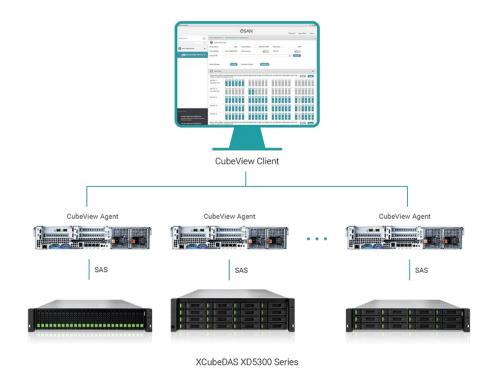


Figure 1-1 CubeView System Architecture Diagram



CubeView Client

In general case, one management computer installs the CubeView client software which will periodically check the status of the XCubeDAS series systems attached to the servers via the CubeView agents. The CubeView client software plays the role of central management to monitor and manage the XCubeDAS series systems.

CubeView Agent

The CubeView agent software is installed in the servers which are connected to the XCubeDAS series systems. The CubeView agent software plays the agent role. It receives the SES command from the CubeView client and communicates with the XCubeDAS series systems via SES protocol, and then replies to the CubeView client.



CAUTION:

The SAS HBAs or SAS RAID cards must support SES protocol. Otherwise, the CubeView will not work properly.



INFORMATION:

The CubeView software is running in the client mode by default. Please refer to the chapter 2.2.5 <u>Agent Mode</u> section in the chapter Getting Started for the details of agent mode setting.

Most of the Windows operation systems are supported by the CubeView CMS as below table.

Table 1-1 Operation System Compatibility

Mode	Operation System
CubeView Client/Agent	Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 (x64)
	Microsoft Windows Server 2012 R2 (x64)
	Microsoft Windows 7
	Microsoft Windows 8
	Microsoft Windows 10



1.2. Languages Support

Here are the CubeView supported languages, it is auto switched by the language setting of operation system.

- English
- French
- German
- Italian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Russian
- Traditional Chinese
- Simplified Chinese



Getting Started

This chapter provides a description of where to download the CubeView software and how to start using CubeView to manage the QSAN XCubeDAS systems.

2.1. **Download CubeView Software**

The latest CubeView software can be downloaded at the website.

https://gsan.com/CubeView

After downloading the CubeView software, unzip the file, there are two files included.

- CubeView.exe: CubeView main file includes CubeView client and CubeView agent, Windows version.
- LZMA.dll: It is Windows dynamic-link libraries, please put it at the same directory as the CubeView.exe file.

The CubeView software can be run directly without installation. Please browse to the location of the CubeView.exe file. You will see the icon as below.



CubeView.exe

Figure 2-1 CubeView Icon



TIP:

CubeView.exe itself includes CubeView client and CubeView agent. It can be run as client and agent at the same time in the server.

Starting CubeView 2.2.

Double click the icon to run the CubeView, and you will see the starting page.



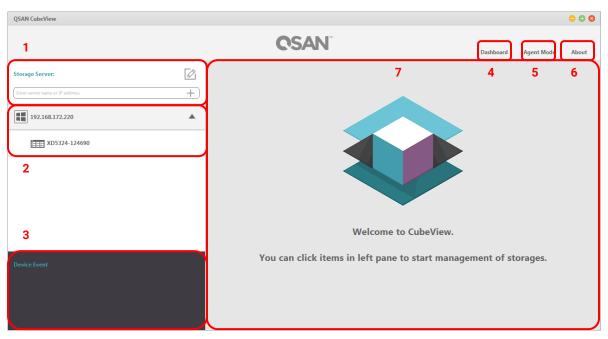


Figure 2-2 CubeView Desktop Panel

Table 2-1 CubeView Panel Layout

Number	Description	Details
1	Device Finder	Section 2.2.1
	Enter the name or IP address to search your XCubeDAS	
	systems.	
2	Device List	Section 2.2.2
	Show all XCubeDAS systems that accessible by CubeView.	
3	Event Log	Section 2.2.3
	Display the latest events of the selected XCubeDAS system.	
4	Dashboard	Section 2.2.4
	Click to show the status summary of the selected XCubeDAS	
	system.	
5	Agent Mode	Section 2.2.5
	Click to change the CubeView from client to agent mode.	
6	About CubeView	Section 2.2.6
	Click to show the current CubeView version.	
7	Main Working Area	N/A
	Here user can manage and monitor the XCubeDAS system.	



The details of the CubeView starting page are described on the following sections.

2.2.1. Device Finder

In device finder, enter the server name or IP address which is installed CubeView agent. And then click + to add it into the device list.



Figure 2-3 Device Finder

2.2.2. Device List

All QSAN XCubeDAS systems that connect to the CubeView will be shown in the device list. Users can click the device on the list for detail information or start to manage the system. Clicking the icon can edit / delete the device from the list. Click the icon again to exit the edit mode.



Figure 2-4 Edit the Device List

Click one of the devices in the list, and then the main working area will show the system information. System information includes the following items.



- System Name
- Vendor Name
- Product Name
- Firmware Version
- Device WWN (World Wide Name)
- System Buzzer
- UID (Unique Identifier) LED
- Upgrade Firmware
- Restart the system
- Shutdown the system

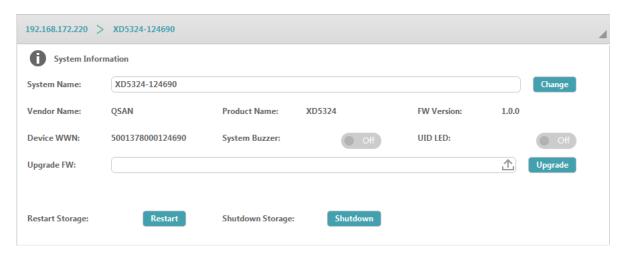


Figure 2-5 System Information

Managing and monitoring is under the system information in the main working area.

- SAS Zoning
- Device Slot
- Power Supply Unit Status Indicator
- Cooling devices
- Temperature sensors
- Voltage sensor
- SAS Expander
- SAS Port



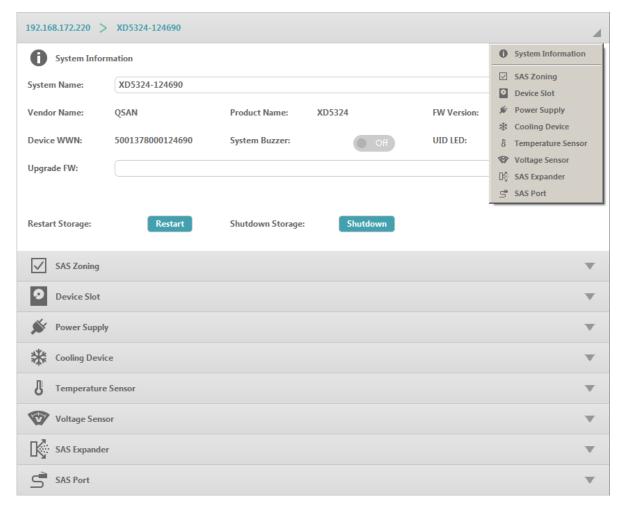


Figure 2-6 Management and Monitoring

In the drop down menu, you can click the item to jump to the options. Or click the vector icon to expand the option area. For more information about the operations, please refer to the chapter 3, Management and Monitoring.

2.2.3. Event Log

Event log of the CubeView will show the latest events of the XCubeDAS systems that connect to the CubeView. The event log will record important events and critical error status of the system.



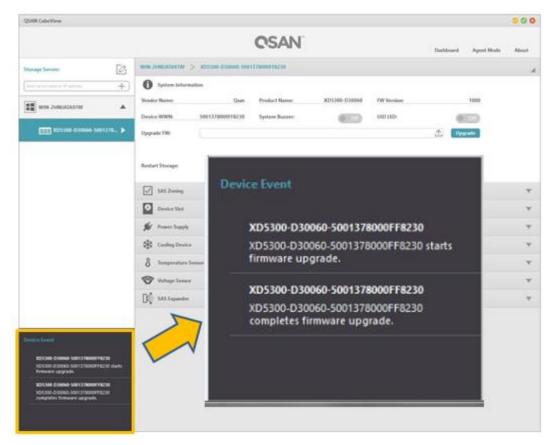


Figure 2-7 Event Log of Firmware Upgrade

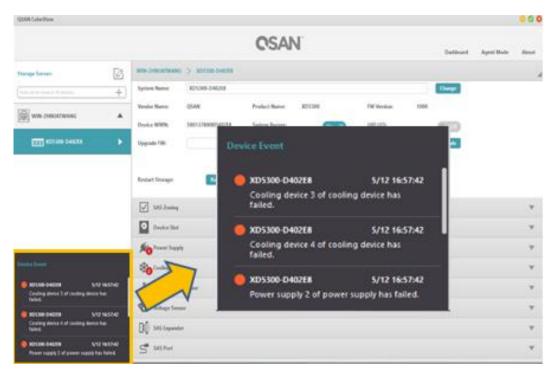


Figure 2-8 Event Log of Error on Power Supply and Fan



2.2.4. Dashboard

When users click the **Dashboard** button on the top right corner, the main working area will show the status summary of all managed devices. Dashboard information includes the following items.

- Storage ID
- Device Slots
- Power Supply
- Cooling Device
- Temperature Sensor
- Voltage Sensor
- Status



Figure 2-9 Dashboard Information

The status shows OK if the items are fine. If the items have problem, it will show fault indicator Fault. The numbers in brackets are the total quantity of the items.

2.2.5. Agent Mode

When users click the **Agent Mode** button on the top right corner, the CubeView can switch to the agent mode.





Figure 2-10 Agent Mode Confirmation

Clicking the **Yes** button will confirm switching to the agent mode. The CubeView program will shrink to the Window taskbar.



Figure 2-11 CubeView Agent Icon on Taskbar

Click the CubeView Agent icon will pop up a window to add authorized clients.

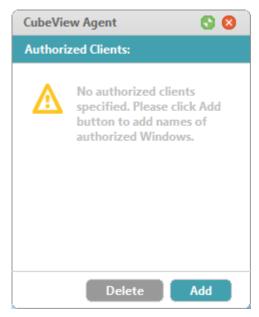


Figure 2-12 CubeView Agent to Add Authorized Clients



Clink the Add button to enter the computer name or IP address of the authorized client. In the agent mode, the authorized client should be assigned for the CubeView client to inquire the status.

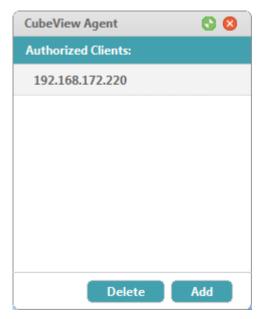


Figure 2-13 Authorized Client Assignment



INFORMATION:

For more information about the CubeView client mode and agent mode, please refer to the chapter 1.1 <u>Introduction to CubeView</u> section in the chapter Overview. The CubeView software is running in the client mode by default.

2.2.6. About CubeView

Click the **About** button on the top right corner will pop up a window and show the software version.



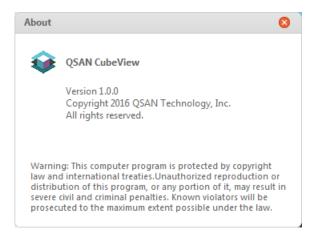


Figure 2-14 About CubeView



3. Management and Monitoring

This chapter will instruct user how to manage and monitor the XCubeDAS system. Before starting, at least one QSAN XCubeDAS system must connect to the CubeView.

3.1. System Information

After clicking one of the devices in the CubeView left pane, main working area will show the system information and major monitoring and managing tabs.

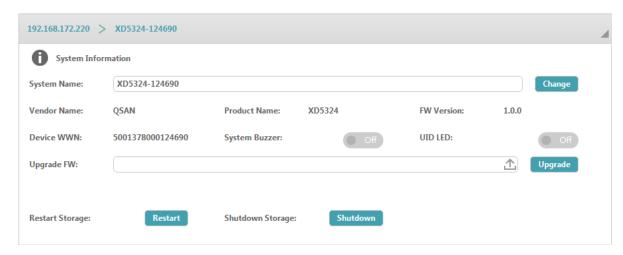


Figure 3-1 System Information

Options of System Information

The options available in this tab:

- **System Name:** Change the system name, highlight the old name and type in a new one, and then click the **Change** button. Maximum length of the system name is 32 characters. Valid characters are $[A~Z \mid a~z \mid 0~9 \mid -]$.
- Vendor Name: The vendor name of the device.
- **Product Name:** The model name of the device.
- FW Version: The firmware version of the device.
- Device WWN: The WWN (World Wide Name) of the device.
- System Buzzer: Click the button to turn off the buzzer.
- **UID LED:** Click the button to turn on or off the UID (Unique Identifier) LED.





INFORMATION:

For the front and rear view about the UID LEDs, please refer to chapter 2, System Components Overview in the XCubeDAS Hardware Owner's Manual.

- Upgrade FW:
- Restart Storage: Click the Restart button to reboot the system.



TIP:

In dual controller model, restart the system will reboot the controller 1 first, and then controller 2 after 30 seconds.

Shutdown Storage: Click the Shutdown button to shutdown the system.

3.1.1. Firmware Upgrade

The basic information in the CubeView shows current firmware version and supports firmware update as well. Please prepare new controller firmware file named "xxxx.lzma" in local hard drive. Click the icon to browse and select the firmware file to upgrade. Please be noted that you must select the *.lzma file for upgrade.



Figure 3-2 Firmware Upgrade File Selection



When the firmware file selection is done, click the **Upgrade** button to update firmware. And then click the **Yes** button to start the firmware upgrade process. The process bar will indicate the percentage of process, it will take around 4~5 minutes to complete.



CAUTION:

After the firmware update completes, the CubeView will automatically reboot the XCubeDAS system to take effect.



INFORMATION:

To download the product firmware, please visit QSAN website:

https://gsan.com/download

3.2. SAS Zoning

QSAN XCubeDAS XD5300 series system is equipped with 5 SAS ports for each controller that means one XD5300 system can serve five servers as expansion storage in each controller. The XCubeDAS XD5300 series provides SAS zoning features and list the advantage on the following.

- 1. Easy disk drive management: Users can designate certain disk drive to be accessed by single SAS port. For example, users can designate disk drive slot 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 for the SAS port 1; the server can only detect and access disk drive slot 1 ~ 5 via the SAS port 1.
- 2. Data access control: Due to SAS zoning feature can segregate and isolate disk drives from different SAS ports, one SAS port can only detect and access the designated disk drives by users' setting. It provides higher security for IT administrator.

It is strongly recommended to configure SAS zoning after the first installation and initialization of the XCubeDAS system.

Following is the procedures for SAS configuring SAS zoning. We will take the XD5324 (4U 24-bay model) as an example.

- Make sure the XCubeDAS system power cords are connected to power outlet, all available disk drives are installed into disk drive slots, and then power on the XCubeDAS system.
- 2. Make sure all servers that connect to SAS ports can detect and access the XCubeDAS system.



- 3. Click the SAS Zoning tab to view all available SAS ports and disk drives.
- 4. Check or uncheck the disk drive slots to join in the SAS port. The disk drive slots are all checked by default.
- 5. Click the **Apply** button to apply the SAS zoning settings.



Figure 3-3 SAS Zoning Configuration



TIP:

Please note that after applying new SAS zoning configuration, you must reboot the XCubeDAS system to make new zoning configurations take effect.

After restart the XCubeDAS system, server that connected to the SAS port can only detect and access designated the disk drives according to new SAS zoning configuration. We take some SAS zoning examples for your reference.

All SAS Ports Access All Disk Drives

The default zoning setting is that all ports can access all drives in the XCubeDAS system.



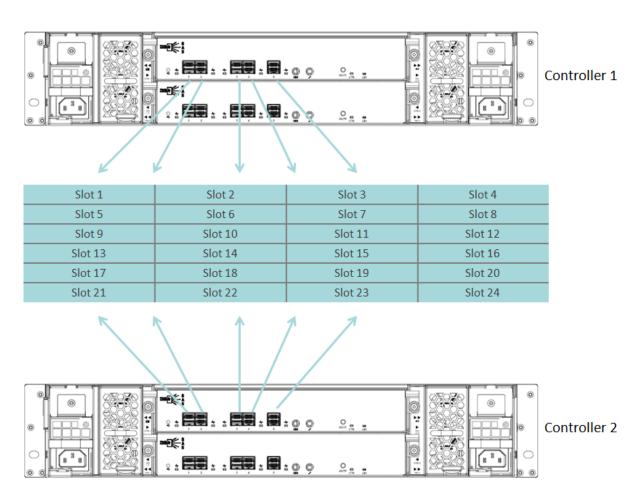


Figure 3-4 All SAS Ports Access All Disk Drives Diagram

The SAS zoning configuration is on the following.





Figure 3-5 All SAS Ports Access All Drives Configuration



SAS Ports and Disk Drives Divided into Two Groups

You can configure the zoning setting for each port according to requirement. Here is an example of two zones of SAS ports and disk drives. SAS port 1 and 2 can access to the disk drive slot $1 \sim 12$, and SAS port 3, 4, 5 can access to the disk drive slot $13 \sim 24$.

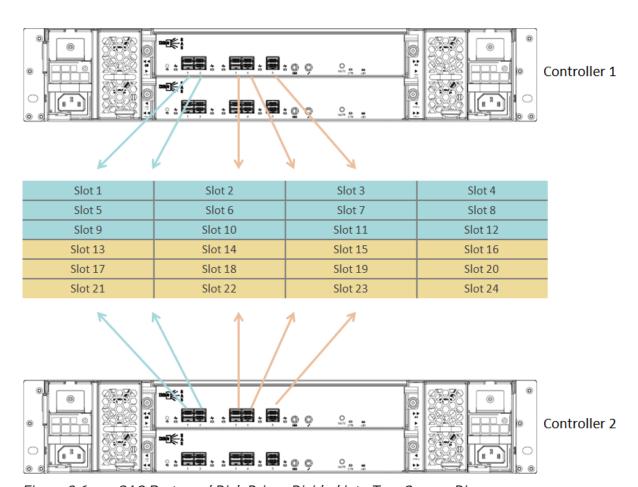


Figure 3-6 SAS Ports and Disk Drives Divided into Two Groups Diagram

The SAS zoning configuration is on the following.





Figure 3-7 SAS Ports and Disk Drives Divided into Two Groups Configuration



SAS Ports and Disk Drives Divided into Five Groups

Here is an example of five zones of SAS ports and disk drives. SAS port 1 can access to the disk drive slot $1 \sim 5$, SAS port 2 can access to the disk drive slot $6 \sim 10$, SAS port 3 can access to the disk drive slot $11 \sim 15$, SAS port 4 can access to the disk drive slot $16 \sim 20$, and SAS port 5 can access to the disk drive slot $21 \sim 24$.

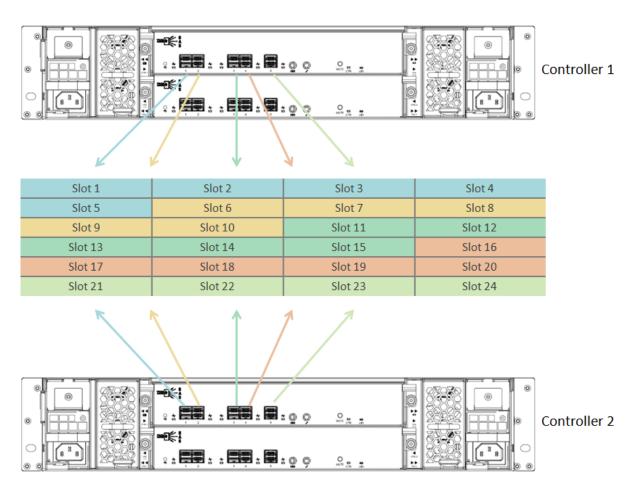


Figure 3-8 SAS Ports and Disk Drives Divided into Five Groups Diagram

The SAS zoning configuration is on the following.



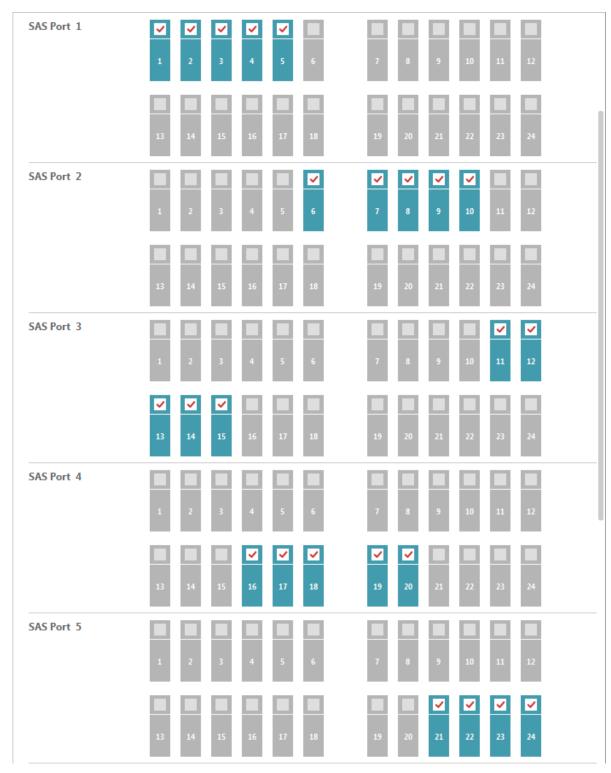


Figure 3-9 SAS Ports and Disk Drives Divided into Five Groups Configuration

Make sure to click the **Apply** button to apply the SAS zoning settings and click the **Restart** button to take effect.



3.2.1. SAS Zoning Cabling

The SAS zoning configuration can only apply to the first layer of XCubeDAS system when cascading multiple XCubeDAS systems. Usage examples are illustrated in the following.

Two Servers to One XCubeDAS / Two SAS Zones

In this case, XCubeDAS is configured to two SAS zones for access right control. There is no storage expansion follows XCubeDAS system.

SAS zoning plan is listed as below:

- Zone 1: Port 1 and Port 2. Port 1 is for host connectivity, Port 2 is disconnected.
- Zone 2: Port 3 and Port 4. Port 3 is for host connectivity, Port 4 is disconnected.



Figure 3-10 Two Servers to One XCubeDAS / Two Zones

Two Servers to Three XCubeDAS / Two SAS Zones

In this case, XCubeDAS is configured to two SAS zones for access right control. There are two XCubeDAS systems deployment for storage expansion follows one XCubeDAS system. Only the XCubeDAS system on top layer can set SAS zones, the XCubeDAS systems cascaded to it is only for storage expansion.

SAS zoning plan is listed as below:

- Zone 1: Port 1 and Port 2. Port 1 is for host connectivity, Port 2 is for expansion.
- Zone 2: Port 3 and Port 4. Port 3 is for host connectivity, Port 4 is for expansion.



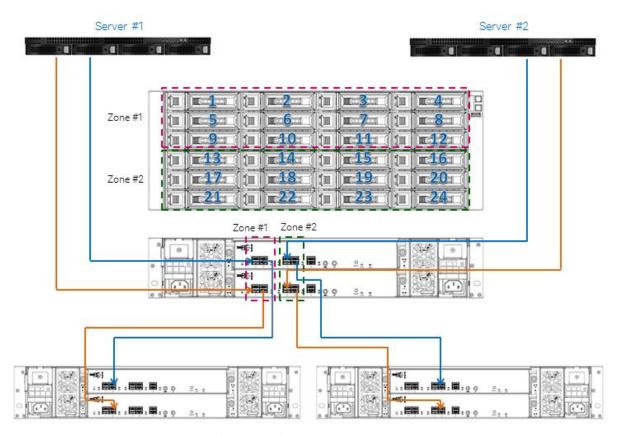


Figure 3-11 Two Servers to Three XCubeDAS / Two SAS Zones



TIP:

Only the XCubeDAS system on top layer can set SAS zones, the XCubeDAS systems cascaded to it is only for storage expansion.

3.3. Device Slot

The **Device Slot** tab provides to show the disk drive information and indicator control for the disk drives installed in slots.

- Disk Drive information: Show each disk drive's vendor, model name and serial number.
 Besides, if the disk drive is healthy, the device slot status will be blank; if the disk drive has any problem, the device slot status will show fault indicator Fault under the disk device slot.
- **ID LED**: Users can turn on the disk drive ID LED for maintenance, click the ID LED to turn on the ID LED and click again to turn it off.



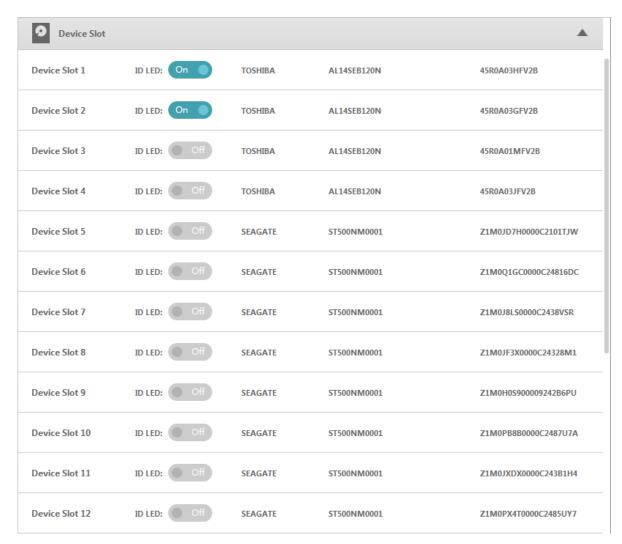


Figure 3-12 Device Slots Status



INFORMATION:

For the front and rear view about the disk drive ID LED, please refer to chapter 2, System Components Overview in the <u>XCubeDAS Hardware</u> Owner's Manual.

3.4. Power Supply

The **Power Supply** tab provides to monitor the status of power supply unit and indicate error conditions. The error indicators are on the following.

• **DC Over Voltage**: If the DC voltage is over default upper limit, DC OVER VOLTAGE indicator will be on and show orange color.



- **DC Under Voltage**: if the DC voltage is over default lower limit, DC UNDER VOLTAGE indicator will be on and show amber color.
- **DC Over Current**: if the DC current is over default limit, DC OVER CURRENT indicator will be on and show amber color.
- **Overtemp Fail**: if the temperature is over default limit, OVERTEMP FAIL indicator will be on and show dark red color.
- **Temp Warn**: if the temperature is close to default limit, TEMP WARN indicator will on and show amber color.
- AC Fail: if the input AC is abnormal (too high/low voltage), AC FAIL indicator will be on and show dark red color.



Figure 3-13 Power Supply Status Indicators

3.5. Cooling Device

The **Cooling Device** tab provides to monitor the status of the cooling devices. The cooling device indicators will show the following information.

- Cooling Device Number: There are four cooling devices numbering 1 to 4.
- Cooling Device Fan Speed and RPM (Revolutions Per Minute): The statistic chart shows the history of RPM.
- Cooling Device Status: If the cooling device is normal, the indicator will show blank; if the cooling device is abnormal, the indicator will show Failed.



INFORMATION:

Cooling device RPM statistic charts will be updated by every minute.



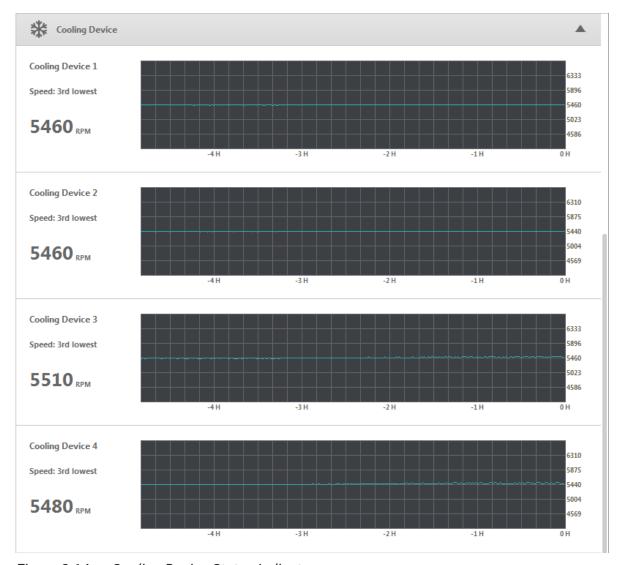


Figure 3-14 Cooling Device Status Indicators

3.6. Temperature Sensor

The **Temperature Sensor** tab provides to monitor the status of the temperature sensors. There are some thermal sensors in the system. Thermal sensor indicators will show the following information.

- Temperature Sensor Name: It indicates the location of the thermal sensor.
- Current Temperature: Degree by Celsius.
- Temperature Status: If the temperature detected by the thermal sensor is normal, the indicator will show blank; if the temperature is out of range, the indicator will show
 Failed





Temperature Sensor Status Indicators



INFORMATION:

Temperature statistic charts will be updated by every minute.



3.7. Voltage Sensor

The **Voltage Sensor** tab provides to monitor the status of the voltage sensors. There are many voltage sensors in the system. Voltage sensor indicators will show the following information.

- Voltage Sensor: It indicates the voltage sensor.
- Current Voltage: Number by volt.
- **Voltage Status**: If the voltage detected by the voltage sensor is normal, the indicator will show blank; if the voltage is out of range, the indicator will show Failed.



INFORMATION:

Voltage statistic charts will be updated by every minute.



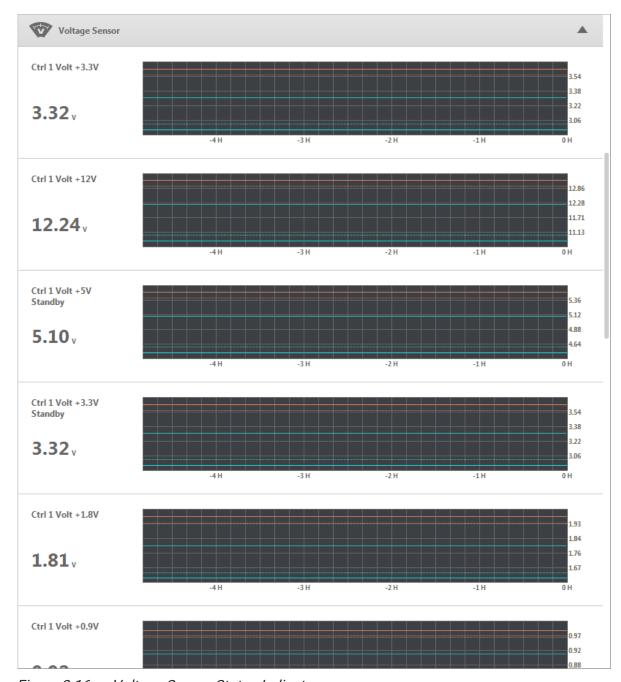


Figure 3-16 Voltage Sensor Status Indicators

3.8. SAS Expander

The SAS Expander tab provides the SAS expander information including the SAS addresses.





Figure 3-17 SAS Expander Information

3.9. SAS Port

The **SAS** Port tab provides to monitor the status of the SAS ports. There are five SAS ports on each controller. The connectivity status and speed for each SAS port will be shown.

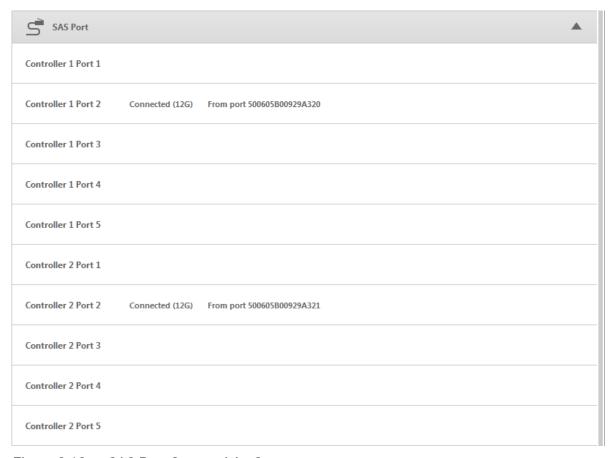


Figure 3-18 SAS Port Connectivity Status



4. Support and Other Resources

4.1. Getting Technical Support

After installing your device, locate the serial number on the sticker located on the side of the chassis and use it to register your product at https://partner.qsan.com/ (End-User Registration). We recommend registering your product in QSAN partner website for firmware updates, document download, and latest news in eDM. To contact QSAN Support, please use the following information.

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- Via Skype Chat, Skype ID: qsan.support
 (Service hours: 09:30 02:00, Monday Friday, UTC+8, Summer time: 09:30 01:00)
- Via Email: support@qsan.com

Information to collect

- · Product name, model or version, and serial number
- Operating system name and version
- Firmware version
- Error messages or capture screenshots
- Product-specific reports and logs
- Add-on products or components installed
- Third-party products or components installed

Information for Technical Support

The following system information is necessary for technical support, please refer to following for what and where to get the information of your XCubeDAS series model.

4.2. Accessing Product Updates

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