

AXIS M7016 Video Encoder

User Manual

About this Document

This manual is intended for administrators and users of the AXIS M7016 Video Encoder, and is applicable to firmware 5.90 and later. It includes instructions for using and managing the product on your network. Previous experience of networking will be of use when using this product. Some knowledge of UNIX or Linux-based systems may also be beneficial, for developing shell scripts and applications. Later versions of this document will be posted to the Axis website, as required. See also the product's online help, available via the web-based interface.

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- Low Voltage (LVD) Directive 2014/35/EU. See *Safety on page 3*.
- Restrictions of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) Directive 2011/65/EU. See *Disposal and Recycling on page 3*.

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Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC)

This equipment has been designed and tested to fulfill applicable standards for:

- Radio frequency emission when installed according to the instructions and used in its intended environment.
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This equipment has been tested using a shielded network cable (STP) and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

The product shall be connected using a shielded network cable (STP) that is properly grounded.

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Europe

This digital equipment fulfills the requirements for RF emission according to the Class B limit of EN 55022. The product shall be connected using a shielded network cable (STP) that is properly grounded.

This product fulfills the requirements for immunity according to EN 61000-6-1 residential, commercial and light-industrial environments.

This product fulfills the requirements for immunity according to EN 61000-6-2 industrial environments.

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This product complies with IEC/EN/UL 60950-1, Safety of Information Technology Equipment. If its connecting cables are routed outdoors, the product shall be grounded either through a shielded network cable (STP) or other appropriate method.

The power supply used with this product shall fulfill the requirements for Safety Extra Low Voltage (SELV) and Limited Power Source (LPS) according to IEC/EN/UL 62368-1 or IEC/EN/UL 60950-1.

Disposal and Recycling

When this product has reached the end of its useful life, dispose of it according to local laws and regulations. For information about your nearest designated collection point, contact your local authority responsible for waste disposal. In accordance with local legislation, penalties may be applicable for incorrect disposal of this waste.

Europe



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China



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Should you require any technical assistance, please contact your Axis reseller. If your questions cannot be answered immediately, your reseller will forward your queries through the appropriate channels to ensure a rapid response. If you are connected to the Internet, you can:

- download user documentation and software updates
- find answers to resolved problems in the FAQ database. Search by product, category, or phrase
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- chat with Axis support staff
- visit Axis Support at www.axis.com/techsup/

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Safety Information

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Hazard Levels

⚠DANGER

Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

⚠WARNING

Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

⚠CAUTION

Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.

NOTICE

Indicates a situation which, if not avoided, could result in damage to property.

Other Message Levels

Important

Indicates significant information which is essential for the product to function correctly.

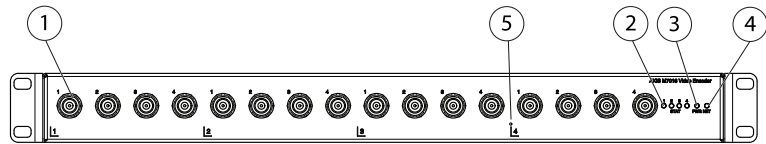
Note

Indicates useful information which helps in getting the most out of the product.

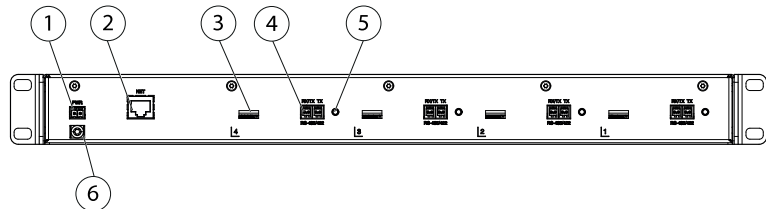
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Hardware Overview

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- 1 Video input connector BNC x16
- 2 Status LED 1-4
- 3 Power LED
- 4 Network activity LED RJ45
- 5 Restart button



- 1 Power connector
- 2 Network connector RJ45
- 3 Card slot microSD x4
- 4 RS-485/422 connector x4
- 5 Control button x4
- 6 Protective earth

Connectors and Buttons

For technical specifications, see *page 53*.

BNC Connector

Each video input is terminated using a coax/BNC connector.

Connect a 75 Ohm coaxial video cable; the recommended maximum length is 250 m (800 ft).

Note

75 Ohm video termination can be enabled/disabled for the video input through the product's web page at **Video > Camera Settings > Video termination**. Video termination is enabled on factory default. If the product is connected in parallel with other equipment, for optimum video quality, it is recommended that video termination is enabled only for the last device in the video signal chain.

Network Connector

RJ45 Ethernet connector.

NOTICE

The product shall be connected using a shielded network cable (STP). All cables connecting the product to the network shall be intended for their specific use. Make sure that the network devices are installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. For information about regulatory requirements, see *Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) on page 2*.

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Power Connector

2-pin terminal block for power input. Use a Safety Extra Low Voltage (SELV) compliant limited power source (LPS) with either a rated output power limited to ≤ 100 W or a rated output current limited to ≤ 5 A.

RS485/RS422 Connector

Two terminal blocks for RS485/RS422 serial interface used to control auxiliary equipment such as pan-tilt devices.

SD Card Slot

NOTICE

- Risk of damage to SD card. Do not use sharp tools, metal objects or excessive force when inserting or removing the SD card. Use your fingers to insert and remove the card.
- Risk of data loss and corrupted recordings. Do not remove the SD card while the product is running. Disconnect power or unmount the SD card from the Axis product's webpages before removal.

This product supports microSD/microSDHC/microSDXC cards (not included).

For SD card recommendations, see www.axis.com

Control Button

For location of the control button, see *Hardware Overview on page 7*.

The control button is used for:

- Resetting the product to factory default settings. See *page 48*.
- Connecting to an AXIS Video Hosting System service. See *page 41*. To connect, press and hold the button for about 3 seconds until the Status LED flashes green.
- Connecting to AXIS Internet Dynamic DNS Service. See *page 41*. To connect, press and hold the button for about 3 seconds.

LED Indicators

Note

- The Status LED can be configured to be unlit during normal operation. To configure, go to **Setup > System Options > Ports & Devices > LED**. See the online help for more information.
- The Status LED can be configured to flash while an event is active.
- The Status LED can be configured to flash for identifying the unit. Go to **Setup > System Options > Maintenance**.

Status LED	Indication
Green	Steady green for normal operation.
Amber	Steady during startup. Flashes when restoring settings.
Red	Flashes red for firmware upgrade failure.

Network LED	Indication
Green	Steady for connection to a 1 Gbit/s network. Flashes for network activity.
Amber	Steady for connection to a 10/100 Mbit/s network. Flashes for network activity.
Unlit	No network connection.

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Power LED	Indication
Green	Normal operation.
Amber	Flashes green/amber during firmware upgrade.

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Access the Product

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To install the Axis product, see the Installation Guide supplied with the product.

The product can be used with most operating systems and browsers. We recommend the following browsers:

- Internet Explorer® with Windows®
- Safari® with OS X®
- Chrome™ or Firefox® with other operating systems.

To view streaming video in Internet Explorer, allow installation of AXIS Media Control (AMC) when prompted.

The Axis product includes one (1) H.264 decoder license for viewing video streams. The license is automatically installed with AMC. The administrator can disable the installation of the decoders to prevent installation of unlicensed copies.

Note

- QuickTime™ is also supported for viewing H.264 streams.

Access from a Browser

1. Start a web browser.
2. Enter the IP address or host name of the Axis product in the browser's Location/Address field.

To access the product from a Mac computer (OS X), go to Safari, click on Bonjour and select the product from the drop-down list.

If you do not know the IP address, use AXIS IP Utility to locate the product on the network. For information about how to discover and assign an IP address, see the document *Assign an IP Address and Access the Video Stream* on Axis Support web at www.axis.com/techsup

Note

To show Bonjour as a browser bookmark, go to **Safari > Preferences**.

3. Enter your user name and password. If this is the first time the product is accessed, the root password must first be configured. For instructions, see *Set the Root Password* on page 11.
4. The product's Live View page opens in your browser.

Note

The controls and layout of the Live View page may have been customized to meet specific installation requirements and user preferences. Consequently, some of the examples and functions featured here may differ from those displayed in your own Live View page.

Access from the Internet

Once connected, the Axis product is accessible on your local network (LAN). To access the product from the Internet you must configure your network router to allow incoming data traffic to the product. To do this, enable the NAT-traversal feature, which will attempt to automatically configure the router to allow access to the product. This is enabled from **Setup > System Options > Network > TCP/IP Advanced**.

For more information, see *NAT traversal (port mapping) for IPv4* on page 43. See also AXIS Internet Dynamic DNS Service at www.axiscam.net

For Technical notes on this and other topics, visit the Axis Support web at www.axis.com/techsup

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Set the Root Password

To access the Axis product, you must set the password for the default administrator user **root**. This is done in the **Configure Root Password** dialog, which opens when the product is accessed for the first time.

To prevent network eavesdropping, the root password can be set via an encrypted HTTPS connection, which requires an HTTPS certificate. HTTPS (Hypertext Transfer Protocol over SSL) is a protocol used to encrypt traffic between web browsers and servers. The HTTPS certificate ensures encrypted exchange of information. See *HTTPS on page 38*.

The default administrator user name **root** is permanent and cannot be deleted. If the password for root is lost, the product must be reset to the factory default settings. See *Reset to Factory Default Settings on page 48*.

To set the password via a standard HTTP connection, enter it directly in the dialog.

To set the password via an encrypted HTTPS connection, follow these steps:

1. Click **Use HTTPS**.

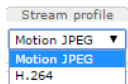
A temporary certificate (valid for one year) is created, enabling encryption of all traffic to and from the product, and the password can now be set securely.

2. Enter a password and then re-enter it to confirm the spelling.
3. Click **OK**. The password has now been configured.

The Live View Page

The controls and layout of the Live View page may have been customized to meet specific installation requirements and user preferences. Consequently, some of the examples and functions featured here may differ from those displayed in your own Live View page. The following provides an overview of each available control.

Controls on the Live View Page



Select a stream profile for the Live View page from the **Stream Profile** drop-down list. For information about how to configure stream profiles, see *page 19*.



The **Manual Trigger** button is used to trigger an action rule from the Live View page. For information about how to configure and enable the button, see *Manual Trigger on page 11*.



Click **Snapshot** to save a snapshot of the video image. This button is primarily intended for use when the AXIS Media Control viewer toolbar is not available. Enable this button from **Live View Config > Action Buttons**.

Manual Trigger

The **Manual Trigger** is used to trigger an action rule from the Live View page. The manual trigger can for example be used to validate actions during product installation and configuration.

To configure the manual trigger:

1. Go to **Setup > Events**.
2. Click **Add** to add a new action rule.
3. From the **Trigger** drop-down list, select **Input Signal**.
4. From the second drop-down list, select **Manual Trigger**.

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5. Select the desired action and configure the other settings as required.

For more information about action rules, see *Events on page 30*.

To show the manual trigger buttons in the Live View page:

1. Go to **Setup > Live View Config**.
2. Under **Action Buttons**, select **Show manual trigger button**.

AXIS Media Control viewer toolbar

The AXIS Media Control viewer toolbar is available in Internet Explorer only. See *AXIS Media Control (AMC) on page 14* for more information. The toolbar displays the following buttons:



The **Play** button connects to the Axis product and starts playing a media stream.



The **Stop** button stops the media stream.



The **Snapshot** button takes a snapshot of the video image.



Click the **View Full Screen** button and the video image will fill the entire screen. Press ESC (Escape) on the computer keyboard to cancel full screen view.



The **Record** button is used to record the current video stream on your computer. The location where the recording is saved can be specified in the AMC Control Panel. Enable this button from **Live View Config > Viewer Settings**.

The Live View page also displays Pan/Tilt/Zoom (PTZ) controls. The administrator can enable/disable controls for specified users under **System Options > Security > Users**.

With the **PTZ Control Queue** enabled the time each user is in control of the PTZ settings is limited. Click the buttons to request or release control of the PTZ controls. The PTZ Control Queue is set up under **PTZ > Control Queue**.

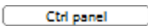


Click the **Emulate joystick mode** button and click in the image to move the camera view in the direction of the mouse pointer.

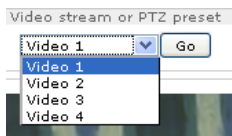


Click the **Center mode** button and click in the image to center the camera view on that position.

The center mode button could also be used to zoom in on a specific area. Click in the image and drag to draw a rectangle surrounding the area to be magnified. To zoom out, rotate the mouse wheel.



Click the **Ctrl panel** button to open the PTZ control panel which provides additional PTZ controls. User-defined buttons can also appear in the Control panel. See *Controls on page 25*.



Select the video channel or a PTZ preset position to steer the camera view to the saved position. See *Preset Positions on page 24*.

Pan and Tilt bars – Use the arrows to pan and tilt the camera view, or click on a position on the bar to steer the camera view to that position.

Zoom bar – Use the arrows to zoom in and out, or click on a position on the bar to zoom to that position.

Focus bar – Click on a position on the focus bar to set the focus position. This will disable the product's autofocus. To re-enable, use the PTZ control panel which is opened by clicking the **Ctrl panel** button (see above). If autofocus is enabled, **Auto** is visible next to the **Focus bar**. For more information about the autofocus function, see *Image Settings on page 20*.

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The PTZ controls can be disabled under PTZ > Advanced > Controls, see *Controls on page 25*.

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Media Streams

Media Streams

The Axis product provides several video stream formats. Your requirements and the properties of your network will determine the type you use.

The Live View page in the product provides access to H.264 and Motion JPEG video streams, and to the list of available stream profiles. Other applications and clients can access video streams directly, without going via the Live View page.

How to Stream H.264

H.264 can, without compromising image quality, reduce the size of a digital video file by more than 80% compared with the Motion JPEG format and as much as 50% more than the MPEG-4 standard. This means that much less network bandwidth and storage space are required for a video file. Or seen another way, much higher video quality can be achieved for a given bit rate.

Deciding which combination of protocols and methods to use depends on your viewing requirements, and on the properties of your network. The available options in AXIS Media Control are:

Unicast RTP	This unicast method (RTP over UDP) is used for live unicast video, especially when it is important to have an up-to-date video stream, even if some frames are dropped.	Unicasting is used for video-on-demand transmission so that there is no video traffic on the network until a client connects and requests the stream. Note that there are a maximum of 20 simultaneous unicast connections.
RTP over RTSP	This unicast method (RTP tunneled over RTSP) is useful as it is relatively simple to configure firewalls to allow RTSP traffic.	
RTP over RTSP over HTTP	This unicast method can be used to traverse firewalls. Firewalls are commonly configured to allow the HTTP protocol, thus allowing RTP to be tunneled.	
Multicast RTP	This method (RTP over UDP) should be used for live multicast video. The video stream is always up-to-date, even if some frames are dropped. Multicasting provides the most efficient usage of bandwidth when there are large numbers of clients viewing simultaneously. A multicast cannot however, pass a network router unless the router is configured to allow this. It is not possible to multicast over the Internet, for example. Note also that all multicast viewers count as one unicast viewer in the maximum total of 20 simultaneous connections.	

AXIS Media Control negotiates with the Axis product to determine the transport protocol to use. The order of priority, listed in the AMC Control Panel, can be changed and the options disabled, to suit specific requirements.

Note

H.264 is licensed technology. The Axis product includes one H.264 viewing client license. Installing additional unlicensed copies of the client is prohibited. To purchase additional licenses, contact your Axis reseller.

MJPEG

This format uses standard JPEG still images for the video stream. These images are then displayed and updated at a rate sufficient to create a stream that shows constantly updated motion.

The Motion JPEG stream uses considerable amounts of bandwidth, but provides excellent image quality and access to every image contained in the stream. The recommended method of accessing Motion JPEG live video from the Axis product is to use the AXIS Media Control in Internet Explorer in Windows.

AXIS Media Control (AMC)

AXIS Media Control (AMC) in Internet Explorer in Windows is the recommended method of accessing live video from the Axis product.

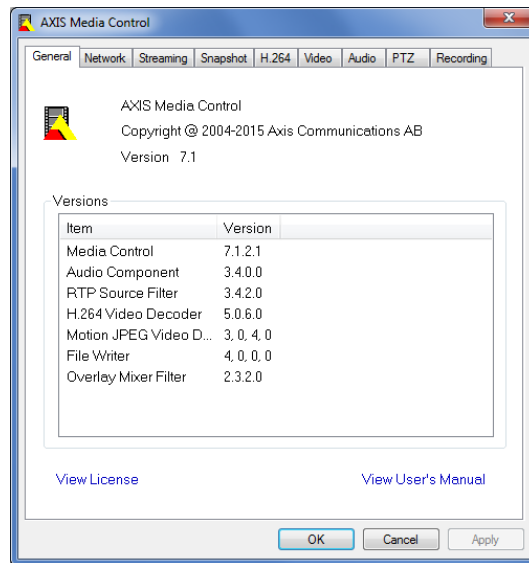
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The AMC Control Panel can be used to configure various video settings. Please see the AXIS Media Control User's Manual for more information.

The AMC Control Panel is automatically installed on first use, after which it can be configured. Open the AMC Control Panel from:

- Windows Control Panel (from the Start screen or Start menu)
- Alternatively, right-click the video image in Internet Explorer and click **Settings**.



Alternative Methods of Accessing the Video Stream

You can also access video and images from the Axis product in the following ways:

- **Motion JPEG server push** (if supported by the client, Chrome or Firefox, for example). This option maintains an open HTTP connection to the browser and sends data as and when required, for as long as required.
- **Still JPEG images in a browser**. Enter the path `http://<ip>/axis-cgi/jpg/image.cgi?camera=<source no>`
- **Windows Media Player**. This requires AXIS Media Control and the H.264 decoder to be installed. The following paths can be used:
 - Unicast via RTP: `axrtpu://<ip>/axis-media/media.amp?camera=<source no>`
 - Unicast via RTSP: `axrtsp://<ip>/axis-media/media.amp?camera=<source no>`
 - Unicast via RTSP, tunneled via HTTP: `axrtsphhttp://<ip>/axis-media/media.amp?camera=<source no>`
 - Multicast: `axrtmp://<ip>/axis-media/media.amp?camera=<source no>`
- **QuickTime™**. The following paths can be used:
 - `rtsp://<ip>/axis-media/media.amp?camera=<source no>`
 - `rtsp://<ip>/axis-media/media.3gp?camera=<source no>`

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Note

- `<ip>` = IP address
- `<source no>` = 1/2/3/4/quad
- The Axis product supports QuickTime 6.5.1 and later.
- QuickTime may add latency to the video stream.
- It may be possible to use other players to view the H.264 stream using the paths above, although Axis does not guarantee this.


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Set Up the Product

Set Up the Product

The Axis product can be configured by users with administrator or operator rights. To open the product's Setup pages, click **Setup** in the top right-hand corner of the Live View page.

- **Administrators** have unrestricted access to all settings.
- **Operators** have restricted access to settings, see *Users on page 37*

See also the online help .

Basic Setup

Basic Setup provides shortcuts to the settings that should be made before using the Axis product:

1. **Users.** See *page 37*.
2. **TCP/IP.** See *page 40*.
3. **Date & Time.** See *page 39*.
4. **Video Stream.** See *page 18*.

The Basic Setup menu can be disabled from **System Options > Security > Users**.

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Video

Video

It is possible to configure the following video features in your Axis product:

- Video stream. See *page 18*.
- Stream profiles. See *page 19*.
- Camera settings. See *page 20*.
- Overlay image. See *page 20*.
- Privacy mask. See *page 21*.

Set Up Video Streams

To set up the product's video streams, go to **Video > Video Stream**.

The video stream settings are divided into the following tabs:

- Image. See *page 18*.
- H.264. See *page 19*.
- MJPEG. See *page 19*.

Note

Video stream can be configured for each channel, including quad stream.

Image

The default image settings can be configured under **Video> Video Stream**. Select the **Image** tab.

The following settings are available:

- **Resolution.** Select the default resolution.
- Select **Aspect ratio correction** to improve the appearance of images in the browser when the video stream has a different aspect ratio. Pixels comprising the image are rearranged so as to provide a more accurate representation of the image.
- **Compression.** The compression level affects the image quality, bandwidth and file size of saved images; the lower the compression, the higher the image quality with higher bandwidth requirements and larger file sizes.
- **Mirror image.** If required, the image can be mirrored.
- **Rotate image.** If required, the image can be rotated.
- **Color setting.** Select either **Color** or **Black & White**. **Black & White** uses less bandwidth than **Color**.
- **Maximum frame rate.** To avoid bandwidth problems, the frame rate allowed to each viewer can be **Limited** to a fixed amount. Alternatively, the frame rate can be set as **Unlimited**, which means the Axis product always delivers the highest frame rate possible under the current conditions.
- **Overlay settings.** See *About overlay text on page 20*.

Click **Save** to apply the new settings.

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H.264

H.264, also known as MPEG-4 Part 10/AVC, is a video compression standard that provides high quality video streams at low bit rates. An H.264 video stream consists of different types of frames such as I-frames and P-frames. An I-frame is a complete image whereas P-frames only contain the differences from previous frames.

The H.264 stream settings can be configured from the **Video > Video Stream** page. Select the **H.264** tab. The settings defined in this page will apply to all H.264 streams that do not use a stream profile.

The **GOP length** is the number of frames between two consecutive I-frames. Increasing the GOP length may save considerably on bandwidth requirements in some cases, but may also have an adverse affect on image quality.

The Axis product supports the following **H.264 profile(s)**:

- **Baseline.** The Baseline profile is recommended for clients that don't support CABAC entropy coding.
- **Main.** The Main profile provides higher compression with maintained video quality compared to the Baseline profile but requires more processing power to decode.

The bit rate can be set as **Variable bit rate (VBR)** or **Constant bit rate (CBR)**. VBR adjusts the bit rate according to the image complexity, using up more bandwidth for increased activity in the image, and less for lower image activity. When the activity in the scene increases, the bit rate would usually increase as well. If there is a surplus in bandwidth, this may not be an issue and selecting **Variable bit rate (VBR)** will be sufficient. But if bandwidth is limited, it is recommended to control the bit rate by selecting **Constant bit rate (CBR)**. When the activity in the scene increases, VBR adjusts the bit rate according to the complexity, using up more bandwidth for increased activity in the scene, and less for lower scene activity. CBR allows you to set a target bit rate that limits the bandwidth consumption.

The CBR target bit rate works like the ceiling of a tent. It limits the bit rate, while maintaining some flexibility. The bit rate may bounce up and down within the set target but when it nears the set target value, the limitation kicks in. However, because CBR will always prioritize a continuous video stream, it allows temporary overshoots from the target bit rate. Because setting a target value prevents the bit rate from increasing, frame rate and image quality are affected negatively. To partly compensate for this, select which variable shall be prioritized, frame rate or image quality. Not setting a priority means that frame rate and image quality are equally affected.

To apply the settings, click **Save**.

MJPEG

Sometimes the image size is large due to low light or complex scenery. Adjusting the maximum frame size helps to control the bandwidth and storage used by the Motion JPEG video stream in these situations. Setting the frame size to the **Default** setting provides consistently good image quality at the expense of increased bandwidth and storage usage in low light. Limiting the frame size optimizes bandwidth and storage usage, but may give poor image quality. To prevent increased bandwidth and storage usage, the maximum frame size should be set to an optimal value.

Quad Stream

A quad view displays images from all four channels on a single screen where the images from each camera take up a quarter of the display area. It is possible to define settings for the video stream in quad view.

Stream Profiles

A stream profile is a set of predefined stream settings including resolution, compression, frame rate and overlay settings. Stream profiles can be used:

- When setting up recording using action rules. See *Events on page 30*.
- When setting up continuous recording. See *Continuous Recording on page 35*.
- In the Live View page – select the stream profile from the **Stream profile** drop-down list.

For quick setup, use one of the predefined stream profiles. Each predefined profile has a descriptive name, indicating its purpose. If required, the predefined stream profiles can be modified and new customized stream profiles can be created.

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To create a new profile or modify an existing profile, go to **Setup > Video > Stream Profiles**.

To select a default stream profile for the Live View page, go to **Setup > Live View Config**.

Camera Settings

The **Video > Camera Settings** page provides access to advanced image settings for the Axis product.

Image Appearance

To change Image Appearance go to the menus under **Setup > Video > Camera Settings**.

The **Contrast** changes the relative difference between light and dark. It can be adjusted using the sliderbar.

Video input

- Enter a descriptive name for your video source in the **Video source name** field.
- The values in the **Offset Adjustments** fields affect the horizontal and vertical synchronization for the image. This can be used to eliminate any black border surrounding the image. High values, both negative and positive can put the image out of sync.
- De-interlacing – is used to improve video stream image quality from analog devices. Select any of the following options from the **De-interlacing** drop-down list. Select **None** if de-interlacing is not necessary; **Blending** for improved image quality that is not as processor intensive; **Adaptive Interpolation** performs de-interlacing of the video stream by applying different filters on the image. This may give a better result than Motion Adaptive Interpolation in rare cases; **Motion Adaptive Interpolation** performs de-interlacing of the video stream by applying different filters depending on the motion in different parts of the image. This will in most cases result in the best image quality.
- **Antialiasing** will minimize distortion known as aliasing, which happens when a high-resolution image is represented at a lower resolution.

75 Ohm video termination can be enabled/disabled via the product's web page at **Video > Video Input > Video termination**.

Video termination is enabled on factory default. If the product is connected in parallel with other equipment, for optimum video quality, it is recommended that video termination is enabled only for the last device in the video signal chain.

Image Settings

Noise reduction – Set to **On** to enable noise reduction. Noise reduction may increase the amount of motion blur.

About overlay text

It is also possible to display text when an action rule is triggered, see *How to include overlay text in an action rule on page 21*.

About overlay images

An overlay image is a static image superimposed over the video stream. The image, for example a company logo, is first uploaded to the Axis product and then used to provide extra information or to mask a part of the image.

Image specifications:

- The uploaded image should be a Windows 24-bit BMP image with maximum 250 colors.
- The image width and height, in pixels, must be exactly divisible by four.
- The image cannot be larger than the maximum image resolution.
- If combining text and image overlays, take into consideration that the text overlay occupies 16 or 32 pixels in height (depending on the resolution) and has the same width as the video image.

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Since it is static, the position and size of an overlay image will remain the same regardless of resolution and pan, tilt or zoom movements.

To always cover a selected part of the monitored area, use a privacy mask. See *Privacy Mask* on page 21.

How to include overlay text in an action rule

Example

To display the text "Motion detected" when motion is detected, enter #D in the **Include text** field and enter "Motion detected" in the **Text** field when setting up the action rule.


1. Go to **Video > Video Stream** and select the **Image** tab.
2. Under **Overlay Settings**, select **Include text**.
3. Enter the modifier #D. When the rule is triggered, #D is replaced by the text specified in the action rule.
Additional text in this field will be displayed also when the action rule is not active.
4. Go to **Events > Action Rules** and create your action rule.
5. From the **Actions** list, select **Overlay Text**.
6. Enter the text to display in the **Text** field.
7. Specify the **Duration**. The text can be displayed while the rule is active or for a fixed number of seconds.

Privacy Mask

A privacy mask is a user-defined area that prevent users from viewing parts of the monitored area. Privacy masks appear as blocks of solid color and are applied on the video stream. Privacy masks cannot be bypassed using the VAPIX® application programming interface (API).

The Privacy Mask List (**Video > Privacy Mask**) shows all the masks that are currently configured in the Axis product and indicates if they are enabled.

You can add a new mask, re-size the mask with the mouse, choose a color for the mask, and give the mask a name.

For more information, see the online help 

Important

Adding many privacy masks may affect the product's performance.

Note

Privacy mask is not available for the quad stream. However, privacy masks configured on each channel will be displayed in the quad.

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Configure the Live View Page

Configure the Live View Page

You can customize the Live View page and alter it to suit your requirements. It is possible to define the following features of the Live View page.

- Default Live View Video. See .
- Stream Profile. See *page 19*.
- Default Viewer for Browser. See *page 22*.
- Viewer Settings. See *page 22*.
- Action Buttons. These are the buttons described in *Controls on the Live View Page on page 11*.
- User Defined Links. See *page 23*.

Default Viewer for Browsers

From **Live View Config > Default Viewer** select the default method for viewing video images in your browser. The product attempts to show the video images in the selected video format and viewer. If this is not possible, the product overrides the settings and selects the best available combination.

Browser	Viewer	Description
Windows Internet Explorer	AMC	Recommended viewer in Internet Explorer (H.264/Motion JPEG).
	QuickTime	H.264.
	Still image	Displays still images only. Click the Refresh button in your browser to view a new image.
Other browsers	Server Push	Recommended viewer for other browsers (Motion JPEG).
	QuickTime	H.264.
	Still image	Displays still images only. Click the Refresh button in your browser to view a new image.

For more information, please see the online help .

Viewer Settings

To configure options for the viewer, go to **Live View Config > Viewer Settings**.

- Select **Show viewer toolbar** to display the AXIS Media Control (AMC) or the QuickTime viewer toolbar under the video image in your browser.
- **H.264 decoder installation.** The administrator can disable installation of the H.264 decoder included with AXIS Media Control. This is used to prevent installation of unlicensed copies. Further decoder licenses can be purchased from your Axis reseller.
- Select **Show crosshair in PTZ joystick mode** to enable a cross that will indicate the center of the image in PTZ joystick mode.
- Select **Use PTZ joystick mode as default** to enable joystick mode. The mode can be changed temporarily from the PTZ control panel.
- Select **Enable recording button** to enable recording from the Live View page. This button is available when using the AMC viewer. The recordings are saved to the location specified in the AMC Control Panel. See *AXIS Media Control (AMC) on page 14*.

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User Defined Links

To display user-defined links in the Live View page, select the **Show custom link** option, give the link a name and then enter the URL to link to. When defining a web link do not remove the 'http:/' from the URL address. Custom links can be used to run scripts or activate external devices connected to the product, or they can link to a web page. Custom links defined as cgi links will run the script in the background, in a hidden frame. Defining the link as a web link will open the link in a new window.

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PTZ (Pan Tilt Zoom)

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The PTZ menu is available if a PTZ driver has been uploaded. See *Install PTZ Driver* on page 24.

Preset Positions

A preset position is a saved view that can be used to quickly steer the camera to a specific position. A preset position consists of the following values:

- Pan and tilt positions
- Zoom position
- Focus position (manual or automatic)

Guard Tour

A guard tour displays the video stream from different preset positions, one-by-one, in a predetermined order or at random and for configurable time periods. The enabled guard tour will keep running after the user has logged off or closed the browser.


To add a guard tour:

1. Go to **PTZ > Guard Tour** and click **Add**.
2. Enter a descriptive name.
3. Specify the pause length between runs.
4. Select an available preset position and click **Apply**.
5. Specify the **Move Speed**.
6. Specify the **View Time** in seconds or minutes.
7. Specify the **View Order** or select the **Random view order** option.
8. Click **Save**.

To modify or remove guard tours, go to **PTZ > Guard Tour**, select the guard tour in the **Guard Tour List** and click **Modify/Remove**.

Note

For products that support Limited Guard Tour, the product has a fixed minimum view time

For more information see the online help .

Install PTZ Driver

This Axis product supports several PTZ devices. Please see www.axis.com for a complete list of supported devices, and to obtain the correct driver. To install a PTZ device you need to install the PTZ driver.

To install the PTZ driver go to **PTZ> Driver Selection**. **Browse** to find the driver (e.g. driver.ptz) and **Upload**. If the driver was successfully uploaded, it appears in the **Select driver to use** drop-down list. From this drop-down list, select the driver to install or remove, and click **Save**.

Select **Activate PTZ** to enable PTZ. The address of the connected device appears against **Device ID**. Choose the **Device type** from the drop-down list. To find which device type to use, consult the documentation supplied by the PTZ driver.

To complete the installation go to **System Options > Ports & Devices > COM Port** and verify the settings.

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Advanced

Device Settings

The Device Settings window displays driver specific settings. The appearance of this window can vary depending on the driver installed. Options that can be configured include:

- Driver Specific Settings for Video Source
- Mechanical Limits for Moving Video Source
- Light Control Video Source
- Extended Driver Specific Settings for Video Source

For download and installation information about PTZ drivers for your Axis product please visit www.axis.com/techsup/

Controls

Advanced PTZ settings can be configured under **PTZ > Advanced > Controls**.

The **Panel Shortcut Command Buttons** list shows the user-defined buttons that can be accessed from the Live View page's **Ctrl panel**. These buttons can be used to provide direct access to commands issued using the VAPIX® application programming interface. Click **Add** to add a new shortcut command button.

The following PTZ controls are enabled by default:

- Pan control
- Tilt control
- Zoom control
- Focus control

To disable specific controls, deselect the options under **Enable/Disable controls**.

Note


Disabling PTZ controls will not affect preset positions. For example, if the tilt control is disabled, the product can still move to preset positions that require a tilt movement.

OSD Menu

If the PTZ unit supports an internal configuration menu, this can be accessed using the On-Screen Display (OSD). Configure the analog camera by opening and navigating through its internal menu in this display.

Control Queue

Note

- The administrator can enable and disable PTZ controls for selected users.
- To identify different users in the viewer group, cookies must be enabled on the client.
- The **Control queue polltime** is measured in seconds. For more information see the online help .

The administrator can set up a queue for PTZ controllers from **PTZ > Control Queue**. Once set up, the **PTZ Control Queue** buttons appear in the Live View page offering one viewer exclusive control for a limited period of time. Other users will be placed in queue.

A user who belongs to a group (see *Users on page 37*) with a higher PTZ priority can go before other users in the queue and take control of the product. The order of priority is as follows:

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1. **Administrator** – An administrator takes over PTZ control regardless of who is first in queue. The administrator will be removed from the queue 60 seconds after the last PTZ control command.
2. **Event** – The Axis product can be configured to go to a preset position when triggered by an alarm (see *Events on page 30*). The event will immediately be placed first in the queue except when an administrator is in control.
3. **Operator** – Same as administrator but with lower priority
4. **Guard Tour** – A guard tour (see *page 24*) has PTZ control for an indefinite period of time. It may be overridden by an operator, event or administrator. The guard tour will resume when higher priority groups leave the queue.
5. **Viewer** – Multiple viewers must wait for their turn. The viewer has 60 seconds PTZ control before control is passed on to the next viewer in queue.

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Detectors

Detectors

Camera Tampering

Camera Tampering can generate an alarm whenever the camera is repositioned, or when the lens is covered, spray-painted or severely defocused. To send an alarm, for example an email, an action rule must be set up.

To configure tampering detection:

1. Go to **Detectors > Camera Tampering**.
2. Set the **Minimum duration**, that is, the time that must elapse before an alarm is generated. Increase time to prevent false alarms for known conditions that affect the image.
3. Select **Alarm for dark images** if an alarm should be generated if lights are dimmed or turned off, or if the lens is sprayed, covered, or rendered severely out of focus.
4. Click **Save**.

To configure the product to send an alarm when tampering occurs:

1. Go to **Events > Action Rules**.
2. Click **Add** to set up a new action rule.
3. Enter a **Name** for the action rule.
4. Under **Condition**, select **Detectors** from the **Trigger** list.
5. Select **Tampering** from the list of detectors.
6. Select the video channel.
7. Optionally, select a schedule and set additional conditions.
8. Select the action. To send an email, select **Send Notification** and select a **Recipient** from the list of defined recipients.

Note

The **While the rule is active** option under **Duration** cannot be used with camera tampering, since camera tampering does not have a duration and once it has been triggered it will not automatically return to its untriggered state.

For more information on actions rules, see *Events on page 30*.

Motion Detection

Motion detection is used to generate an alarm whenever movement starts or stops in the camera view.

Motion detection is configured by defining up to 10 Include and Exclude windows:

- **Include windows** — define areas where motion should be detected
- **Exclude windows** — define areas within an Include window that should be ignored (areas outside Include windows are automatically ignored).

For instructions, see *How to set up motion detection windows on page 28*.

To control the number of motion detection alarms, the parameters **Object Size**, **History** and **Sensitivity** can be adjusted. See *Motion detection parameters on page 28*.

Once motion detection windows are configured, the Axis product can be configured to perform actions when motion is detected. Possible actions include uploading images and start recording. For more information, see *Set Up Action Rules on page 30*.

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Note

- Using the motion detection feature may decrease the product's overall performance.
- The position of the Motion Detection Window is relative to the orientation of the Camera. Changing the orientation of the camera will also change the position of the Motion Detection Window.



How to set up motion detection windows

To set up a motion detection Include Window, follow these instructions:

1. Go to **Detectors > Motion Detection**.
2. Select the **Configure Include Windows** option and click **New**. Select the new window in the list of windows and enter a descriptive name.
3. Adjust the size (drag the bottom right-hand corner) and the position (click on the text at the top and drag to the desired position) of the window.
4. Adjust the **Object Size**, **History** and **Sensitivity** profile sliders (see *Motion detection parameters on page 28* for details). Any detected motion within an active window is indicated by red peaks in the **Activity window**.
5. Click **Save**.

To exclude parts of the include window, select the **Configure Excluded Windows** and position the exclude window within the include window.

To delete an include or exclude window, select the window in the list of windows and click **Del**.

Motion detection parameters

The parameters controlling motion detection are described in the table below:

Parameter	Object Size	History	Sensitivity
Description	Object size relative to window size.	Object memory length.	Difference in luminance between background and object.
High level (100%)	Only very large objects trigger motion detection.	An object that appears in the window triggers motion detection for a long time before it is considered as non-moving.	Ordinary colored objects on ordinary backgrounds trigger motion detection.

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Medium level (50%)			A large difference in luminance is required to trigger motion detection.
Low level (0%)	Even very small objects trigger motion detection.	An object that appears in the window triggers motion detection only for a very short time before it is considered as non-moving.	Only very bright objects on a dark background trigger motion detection.
Recommended values	5–15%	60–90%	75–95%
Default values	15%	90%	90%

Note

- To trigger on small objects or movements, use several small motion detection windows rather than one large window, and select a low object size.
- To avoid triggering on small objects, select a high object size.
- While monitoring an area where moving objects are not expected, select a high history level. This will cause motion detection to trigger as long as the object is present in the window.
- To only detect flashing light, select a low sensitivity. In other cases high sensitivity is recommended.

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The Event pages allow you to configure the Axis product to perform actions when different events occur. For example, the product can start a recording or send an email notification when motion is detected. The set of conditions that defines how and when the action is triggered is called an action rule.

Convert Event Types to Action Rules

If the Axis product is upgraded to firmware version 5.40 or later, it is recommended to convert **Event Types** to **Action Rules**. The legacy user **Event Types** in the camera will continue to work but will not be visible in the user interface of the camera. The **Event Types** need to be converted to **Action rules** to become visible in the user interface.

To convert **Event Types** to **Action Rules** go to **Events > Action Rules** and click **Convert**.

NOTICE

This is not recommended when using a VMS based on the old Event Management System.

Set Up Action Rules

An action rule defines the conditions that must be met for the product to perform an action, for example record video or send an email notification. If multiple conditions are defined, all of them must be met to trigger the action.

For more information about available triggers and actions, see *Triggers on page 31* and *Actions on page 31*.

The following example describes how to set up an action rule to record video to a network share if there is movement in the camera's field of view.

Set up motion detection and add a network share:

1. Go to **Detectors > Motion Detection** and configure a motion detection window. See *page 28*.
2. Go to **System Options > Storage** and set up the network share. See *page 45*.

Set up the action rule:

1. Go to **Events > Action Rules** and click **Add**.
2. Select **Enable** rule and enter a descriptive name for the rule.
3. Select **Detectors** from the **Trigger** drop-down list.
4. Select **Motion Detection** from the drop-down list. Select the motion detection window to use.
5. Optionally, select a **Schedule** and **Additional conditions**. See below.
6. Under **Actions**, select **Record Video** from the **Type** drop-down list.
7. Select a **Stream profile** and configure the **Duration** settings as described below.
8. Select **Network Share** from the **Storage** drop-down list.


To use more than one trigger for the action rule, select **Additional conditions** and click **Add** to add additional triggers. When using additional conditions, all conditions must be met to trigger the action.

To prevent an action from being triggered repeatedly, a **Wait at least** time can be set. Enter the time in hours, minutes and seconds, during which the trigger should be ignored before the action rule can be activated again.

The recording **Duration** of some actions can be set to include time immediately before and after the event. Select **Pre-trigger time** and/or **Post-trigger time** and enter the number of seconds. When **While the rule is active** is enabled and the action is triggered again during the post-trigger time, the recording time will be extended with another post-trigger time period.

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For more information, see the online help .

Triggers

Available action rule triggers and conditions include:

- **Detectors**
 - **Live Stream Accessed** – Trigger the rule when any stream is accessed and during edge storage playback. This can for example be used to send notifications.
 - **Motion Detection** – Trigger the rule when motion is detected. See *Motion Detection on page 27*.
 - **Tampering** – Trigger the rule when tampering is detected. See *Camera Tampering on page 27*.
- **Hardware**
 - **Video Signal** – Trigger the rule if video signal is lost.
 - **Network** – Trigger the rule if network connection is lost or restored. This can for example be used to start recording to the SD card.
 - **Temperature** – Trigger the rule if the temperature falls outside or inside the operating range of the product. This can for example be used to send maintenance notifications.
- **Input Signal**
 - **Manual Trigger** – Trigger the rule using the **Manual Trigger** button in the Live View page. See *Controls on the Live View Page on page 11*. This can for example be used to validate actions during product installation and configuration.
 - **Virtual Inputs** – can be used by a VMS (Video Management System) to trigger actions. Virtual inputs can, for example, be connected to buttons in the VMS user interface.
- **PTZ**
 - **Error** – Trigger the rule if the PTZ functionality is not working correctly. This can for example be used to send maintenance notifications.
 - **Ready** – Trigger the rule when the PTZ functionality is ready to be used. This can for example be used to steer the camera to a specific preset position when the product is started.
- **Storage**
 - **Disruption** – Trigger the rule if storage problems are detected, for example if the storage device is unavailable, removed, full, locked or if other read or write problems occur. This can for example be used to send maintenance notifications.
- **System**
 - **System Ready** – Trigger the rule when the product has been started and all services are running. This can for example be used to send a notification when the product restarts.
- **Time**
 - **Recurrence** – Trigger the rule periodically. See *Set Up Recurrences on page 34*. This can for example be used to upload an image every 5 minutes.
 - **Use Schedule** – Trigger the rule according to the selected schedule. See *Create Schedules on page 33*.

Actions

Available actions include:

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- **Overlay Text** – Display an overlay text. See *How to include overlay text in an action rule on page 21*.
- **PTZ Control**
 - **Preset Position** – Go to a preset position.
 - **Guard Tour** – Start a guard tour. See *Guard Tour on page 24*.
- **Record Video** – Record video to a selected storage.
- **Send Images** – Send images to a recipient.
- **Send Notification** – Send a notification message to a recipient.
- **Send Video Clip** – Send a video clip to a recipient.
- **Status LED** – Flash the LED indicator. This can for example be used to validate triggers such as motion detection during product installation and configuration.

Add Recipients

The product can send media files and messages to notify users about events. Before the product can send media files or notification messages, you must define one or more recipients. For information about available options, see *Recipient Types on page 32*.

To add a recipient:

1. Go to **Events > Recipients** and click **Add**.
2. Enter a descriptive name.
3. Select a recipient **Type**.
4. Enter the information needed for the recipient type.
5. Click **Test** to test the connection to the recipient.
6. Click **OK**.

Recipient Types

The following recipients are available:

Recipient	Use with action	Notes
Email	Send Images Send Notification Send Video Clip	An email recipient can contain multiple email addresses.
FTP	Send Images Send Video Clip	
HTTP	Send Images Send Notification Send Video Clip	

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HTTPS	Send Images Send Notification Send Video Clip	Encrypted file transfer using HyperText Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS). Specify login information for the HTTPS server and validate the server's certificate. If there is a proxy between the Axis product and the HTTPS server, also specify the proxy settings.
Network Share	Send Images Send Video Clip	A network share can also be used as a storage device for recorded video. Go System Options > Storage to configure a network share before setting up a continuous recording or an action rule to record video. For more information about storage devices, see <i>Storage on page 45</i> .
TCP	Send Notification	

Set Up Email Recipients

Email recipients can be configured by selecting one of the listed email providers, or by specifying the SMTP server, port and authentication used by, for example, a corporate email server.

Note

Some email providers have security filters that prevent users from receiving or viewing large amount of attachments, from receiving scheduled emails and similar. Check the email provider's security policy to avoid delivery problems and locked email accounts.

To set up an email recipient using one of the listed providers:

1. Go to **Events > Recipients** and click **Add**.
2. Enter a **Name** and select **Email** from the **Type** list.
3. Enter the email addresses to send emails to in the **To** field. Use commas to separate multiple addresses.
4. Select the email provider from the **Provider** list.
5. Enter the user ID and password for the email account.
6. Click **Test** to send a test email.

To set up an email recipient using for example a corporate email server, follow the instructions above but select **User defined as Provider**. Enter the email address to appear as sender in the **From** field. Select **Advanced settings** and specify the SMTP server address, port and authentication method. Optionally, select **Use encryption** to send emails over an encrypted connection. The server certificate can be validated using the certificates available in the Axis product. For information on how to upload certificates, see *Certificates on page 39*.

Create Schedules

Schedules can be used as action rule triggers or as additional conditions, for example to record video if motion is detected outside office hours. Use one of the predefined schedules or create a new schedule as described below.

To create a new schedule:

1. Go to **Events > Schedules** and click **Add**.
2. Enter a descriptive name and the information needed for a daily, weekly, monthly or yearly schedule.
3. Click **OK**.

To use the schedule in an action rule, select the schedule from the **Schedule** drop-down list in the Action Rule Setup page.

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Set Up Recurrences

Recurrences are used to trigger action rules repeatedly, for example every 5 minutes or every hour.

To set up a recurrence:

1. Go to **Events > Recurrences** and click **Add**.
2. Enter a descriptive name and recurrence pattern.
3. Click **OK**.

To use the recurrence in an action rule, first select **Time** from the **Trigger** drop-down list in the Action Rule Setup page and then select the recurrence from the second drop-down list.

To modify or remove recurrences, select the recurrence in the **Recurrences List** and click **Modify** or **Remove**.

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Recordings

Recordings

The Axis product can be configured to record video continuously or according to an action rule:

- To start a continuous recording, see *page 35*.
- To set up action rules, see *page 30*.
- To access recordings, see *Recording List on page 35*.
- To configure camera controlled storage, see *Storage on page 45*.

Recording List

Recorded videos are listed on the **Recordings > List** page. The list shows each recording's start date and time, duration and the event that triggered the recording.

To play or download a recording, follow these steps:

1. Go to **Recordings > List**.
2. Use the filter to narrow the list of recordings. Enter the desired filter criteria and click **Filter**. Some filters may take a long time to complete.
3. Select the recording.
4. Click **Play** to play the recording, or click **Download** to download the recording.

Multiple recordings can be downloaded at the same time. Select the recordings and click **Download**. The downloaded file is a zip file containing a minimum of three files, of which the Matroska (mkv) files are the actual recordings. The recordings are time-stamped with the date and time they were downloaded (as opposed to the date the recordings were made).

Note

To play recordings in Windows Media Player, AXIS Matroska File Splitter must be installed. AXIS Matroska File Splitter can be downloaded from www.axis.com/techsup/software

For detailed recording and video information, select a recording and click **Properties**.

To remove a recording, select the recording and click **Remove**.

Continuous Recording

The Axis product can be configured to continuously save video to a storage device. For information about storage devices, see *Storage on page 45*. To prevent the disk from becoming full, it is recommended to configure the disk to automatically remove old recordings.

If a new stream profile is selected while a recording is ongoing, the recording will be stopped and saved in the recording list and a new recording with the new stream profile will start. All previous continuous recordings will remain in the recording list until they are removed manually or through automatic removal of old recordings.

To start a continuous recording, follow these steps:

1. Go to **Recordings > Continuous**.
2. Select **Enabled**.
3. Select the type of storage device from the **Storage** list.
4. Select a **Stream profile** to use for continuous recordings.
5. Click **Save** to save and start the recording.

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Languages

Languages

Multiple languages can be installed in the Axis product. All web pages including the online help will be displayed in the selected language. To switch languages, go to **Setup > Languages** and first upload the new language file. Browse and locate the file and click the **Upload Language** button. Select the new language from the list and click **Save**.

Note

- Resetting the product to factory default settings will erase any uploaded language files and reset the product language to English.
- Clicking the **Restore** button on the Maintenance page will not affect the language.
- A firmware upgrade will not affect the language used. However if you have uploaded a new language to the product and later upgrade the firmware, it may happen that the translation no longer matches the product's web pages. In this case, upload an updated language file.
- A language already installed in the product will be replaced when a current or a later version of the language file is uploaded.

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Security

Users

User access control is enabled by default and can be configured under **System Options > Security > Users**. An administrator can set up other users by giving them user names and passwords. It is also possible to allow anonymous viewer login, which means that anybody may access the Live View page.

The user list displays authorized users and user groups (access levels):

- **Viewers** have access to the Live View page
- **Operators** have access to all settings except:
 - creating and modifying PTZ presets
 - creating and modifying PTZ control settings
 - creating and modifying privacy mask settings
 - uploading applications and language files
 - any of the settings included in the **System Options**
- **Administrators** have unrestricted access to all settings. The administrator can add, modify and remove other users.

Note

Note that when the option **Encrypted & unencrypted** is selected, the webserver will encrypt the password. This is the default option for a new unit or a unit reset to factory default settings.

Under **HTTP/RTSP Password Settings**, select the type of password to allow. You may need to allow unencrypted passwords if there are viewing clients that do not support encryption, or if you upgraded the firmware and existing clients support encryption but need to log in again and be configured to use this functionality.

Under **User Settings**, select the **Enable anonymous viewer login** option to allow anonymous users access to the Live View page.

Select the **Enable anonymous PTZ control login** to allow anonymous users access to the PTZ controls.

Deselect the **Enable Basic Setup** option to hide the Basic Setup menu. Basic Setup provides quick access to settings that should be made before using the Axis product.

ONVIF

ONVIF (Open Network Video Interface Forum) is a global interface standard that makes it easier for end users, integrators, consultants, and manufacturers to take advantage of the possibilities offered by network video technology. ONVIF enables interoperability between different vendor products, increased flexibility, reduced cost and future-proof systems.

By creating a user you automatically enable ONVIF communication. Use the user name and password with all ONVIF communication with the product. For more information see www.onvif.org

IP Address Filter

IP address filtering is enabled on the **System Options > Security > IP Address Filter** page. Once enabled, the listed IP address are allowed or denied access to the Axis product. Select **Allow** or **Deny** from the list and click **Apply** to enable IP address filtering.

The administrator can add up to 256 IP address entries to the list (a single entry can contain multiple IP addresses).

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HTTPS

HTTPS (HyperText Transfer Protocol over Secure Socket Layer, or HTTP over SSL) is a web protocol providing encrypted browsing. HTTPS can also be used by users and clients to verify that the correct device is being accessed. The security level provided by HTTPS is considered adequate for most commercial exchanges.

The Axis product can be configured to require HTTPS when users from different user groups (administrator, operator, viewer) log in.

To use HTTPS, an HTTPS certificate must first be installed. Go to **System Options > Security > Certificates** to install and manage certificates. See *Certificates on page 39*.

To enable HTTPS on the Axis product:

1. Go to **System Options > Security > HTTPS**
2. Select an HTTPS certificate from the list of installed certificates.
3. Optionally, click **Ciphers** and select the encryption algorithms to use for SSL.
4. Set the **HTTPS Connection Policy** for the different user groups.
5. Click **Save** to enable the settings.

To access the Axis product via the desired protocol, in the address field in a browser, enter `https://` for the HTTPS protocol and `http://` for the HTTP protocol.

The HTTPS port can be changed on the **System Options > Network > TCP/IP > Advanced** page.

IEEE 802.1X

IEEE 802.1X is a standard for port-based Network Admission Control providing secure authentication of wired and wireless network devices. IEEE 802.1X is based on EAP (Extensible Authentication Protocol).

To access a network protected by IEEE 802.1X, devices must be authenticated. The authentication is performed by an authentication server, typically a **RADIUS** server, examples of which are FreeRADIUS and Microsoft Internet Authentication Service.

In Axis implementation, the Axis product and the authentication server identify themselves with digital certificates using EAP-TLS (Extensible Authentication Protocol – Transport Layer Security). The certificates are provided by a **Certification Authority (CA)**. You need:

- a CA certificate to authenticate the authentication server.
- a CA-signed client certificate to authenticate the Axis product.

To create and install certificates, go to **System Options > Security > Certificates**. See *Certificates on page 39*. Many CA certificates are preinstalled.

To allow the product to access a network protected by IEEE 802.1X:

1. Go to **System Options > Security > IEEE 802.1X**.
2. Select a **CA Certificate** and a **Client Certificate** from the lists of installed certificates.
3. Under **Settings**, select the EAPOL version and provide the EAP identity associated with the client certificate.
4. Check the box to enable IEEE 802.1X and click **Save**.

Note

For authentication to work properly, the date and time settings in the Axis product should be synchronized with an NTP server. See *Date & Time on page 39*.

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Certificates

Certificates are used to authenticate devices on a network. Typical applications include encrypted web browsing (HTTPS), network protection via IEEE 802.1X and secure upload of images and notification messages for example via email. Two types of certificates can be used with the Axis product:

Server/Client certificates – To authenticate the Axis product.

CA certificates – To authenticate peer certificates, for example the certificate of an authentication server in case the Axis product is connected to an IEEE 802.1X protected network.

Note

Installed certificates, except preinstalled CA certificates, will be deleted if the product is reset to factory default. Preinstalled CA certificates that have been deleted will be reinstalled.

A **Server/Client** certificate can be self-signed or issued by a Certificate Authority (CA). A self-signed certificate offers limited protection and can be used before a CA-issued certificate has been obtained.

To install a self-signed certificate:

1. Go to **Setup > System Options > Security > Certificates**.
2. Click **Create self-signed certificate** and provide the requested information.

To create and install a CA-signed certificate:

1. Create a self-signed certificate as described above.
2. Go to **Setup > System Options > Security > Certificates**.
3. Click **Create certificate signing request** and provide the requested information.
4. Copy the PEM-formatted request and send to the CA of your choice.
5. When the signed certificate is returned, click **Install certificate** and upload the certificate.

Server/Client certificates can be installed as **Certificate from signing request** or as **Certificate and private key**. Select **Certificate and private key** if the private key is to be upload as a separate file or if the certificate is in PKCS#12 format.

The Axis product is shipped with several preinstalled CA certificates. If required, additional CA certificates can be installed:

1. Go to **Setup > System Options > Security > Certificates**.
2. Click **Install certificate** and upload the certificate.

Date & Time

The Axis product's date and time settings are configured under **System Options > Date & Time**.

Current Server Time displays the current date and time (24h clock). The time can be displayed in 12h clock in the text overlay (see below).

To change the date and time settings, select the preferred **Time mode** under **New Server Time**:


- **Synchronize with computer time** – Sets date and time according to the computer's clock. With this option, date and time are set once and will not be updated automatically.
- **Synchronize with NTP Server** – Obtains date and time from an NTP server. With this option, date and time settings are updated continuously. For information on NTP settings, see *NTP Configuration on page 42*.

If using a host name for the NTP server, a DNS server must be configured. See *DNS Configuration on page 42*.
- **Set manually** – Allows you to manually set date and time.

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If using an NTP server, select your Time zone from the drop-down list. If required, check **Automatically adjust for daylight saving time changes**.

The **Date & Time Format Used in Images** is the date and time format displayed as a text overlay in the video stream. Use the predefined formats or see *File Naming & Date/Time Formats* in the online help  for information on how to create custom date and time formats. To include date and time in the overlay text, go to **Video** and select **Include date** and **Include time**.

Network

Basic TCP/IP Settings

The Axis product supports IP version 4 and IP version 6. Both versions can be enabled simultaneously, and at least one version must always be enabled.

IPv4 Address Configuration

By default, the Axis product is set to use IPv4 (IP version 4) and to obtain the IP address automatically via DHCP. The IPv4 settings are configured under **System Options > Network > TCP/IP > Basic**.

DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol) allows network administrators to centrally manage and automate the assignment of IP addresses. DHCP should only be enabled if using dynamic IP address notification, or if the DHCP can update a DNS server. It is then possible to access the Axis product by name (host name).

If DHCP is enabled and the product cannot be accessed, run **AXIS IP Utility** to search the network for connected Axis products, or reset the product to the factory default settings (see *page 48*) and then perform the installation again.

To use a static IP address, check **Use the following IP address** and specify the IP address, subnet mask and default router.

IPv6 Address Configuration

If IPv6 (IP version 6) is enabled, the Axis product will receive an IP address according to the configuration in the network router.

To enable IPv6, go to **System Options > Network > TCP/IP > Basic**. Other settings for IPv6 should be configured in the network router.

ARP/Ping

The product's IP address can be assigned using ARP and Ping. For instructions, see *Assign IP Address Using ARP/Ping on page 40*.

The ARP/Ping service is enabled by default but is automatically disabled two minutes after the product is started, or as soon as an IP address is assigned. To re-assign IP address using ARP/Ping, the product must be restarted to enable ARP/Ping for an additional two minutes.

To disable the service, go to **System Options > Network > TCP/IP > Basic** and clear the option **Enable ARP/Ping setting of IP address**.

Pinging the product is still possible when the service is disabled.

Assign IP Address Using ARP/Ping

The product's IP address can be assigned using ARP/Ping. The command must be issued within 2 minutes of connecting power.

1. Acquire a free static IP address on the same network segment as the computer.
2. Locate the serial number (S/N) on the product label.
3. Open a command prompt and enter the following commands:

Linux/Unix syntax

```
arp -s <IP address> <serial number> temp  
ping -s 408 <IP address>
```

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Linux/Unix example

```
arp -s 192.168.0.125 00:40:8c:18:10:00 temp  
ping -s 408 192.168.0.125
```

Windows syntax (this may require that you run the command prompt as an administrator)

```
arp -s <IP address> <serial number>  
ping -l 408 -t <IP address>
```

Windows example (this may require that you run the command prompt as an administrator)

```
arp -s 192.168.0.125 00-40-8c-18-10-00  
ping -l 408 -t 192.168.0.125
```

4. Check that the network cable is connected and then restart the product by disconnecting and reconnecting power.
5. Close the command prompt when the product responds with `Reply from 192.168.0.125: . . .` or similar.
6. Open a browser and type `http://<IP address>` in the Location/Address field.

For other methods of assigning the IP address, see the document *Assign an IP Address and Access the Video Stream* on Axis Support web at www.axis.com/techsup

Note

- To open a command prompt in Windows, open the **Start menu** and type `cmd` in the **Run/Search** field.
- To use the ARP command in Windows 8/Windows 7/Windows Vista, right-click the command prompt icon and select **Run as administrator**.
- To open a command prompt in Mac OS X, open the **Terminal** utility from **Application > Utilities**.

AXIS Video Hosting System (AVHS)

AVHS used in conjunction with an AVHS service, provides easy and secure Internet access to live and recorded video accessible from any location. For more information and help to find a local AVHS Service Provider go to www.axis.com/hosting

The AVHS settings are configured under **System Options > Network > TCP IP > Basic**. The possibility to connect to an AVHS service is enabled by default. To disable, clear the **Enable AVHS** box.

One-click enabled – Press and hold the product's control button (see *Hardware Overview on page 7*) for about 3 seconds to connect to an AVHS service over the Internet. Once registered, **Always** will be enabled and the Axis product stays connected to the AVHS service. If the product is not registered within 24 hours from when the button is pressed, the product will disconnect from the AVHS service.

Always – The Axis product will constantly attempt to connect to the AVHS service over the Internet. Once registered the product will stay connected to the service. This option can be used when the product is already installed and it is not convenient to use the one-click installation.

AXIS Internet Dynamic DNS Service

AXIS Internet Dynamic DNS Service assigns a host name for easy access to the product. For more information, see www.axiscam.net

To register the Axis product with AXIS Internet Dynamic DNS Service, go to **System Options > Network > TCP/IP > Basic**. Under **Services**, click the **AXIS Internet Dynamic DNS Service Settings** button (requires access to the Internet). The domain name currently registered at AXIS Internet Dynamic DNS service for the product can at any time be removed.

Note

AXIS Internet Dynamic DNS Service requires IPv4.

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Advanced TCP/IP Settings

DNS Configuration

DNS (Domain Name Service) provides the translation of host names to IP addresses. The DNS settings are configured under **System Options > Network > TCP/IP > Advanced**.

Select **Obtain DNS server address via DHCP** to use the DNS settings provided by the DHCP server.

To make manual settings, select **Use the following DNS server address** and specify the following:

Domain name – Enter the domain(s) to search for the host name used by the Axis product. Multiple domains can be separated by semicolons. The host name is always the first part of a fully qualified domain name, for example, `myserver` is the host name in the fully qualified domain name `myserver.mycompany.com` where `mycompany.com` is the domain name.

Primary/Secondary DNS server – Enter the IP addresses of the primary and secondary DNS servers. The secondary DNS server is optional and will be used if the primary is unavailable.

NTP Configuration

NTP (Network Time Protocol) is used to synchronize the clock times of devices in a network. The NTP settings are configured under **System Options > Network > TCP/IP > Advanced**.

Select **Obtain NTP server address via DHCP** to use the NTP settings provided by the DHCP server.

To make manual settings, select **Use the following NTP server address** and enter the host name or IP address of the NTP server.


Host Name Configuration

The Axis product can be accessed using a host name instead of an IP address. The host name is usually the same as the assigned DNS name. The host name is configured under **System Options > Network > TCP/IP > Advanced**.

Select **Obtain host name via IPv4 DHCP** to use host name provided by the DHCP server running on IPv4.

Select **Use the host name** to set the host name manually.

Select **Enable dynamic DNS updates** to dynamically update local DNS servers whenever the Axis product's IP address changes.

For more information, see the online help .

Link-Local IPv4 Address

Link-Local Address is enabled by default and assigns the Axis product an additional IP address which can be used to access the product from other hosts on the same segment on the local network. The product can have a Link-Local IP and a static or DHCP-supplied IP address at the same time.

This function can be disabled under **System Options > Network > TCP/IP > Advanced**.

HTTP

The HTTP port used by the Axis product can be changed under **System Options > Network > TCP/IP > Advanced**. In addition to the default setting, which is 80, any port in the range 1024–65535 can be used.

HTTPS

The HTTPS port used by the Axis product can be changed under **System Options > Network > TCP/IP > Advanced**. In addition to the default setting, which is 443, any port in the range 1024–65535 can be used.

To enable HTTPS, go to **System Options > Security > HTTPS**. For more information, see *HTTPS* on page 38.

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NAT traversal (port mapping) for IPv4

A network router allows devices on a private network (LAN) to share a single connection to the Internet. This is done by forwarding network traffic from the private network to the "outside", that is, the Internet. Security on the private network (LAN) is increased since most routers are pre-configured to stop attempts to access the private network (LAN) from the public network (Internet).

Use **NAT traversal** when the Axis product is located on an intranet (LAN) and you wish to make it available from the other (WAN) side of a NAT router. With NAT traversal properly configured, all HTTP traffic to an external HTTP port in the NAT router is forwarded to the product.

NAT traversal is configured under **System Options > Network > TCP/IP > Advanced**.

Note

- For NAT traversal to work, this must be supported by the router. The router must also support UPnP™.
- In this context, router refers to any network routing device such as a NAT router, Network router, Internet Gateway, Broadband router, Broadband sharing device, or a software such as a firewall.

Enable/Disable – When enabled, the Axis product attempts to configure port mapping in a NAT router on your network, using UPnP™. Note that UPnP™ must be enabled in the product (see **System Options > Network > UPnP**).

Use manually selected NAT router – Select this option to manually select a NAT router and enter the IP address for the router in the field. If no router is specified, the product automatically searches for NAT routers on your network. If more than one router is found, the default router is selected.

Alternative HTTP port – Select this option to manually define an external HTTP port. Enter a port in the range 1024–65535. If the port field is empty or contains the default setting, which is 0, a port number is automatically selected when enabling NAT traversal.

Note

- An alternative HTTP port can be used or be active even if NAT traversal is disabled. This is useful if your NAT router does not support UPnP and you need to manually configure port forwarding in the NAT router.
- If you attempt to manually enter a port that is already in use, another available port is automatically selected.
- When the port is selected automatically it is displayed in this field. To change this, enter a new port number and click **Save**.

FTP

The FTP server running in the Axis product enables upload of new firmware, user applications, etc. The FTP server can be disabled under **System Options > Network > TCP/IP > Advanced**.

Note

This FTP server has nothing to do with the product's ability to transfer images via FTP to other locations and servers.

RTSP


The RTSP server running in the Axis product allows a connecting client to start an H.264 stream. The RTSP port number can be changed under **System Options > Network > TCP/IP > Advanced**. The default port is 554.

Note

H.264 video streams will not be available if the RTSP server is disabled.

SOCKS

SOCKS is a networking proxy protocol. The Axis product can be configured to use a SOCKS server to reach networks on the other side of a firewall or proxy server. This functionality is useful if the Axis product is located on a local network behind a firewall, and notifications, uploads, alarms, etc need to be sent to a destination outside the local network (for example the Internet).

SOCKS is configured under **System Options > Network > SOCKS**. For more information, see the online help .

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QoS (Quality of Service)

QoS (Quality of Service) guarantees a certain level of a specified resource to selected traffic on a network. A QoS-aware network prioritizes network traffic and provides a greater network reliability by controlling the amount of bandwidth an application may use.

The QoS settings are configured under **System Options > Network > QoS**. Using DSCP (Differentiated Services Codepoint) values, the Axis product can mark different types of traffic.

SMTP (email)

To send email messages from the Axis product via SMTP (Simple Mail Transfer Protocol), an SMTP mail server must be set up. This is done under **System Options > Network > SMTP (email)**.

Enter the host names or IP addresses and port numbers for the primary and secondary mail servers in the fields provided. A **From email address** is also required. If the mail server requires authentication, check **Use authentication to log in to this server** and enter the necessary information.

SNMP

The Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) allows remote management of network devices. An SNMP community is the group of devices and management station running SNMP. Community names are used to identify groups.

To enable and configure SNMP in the Axis product, go to the **System Options > Network > SNMP** page.

Depending on the level of security required, select the version on SNMP to use.

Traps are used by the Axis product to send messages to a management system on important events and status changes. Check **Enable traps** and enter the IP address where the trap message should be sent and the **Trap community** that should receive the message.

Note

If HTTPS is enabled, SNMP v1 and SNMP v2c should be disabled.

Traps for SNMP v1/v2 are used by the Axis product to send messages to a management system on important events and status changes. Check **Enable traps** and enter the IP address where the trap message should be sent and the **Trap community** that should receive the message.

The following traps are available:

- Cold start
- Warm start
- Link up
- Authentication failed

SNMP v3 provides encryption and secure passwords. To use traps with SNMP v3, an SNMP v3 management application is required.

To use SNMP v3, HTTPS must be enabled, see *HTTPS on page 38*. To enable SNMP v3, check the box and provide the initial user password.

Note

The initial password can only be set once. If the password is lost, the Axis product must be reset to factory default, see *Reset to Factory Default Settings on page 48*.

UPnP™

The Axis product includes support for UPnP™. UPnP™ is enabled by default and the product is automatically detected by operating systems and clients that support this protocol.

UPnP™ can be disabled under **System Options > Network > UPnP**

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RTP/H.264

The RTP port range and multicast settings are configured under **System Options > Network > RTP**.

The RTP port range defines the range of ports from which the video ports are automatically selected. For multicast streams, only certain IP addresses and port numbers should be used.

Select **Always Multicast Video** to start multicast streaming without opening an RTSP session.

Bonjour

The Axis product includes support for Bonjour. Bonjour is enabled by default and the product is automatically detected by operating systems and clients that support this protocol.

Bonjour can be disabled under **System Options > Network > Bonjour**.

Storage

SD Card

NOTICE

To prevent data corruption, the SD card should be unmounted before removal.

Note

For SD card recommendations see www.axis.com

The Axis product supports microSD/microSDHC/microSDXC cards.

The following SD card file systems are supported:

- **ext4** — recommended due to its resilience against data loss if the card is ejected or if there is abrupt power loss. To access data stored on the card from the Windows operating system, a third-party ext4 driver or application is required.
- **vFAT** — supported by most operating systems for personal computers.

The SD card is managed on the **System Options > Storage** page. Click **SD Card** to open **Storage Management**.

If the card's status shows as failed, click **Check disk** to see if the problem can be found and then try **Repair**. This option is only available for SD cards with ext4. For SD cards with vFAT, use a card reader or computer to troubleshoot the card.

To avoid filling the card, it is recommended to remove recordings continuously. Under **General Settings**, select **Remove recordings older than** and select the number of days or weeks.

To stop writing to the card and protect recordings from being removed, select **Lock** under **General Settings**.

Network Share

Network share allows you to add network storage such as a NAS (network-attached storage). The NAS shall be dedicated for recordings and data from the Axis products connected to the network. For information about reference NAS devices, go to www.axis.com/products/axis-camera-companion/support-and-documentation

Note

For NAS recommendations see www.axis.com

To add a network share:

1. Go to **System Options > Storage**.
2. Click **Network Share**.

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3. Enter the IP address, DNS or Bonjour name to the host server in the **Host** field.
4. Enter the name of the share in the **Share** field. Sub folders cannot be used.
5. If required, select **The share requires login** and enter the user name and password.
6. Click **Connect**.

To clear all recordings and data from the Axis product's folder on the designated share, click **Clear** under **Storage Tools**.

To avoid filling the share, it is recommended to remove recordings continuously. Under **Recording Settings**, select **Remove recordings older than** and select the number of days or weeks.

To stop writing to the share and protect recordings from being removed, select **Lock** under **Recording Settings**.

Ports & Devices

COM Port

The Axis product has one RS-485/RS-422 serial port. The port supports the following modes:

- **Generic HTTP** allows the Axis product to receive data and send commands via HTTP.
- **Pan Tilt Zoom** is used to control a PTZ device. The PTZ device requires a driver. See *Install PTZ Driver on page 24* for more information. Drivers can be downloaded from www.axis.com
- **Generic TCP/IP** allows the Axis product to receive data and send commands via TCP/IP.

Select the desired **Port Type** from the drop-down list. For more information, see the online help .

Port Status

The list on the **System Options > Ports & Devices > Port Status** page shows the status of the product's input and output ports.

Maintenance

The Axis product provides several maintenance functions. These are available under **System Options > Maintenance**.

Click **Restart** to perform a correct restart if the Axis product is not behaving as expected. This will not affect any of the current settings.

Note

A restart clears all entries in the Server Report.

Click **Restore** to reset most settings to the factory default values. The following settings are not affected:

- the boot protocol (DHCP or static)
- the static IP address
- the default router
- the subnet mask
- the system time
- the IEEE 802.1X settings

Click **Default** to reset all settings, including the IP address, to the factory default values. This button should be used with caution. The Axis product can also be reset to factory default using the control button, see *Reset to Factory Default Settings on page 48*.

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To identify the product or test the Status LED, click **Flash LED** under **Identify** and specify the duration in seconds, minutes or hours. This can be useful for identifying the product among other products installed in the same location.

For information about firmware upgrade, see *Upgrade the Firmware on page 49*.

Support

Support Overview

The **System Options > Support > Support Overview** page provides information on troubleshooting and contact information, should you require technical assistance.

See also *Troubleshooting on page 49*.

System Overview

To get an overview of the Axis product's status and settings, go to **System Options > Support > System Overview**. Information that can be found here includes firmware version, IP address, network and security settings, event settings, image settings and recent log items. Many of the captions are links to the proper Setup page.

Logs & Reports

The **System Options > Support > Logs & Reports** page generates logs and reports useful for system analysis and troubleshooting. If contacting Axis Support, please provide a valid Server Report with your query.

System Log – Provides information about system events.

Access Log – Lists all failed attempts to access the product. The Access Log can also be configured to list all connections to the product (see below).

Server Report – Provides information about the product status in a pop-up window. The Access Log is automatically included in the Server Report.

You can view or download the server report. Downloading the server report creates a .zip file that contains a complete server report text file in UTF-8 format. Select the **Include snapshot with default image settings** option to include a snapshot of the product's Live View. The server report .zip file should always be included when contacting support.

Parameter List – Shows the product's parameters and their current settings. This may prove useful when troubleshooting or when contacting Axis Support.

Connection List – Lists all clients that are currently accessing media streams.

Crash Report – Generates an archive with debugging information. The report takes several minutes to generate.

Advanced

Scripting

Scripting allows experienced users to customize and use their own scripts.

NOTICE

Improper use may cause unexpected behavior and loss of contact with the Axis product.

Axis strongly recommends that you do not use this function unless you understand the consequences. Axis Support does not provide assistance for problems with customized scripts.

To open the Script Editor, go to **System Options > Advanced > Scripting**. If a script causes problems, reset the product to its factory default settings, see *page 48*.

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System Options

For more information, see www.axis.com/developer

File Upload

Files, for example webpages and images, can be uploaded to the Axis product and used as custom settings. To upload a file, go to **System Options > Advanced > File Upload**.

Uploaded files are accessed through `http://<ip address>/local/<user>/<file name>` where `<user>` is the selected user group (viewer, operator or administrator) for the uploaded file.

Plain Config

Plain Config is for advanced users with experience of Axis product configuration. Most parameters can be set and modified from this page.

To open Plain Config, go to **System Options > Advanced > Plain Config**. Axis Support does not provide assistance.

Reset to Factory Default Settings

Important

Reset to factory default should be used with caution. A reset to factory default will reset all settings, including the IP address, to the factory default values.

Note

The installation and management software tools are available from the support pages on www.axis.com/techsup

For products with multiple IP addresses channel 1 will have the address 192.168.0.90, channel 2 will have the address 192.168.0.91 and so on.

To reset the product to the factory default settings:

1. Disconnect power from the product.
2. Press and hold the control button and reconnect power. See *Hardware Overview on page 7*.
3. Keep the control button pressed for 15–30 seconds until the status LED indicator flashes amber.
4. Release the control button. The process is complete when the status LED indicator turns green. The product has been reset to the factory default settings. If no DHCP server is available on the network, the default IP address is 192.168.0.90
5. Using the installation and management software tools, assign an IP address, set the password, and access the video stream.

Note

To reset a single channel to the original factory default settings, use the button provided in that product's webpage.

It is also possible to reset parameters to factory default via the web interface. Go to **Setup > System Options > Maintenance** and click **Default**.

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Check the Firmware

Firmware is software that determines the functionality of network devices. One of your first actions when troubleshooting a problem should be to check the current firmware version. The latest version may contain a correction that fixes your particular problem. The current firmware version in the Axis product is displayed in the page **Setup > Basic Setup** and in **Setup > About**.

Upgrade the Firmware

Important

- Your dealer reserves the right to charge for any repair attributable to faulty upgrade by the user.
- Preconfigured and customized settings are saved when the firmware is upgraded (providing the features are available in the new firmware) although this is not guaranteed by Axis Communications AB.

Note

- After the upgrade process has completed, the product will restart automatically. If restarting the product manually after the upgrade, wait 10 minutes even if you suspect the upgrade has failed.
- When you upgrade the Axis product with the latest firmware from Axis website, the product receives the latest functionality available. Always read the upgrade instructions and release notes available with each new release before upgrading the firmware.

To upgrade the product's firmware:

1. Download the latest firmware file to your computer, available free of charge at www.axis.com/techsup
2. Go to **Setup > System Options > Maintenance** in the product's webpages.
3. Under **Upgrade Server**, click **Browse** and locate the file on your computer.
4. Click **Upgrade**.
5. Wait approximately 10 minutes while the product is being upgraded and restarted. Then access the product.

AXIS Camera Management can be used for multiple upgrades. See www.axis.com for more information.

Emergency Recovery Procedure

If power or network connection is lost during the upgrade, the process fails and the product may become unresponsive. Flashing red Status indicator indicates a failed upgrade. To recover the product, follow the steps below. The serial number is found on the product's label.

1. In **UNIX/Linux**, type the following from the command line:

```
arp -s <IP address> <serial number> temp  
ping -l 408 <IP address>
```

In **Windows**, type the following from a command/DOS prompt (this may require that you run the command prompt as an administrator):

```
arp -s <IP address> <serial number>  
ping -l 408 -t <IP address>
```

2. If the product does not reply in 30 seconds, restart it and wait for a reply. Press CTRL+C to stop Ping.
3. Open a browser and type in the product's IP address. In the page that opens, use the **Browse** button to select the upgrade file to use. Then click **Load** to restart the upgrade process.

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4. After the upgrade is complete (1–10 minutes), the product automatically restarts and shows a steady green on the Status indicator.
5. Reinstall the product, referring to the Installation Guide.

If the emergency recovery procedure does not get the product up and running again, contact Axis support at www.axis.com/techsup/

Symptoms, Possible Causes and Remedial Actions

Problems setting the IP address

When using ARP/Ping	Try the installation again. The IP address must be set within two minutes after power has been applied to the product. Ensure the Ping length is set to 408. For instructions, see <i>Assign IP Address Using ARP/Ping on page 40</i> .
The product is located on a different subnet	If the IP address intended for the product and the IP address of the computer used to access the product are located on different subnets, you will not be able to set the IP address. Contact your network administrator to obtain an IP address.
The IP address is being used by another device	Disconnect the Axis product from the network. Run the Ping command (in a Command/DOS window, type <code>ping</code> and the IP address of the product): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you receive: <code>Reply from <IP address>: bytes=32; time=10...</code> this means that the IP address may already be in use by another device on the network. Obtain a new IP address from the network administrator and reinstall the product.• If you receive: <code>Request timed out</code>, this means that the IP address is available for use with the Axis product. Check all cabling and reinstall the product.
Possible IP address conflict with another device on the same subnet.	The static IP address in the Axis product is used before the DHCP server sets a dynamic address. This means that if the same default static IP address is also used by another device, there may be problems accessing the product.

The product cannot be accessed from a browser

Cannot log in	When HTTPS is enabled, ensure that the correct protocol (HTTP or HTTPS) is used when attempting to log in. You may need to manually type <code>http</code> or <code>https</code> in the browser's address field. If the password for the user <code>root</code> is lost, the product must be reset to the factory default settings. See <i>Reset to Factory Default Settings on page 48</i> .
The IP address has been changed by DHCP	IP addresses obtained from a DHCP server are dynamic and may change. If the IP address has been changed, use AXIS IP Utility or AXIS Camera Management to locate the product on the network. Identify the product using its model or serial number, or by the DNS name (if the name has been configured). If required, a static IP address can be assigned manually. For instructions, see the document <i>Assign an IP Address and Access the Video Stream</i> on Axis Support web at www.axis.com/techsup .
Certificate error when using IEEE 802.1X	For authentication to work properly, the date and time settings in the Axis product should be synchronized with an NTP server. See <i>Date & Time on page 39</i> .

The product is accessible locally but not externally

Router configuration	To configure your router to allow incoming data traffic to the Axis product, enable the NAT-traversal feature which will attempt to automatically configure the router to allow access to the Axis product, see <i>NAT traversal (port mapping) for IPv4 on page 43</i> . The router must support UPnP™.
Firewall protection	Check the Internet firewall with your network administrator.
Default routers required	Check if you need to configure the router settings from System Options > Network > TCP/IP > Basic .

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Problems with streaming H.264

Problems with AXIS Media Control (<i>Internet Explorer only</i>)	To enable the updating of video images in Internet Explorer, set the browser to allow ActiveX controls. Also, make sure that AXIS Media Control is installed on your computer.
No H.264 displayed in the client	<p>Check that the relevant H.264 connection methods and correct interface are enabled in the AMC Control Panel (streaming tab). See <i>AXIS Media Control (AMC) on page 14</i>.</p> <p>In the AMC Control Panel, select the H.264 tab and click Set to default H.264 decoder.</p> <p>Check that RTSP is enabled under System Options > Network > TCP/IP > Advanced.</p>
Multicast H.264 only accessible by local clients	Check if your router supports multicasting, or if the router settings between the client and the product need to be configured. The TTL (Time To Live) value may need to be increased.
No multicast H.264 displayed in the client	<p>Check with your network administrator that the multicast addresses used by the Axis product are valid for your network.</p> <p>Check with your network administrator to see if there is a firewall preventing viewing.</p>
Poor rendering of H.264 images	Ensure that your graphics card is using the latest driver. The latest drivers can usually be downloaded from the manufacturer's website.
Color saturation is different in H.264 and Motion JPEG	Modify the settings for your graphics adapter. Refer to the adapter's documentation for more information.
Lower frame rate than expected	<p>See <i>Performance Considerations on page 53</i>.</p> <p>Reduce the number of applications running on the client computer.</p> <p>Limit the number of simultaneous viewers.</p> <p>Check with the network administrator that there is enough bandwidth available.</p> <p>Check in the AMC Control Panel (H.264 tag) that video processing is NOT set to Decode only key frames.</p> <p>Lower the image resolution.</p> <p>The maximum frames per second is dependent on the utility frequency (60/50 Hz) of the Axis product. See <i>Specifications on page 53</i>.</p>

Status and Network indicator LEDs are flashing red rapidly

Hardware failure	Contact your Axis reseller.
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Product does not start up

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Video and image problems, general

Image unsatisfactory	Check the video stream and camera settings under Setup > Video > Video Stream and Setup > Video > Camera Settings .
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Motion Detection triggers unexpectedly

Changes in luminance	Motion detection is based on changes in luminance in the image. This means that if there are sudden changes in the lighting, motion detection may trigger mistakenly. Lower the sensitivity setting to avoid problems with luminance.
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Storage and disk management problems

Storage disruption A storage disruption alarm is sent if a storage device is unavailable, removed, full, locked or if other read or write problems occur. To identify the source of the problem, check the **System Log** under **System Options > Support > Logs & Reports**. Depending on the problem, it might be necessary to re-mount the storage device.

For information on how to set up a storage disruption alarm, see *Events on page 30*.

Video cannot be recorded Check that the SD card is not write protected (that is, read only).

SD card cannot be mounted Reformat the SD card and then click Mount.

NOTICE

Formatting the card will remove all content, including all recordings, from the SD card.

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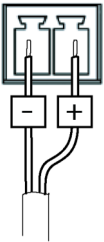
Specifications

To find the latest version of the product's datasheet, go to the product page at axis.com and locate **Support & Documentation**.

Connectors

Power Connector

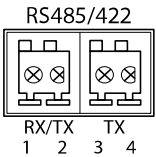
2-pin terminal block for DC power input. Use a Safety Extra Low Voltage (SELV) compliant limited power source (LPS) with either a rated output power limited to ≤ 100 W or a rated output current limited to ≤ 5 A.



RS485/422 Connector

Two 2-pin terminal blocks for RS485/RS422 serial interface. The serial port can be configured to support:

- Two-wire RS485 half duplex
- Four-wire RS485 full duplex
- Two-wire RS422 simplex
- Four-wire RS422 full duplex point to point communication



Function	Pin	Notes
RS485/RS422 RX/TX A	1	(RX) For full duplex RS485/RS422 (RX/TX) For half duplex RS485
RS485/RS422 RX/TX B	2	
RS485/RS422 TX A	3	(TX) For full duplex RS485/RS422
RS485/RS422 TX B	4	

SD Card Slot

Supports microSD cards with up to 64 GB of storage. For best recording performance, use a microSDHC or microSDXC card with speed class 10.

Performance Considerations

When setting up your system, it is important to consider how various settings and situations will affect performance. Some factors affect the amount of bandwidth (the bit rate) required, others can affect the frame rate, and some affect both. If the load on the CPU reaches its maximum, this will also affect the frame rate.

The following factors are among the most important to consider:

- High image resolution and/or lower compression levels result in images containing more data. Bandwidth affected.
- Access by large numbers of Motion JPEG and/or unicast H.264 clients. Bandwidth affected.

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- Simultaneous viewing of different streams (resolution, compression) by different clients. Effect on frame rate and bandwidth.
- Accessing Motion JPEG and H.264 video streams simultaneously. Frame rate and bandwidth affected.
- Heavy usage of event settings affect the product's CPU load. Frame rate affected.
- Using HTTPS may reduce frame rate, in particular if streaming Motion JPEG.
- Heavy network utilization due to poor infrastructure. Bandwidth affected.
- Viewing on poorly performing client computers lowers perceived performance. Frame rate affected.
- Running multiple AXIS Camera Application Platform (ACAP) applications simultaneously may affect the frame rate and the general performance.

