



Falcon 4118

Quick Installation Guide



Release Date	Note
March 29 th , 2021	
May 26 th , 2021	Firmware update process

Falcon 4118 Default Settings:

IP Address: 169.254.100.100
Gateway: 0.0.0.0
Administrator Username: admin
Administrator Password: admin



Dear Users

Thank you for choosing our product-Falcon 4118.

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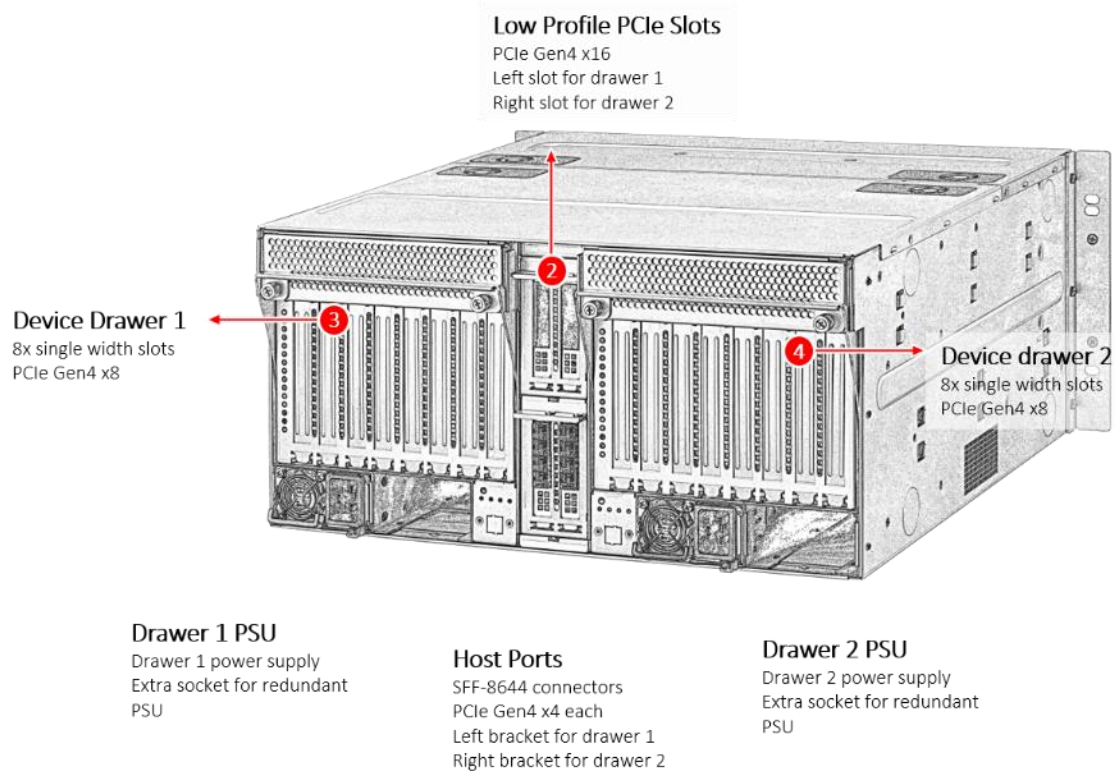
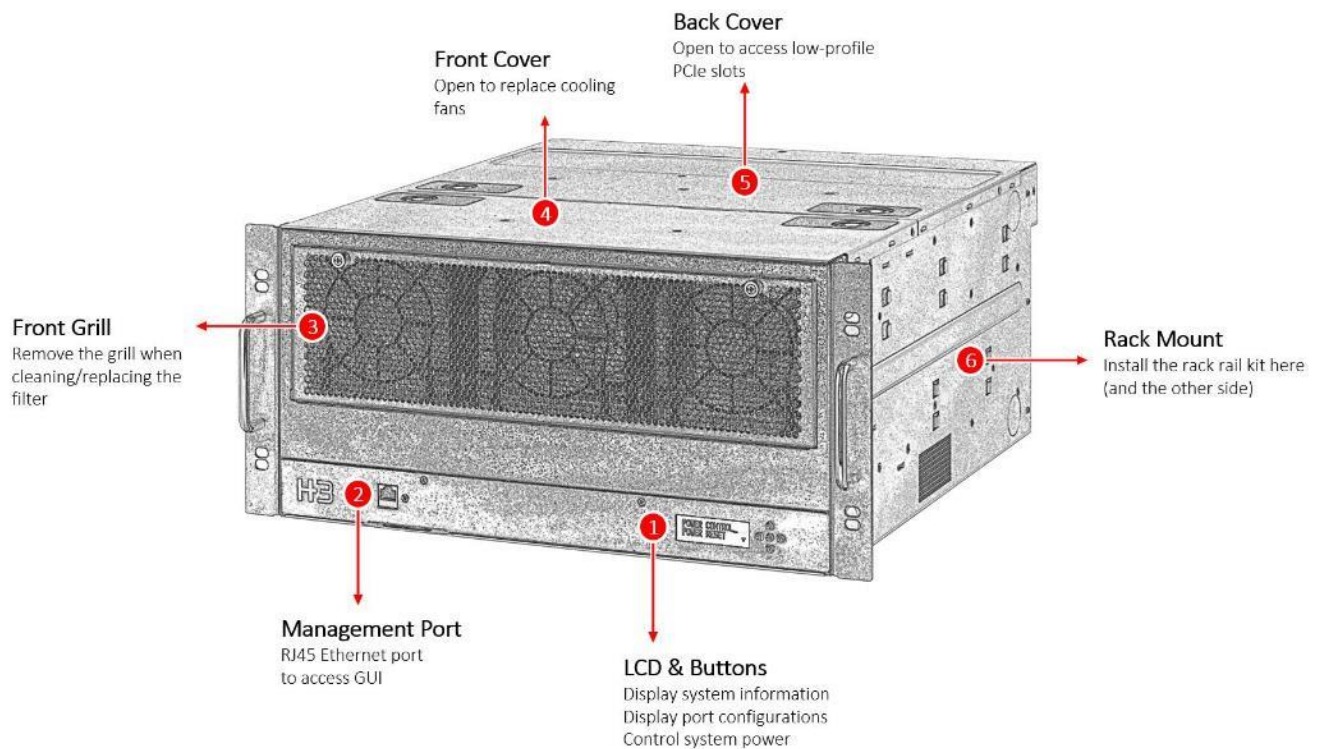


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Chassis Overview



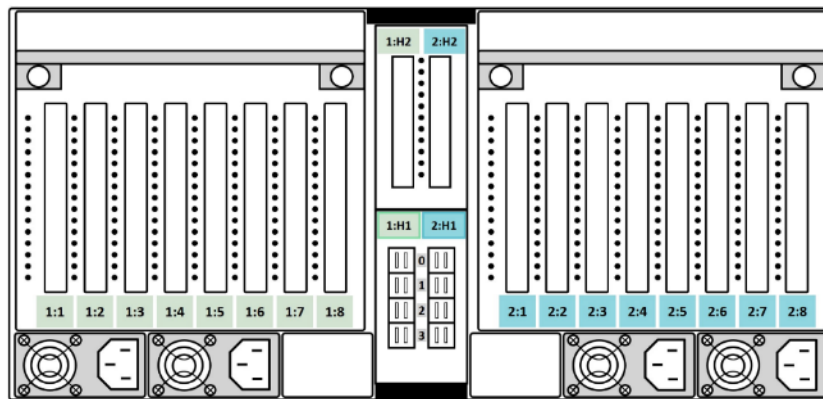
PCIe Port Number

Please refer to the image below to find the physical PCIe slots that is corresponding to the port numbers displayed on the GUI.

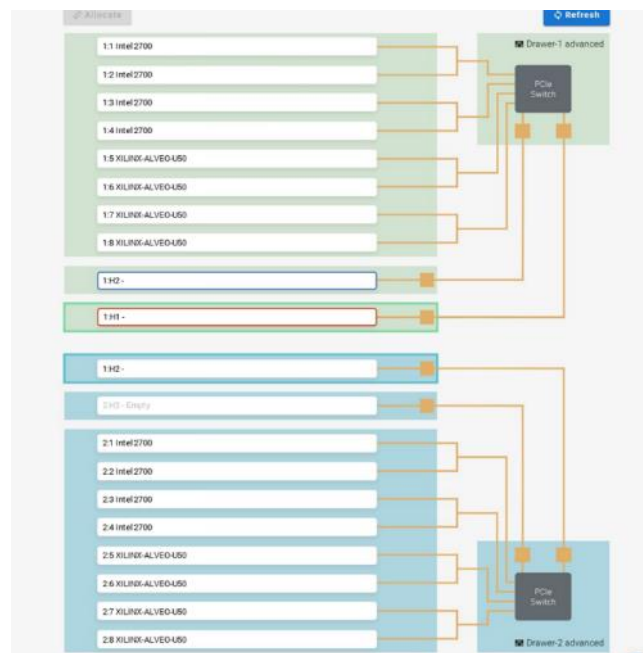
E.g.

The device installed on the slot 1:1 will be shown on GUI as “1:1 – [device name]”.

Chassis rear view



GUI view



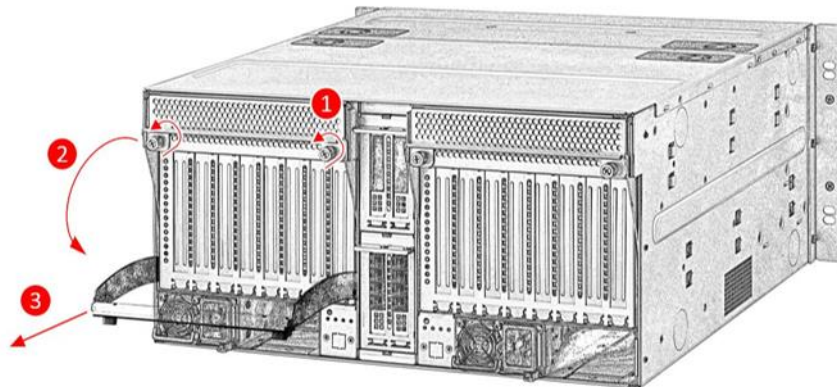
Device name may vary.



Device Installation

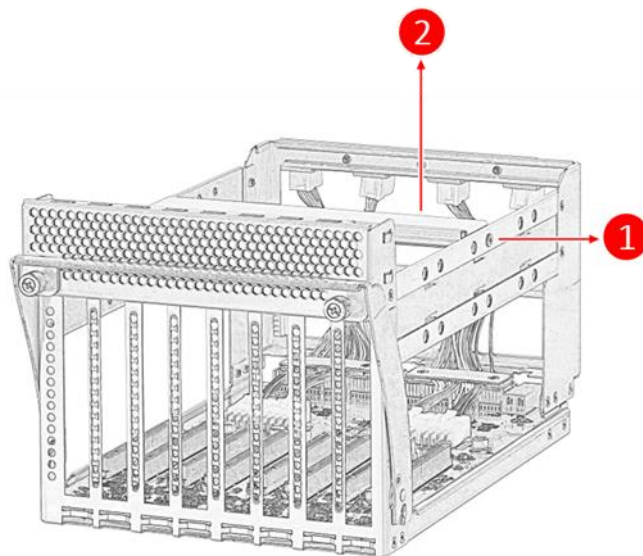
1. Pull out the drawer

1. Loosen the hand screws.
2. Pull the handle all the way down.
3. Pull the drawer out.



2. Remove the stabilization plate

1. Unscrew the stabilization plate (both sides).
2. Lift the plate up to remove.



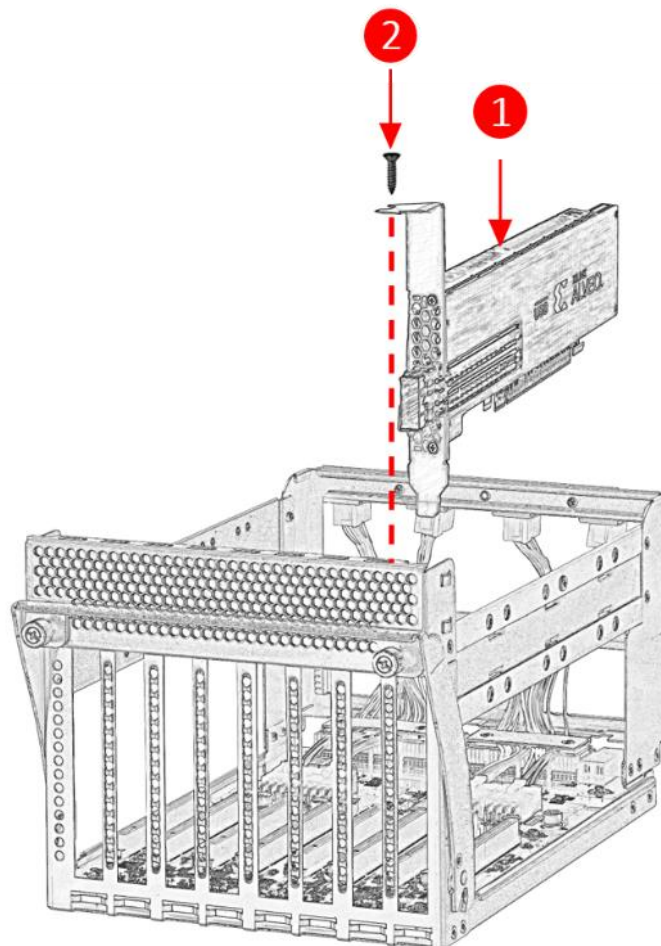
3. Install Device

1. Plug the device to the PCIe slot.
2. Screw the bracket to hold the device in place.

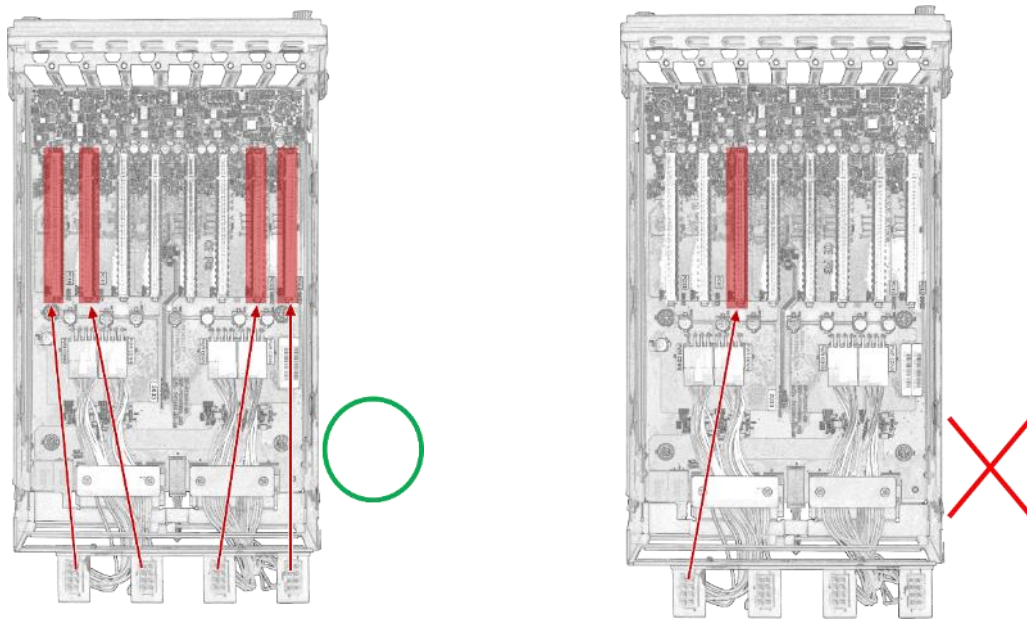
Connect the PCIe power cable to the device if needed.

Caution:

The slots are single width. Oversized devices may not fit.

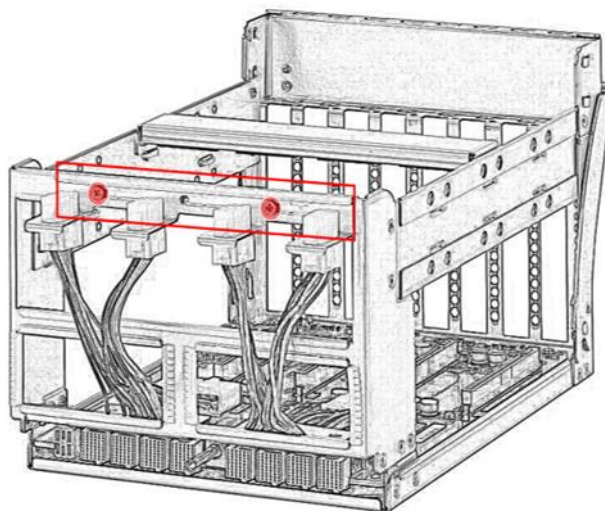


The power connectors are PCIe slot specific, only slot 1,2 and 7,8 can access the extra 225W PCIe power. Please do not cross connect power cables to the devices on other PCIe slots.



The position of the power connector holder is adjustable.
Adjust the position of the power connectors for smooth device installation.

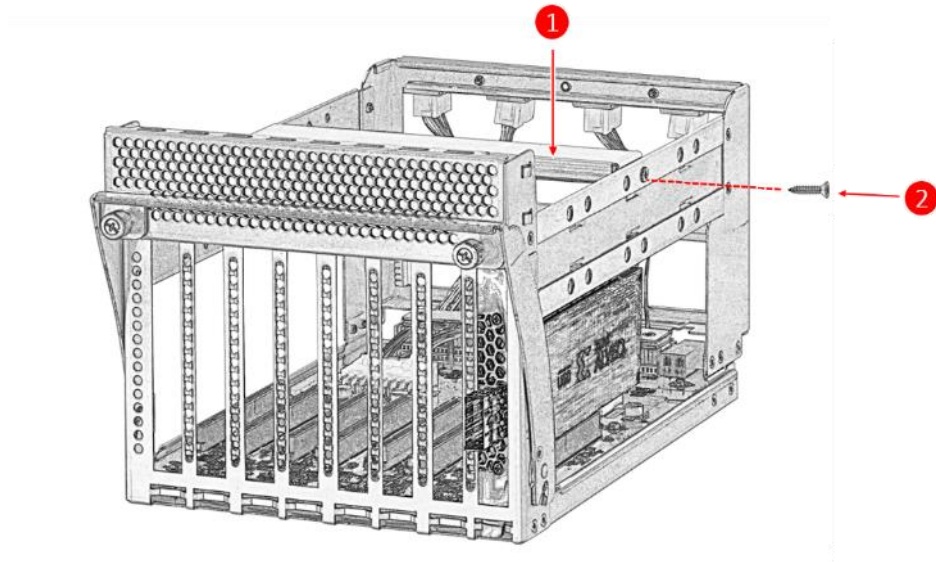
1. Loosen the screws.
2. Move the holders to desired position.
3. Tighten the screws to hold it in position.



4. Put the stabilization plate back

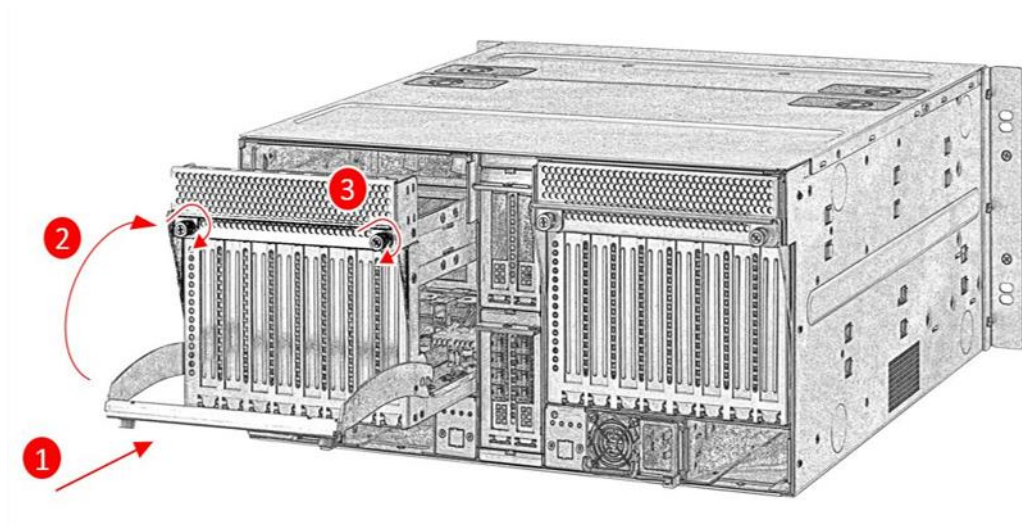
1. Place the stabilization plate back.
2. Screws on both sides to hold the plate in place.

There are three positions available for the stabilization plate, pick the ones that would not block the power connectors of your DEVICE.



5. Insert the drawer back to the chassis

1. Push the drawer all the way into the drawer socket until slight resistance.
2. Lift the handle, the drawer will be pushed into the position.
3. Tighten the hand screws.



Cabling Guide

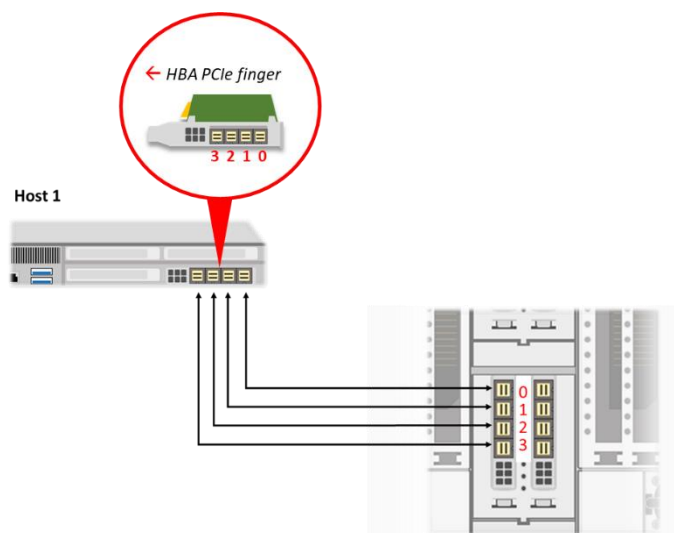
This guide is demonstrated with host port 1:H1. Also applies to host port 2:H1, 1:H2 and 2:H2 (host mode).

1 port x16 lanes

Connect the correspond ports as shown in the diagram.

Host	-	Chassis
0	-	0
1	-	1
2	-	2
3	-	3

The connected host will be recognized as 1:H1 on the GUI



2 ports x8 lanes (Advanced mode)

Connect the corresponding ports as shown in the diagram.

After booting up Falcon 4118,

Go to GUI→Port Configuration

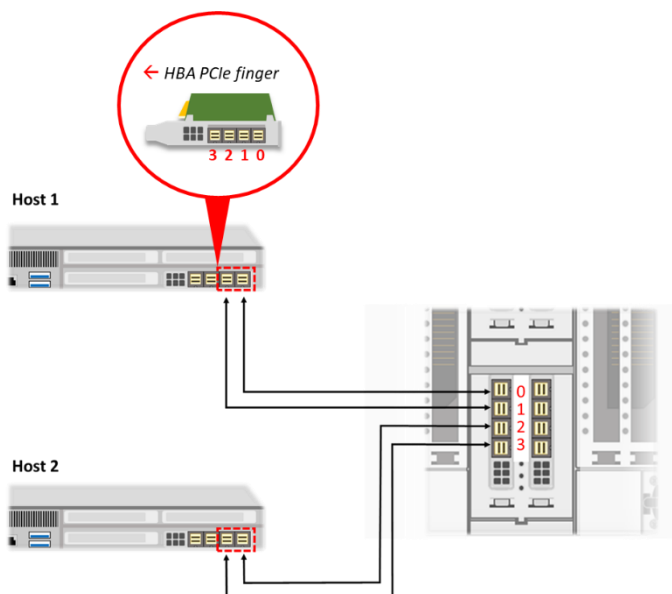
Set the host port to 2x8 mode before power on the host machines.

Host 1	-	Chassis
0	-	0
1	-	1

Host 2	-	Chassis
0	-	2
1	-	3

Host 1 will be recognized as 1:H1.0

Host 2 will be recognized as 1:H1.1



4 port x4 lanes (Advanced mode)

Connect the correspond ports as shown in the right diagram.

After booting up Falcon 4118,

Go to GUI→Port Configuration

Set the host port to 4x4 mode before power on the host machines.

Host 1	-	Chassis
0	-	0

Host 2	-	Chassis
0	-	1

Host 3	-	Chassis
0	-	2

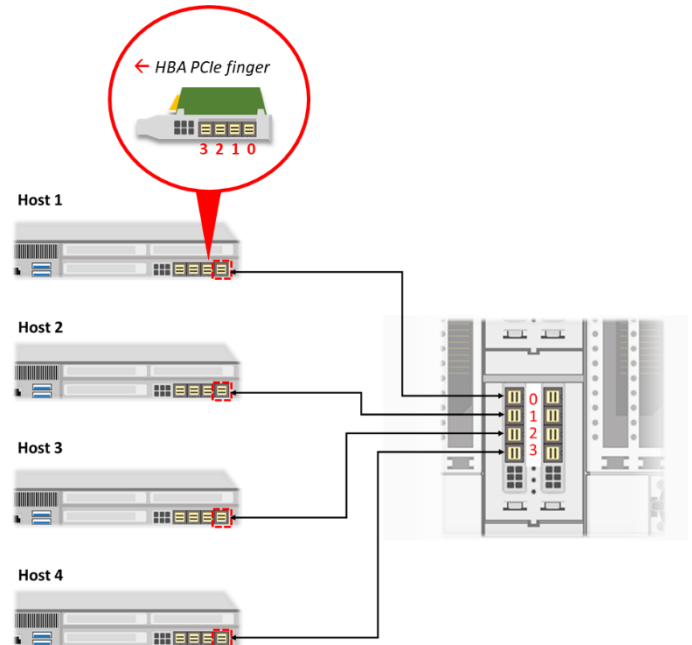
Host 4	-	Chassis
0	-	3

Host 1 will be recognized as 1:H1.0

Host 2 will be recognized as 1:H1.1

Host 3 will be recognized as 1:H1.2

Host 4 will be recognized as 1:H1.3

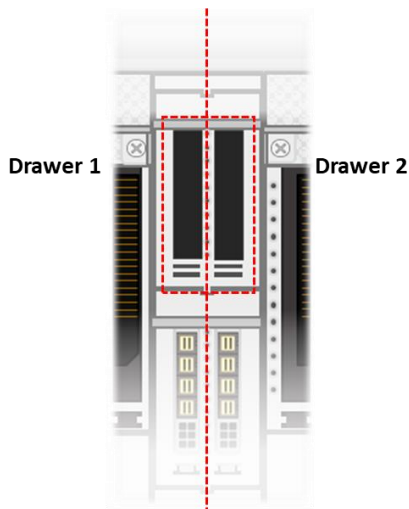


If your HBA (host side) is installed in different directions, make sure you connect the cables to the right connectors.

Failure to follow the cabling order may result in system error.



Additional Host Ports



Please install the re-timer card to the riser slot for additional host port(s)

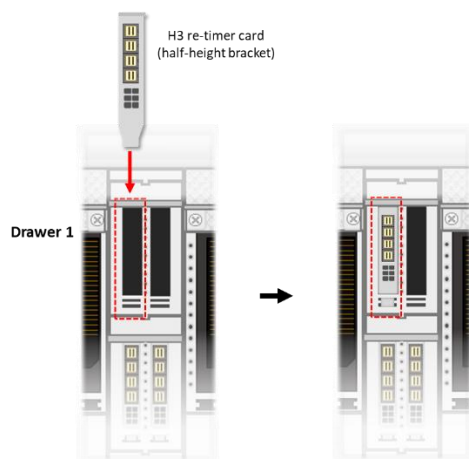
This host port will be recognized as 1:H2 or 2:H2 on GUI.

Make sure that the port(s) is configured into host mode before installing the re-timer card. See Falcon-4010 User Manual- Port Configuration for details

Note:

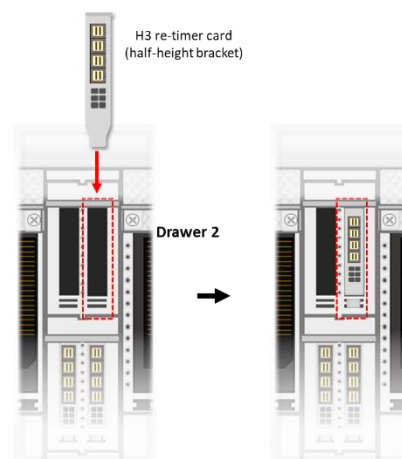
H3 re-timer card only supports 1x16 configuration now. Bifurcation function coming soon.

Drawer 1 Additional host port



Install the re-timer card to the upper-left bracket for drawer 1. (1:H2)

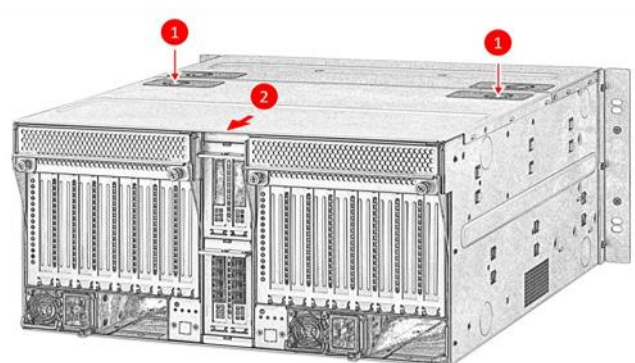
Drawer 2 Additional host port



Installed the re-timer card to the upper-right bracket for drawer 2 (2:H2)

To open the top lid:

1. Press and hold both buttons on the lid
2. Push the lid toward back



Booting Process

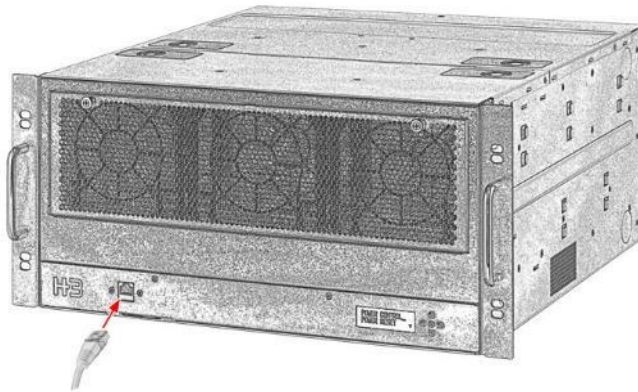
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Please complete Falcon 4118 boot up before power on any hosts.
Improper operation can cause system errors.

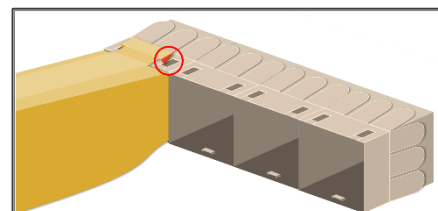
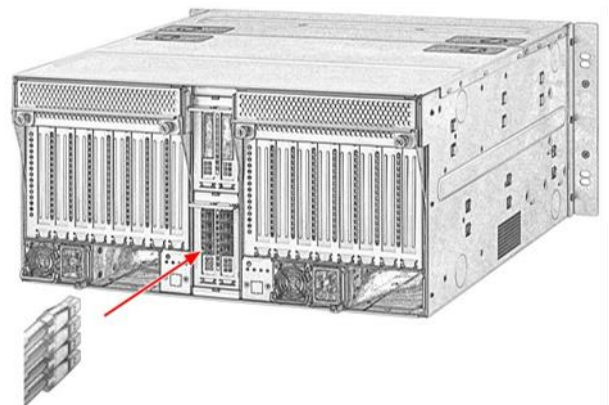
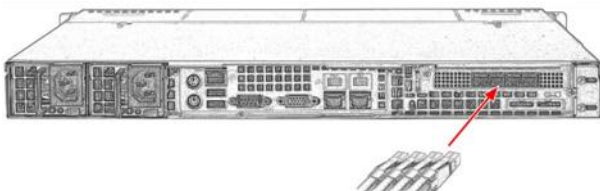
1. Install DEVICES to Falcon 4118

Please refer to the DEVICE installation section.

2. Connect the management port to your network



3. Connect the chassis to host(s)



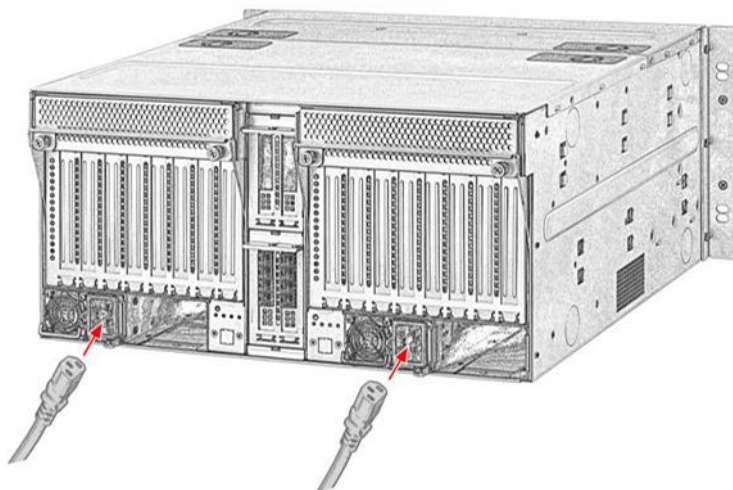
Please make sure that the tooth is hooked properly to the openings on the SFF-8644 connector when connecting the cables.



The actual position of HBA may look different on your host(s).
For cabling details, please see the Cabling Guide section.

4. Connect to A/C power

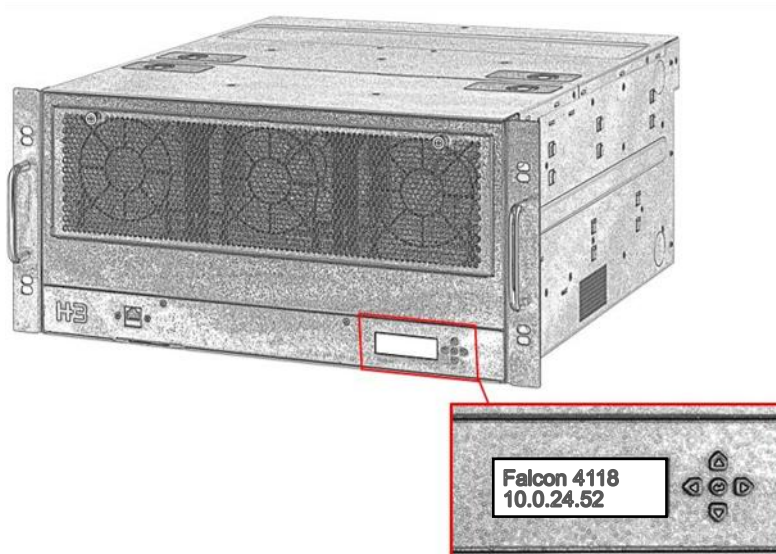
Falcon 4118 will be powered-on when the power cords are plugged in. No further action is required for this step.



5. Check LCD for system readiness

When the system is ready, the LCD will display the model name and the IP address.

E.g. "Falcon 4118"
10.0.24.52



You can now proceed to GUI set up



Set Up GUI

GUI can only be accessed when Falcon 4118 is booted up. Type the IP address of Falcon 4118 to the URL bar to enter GUI. Make sure the IP is correct and is under the same subnet as the management machine.

Compatible Web Browsers:

Firefox 3.5 (or higher)

Chrome v_12 (or higher)

You will be led to the “initial setting” page at your first log-in.

Please refer to the following steps to complete GUI set-up.

1. License Setting

1. Choose your activation option

Select “Basic License” if you have not obtained a premium license. The system will run standard mode.

Select “Premium License” and enter your license key if you have obtained one. The system will run advanced mode.

Click “Next” to proceed to User Setting.

Initial Setting

1 License Setting 2 User Setting 3 Network Setting 4 Time Setting

System Profile

Model Falcon-4010
Serial Number 00000-3117359
Mac Address A6:3B:27:1F:AD:3B

Activation Options

☒ Basic License
☐ Premium License

Premium License Key

To buy the premium license

Next

Please contact sales@h3platform.com for Premium License Purchases.



2. User Setting

The username for the initial account will be “**admin**” and is not changeable.
You will be asked to reset the log-in password for admin.

1. Type in your new password
2. Confirm new password
3. Click next to proceed to Network Setting

Initial Setting

✓ License Setting 2 User Setting 3 Network Setting 4 Time Setting

To set the administrator password

1 → Set Password *

2 → Confirm Password *

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* Please keep your password safe, you will be asked to log-in every time you access GUI

2. Network Setting

Select “Obtain IP address automatically” if not using static IP.
Select “Obtain DNS server address automatically” if not using specific DNS server.

Setup static IP:

1. Fill in the IP address
2. Fill in the Subnet mask
3. Fill in the Default Gateway
4. Fill in the DNS server address
5. Click Next to proceed to time setting

Initial Setting

✓ License Setting ✓ User Setting 1 Network Setting 4 Time Setting

TCP / IP Setting

☐ Obtain IP address automatically (DHCP)

☒ Use the following IP address (Static IP)

1 → IP Address * 10.0.24.90

2 → Subnet Mask * 255.255.0.0

3 → Default Gateway * 10.0.21.1

DNS Setting

☐ Obtain DNS server address automatically

☒ Use the following DNS server address

4 → DNS Server * 8.8.8.8

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3. Time Setting

1. Select your time zone
2. Setup the system time

Synchronize with NTP server:

Fill in the NTP server (NIST)
address
Click “Sync Now”

Manual Setting:

Select a date using calendar
Set a time

Initial Setting

License Setting User Setting Network Setting Time Setting

Current Date & time (Reasons)
2020-11-27 11:14:12

Time Zone *
(GMT+08:00) Taiwan, Taipei

☒ Synchronize with NTP Server

NTP Server *
time.nist.gov

Last sync time (Reasons)
2020-11-27 10:54:57

☐ Manual Setting

Date *

Time *

Sync Now

Previous Apply

3. Click “Apply” to proceed

* If you do not modify the time settings, the default time will be synchronized to time.nist.gov

4. Confirm your information

“Confirming Details” will pop-up.

Please make sure that all the information is correct.

Click “No” to keep editing settings.

Click “Yes” to save the settings.

Please do not exit the page when the saving process is loading.

Confirming Details

License Setting
Activation Options : basic license

User Setting
Username : admin
Password : admin

Network Setting
IP Address : 10.0.24.90
Subnet Mask : 255.255.0.0
Default Gateway : 10.0.21.1
DNS Server : 8.8.8.8

Time Setting
Type : Synchronize with NTP Server
NTP Server : time.nist.gov
Time Zone : (GMT+08:00) Taiwan, Taipei

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No Yes

6. Firmware update

Please update to the latest firmware

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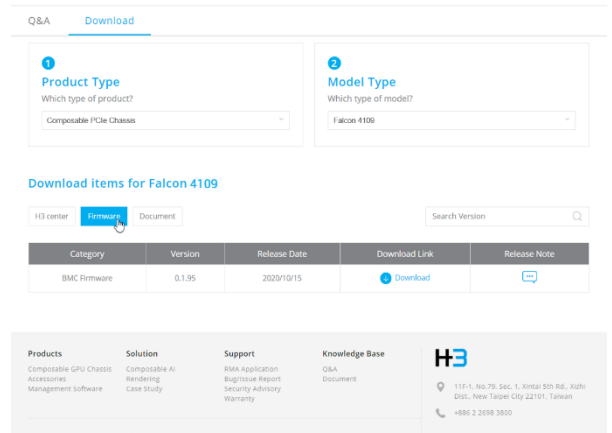
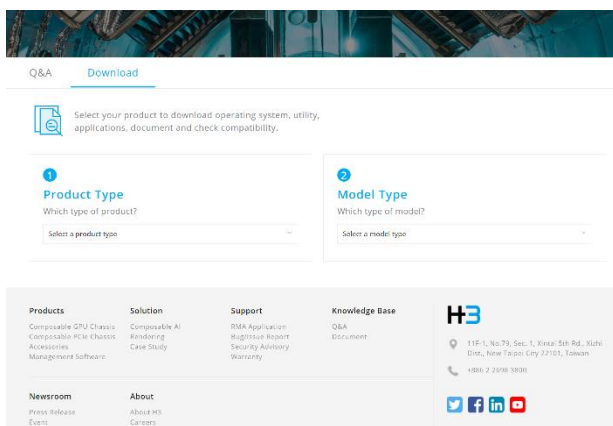
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Model type: Falcon 4118

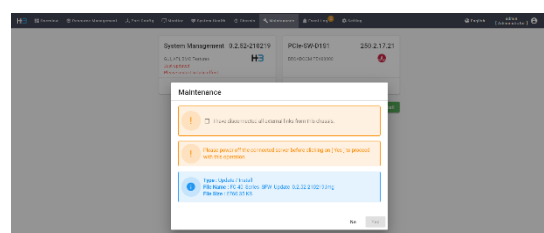
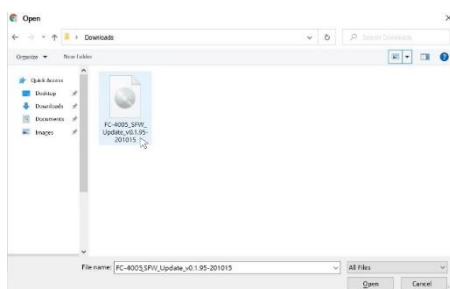
Download item: Firmware



1. Download the firmware file to your device (i.e., your PC)
2. Go to Falcon 4118 GUI → Maintenance page
Click “Upload/Install”



Upload the firmware .img file. The confirmation message will pop-up, **confirm that you have disconnected all host machines** then click “Yes” to proceed. The system will automatically detect which firmware file is uploaded. (BMC or PCIe switch)



When the update completes, click “restart now” the system will reboot automatically.



The firmware update is completed after rebooting.

**The Falcon 4118 installation and initial set-up are completed.
Please see Falcon 4118 User Manual for more operation details.**



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